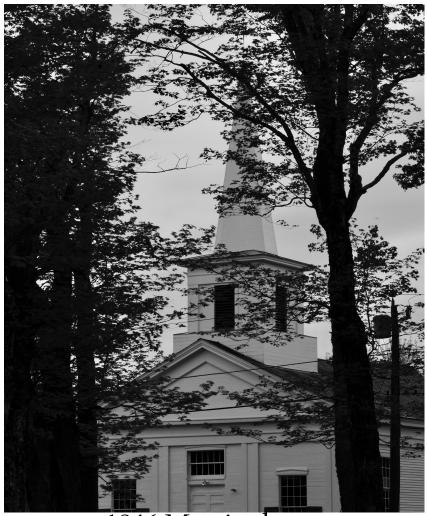
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A Message from the Editor

A year has passed since I wrote my first COVID-19-related "Message from the Editor," to explain how the pandemic was disrupting the plans of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley, as it was doing around the world. In the course of this year more than 152 million people worldwide were sickened by COVID and more than 3.1 million have died. The virus has introduced profound changes in how we all live, work, learn, meet, shop, exercise, communicate, and socialize.

Out of concern for the health of our members and neighbors, the S&DH cancelled its 2020 events. We had no Mud Party in March or trash collection from Hawley roadsides in April; we gave up the American folk sing and garden luncheon in June; we skipped the September Harvest Dinner and the November Apple Fest, and there was no ceremonial lighting of the candelabra in the Meetinghouse in December. The 2020 annual business meeting did take place in August, but Hawley Day was extremely reduced without the usual Kaffe Klatch, luncheon, award ceremony, musical entertainment, contests, and prizes; the small group of attenders wore masks and sat well away from one another.

This spring, things seem different. Though we still have a long way to go, everywhere in the United States there are signs of hope that the end is in sight. For several weeks in a row, the numbers of new cases and deaths have been lower; close to 100 million Americans are fully vaccinated. Here in Franklin County, more than a third of the population is vaccinated, including more than three-

quarters of those who are 65 or older. The CDC has eased its guidance on the use of masks for vaccinated people who are outdoors alone or gathering in small groups. Schools at every level are preparing for in-person classes for vaccinated students in the fall and, locally, Hawlemont Elementary will welcome students back to the building for full in-person learning on May 3rd, Mohawk Trail Regional High School, on May 17th.

The S&DH, too, is looking ahead to a resumption of our seasonal gatherings. We will do it little-by-little, keeping the safety of our members central to our planning. The first step will be holding our May Board meeting at the Grove again. The 2021 annual business meeting will again be conducted outdoors on Hawley Day, and will again be limited to the memorial ceremony and official votes. We hope that by early September it will be safe to do the traditional Harvest Dinner at Stump Sprouts, the Apple Fest potluck in November, and the Illumination Party in December. These events appear in our calendar with question marks, since no one knows with certainty how things will go in the coming weeks and months, but we are hopeful that by the fall of 2021 we will be able to gather together again to celebrate the beauty and rich bounty of our region.

Suzy Q Groden, Editor, The Edge of Hawley

Sons and Daughters of Hawley 2021 Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Location	Time
Board Meeting	5/20	Grove?	5:00 pm
Board Meeting	6/17	Grove?	5:00 pm
Board Meeting	7/15	Grove?	5:00 pm
Hawley Day-			10 am-
Annual Mtg	8/8	Grove	12 pm
No-Bake Bake		Online	
Sale	September	donating	
Harvest		Stump	5-7pm?
Dinner?	9/12?	Sprouts?	_
Board Meeting	9/16	Grove?	5 :00pm
Apple Fest?	TBD	Poudriers' Pond Road?	4-7pm?
Illumination Party?	12/12?	Meetinghouse?	4-5pm?

The Sons & Daughters of Hawley Board does not meet from November through February.



Trout Fly

Photo by Georgette DeFriesse

Upcoming Events

Hawley Day. The annual business meeting of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley will be held on August 8th, 2021, preceded by a memorial ceremony to honor those who have passed away this year. In June, members will receive their regular membership



renewal letter and, with it, a description of how Hawley Day and the annual business meeting will be conducted. The mailing will include a proxy form which members who do not choose to attend in person can send in ahead of time, to register their votes on the proposed slate of officers and trustees for 2021-2024. Everything will take place outside, in front of the Grove, as it did last year, and attenders will follow the CDC's recommendations regarding the use of masks and social distancing.

No-Bake Bake Sale: Throughout September, members of the S&DH will be making donations by email and post, to support the activities of the society.

There is a long-standing tradition for members to share old family recipes and poems in conjunction with their donations, and we encourage members to do that again this year.

Harvest Dinner: Last fall, the pandemic forced Lloyd and Suzanne Crawford to close Stump Sprouts. But they are starting to open it up again, and we are hoping to have one of our wonderful Harvest Dinners there, followed by an informative presentation on an environmentally-related topic. The dinner is tentatively slated to take place on the first Sunday after Labor Day (September 12th). It is always a

remarkable meal, composed of locally grown food, prepared expertly by Suzanne and Lloyd Crawford. Stump Sprouts in located at the top of West Hill Rd.



Apple Fest:

This is an annual potluck dinner, celebrating the apple harvest. It has always been



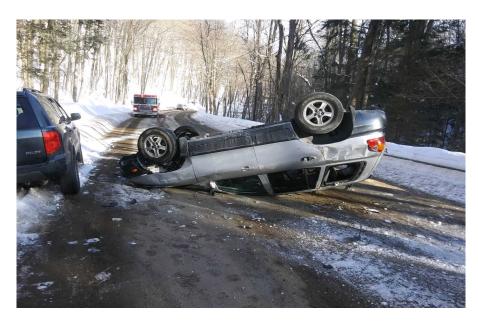
scheduled to coincide with the conclusion of Cider Days, our region-wide festival of apples and cider, and is held at the home of Ray and Melanie Poudrier, on Pond Road in East Hawley. We don't know yet if the cider event will take place this year, so the exact date is still to be determined. The Poudriers provide the main dish and everyone brings an apple-themed dish: appetizer, side dish, salad, or dessert.

Illumination Party: This is the last S&DH event of the year. It is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, December 12th, from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. We gather in the Meetinghouse, drink hot cider, munch cookies, and watch as the beautiful glass globes of the central chandelier are carefully removed, filled with gas, replaced, and lit. The globes give off a warm golden light, and we celebrate this annual ritual by singing seasonal songs.

Town and Community

Hawley Volunteer Fire Department Responds to 4 Calls in 23 Hours!

Story and photographs by Hussain Hamdan



At about 9:00 A.M. on February 13th, the Hawley Fire Department was dispatched to a motor vehicle rollover on Route 8A, not far from the Plainfield line. The vehicle had lost control going down the hill, hit the guardrail, and rolled over. No other vehicles were involved, although, in an interesting twist of events, another car got stuck in the snow-bank, trying to drive around the rollover before the road could be closed. Hawley personnel secured the scene, evaluated those involved in the accident, and closed the road to traffic with help from the State Police and Plainfield Police. The three occupants of the vehicle suffered no significant injuries and, although

Charlemont Ambulance responded, no one was transported to the hospital.

With the response on 8A still ongoing, Hawley personnel were alerted to another accident by Dispatch: a vehicle had crashed into a pole on East Hawley Road. Since there were sufficient personnel at the first scene, the Fire Department sent two trucks and five personnel to the second event. Upon arriving, Hawley personnel again set up traffic control, secured the scene, and began evaluating the occupants of the vehicle for injuries. The State Police also responded to this call. Again, there were three occupants and again, no one ended up being transported to the hospital. The vehicle involved was seriously damaged, but the pole was apparently intact.

As if this wasn't enough action, a little before 4:00A.M. on February 14th, the Fire Department was again called out, this time to assist Charlemont for a structure fire. Personnel from both East and West Hawley answered the call, with Hawley Tanker 1 (East) and Hawley Engine 1 (West) crewed and ready to go shortly after the call came in. The fact that such a strong and effective response could occur in the early hours of the morning in a volunteer department speaks volumes about the dedication and professionalism of Hawley's personnel.

A few hours later, shortly after 8:00A.M., Hawley Fire Department first responders and an EMT responded to a 911 call for a medical emergency at a

residence in town. Hawley personnel, along with a member of the Buckland Fire Department who was in the area, responded and rendered aid. Charlemont Ambulance also responded, along with Colrain Ambulance (operating paramedic level) and a patient was transported to the hospital.

In all, at least nine Hawley Volunteer Fire Department members were involved in these four calls, many attending more than one.







Top Left: Vehicle vs. Pole on East Hawley Road, Feb 13, 2021. **Bottom Left:** A State Police cruiser and the Hawley Fire Department Brush Truck on East Hawley Road. **Right:** Firefighter Brandon C. Root holds pieces of the crashed vehicle's grill after the car was pulled out by a tow truck.

Amelie Rowehl of Hawley named MTRS 2021 Superintendent's Award Recipient.



This award recognizes Amelie Rowehl as a committed student, athlete, and valued member of the community. Ranked first in her class, with a 4.54 GPA, she consistently challenges herself, effectively balancing school, sports, and work at her family 's business.

An avid skier, Rowehl has been a valued member of the MTRS alpine ski team since seventh grade. She is also an active member of the school's Social Justice Club and National Honor Society. Her ultimate goal is to major in political science in college and then attend law school to become an immigration lawyer.

"I'm really honored to be a recipient," said Rowehl. "I've been working hard throughout my high school career and to receive this recognition, it felt really rewarding. [...] I feel really lucky to be recognized; that people noticed all the hard work I've put in."

Rowehl said she's among a group of hard-working and committed MTRS students and credits them for helping to push her in her studies. "I have amazing classmates," she said. "The top five in our class all heavily contributed to my commitment to school and challenged my ways of thinking."

Mohawk Trail/Hawlemont Regional School Districts Superintendent Sheryl Stanton said Rowehl is an excellent example of how hard work, dedication, and determination can help students achieve their goals and be the best version of themselves. "Amelie is a student who consistently took advantage of the opportunities at her fingertips while at Mohawk Trail Regional School and pushed herself toward academic excellence," said Stanton. "She's a shining example of the type of students we have in our schools and we are so proud to have her represent our district this year as a Superintendent's Award recipient."

Thinking back on her time at MTRS, Rowehl said she is grateful for her teachers and classmates for helping to make her into the person she is today and for the opportunities available to her while at MTRS. "They offer a variety of classes—there are AP classes in almost every class which really helped to prepare me for the challenges ahead," said Rowehl.

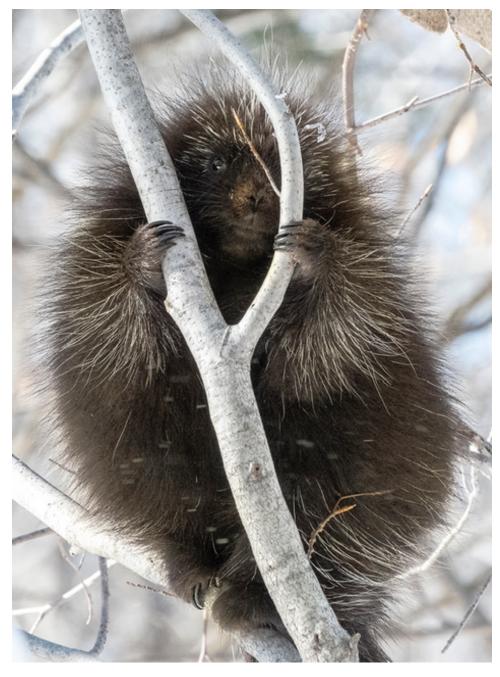
"The teachers at MTRS are definitely special; they're supportive, flexible, and helpful."

While Rowehl likes to credit others for helping her to achieve her academic success, those around her attest to her academic dedication and overall work commitment; a true asset to the school and community. "Amelie is an outstanding member of our school community," said Mohawk Trail Regional School Principal Marisa Mendonsa. "Her commitment to our school community through her participation in athletics, clubs, as well as her strong academic output and focus on issues of social justice, make her an excellent candidate for this award. We are incredibly proud of her accomplishments and the legacy she has left at MTRS."

Rowehl is a proud member of the Mohawk Trail Regional School Class of 2021 and will graduate as valedictorian in June.

MTRS 8th Graders to Participate in Statewide Youth-led Service Initiative.

Chayim Mojallali of Hawley is one of 8 8th grade students at Mohawk Trail Regional School who were selected this year to represent their towns as Project 351 Ambassadors. These students join 8th graders representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts's 351 cities and towns for a transformational year of youth-led service, leadership development, and civic engagement. Congratulations, Chayim Mojallali!



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Photo by Georgette DeFriesse

BYGONE YEARS OF HAWLEY

The Coxes Come to Hawley

By Lark Thwing

Dr. Stanley and wife Almira Cox of Holyoke came to Hawley in 1923 with their family of five kids (Phoebe, Charlotte, Stanley, Almira, and Gardner) to go blueberrying on land belonging to William Yoerg of Holyoke (the Blueberry Patch as we kids knew it).



That summer, according to my grandmother Almira Cox's manuscript, "The Right to Life," William Yoerg, a patient of Dr. Stanley Cox (my grandfather), suggested that he take his family to Hawley to pick blueberries on property that he owned. They were to go to the tavern to get directions to the Blueberry Patch. Grandfather Stanley was very excited at the prospect because he could see the property serving as

a camp for "his boy scouts." Grandmother Cox on the other hand could see the property serving as a getaway for her family. She got her wish. On October 16, 1923, the property, including the tavern, the land surrounding it, and a woodlot – a little more than 100 acres in all, was purchased in her name. On August 25, 1926, the Eldredge farm, consisting of 75 acres, was purchased. That is where Greg Cox's house, Lark Thwing's house, and the guest house, "Flight's End," where Kirby and Charlotte Thwing lived in retirement, are now located.

Kirby Thwing of Winchester came to Hawley around 1936 as a camp counselor/au pair for the Parker family in West Hawley. He looked after their five kids during the week while the Parker parents were working. He was a counselor for five years and during that time he met Charlotte Cox. Kirby married Charlotte in 1941. Bill was born in 1942, Lark (Kirby Jr) in 1945 and Lisa (Charlotte Elizabeth) in 1947.



Henry Szewczynski lived in Holyoke and met the younger Cox daughter Almira. They were engaged on Oct. 15, 1942. They were married on Dec. 26, 1942. They had two children, Almira Fay, born in 1943 and Henryk Jan born in 1947. In 1963 they built a second home in Hawley, north of the site of the old Eldredge farmhouse.

The eldest Cox child, Phoebe, never married, but became a doctor like her grandfather Gardner and her father Stanley.

The youngest child, Gardner met and married Helen Westbrook. Gardner became a doctor in Holyoke like his grandfather and father before him. He and Helen would come to Hawley to "get away" and occupied a little cabin that was set off to the south from the main Eldredge farmhouse and barn. Gardner and Helen had three children, Gardner, born in 1948, Gregory, born in 1952, and Helen Louise (Weizi) born in 1954.

In the late 1940s, 1950s and early 1960s, the Thwings and Seffs (Szewczynski) would spend summers and other vacation times in Hawley and shared occupancy of the old farmhouse. The Thwings had the bedrooms on the second floor and the Seffs had a large room on the first floor behind the living room. The kitchen, bath and living room were shared space. There was a two-story ell off the kitchen with two bedrooms on the first floor and an open space above, reachable from the attached barn. The two bedrooms in the ell were for guests.

In the mid-to-late 1950s, we kids--Fay, Lark, Jan, Lisa, and Gary--took over the empty space above the ell and converted it into our own dormitory. We removed the old chimney which began on a flat rock on the second floor. We developed an exit through the window at the north end of the room so we could "escape" unnoticed. We learned a lot about anatomy up in that dorm space.

In the early 1960s, Hank tore down the old condemned farmhouse; it was gone before any of us knew it was going to happen. Sometime in the 1950s, Gardner and Helen built the first version of the cottage that looks out over the pond. Most of us kids worked on it in some way or other. There are pictures of Hank, Gardner, and Kirby using the little Oliver bulldozer and John Deere tractor to dig a hole and install the oil tank. The water table was so high that they had to partially fill the tank to keep it from floating.

In those formative years in the 1950s the three families spent their summers in Hawley. Kirby, being a teacher, had the summers off. Gardner employed him to work on the property, expanding the farm fields, stoning them and doing anything else that needed doing. Gardner and Hank worked and came up only on weekends, but the wives and all the kids had entire summers in Hawley.

In 1958, the tavern property was deeded to the Holyoke Boys Club.

In the 1950s, Gardner Cox built in Hawley; in the 1960s, Hank and Almira Seff built on land that Gardner had deeded to them; in the 1970s, Gary built up near the woodlot on land deeded to him by Stanley C. Cox (from Denver) and by Phoebe, Charlotte, Almira and Gardner (of Holyoke and Hawley); and in the 1980s, Kirby and Charlotte built on land deeded to them by Gardner. Kirby and Charlotte's and Hank and Almira's properties have since been deeded to Kirby Thwing, Jr. (Lark). So, you can see, there has been a consistent Cox Clan presence in Hawley since 1923. We are still considered "newcomers."



Births

Ivan James Swope, born on January 8, 2021 at home, 49 East Hawley Road, Hawley, to Jessica May Williams and Weston James Swope.

Cooper Brett Clark, born on February 23, 2021 at Baystate Franklin Medical Center, to Ariel Kay McConkey and Bryan Wayne Clark, 12 Pudding Hollow Road, Hawley.

Lucy Beatrice Neipp, born on April 3, 2021 at Cooley Dickinson Hospital, to Holly Beatrice Neipp and Christopher Brendan Goodhind, 26 Forget Road, Hawley.





Spring Beauties

Photo by Georgette DeFriesse

Obituary



Mary Morgan (Goodwin) "Polly" Bartlett, 93, meandered off from this world on her final hike and joined her late husband, David C. Bartlett, on April 6, 2021. Born in Philadelphia on August 13, 1927, Polly earned a BS in Animal Science at Penn State in 1949, an MS in

Dairy Science at Washington State in 1951, and came to this region to work analyzing dairy genetics at UMass Amherst (although she had been told by her advisor at WSU that there were no jobs she could do that a man couldn't do better). At UM/A, she met David Bartlett, a civil engineer, and they married in 1957. After spending some time in Maine, they returned to Massachusetts, settling in Buckland in 1968. Polly became involved in community life in the village of Shelburne Falls and the Deerfield River Valley, teaching physical education, leading nature programs, working with 4-H clubs. She helped found the Buckland Conservation Commission and the Deerfield River Watershed Association, as well as the "Champagne Hikers." She welcomed guests at the Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum, drove the pump car, and continued to ski at Berkshire East until just last year. Although Polly Bartlett was not a Hawley resident, she was admired and beloved by a great many who are.

Land Transfers

Sarah A. Alleman Estate "aka" Sarah A. Dreher Estate and Veronica Navarrete, personal representative and individually, to Michael Todd Yoder and Regina Lynn Yoder. 17 Hunt Road. \$50,000.

Holly B. Steward "aka" Holly B. Neipp to Christopher B. Goodhind and Holly B. Neipp. 26 Forget Road. \$100.

Elizabeth A.E. Thwing and Kirby R. Thwing, Jr. to Elizabeth A.E. Thwing. 6 Pond Road. No consideration.

Elizabeth A.E. Thwing and Kirby R. Thwing, Jr. to Kirby R. Thwing. 15 Pond Road. No consideration.

Tanya Zoe Bryant and Margaret E. Fitzpatrick to Kristie L. Faufaw and Michael S. Sisum. East Hawley Road. \$45,000.

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Kevin A. Richardson to 32 Dodge Road Trust, Kevin A. Richardson, Trustee. 32 Dodge Road. No consideration.

Shirley S. Schreiber and Thomas H. Schreiber to Kristen R, Schreiber and Thomas D. Schreiber. Watson Road and Watson-Plainfield Road. \$100,000.

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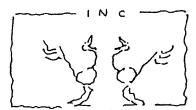
Hawley's own LaTinque is a food writer, historian, and occasional television star. Her new cookbook, *Love, Laughter, and Rhubarb*, has just been published. Tinky is also the author of *The Pudding Hollow Cookbook* and *Pulling Taffy*.

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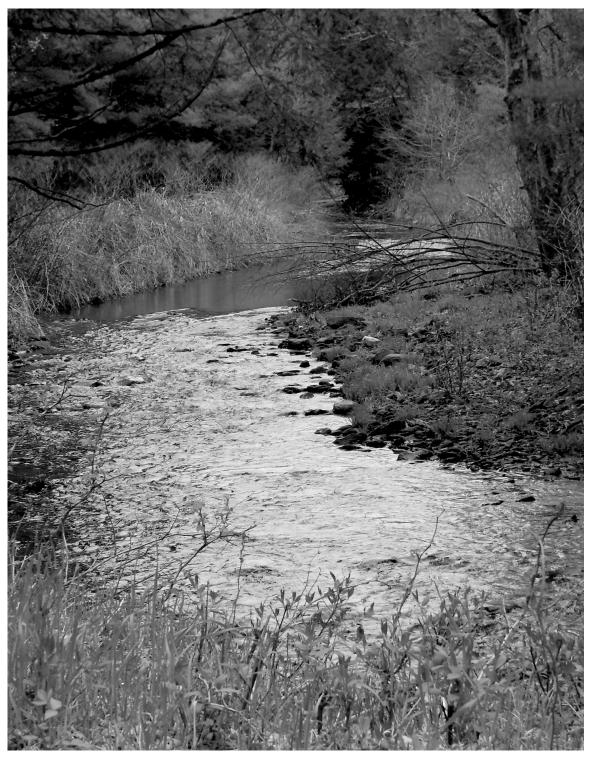
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