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# SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF HAWLEY

# **Calendar of Events**

- Mud Party—3/21/10--4-7pm
- Beautify Our Town Roads—4/15-30/2010
- Plant Sale, etc.—5/22/10--Stetson's—9am-12noon
- Tag Sale—Saturday and Sunday 6/25-26/2011—Grove 9-3pm
- Artisans & Garden Tour—7/10/10—Lunch at deFougerolles
- Hawley Day/Annual Meeting—Sunday 8/8/10—Meetinghouse
- Nature Dinner—September 19—Stump Sprouts—4:30-8 pm
- No-Bake Bake Sale—9/2010
- S&D Hosts Hampshire County Riding Club—Sunday—10/3/10
- Pudding Festival—Not this Year
- Apple Fest—TBA
- Hobby Horse Bazaar—Saturday—12/4/10—Hawlemont School
- Illumination Party—Sunday—12/12/10—Meetinghouse—4-5pm.

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss these fun-filled events.

# **President's Message**

It is time to look back over the past 2 years and reflect on our accomplishments. My term as president has ended and I thank all of the members of the Sons and Daughters for the privilege of serving you. We have had great accomplishments and a fantastic board to support our activities. The Grove is nearly complete and ready for public use. The meetinghouse is being repaired to insure its long-term viability and the Old Town Common is being dedicated this August.

My thanks to all the board members who have spearheaded the projects to fund the work of the renovations of our properties. Pudding contests, garden tours, plant and bake sales, tag sales, etc.

Cyndie Stetson, Tinky Weisblat and Ray Poudrier are stepping down from the board to make room for three new board members who will bring fresh ideas and perspectives on the future of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley.

I will remain active and my focus will be on the Grove and Meetinghouse renovations. Ray Gotta as President will be a breath of fresh air for the board. Please welcome him and give him your full support.

Lark Thwing

# Correspondence

I thought that readers of *The Edge of Hawley* might be interested in this article on the Hawley Bog-The Botanic Garden News came just the other day in the mail. Mr. Marcotrigiano is the director of the garden. We look forward to seeing you at Hawley Day. Warm regards-

Barbara and Will Weeks.

Editor's note-Bog article is in this issue

Mr. Thwing-

Enclosed is the newspaper clipping that I spoke to you about today. Hope that it is something that you don't already have.

Will call you when I have report books out.

Regards,

**Muriel Shippee** 

# Our Thanks for Your Donations to the Edge

# **New Board Members**

Lisa Turner-- I came to reside in Hawley in 2004 after purchasing the former home of Robert and Ethel White located at 28 West Hawley Road. Tedd White, a long time resident of Hawley, and I purchased this home/farm together. I worked for over 25 years for the United States Postal Service and retired in 2009. I feel extremely lucky to be able to retire at an early age, as I can enjoy my days at a younger than average retirement age (48

years old). I grew up in Berkshire County in the town of Cheshire, MA where I had attended local schools. After high school, I earned a degree as a dental assistant, but chose the path of the Postal Service due to the higher pay scale. I have raised two children, Jason and Sarah Turner who both work and reside in Berkshire County. My daughter is a Medical Assistant and my son works for the Sheriff's Department as a guard at the Lanesborough Jail. I have two Grandsons whom I adore with all my heart. They spend lots of time at our farm. Tedd and I farm together and are very excited to be able to keep this Hawley property as a farm. It was farmed in the past by Robert and Ethel White. I have always felt that you should contribute all you can in the town you live in. This is what compels me to volunteer my spare time to improve the town and help out in various ways, such as helping to build a strong character and a close knit community in the town of Hawley. I have found it to be intertwined with smart, caring individuals with integrity and determination to live in and be part of a healthy community.

**Tony de Fougerolles** is an immunologist researcher based in Boston. He is married to Paula Charland, daughter of Joyce Charland (nee White) and has been coming up regularly to Hawley since 1990. Paula and Tony moved into Pudding Hollow Farm in Hawley several years ago. They come up most weekends and during the summer, and enjoy skiing, hiking, and gardening. They have 2 children, Mila-7, and Simon-6.

# **New Members**

# **Garden Dig**

On Saturday, August 14 and Sunday August 15 from 9 am until 2 pm, there will be a Garden Dig at the home of Mary Kay Hoffman and Earl Pope. Mary Kay will open her garden to those who bring their own digging tools and containers to benefit the Sons and Daughters of Hawley.

Perennials available in her garden will be ladies mantle, perennial geraniums, hosta, fern leaf bleeding heart, day lilies, iris- tall blue and short white, anemone, white hydrangea, roses bee balm, filipendula, grasses, rudbeckia, sedum, gooseneck loosestrife, achillea the pearl, sweet cicily, mallow, columbine, euphorbia, European wild ginger, thread leaf coreopsis, shrub spirea and much more.

Suggested donation for medium size containers will be \$3.00. The Hoffman/Pope residence is located on 7 Watson Rd. in East Hawley. If you have any questions, you may call Mary Kay at 339-4430

# **Plant Sale**

By Cyndie Stetson

The Plant sale that occurred in May netted \$215.00. There were lots of perennials and annuals available to customers. Any annuals that were left over were used to decorate the window boxes on the East Hawley Meeting House, the Grove building and the barrels in front of the Town Office.

# Artisan's and Garden Tour

By Cyndie Stetson

Despite the drizzly day, Saturday, July 10, the Hawley Artisan's and Garden Tour carried on with nearly 75 people attending the beautiful gardens and talented artisans in Hawley. The luncheon, which was located at the home of Paula and Tony deFougerolles, was held in the garage out of the rain. The food was fabulous and everyone had a wonderful time. The tour netted \$1,396.00.

Plans are already in place for next year's tour which will be held on Saturday, July 9 from 10 am until 4 pm. The luncheon will be held at the Grove Building to show everyone the great improvements that have been made as a result of their ticket and lunch donations. We already have several acceptances from people to be on the tour. If you wish your garden or artistic talent to be seen, please call Cyndie at 339-4231. New people are always welcome. Thanks to everyone who showed their gardens and talent, thanks to those who made the scrumptious food and thanks to those who came. Everything is greatly appreciated.

# 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Old Town Common Dedication

We had beautiful weather and set up the koffee klatch outside of the meetinghouse.



Koffee Klatch on south side of Meetinghouse

There were about 40 members for the koffee klatch, memorial service and Sons and Daughters annual meeting. Bill Thwing conducted the service and we paid honor to Eugene Tanguay, Sr, H. Michael Smith, L. Stillman Carter, Leona Dane, Edna Champoux and Gail Atkins, all of whom passed away in the last 12 months.

The annual meeting followed its usual course and we elected new officers-Ray Gotta, President, Lark Thwing, Vice President, Serra Root, Treasurer, and Alice Parker, Secretary. We also said goodbye to three board members who stepped down for personal reasons-Cyndie Stetson, Tinky Weisblat and Ray Poudrier. In their place, we elected three new board members-Mike Sisum, Lisa Turner and Tony deFougerolles as well as re-electing four existing members to new 3-year terms. See the beginning of this *Edge* for the new board members' names and terms.



Ray Poudrier and friends sit at his new Stone Table

Lunch was a "bring your own" picnic and by the time the meetinghouse emptied there were more than 70 people in the grove enjoying lunch with salads, desserts and drinks provided by the Sons and Daughters of Hawley and their great food volunteers.

We have new additions to the grove yard. A stone sitting rock, a stone table and quartz rocks at the four corners of the building. We also have some new plantings.



Picnicking in the grove

# At about 1:20 pm the whole group moved from the grove to



Thwing clan makes music at OTC Dedication

the Old Town Common site. Music was provided by Vicky Thwing and Theo Thwing, two of Bill Thwing's children. They sat on the wall in front of the original meetinghouse site. The dedication began at 1:45 pm with a count of about 150 attendees.

Lark Thwing welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He thanked all the funders, the abutters and other supporting community members. Ray Gotta then spoke about how the project came into existence and why it was being dedicated to Harrison Parker.



Dedication ceremony begins at OTC

He then invited Alice Parker up and presented her with a framed photo of the kiosk sign with an attached brass plaque indicating that this site was dedicated to Harrison. John Sears spoke last and did a presentation on the historical significance of the site. John's booklet on the site is available in the Saleable Items page at the back of any *Edge*.



Guest reads sign at the Sanford Barn/Stable site

Following the dedication, John, Ray and Lark each lead tours of the entire site. Invited dignitaries and guests took the your with historian John Sears.

# **Pudding Festival Non-News**

By Tinky Weisblat

There will be no pudding festival in 2010. Organizer Tinky Weisblat is still not sure whether she will be able to be in town this October so she has reluctantly decided to postpone the next pudding contest until the fall of 2011.

The good news here is that fans of Hawley and pudding have an extra year to come up with the best pudding recipe ever!

As soon as we have a date for 2011 we'll announce it in the *Edge* as well as on the pudding festival web page, <u>http://puddingcontest.wordpress.com</u>.

It's not too early to start working on those recipes....

# **Hawley Grove Opens**

Our goal for the grove was to have the bathrooms operating by the time of the Artisan and Garden Tour in July and we just made it with a few days to spare.



Handicap bathroom

The floors and baseboards were in but not much else to make it comfortable. By Hawley Day, we had the kitchen floor and baseboards in, and all the lights and outlets were covered and the sinks were up and running. But at the annual meeting we learned that we were "out of money" for the grove work to continue.



Kitchen sinks as seen from dining room

We still need to finish off the opening from the kitchen into the dining room and we need a stove, exhaust venting and a space heater so we can use the room in the colder seasons. Probably need another \$5000 to get it all done.

If you would like to see this happen, please send your contributions to Serra Root at the Sons and Daughters PO box address and specify on the check that it is for the Grove Restoration.

The first event to be held in the renovated grove will be the Clark-Williams Reunion on Sept 4<sup>th</sup>.

# THE BYGONE YEARS OF HAWLEY

# Children's Sunday at West Hawley

Adapted from Greenfield Recorder-Gazette, June 28, 1932

(Program Presented By Youngsters At Church Service)

WEST HAWLEY-The Children's Sunday was held at the West Hawley church Sunday with the following program: Alberta Maynard, Welcome; Clarence Faron; The Aviator; Howard Cortis, "They Seemed to Know"; Roland Albrecht, June; ? Evelyn, "God is Love"; Charlotte Hunt, playing "All Thru the Night" with the West Hill school singing; Betty Cortis, "sermonettes; Connie Carter, "Forget Me Not"; Donald Albrecht, "How They Helped"; Charlotte Hunt, "Discontent" and James Fortune, "Giving".

Lida Maynard played march as children filed in and Charlotte Hunt as they marched out.

Misses Hilda and Lucille LaBelle of Springfield entertained twenty of their friends at a picnic lunch at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred LaBelle, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rice and family of Plainfield were Sunday guests at M. H. White's.

Mr. and Mrs. George Haskins of Cheshire, who have been spending a week at the home of Walter Maynard returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Alice Brackett and Perry Brackett took an auto trip to Brattleboro, Vt., Sunday.

Miss Mabel P. Sears, who has spent several months in Holyoke, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis James of North Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Philip James of Williamstown spent Sunday at C. H. Maynard's.

# The East School in Hawley

by Elvira Bellows Scott

My school days began at the East School in August of 1936; age 6 years. My teacher was Milton Dustin, who boarded with my

family, having come from Wells, Maine, in August of 1932 to teach. The Superintendent of Schools was Walter Lane, who resided in Charlemont. My mother was on the School Committee.

My recollections of that first year are rather vague, but I do remember school being an enjoyable experience. The school exterior was painted white with green trim around the windows and a green door. There were, I think, five windows facing the East, providing most of the light with**in** the building. On the North were two windows and there was one on the West near the North corner. There were no windows on the South, as a woodshed and coatroom extended the whole width of that side. The door was on the East side next to the South end. I think there were about three large stone steps leading down to the ground level.

Extending out from the South, were the boy's and girl's outside bathroom facilities. Each were "two-holers." The one on the left was for boys and the one on the right, nearest the main building was for girls. Many a cold trip had to be made in winter!

Inside, the building was a typical classroom. The ceiling was metal with rather fancy squares. It was painted white, and there was a trap door of sorts to go up over-head. The walls were a pale yellow or ivory, as I remember.

The desks faced the south and were in rows, I would say about six or seven rows across the width of the room. The rows were shorter on the west side of the room, because of the stove. The desks were of the type that the desk was attached to the seat of the next desk in front. All were attached to the floor. In later years, some of these were replaced with a desk and chair connected with a bar near the floor. These were movable and the desk had a lift top. There was a hole in the upper right corner for the ink well and a slot across the top for pencils and our pen with the old fashioned tip. I remember having to help make the ink. It came in little cubes. These cubes were mixed with water to make the ink. It would freeze in our little wells in winter. I don't remember that they ever broke, though.

The teacher's desk was at the south end of the room. This was considered the "front" of the room. There were chalkboards across the entire front, except for the doorway leading out to the shed. Chalkboards were also along the west side to the window. In the northwest corner was the big wood stove used for heat. It was surrounded by a large steel "jacket." This was to keep the children from getting too close, I suppose. Also, it had something to do with the circulation of heat, as there was a cold air duct leading to the outside. Quite modern for the 30's! The chimney was on the north side between the two windows.

There were shelves under the windows on the east. The bottom ones were left for a place for us to put our lunch boxes, which were either tobacco cans or five pound lard pails that came with a cover and a bail. For some reason, I had a green lunch box from the store. Probably someone gave it to me as a gift when I started school. It traveled with me for most of my days at the East School.

In the southeast corner was a huge cupboard for books and paper, etc. Beside it was a shelf, on which was kept a water cooler that had a little spigot or faucet at the bottom, from which we could get a drink. It was great fun to make a cup by folding paper and then asking to get a drink from the cooler. The bigger boys had the task of going down to the spring to get water and to fill the cooler. The spring was in the area of what is now the road to the charcoal kiln. In winter, I'm sure water was brought from the near neighbors.

The smaller desks were on the far (West) side of the room. Therefore, first graders were placed there. As you went up into a higher grade, you got closer to the side toward the road. This side also had the most light, as it had the most windows. I finally reached there in eighth grade. So my memory of first grade is sitting in the smaller seats in semi-darkness.

I learned to read from the Elson-Gray Reader and must have had some kind of arithmetic. There were charts above the chalkboards, showing word families -- at, bat, cat, fat, etc.

Sometimes, older children listened to me say these and my addition and subtraction facts. As I remember, I was alone in Grade I and again in Grade 2. This I did not like! So I started getting my Grade 2 work completed as soon as I could and then I could listen to those in Grade 3. I soon found I could do their work on the sly, or at least that's what I thought was happening. Of course, Mr Dustin being a capable and alert teacher was well aware of what I was up to. So in February, he put me with the third grade and in June I was promoted to Grade 4. This put me in a grade with Walter Dufresne and Della Gendreau. There may have been others whom I don't recall.

I presume the entire school population numbered around thirty. Many families had State Wards living with them. This made for a very transient school membership. Many children only stayed a few months, sometimes only a few weeks. Others were with families for several years. Also, these families took mostly boys. The Gendreau family who lived where Roland and Rilda Chasse now live, had five girls, but other than them and myself, it was a school filled with boys.

I don't remember any fighting or bickering. We all played together, with bigger children making sure smaller children didn't get hurt. The boys played ball in the field in the fall and spring. We played house on and around the big rocks under the maple trees. During the winter, the driveway tended to be icy, so we would run and slide on the ice. By today's standards, this would be considered dangerous, but then it was great fun. We also took our sleds to school in the winter. We would go up the road to the driveway at the Bassett house and slide down the road past the school as far as the brook. We had time for one slide at recess and perhaps two slides at lunch time.

We had a Christmas Program and an end of the year program, which was graduation if there were any eighth graders to be graduated. Each consisted of songs, poems, and usually a play. These were always held in the East Hawley Church, usually downstairs but sometimes in the upper part. At Christmas, we received an orange, a popcorn ball, a box of candy, and a small gift from the P.T.A. The teacher also gave us a gift. It was a highlight of our school year.

Thus are some memories of my days at East School. I'm sure every year had its problems and bad days, but overall, it was a happy time in my life.

# **Snow in Hawley**

by Elvira Scott

From the Chronology for 1940 in the 1953 *History of the Town of Hawley* (p.105):

March 6 -- 11 inches of snow fell

- March 20 -- roads blocked, farmers had to melt snow for the stock to drink
- March 28 -- State plows unable to penetrate drifts
- April 3 -- State tractor finished breaking out the main road in the east part of town

How well I remember this particular winter. I was not quite ten years old and in the fifth grade at the East School. The road was drifted full from just below the John Houle place to the Wilder Hitchcock place. They were able to keep the roads plowed on either end of this area.

To do so, the town plow went across the fields from our house down across the back of Houle's to the Gendreau place. This was rather a longer distance to walk to school than if you stayed on the road, or what was supposed to be the road.

So each day, my mother got me into my woolen onepiece snowsuit, buckle overshoes, hat and mittens. I would get on my snowshoes and off I went with green lunch box in hand. As I remember no other children walked with me. There were State wards at Houles and Dosties, but they were bigger boys and had no intention of walking with a little girl on snowshoes.

On one occasion, against my mother's better judgement, I went on skis. That was a mistake. When a road drifts full, it doesn't do so in a nice smooth way. The road resembled the waves on an ocean. In some places you went down into a depression five feet lower than the next rise. This definitely made for <u>awful</u> skiing. I fell down several times, lost the skis, dropped my lunch box and ended up late for school.

One day my mother had taken the longer way down to visit with Mrs. Holden for the afternoon. She decided to walk home with me on my shorter trek. She had told me from the start to walk in the same path each day to make a good hard footpath on the snowshoe trail. Kid fashion, I had not heeded her advice. So when she walked with me that day, she spent most of the time breaking through the snow up to her knees. Needless to say she was as mad as a hornet and I was definitely not in her good graces.

At this same time, my father was serving on the jury in Greenfield. He left our car down at the Asa Holden place, and he too snowshoed back and forth. He used the old road that went from the Dostie place down to the Buckland road.

Most mornings we started off together. When I got down to about the Dostie's mailbox, I could look across to where he was going down to the car. He would wave and I would wave back. Then off I would go. This would be impossible today, as there is no open land in the area.

I'm still not sure how my parents ever let me make this trip alone each day. I know I went no matter how cold or stormy. I remember coming home more than once looking like a snowman, because of blowing snow which stuck to my woolen snowsuit.

Times have changed in forty years. I think this all would be impossible today.

# Kirby and Charlotte Thwing's Wedding

By Elvira Scott

In 1941, the life of an eleven year old girl was usually quite uneventful and rather humdrum. But for me, this was not the case. My family had long been part of the Cox family when they were in residence in Hawley. My mother did much of the cooking at Taverntop, and my dad did many odd jobs; and I always seemed to be in and out and underfoot as much as my parents would allow.

So, when the news arrived that Charlotte and Kirby were to be married, I could hardly wait for the BIG DAY. First to happen was the baking of the fruitcakes to be given to guests as favors. Mrs. Cox asked my mother to bake these and ready them for the occasion. She first had a special pan made, so that a certain recipe would fill the pan to the proper thickness. I remember vividly the baking process, which was no mean feat in Mom's old oven in the wood burning stove. And this was to be done in July, no less! Several batches had to be made, and each time, I was instructed to stay out of the kitchen or to be very quiet and still lest the cakes should fall. Some fun when you're eleven years old!

After the cakes were baked, they were cut into small pieces to be fitted into exquisite little boxes. I was allowed to help with this, though Mom had to tie the ribbons around each little box. As I remember, we made 500 of them.

With the cakes behind us, Mrs. Cox made it clear that I was to be dressed in a certain kind of dress. It was to be long and dressy. So off on a buying trip we went, and home we came with just the perfect dress. Now, I could hardly wait for the great day to arrive.

Arrive it did! Off to Holyoke dressed to the nines went the little country bumpkin. I'm sure my eyes were as big as saucers and my curls were bouncing up and down like cork screws.

My fondest memory of the day, is being in a huge, beautiful church like I had never seen before. I remember very little of the ceremony, but even today, I can picture Charlotte coming down the aisle with her father. She truly looked like a fairy princess. She was beautiful in her gorgeous white gown with a train that seemed to trail behind her forever. I had never seen anyone so wonderful.

Following the ceremony, we went to the house at 12 Montgomery Ave. for the reception. I had been there at other times, but on this day everything was "spit and polish." As I recall, there were sunrooms that were overflowing with wedding gifts guarded by the Holyoke police at various strategic points. Poor Charlotte! How long did it take her to write those thank you notes?

The reception was held on the lawn. I found out the reason for my lovely long dress. It was my job to pass the cookies to the guests. They were on a tray, and I went around asking if anyone cared for another cookie. (I'm sure this was done under the watchful eye of my mother.) — It was Mrs. Cox's way of incuding a little girl in the happenings of a very big event. Something that little girl could keep as a fond memory. All of this came to a halt when the members of the wedding party danced the minuet around the fish pond. Again, it was like a fairyland, and I could not care less about passing cookies. I just watched!

Thank you Kirby and Charlotte for a day I've remembered for fifty years. Never on that day did I think or dream that sometime in the future we would be neighbors and good friends. Time has a way of melding ages and people together and makes everlasting friendships.

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Class of 2012		
Class of 2013		Unknown
Class of 2014		
Class of 2015		
Class of 2016		

#### MARRIAGES

#### BIRTHS

The fact that marriages and births are a very infrequent event does not bode well for the long term future of Hawley.

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# **OBITUARIES**

# Edna B. Champoux

COLRAIN - Edna B. (Donovan) Champoux, 58, of 15 Main St., died Thursday, July 1, at Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield.

She was born in Northampton, March 21, 1952, the daughter of Ernest I. and Ruth Marie (Beckwith) Donovan.

She was employed as a waitress at Ollie's Down Under restaurant in Shelburne Falls.

Survivors include her son Chad Champoux of Easthampton; two sisters Lorraine Donovan Judd of Windsor, Conn., Terry Donovan McKinney of West Springfield; four brothers Glen of Chasterfield, Marla of Cordner, Iven of Fast Hereley, and David

Chesterfield, Merle of Gardner, Ivan of East Hawley, and David of San Jose, Calif.; several nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by the parents and two brothers Woodroe Donovan who died in 1980 and Alvin Donovan who died in 2003.

There are no calling hours.

There will be a Celebration of Life service on Saturday, July 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Donovan Farms, Forget Road, in East Hawley.

It is suggestioned donations be made to the American Cancer Society of Western MA, 59 Bobala Road, Holyoke, MA 01040.

Smith-Kelleher Funeral Home in Shelburne Falls/Greenfield is in charge of arrangements.

# **Gail Atkins**

HAWLEY-Gail (Shepherd) Atkins, 67, of Hawley, died Monday (7-12-10) 1 at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born Sept. 13, 1942 in Montclair, N.J., she was the daughter of Edwin and Janet (Leonard) Shepherd. Moving to this area at age 2, she attended local schools and was a graduate of Charlemont High School. She was married to Carlos Atkins on June 24, 1961 in Heath.

Gail was an EMT with the Town of Charlemont Ambulance. She was a member of the Charlemont Lioness Club, the Massachusetts Association of Town Clerks, the Notary Public Association, American Amputee Coalition, school committee member for Mohawk Trail Regional High School and the first EMT in the town of Hawley.

Survivors, besides her husband of 49 years, include her son Daniel and his wife Tracy of Hawley; four daughters: Wendi Cronk and her husband Dennis of Greenfield, Lauri Bassett and her husband Andrew of Greenfield, Tara Desroches and her husband Joe of Norridgewock, Maine, and Mandy Jillson and her husband Douglas of Charlemont; 13 grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren. She also leaves two brothers: Lee Shepherd and his wife Donna of Heath and Andrew Shepherd and his wife Charlayne of Leyden; two sisters: Lynne Robinson and her husband Jim of Watertown, N.Y., Janet Brooks and her husband Charles of Troy, N.Y., and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a sister, Susan Thorpe.

Calling hours for Gail will be Friday (7-16-10) from 6 to 7 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 104 Bridge St., Shelburne Falls. A memorial service will follow at 7 pm with the Rev. David Neil officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Charlemont Ambulance Association, c/o Dana Johnson, R O. Box 139, Charlemont, MA 01339 or the American Diabetes Association, 1701 North Beauregard St., Alexandria, VA 22311.

# Paul Giguere

COLRAIN - Paul A. Giguere, 56, of 135 Adamsville

the son of Walter J. and Evelyn (Hall) Giguere. He was a graduate of Mohawk Trail Regional High School, Buckland, Class of 1972, received an associate's degree from Greenfield Community College in 1979 and a Bachelor of Science degree in management from Southern Vermont College in 1997.

After graduation from high school, Paul enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving from 1971 to 1976. Two of those years were served as base security at Atsugi, Japan. Paul then enlisted in the Army National Guard from 1976 to 1999 and was commissioned to second lieutenant in 1980. From 1999 to 2006,

he was in the Army Reserves, during which he was activated for Homeland Security at the Pentagon from November 2001 to November 2002. In 2006, Maj. Paul A. Giguere retired from military service having served 34 years with two honorable discharges.

Paul was employed as a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service from 1994 to September 2008. In addition to letter carrier, he was also responsible for accountable mail.

Survivors, besides his mother, include his wife, Ella (King) Giguere; daughters, Amy and Emily Giguere; his stepchildren, Christina Williams, Shannon Emond and Shawn Williams; a brother, Francis Giguere; six sisters, Cynthia Gammell and her husband Rodney, Marilyn Gray and her husband Dennis, Carol Giguere and her husband David Prevost, Jayne Allen and her husband Scott, Joanne Giguere (*Ed note: principal at Hawlemont for many years*), Janice Bohonowicz and her husband Bruce; six nieces and nephews, seven grandnieces and grandnephews, and four step-grandchildren.

At Paul's request, there are no services.

It is requested memorial contributions in Paul's name be sent to the Colrain Library or Hospice of Franklin County, 329 Conway St., Greenfield, MA 01301.

Smith-Kelleher Funeral Home of Greenfield is in charge of arrangements.

# LAND TRANSFERS

Forrest Gracy Estate, Charles M. Cutler, Jr., executor, to William Dwight and Lida L. Lewis of Northampton, 36 Savoy Road. \$75,250.

Richard W. Kean, Jr. of Babylon, NY and Polly P. Kean of Manchester, CT, to Kean-Hawley Irrevocable Trust, Richard W. Kean, Jr. and Polly P. Kean, trustees, 117 Forget Road, \$1.

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Annual Membership Dues:		
Individual/Event	\$10	
Family	\$12	
Contributing	\$15	
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Home to Hawley Scrapbook; a collection of works from	\$7.50
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Tales of Hawley, by Maida Riggs	\$5.00
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Ornament by Marion Ives			
Coffee Mug	@ \$ 6.00 each	pcs	\$
Meetinghouse, Grove or Old	@ \$ 12.00 each	pcs	\$
Town Common T-Shirts			
Meetinghouse, Grove Tote	@ \$ 6.00	pcs	\$
or Old Town Common Sling	tote/\$12.00 sling		
Bags	bag each		
S&D Event Calendar	\$18.00	Year 2011	\$

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Meetinghouse	10 @ \$6.50	sets	\$
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Please: No clothes. Donate them to the Salvation Army No large appliances Everything must be "clean" and in "working order"

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