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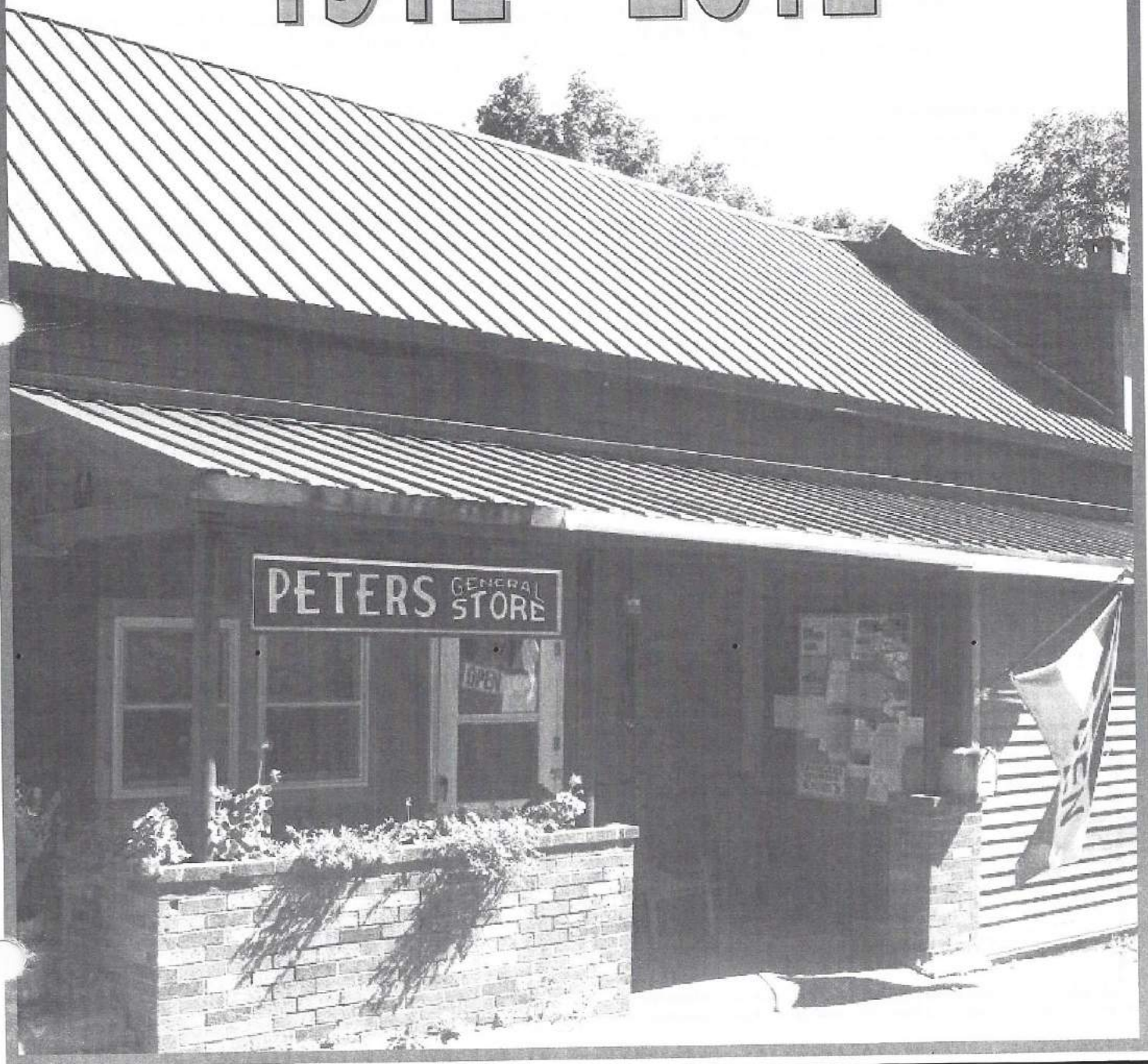
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## Heath Union Church News

Our Friday evening supper at the Heath Fair was very successful, serving more people than last year. We will plan on doing it again next year. The music for the Worship service held at the Fair was provided by Bobby Goodchild, Music Director of the Shelburne Congregational Church. As she had free time, she also graciously furnished the music for our regular morning worship during the month of August.

On August 26, we were blessed with special music by Helen McBride, soloist, Linda Swehla, keyboard, and Mickey Butler on violin. We hope they will return. The Potluck was well attended on September 2.

Please take note of the painted steeple, thanks to Mike Platek.

**JOHNSON ORGAN UPDATE:** The word is that our Johnson Opus 16 Organ, fully restored, will make its appearance in the Church during the fall. We will be planning a dedication soon and concerts next summer. Keep tuned in!

Pastor Phill is always willing to call on anyone in the community and to offer Communion, if desired.

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~ The Deacons

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### Holiday Craft Fair

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## Peter's Store 1912-2012

*As of September 30, 100-year-old Peter's Store closed. Present owners Paul and Debbie Plante, who reside above the store, decided to close after business and customer base declined over recent years. They have plans to make the store space part of their home. We thank the Plantes for their years of service to the community and wish them all well in this new phase of their lives.*

### THE BEGINNING – 1912-1972



Mr. Levi Lively, who owned the farm across the way from the present store, started a small enterprise in his home in 1912 housed in a cupboard and later in a bedroom. As business expanded he built the store across the street. One of his daughters and the future store owner Phillipine worked for her father from the age of thirteen. Orders were delivered by horse and wagon by her father and four brothers who traveled as far afield as Charlemont and Jacksonville, Vermont. Although Mr. Levi Lively owned the first car in the town, horses were better on all the dirt roads. Their biggest item was grain for animals but since the farms were being sold off and not reestablished, that business was finally stopped.

Many of the items sold in the store were contained in barrels and had to be measured out by hand, grain, flour, sugar, crackers, molasses, vinegar, salt pork. The spices, sulphur, and seeds were kept in drawers.

In 1923 Phillipine married Leon Peters, and they purchased the store from her father, operating it until 1972, and living there with their 14 children. In addition to working in the store, Mrs. Peters grew a big garden every year and later they raised animals for meat. The store was open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and then Sundays following church until 8:00 p.m., as well.

During the Great Depression, they had a hard go of it since many people were out of work. They extended so much credit to their customers that they almost lost the business. Since the store did not bring in enough money to support their growing family, Mr. Peters then went out to work for the Heath road crew and at Kendall Mills while Mrs. Peters ran the store. She often traded groceries for potatoes, wood, eggs, and syrup. The surplus eggs were sent to Boston and fresh fish returned in barrels. Most of their supplies came from Avery's Store in Charlemont.

Mrs. Peters kept the books having taught herself from an 8<sup>th</sup> grade textbook and with the help of a salesman from North Adams who taught her store percentages.

Business picked up after WWII and by the time they were ready to retire, it was "better than ever." In 1972, after 50 years, they sold the store to their son and daughter-in-law, Cleon and Teresa Peters, but continued to work part-time. During their tenure, the store hardly changed although prices rose constantly. Mrs. Peters remembered selling bread for 7 cents, eggs for 25.

Mrs. Peters, quoted in a newspaper interview, said, "We had a really happy life, and we would do it all over again. We have no regrets."



### 1972-2012

Cleon and Teresa ran the store for seven years. Teresa especially found it hard going feeling that with the demands of the store and the required paper work, she never had enough time for her two children, Crystal and Michael. During their years, Cleon tells of being robbed by Gypsies who took groceries and money. They did recover the latter after a few years. Teresa then went to work in Greenfield, and Cleon drove a school bus for 20 years. They both also continued to work for the Plantes when needed.

In 1979, they sold the store to Teresa's brother Ray Galipo and his wife Pamela who operated it until 1985 when they sold it to Cleon's and Teresa's son Michael who enlarged and renovated it. Following his death in 1997, Cleon and Teresa took it over again for a year and a half and then sold it to the present owners, the Plantes. Debbie had been learning the ropes working first for Michael and then for Cleon and Teresa, before buying it in 1998.

*Historical information gleaned from a newspaper interview with Mr. and Mrs. Peters in 1972; from an article by Alli Thane in the Heath Herald, April/May 1982, and from a talk with former owners Cleon and Teresa Peters.*

~ Jane de Leeuw



Wild Ramblings**When Time Stands Still**

By Bill Lattrell

Just before autumn begins there are a few days when time seems to stand still. The wane of summer brings more than warm days and cool nights. Leaves, no longer emerald colored but rather pallid, await the brilliant color that comes with shorter days and frosty temperatures. Flocks of birds migrating south stop by and give us a brief glimpse of those that inhabit the north. Caterpillars seem to be everywhere and in a wide array of shapes and colors. The woolly bears are my favorite and this year they have a very narrow bronze stripe. Trees hold hard mast and bears, turkeys, white-tailed deer, and a host of rodents await the acorns, beechnuts, and hickory nuts that may fall to the earth. The brook by our house is running slowly, still shallow from the dry summer. The channel will soon run full as autumn rains revive the free-flowing stream. And I, quiet with my thoughts, reflect on the summer past and the winter to come.

Although it is unwise to ever jump to conclusions, the dry summer, especially in the mid-west, brought sincere trepidation into my heart as climate change appears to be more apparent and very real. We set another global temperature record last year (since we've been recording such things) and this year promises to be warmer than the last. When climate temperatures vary beyond normal conditions ecosystems become stressed. Given we live in a temperate forest ecosystem that supports deciduous trees that need both warm and cold weather, our ecosystem is slightly more flexible than one that has a steady unvarying climate. Despite this, it seems as though our forest is stressed these days. Seasonal drought can have temporary impacts on trees, and long-term drought can cause serious damage to forests. Worse, changing climates can create an entire set of cascading events that we still do not clearly understand. Mycorrhizal fungi in temperate forests need long periods of frozen soils. If these fungi are damaged through long-term warming then the symbiotic relationship between these organisms and the roots of the tree is degraded. The fungus in the soil breaks down nutrients and makes it more soluble, transportable, and useable to trees. The roots provide structure for the fungi. It is a perfect relationship. The alteration of this relationship through a warming climate does not bode well for long-term stability. Unhealthy trees are more susceptible to pathogens, harmful fungi, and insects. More, if mature forests fail and large-scale tree dieback occurs then soils become warmer with more direct sun and even less supportive of the helpful fungi in the soil. It is a vicious circle.

And, while it is true that some ecosystems will eventually replace the one that is here, forests cannot get up and move. They migrate very slowly over thousands of years as seeds and nuts are dispersed primarily by wildlife but also by the wind. Presently, climate warming is happening much faster than ecosystems, especially forests, can respond. As trees perish large areas of deadwood could emerge from trees that cannot make the adaptation. Sugar maples, because we are at the southern end of their range, could be one of the most impacted members of the forest community. And deadwood in our forests can make them more susceptible to fires and a disaster waiting to happen.

The degradation of deciduous forests can lead to major changes in wildlife use. Black bears need deep forests for habitat. Fisher have similar requirements. Many songbird species are absolutely dependent on deep forest habitat as are some of our larger birds such as ruffed grouse. And wild turkeys, which along with white-tail deer, need a solid mix of forest and field, may also be impacted by these potential dramatic changes.

It will take a perfect storm of politics, human determination, and unwavering will to turn the tide of climate change. We have already stored enough hydrocarbons for fuel to be used in the next decade to permanently alter our world. And we must remember that we impact not only ourselves but all of the wonderful ecosystems and the plants and animals that inhabit these fragile parts of Earth. When we degrade our own nest we degrade the tree that holds the nest.

And what can we do? Individually we can and should all cut our electric usage by 50%. Use LED lightbulbs, use a clothesline to dry your clothes, turn off your electronics when you aren't using them, and be aware of every electrical item in your house. We can all drive our cars or trucks less, carpool to work, and when buying a new vehicle buy the most energy-efficient vehicle that we can afford. And when heating our homes we can turn down the thermometer, burn local fuels like wood and wood pellets, and make sure all our heating devices are running at peak efficiency. Collectively we can demand our representatives in both state and federal government support clean and environmentally friendly energy, pass mandatory energy-conservation legislation, and provide credits to taxpayers and citizens (not corporations) to install green energy in our homes, maximize conservation measures, and upgrade our modes of transportation, especially public transportation.

We are at the brink. It is now or never. We cannot pass this decision onto the next generation. We must be decisive and direct. Please think about this. It is the most serious issue that our civilization faces in these tumultuous times.

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On this day the temperature is in the high 70s. The sky is cobalt blue for as far as I can see. Tempered yellows, reds, and oranges have begun to dot the forested landscape of some of the distant hillsides. These splashes of color invoke memory. It is New England as we all wish to remember. And if we are lucky we will be blessed with the vivid colors of autumn this year. Our hillsides will be ablaze with the leaves of fire-orange sugar maples, crimson red maples, and the lemon-yellow white ash. I think about my family. My children are grown. And I desperately want them and future generations to have a world that is healthy and vibrant. Clean water, fresh air, healthy ecosystems, and a stable climate should not be too much to ask for. And, if my children ever have kids of their own, I want, more than anything else in the world, to be able to show them the wonders of the planet in the here and now rather than telling them "this is the way it used to be." Is this too much to ask?

And these moments, when time stands still, it is a good time to make plans for the next season. Will it be like the seasons past where our future looked bright? Or will the next season be like none before with dark skies looming over the future of coming generations?

You decide. Our collective efforts can make a difference.

*For those interested in energy conservation and the positive impacts that this has on climate change please go online and visit <http://www.50waystohelp.com/>. There are a lot of realistic and helpful suggestions there that if implemented would make a huge difference.*

### CHARLEMONT FEDERATED CHURCH HOLIDAY VILLAGE:

**Saturday, November 10, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



Come and enjoy unique treasures, a delicious homemade lunch, arts/crafts, and baked goods. Church women have been working on Advent calendars modeled after a traditional pattern sold in years past. A Silent Auction will highlight offerings of experiences, from dinners in a gazebo, to homemade bread baked once a month, to a cheese-making workshop, and many more enticing choices!

There will also be a Children's Shop with books, games, toys, and more for young people to do Christmas shopping. Christmas ornaments will be for sale this year that will go towards buying new instruments for the Rose Dixwell music lessons that are taught by Ted Wirt in our church.

Decorated for Christmas, our Holiday Village has been a tradition that ushers in the season and helps to benefit the work of the Federated Church of Charlemont.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

## News from the Heath Historical Society's Annual Meeting held on August 25

The evening started off in the Senior Center with a delicious potluck meal that had so many tasty dishes that it was difficult to get people to finish and go upstairs to the Community Hall. The meeting commenced with a review of minutes from the last meeting, followed by reports from the treasurer, curator, and president. Then the Society recognized individuals who had been continuous members for over 50 years. In total, 13 people were recognized, and several were present to receive certificates honoring their commitment to the Society. It was truly fantastic to be able to express our appreciation to these dedicated members!

The meeting also included an item on the election of officers. Nina Marshall was re-elected as President. Most exciting, however, was the election of two new members to the Board, Kara Leistyna and Nancy Thane. Both bring new skills and inspiration to the Society, and we are thrilled to have them involved. Kara, elected as Vice President, has a BA in Anthropology from UMASS Amherst, where she continued with some graduate study in Costume History. She has experience in the field of audience research, and worked for over ten years in Northampton, to do customized research and consulting. This work helped museums and other cultural organizations to understand their audiences. Most recently, Kara served as secretary for the Whately Historical Society for four years before moving to Heath. She looks forward to serving as Vice President and helping the Society to carry out its mission of the education, preservation, and safekeeping of Heath's history. Nancy recently retired from 32 years of teaching in and around Ithaca, NY. She was a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing, supporting students' speech, language, and academic needs, K-12. Nancy particularly enjoyed providing academic support in social studies classes. She loves history, reading historical novels, and is anxious to learn about Heath's history. Nancy's expertise in education and facilitating the learning process will be invaluable as the Society strives to fulfill its mission.

The members approved a proposal to create a new charitable giving fund entitled "The Colonel Hugh Maxwell Society." The purpose of the fund is to provide an additional outlet for giving to those who wish to make unrestricted gifts to the Society in support of projects and ongoing programs. Details of this new fund will be available in the coming months.

The Society held its annual raffle, with three prizes. First place, a handmade quilt in the "Four Patch Posy" pattern donated by Marcia Tiernan, was won by Jan Carr of Heath. Second place, an original watercolor of Burnt Hill painted by local artist Fred Burrington, was won by Bob Hunter of Springfield. Maud Harris of Heath (and NYC) won third prize - a choice of any book on the Society's publication list.

The last event of the evening was a talk by Professor Emeritus of Government at Smith College, Donald L. Robinson, entitled *Practicing Democracy in Rural New England*. The audience was treated to a fascinating account of politics in Ashfield, from early days right up to present day, and kept Professor Robinson busy with a barrage of questions. All in all, the evening was a great success!

~ Nina Marshall,  
President

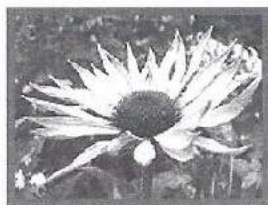


**Green Thoughts****Drought - Resistant Plants**

By Pat Leuchtman

First, I want to say that I have never watered a lawn in my adult life, even when I had town water. Now that I depend on a well, I try to water only the vegetable garden, although we have been timid about that as weeks go by with only a shower or two.

Recently I walked around my Lawn Beds to see which plants have been fairly happy, without rain and without watering. I am not surprised that the echinacea (purple coneflower), dianthus, artemisia, agastache (hyssop) and the bee balm are thriving, because these flowers are known for liking well drained soil and being tolerant of dry spells.

*Echinacea*

I am surprised that the summer-blooming phlox still looks pretty good even though it is supposed to like dependable moisture. I can't even credit good mulching for its appearance. Which goes to show that there are always mysteries in the garden. Still, as I think about summers that may continue to be drier than I remember (or sometimes much wetter I'd like), I've been making up lists of perennials that are known to be drought-tolerant.

Lavender is a plant I haven't tried for some years. I don't know why my previous attempts failed, but since our weather seems milder I might give it a try next year. It doesn't mind dry summers.

*Perovskia*

I planted perovskia, or Russian sage, a couple of years ago and it is doing well. When I drive through Charlemont I always admire a double border of this airy plant with its lavender flowers along the walk of one of the roadside houses.

I have several achilleas in my garden, and it seems more varieties are on offer every year. Achillea is the proper name for yarrow. A white wild variety grows on the roadside, but Coronation Gold, and Moonshine have been staples for years. I have pink, and plumy-red varieties, as well as the newer Terra Cotta which is yellow-gold with a little orange. Paprika was an orange-red in a friend's garden, but in mine it is simply red.

Salvias are also tolerant of dry seasons. I have an unnamed variety that I have grown for years, as well as a new May Night in the perennial garden and an annual purple-blue salvia. Of course, I also have culinary sage, and a variegated sage.

All happy to be hot and dry.

Echinops or globe thistle with its spiky flowers dries well and can be used in dried arrangements.

Coneflowers, echinacea, used to be pink or white, but now there are wilder colors like the raggedy orange 'Papaya' I saw in some gardens this summer.

I planted gaillardias this year. The brilliant Arizona Sun and Oranges and Lemons with its softer shades have done very well during this dry summer.

*Gaillardia*

The Daylily Bank has filled out completely, and happily the day-lilies increase and thrive even in dry weather.

Other drought-resistant perennials include coreopsis, baptisia, heather, catmint, rudbeckia, and the whole family of sedums.

Familiar annuals like cosmos, cleome, marigolds, zinnias, and dusty miller are also drought-resistant. I have been especially happy to have cosmos and zinnias in the garden this year.

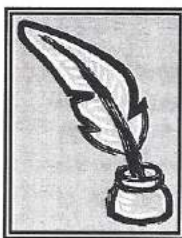
Just remember, the quality of your soil will make a difference even in a drought year. If your soil is fertile and rich in organic matter plants can better withstand other stresses.

Usually there is sufficient rain in the early spring so plants do not begin to feel a drought until late spring and early summer. It is always important to water new shrubs and trees throughout their whole first growing season, even if the weather is very dry. Once they are well settled in, it will not be urgent to keep them watered. Junipers, weigela, cotoneaster, witch hazel and flowering quince are among the desirable drought-resistant shrubs easily available.

No matter what kind of plants you put in containers, it is important to water them daily, and fertilize them every week or two. Plastic or resin containers will hold moisture for a slightly longer time than clay pots, but even so, daily watering has to be the rule.

Also, if a vegetable garden is going to be productive it will need regular watering throughout the summer or all your investment in seeds, plants, labor, and hopes for putting food by will be wasted.

Too wet or too dry. We gardeners can always complain, but we can also try to tailor our gardens to the weather, as well as to their site of shade or sun.

**Letter to the Editors**

This weekend, I was enjoying my *Heath Herald*, including the nice article on the Friends of the Heath School Library, when there I saw mention of me as a special friend. You are so kind to do that and, yes, indeed, it is a special and important cause to me. I recall how wonderful it was as a child to have books of my own. I remember several of them quite distinctly these many years later. Thanks for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

~ Kathy Stein



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# Heath Fair News



This year's Fair was marvelous: The energy was terrific with a strong attendance and the nostalgic mixture of food, music, animals, and diesel engines; the weather was perfect on Saturday and Sunday with cool mornings and warm, dry days (Friday night's threatening weather passed by and the Fair continued as planned); the animal barns were well populated with cattle, sheep, goats, chickens, rabbits, and a pregnant Guinea Hog; the Pulling Barn saw oxen and horse teams performing their feats of strength and coordination; the Gymkhana Ring was filled with demonstrations of skillful agility and organization; and all the while the great

puppet known as both, "Mom," and, "Mother Earth," greeted Fair goers as they approached the midway.

Yes, this year's Fair was very successful with each day's attendance exceeding last year's. It has been remarkable to hear the positive response.. Take, for example, the following which was e-mailed to the Heath Agricultural Society:

*"My wife and I want to tell you how thoroughly we enjoyed the fair the other day. We have finally found an honest-to-goodness, real country fair! We just happened to stumble on Heath recently, saw the fairgrounds, found out about the fair, and marked our calendars. The church ladies ham and beans, the tractor pull, the Daisy Mayhem folks, the square dancing, the produce and handicrafts displays, the animals, the book sale, the fireworks -- everything was just perfect! Even the size of the fair was perfect: not too big, not too small. Little or no slick, commercial stuff. We had a ball, and now we can't wait until next year. I kid you not. We have been talking about the fair now for two weeks to everyone and anyone.*

*The other thing that impressed us were the people. What a nice crowd! We cannot remember the last time we were among so many other people who were so pleasant and polite. We felt utterly relaxed and completely at home the entire time.*

*The fair really reflects well on the community too. We are looking to buy a place in the country with land to grow things and to retire to in a few years. We've looked at one or two places in Heath, and we would love it if we wound up there. And if we did, you can count on us helping out with the fair and other civic matters, as well. It just seems like our kind of place."*

I am confident in the truthfulness of this compliment as it characterizes the nature of much of the feedback that we have received in the last month. The Heath Fair is indeed a remarkable celebration of agriculture and community. It is remarkable because of the people who contribute to the Fair, either by their attendance, volunteerism, patronage, or by their active membership in the Heath Agricultural Society. Thank you.

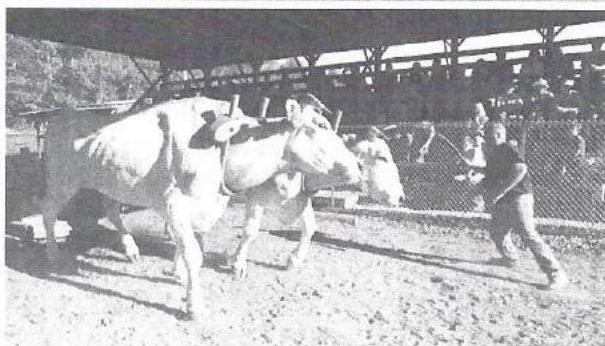
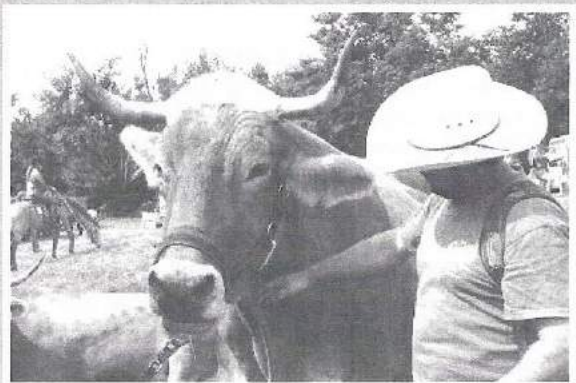
Now the Heath Agricultural Society begins to prepare for the 96th Annual Heath Fair. Please consider joining the Heath Agricultural Society as we make these preparations. We meet once a month (usually on the first Wednesday of the month). Beginning in October we will be meeting at the Community Hall. Changes in meeting times or locations will be posted on our Web site: [heathfair.org](http://heathfair.org). On November 14 we will hold our Annual Meeting at which the directors' positions will be filled by a vote of the membership and we will review our Bylaws.

Thank you,

~ Justin Lively, President



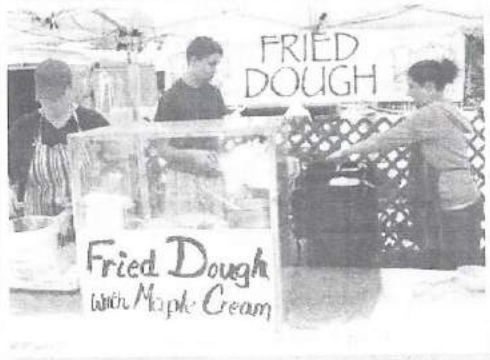
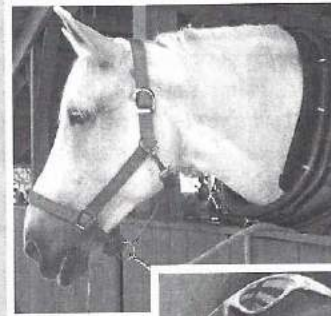
# The Many Faces of Heath Fair



*Photographs by Doug Mason*



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## Steven and Nancy Thane

*On a recent morning I met with Nancy and Steven on their back porch where we had a delightful talk during which I learned of their most interesting professional and family lives and wonderful partnership.*

The *Heath Herald* extends a hearty welcome to Steven and Nancy Thane who, following retirement from important positions of long-standing in New York State, have chosen to spend this next phase of their lives at 'Pondside' in the Dell.

Pondside, since 1821 the site of a carding and spinning mill and a saw mill, was purchased by Nancy's parents, Kendall and Carolyn Litchfield from White Plains, New York, in 1964 and served as their summer home from the time Nancy was nine.

Steven, a Heath native, son of Alli Thane-Stetson and the late Ernie Thane, grew up in Heath, was schooled locally and in Whitingham, Vermont, before graduating from Mohawk Trail Regional High School and Greenfield Community College where he pursued Natural Resources studies.

They met as teenagers working for Jack Cable on Burnt Hill, Steven as Jack's foreman, and Nancy as one of the hard-working blueberry pickers. Here Nancy laughingly sings, *I met my love on Blueberry Hill*. She remembers getting Steven's attention who, when driving around picking up the filled boxes, would stop and carry hers to the truck.

Following GCC, Steven, in search of a place to continue his studies in Natural Resources, a forerunner of Ecology, thought "why not go some place I have never been?" and so chose North Dakota State where he spent one year before returning and finishing his BA at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Was it the North Dakota winters or the presence of Nancy in Heath for the summer that motivated his return? She had written him a letter of local news while he was away and a flow of letters followed, so, as Nancy states, "It was just a matter of time" before they became a couple.

Nancy, following in her father's footsteps, had chosen to study education of the deaf and enrolled at Cortland (New York) State College. Kendall Litchfield's entire career was working with the deaf. For 37 years he held positions at the New York School for the Deaf in White Plains, first as teacher and then as headmaster.

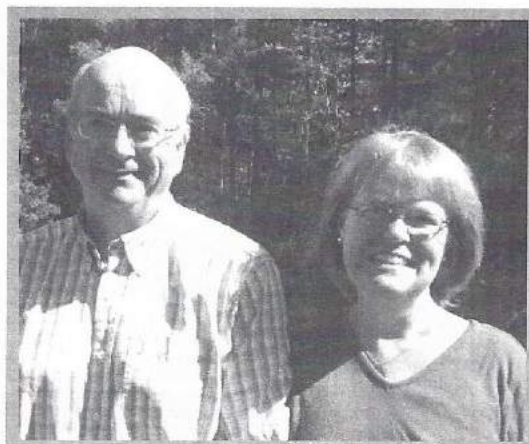
While finishing her BS at Cortland State (State University of New York) Steven and Nancy became engaged and then married. In pursuit of a Master's degree in Education of the Deaf, Nancy chose Minot State University so off they went to North Dakota.

Steven upon graduation from UMass could not find a job in his field, due to a job freeze, so began working in lumber yards, woodworking and working with wood long a love of his, first in Cortland, then for the Minot Lumber and Hardware

Company, and then back to Cortland to which they returned after two years. After a time, he decided he had gone as far as he could in this field, left his job, and enrolled at Tompkins-Cortland Community College in a two-year course to study computers. This decision was the turning point in his professional life for, after completing his course, he answered an advertisement for a job in the Administrative Services Department at Cornell University and was the first one hired. He remained for nearly 25 years at the University, serving in various capacities including Director of Information Resources, until retirement. He was responsible for writing many of the University's computer programs, and was often called upon to speak at other colleges and universities. He was truly on the cutting edge of the computer revolution.

He tells the story of the country-wide hysteria as the Millennium approached that computers would not be ready for the year 2000 having always been programmed for 2-digit years, Steven and his crew were way ahead and when the calendar turned to January 1, 2000, they were totally prepared and it was just another day.

As it turned out, computer programming was his métier. How did this come about, I wondered? Steven explained that while at UMASS he had taken a Career test and scored very high in terms of



computers. At the time, he paid little attention to this finding but it kept reappearing.

Always career-minded, Nancy's goal was clear and straight-forward. Upon their return to Cortland, she at first took a Head Start job until a teacher of the deaf position opened up. When an opening did come up in Sherburne (New York), she was already expecting their first child. Knowing that this natural state often was held against applicants, she went for an interview anyway, and was hired on the spot. She has always been impressed that her interviewer, recognizing her worth, accommodated her condition. Their daughter Kristen was born in November followed by in three and one half years by her brother Gregory. Nancy held this position for three years, despite long daily commutes. She became certified as a speech pathologist at Ithaca College and then took a job at the Dryden (New York) Central School District as a speech therapist where she and her fellow team teacher devised a School Readiness Test for hearing kids, grades 3-8. She explains that this endeavor required "heavy-duty research" and was field-tested all over the country. The test was published and is still in print and was followed by an adaptation for the hearing-impaired, published by Gallaudet University.

Aware that there was an opening for a teacher of the deaf and speech therapist at Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga counties' Board of Cooperative Educational Service (BOCES) she applied and was hired. She speaks very highly of this organization

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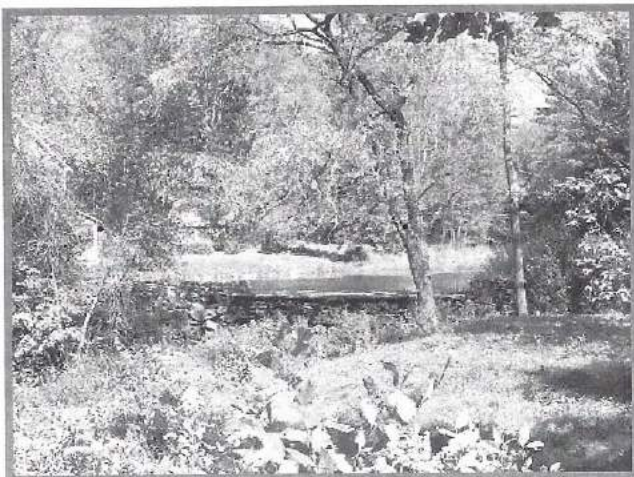
from which she retired after 25 years. This organization provides a "good" education and great encouragement for its students from the three counties to aim high. At the start of her career, deaf students had often been sent to Technical Schools and not to college. Her goal was to make it possible for them to leave a self-contained classroom and enter the mainstream, and move ahead.

When asked where she stood in terms of the cochlear implant controversy, she explained she was for any tool available that helped these children to speak. She explained that very few are "stone-deaf" so in her work she concentrated on teaching students to use what hearing they had as well as to use sign language.

Among her many related activities, Nancy was among the founders of the Educational Support Service Personnel (ESSP), a New York State organization of educators and support services providers of the deaf, ending up as president of the Board of Trustees.

Steven and Nancy are proud of their children, both college graduates, and say that the spouses are "the best." Kristen and husband Tom and daughter Kendall live in Keene, New Hampshire. She is employed by C&S Wholesale Grocers Company as their Director of Communications. Son Gregory lives in Clifton Springs, New York, and is the Assistant Director of the Canandaigua Day Treatment Center for disabled adults. He and his wife Stefanie have two daughters, Madalyn and Alli. Alli was proudly named for her great-grandmother, Alli Thane-Stetson.

When asked why they chose to live where they did in New York State, Nancy says the area was both rural and urban which appealed as "a place for each." And then why they decided to return to Heath, they spoke of their mutual love of Pondsides (which had been their summer home when they could get away) and of the area, where they both have friends and family. In addition to his mother Alli, Steven's brother David and his family live in Heath, and Nancy's brother Budge Litchfield and wife Sheila are close neighbors in the Dell.



Pondsides

In all, they view themselves as incredibly lucky and have found life, on the whole, "fun." Theirs has been a partnership all the way of mutual support and encouragement and admiration for each other's many accomplishments. Steven credits Nancy for acting as gadfly when he needed a push forward, and his parents'

example whose partnership and goal to send all four children to college required Alli to work outside the home in addition to helping Ernie on the dairy farm.

Faced with consolidating the contents of two fully furnished houses, they are presently involved in the arduous task of deciding what to keep and, at the moment, are limiting their outside involvement, however, Nancy has been elected as a Heath Historical Society director which she is looking forward to with her love of history, and they are attending the Charlemont Federated Church where Nancy delightedly sings in the choir. After retiring from Cornell, Steven became interested in repairing clocks and, for a time, had a flourishing business. He says that after they have become settled, he might think of starting up the business here.

In the meantime they are enjoying the onset of autumn, a favorite time a year. As Steven greeted me recently at the Transfer Station, "It's a beautiful day in paradise!"

~ Jane deLeeuw with Nancy and Steven Thane

## Sweet Memories

Heath Fair 95 has come and gone but not the memories it evoked. One area of exhibits that has always interested me is the one for Baked Goods. As a young person my Mom helped me with a goodie or two to exhibit, and I continued to try for ribbons for some years. Then I assisted my own children to bake to win a ribbon, and my daughter has continued this project with my grandson. (he does bake well!).

Thinking about this Fair's exhibits led me to remember all the delicious baked goods that I associate with my Aunts. The most welcome part of visiting my Aunt Judy Helgeson in Waltham was the opportunity to savor her Swedish butterhorns. On a visit to our farm one time she instructed me how to make her recipe but I have never tasted any that were baked by me or anyone else that even came close to her scrumptious, airy, frosted gems. No matter the time of day when we stopped at Aunt Belle Dickinson's home, her vanilla drop cookies were always offered with "One won't spoil your dinner." Ginger cookies were Aunt Pearl Gleason Packard's specialty. They were always perfectly shaped and very thin. When just from the oven, they melted in your mouth. I have never been able to match Aunt Jennie Gleason's filled cookies, usually with a raisin, filling, and so tasty. And, in a very special place in my cookie memory, is Aunt Hannah Burrington's coconut-cornflake cookies, crunchy and delicious. I recall one batch with great pleasure and fond memory. Sister Pearl and I had spent the night with our cousins and had to head out to school the next morning. Aunt Hannah packed out sandwiches but the very best part of our lunch that day, the "piece de resistance," was the full box of those scrumptious morsels which I am sure we did not hesitate to flaunt but hope we shared.

Such memories of my Aunts and their wonderful baked goods have a special place in my heart. Just thinking about them makes my mouth water to this day.

~Ruth Johnson





By Eric Glazier, Principal

### What's happening at the Heath School?

We have had a terrific start to the school year. So much has happened, where do I begin? One of the wonderful traditions at Heath Elementary School is the tradition of All-School Meetings. Every Friday throughout the school year our K-6 students gather in the Open Space for about 30 minutes. During that time we share accomplishments, make announcements, celebrate birthdays, sing songs, and often the students will show samples of work they've been doing in class. We had our first All-School Meeting of the school year on the third day of school and it was huge success.

We welcomed a few new staff this year as well. Seth Gilbertson is our School's new 5/6 classroom teacher, Mary Scully is our new school psychologist, and Marilyn O'Brien is our new Title I teacher. Lillian Whitsett, previously our 5/6 teacher, will now be our school's interventionist (Reading Teacher/Specialist). Deb Porter will be retiring at the end of September. She has worked in the field of education for over 20 years, and we will definitely miss her!

The Heath School has a long standing tradition of extracurricular activities such as soccer, Strings, and drama club. We are so lucky to have a dedicated group of parent volunteers, coaches, and Parent Teacher Partnership that support our school each year. Without these volunteers, these activities would not be possible.

The Uppers (grade 5/6) met their Book Buddies for the first time in September and began their weekly routine. At least once a week the groups can be found in the Open Space reading to each other. The opportunity for older students to read with younger students provides practice in oral language skills and promotes positive social interactions between the various grades. Later in the fall we will be expanding the Book Buddies program to include the 3/4 and PK classrooms.

I am also pleased to announce that Virginia Gary (grade 1/2 teacher) is continuing as Heath's Student Council chairperson. A president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer have been selected from the Uppers classroom. The interested students wrote nomination speeches and elections were held. There are also two student representatives from each classroom. Last year the students met weekly to discuss ways for improving the school's culture, developing school-wide events such as Spirit Week, and giving the student body a voice in the larger community. Thank you to the students for showing an interest in school government and thank you to Ms. Gary for continuing to coordinate this council.

Our annual Book Fair will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. The Friends of the Heath School Library has new membership, but we look forward to a continued relationship with them. The

Book Fair they host in our Open Space provides our library with a wonderful selection of new books each year. We are thankful to have such an organization working with us at Heath School.

I look forward to continuing as the Heath Elementary School principal. Please feel free to contact me at the school if you have any thoughts, questions, or concerns. Thank you.

### Parent Teacher Partnership Update

Our first meeting was awash in great new ideas and energy. Thanks to Kate Bailey and Jeffrey Simmons for coming on board. We are off to a great start this year, and the School feels full of vitality and great expectations!

The PTP will be offering regular after-school enrichments monthly such as pumpkin carving, candle making, and nature club. Maeve Gallagher in her directorial debut will be starting rehearsals this month for this year's adaptation of **Alice in Wonderland** as well. She'll be utilizing some of the 1/2 days for rehearsals which should dovetail well with PTP enrichments. Mary Sumner is spearheading this year's **Halloween Party** planning. If you would like to participate in any way, feel free to e-mail her: <mailto:msumner13@verizon.net>. We will also be having a **school-community potluck and social** soon. We'll post the flyer at the Heath Library/Town Hall once our date is set. Most weeks you may find our **school newsletter posted online** at the Heath School Web site: <http://mohawkschools.org/heath.php>

We are offering our **beautiful fall bulb fund-raiser through Eco-Tulips** again this year. Look for brochures at the Town Hall. Both print and online orders are welcome: Orders that are handed in (to school) via the *print order form benefit Heath School at the 50% level, and if you order online, 35% goes toward the School*. To save on paying a shipping charge, orders placed through and shipped right to the School can all be charged as one order. We will distribute them on their arrival. If you are gifting an order to someone far away, using the direct shipping might be easier. **Here is the online link to order:** Heath Elementary Link:

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**Note: you won't see the school's name appear anywhere during the process, but the link will assure the School receives the benefit of your custom (as they say in Ireland).**

Other nuts and bolts: You don't have to register to place an order. There are bulbs online that are not in the brochure or the order form. As long as they have the stock, you can include those varieties on your print order form. Online orders may be placed at your leisure up until November 20, though earlier is likely better for our region. Print orders need to be by October 12.

**Garden Club and help:** Virginia Gary, teacher of the 1/2 class, is organizing classroom time in the garden and would love to have some new volunteers. Please contact her at: <mailto:vmgary@mohawkschools.org> if you would like to meet or participate with the garden in any way. We hope to start up an after-school garden club again with your help.

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**School-Community Connections:** As a school, we are blessed with a remarkable level of community and parent involvement. We want to thank community members for their continued engagement with the school and to let you know how vital your participation and energy are. Community members are welcome to attend Friday all-schools or come for a breakfast or lunch, just call Kathy at the office (337-5307) to let her know so we can make an extra meal. Susan Draxler and Kate Bailey are taking on the school-community liaison role within the PTP and would welcome the chance to share ideas about community-school partnerships, service learning, developing school and community projects around sustainability, or anything you would like to chat about. Deb Porter, who is retiring soon, is already working hard on grant applications to help us fund more time with local naturalist, Ted Watt. We hope to see you at school and look forward to building partnerships this year in support of both our students' learning and enriching our local community. Feel free to e-mail Susan: <mailto:skdrax@yahoo.com> or Kate: <mailto:etakbailey@gmail.com> with ideas, questions, or comments.

~ Lorena Loubsky

### Save The Dates

- ♦ **Heath Artisan Catalog and Holiday Fair:** The Heath School PTP is once again offering a beautiful array of local artisanal and farm products for their annual fund-raiser. The catalogs will be available in November and the Holiday Fair will take place on **December 15** at the Heath Community Hall. Details will be posted at the Town Hall and Heath Library as we get closer. If you would like to participate as a farm or artist in the catalog or at the fair event, please contact Lorena at: <mailto:wildlor@gmail.com> Catalog orders will be available for pickup at the fair or at school the following week through **Friday, December 21**. A stunning array of jewelry, cards, baked goods, candles, art prints, crafts, yummy cider/soup, and much more will be available at the fair.
- ♦ **Bake Sale and Busking** in Shelburne Falls in support of the sixth grade's class trip. If you would like to help bake or come down and play a tune, your support is essential and welcome in helping our sixth grade class raise funds for their spring trip. A sale/song event will be held the weekend of **October 13-14** in Shelburne Falls by the Iron Bridge.
- ♦ **Sixth Grade Spaghetti Supper:** **SAVE THE DATE: Friday, November 9** – for the **AMAZING** annual Spaghetti Supper in support of the sixth grade class trip.
- ♦ **Pie Sales for Thanksgiving** The Heath School Sixth Grade will be offering a pie sale for Thanksgiving. Preorder forms will be available at the Heath Library and at spaghetti supper. Pickup will be **Wednesday, November 21, at 12:30 p.m.** at Heath School, just in time for Thanksgiving.

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## New at the Library



By Donald Purington

Thirty-five children in Heath signed up for the Library's Summer Reading Program. Hundreds of books were read and the readers have been turning in their Reading Logs since the end of August to receive a bookstore gift certificate and other prizes. Now that the older children are back in school, Assistant Librarian Lyra Johnson has begun the Fall Preschool Story Hour sessions. Please check the *Heath Herald* calendar or the Library Web site ([heathlibrary.org](http://heathlibrary.org)) for dates and times.

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

**Adult Fiction Books:** *Paradise City* by Archer Mayor, *The Casual Vacancy* by J. K. Rowling, *Garment of Shadows* by Laurie R. King, *The Beautiful Mystery* by Louise Penny, *The Jewels of Paradise* by Donna Leon, *Phantom* by Jo Nesbo, *The Time Keeper* by Mitch Albom, *Zoo* by James Patterson

**Adult Nonfiction Books:** *Cast On, Bind Off: 54 Step-By-Step Methods* by Leslie Ann Bestor, *iPad for Seniors* by Nancy Muir, *Life Everlasting: The Animal Way of Death* by Bernd Heinrich, *Homemade Pantry: 101 Foods You Can Stop Buying and Start Making* by Alana Chernila

**Young/Teen Reader Books:** *Mark of Athena* by Rick Riordan, *The Cavendish Home for Boys and Girls* by Claire Legrand, *Heist Society* by Ally Carter, *Katerina's Wish* by Jeannie Mobley, *The Great Unexpected* by Sharon Keech

**Children's Picture Books/Board Books:** *Apple* by Nikki McClure, *The Chicken Problem* by Billy Aronson, *Bear Has a Story to Tell* by Phillip Stead, *Coral Reefs* by Jason Chin, *Tell Me About Your Day* by Mem Fox

**DVDs:** *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, *August Rush*, *The Duchess of Duke Street (Series 1 & 2)*, *Alphas Season 1*, *Root Hog or Die*,

**Audiobooks on CD:** *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman, *Only Time Will Tell* by Jeffrey Archer, *Elizabeth the Queen: The Life of a Modern Monarch* by Sally Bedell Smith

## Friends of the Heath Library

Who are the friends of the Heath Free Public Library? Personally, I think every patron of the Heath Library is a Friend. We have no dues and no official list, but every time our Friends put a dollar in the jar on our Librarian's desk, or donate money at a bake sale or buy books or raffle tickets at the Annual Book Sale at the Heath Fair they are proving their friendship by supporting our library, our excellent Librarian, Don Purington, and his assistant, Lyra Johnson.

The Friends raise money to support the children's programming, to pay for the well-used pass to Mass MoCA, and to match the Council on Aging Grant to buy books and audiobooks. This year we are also buying a new circulation computer that will better handle the new C/WMARS circulation system.

We met for our Annual Meeting in July at Don Purington's house for a delicious potluck lunch, and among our other business we elected officers for the coming year. Pat Leuchman is President, Maureen O'Malley is Vice President, Dianne Grinnell is Treasurer, and Jan Carr is Secretary. Don Dekker, Jane deLeeuw, Rol Hesselbart, and Lynn Perry are friends at-large.

I want to remind all our Friends that they should bring a good appetite to the Library on Saturday, October 6, when we will have our Annual Columbus Day Bake Sale on the Sawyer Hall porch.

Sweet and savory items will be available for a donation.

I hope to see you all on October 6 from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

~ Pat Leuchtman, President

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## Town Nurse News



## Hepatitis



By Claire Rabbitt, RN

There recently was something on the news about the Centers for Disease Control's recommendation for persons born between 1945 and 1965 to have one-time testing for hepatitis C. Since there are several types of hepatitis, I did some research to help clarify the reasons for the need for the testing, prevention, and treatment of the infection.

There are three common types of viral hepatitis: A, B, and C that can cause inflammation of the liver, which can lead to cirrhosis and liver cancer. They are very different viruses, transmitted in different ways, and may have similar symptoms that can only be identified by a blood test.

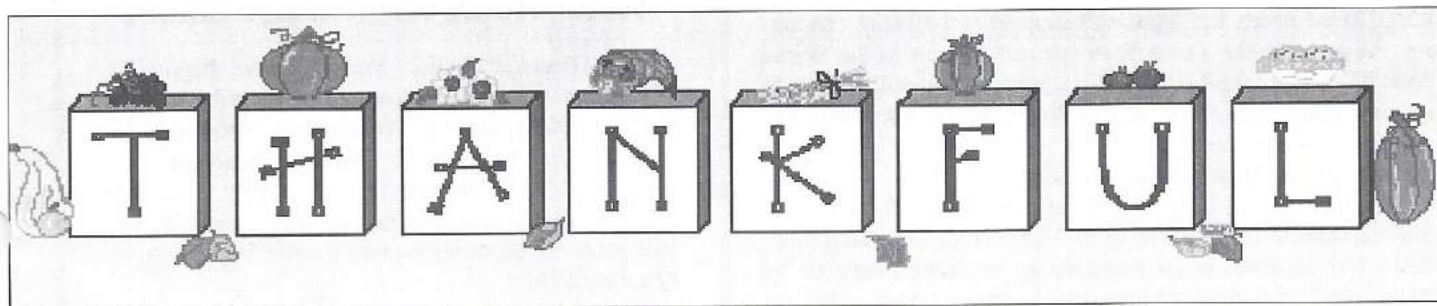
Hepatitis A is transmitted by ingesting food or water contaminated by the virus. It is more common in countries with poor sanitation, so can occur in travelers to those places, and in this country from food handlers with poor hygiene, in daycare centers with diapered children, and from person to person contact especially when good hand washing after using the restroom is not practiced. Hepatitis A infection is rarely fatal and may not cause any symptoms, but can be a serious illness especially in the elderly and in anyone with a chronic liver disease. There is a vaccine available for hepatitis A.

Hepatitis B is transmitted by direct contact with blood, semen, vaginal and other body fluids of infected persons, much like the transmission of HIV (Aids). Infected pregnant women can pass it on to their babies. It can be passed on through sharing of needles or personal items, like toothbrushes or razors. Healthcare workers can get it from accidental needle sticks from contaminated needles. It can be acquired from tattoos or body piercing with unsterilized equipment. The blood supply in the United States is now tested for hepatitis B. According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, three doses of hepatitis B vaccine are required for all children attending licensed childcare or preschool, and kindergarten through grade 12. There are also requirements for college students and for healthcare workers, who might be exposed to blood and body fluids on the job. As with hepatitis A some people may not have symptoms or may have mild symptoms of tiredness, loss of appetite, muscle or joint pain. Jaundice (yellowing of the skin and or whites of the eyes), is a symptom of all forms of liver disease and should be reported to your healthcare provider.

Hepatitis C is transmitted by direct contact with the blood (or body fluids containing blood) of an infected person. Just as with hepatitis B, hepatitis C can be spread by sharing contaminated needles or drug injection equipment or toothbrushes or razors, and contaminated tattooing, body piercing, or acupuncture needles. It can be passed on to babies at birth from infected mothers and can be spread through sexual contact, but less likely among people with one steady lifelong partner. Since 1992 the blood supply has been tested for the hepatitis C virus and is considered safe. Before 1992 there were cases of transmission from blood transfusions and organ transplants. There is no vaccine for hepatitis C.

Hepatitis C has become a public health concern because an infected person can be asymptomatic for decades and eventually develop cirrhosis and or liver cancer. It is estimated that 4 million people in the U.S. are infected, with 30,000 new cases occurring each year. In recent years there has been an increase in reporting of cases of chronic hepatitis C, (those infected in the past), but it is thought that there are many infected who remain unaware and untreated. The longer it goes untreated the greater the possibility of liver damage, hence the reason for the call for people born between 1945 and 1965 to be tested. For more information go to [www.mass.gov/dph](http://www.mass.gov/dph) and select Public Health Fact Sheets. There is also the MADPH Hepatitis C hotline at 1-888-443-hepC (4372). I intend to ask my healthcare provider for the blood test at my next routine yearly exam, as I was born in 1946 and I did have a blood transfusion after surgery in 1962.

I continue to have office hours on Tuesdays, 12:15-1:15 p.m., and Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and am available for home visits or appointments at other times. Call me at 337-8309.





## Selectboard's Report

### Meeting Schedule

The Board has resumed its customary schedule of meeting every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. unless posted otherwise. The venue has changed. The BOS meetings will be held upstairs in the Community Hall. This change will free up space for the administrative offices in Sawyer Hall.

### Special Town Meeting

The Board has called for a Special Town Meeting to be held October 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Hall. Among the articles to be considered are zoning bylaw changes to address large-scale, ground-mounted solar electric generating installations, and fixed wireless broadband installations. Other articles are housekeeping transfers between accounts to make up for deficits and an article establishing a revolving account for proceeds from recycling received from the Solid Waste District and a revolving account for Board of Health Town Nurse vaccine services. The warrant is still in draft form as of this writing.

### FY13 Appointments

The Board has appointed Bob Dane and Bernard "Buck" denOuden to the Conservation Commission. They will replace Kara Leistyna and Tom Lively who were serving temporarily on the Commission until permanent candidates could be found. Ellen Jenkins was appointed prior to this appointment to fill the remaining open seat.

Susan Draxler and Larry Sampson have been appointed to the Heath Cultural Council.

Andrew Draxler was appointed to the open Mohawk School Committee seat.

### Resignation

Eileen Tougas has resigned as Senior Center Coordinator and also from the Community Hall Committee. The Board wishes to thank her for her generosity and many years of dedicated service to the Town, especially to the seniors.

Anyone interested in serving in those positions should contact Kara Leistyna, the Town Coordinator, at (413)-337-4934 or visit the Town Web page for a job description. Eileen will no longer be serving as temporary office assistant to the Town. Anyone interested in serving as temporary office assistant, a paid position, should contact Kara for a description of the duties and anticipated hours or log on to the Town Web page and follow the links.

### Wired West

The BOS met with Al Canali to hear an update on the progress of the broadband cooperative of which Heath is a member. The cooperative is in the process of designing the network and looking into methods of raising money for construction. Wired West needs the input and support of potential customers. Please visit the Town Web site and log on to the Wired West link (upper right corner of Web page) You will be able to access information about Wired West and fill out the online survey of interest support.

### All Boards and Committees Meeting

The Selectboard is hosting a meeting of all Town boards and committees on October 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Hall. The meeting is an opportunity for committees to be briefed on State requirements and to update each other on

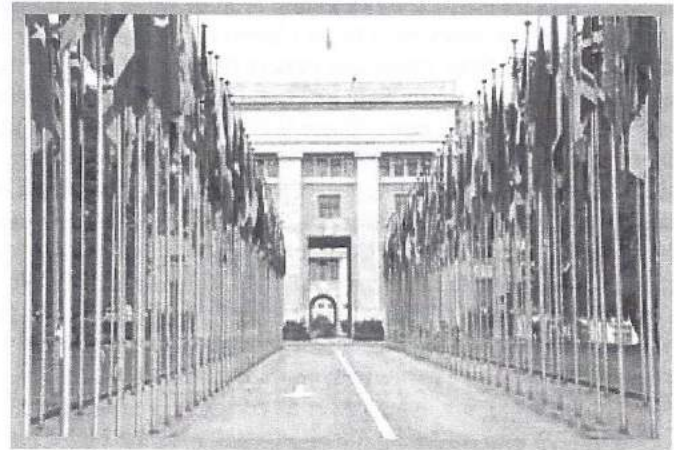
projects and activities as we strive together to accomplish the work of the Town.

### 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. The new Web page is up and running. Please have a look and let us know what you think.

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

## United Nations Day



The Selectboard has agreed to support **United Nations Day** by signing a proclamation officially proclaiming October 24, 2012, as United Nations Day. The Topic this year is "Solutions for a Prosperous World." This proclamation will be sent to the United Nations Association of Greater Boston and will be featured at Boston's City Hall and the Massachusetts State House during UN Day public events. The letter will also be on display at the UN annual luncheon in Downtown Boston where more than 250 business and community leaders will gather to recognize the importance of global engagement.

### **REMINDER**

#### **Winter Hours for Transfer Station**

The Transfer Station Winter Hours beginning November 1, have been changed to **Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** These hours end on **Memorial Day, May 27, 2013.** The Select-board voted to make this change on a trial basis for one year and to revisit the issue prior to the next winter period beginning in October of 2013.



## Heath Cultural Council

Our annual **grant deadline** is coming up on **October 15**. The Council welcomes local artist, parent, naturalist extraordinaire Susan Draxler and movie-set builder Larry Sampson to the Council. A special thanks to Summer Barkoskie for your many years of service in support of the arts in Heath! Current chair Lorena Loubisky will become ex-officio for a year, staying on as a non-voting member. If you've been wanting to find a way to support Heath arts, **we need you!** We meet once or twice a year and review and vote on annual grant applications. We show a strong preference for locally originated proposals that benefit our community across the age spectrum. **Applications are available online at the Mass Cultural Council Web Site:**

<http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/applications/lccapp.html> and may be mailed to us or dropped off at our box at Town Hall. We are also happy to e-mail you an application or answer any questions you may have ([wildlor@gmail.com](mailto:wildlor@gmail.com)). Community input is always most welcome to guide us in our grant-making and community arts projects. If you have ideas to share or would like to come to our fall meeting, please call Lorena Loubisky at 624-3842.

Here are some highlights of programs we have funded in the last couple of years: **Deerfield Riverfest, Heath School Drama, Heath Agricultural Society Music, Mohawk Trail Music Concerts, WINK – a school literary journal, Heath's own Herald Newspaper, the Heath Free Library Summer Crafts Program,** and more. A full list of our grantees is available on the State Web site: <https://www.massculture.org/Heath>. Ideas that have yet to bear fruit, but being contemplated, include: a **Heath Historical Quest, a Heath Artisan & Studio Tour, and a Heath juried Art Show.** All of these are wonderful ideas brought forward in our most recent community survey. We would be delighted to consider community-based applications along these avenues! **We look forward to hearing from you!**

On behalf of Cultural Council members:

~ Kara Leistyna, Rachel Porter,  
Lorena Loubisky, ex-officio, Susan Draxler,  
Larry Sampson, Janis Steele

## Heath Ladies Aid

Recently the few remaining members of the Heath Ladies Aid came to the conclusion that their all-day fairs were no longer relevant to these times, and there are too few of us to produce enough items for such an event. In addition, our customer base over the past years has dwindled.

We have decided, therefore, that instead of making items heretofore slated for fairs, we will now make things for specific needs, and we will combine forces with the Community Hall Craft Fairs and continue our popular food table, with some articles for sale. We will also continue to offer scholarships to Heath graduates of Mohawk Trail Regional High School, Franklin County Technical School, and The Academy at Charlemont.

As this group is for all the ladies in the area, we welcome all to join us the last Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. to exchange views and stories and to have lunch together. We rent the

lower level of the Heath Union Church for our meetings.

For further information, please contact any of our members.

~ Carolyn Booth, Ruth Corey, Ruth Johnson,  
Teresa Peters, Alli Thane-Stetson, Le-Ellen Weis

## Crop Walk 2012

This year's CROP WALK will be held in Orange on October 21 at the Central Congregational Church, 93 South Main Street. Registration is at 1:00 p.m. and the walk begins at 2:00.

CROP WALK is an interfaith education and fund-raising event sponsored by Church World Service and held throughout the U.S. Church World Service is a cooperative ministry of 37 communions working with partners to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice around the world. Each year well over 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 1,600 Walks in which at least five million CROP HUNGER WALKERS have participated. Money raised through pledges help to support grassroots efforts to fight hunger around the world with 25% of the funds going to local communities.

Each year at the Charlemont Federated Church the "Golden Battered Sneaker Award" is given to the person who raises the most money through pledges; the "Silver Battered Sneaker Award" goes to the second most money-raiser.

If you would like to start your own Walk, or if you would like to be a part of an existing group, feel free to contact: Lois Buchiane at 339-8557 (a participant in the Federated Church Hunger Walk) to receive pledge envelopes and instructions.

~ Lois Buchiane

## REMINDER

### **The Fall "Clean Sweep" Bulky Waste Collection**

**Saturday, October 20  
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon**

The drop-off site is:  
**Buckland Recreation Facility  
(Rt. 112 South)**

- ◆ No preregistering
- ◆ Disposal fees in cash only

(Price list for the most common items will be available at the Town Hall, Transfer Station, or online at:  
[www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html))



## Heath People in the News

### Fuller-Johnson Nuptials

**Edward B. Fuller** and **Lyra M. Johnson** of Heath were married the afternoon of August 31 at the Goldmine Waterfall in Chester. Ed, the son of Edward R. and Maureen Fuller of Ashfield, is a musician and is employed at the Northfield Mount Herman School as a dispatcher. Lyra, the daughter of **Cynthia Johnson** of Heath, is the Assistant Librarian at the Heath Free Public Library and is also a Certified Lactation Counselor for the WIC Program of Greenfield. They celebrated with friends and family on September 23 at their home in Heath.

### Engaged

Lea Banks of Conway, Stephen Hartshorne of Sunderland, and **David Bohrer** of Heath proudly announce the engagement of their daughter **Sarah Banks Hartshorne** of New York City to **Ian Leue**, also of New York. Leue is the son of Helene and Mark Leue of Ashfield.

Banks Hartshorne is a model, actress, comedian, and writer in NYC. A 2005 graduate of The Academy at Charlemont, she received her bachelor's degree in English from SUNY Purchase, graduating summa cum laude.

Leue is a technologist at Bridgewater Associates. A 2003 graduate of The Academy at Charlemont, he graduated summa cum laude from Connecticut College, with a degree in Music and Technology, and Computer Science.

A July 6, 2013, wedding is planned.

## BEST WISHES TO THREE SCHOOL RETIREES

**Lizz Davin**  
from Mohawk

(a special thanks to Lizz for all her help on the  
*Community Calendar*!)

**Sue Lively**  
from Hawlemont

**Deb Porter**  
from Heath School

THANKS FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF  
YOU FOR ALL YOUR YEARS OF  
GOOD WORK.

## Carol Purington Singing at Dawn



Photograph by Henry Leuchtman

Carol Purington of Colrain has been writing poetry for years and has won various honors, but she never imagined that one day the sanctuary of the Federated Church in Charlemont would be filled with family, friends, neighbors, and music lovers to hear her poems set to music. This past July the Mohawk Trail Concerts presented the premier of *Singing at Dawn*, a suite of songs composed by Alice Parker based on a selection of Carol's poems from *The Trees Bleed Sweetness*.

The poems trace the arc of a Native American woman's life from girlhood, to motherhood, and grand motherhood.

Although Carol knew of Alice and her work, and had CDs of her music, the two had never met when Alice wrote to request permission to set the poems to music. That was in the summer of 2011. Over the following months they e-mailed each other and in early spring this year Alice climbed Wilson Hill Road to meet Carol and sing her some of the songs..

"Alice brought her score and sang some of the songs which are written for voice, flute, and percussion instruments. I thought they evoked the flavor of woodland birdsong and other natural voices. Several of the poems she chose included a bird and the music felt so natural. I was just thrilled," Carol said.

The premier performance was videotaped and Carol was able to see and hear the concert herself. "I got to see a close-up view of the musicians. It was so well focused I could see the expressions of the soloists and watch Alice's hands just as if I was right behind her. It was a perfect perspective," Carol said.

After the concert Carol enjoyed the many notes and calls from friends to congratulate her and say how much they enjoyed the performance. It was a special highlight of the MTC season to feature this collaboration of two such talented local artists.

~ Pat Leuchtman



## Community Calendar

### OCTOBER 2012

- October 01** - PTP Meeting, Heath School, 8:45 a.m.  
**October 01 - 02** - NEASC Assn. Visiting Team Touring Building, Observing Classes, Interviewing.  
**October 02** - School Pictures, Heath School  
**October 03** - Early Release, Mohawk, 11:30 a.m.; Heath School, 12:30 p.m.  
**October 04** - Senior Luncheon, Community Hall-Senior Center, 11:45 a.m.  
**October 05** - Preschool Story Hour, Heath Library, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
 All-School Hike, Heath School (weather permitting)  
**October 06** - Heath Library, Columbus Day Weekend Bake Sale, Sawyer Hall Porch, 10:00 a.m. until noon  
 Doug Turner Benefit for Athletics, Mohawk.  
**October 07** - Historical Society's Old Town House and Center Schoolhouse open for visitors, 11:00 a.m. until noon.  
**October 08** - Columbus Day - No School  
**October 09-13** - Booster Week, Mohawk  
**October 13** - Booster Day and Dance, Mohawk  
**October 13 & 14** - Heath School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bake Sale and Busking  
 Shelburne Falls near Iron Bridge  
**October 17** - PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Mohawk  
**October 18** - Senior Luncheon, Community Hall-Senior Center, 11:45 a.m.  
**October 19** - Preschool Story Hour, Heath Library, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
**October 20** - "Clean Sweep" Bulky Waste Collection, Buckland Recreational Facility, 9:00 a.m. to noon.  
**October 23** - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, COMMUNITY HALL, 7:00 P.M.  
**October 24** - UNITED NATIONS DAY  
**October 31** - HAPPY HALLOWEEN!  
 Early Release, Mohawk, 11:30 a.m.; Heath School  
 • 12:30 p.m.; Parent Teacher Conferences

### NOVEMBER 2012

- November 01** - Early Release, Heath School, 12:30 p.m.; Parent Teacher Conferences  
 Senior Luncheon, Community Hall-Senior Center, 11:45 a.m.  
 MCAS Math Retakes, Mohawk  
**November 02** - Preschool Story Hour, Heath Library, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m..  
**November 03** - COMMUNITY HALL HOLIDAY FAIR, 10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.  
 Coffee and lunch, Senior Center, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**November 04** - DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS

**November 06** - PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

VOTING AT SENIOR CENTER,

7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Schools Closed, Three District

Professional Development

**November 08** - School Pictures Retakes, Heath School

**November 07-09** - MCAS ELA Retakes, Mohawk

**November 09** - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Spaghetti Supper,

Heath School

Report Cards Issued, Mohawk

**November 10** - Charlemont Federated Church, Holiday

Village, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**November 11** - VETERANS DAY

(WWI Armistice, the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of The 11<sup>th</sup> Month)

**November 12** - Schools Closed - Veterans Day Observance

**November 14** - Heath Agricultural Soc. Annual Meeting,

Community Hall, 7:00 p.m.

**November 15** - FRIENDS OF THE HEATH SCHOOL

LIBRARY, ANNUAL BOOK FAIR, HEATH SCHOOL, 8:30 A.M. - 7:30 p.m.

Senior Luncheon, Community Hall-Senior Center, 11:45 a.m.

**November 16** - Preschool Story Hour, Heath Library,

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**November 21** - Early Release, Mohawk, 11:30 a.m.;

Heath School, 12:30 p.m.

For Thanksgiving Recess

Pie Pickup, Heath School, 12:30 p.m.

**November 22** - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

**November 23** - Schools Closed

**November 30** - Preschool Story Hour, Heath Library,

10:30-11:30 a.m.

### Heath's Monthly Precipitation (inches)

(Observed by Heath School Staff and Students)

	Rain	Snow
From July 11, 2012	1.50"	
August	3.75"	
To September 10	0"	

#### In this reporting period:

As can be seen, this summer was very hot and dry. There were a lot of brown lawns. A severe storm cell on August 4 caused a lot of stories about strikes of lightning, with one hitting the Rowe School. Except for the usual bout of a "Fair" storm, the weather was great for the Heath Fair. We now wait to see how the fall foliage will be.

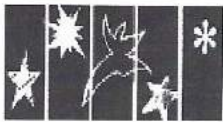
~ Tim Lively



From  
*Leaves of Grass*

*"Will you seek afar off?  
You surely come back at last.  
In things best known to you,  
finding the best or as good as the best,  
In folks nearest to you,  
finding also the sweetest and strongest  
and lovingest.  
Happiness not in another place  
but this place...  
not for another hour, but this hour."*

~ Walt Whitman



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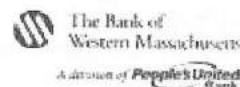
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