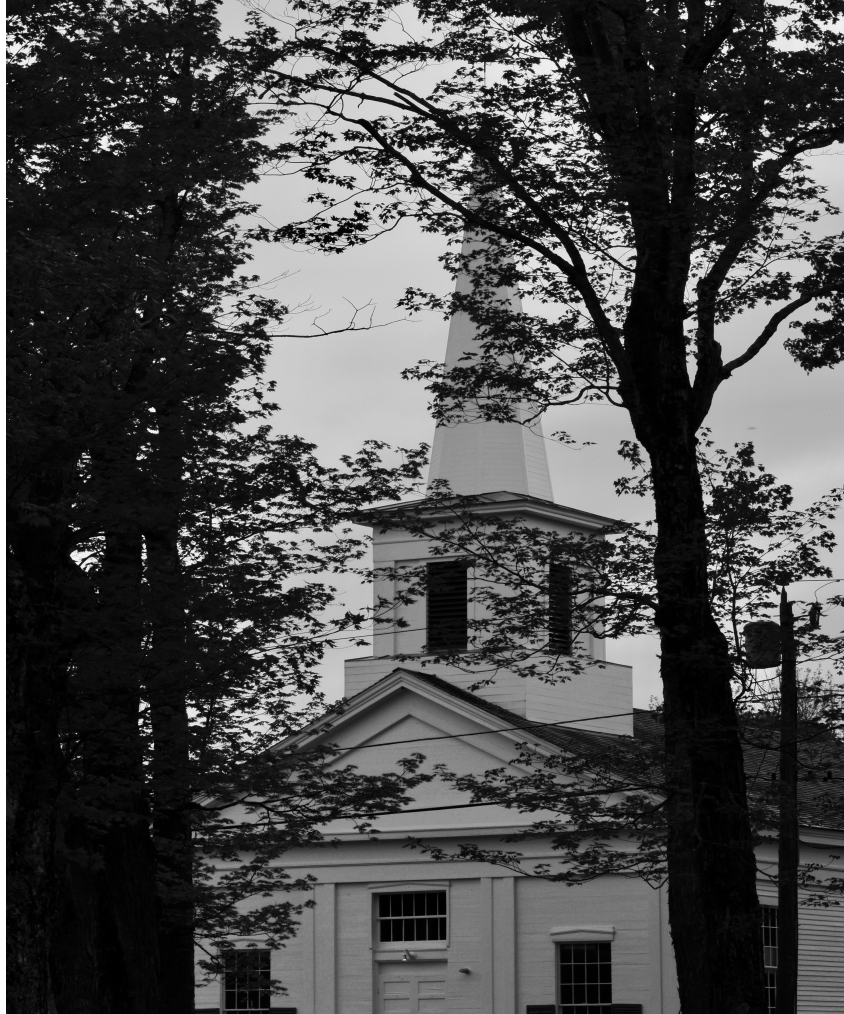


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Sons and Daughters of Hawley 2020 Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Location	Time
Annual S&DH Meeting	8/9	Grove & Meetinghouse	11 am-1 pm
No-Bake Bake Sale	September	Online donating	
Harvest Dinner?	9/13?	Stump Sprouts?	5 pm-7pm?
Board Meeting	9/17	Conference call?	5 pm
Apple Fest?	11/1?	Poudriers' Pond Road?	4 pm - 7pm?
Illumination Party?	12/13?	Meetinghouse?	4 pm - 5pm?

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

Editor's note: The Edge of Hawley has several new features, including "How We Came to Hawley," "My Favorite Place in Hawley," "Letters from Our Readers," and photographs by Hawley residents that celebrate the unique beauty of our town. Readers are warmly encouraged to contribute to future issues with their art, photography, descriptions of favorite Hawley locales, or the story of how and when they came to live here (which for many, of course, is the very important story of growing up here). To submit something for publication, please contact the editor at suzyqgroden@gmail.com.



Josh & his team at the Schoelzel family barn

Photo by Hugh Schoelzel



Purple gentian

Photo by Hugh Schoelzel

A Message from the Board of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley

This is the second issue of *The Edge of Hawley* in which the Calendar (page 4) has question marks next to a number of upcoming events. 2020 has been an extraordinary and trying year, to say the least. All of our spring events were cancelled because we wanted to avoid drawing members to gatherings where there was the danger of coronavirus contagion. The cancellations sadden us: it feels as if the pandemic has stripped from our lives events that traditionally mark the cycle of seasons. Over the years, they have been sources of delight in and of themselves and, even more importantly, have brought members together as a community, which is one of the key purposes of the society. But we can't know now what will be the safe thing to do about the fall and winter events. In late June, as this is being written, record-breaking numbers of new cases are being reported in several states across the nation. Thus, the question marks. The only event we are sure of is the Annual S&DH Meeting on August 9th, though it will be held with significant modifications (see page 16).

Given how very extraordinary this year has been, the Board feels that there should be a record in *The Edge* of the effects of the pandemic on us: an accounting, in personal terms, of how it has forced people to stay at home; to retreat from normal social contact with neighbors and friends; to cope with the

frustrations caused by businesses having had to close; to lose jobs, income, and employment benefits; to wear face masks to protect others and ourselves; to wash our hands repeatedly throughout the day. For that reason, some members of the Board have written about how they have been experiencing this very strange time. Here are observations by four members of the Board of life during the 2020 pandemic.

Alice Parker Pyle ~

The Solitary Life

I've been remarkably little affected by the virus. Thoughtful friends and neighbors bring me supplies from town, and I can continue most of my usual activities. No traveling means that I can pick up some long-neglected projects, and there is a daily struggle to clear the desk and put things away. In the quiet, I hear many bird calls, and have loved watching this late spring come into flower.

What I really miss are the casual interactions with friends and family that spice the solitude. And I have built up a huge backlog of hugs that have to wait until we can sing together again! Today's treat was picking up some books from the library. What a blessing to have that open again!

Lark Thwing ~

The coronavirus has affected Beth and me but not at all the way it has affected many Americans. Neither of us has been ill in any way, but it has drastically

changed our life. We had to cancel a South Africa trip in April and a Yellowstone trip with my grandson in late June and we know that there will be no traveling for us until there's a vaccine for coronavirus due to Beth's MS. We have not been able to gather with our grandchildren or our own children physically since early March. At the beginning of June, we began to meet in their front yard, socially distanced, with masks, sitting on chairs, for about an hour.

Because of Beth's MS, she's pretty much around the house anyway, but we have taken a couple of short convertible road trips, and we have been tandem trike riding along the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail in Cheshire a few times.

Beth and Sue Crawford have spent the last several months making masks for anyone in Hawley who wants one. There is a supply both at the Town Hall and at The Grove. My time has been spent mostly securing my firewood supply for next two winters and working to clear wood roads in the family woodlot. Otherwise, life goes on pretty much as normal for the two of us, thank God.

One good thing that has come out of this coronavirus is that my niece Jennie, her husband Doogie and four-year-old grandson Kirby, who live in New York City, have been staying at our guest house since March 11th and will be there until the end of August, so we get to see them and we do get to see little Kirby. It's a reminder that when one door closes, often another door opens.

Stay safe, wash your hands, wear a mask, social distance, be well.

Pamela Shrimpton ~

Although the Covid-19 situation in Hawley differs from that of the larger towns and cities in the country and the world, our small town needs to follow all the same rules that large cities like Boston do. We have been following the rules of social distancing and wearing masks.

Covid-19 hits home for me because I have lost two extended family members to the virus, and a third has it. In addition, my daughter, her husband, and her new baby live in Boston, where, initially, she was afraid to go out for a walk because the sidewalks were crowded and many folks did not wear masks and thought nothing of bumping into them. Once masks became "mandatory," things got better on the sidewalks of her Boston neighborhood.

In Hawley, we have an abundance of space for sitting and walking out of doors, so it's not as much of an issue. And, though we do not have the option of grocery delivery, we are fortunate to have local stores such as Avery's, where we can call or e-mail ahead and avoid going into the store.

Skype and Zoom, platforms where one can call one's family through the internet and see them as well, is not an option for many Hawleyites yet due to the less-than-optimal internet access we have, while we await the installation of the new wi fi system.

We are sheltered in Hawley, where we seem to be safer than many others (with our zero confirmed cases of Covid-19 -- at least as far as we know). Still, this sheltering at

home has been hard. My heart pines for my grandchild, who is six months old and a beautiful little carrot top (you may see her birth announcement later in this issue). And my mom is in an independent living facility 45 minutes away which is locked down: no visitors. She will sorely miss attending the annual S&DH meeting this year.

Here is hoping that we all continue to wear the masks that Suzanne Crawford and Beth Thwing have been generously sewing for Hawleyites; that our Hawley friends and neighbors stay well; and that soon it will once again be safe to visit our loved ones and have them come to our beautiful hill town to visit us.

Suzy Q Groden ~

These days, every exchange begins with the question, "How are you doing?" and the question is not a mere ritualistic salutation. The questioners genuinely want to know how we are doing. Are we and the rest of our household free of Covid-19 symptoms? Are we otherwise well? Have we been able to get the supplies we need? Are we holding up, emotionally and financially? Do we need any kind of help? And folded into that question is the sincere offer of whatever help might be needed. It is this spirit of community caring that gives the town strength and resilience, despite the many ways that everyday life has been transformed by the pandemic.

Letters from Our Readers

May 6, 2020

Dear Suzy Groden,

Best thanks to you and your team for the fine Spring 2020 issue.

Bruce and Bill Maxwell's contributions were of special interest to me because I knew them as children, enjoyed many visits during the summer months with their delightful grandmother, Ellen Gould, and enjoyed a friendship with their mother, Arvilla. I came to know this family during long summers spent from 1939 to 1950 at neighboring Lindenbrook Farm, known as the Sprague property, and bought by my parents in 1939 from owners named Heyward.

Arvilla's younger brothers were the only children around and I often played "Red Light" or "Mother, may I?" after supper in their front yard. On rainy days, I played cards with Ellen Gould by the light of her kerosene lamp. She was extremely kind and hospitable, worked hard in the large vegetable garden next to the house, and generously shared the crop of squash, zucchini, tomatoes — always offered with a gentle smile.

I had great respect for Arvilla, who commuted long distances in all weathers to her job in North Adams and was a whiz at sewing clothing from simple skirts to complicated men's suits. I kept up with her via postcards and notes for many years and visited her a number of times in Arcadia, Florida

when I spent time with my mother (d. 2006) for a few weeks each winter in the 1970s and 1980s.

Arvilla's hospitality was phenomenal. We always came away with oranges and grapefruit from trees in her backyard. Industrious as ever, she ran an upholstery business in her garage, where a sofa or large armchair was always under repair. Years later, when I lived in the Boston area, I visited her in her home in Townsend where she maintained a thriving vegetable garden and canned the produce, as her mother had done. When she decided to sell her home, she had an Open House and invited neighbors and friends to take objects she'd no longer need after moving to a retirement home in Keene, NH, near the home of her son Bill and his wife Joan. I'll never forget her cheerful attitude at this life-changing event where I collected a globe and a small lamp with a handsome wooden base made by Arvilla's father. In my drastic move in 2016 to a retirement home, I reluctantly gave the globe away. The lamp is in daily use beside my bed.

Arvilla was always cheery when I visited her in her retirement home in Keene, NH. She enjoyed preparing meals and sharing them with neighbors. As in previous encounters during my adult years, I came away inspired by her kindness, generosity, resourcefulness, courage, and positive outlook, despite major odds. She maintained this attitude when transferred to a nearby nursing facility, kept on knitting useful garments for family members,

and told me that being in this place was like living in a full-service luxury hotel.

In recent years I reconnected with her son Bill when I spent a week or two in a rental, a mile down the road from where Bill's former home and my family's summer home were situated. Both were destroyed by fire decades ago. Members of my family revisit these sites, once more readily accessible thanks to repairs to Middle Road after Hurricane Irene. A major incentive for revisiting the area, aside from its idyllic beauty, is the friendly reception we receive from residents Alice Parker, Will Cosby and Lisa Johnson, Tinky Weisblat, and neighbors encountered at local events.

A further incentive for my visiting the area is the presence, in the East Hawley cemetery, of family burial plots for my parents, husband, and his sister. For many decades, beginning in the 1940s, family members and I often walked past this lovely resting-place. I recall my fascination at the sight of large holes along the side of the road, marking the site of homes in this long-ago flourishing community.

Lilian Cramer Randall

Note: We replied to the above letter, asking if the writer would be willing to have her letter published. The following is the response received ...

Dear Suzy Groden,

I'd be delighted to have my letter appear in the summer issue of *The Edge of Hawley*. The June issue, like previous ones, stirred many good memories of carefree summers in Hawley. One thing I'm not sure of is the name of the cemetery on Hallockville Rd. I'd appreciate your checking this*.

Fine memories other than those I related include the telephone party line, with four long and four short rings for the Parker farmhouse on Middle Road. It was rented one summer (ca. 1947) by Leonard Bernstein, whom my sister and I, both teenagers, were amazed to see playing croquet wearing only blue satin shorts as we drove by on our way to or from Charlemont. Lenny drove a huge yellow convertible at a fast clip *en route* to Tanglewood, where he was summertime assistant to Serge Koussevitsky. We always dreaded but never experienced an encounter on Middle Road on our way to Avery's, where I've appreciated many decades of friendly service.

As you surmised, my summer rentals for reunions with far-flung family members in recent years were the farm house or cottages at Singing Brook Farm.

Best thanks for your kind response and all good wishes for your welfare,

Lilian

* We have let Ms. Randall know that the cemetery she asked about is "South Cemetery."

Events of the Past Season

Cemetery clean-ups. In April, May, and June, a team of S&DH members devoted three Saturdays to cleaning up some of the historic town-owned cemeteries. Spring clean-ups have been held at the Doane Cemetery for several years, but this year, under the leadership of Melanie Poudrier, the project has been expanded to include the Bozrah Cemetery, and East Hawley Cemetery.



The initial work day took place at the East Hawley Cemetery on Saturday, April 25th, with the



raking of leaves, picking up of fallen branches, and pruning of shrubs and trees. The same kind of tidying was done at the

Doane on May 2nd. Juanita Clark single-handedly cleaned up the Bozrah in mid-April, so the group was

able to schedule a return session at the Doane, on June 6th, to clean the surfaces of some of the older gravestones. Since this work was being done in a way that sought to protect everyone involved from potential Covid-19 contagion (everyone was required to wear a mask and gloves and to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other workers), the resettling of leaning gravestones had to be postponed until it is safe for workers to be close to one another.

Upcoming Events

Hawley Day: The Annual S&DH Meeting will take place, as originally scheduled, on Sunday, August 9th, 2020. However, for the protection of attenders a number of modifications and constraints will be in place, and it will not be a traditional Hawley Day.

The meeting will take place outdoors in front of the Grove building. It will consist of a brief memorial service beginning at 11 AM, followed by the Annual Membership Meeting. There will be no coffee hour before the meeting and no picnic lunch or program afterwards. Those attending will be required to wear face masks and maintain 6-foot social distancing. Some chairs will be available, but attenders are encouraged to bring their own and, if they wish, folding tables. Since no food or drink will be provided, participants in the meeting are invited to bring anything they'd like to eat or drink with them.

Once participants in the meeting sit down, they will have to stay put. Despite these restrictions, the SDH board believes this meeting will affirm the continuity of our organization and its role in our community. It will feel good to be together.



The original plan for this year's afternoon program was the recording of a new round of interviews with some of our older members: people who can provide us with a living history of the town, describe their experiences growing up in Hawley in the early decades of the 20th century, recall the people they knew and the changes they have seen. A first set of interviews was conducted in 1987 and another was done during the bicentennial celebrations of 1992. Now, many of those who were involved in creating those records are, themselves, our elders. Their memories are priceless and must be recorded and preserved.

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

Harvest Dinner: The Harvest Dinner is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 13th, at Stump Sprouts, on West Hill Road. In addition to the always remarkable meal, composed of locally grown food and prepared skillfully by Suzanne and Lloyd Crawford, Joan Deely, an expert on the relationship between invasive and native plants, is the planned after-dinner presenter. We will let members know if the event can be held, as soon as we know.

Apple Fest: This annual potluck dinner celebrates the apple harvest, and is always scheduled to coincide with the conclusion of Cider Days, our region-wide festival of apples and cider (this year, the date is November 1st). If we can hold it, the event will take place between 4:00 and 7:00 P.M., at the home of Ray and Melanie Poudrier. They provide the main dish and everyone brings an apple-themed dish: appetizer, side dish, salad, or dessert. We will let members know if the event can be held as scheduled as soon as we know.



Illumination Party: This is the last S&DH event of the year. It is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, December 13th, from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. We traditionally gather in the meetinghouse, drink hot cider, munch cookies, and watch as the beautiful glass globes of the central candelabra 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 carols. We will let members know if the event can be held as scheduled as soon as we know.



Community and Town Business

Due date for taxes extended. The Hawley Board of Selectmen, realizing that some Hawley taxpayers could be adversely affected by the pandemic and under considerable financial strain, extended the due date to June 30, 2020 for real estate and personal property taxes, and applications for exemptions and waivers of interest on certain municipal taxes and other bills.

Election on June 1st. 48 Hawley citizens cast votes in this year's town election, which was held outside in the Town Hall parking lot. Poll workers and voters were required to wear face masks. However, even with these conditions, 37 of the 48 preferred to cast their votes as absentee ballots so as to avoid possible exposure to or spreading of the virus while voting in person.

The following incumbents, running unopposed, secured their seats for another term:

- Robert Root, Selectboard / Board of Health
- Robert Root, Hawlemont Regional School District School Committee
- Rick Kean, Assessor
- Scott Purinton, Mohawk Trail Regional School District School Committee
- Pamela Shrimpton, Town Clerk
- Kirby "Lark" Thwing, Moderator
- Carla Clark, Auditor

FY 2021 Budget Approved at June 8th Annual Town Meeting. 21 Hawley voters attended an outdoor town meeting on Monday, June 8th to vote on the proposed FY 2021 budget. In addition to fixing the salaries and compensation of the members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Assessors, Auditor, and Moderator, the \$591,656 budget included appropriations for the non-school general operations of the town and Hawley's contributions to the school districts which serve the town's children, as well as additional appropriations needed for the conduct of town government. The voters approved the budget as proposed, except for the contributions to Hawlemont Elementary School and Mohawk Trail Regional High School. Those amounts (\$284,954 and \$184,202, respectively) had been determined last March, before the school committees knew how severely the pandemic would affect state revenues, and how massive the reductions in school budgets were going to be in FY 2021. Thus, they were unrealistic and had to be voted down. The schools will run on a month-by-month budget based on last year's spending until the school committees can propose new year-long budgets, which will require their knowing the level of state aid they will be receiving.

Sidehill Farm: The Next Chapter.



In the Winter, 2018 issue of *The Edge*, we published an article about Sidehill Farm, the beautiful spread on Forget Road at the top of East Hawley, on what used to be Ivy

Donovan's potato farm. The piece described the journey of Amy Klippenstein and Paul Lakinski, who started by growing vegetables in Ashfield and eating inordinate amounts of yogurt, then got a cow to provide the milk needed to make their own yogurt, and ended with a 200+ herd of cows and a phenomenally successful organic yogurt business. A year later, in the Winter, 2019 issue, we reported that Amy and Paul had decided to divide the Sidehill business in two, and were seeking young farmers to take over the dairy farming part so that they could focus on producing yogurt.

On June 4th, Amy sent out her Sidehill Farm News blog with the headline, "The Crackpot Idea Comes to Fruition!" She announced that, after a lengthy process of struggling to overcome a series of seemingly insurmountable difficulties, she and Paul had, that morning, officially transferred ownership of the cows, the dairy, the pastures, and the farm shop to Gus and Kyra Tafel, a couple of young, energetic, and committed farmers. The Tafels are introducing some

changes, starting with the name of the farm, which is now Meadowsweet Farm. Their own certified organic lamb is now available in the farm shop, in addition to the beef and pork that has regularly been for sale, and some new cheeses. Amy and Paul will still be around, buying milk from the Tafels and producing their delicious yogurt in the creamery at the farm.



And ... Here's Another Feel-Very-Good Story ...

There are few enterprises that have been as essential a part of Hawley life, for over 150 years, than Avery's General Store. In fact, it may be safe to say that it has been THE most essential and dependable



supplier of what families in Hawley and other West County towns have needed in order to live since it opened, in 1861: groceries (with an exceptionally good meat department), drugstore supplies, clothing, small appliances, general hardware, supplies for painting, plumbing, construction, appliance and electronics repair, auto care, pet care, grounds care, stationery -- just about everything. So, it was with a mixture of optimism and concern that area residents learned, in 2016, that Dennis Avery and Karen Hogness, who had been running the family store for 42 years, were selling Avery's to a couple with a strong connection to Charlemont so that they could retire and pursue musical and other interests. We all wished them a joyful and peaceful retirement, and hoped that the new owners would have an easy time assuming ownership.

The agreed-upon arrangements were reassuring: the store would continue to be called Avery's; the staff would be kept on; the store would remain a true general store, stocking everything local families need in order to maintain their households; customers would still be able to pay with cash or credit, or charge their purchases.

Three years later, however, the story had changed. In 2019, the current owners sold the building and business to a Boston real estate investor and started negotiations for the sale of the store inventory, as well. Several of Avery's employees formed a Limited Liability Company (LLC) in order to be positioned to lease the store space from the new owner, and ultimately take over the daily operations and management of Avery's General Store. They were expecting a relatively smooth transition to Avery's

becoming an employee-owned business. However, the inventory sale deal broke down in mid-March, 2020, at which point the current owners decided to liquidate what was left of the store inventory.

What happened next is the stuff that vintage Hollywood movies are made of. The staff decided that they would do everything in their power to continue the legacy of Avery's General Store, and somehow find a way to purchase the remaining inventory, restock the store, and restore it to pre-2016 conditions. To accomplish this, with the support and encouragement of the community, staff member Ken Hall set up a GoFundMe campaign, attempting to raise the required \$150,000. The community responded with enthusiasm, and within a few days, \$35,000 was raised, though it was hard to see how the donations could ever reach the original goal. Then, a family with long-standing roots in the community approached Ken and offered to lend the L.L.C. the amount needed to cover the cost of the inventory purchase. This enabled the GoFundMe goal to be lowered to \$45,000, which was met – in fact, surpassed -- by March 27th. In the end, 260 donors contributed \$53,000 and, on April 1st, Avery's became an employee-owned business. As of this writing (late June), it appears to be thriving. In fact, during the pandemic, Avery's is helping the community even more than ever. Customers are able to call or e-mail an order for anything Avery's sells, and it is ready for curbside pick-up the same day.

Sons and Daughters of Hawley News

A New Grant. In late April, John Sears got the wonderful news that the Sons and Daughters of Hawley has been awarded the grant he applied for from the 1772 Foundation to pay for the painting of the Meetinghouse. In fact, we received the full amount he asked for! As John points out, it is particularly sweet coming at this time, when money in so many quarters is tight or absent, and when it can be used to provide employment for our talented, hard-working painter, Dave Noonan.



Viceroy butterfly on hydrangea

Photo by Hugh Schoelzel

Births

Pamela and Craig Shrimpton welcomed their first grandchild, Violet Mae Carrasco, born on December 13, 2019. Born in Boston, she weighed 7 lbs. 8 ounces. Violet is the daughter of Hannah Rose Carrasco and Joshua “J-Raff” Carrasco of Boston. Her paternal



grandparents are Mary Baumgartner Carrasco of Dedham, MA and Steve Carrasco of Destin, FL. Violet is the first great-grandchild of Doris Schnall of Lenox, Massachusetts (Pamela Shrimpton’s mother) and Margaret Maxson, of West Virginia (Craig’s mother).

Obituaries

Eugene J. LaValley, 65, of Hawley, passed away peacefully on April 29th at the home he built, surrounded by his loving family after a long battle with cancer. Eugene was born in Northampton on September 28, 1954, the son of Stephen and Doris (Lacombe) LaValley. He grew up in Williamsburg and graduated from Hampshire Regional. Eugene served in the Barnes Air National Guard for many years. He was a man of many talents, especially carpentry, and of many passions. He served as a volunteer firefighter / EMT for the towns of Hawley

and Ashfield. He also served as an assessor for the town of Hawley. Eugene loved fishing and gardening and was an avid bird watcher. He enjoyed vacationing in Maine with his family where he could take his children out fishing. Family was the most important part of his life. He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years Arlene (Howell) LaValley; his three children, Tanner, of Hawley, Eastyn of Hawley, and Niles of Russell, Massachusetts; four brothers Stephen and his wife Laurie of Haydenville, Roy and his wife Carol of Cape Cod, Dennis and his wife Dianne of Hatfield and Randy of Hatfield along with several nieces and nephews. Eugene also had a special father-like bond with his nephew Dana Cayo of Largo FL.

Clan and Peter Crawford. Peter Crawford passed away on June 4th, and was followed, two days later, by Clan Crawford due to unrelated causes. They were brother and father, respectively, to Lloyd Crawford of West Hawley.

Although they rarely visited Hawley, they represented the last Michigan roots of the Crawford family, a state they returned to dozens of times over the past four decades.

Clan moved to Ann Arbor in 1949 after graduating from Oberlin College and a stint in the Navy to attend the University of Michigan Law School. He spent the next 70 years there raising a family, and practicing law. He specialized in zoning law and was one of the leading authorities on the subject, writing, lecturing and consulting on the topic. His passions included sailing, photography, gardening, and fishing. He

served on numerous boards and commissions in Ann Arbor.

Peter left Ann Arbor after graduating from the University of Michigan in 1972 to live in Chicago. Although he worked at first for the city in social services, his passion was the vibrant blues and jazz music scene that flourishes there. He played guitar with many of the old blues masters and was involved in numerous small clubs and recording ventures, owning his own restaurant and record label. He never let go of his Michigan upbringing, however, returning to Petoskey to retire several years ago.

Alice A. Hicks, 86, of Charlemont, died Tuesday, June 16th, at Linda Manor Extended Care in Leeds, Massachusetts. She was born in Plymouth, NH on August 26, 1933, daughter of Norman and Mary (Kent) McKinnon. Alice was a farmer's wife who got up every morning at 5:30 to help her husband, Richard, milk the cows. She enjoyed working alongside her husband doing farming chores, and was a devoted mother and grandmother, as well. She loved caring for her grandchildren while her married children were working. Her husband died in 2008. She is survived by her son Paul (Tammy) Hicks of Charlemont, her daughter Joanne (Robert) MacLean of Hawley, sister Beverly Hicks of Charlemont, brother-in-law Walter Hicks of Charlemont, 3 grandsons: Charlie (Paula), Ryan (Jessica), Gary (Shannon); 6 great-grandchildren Ben, Griffin, Tucker, Brody, Avery, and Drew; and several nieces and nephews.

Land Transfers

William R. Harris Jr., “aka” William R. Harris, by attorney, Constance H. Harris individually and by attorney, to Julie Fisher and Ronald Gorevic, 26 Dodge Corner Road. \$345,000.

Robert R. Harding and Lucy A. Cardwell to Thomas S. Justice and Cassandra M. Muniak, 86 West Hill Road. \$446,240.

Amy M. Klippenstein and Paul M. Lacinski to Gustav H. Tafel and Kyra Marie Cressotti, 59 Forget Road. \$350,000.

Amy M. Klippenstein and Paul M. Lacinski to Meadowsweet Farm LLC, 58 Forget Road. \$791,500.

Editor's note: If we missed a birth, marriage, passing, or transfer of property in Hawley, please let us know so that we can publish a notice in our next issue. Contact suzyqgroden@gmail.com or S&D of H, PO Box 206, Hawley, MA 01339

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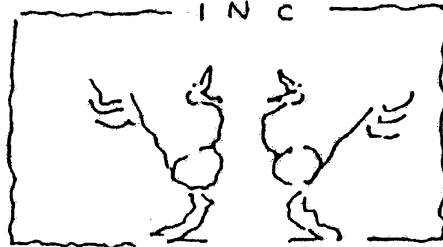
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Hawley's own LaTingue is a food writer, historian, and occasional television star. Her new cookbook, *Love, Laughter, and Rhubarb*, has just been published. Tinky is also the author of *The Pudding Hollow Cookbook* and *Pulling Taffy*.

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Stump Sprouts trails are open to the public. During this most unusual time, public trail systems everywhere, including our state forests, are seeing increased usage. Meanwhile, unbeknown to most, the dozen miles of trails at Stump Sprouts are open to Hawley residents, their friends, and families. Originally developed for cross country skiing, these trails are also excellent for hiking, bird watching, dog walking, trail running and mountain biking. Hunting is generally permitted (see below). The trails are closed to motorized recreation.

There is a long-range view from a high clearing at almost 2000 feet in elevation looking eastward. The spot is mowed and has benches ... an excellent spot for a picnic. A few yards away there is a big glacial erratic boulder in the woods which is worth checking out. Getting there and back requires a climb of about 300 vertical feet and is at least a two-mile round trip.

There is also a mowed trail, over a mile in length, that winds through the meadow below the lodge. It is quite smooth, but hilly. Frequent views across the Chickley Valley make this a particularly lovely walk. It passes through a number of unusual habitat types making it an excellent spot for wildlife observation. The trail passes at some distance from the guest lodge. Please respect the privacy of guests who may be staying at the lodge.



Details. If you come, please park in the parking lot 100 yards past the Stump Sprouts sign on your left. There is no charge for use of the trail system. There are no facilities, so plan accordingly. There is a map posted there now. It is suggested that you take a picture of it with your phone for reference. Additionally, there are maps at various locations on the trail system. Future plans include erecting a kiosk with current information and a larger trail map. At times, activities at Stump Sprouts conflict with hunting, so it is respectfully requested that hunters give Lloyd Crawford a call (413-339-4265) before setting out.



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Emily canoeing in the Schoelzel family pond with barn reflection.

Photo by Hugh Schoelzel

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