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## **SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF HAWLEY**

### **Calendar of Events**

- Mud Party—3/11/12—Alice Parker's--4:30-6:30 pm
- Beautify Our Town Roads—4/15-30/2011
- Gala Fund Raiser Auction—4/22/12—Federated Church 3-5 pm
- Shape Note Sing—6/10/12—Meetinghouse--TBD
- Gardens and Graveyards Tour—7/14/12—Lunch at Poudrier's
- Hawley Day/Annual Meeting—Sunday 8/12/12—Meetinghouse
- Nature Dinner—Sept 16—Stump Sprouts—4:30-8 pm
- No-Bake Bake Sale—9/2012
- S&D Hosts Hampshire County Riding Club—Sunday—TBD
- Apple Fest—11/11/12—Thwing's--4-7 pm
- Hobby Horse Bazaar—Saturday—12/1/12—Hawlemont School
- Illumination Party—Sunday—12/16/12—Meetinghouse-4-5pm.

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

### **President's Message**

Spring is underway with flowers blooming, grass greening and trees coming into leaf.

The S&D is entering a busy time of the year. Here is how it's unfolding and will continue through August.

Our annual Mud Party was March 21<sup>st</sup> at Alice Parker's and as usual, it was a fine time for renewing local friendships, enjoying fine food and great conversation. About 25 attended.

The building of the Meetinghouse handicapped-accessible ramp is just getting under way. This project is quite involved and will extend into the fall. Good evidence will be visible by Hawley Day. (See separate article)

Our gala auction, held april 22, was an important and highly successful fundraiser for the handicapped ramp project. In organizing it, we tapped into skills we'd not used before. We

grew as we used them and with the awesome help and generosity of people and businesses in the area we assembled an amazing array of auction-able items.(See separate article)

We are not having an event in May although the last Edge mentioned a possible “table tag sale”. Maybe another time.

Our next two events will be June 10<sup>th</sup> and July 14<sup>th</sup>. The June event, a “Shape Note Sing”, lead by Alice Parker, will be a different experience for many. Look up “Shape Note” on the internet to see the scope and popularity of this musical activity. (Again, see separate article)

On July 10<sup>th</sup>, our annual Garden & Artist Tour will have a new twist. Called “A Stroll through Our Past and Present – Gardens and Graveyards of Hawley”, it will show Hawley from a different perspective. Don’t miss this one! (See separate article for more details)

Our annual Hawley Day, scheduled for August 12, will feature our society’s annual meeting, a BBQ, plus lots of fun in the afternoon. (See separate article)

Keep in mind, the Sons & Daughters of Hawley is an historical society, founded in 1900 as a social society. For those 112 years prior and current residents have gathered together to enjoy a common interest: their love of Hawley and each other.

I’m looking forward to it.

## **Correspondence**

December 2011

Dear Family and Friends (and S&D),

Happy holidays to all! I hope this letter finds you all healthy and happy. 2011 has been a year of both blessings and challenges for me.

The first part of the year was busy preparing for my granddaughter Amanda's wedding. We gathered for a big bridal shower at Susan's house, with wonderful gifts, delicious food, and great fellowship. It was also a nice opportunity to get acquainted with the groom-to-be Andrew Greenwood's family and friends.

Andrew graduated on May 7th from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. He was appointed to a Methodist Church in Severn, Maryland. It was at seminary that Amanda and Andrew first met. Amanda will herself be graduating next spring!

The May 22nd wedding at the Williamstown Methodist Church was a wonderful celebration. The weather was perfect and the reception at the Williams Inn was fun-filled with everyone dancing up a storm - especially the younger cousins and Amanda's youth group members.

Summer began uneventfully, but then mother nature showed how powerful she can be. Hurricane Irene arrived on August 28th with a deluge of rain. The Spruces Mobile Home Park, where I lived, was flooded. Over a foot of water came into my home. The Park was completely devastated and shut down. I stayed with my grandniece Dawn Stewart and her family in North Adams for a month afterward, waiting to see what could be salvaged and what I would do long term.

Just days after the storm, 21 family members and friends rallied to move all of my belongings out of my condemned home. We sorted, washed, moved, and stored everything in carefully labeled boxes. It was a busy few days, but fortunately we were able to salvage many of my belongings. I am so thankful for the outpouring of support and love from all of my family and friends.

I am now living at my sister Susan's house in Williamstown. My cat, Patches, moved with me as well. I am

very comfortable here. Although I have never lived so far from the center of town, I am adjusting to country life!

I stay quite active visiting with old friends and family that live nearby. I am looking forward to my 60th class reunion from Williamstown High School. How time flies!

*Joanne Sylvester*

March 2012

Dear John (Sears),

Enclosed is a check to be applied toward the realization of the ramp project to provide universal access to the East Hawley meetinghouse. I am making this contribution in lieu of a donation of goods or services for the upcoming auction. I wish to make this contribution, and hope that it is thus accepted, in memory of Dorothy Clark. Dot Clark was one of the first people I met when I became involved with Sons and Daughters' activities, and I will always remember and appreciate Dot's warm welcome and heartwarming smile.

Very best wishes,

*Peter Beck*

## **Our Annual Mud Party**

By Ray Gotta

Our annual Mud party was held on March 21<sup>st</sup> at Alice Parker's. There were about 25 attending. It was a "pot luck" dinner, so it's always fun to try someone else's "mud dish". It's a good time to kick off the season and renew local friendships and chat about what is coming. Although we will remind you of it, put it on your calendar for next year.

## **Gala Auction Fundraiser**

By Ray Gotta

We've never put on an auction that catered to the public before. Although we had a members' auction outside the meetinghouse a few years ago, we were unsure of how successful this new event would be.

Held April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Federated Church in Charlemont, we were still unsure 30 minutes before it's start if it would succeed as very few buyers had registered. But when it started at 3 pm, we had 35 registered, which meant at least 45 people, including couples.

We had gathered 77 items and services donated by most generous local businesses and individuals. They included fine works of art, i.e. paintings, stain glass, sketches, prints; vacations in Hawley and Manhattan, NYC; restaurant certificates, rafting and zip line certificates, hard cider, beer and more. The selection was awesome. Douglas, of Douglas Auctioneers from Deerfield, ran the show with all the vocal expertise and auctioneer charm that you might see in the movies.

We hoped for proceeds of around \$3500. We netted close to \$4200, including some cash donations still coming in.

The success of any fundraiser depends on much hard work behind the scenes. Our hearty thanks to all who donated items and to the folks in the background who collected the donations and assembled everything on that day. Nice work!!

## **2012 Annual Garden Tour**

The Sons and Daughters of Hawley's Annual Tour will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2012 from 10 am to 4 pm, and a luncheon at the Poudrier's home will be available, as well.

The tour will be called: *A Stroll through Our Past and Present – Gardens and Graveyards of Hawley.*



As you may have guessed, this year we will be doing something a little different. In addition to the wonderful gardens of Hawleyites, we will feature several Hawley cemeteries. Some of them you may know about; some may be hidden surprises.

We will also have an exhibit at the West Hawley Meetinghouse featuring “past and present” storms of Hawley. We are looking for any photographs you may have of the 1938 and the 1987 storms. We are also collecting pictures taken during Hurricane Irene. If you have any photos, we will copy them and give you back the originals. If they are in file format, please email them to [pamela.shrimpton@forgehollow.com](mailto:pamela.shrimpton@forgehollow.com) at your earliest convenience. If you have already submitted photos to Virginia at the Town Hall, then we have them already, so no need to resend. Our thanks in advance.

We hope to see you on July 14<sup>th</sup> as we Stroll Though Our Past and Present!

Questions: Rainey McCarthy 339-4903, Melanie Poudrier 339-5347 or Pamela Shrimpton 339-4091

## **Hawley Day 2012**

Ray Gotta

Sunday August 12, 2012 is the date and the day for Hawley Day. We have different fun activities planned as well as an excellent new BBQ lunch. All of this will occur at the Meetinghouse and the Grove.

Events begin at 10 am with delectable goodies at the Kaffee Klatch, registration, social hour. Take the opportunity to browse our many books and pamphlets on Hawley history and view our memorabilia. This is a time to learn tidbits about our unique town.

At 11 am, we will start our memorial service and annual meeting, including the elections of new officers and trustees.

Around 12:30 pm, a local BBQ caterer will provide our lunch. A small fee will cover our costs.

After lunch the real fun starts with an inter-town softball game. We hope to have a few neighboring town historical societies compete to generate good neighborly fun. This should be game start about 1:30 – 2:00 pm. Years ago, a ballgame was part of every Hawley Day.

Mark your calendars now. See you there.

### **Nature Dinner**

The Nature Dinner is scheduled for September 16th. Georgette DeFriesse will give a presentation on nature photography. Save the date. More in next *Edge*.

### **Meetinghouse Handicapped Accessible Ramp**



This 1840s meetinghouse is the home of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley historical society. The Sons and Daughters recently received a grant of \$6,000 from the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts.

Adapted from: *The Republican*,  
2/12/2012, by PAT CAHILL

The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts recently awarded \$717,800 in grants to 86 nonprofit groups in the Pioneer Valley.

Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts, which teaches children business and financial skills, is one of them.

So are Sons and Daughters of Hawley, the historical society of the tiny Franklin County town, and the Cancer Connection, which

for 13 years has helped patients and their families cope with a debilitating disease.

The variety in the list of grantees not only speaks to the role of nonprofits in creating a civilized society, but also hints at the generosity of the ordinary citizens who showed up to study the needs of the 103 applicants in this grant cycle.

The Sons and Daughters of Hawley, a historical society, received \$6,000 to install a handicapped-accessible ramp at its 1840s meetinghouse in Hawley.

Members of the historical society tend to be over 60, and some rely on canes or wheelchairs, said Lark Thwing, vice president of Sons and Daughters.

The group plans to install a second entrance with the ramp, and continues to raise funds for the purpose.

"This building will be so much more versatile," Thwing said.

The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts administers over 500 funds with more than \$100 million, and gives out about \$9 million each year in grants, scholarships and loans.

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts recently presented grants totaling \$717,800 to nonprofit organizations across the region. The breakdown, by county, is:

**Hampden:** \$525,300 **Hampshire:** \$102,800 **Franklin:** \$89,700

## BYGONE YEARS OF HAWLEY



### WORK AND PLAY AT HAWLEMONT SCHOOL

—Recorder-Gazette Photos by Ken Walker

1953-Construction proceeds rapidly at the new Hawlemont regional school site, seen in the upper photo through a window in the present Charlemont school.

Excavations visible are for wall foundations. There will be no cellar space.

In the lower photo, smooth white rocks thrown up by power shovels are put to good use as playthings and building blocks by the younger students. Present play area adjoins the excavation.

O. D. Purington of Providence, has a contract for the \$320,000 building to house elementary school pupils from Hawley and Charlemont.







## **FIRST AND ONLY REGIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE**

--is Hawlemont Regional pictured above with Charlemont High School at right. It was also the first regional school of any grade in Franklin County. Charlemont High will be discontinued upon construction of the new Catamount Regional High School, probably in September 1958.

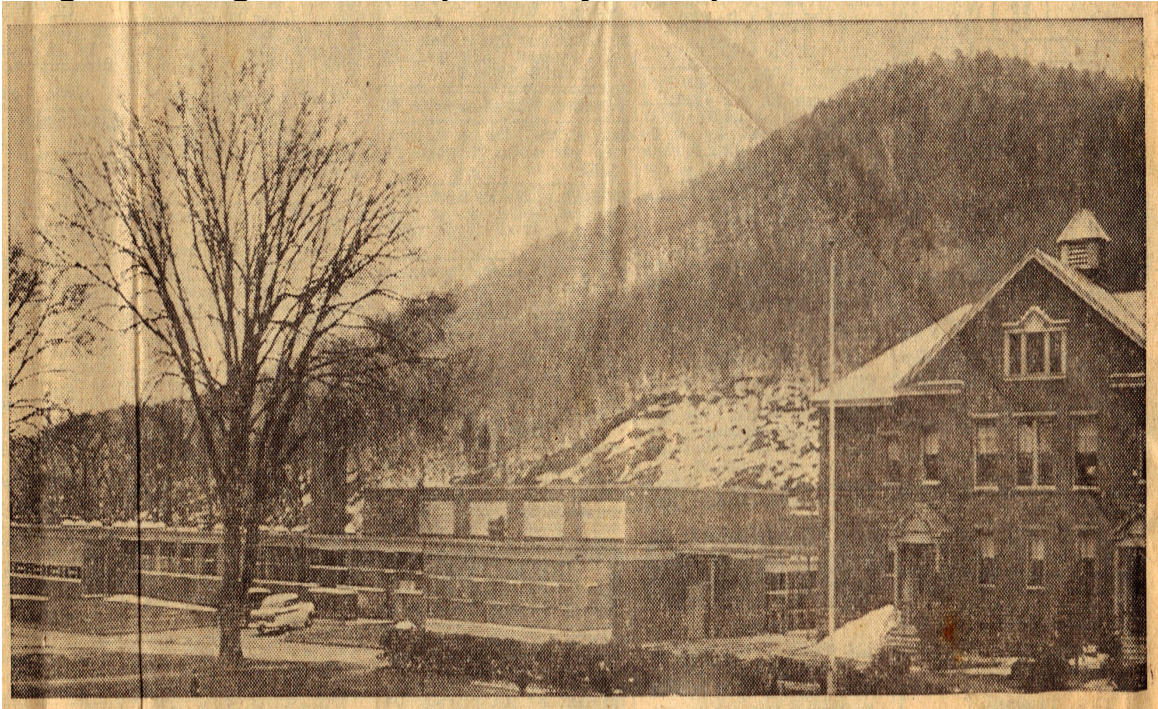


Photo taken in 1956

Editor's note: Hawlemont now is struggling to survive due to decreases in student enrollment over the years.

Editor's note: It appears that Hawley and Charlemont have a longstanding relationship beyond that which they have with other neighboring towns. Can anyone tell me why?

## COMMUNITY AND TOWN BUSINESS

### **The Clark family: Five generations**



Five generations of the Clark family get together to celebrate their most recent addition, Rileigh Clark. From left are Rileigh's great-grandfather Darwin Clark, 72; great-great grandmother Dorothy Clark, 88; grandfather Wayne Clark, 50; and father Bryan Clark. Though the senior Clarks all live in Hawley, Rileigh and her father live in Charlemont.

### **Longtime Hawley Selectman Remembered for Service to Town**

Adapted from: *The Recorder*, by Diane Broncaccio  
Recorder Staff

HAWLEY -- Selectmen's Chairman Darwin H. Clark Jr., who died Tuesday at the age of 73, did just about everything a person could do for his town.

The Hawley native and dairy farmer of 43 years served on the Board of Selectmen/Board of Health for seven terms, and would have finished up his 24th year on the board this spring. He has also been the town's tree warden since 1973, the town's

animal inspector since 1975, and the dog officer since 1991, according to the 2010 Annual Town Report, which was dedicated to Clark. He also filled a Board of Assessors' two-year term between 1986 to 1988.

"No doubt, he has probably served the town in other capacities," said Gregory Cox, the town's fire chief, who served as a selectman with Clark from 1989 to 1995.

"He was a very level-headed, practical man," said Cox.

"He ran a farm and was one of the last to attend the one-room school houses in Hawley. He remembered how things were, before the regional schools. He had a continuity (to the town's history) because his family had been in Hawley a long time."

Cox said there had been a period when only he and Clark were on the Board of Selectmen, when the third member had stepped down, and no one ran for the third seat. "When you have only two selectmen, you have to get along or you will have a stalemate," he said. "We got along. We had some trying times, but every board of selectmen has trying times."

## **Politics Take Center Stage In Hawley**

By Lark Thwing

For the first time that anyone can remember, campaign signs sprouted all over Hawley touting the candidates for selectman. Tedd White, a "home boy conservative" was running for the seat held by Darwin Clark who was not seeking reelection due to failing health. Darwin passed away on March 12, 2012. Kirby (Lark) Thwing, a newcomer to Hawley, had expressed a willingness to run if Darwin chose not to. He entered the race after being told by Darwin's son that Darwin was not going to run again.

By the third week of April the campaign signs were everywhere on both sides of town. Tedd's signs were a catchy farming oriented wooden signs and Lark's were store bought



signs with a picture of the candidate. Both candidates encouraged the townspeople to vote by installing signs defining the date and time of voting.



Town Clerk Lisa Turner arranged for a “Meet and Greet” for the candidates on April 30 at 7:30 pm. At 7:30 sharp Tedd walk in, and took command of the event. He welcomed everyone, thanking them for coming (there were about 35 people). He then laid out the way the evening would operate. Each candidate would give an introduction and brief history about himself and then the candidates would answer questions

from the audience, alternating between candidates. Lark Thwing had already sent out a mailing to the entire town introducing himself and stating his philosophy and desires for the town. Following an introduction from Tedd about his long family history in Hawley, and the things he wanted to do for the town, Lark gave a brief review of what had been in his letter. Then the questions began, Tedd being very sure that they were alternated between candidates. Most went to Tedd, some to Lark and many to both candidates. At nine pm, Tedd ended the Meet and Greet and thanked everyone for coming. It was over, with some questions still unasked and unanswered. Seven days later, Hawley would have a new selectman.

### **Thwing, White in Selectman's Race**

Adapted from: *Shelburne Falls Independent*, May 4, 2012, by Virginia Ray,

HAWLEY-Kirby Thwing and Tedd White will vie for the seat made vacant by longtime Selectman Darwin Clark, Jr.'s death in the Monday, May 7 annual election, when polls are open at the town office from 11:45 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

#### **Kirby Thwing**

Kirby "Lark" Thwing, a Pond Road resident, has been retired to Hawley since 2004 and has lived here on and off since the 1940s. His grandfather, Dr. Cox, first came to Hawley in the 1920s.

"I'm a husband, grandfather, father, brother, uncle and all-around family supporter," Thwing says. "I run Flight's End, a vacation rental home that used to be my parents home here in Hawley."

Thwing is active in local municipal offices: Mohawk School Committee member; Mohawk Budget Subcommittee member; Mohawk Policy Sub-committee chair; past president, current vice-president and member of the Sons and

Daughters of Hawley; editor of *The Edge of Hawley* since 2000; chair of the Historical Commission; chair of the Finance Committee; member of Hawley Conservation Commission; member of the Hawley Board of Appeals and serves as town Auditor. He's a member of Co-op Power in Greenfield and chair of its Products and Services Committee.

Thwing is an engineer who has been a business manager/owner most of his working life.

"My management style is consensus building," he says. "I am a good listener and am always willing to implement anyone's viable solution to a problem. I am a firm believer in small government with the majority of decisions being left to the individual, where possible. I believe in participatory government. Everyone has something to offer and should offer it. Government should not be the will of a few imposed on the many. I believe that if you don't want to participate, you shouldn't complain about the decisions made for you by others. I believe in transparency in government, where nothing is done behind closed doors and all are welcome to participate."

If elected, Thwing says he would want more townspeople involved in decision making and helping run the small amount of local government we must have.

"It should not and cannot be left to the few who volunteer for everything. Everyone has something to offer. We need to answer the question 'What kind of town do the residents envision for the future of Hawley?'"

### **Tedd White**

Tedd White of West Hawley Road is a seventh-generation dairy farmer with a herd just over 100 today. The 49-year-old grew up in a family who operated lumber, excavating and dairy businesses in Hawley. White worked in the nuclear power industry for 14 years at Florida Power & Light.

White has two sons who were born in Florida. In 1999, he returned here and purchased the family herd and began

milking dairy cows again and has not stopped since. He and his partner Lisa Turner bought their farm from White's Uncle Robert White and Aunt Ethel White in 2004 and work it together daily.

"I am concerned about the town of Hawley," White says. "Residents can't have taxes so high that they can't pay them. Instead of trying to double the tax rate, we should be trying to lower it. Hawley has taken one financial blow after another. If elected, I'd like to have a hand in trying to avoid Hawley's next financial blow. I will represent the taxpayers. Decisions need to be made with the best interest of the town in mind. I remember when Hawley was a tax haven. Our tax rate was several dollars lower than the surrounding towns. There is no need for a small town with so few services to have taxes so high. Hawley residents must come and vote on May 7th so we can get on a better track."

White is proud that Hawley is a Right to Farm Community and would like to keep further state and federal regulations at bay.

The only other person who returned nomination papers is incumbent Tree Warden Richard Gould, who is seeking a one-year term unopposed for another seat held by Clark.

While there are no names printed on the ballot for other town offices, several residents have apprised Town Clerk Lisa Turner that they will accept write-in votes. They are:

- Assessor – incumbent Henry Eggert as a write-in -three years.
- Auditor - incumbent Kirby Thwing as a write-in – one year.
- Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee representative – Suzanne Crawford - three years.
- Moderator - Cyndie Stetson - one year.

No one has stepped forward to serve an open three-year term as Hawlemont Regional School District Committee representative.



Thwing



White

### **Hawley Flows with Flood Insurance Mandate**

Adapted from: *The Recorder*, May 9, 2012, by Diane Broncaccio

HAWLEY -- Following a record voter turnout, and an hour and a half's delay of the start of annual town meeting, voters backed a proposed \$217,433 town government budget and a zoning bylaw revision for a "flood-plain overlay district" on Monday night.

Adopting the floodplain overlay district is required of all towns and cities that are members of the FEMA Federal Insurance Flood Program. Last year, the Federal Emergency Management Agency discovered Hawley did not have this zoning provision in its bylaws and notified the town the overlay district must be adopted at the 2012 annual town meeting, if the town was to retain its membership, its access to some forms of federal disaster relief, and lower flood insurance rates for town residents.

Tedd F. White, who was to be sworn in later as the town's newest selectman, argued that the town should hold off on voting for "another layer of bureaucracy."

He said he didn't know of anyone in Hawley who had flood insurance. "If we pass this tonight, we're going to be stuck with it. If we don't pass it tonight, we could vote it in later."



"We're giving up local control of our town, and we're giving it up to all these (state and federal) entities," he continued. "The people of Hawley have got to learn to say 'no'. We've got to get good at it, and say it often."

Planning Board Chairman Lloyd Crawford said the overlay district zoning bylaw had already been vetted at a recent public hearing and that it did not add any new prohibitions on land use within the flood plain.

"It covers a very small area of town," he said. "Most of that area is severely restricted for building anyway, by existing floodplain laws, Wetlands Protection (Act) and Title 5," he said.

When asked what would happen if the town doesn't vote for the overlay, Patricia Smith, land use planner for the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, explained that the town's membership in the flood insurance program would probably be suspended. If the town were to later vote for a flood overlay district, the town would have to re-apply to FEMA for membership, which could be a lengthy process. She pointed out that private flood insurance, for instance on a home near Lake Wyola in Shutesbury, which isn't a member town, requires an annual premium of \$6,000. For maximum coverage for residents living in member towns, the annual premium for a \$250,000 valuation is between \$700 to \$1,000. She said flood insurance for people not living within the floodplain is also cheaper, and that 30 percent of the claims paid out by the NIFP are for properties outside the floodplain. The article for the flood overlay district required a two-thirds majority vote, and was approved by a vote of 30 to 3.

The budget represents a 3 percent increase — about \$6,000 more than the \$211,000 budget for the current year. The new budget gives selectmen a \$500 increase — bringing the salary up from \$1,100 per member to \$1,600; and the chairman's stipend up from \$1,300 to \$1,800. Town officials said this was the first salary increase in five years.

Hawley's assessment for the Hawlemont Regional School District dropped from \$138,757 to \$122,350. Mohawk Trail Regional School District's assessment was level-funded, at \$8,988,455.

Other approved spending measures included:

\$3,500 for the Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspection Program.

\$14,400 for trash disposal.

\$71,500 for the general highways account. (This year's appropriation had been for \$65,000).

\$5,000 for legal fees. (This year's appropriation had been for \$1,500).

\$25,271 to cover this year's cost for the town Highway Department loader.

\$1,000 for continued education expenses for town officers.

\$2,500 to cover costs for tax title and foreclosure of parcels for delinquent taxes.

\$15,000 to come from the town's "free cash" surplus to replace the rusting dump truck body on the Highway Department's 1995 Ford.

\$12,000 from surplus to pay for a municipal audit, which is required when spending more than \$500,000 in federal funds (for Tropical Storm Irene damages). And another \$12,000 to cover interest on the storm damage loan. The total amount the town has borrowed for repairing Irene-related storm damage is \$1.5 million.

## **Election results**

Election results were delayed because of an unusually high voter turnout and because of the number of write-in votes, which had to be hand counted. About 67 percent of the town's voters came out for the election — more than turned out the 2008 presidential election. Out of 238 possible voters, 160 voted.

"Nobody remembers such a high (turnout)," said Town Clerk Lisa Turner. "Twice, we had to go and print out more ballots."

Tedd F. White was elected selectman, by a 99-59 vote over Kirby "Lark" Thwing Jr.

Thwing was re-elected to a one year term as town auditor.

In the only other contest, former town clerk, write-in candidate Cynthia L. Stetson won a one-year term as town moderator against write-in candidate John Sears. The vote was 56-24.

Suzanne Crawford ran for a three-year Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee term as a write-in candidate, and won the position with 30 votes. But she also received six write-in votes for vacant Hawlemont school position which she declined, because she cannot serve on both school boards.

The Hawlemont Regional School Committee member will be determined later, as other residents who received fewer than six votes are contacted.

Highway Superintendent Richard Gould was elected tree warden with 145 votes, and Assessor Henry Eggert was re-elected to another three-year term.



## **BIRTHS**

### **Richardson**

--In Baystate Franklin Medical Center, Jan. 30, a son, Cyrus Jacob, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, to Kristin (Mizula) and Jacob Richardson of Shelburne; grandson of Mark and Sandra Mizula of Hawley and James and Nancy Richardson of Shelburne; great-grandson of Donald Richardson and Pearl Churchill, both of Shelburne, Dorothy Richardson of Greenfield, Ann and Bruce Webb of Peterborough, N.H., Bernard Mizula of Whately and Roberta Tydren of Hatfield.

## **MARRIAGES/ENGAGEMENTS**

### **Swope-Decoigne**

James and Susan Swope of 254 East Hawley Road, Hawley, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Hope, to Douglas March Decoigne, both of 54 Middle Road, Hawley. Decoigne is the son of Doug and Deb Decoigne of 75 Charlemont Road, Buckland.

The future bride graduated from Mohawk Trail Regional High School in 2008 and in 2012 from Greenfield Community College with a nursing degree. She is a CNA at the Buckley HealthCare Center.

The future groom graduated in 2007 from Franklin County Technical School and in 2008 from United Tractor Trailer School (UTTS). He is co-owner of dB Cable Construction Co.

A Sept. 1, 2012 wedding is planned.

## Clark- -Harrison

HAWLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Clark are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tanya Marie Clark, to Thomas Earle Harrison. Tom is the son of Ruth and Roger Joslin of Warwick and Jim and Melanie Harrison of Winchester, N.H.

The future bride graduated from Mohawk Trail Regional School in 2006. Tanya received a business degree from Isenberg School at UMass-Amherst in 2010. She is employed by the Eye & Lasik Center.

The future groom graduated from Pioneer Valley Regional School in 2000. He received a business degree from Isenberg School at UMass-Amherst in 2004. He and his brother, Dan, own and operate Harrison Anglers Fly Fishing Guide Service.

A Sept. 8, 2012, wedding is planned.



Thomas E. Harrison  
and Tanya M. Clark

*Editor's note-if we missed anyone, please let me know.*  
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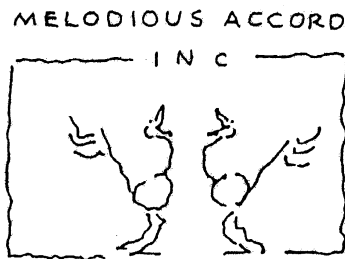
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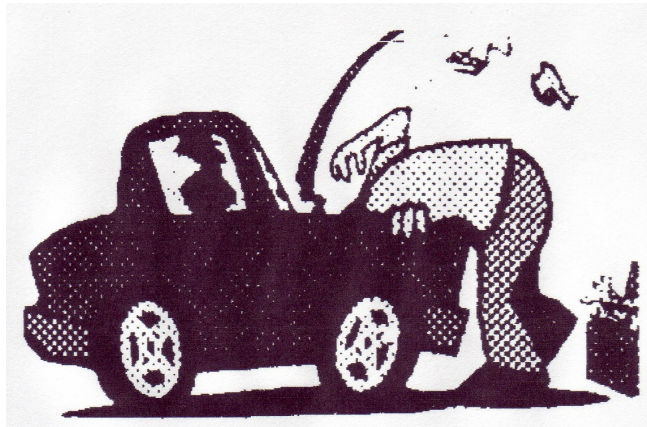
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## OBITUARIES

### **Dorothy M. Clark**

HAWLEY-Dorothy M. (Taylor) Clark, 88, died peacefully Monday, March 5 at Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield.

She was born on March 10, 1923 in Ashfield, the daughter of Harry and Pearl (Streeter) Taylor. She attended Charlemont High School.

She was married to Darwin H. Clark, Sr. on Jan. 5, 1939. They were married for more than 61 years. He predeceased her in August of 2000.

Dorothy worked as a waitress at several coffee shops and restaurants in Charlemont, including the former Gar-Chris and Oxbow restaurants.

She was a former member of the Mount Peak Rebekah Lodge and served there as Past Noble Grand. A member of the Charlemont Senior Center, she was recently honored for more than 40 years as a volunteer. In years past, she was a member of the TOPS Club in Shelburne Falls. She was a registrar for the town of Hawley for many years.

Dorothy's son Darwin Clark, Jr. passed away on Tuesday, March 13.

Among her survivors, Dorothy leaves her daughter-in-law Juanita, her sons Timothy (Robyn) of Hawley and Roger (Judith) and William of Heath; her four daughters, Joanne of Hawley, Judith (Dana) Johnson and Linda (Erwin) Reynolds of Charlemont and Doreen (Thomas) Gagner of Greenfield. She also leaves 20 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Her beloved family is what meant the most to her. She also leaves many nieces, nephews and several cousins.

Besides her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her grandson Darryl and her great-granddaughter Andrea.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 9 at the Charlemont Federated Church. Burial followed at Leavitt Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlemont Ambulance Association in care of Dana Johnson, director, PO. Box 139, Charlemont, MA 01339. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

### **Virginia Taylor**

GREENFIELD-Virginia J. (Raymond) Taylor, 88, of 359 High St., died Monday, March 12 at Poet's Seat Health Care Center, where she was a resident for three years.

She was born in Hawley on Nov. 19, 1923, the daughter of Hobart M. and Hope L. (Gould) Raymond.

She was a graduate of the former Charlemont High School.

Virginia was one of the original founders of the Charlemont Senior Center and its director. She served on the Charlemont Council on Aging and, while at the nursing home, she served on the residents' council there. She was a very strong advocate for senior rights.

She was a member of the Charlemont Federated Church.

Survivors include her sons Bob (Pat) Holt-Taylor of Hawley, Doug Taylor and partner Marcia Hakey of Vernon, VT; her daughters Jan (Gordon) Griswold of Hawley, Sharon Taylor and partner Joe Vadeboncoeur of Rowe, Kathryn Welles and partner Doug Pratt of Greenfield; her 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves her long-time companion Richard Henderson.

Her son John Taylor predeceased her in 1968.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

It is suggested donations be made to the Charlemont Senior Center, Main St., Charlemont, MA 01339 or to Poet's Seat Residents' Activity Fund, 359 High St., Greenfield, MA 01301.

Smith-Kelleher Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## **Darwin H. Clark, Jr.**

HAWLEY—Darwin H. Clark Jr., 73, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, March 13, surrounded by his family. Born at home in Hawley on March 8, 1939, he was the son of Darwin H. Clark, Sr. and Dorothy M. (Taylor) Clark. He attended Arms Academy.

Darwin married his wife Juanita in 1960 and they settled in Hawley, where he had a dairy farm for 43 years. He also worked for Kendall Mills and for the towns of Hawley, Heath and Charlemont. He was an active member for 33 years in Hawley, serving as selectman and chair of that board, tree warden, dog officer, board of health member and barn and animal inspector.

Darwin was a member of the Massachusetts and New England Ox Teamsters Association and a member of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley. He enjoyed going to the fairs with his oxen, feeding birds and watching the Red Sox with his wife. He also enjoyed visiting and having morning coffee at Dupree's in Charlemont.

Darwin is survived by his wife of 51 years Juanita A. (Gray) Clark; his children Ralph Clark, Wayne (Robin) Clark, Pamela Clark (Tom Poissant), Sarah (Rob) Sessions, Kevin Clark and Angela (Rob) Sinistore; his nine grandchildren Bryan, Heather, Tanya, Christine, Cody, Katie, Alyssa, Jacob and Tyler and his great-granddaughter Rileigh. He also leaves seven brothers and sisters: Joanne and Timothy of Hawley, Roger and William of Heath, Judith and Linda of Charlemont and Doreen of Greenfield, as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was pre-deceased by his grandchild Andrea A. Belval and by his parents, Darwin, Sr. and Dorothy.

The family sends special thanks to Hospice of Franklin , County and the Oncology Department at Baystate Franklin Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 17 at the Charlemont Federated Church followed by burial in the Bozrah Cemetery in Hawley.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Association of New England Ox Teamsters Inc., 1245 Battle St., Webster, NH 03303

Arrangements were under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

### **Daniel Hyytinen**

Daniel "Boone" Hyytinen, 61, of 7 Tea Street Extension, Charlemont, died Friday, May 4, at Veterans Administration Hospital in Leeds.

He was born in Greenfield, June 13, 1950, the son of Reino A. and Virginia B. (Pierce) Hyytinen.

A US Army veteran, he served in the Vietnam War from April 30, 1970 to November 13, 1971.

Hyytinen was a self-employed handyman.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 172 in Orange, MA.

Survivors include 2 sons Daniel B. (Dawn) Hyytinen of Buckland, C. Selmi (Tabitha) Hyytinen of Rowe; 4 brothers Michael (Shirley) of East Hawley, James S. (Donna) of Heath, Reno of Charlemont, Jeffrey W. of York, Maine; 3 sisters Norma (John) Lynch of Charlemont, Elaine (Robert) Ledger of Charlemont, Marie Hyytinen of Charlemont; 4 grandchildren Daniel M., Kimberlin M., Gavin C., and Lucas F. and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service with military honors will be held Wednesday, May 9, at 1 p.m. at Leavitt Cemetery in Charlemont.

It is suggested donations be made to VA Medical Center, Indigent Veterans Fund, GPS 1003, attn: agent cashier, 421 North Main St., Leeds, Ma 01053.

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2 eggs

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½ c. milk

¼ c. molasses

½ tsp salt

½ tsp cinnamon

¼ tsp nutmeg

1/8 tsp ground cloves

1. Wash potatoes. Place in kettle, cover with water, bring to boil, simmer covered 30 min. or till tender.
2. Drain; let cool just until they are easy to handle. Peel and mash potatoes and stir in butter.
3. Preheat oven to 375°F. In a bowl, beat eggs, add sugar and beat thoroughly.
4. Add milk, molasses, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Beat til well blended. Stir into mashed potatoes until well blended. Turn into buttered 1 ½ qt casserole.

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