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## Nathan Clark Meets a Moose

It was a Sunday morning. Cindy Clark headed out the front door of the house to run some errands while Nathan went out the back to take care of chores. That's when he saw the moose. It was big. He ran for his camera and called his son, Danny, to come up and have a look at the thing. Nathan managed to snap a couple of pictures before his cows ran up to investigate and startled the moose. It ran off in one direction, toward Cleon and Teresa Peters' place and the cows ran off in the other, toward the orchard. Nathan thought that was the end of it, but as he headed back to the house he heard the moose coming back at a run.

The moose charged through the electric fence and came straight for him. A pile of wooden pallets didn't slow it down a bit. The next thing Nathan saw was a big head along side of his head and then the creature was upon him. It pushed him right down in the dry streambed that runs toward the pond. Nathan figured he was finished. "It's going to kill me," he thought.

Luckily the impact brought the animal down as well. When Danny Clark and his wife, Shauna, drove up they found Nathan down in the streambed with the moose's feet at his back. "What's going on?" Danny wanted to know, and Nathan, carefully extricating himself from proximity to his strange bedfellow, tried to explain what had happened. As he edged away he noticed that the moose couldn't seem to see him unless it turned its head to one side. That gave Nathan just the cover he needed to escape to the house. He called his friend, Dick Rich, a retired game warden living in West Hawley, who gave him the Hot Line phone number for the Massachusetts Environmental Police. They sent up a warden right away. When the warden heard Nathan's story and saw how the moose behaved, he was pretty convinced that it had a brain worm.

*Parelaphostrongylus tenuis*, or brain worm, is a parasite that moose get from white-tailed deer. The worm doesn't seem to affect the deer. It lives in their digestive tract and leaves in its droppings. According to Wikipedia, the deer droppings are consumed by snails which are then eaten by the moose as they browse. In the moose, the worm goes for the brain. It causes blindness,

stumbling, and disorientation to the point where eventually the moose wanders in circles, unable to graze, and starves to death. The warden told Nathan that while his encounter was a terrible thing for him it was actually a good thing for the moose. The warden's bullet spared the animal what otherwise would have been a horrible death.



*Adult cow moose in final stages of a brainworm infection. Symptoms include blindness, stumbling, and disorientation. Photo: University of Minnesota*

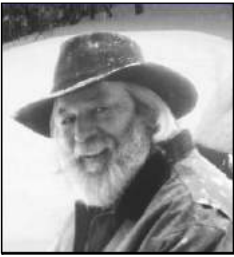
This moose weighed over 800 pounds and had to be removed with the help of Bill Clark's front loader. Nathan was lucky to escape with no more than some bruises on his back, a huge pair of antlers, and a harrowing story to tell.

Not all moose that show up near humans have brain worm, but they should all be given a wide berth. As Nathan will tell you, they can be extremely dangerous, especially during the fall rut and in the spring when the calves are young. Moose can be very protective of their young, and you never want to get between a cow and its calf. If you see a moose when you are out of doors, withdraw as quickly and quietly as you can without startling it or calling attention to yourself. Seek cover. It's best, if possible, to watch this magnificent creature from the safety of your vehicle or a building. If the moose is in a densely populated area, leave it alone and report it as soon as possible to the Environmental Police Radio Room. It's open 24-7, seven days a week at 1-800-632-8075. For more information go to:

[www.mass.gov/service-details/learn-about-moose](http://www.mass.gov/service-details/learn-about-moose)

—Pam Porter





## Wild Ramblings

—Bill Lattrell

### Blessed and Grateful

It was in an afternoon on a mid-August day only a couple of weeks ago that I was fortunate enough to experience something that I will always remember. I had just returned from a day of fishing on my boat in Vermont. After unhitching the boat and trailer from my truck, I drove up our driveway. I was weary and tired, given the fact that I had gotten up at 4:30 a.m., spent a day in the fresh air catching small-mouth bass, and had driven the truck, boat, and trailer back and forth to our fishing spot; all-tolled three hours of driving.

At the top of the hill where our driveway terminates, I stepped out of the truck. Something buzzed by my face, and I looked up to the sky following the trail of the winged invader. Much to my surprise, I was greeted with a vision of hundreds upon hundreds of dragonflies bouncing around up in the airspace above my head. It was indeed a feeding frenzy, and something I welcomed, considering the enormous mosquito population this summer. The circus of dragonflies that I was witnessing was truly astounding.

I quickly recognized the dragonflies as a species of damselfly and a member of the Odonata family. It is referred to by most as the Familiar Bluet. It is a very common dragonfly species in North America, and inhabits more than half of the continent. This damselfly, which is a slightly smaller and thinner version within the dragonfly group, is an incredibly acrobatic predator that can out-manuever most flying insects, making them easy prey. The raw numbers of dragonflies circling around, diving, and dancing while capturing insects was unfamiliar to me. When I looked out over the field in front of our house, which sits at the bottom of a hill, I could see that this cloud of dragonflies extended over a couple of acres.

Dragonflies can at times emerge from the depths of water in mass populations. The dragonfly life-cycle is fascinating. After adult dragonflies mate, the female either perches on a twig or small rock above a water body or hovers above the water body and deposits the eggs underneath the surface of the water from her long

abdomen on the bank of the pond, river, lake, or stream. With some species, the male will stay close until the eggs hatch to keep away small insect predators. After a period of time (it varies greatly by dragonfly species), the eggs will hatch. The hatchlings (larvae or nymphs) are specifically referred to as naiads. These six-legged



*Adult damselflies mating*

creatures will almost immediately start preying on other, smaller, nymphs that are also found in the watery environment. Blackfly nymphs are common prey in our fast moving streams. These naiads have a labium that has adapted for catching prey. The labium is stored under the thorax and head when not in use and specialized hooked lobes that grasp and impale the prey are extended quickly to nab the catch-of-the-day. When the labium retracts, it neatly places dinner in the mouth of the dragonfly nymph. Some of the larger dragonfly larvae can even catch small minnows and tadpoles. Dragonfly naiads may stay submerged from months to a decade depending upon the species. During their aquatic stay they will molt up to 20 times as they grow. After the seventh or eighth



*Submerged hatchling or naiad*

molt, they develop wind pads. The dragonfly's metamorphosis takes place without a pupal stage, unusual among those that go through metamorphosis, and generally emerge on a solid object such as the shoreline, or a branch of a submerged log where the newly formed adult will spread its wings and fly into the air. They immediately begin preying on other flying insects.

On this day I wondered why I had never witnessed this type of mega-hatch before, despite the fact that I had lived on this land for more than 40 years. I pondered the situation and realized that our primary aquatic habitat, Taylor Brook, had been full to the brim of the bank for months. This long-term bank-full condition creates a larger than normal surface area from which dragonflies may emerge. I wondered if the rainy summer did indeed

contribute to this mega-hatch, the likes of which I had never previously witnessed. Although the adult stage of dragonfly can survive for a few months to a few years, most in a temperate climate live their adult lives over a single growing season.



*The lifecycle of a damselfly. Source: Dorling Kindersley*

The males tend to be territorial, so they spread out quickly over new territory. By the following day, only a quarter of the dragonflies were flying around, and by the third day after the hatch, I had to scan the entire open area where only a few damselflies could be seen.

To have experienced such a glorious hatch for the first time in my almost 67 years was a blessing. To live in such a place where I am continually surprised by the events of nature is validation of what a special part of the world we live in. I am grateful for each and every day on this wonderful earth, but feel especially lucky to live on this piece of land that has shared miracles with me for the past four decades.

—Bill Lattrell

## What is It?



This is a close-up photograph of one of Heath's many natural wonders. Can you guess what it is? *See page 19 for the answer*



## Town Nurse

—Claire Rabbitt, RN

### Flu Season

We don't usually hear of many cases of influenza before the holidays, but it takes time for immunity to develop after the flu vaccine is given, so it is important to get vaccinated in early fall. There are several flu clinics scheduled locally in October, including one on October 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Hall/Senior Center in Heath, and one on Wednesday, October 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Heath School. See poster at the town hall. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health recommends everyone from six months of age and older get vaccinated, but especially those people with certain conditions such as pregnancy, heart disease, diabetes, and reaction to the vaccine.

Last season was one of the most severe in recent years, with many deaths, even in young people. There were many cases of flu-like illness even in those who had received the vaccine, but those people were less likely to develop pneumonia and require hospitalization. The Center for Disease Control still states that vaccination is the best prevention, but getting enough sleep, healthy eating, and HAND HYGIENE, HAND HYGIENE, HAND HYGIENE is key to avoiding illnesses.

Now is also a good time to get the pneumonia vaccine to protect against bacterial pneumonia that can be a complication of influenza. One dose of PCV13 (Prevnar 13) is recommended for adults 65 years or older who have not previously received it, and 19 years or older with certain medical conditions who have not previously received it. One dose of PPSV23 (Pneumovax23) is also recommended for adults at age 65 or older, regardless of having received it before age 65. These pneumonia vaccines should be given a year apart.

It is important to keep your personal record of when you receive vaccines, and vaccines should be recorded in the Massachusetts Immunization Information System so that health care providers will have access.

See my information on other vaccine preventable diseases in the August/September 2017 *Heath Herald*.



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## Green Thoughts

—Pat Leuchtman

### Autumn Leaves into Cold Compost

Autumn leaves are soon falling. It is time to turn those leaves into 'black gold,' known as 'cold compost,' thus improving the soil.

It was not very long into my Heath gardening career that I met the late Larry Lightner, marvelous gardener of Northfield. By the time I met him he was retired from the Mt. Hermon School where he had worked with students to create and maintain many of the school gardens, but he still had his own productive gardens and had produce to share. He also had skills to teach and share. Lightner was a promoter of cold compost. Most of us know that when we make a compost pile, it should be comprised of green and brown materials that will eventually heat up and decompose. This is known as hot compost.

Lightner made good use of the wealth of autumn leaves to make cold compost. He made wire fencing frames of many heights and depths and sizes. Many of his cold compost frames were circular and about two or three or so feet high. Into those frames he packed his leaves. Lightner said his cold compost piles could be made high enough to act as a big raised bed making gardening easier for those who had trouble getting down on their knees. It is amazing how quickly fall leaves break down, and how many leaves



*Cold compost wire fencing frame*

can be added over time to such a frame.

Lightner even planted directly in his cold compost bins. He kept adding leaves all fall until the bins were full. In the spring he would

top off the planting bin with cold compost from another bin.

The newly full bin was ready for planting. He would make an indentation in the cold compost, add about a quart of soil, and then plant a vegetable or plant start. One big bin could hold numerous starts. Large vegetable plants work well, like the 'coles and summer squash, but herb and flower seedlings do just as well. Plants get plenty of nutrition from the still-rotting leaves and thrive. Since there is nothing but leaves in this compost pile, it doesn't heat up, so there is nothing to harm tender plant roots. The only critical thing leaf compost beds need is consistent watering during growing season. Rotting leaves don't hold water the way that good soil does.

My first cold compost piles in Heath were set up inside the stone barn foundation after the barn itself burned down in 1990. After the fire, the debris had to be bulldozed and carried away. The soil, such as it was, was not what anyone would call good garden soil. Nothing would grow in it.

The answer was to fill the space by creating a series of these wire fencing frames about two feet high. I made many trips to Greenfield collecting the bagged leaves that many people left by the side of the street, filling and packing the leaves down until the frame was filled. In the spring I did as Lightener, and planted vegetable starts. By using cold compost planting beds for four years, I actually built up soil that would grow plants, and the frames were put aside.

In spring, we just pulled our wire bin off the rotted leaves collected all last fall. Non-rotted leaves remained along the outside edges, but the rest of the leaves would have rotted into good compost. In the fall we set up the bin again and piled in that year's crop of leaves. This is a wonderful cycle. It made me happy to know that I could



*The leaves can also be shredded and spread over the garden as mulch.*

look forward to a compost harvest every year. Leaves can also be ground up with a mechanical leaf shredder, or you can run your lawn mower over leaf piles. The shredded leaves can be spread over the gardens as mulch and will almost have disappeared by springtime. However leaves are handled, they return organic material and nutrients to the soil. Don't miss this chance to enrich your soil.

—Pat Leuchtman

Visit Pat's blog at [www.commonweeder.com](http://www.commonweeder.com)

## Nature Note: Rare Squirrels

Heath is home to a population of some very interesting squirrels. While driving in South Heath, especially on South Road and Schoolhouse Road, you are likely to see squirrels that are a beautiful pure-black color. These black squirrels are not a separate species but a rare subgroup of the Eastern gray squirrel. A genetic mutation causes an excess of pigment (melanin), and so they are referred to as melanistic. This is a recessive trait and therefore requires both parents to be melanistic in order to have black offspring.



*A black squirrel is actually an Eastern gray squirrel in disguise. The color variations are the result of a genetic mutation that causes excessive pigmentation.*

*Photo: Sue Draxler*

Black squirrels can be found throughout the Eastern US and Canada. In Massachusetts, there are well-known colonies in the Boston area, Springfield, Amherst, and a famous population in Stanley Park in Westfield that is thought to have started with a pair of black squirrels imported from Michigan in 1948.

—Susan Draxler






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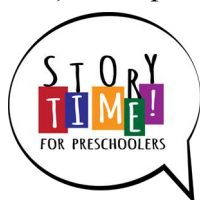


## Library Lines

—Donald Purington



So many passes, so little time! The Friends of the Library have generously sponsored two new passes for our library patrons this year: the *Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art* in Amherst, and the *Berkshire Museum* in Pittsfield. Both passes admit two adults and two children to eye-opening and mind-expanding exhibits. Please stop in and borrow one. We also have the popular *MASS MoCA* pass (also sponsored by the Friends), as well as a pass to the *Clark Art Museum* (admits one person), and a parking pass for Massachusetts State Parks.



Preschool Story Hour has started again. Please join us, with the young children in your life, on Fridays, October 12 and October 26, at 10:30 a.m. More dates will be posted in the library and on the library website.

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

Use the *New Titles* link on the library website to see all the new items added to our collection in the previous two weeks.

**Fiction Books for Adults:** *Bury the Lead* by Archer Mayor, *Dark Tide Rising* by Anne Perry, *Depth of Winter* by Craig Johnson, *French Exit* by Patrick DeWitt

**Non-fiction Books for Adults:** *Smitten Kitchen Every Day: Triumphant and Unfussy New Favorites* by Deb Perelman, *Small Animals: Parenthood in the Age of Fear* by Kim Brooks

**Books for Young/Teen Readers:** *Louisiana's Way Home* by Kate DiCamillo, *Bridge of Clay* by Mark Zuckas, *Property of the Rebel Librarian* by Allison Varnes

**Children's Picture Books/Boardbooks:** *Corduroy Takes a Bow* by Viola Davis, *A Home in the Barn* by Margaret Wise Brown

**DVDs:** *RBG* (biography of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg), *No Offence*, Season 1, *Ocean's 8*, *Heath Fair: 100th Year Celebration*

## Hawlemont's New Principal: Lindsay Rodriguez



The Hawlemont Elementary School has a new Principal. New to the job that is, but not to the school. Lindsay Rodriguez, who taught at Hawlemont six years ago, has returned this year as Principal. Lindsay has always been interested in the behind the scenes workings of a school and was looking to move into a leadership role. Hawlemont seemed like the perfect fit. She lives in Worthington, MA, where she grew up, so she is very much at home in a small town. Although she says she will miss the classroom, she is looking forward to the year ahead and plans to spend as much time as she can in the classrooms. Lindsay is particularly excited about the HAY program (Hawlemont, Agriculture, and You), and is interested in working with teachers to continue to develop interdisciplinary projects for students.

One of Lindsay's favorite books is *How Full Is Your Bucket, For Kids* by Tom Rath and Mary Reckmeyer. As she said, "It is a book that sends the message to kids about being mindful of how you treat others." She is already helping children in this way by working with the staff in developing school-wide core values. These are: Goodwill, Responsibility, Integrity, and Teamwork, or GRIT for short. Teachers have also articulated expectations about behavior around the school that would reflect these values and are directly teaching the students about them through modeling, practice, and positive language.

If you are interested in hearing more about the school and what is happening, seek out the following:

- Follow the school on Facebook @ Hawlemont Elementary
- Look on its website: [hawlemont.mohawkschools.org](http://hawlemont.mohawkschools.org)
- Follow the link on our town website: [townofheath.org](http://townofheath.org)

For information about volunteering in the school, call Sue Annear in the school office at 339-8316.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Membership on the school's Education Council
- School Committee representation (Heath currently has two representatives, but one is only temporary until someone is willing to run.)
- Barn chore help
- Attending PTO meetings
- Working in the HAY kitchen

## New Finance Committee Member

### Ken Gilbert



Kenneth Gilbert is a resident of the town of Heath. He was born and reared in the town of Colrain, attended Colrain Central Elementary and Arms Academy High Schools. After high school he joined the US Army and served three years, with 18 months active duty in Vietnam.

Then there was a break in military service, during which he worked on construction as surveyor for the Northfield Mountain and the Bear Swamp Hydro-electric projects in Massachusetts; for Peach Tree City in Georgia, a Louisiana cement plant, and the Michelin Tire plant in South Carolina. After the construction projects, he reentered the military, serving in the US Air Force as an Aircrew member.

After retiring from the Air Force in 2006 and coming to Heath, Ken became a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission, served as the Heath Fire Department Chief for two-and-a-half years, is the town's E-911 Coordinator, and is now a newly elected Finance Committee member.

## New Billing Method for the *Heath Herald*



The *Heath Herald* has adopted a new online billing application, WAVE. This billing method will reduce volunteer burnout by making the billing automatic, and will eliminate manual billing errors.

WAVE offers the option to pay online, but your check or cash is fine.

We are in our second billing cycle and have a few "glitches," but overall it's working well. The first step was to import all our subscribers from Excel into WAVE and then create an invoice for each subscriber. This task is more than half complete and invoices have been emailed to our June/July and August/September renewals. This is going well, but there is some concern that some email may be going into spam.

Please help us by watching for your invoice in email and check your spam folder occasionally for your invoice. Thank you for bearing with us while we continue to put this in place.

## New Selectboard Member

### Gloria Cronin Fisher



After several people approached me about running for the Heath Selectboard, I decided to think seriously about it. I had been town coordinator for five years and a finance committee member for six years, so I had some knowledge of what the job entailed. It's a big responsibility. I would be part of a team making decisions for our town. After serious thought, I decided to run and now, thanks to the voters, I'm a part of the Board. We work hard to do what's in the best interest of Heath and its residents.

When you think about it, it's remarkable that our town is run by volunteers—no small feat. Everyone works together to keep Heath alive and vibrant. I've lived in Heath for 44 years and was an election worker for a number of years, giving me the opportunity to get to know a bunch of you. I'm going to try hard to not let anyone down. I invite people, whether you voted for me or not, to contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments. I want and need to know what's going on in town. I look forward to speaking with you wherever we meet—in the library, at the transfer station, in *Big Y*, etc.

Thanks,  
—Gloria

## Heath Historical Society Presents...

### Dining with History: A Piece of Heath History

Presentation and Pot Luck Supper  
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All are welcome!



## People in the News

### Henry Leuchtman

**Painting of Dr. James Still (1812-1885) to be installed at state historic site in Medford, NJ**



Henry Leuchtman, who spent 36 winters in Heath, has painted and donated a portrait of Dr. James Still to the Dr. James Still Education Center in Medford, NJ. Dr. Still, a highly respected physician, was known for his cancer cures. He was the brother of famed abolitionist William Still.



We are told that Henry's painting will have a place of honor at the historic site. It is anticipated that his gift will be deeply felt and appreciated by all who honor the African American Dr. James Still (1812-1885).

In the photo with Henry's painting (above) is Samuel Still, III, Chairman of the Education Center.

LEND A HAND.

Join the list of Heath haunts that will be welcoming trick-or-treaters this year. To add your address to the Halloween map, contact Lyra Johnson-Fuller at the library.

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Trick-or-treaters can pick up a map of participating households in the town hall or in the library.



WELCOME TRICK-OR-TREATERS!

## People in the News

### Robert Dane

**2018 *Tim Russert Spirit of Hope Award* recipient, Nantucket Boys & Girls Club**



On August 18, Bob Dane was presented with the *Tim Russert Spirit of Hope Award*, given at the annual *Summer Groove* benefit gala held at the Nantucket Boys & Girls Club with 600 people in attendance.

Bob and his wife Jayne were co-owners of the Dane Gallery on Nantucket from 1996 to 2016. The gallery represented internationally prominent artists specializing in glass sculpture. Bob became involved with the Nantucket Boys & Girls Club in 2012 when the gallery brought glass blowing to the island by sponsoring the Corning Museum of Glass *Hot Glass Roadshow* as a fundraising event for the Club. The event was repeated in 2016. These events were very successful and raised significant funds for the operation of the Nantucket Boys & Girls Club. Over the years, Bob also generously donated his glass for their annual auctions.

The *Tim Russert Spirit of Hope Award* is presented in memory of the late Tim Russert, former host of *Meet the Press* and a passionate supporter of the Nantucket Boys & Girls Club, and the island's youth. It is given to individuals who are both ardent supporters of the Nantucket Boys & Girls Club, and are philanthropic within the broader Nantucket community.

## FLU CLINICS

Saturday, October 6, 10:30 a.m.—2 p.m.  
Heath Community Hall/Senior Center

Wednesday, October 24, 5—7 p.m.  
Heath School Building

Now is the time to get your flu shot. The vaccine is recommended for everyone six months of age or older—especially for those with certain medical conditions or over 65.

Contact Claire Rabbitt, Town Nurse, at 337-8309 for more information.









*Special thanks to Art Schwenger, photographer.*



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## Art Creates Community

With 27 artists, 80 works of art, and over 200 visitors, the third *Annual Heath Arts Exhibition* was a great success.

Heath may be a small hilltown, but its creative spirit is strong and vibrant. For the third consecutive year Heath artists came together for the first week in September to present the *Annual Heath Arts Exhibition*. The exhibition, featuring works in oil, pastels, watercolors, acrylic, glass, fiber, photography, and more, took place in the historic Heath Community Hall. All residents from budding talent to professionals were encouraged to participate.



Fred Burrington, "Alan Nichols," sketch for watercolor

While the works of art delighted the eye and stimulated the mind, they also represented the spirit of creativity and inclusiveness that makes Heath a vibrant community throughout the year. Groups meet regularly at the Community Center to draw, paint, and hand-craft decorative and useful items. Residents take studio art classes at Greenfield Community College.

Professionals are sought out for their paintings, drawings,

blown glass, cards, photography, fiber art, and more at galleries and online. All residents are encouraged and valued for their unique creative contributions to the life of this community. In Heath, art literally creates community.



Eileen McVay-Lively, *Paper Quilt of various papers*



Harry Hallman, "Woman with iPhone," oil on canvas

For more information about participating next year, please contact Jean Gran, Heath Arts Exhibition Committee, [jgran@crocker.com](mailto:jgran@crocker.com), 413-337-6611.

This program was supported in part by a grant from the Heath Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Were you inspired by this year's show? Does creating visual art feed your soul? Has a creative passion from your past been set aside for too long? Consider sharing your visual creations in the fourth *Annual Heath Arts Exhibition* next September. All Heath residents are welcome to participate.



Lynn Perry, *Tiger, wool, felted*

**Thanks to all of the artists and volunteers who helped make the third Annual Arts Exhibition such a success. Special thanks to the Uncles of the Pioneers for the great music at the opening reception.**



This program is supported in part by a grant from the Heath Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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## Heath Agricultural Society News

When thinking about what I would write for the *Heath Herald* following the 101st Heath Fair, I went back to read through the heart-felt note I sent the night I returned from my first Heath Fair as President. I was tired and my feet were sore AND I was so very proud of what WE just accomplished together. A few *Herald's* ago, I wrote about discovering your "why"—encouraging you, the reader, to think about the reason why you may decide to get involved, and play your little part in our little fair. What our community just showed me on August 17, 18, and 19 was that many of you figured out your "why" and you showed up and gave it your all, and together we had a fantastic 101st Heath Fair. Below is the letter I sent to the HAS membership on the eve the of the final day of the Fair. I think it appropriately captures what I'd like to share with our broader audience.

Everyone—each and every one—Thank YOU!

Look what we just pulled off, the 101st Heath Fair! And what a fair it was. Rain and sun, storms and mud—we did this thing together and our community showed up from near and far! This being my first year as HAS President, I had a lot to learn, and learn I did. I met people I had only ever heard of, and I saw more of the Fair than I ever had before. What an absolute joy. There are too many names to mention, and, if I tried, I would surely forget one. Please know that in my heart I am grateful for each and every one of you and the role you played in making the 101st Heath Fair a grand success. We don't have the numbers yet, but numbers are only one measure of success. A few other measures come to mind:

I met people who were up to our Heath Fair for the very first time, others who were here to enter their exhibits into a new-to-them fair and we were their fair of choice, still others who had been coming for 30+ years. I overheard folks talking about their early days at the fair, and I saw people walking with crutches, canes, and walkers. I watched people sway to the music and remember their friend Howard Crowningshield, and I

witnessed Howard Dickinson's tractors take a ride down the midway. I sat with people in the beer tent who enjoyed a cold local brew while their kids hula-hooped to their delight. I heard from vendors that they were definitely coming back, and from volunteers who said they hoped to do more next year. I saw the antique tractor people weather a storm, and the horse draw teamsters say, "Bring more blocks!" Seven tons later they had their winning team. Goat, sheep, rabbit, cattle, and poultry owners arrived to show, and whether small or large in class numbers, they brought their best for us all to see! Goat judges stepped up to help out when a sick judge wasn't able to travel. Oxen pulled and so did



trucks. Stone was delivered to fill our muddy paths, and tonight [Saturday night of the Fair] many stayed to clear away the waste, and, bucket load after bucket load we cleared it! Groups took down lights, stage, chairs, and



stakes and still more moved tables out from under tents. I heard from the new neighbors that our fair was the cleanest they had ever seen. The food, from upper food booth to lower food booth, was fantastic, and the fair-goers were full and friendly. All seemed happy to be at the fair we all helped to put on! What other fair can say this: "I dropped two twenty-dollar bills and lo and behold, someone turned them in." (by the way, I was the one who dropped the bills). We saw fire, police, EMT, and our community organizations such as the Library and Heath Union Church and Heath Historical Society serve and thrive at our fair—their fair! The Heath Fair is for ALL of us.

We accomplished a great deal together, and I could



not be more proud of how we pulled together and pulled it all off. Thank you 101 times over for all you did to make the 101st Heath Fair a wonderful fair to remember. I can hardly wait for the 102nd, but my feet need a bit of rest, and I am sure yours do, too. Again, I can't say enough how much it means to me to work with you all throughout the year and during these three key days! I learned so much from all of you. What a pleasure it has been to serve as your President, and I look forward to what next year holds.



If you want to be a part of the Heath Fair, please join us for our Member meetings. The dates are shifting for the coming year, so please visit [www.heathfair.org](http://www.heathfair.org) for dates/times, and follow us on Facebook. There has



never been a better time to join in the fun. If you want the fair to have a future, it is up to you to discover your "why" and pitch in.

Many thanks to all who participated in this year's 101st Heath Fair.

—Jessica O'Neill, President  
Heath Agricultural Society



## SPECIAL NOTICE

We had a brilliant public showing of the Heath Fair 100th documentary film at *Pothole Pictures* in Shelburne Falls, and wish to thank them for making it possible. The seats were filled and the community support was rich. If you want to take the fair home with you, the film is available for purchase at \$10 a copy. It will be available at meetings and public events in Heath. It makes a great gift, so be in touch if you would like a copy.

## The Way We Love to Eat

On August 11, fans of the Heath Fair gathered at Pothole Pictures in Shelburne Falls to kick off this year's movie season. To a packed house of mostly Heathans, the feature film shown was the world premier of the *Heath Fair 100th Anniversary Celebration*, produced by Larry Sampson of Heath. Of course we all loved it; how could we not, since many in the audience had walk-on parts and everyone knew all the main characters, personally. Before the movie began, Jim Kessler, the director of Pothole Pictures, announced that it was the biggest crowd they had ever had. He also let everyone know that the theme of this year's season was food, and that there was a cookbook available based on the foods featured in the films being shown. Below are two that come right out of that book. The first one came from the Heath Fair movie. It is the fireman's barbecued chicken. The second is from the movie *Ratatouille*, the endearing movie about a rat who wants to be a great chef and works to make a perfect dish of Ratatouille. This movie will be playing December 21 and 22. Don't miss it!

### Barbecued Chicken

This from the Heath Volunteer Fire Department is one of many traditional highlights of the Heath Fair. Here is one version of barbecued chicken that may help you to capture some of the magic in your own yard.



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|---|--------------------------|
| 1 egg   | 1 teaspoon celery seed   |
| ½ cup vegetable oil   | 1 teaspoon onion powder  |
| 2/3 cup cider vinegar   | 1 tablespoon ground sage |
| 1 teaspoon salt   | 1 tablespoon paprika     |
| 1 teaspoon black pepper   |                          |
| 1 tablespoon dried marjoram   |                          |
| 4 chicken quarters: 4 bone-in breast and leg or breast and wing, or any combination |                          |

In a medium bowl, beat the egg with a wire whisk. Continue whisking as you slowly add the oil, and then add dry ingredients.

Put the chicken and marinade in a gallon-sized plastic zip bag, squeeze out excess air and refrigerate 4-8 hours, turning once or twice. Remove from marinade. Cook on a gas or charcoal grill on indirect heat (375 to 400 degrees) for 40-60 minutes, turning and basting every 10-15 minutes, or until internal temperature of breast quarters is 160 degrees and leg quarters is 175 degrees.

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You can also cook over direct heat, turning and basting the chicken every 5 to 10 minutes. Stop basting at least 10 minutes before you think the chicken will be done. Let rest 5 to 10 minutes, covered with foil, before serving.

### **Ratatouille (or Confit Byaldi)**



It's not giving too much away to say that the French vegetable stew ratatouille plays a part in the movie. The movie recipe is based on a dish called confit byaldi, in a version created by celebrity chef Thomas Keller, who was a consultant to the film. The following recipe is for a classic, simpler ratatouille vegetable stew.

- 1 red pepper
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 onion
- Olive oil
- 1 small Italian eggplant, or 2 small Japanese or Chinese eggplants
- 2 small zucchini, or one zucchini and one yellow summer squash
- 1 can fire-roasted tomatoes
- 6 Roma tomatoes
- ½ teaspoon seasoned salt
- Black pepper to taste
- ½ teaspoon dry or 1 teaspoon fresh thyme
- ½ teaspoon dry or 1 tablespoon fresh minced basil

Core and seed the red pepper, peel and halve the onion, dice the onion and pepper. Cook the diced onion with a teaspoon of olive oil in a microwave for two minutes. Sauté the onion and pepper in a sauce pot with some additional olive oil until the onion is translucent and soft, but not browned. Add the canned tomatoes and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes. This is the "piperade." Put aside two or three tablespoons of the piperade liquid.

Slice the squash and Roma tomatoes into 1/4 inch slices. Slice the eggplant into 1/4 inch slices. If using Italian eggplant, cut each slice into quarter circles or pieces about the same size as the other vegetable slices.

To make a ratatouille: Add the vegetables to the piperade before you add the tomatoes, and sauté each for a couple of minutes. Add the tomatoes and seasoning and simmer uncovered for one hour. When the ratatouille is almost done, taste and adjust seasoning, if needed. The ratatouille will be even better the next day.

—Deb Porter

### **Crossing the Dell Aware**

The Dell has a new bridge, and it's not April Fool's! The bridge, which closed to thru traffic due to disrepair in early July, re-opened in the middle of September after two months of construction. *Photos: Steve Thane*



*The Mill Brook Bridge closes for replacement*



*The old bridge is being removed*



*The old bridge is gone and the brook runs through and around*



*A crane puts a section of the new bridge in place*



*Finished bridge*



## Charlemont Forum

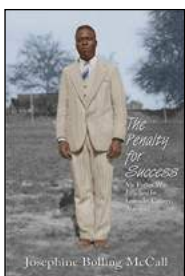
### Race: Facing History and Ourselves

The Charlemont Forum is pleased to host a special edition of the Forum on Saturday, October 27 at 7 p.m. at the Charlemont Federated Church. Josephine Bolling McCall, author of *The Penalty for Success: My Father Was Lynched in Lowndes County, Alabama*, will speak about her family's experience; one of the 4,000 lynching's that took place in the South over a 75-year period.

Activists Karin Kunstler and Neal Goldman, who will share their stories, also dating back to the 60s, will join McCall. Kunstler, Deputy Head of the Charities Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's Office, attended Tougaloo College, a historically Black College, for one semester in the height of the Civil Rights Era. Goldman, married to Kunstler, witnessed the Selma marches with Martin Luther King. Together they have returned to the South on various occasions as observers of civil rights changes over the years.

Through a moderated Q&A session, audience and speakers will engage each other and reflect on racism in our day.

For a fascinating background look at the Legacy Museum and Josephine Bolling McCall, check out [www.pbs.org/newshour/show/a-national-memorial-confronts-the-terror-of-lynching](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/a-national-memorial-confronts-the-terror-of-lynching)



## What is It?



*Answer from page 5.* Porcupines, well-known for their quills which are their primary means of defense, are the second largest rodent in North America after the American beaver. Porcupines are common in western and central Massachusetts. *Photo: Henry Josephson*



### Spring "Clean Sweep" Bulky Waste Recycling Day Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m. to noon

Buckland Recreation Facility, 66 Ashfield Road  
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**Tires • Appliances • Scrap Metal • Furniture  
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For more information, call 413-772-2438, email [info@franklincountywastedistrict.org](mailto:info@franklincountywastedistrict.org), or visit [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org)

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### Hawlemont Elementary Events

#### Apple Cider Days

Saturday, October 6, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Little Red School House on Mohawk Trail

#### Harry Potter Birthday Celebration

Friday, October 26, 6 – 7:30 p.m.  
Hawlemont Elementary School

#### HAY Farmers Market

Every Thursday, 2:30 – 3:15

#### Trunk or Treat

Date, time, and details to be announced

#### Hobby Horse Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 1

Sell your own crafts or shop for gifts!

## Obituary

### Cleon Peters



Cleon J. Peters, 90, of 76 Branch Hill Road, Heath, died Friday, August 3, 2018, at Buckley Healthcare Center in Greenfield. He was born in Heath, November 7, 1927, the son of Leon and Philipine (Lively) Peters.

Peters was a United States Army veteran serving in World War II. He married the former Teresa Galipo on April 25, 1953. From 1972 until 1979 he and his wife owned and operated Peters Store in Heath. Other employment included Snow's Ice Cream business in Greenfield and for many years he was school bus driver in the local area. He was also a caretaker for local homes.

### *Thank you*

We wish to extend a special thank you to all who sent cards, flowers, food and donations after Cleon's passing. We want to especially thank all the ladies who worked so hard setting up the luncheon for Cleon's Celebration of Life after the Mass. Everyone has been so supportive, offering to help when needed. It is much appreciated.

—Teresa and Crystal Peters

### Brother

I will miss my brother Pete very much. I used to spend a lot of time with him. We cut wood together, and when he raised rabbits and guinea pigs, I bought them from him on a monthly basis for my pet shop customers. We also used to go to the Tractor Supply stores in New Hampshire every month for chicken swaps, and he helped me setup and sell my animals. Just about every town we went to, he seemed to have been there before for rabbits or guinea pigs.

Cleon had a lot of interesting stories to tell, and he was a lot of fun to be with.

—John Peters

## *Tribute to my DAD*

Mr. Peters, Cleon, Pete—he was known by all these names, but for me he was simply DAD.

The fondest memories I have of my father are of the times we spent together, just the two of us. I remember when he drove the school bus for Rowe School, and how we kids would ride to and from school listening to the 8-track tapes of artists from long ago. I remember many warm summer Tuesdays spent at Northampton Cooperative Auction buying and selling rabbits, chickens, and goats, pleading for him to buy that cute little creature that needed a home, which more often than not then accompanied us home in my lap. I remember the many summer days skipping behind the lawn mower as he mowed the lawns of local townspeople, and the particular thrill when I was asked to drive the riding mower from our house to the lawn of a neighbor while he painstakingly drove in front with his pickup truck being sure I was safe. Yes, that green Ford pickup truck where I could sit right beside him on the big bench seat placing my hand on his arm listening to the radio and singing along. The same truck where he told me, “I hope you will always be as happy as you are today.” Well, I have to say, yes DAD, I am.

Dad gave me the skills and knowledge to be the person I have become. He taught me honesty, kindness, perseverance, forgiveness, and love. But most of all he showed me the way to be happy. I miss him terribly and the void will never be filled, as you know, when you lose a loved one. But I will always remember the special times and love my dad showed me, and his memory will always bring me happiness.

—Crystal Griswold

## Thinking about my old friend Cleon Peters

A few years ago, a special article appeared in this newspaper: *To Our Special Valentines: Teresa and Cleon Peters*. What followed was an outpouring of friendship, respect, and admiration framed in the most heart-felt sincerity one could imagine. For example, the Heath Selectboard said, “Cleon and Teresa Peters epitomize what makes Heath such a wonderful community in which to live and raise a family. Their involvement in so many aspects of life in Heath from



the Fair to Peters' Store and beyond are examples to all of us how our town is what we make it to be. One can always count on both a smile and opinion from Cleon and Teresa." Well, Cleon for sure.

As the town's storekeeper, Cleon knew everyone and everything—ask him about something and then sit back and ponder how he came to know all that—about anything! Even better was when Howard Thompson, Howard Dickinson, and Cleon were together, out-yarning one another about the "old days." That was something to cherish! It will be hard not hearing those stories anymore although, if truth were told, we did tend to hear them fairly often. But Cleon always could add something new and interesting.

I will sorely miss his knock at our cabin door on my first day back in Heath for the season, at what seemed to me an ungodly hour (I would be on Pacific time). He would say he forgot about the time-zone gap, but I'd like to think he just could not wait any longer to pick up our friendship where we left it the prior year. I felt the same way about my "old and faithful friend." I'm trying hard not to think about next year.

—Don R. Conlan

On behalf of the entire Quiet Forest family



## Heath Union Church

**The Rev. James Koyama, Minister**  
**Dennis Ainsworth, Organist**  
**Sunday morning worship 10 a.m.**

### All are welcome!

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Dana Blackburn 413-221-0961

Find us on Facebook: Heath Union Evangelical Church. Church building facilities are available for private events. Call Victoria Burrington at 337-4425.

### Church News

The church enjoyed a successful ham and bean supper Friday evening at the Fair. Despite the raindrops, we received and fed a large turnout of hungry people. Following the Sunday service, Rev. Koyama officiated at the dedication of the new bench that was installed at the fairgrounds. It was built and dedicated to the memory of Howard Crowningshield as a tribute to the support he had given the Fair over his lifetime.

Sunday morning pastoral messages are now live-streamed on the church's Facebook page. The videos will continue to be available on that page after a service has concluded. If you are not able to join us in person on a Sunday, you may still hear the inspiring message wherever you are.

As we look forward to fall time, the church will be hosting a public supper. Be on the watch for posters listing the date, time, and further details. The church will also be holding its annual Thanksgiving Eve service on November 21 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship area. The focus will be one of gratitude for the many blessings we each receive. The evening will conclude with a fellowship time of cider and donuts. Please join in this special evening.

—Hilma Sumner

**CIDER DAY!**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27**  
**9 A.M.—NOON**  
**HEATH CENTER**

**Come Press Your Own Cider**  
 Bring a bushel or bag of apples  
 (not apple drops) and your own jugs,  
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 Enjoy music and refreshments in the  
 Community Hall.  
 All are welcome!

A fundraiser for the Heath Parks & Recreation Dept.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

- Oct 6 **BAKE SALE**  
**FRIENDS OF THE HEATH LIBRARY**  
10 a.m. to noon at the front porch of Sawyer Hall in Heath Center
- Oct 6 **HAWLEMONT APPLE CIDER DAYS**  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Little Red School House on the Mohawk Trail
- Oct 6 **FLU CLINIC**  
10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heath Community Hall/Senior Center
- Oct 12 26 **PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR**  
10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Heath Library
- Oct 20 **"CLEAN SWEEP" BULKY WASTE RECYCLING DAY**  
9 a.m. to noon, Buckland Recreation Facility, Northfield Highway Garage, and Whately Transfer Station
- Oct 24 **FLU CLINIC**  
5 to 7 p.m. at the former Heath School building
- Oct 26 **HARRY POTTER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
6 to 7:30 p.m. at Hawlemont School
- Oct 27 **CIDER DAY IN HEATH**  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Heath Center
- Oct 27 **CHARLEMONT FORUM**  
**RACE: FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES**  
7 p.m. at the Charlemont Federated Church
- Nov 3 **LADIES AID CRAFT FAIR**  
For the Heath Student Scholarship Fund  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. downstairs in the Heath Union Church
- Nov 3 **HEATH HISTORICAL SOCIETY: DINING WITH HISTORY**  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. potluck supper and presentation in the Heath Community Hall
- Nov 6 **ELECTION DAY**  
Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Heath Community Hall
- Nov 21 **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**  
7 p.m. at Heath Union Church, fellowship area

**Scheduled activities will not take place on holidays  
or days with school weather closures/delays.**

**ONGOING CALENDAR****FOOT CLINIC FOR SENIORS**

Third Tuesday of each month in the Senior Center, downstairs in the Community Hall  
Contact Eileen McVay-Lively at 413-337-4742 to set up an appointment and/or arrange transportation.

**HEALTHY BONES AND BALANCE**

Tuesday, 11 a.m. to noon, and Thursday, 10 to 11 a.m. in the Senior Center, downstairs in the Community Hall. This exercise program helps prevent falls and osteoporosis. For ages 55 and over

**SENIOR BROWN BAG LUNCH**

First Thursday of each month, 11:45 a.m. in the Senior Center, downstairs in the Community Hall  
Dessert and games

**SENIOR LUNCHEON**

Third Thursday of each month, 11:45 a.m. in the Senior Center, downstairs in the Community Hall  
A count is required by the Monday before the scheduled meal. Please sign up at the Senior Center, downstairs in the Community Hall, or call Margo Newton at 413-339-8580.

**SENIOR OPEN ART**

Mondays from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Senior Center, downstairs in the Community Hall. Open to all. You don't have to be an artist to join!  
Contact Eileen McVay-Lively at 413-337-4742 with questions.

**TAI CHI**

Mondays, 10 to 10:45 a.m. upstairs in the Community Hall. Newcomers welcome, suggested donation (\$5)  
Contact Lois Bascom at [lola621@comcast.net](mailto:lola621@comcast.net) for more information.

**YOGA**

Fridays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. upstairs in the Community Hall, led by Kate Peppard. Beginners welcome, mats available, donations (\$5-10) accepted. Contact Kate at 617-669-4891 with questions.

**HAY PROGRAM FARMERS MARKET**

Thursdays, 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. at Hawlemont School

If you would like an event included on the Community Calendar, please drop a note in the black box located in the Town Hall vestibule, or send an email to [theheathherald@gmail.com](mailto:theheathherald@gmail.com). Please include the title of the event, date, time, location, and contact person.





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Tuesday 7 p.m., Sawyer Hall  
Brian DeVriese, 413-337-5525  
Robyn Provost-Carlson, 413-337-5316  
Gloria Fisher, 413-337-6626

**Town Clerk**, Hilma Sumner  
[townclerk@townofheath.org](mailto:townclerk@townofheath.org)  
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Or call for appointment 413-337-4845

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[accountant@townofheath.org](mailto:accountant@townofheath.org)  
Monday 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (varies)  
413-337-4934, ext. 5

**Tax Collector**, Elizabeth Nichols  
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or call for appointment 413-337-6665  
413-337-4934, ext. 2 / Fax: 413-337-8542

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Haynes Turkle

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Hilma Sumner, Burial Agent, 413-337-4845

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**Historical Commission**, Heather Hathwell

## COMMUNITY

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[www.heathlibrary.org](http://www.heathlibrary.org), [heath.library@gmail.com](mailto:heath.library@gmail.com)  
Monday 3 to 7 p.m., Wednesday noon to 7 p.m.,  
Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; 413-337-4934, ext. 7  
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413-337-4934, ext. 4

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Budge Litchfield, 413-337-4957

### Franklin County Technical School Representative

Art Schwenger, 413-337-4077

### Hawlemont Elementary School

Samantha Rutz, Principal, 413-339-8316

### Town Nurse, Claire Rabbitt, RN

Office hours, Senior Center, 413-337-4847  
Tuesday 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. and Thursday 11 a.m. to 1  
p.m.; Voicemail: 413-337-4934, ext. 109  
Home phone: 413-337-8309

### Senior Center/Community Hall, 413-337-4847

Eileen Lively, Senior Coordinator, 413-337-4742

## PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

### Animal Control Officer, Melinda Herzig

413-337-4934, x 108, or Shelburne Control at 413-  
625-8200 to have paged. All emergencies, dial 911.

### Highway Department, Mike Shattuck, Road

Supervisor; Jeff Johnston, Shop Supervisor;  
413-337-4462; cell, 413-406-4516

### Police Department, Melinda Herzig, Chief

Office hours: Tuesday 6 to 8 p.m. 413-337-4934,  
ext. 108, or call Shelburne Control at 413-625-8200  
to have paged. All emergencies, dial 911

### Transfer Station, Ken Erho, Attendant

Wednesday, noon to 4 p.m. **all year**  
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. **all year**  
Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Memorial Day through  
October 31

### Volunteer Fire Department

Nick Anzuoni, Interim Fire Chief, 413-337-4461, or  
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