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The STORM

By Ann Getsinger

Hurricane Irene came straight at us. There were images of its blade-like tendrils swirling slowly on the weather maps as it plowed its way up the eastern seaboard, leaving flooding and destruction in its wake. In anticipation of its arrival, many of us stocked up on groceries, put away lawn furniture, set out matches, flashlights, candles, and kerosene, checked generators, and filled up the car. We watched the skies, wondered what would happen, and waited. For those of us who were not here for the hurricane and floods of 1955, this was a first-time experience with a storm of this magnitude.

Its arrival on Sunday morning, August 28, came in wind-driven bands of torrential rain, which kept up throughout the day. By early afternoon, small streams overflowed their banks and flowed into roads, yards, fields, and forests. As the afternoon progressed cellars filled with water, trees toppled, branches brought down electric lines, wash-outs and flooding caused road closures, the Konkapot and Umpachene Rivers raged, the Hayes Hill dam burst open. Emergency Service personnel were flat-out for fourteen hours, answering calls (see log, page 6).

As Sunday's daylight faded, the driving rain stopped, and things seemed nearly calm, but soon afterwards, strong winds kicked up and continued into the night, spinning the treetops and leaving many in the five villages and outlying areas without power. By midnight the air had become still, and the night sky was filled with a crisp display of stars. The storm was over. Monday morning dawned cool and bright as some of us surveyed destruction and others found

nothing changed at all.

Maureen Hosford, who lives on Norfolk Road, reported "a few twigs down." Similar reports came from both Christine Joffe, of New Marlborough Village, and David Lorette, who lives in downtown Mill River. Ann Riou, of Mill River, lost power but said otherwise "nothing remarkable at all." Joe Poindexter found a dead fish in the middle of his lawn, stranded there when the overflow from Trout Brook receded.



At Umpachene Falls Town Park, not a good day for a picnic. photo by Ed Harvey

Michele and Dave Shalaby who live along Brewer Brook said they had a lot of mess but no real damage as the stream overflowed its banks and filled their swimming pool with mud. Joby Baker, who lives just south of Southfield Village, described watching the wetland valley below his home fill with water. "We

were fine, up high enough," he said. "We loved watching it, knowing it wouldn't come up and reach us."

Steve Cunningham, whose Berkshire Bounty Farm is in the valley below Campbell Falls, prepared for the storm by digging channels to direct water away from his gardens, but he still lost a "beautiful trellis" laden with spaghetti squash, which caught the wind as if it were a sail. The six employees who work for Paul Haiss Landscape Design didn't have much construction work the week following the storm because "it was too wet, too muddy, and too dangerous to work with heavy equipment," explained Paul, who added that otherwise he "didn't have any problems."

For others, the storm landed a heavier blow. In their home alongside the Konkapot River, Joan Griswold and her

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BEAR SIGHTINGS IN MILL RIVER

Hunters Check in Their Quarry at the General Store

On a dark, cool night in early September, a handful of New Marlborough residents gathered after hours under the porch lights of the Mill River General Store to see Sandisfield resident Al Curtis pull in and back up to the large steel scale standing at the foot of the ramp.

Bear season opened September 6, and at the time of this writing, two bears had been checked in during the season's first week. The first, weighing 120 pounds, was shot by bow and arrow on the Great Barrington side of Home road. The second bear, in the back of Curtis's truck, was heaved gently onto the scale. Laura Davis, clipboard in hand, recorded the weight (265 pounds after field dressing), gender (male), and the location of the hunting site (Sandisfield). She took down the license number of the hunter and the weapon used (rifle), and then she strung a tag through the nose of the bear; to identify it as legally hunted. Al Curtis removed a tooth, which will be sent to Boston for examination by the Department of Fish and Game to assess the animal's age and health. It was his second bear, the first he brought down with bow and arrow four years ago. He plans to use the bear for meat — burgers, roast, and loins.

Margaret Beckwith retired her check station on Lake Buel Road after forty-two years of service to the hunting community in South Berkshire County. Dave Herrick then contacted the Department of Fish and Game for Western Massachusetts and offered the Mill River Store as a new check station. The store checked in 107 turkeys this spring, and is currently listed on the Department's website as one of only two check stations in South County (the other



Al Curtis of Sandisfield checks in a 265-pound black bear at the Mill River General Store.

is the Silverbrook Café in Sandisfield), available for bear, coyote, deer, and turkey seasons, among others. Other than incidental business from hunters, the store does not profit financially from acting as a check station.

The black bear has been registered as a game animal in Massachusetts since 1952. The population in this state has gone from about 100 in the early 1970s to around 3,000 in 2005. Over the past twelve years, the number of bears harvested in Berkshire County has ranged from nineteen to seventy-six. The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife states, "Since Massachusetts is the third most densely populated state in the country, many people are surprised to hear that the state's black bear population is healthy and growing. As currently regulated, hunting takes about 5 to 7 percent of the estimated population, and bear numbers continue to grow at a moderate rate. Habitat changes and human attitudes are key to retaining the bear as a part of the Massachusetts fauna. Sportsmen play an important role in the conservation and management of this magnificent denizen of the forest." □

reported and photographed by Kenzie Fields

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Bring your surplus goodies to the first Berkshire Grown

Preserve Exchange at the Great Barrington Farmers Market on Saturday, October 15, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Swap your treasures with other local home cooks and bring some delicious variety to your winter pantry! Berkshire Grown members will be on hand to discuss the mysteries and pleasures of putting things by at home. No money will be exchanged. It's free and open to everyone. Visit berkshiregrown.org for more information. □

EDIBLE NEW MARLBOROUGH

The Freshest Dozen – and Two Egg-cellent recipes

This is the first in a series of articles on the who and what of locally produced foods.

When standing in Ormsbee's Garage, having your car repaired or inspected, you may notice a small sign below the register advertising eggs for sale. Those eggs belong to a flock of about forty hens living up on Sisson Hill Road, the possession of Johnny Ormsbee, a junior in high school at Mount Everett. Johnny has been raising his chickens for about five years. "I haven't bought eggs at the store since," he says. He credits Rick Hankey, who at one time raised chickens professionally, for teaching him most of what he knows, as well as passing along the necessary equipment: water heaters, a coop, and his first batch of layers.

Johnny takes care of his brood and sells eggs at the garage, and also to The Red Lion Inn, in Stockbridge. Johnny's chickens were in a small coop originally, but as his business and hobby expanded, he moved them into an old camouflaged camper, where he has built-in laying boxes, a feeder, and a heated waterer that keeps the temperature at 35° F after the first frost.

As caretaker of the chickens, Johnny is not alone – there's a five-year-old rooster, loyal, if not particularly brave, who does a good job of keeping the pecking order in line. The flock, White Leghorns and Rhode Island Reds, is very productive. They do slow down in the winter when they "go into molt," but they never stop completely, even without the sixteen hours of light per day thought to be required for egg production.

Johnny has never had trouble with predators, despite being on the edge of deep woods. His hens are free to roam beyond their pen in spring and fall, before and after his father's vegetable garden gets established. One summer they meandered through the vegetable garden – Johnny was away for the day – and did some rearranging and early harvesting. So now they spend summer scratching in the dappled shade of trees close to the house, enclosed in a pen. Although we discussed preparing eggs the way Johnny usually does (scrambled), he was off to help his Dad put on a pig roast in Connecticut and couldn't spare the time for a demonstration. I took home a dozen eggs, mixed brown, white, and green, and put them to good, mid-fall use.

reported by Kenzie Fields

Baked Eggs with Cherry Tomato, Basil, and Cream

Serves four.

2 teaspoons unsalted butter, plus more for baking dish
2 cups of cherry tomatoes, halved
(or 2-3 regular tomatoes, chopped)
1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
1/4 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
4 local free range eggs
4 tablespoons heavy cream

Preheat an oven to 350°F. Generously butter baking dish.

In a bowl, stir together the tomatoes, basil, parsley, 1/2 teaspoon of the salt and 1/2 teaspoon of the pepper. Distribute tomato and herbs in baking dish. Cut the 2 teaspoons butter into small pieces and distribute evenly over the tomato mixture. Break eggs into baking dish, over tomatoes. Season with the remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper, dividing evenly. Drizzle each egg with 1 tablespoon of the cream. Bake until the egg whites are opaque and the yolks have firm edges and are soft in the center, about 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and serve immediately. □

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Town Business Is Your Business

Board of Selectmen

August 22: The three selectmen were present to review **Police Department policies** proposed by Chief Scott Farrell. Some of the policies may come up in their final form for approval at the Annual Town Meeting.

First Responders Neil Crawford, Maureen Guidi, and Joe Krejci presented their efforts to **document all the income received by the Town from Rescue Squad activities and to confirm that these funds were properly transferred into the Comstar Account.** They were informed by Selectman Tara White that all income received by the Town is deposited in the General Account but that any funds generated by the Rescue squad are then transferred into the Comstar Account. She acknowledged that a transition in accounting methods created some confusion but that all money due Comstar is now properly accounted for. Ms. White acceded to Ms. Guidi's request that she receive month-to-month accounting of receipts earmarked for Comstar and said that carry-over funds would show on the year-end reconciliation, expected to be available September 1.

Hatchery Road repair, which must be completed by October 15, continues to await final approvals. A final delay, lodged by the Fish and Wildlife and Environmental Protection Departments, regards the location of a storage area necessary to the repair process. In response to a letter requesting that **Hadsell Street's name be changed to Umpachene Falls Road**, as it has been called for many years, Ms. White asked Administrative Assistant Michael Skorput to have the Town's attorney advise on whether a change would need to be ratified by residents voting at a Town Meeting.

Howard Shelton brought to the selectmen's attention a **malfunctioning culvert on County Road** that is depositing refuse in his fields. He said that the rusting culvert should probably be replaced. Highway Superintendent Peter Marks said the project would require about 250 feet of new culvert and that he would obtain cost estimates, as Selectman Nat Yohalem has requested.

A Mutual Town Cooperative Agreement for the Berkshire Public Health Services received agreement in principle from Ms. White and Mr. Yohalem. Mr. Davis, who is also Chairman of the Town Board of Health, recused himself.

Plans to move the entrance to the Town Hall offices to the parking area side of the building have been submitted by Environmental Design Management project designer. Cost estimates are being obtained. The doorway would replace the most westerly window on the south end of the ground floor and eliminate the need for a ramp. A



pathway to the door will lead directly from the parking area.

Selectman White reported that a committee comprised of a selectman from each of the five towns of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District has been considering the School Committee budgeting process and has concluded that the proposed \$1.5-million dollar bond issue would not receive the necessary unanimous approval of the towns. Ms. White also noted that the School Committee has provided all the budget materials requested by the oversight committee except revenue figures.

Consideration of the **proposed compactor for the transfer station** – at a cost of \$30,000 to \$35,000 – led to questions of its vulnerability to winter weather. Was the possible loss of its electric circuitry, for instance, figured into its cost estimate? Would the unit need to be housed? The selectmen then turned their attention to the existing unit, which was damaged last year by its vendor, Eco-Waste. At Mr. Davis's insistence that Eco-Waste be held responsible for the repair, it was decided to turn the matter over to the Town's attorney.

Ms. White and Mr. Yohalem requested a recount of the closely contested override vote. (As reported last month, the override still failed to pass.)

In a unanimous vote, Police Chief Scott Farrell was appointed **Chief of Police** for the next fiscal year.

September 12: Ms. White opened the meeting with thanks for "**the fabulous job**" done by Town workers and volunteers in response to Hurricane Irene. Her sentiments were seconded by the other two selectmen and those in the audience. Fire Chief Peter Scala expressed his gratitude for the presence of Officer Graham Frank during a confrontation with a "problem individual." Barbara Marchione, director of Emergency Services, praised the

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cooperation of all the workers under her command. Michael Skorput and Will Brinker (of Great Barrington) were also commended for their participation and help.

Chuck Loring reported that after the USDA visited Hatchery Road, it gave a full go-ahead for the repair. To the relief and astonishment of those present, it was declared that the **long-awaited restoration of Hatchery Road could proceed immediately.**

The selectmen are working with the Finance Committee to find the funding for repairs of the long-neglected **Canaan Southfield Road.** Mr. Marks is prioritizing a list of roads in New Marlborough that need attention.

Ms. White announced that the Department of Revenue has approved \$1.7 million of deficit spending for State storm repairs.

Barbara Marchione reported that federal and Massachusetts Emergency Management Administrations have given training to many persons to provide **aid to citizens in filling out damage reports.** She said that she is available to help in the filing of reports and that FEMA is setting up a unit in the old school in Housatonic to assist residents, however assistance can be received from Ms. Marchione and the Town Hall. She indicated that all businesses and primary homeowners will receive appropriate assistance. She urged residents to retain all paperwork – even denials of assistance – until all of their requests have been acted on. She also asked the

selectmen to appoint Will Brinker as deputy emergency management director for New Marlborough, a position he holds with other towns, to serve as backup in case she were not available.

Prudence Spaulding reported on her activities with the Senior Volunteer program and the Council on Aging need for credibility in processing grants. The selectmen voted to **appoint Ms. Spaulding as Director of Senior Services.** Chief Scala asked how elderly or disabled persons would receive attention if power and telephone contact were disrupted. He suggested that reverse 911, or a listing of those who needed to be checked on, would merit consideration.

The Board approved Mr. Yohalem's request that the **Cultural Council be urged to purchase Music & More tickets for Town employees and their families.** He stated that this would encourage participation in such programs by a broader group of residents.

Mr. Yohalem next reported that, in a meeting with the department heads, the single most important capital request was for updated computer service. □

In response to a request at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen is forming a committee to study the feasibility of hiring a town administrator. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Administrative Assistant Michael Skorput in writing.

reported by Charlie Parton

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 27: The meeting started promptly at 10:00 a.m. with two commission members, Tom Coote and Ned Wilson present. First on the agenda was a public hearing for a Request For Determination (RDA) for Eric Shamie of Hadsell Street. Mike Parsons of Kelly, Granger and Parsons presented the permit describing the scope of work as a voluntary upgrade of the septic system. The existing tank would be pumped out and filled with sand. The new leach field would be located outside the riparian zone of the Umpachene River and the new tank would be within the zone. After brief consideration, the Commission agreed that the result of the work would be a net improvement and that, although the work would be within the buffer zone, there would be no alteration to the resource area.

Next up was Sam Ernschaw, a local building contractor, presenting on behalf of William Tatlock of Canaan Southfield Road. A Notice of Intent (NOI) was filed by Foresight Land Services on August 11 for the construction of a single-family home within the 100-foot buffer zone of an intermittent stream. The existing house would be torn down, and the new construction would overlap the

existing footprint. The existing concrete slab would be removed. The Commission referenced its consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection about changing the status of the stream from a perennial stream to an intermittent one for the length immediate to the parcel. Mr. Ernschaw had supplied the pictures needed to document that the stream was dry over an extended period of time, which allowed the Commission to approve the change in stream status. Given the newly designated status of the resource area, the Commission approved the work as submitted.

A hearing was opened for issuing a Certificate of Compliance to David Bailin of Deerwood Road. Comfortable with observations of the permitted work during a recent site visit, the Commission issued the certificate.

Finally, the minutes for last month's meeting were reviewed and approved with minor revisions. The mail was opened and a letter from Selectman Nat Yohalem requesting the first meeting of the chairs of various town departments was noted. Secretary Kathy Chretien stated she would update information for the Conservation Commission on the Town website. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

reported by Martha Bryan

THE LOG

Police and Fire and Rescue Activity for August

Reminder: October is Fire Prevention Month, and winter heating season is near. Replace smoke detector batteries and be sure CO detectors are working.

NEW MARLBOROUGH POLICE

As of August 31, there were 325 motor vehicle citations or warnings in 2011 and 158 log entries in 2011. The following are the log entries, which describe all police interactions with the public, recorded in August.

- Aug. 1 5:00 p.m., Hartsville New Marlborough Road – Larceny of a motor vehicle
- Aug. 2 11:00 a.m., Clayton Mill River Road – Stone dumped in road
12:00 p.m., Hartsville New Marlborough Road – Breaking and entering with property damage
- Aug. 3 3:30 p.m., Norfolk Road – Disabled vehicle; vehicle towed
4:30 p.m., Clayton Mill River Road – Investigated domestic abuse/threats
- Aug. 4 3:20 p.m., Norfolk Road – Assisted with medical call
4:27 p.m., Mill River – Served Department Children Families summons
5:00 p.m., Norfolk Road – Property line dispute
5:30 p.m., Hartsville New Marlborough Road – Suspicious individuals reported
- Aug. 7 9:00 a.m., Mill River Great Barrington Road – Suspicious damage/broken window
11:00 a.m., Canaan Southfield Road – Report of low telephone wires
5:00 p.m., Mill River – Investigated report of animal cruelty
- Aug. 8 4:00 p.m., Mill River – Met with homeowner regarding contractor not finishing work after being pre paid
- Aug. 9 3:30 p.m., Norfolk Road – Burglar Alarm
2:20 p.m., Hartsville – Restraining Order violation
- Aug. 11 3:20 p.m., Norfolk Road – Freed raccoon stuck in dumpster
7:45 p.m., Mill River – Assisted with medical call
- Aug. 12 6:43 p.m., Mill River Great Barrington. Road – Motor vehicle stop. Operator suspended, charges filed
- Aug. 14 9:02 p.m., Route 57 – Loose bull; located with owner, fence secured
10:00 p.m., Umpachene Falls – unlicensed firearms confiscated from parked car.

- Aug. 15 9:50 a.m., Mill River Great Barrington Road – Assisted with medical call
 Aug. 17 10:45 a.m., Norfolk Road – Assisted with medical call
 10:35 p.m., Hartsville New Marlborough Road – Noise complaint
 Aug. 19 5:00 p.m., Route 57 – Tree down; Fire Department cleared
 5:30 p.m., New Marlborough Hill Road – Tree down on wires
 10:10 p.m., Thousand Acre Swamp parking lot – Located vehicle parked in lot
 Aug. 20 10:00 a.m., New Marlborough Village Green – Motor vehicle accident, no injuries
 9:00 p.m., Norfolk Road – Disorderly male/assault; possible criminal charges pending
 10:45 p.m., Route 57 – Noise complaint; loud music.
 Aug. 22 6:30 p.m. – Bad check; larceny of \$1,600.
 Aug. 23 5:00 p.m., Southfield – Several 911 calls from residence
 Aug. 24 2:30 p.m., Route 57 – Report of calf in roadway
 5:00 p.m., Southfield – Assisted with walk through of a residence; landlord/tenant dispute
 Aug. 25 10:30 p.m., Canaan Southfield Road – Alarm activated
 Aug. 28 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. – Assisted Fire and Highway Departments with Hurricane Irene. Multiple trees down, wires down and road closures due to flooding (see box page 8)
 Aug. 29 4:30 p.m., Canaan Southfield Road – Road closed for tree company work
 5:45 p.m., Canaan Valley Road – Alarm activation
 Aug. 30 10:15 p.m., Hartsville New Marlborough Road – Domestic verbal altercation

NEW MARLBOROUGH FIRE AND RESCUE

- Aug. 1 1:30 p.m., Cross to Canaan Valley Road – Fire alarm
 Aug. 3 9:29 a.m., Canaan Southfield Road – Fire alarm
 Aug. 4 1:30 p.m., Norfolk Road – Medical call
 Aug. 7 8:10 p.m., Tamarack Road – Medical call
 Aug. 8 7:01 a.m., Mill River Great Barrington Road – Medical call
 Aug. 11 1:10 p.m., Clayton Mill River Road – Fire alarm; medical call
 Aug. 13 1:54 p.m., Hartsville New Marlborough Road – Fire alarm
 Aug. 15 10:50 a.m., Mill River Great Barrington Road – Medical call
 Aug. 16 8:25 p.m., Great Barrington – Medical mutual aid
 Aug. 17 11:56 a.m., Monterey – Medical mutual aid
 Aug. 17 Norfolk Road – Medical call
 Aug. 19 6:35 p.m., New Marlborough Hartsville Road – Tree/wires down
 Aug. 19 New Marlborough Hartsville Road – Fire alarm
 Aug. 20 5:10 p.m., New Marlborough Hartsville Road – Fire alarm
 Aug. 21 12:50 p.m., Great Barrington – Medical mutual aid
 Aug. 23 7:50 a.m., New Marlborough Branch Road – Medical call
 Aug. 28 7:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. – Hurricane Irene, sixty-five calls (see story page 1)
 Aug. 29 11:06 a.m., Clayton Mill River Road – Medical call
 Aug. 29 1:00 p.m., East Hill Road – Power line down
 Aug. 30 11:00 a.m., Mill River Great Barrington Road – Medical call
 Aug. 30 7:25 p.m., Main Road – Medical call

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husband, Roy Blount, Jr., reported that their basement had filled with water and that the New Marlborough Fire Company was a “godsend,” as they came and pumped it out. Susan Smith, who lives on Corser Hill, was also among the many people who had serious flooding in their basements, flooding which for her was repeated a few days later when Tropical Storm Lee dumped another few inches of rain onto the still-soaked ground.

For some townspeople, the most shocking storm damage was the destruction of the century-old Hayes Hill dam, which was bull-dozed by the furious surge of the Konkapot, just north of Mill River village. But Mill River resident Marius Louw, who observed that “the change in the river has changed our landscape,” sees a silver lining. He feels that the new, more forceful current is better for the fish, and that now it may be easier for them to swim upstream to Lake Buel without the wall of the dam blocking the way.

The Fire Department, First Responders, Town road crew, and Town officials directed enormous energy toward preparedness, as well as working throughout the storm to help keep everyone safe and sound. As the storm passed, their attention was directed toward assessing and repairing the extensive damage caused by this unusually destructive storm.

Certainly there are countless stories, yet untold, generated by the Hurricane of 2011! □

additional reporting by Kenzie Fields

The Fire Department saved a number of cellars on the day of the storm, the one at right in Hartsville, and rescued a stranded car, below, on Canaan Southfield Road. Campbell Falls, far right, became a mini-Niagara.



photo by Ed Harvey

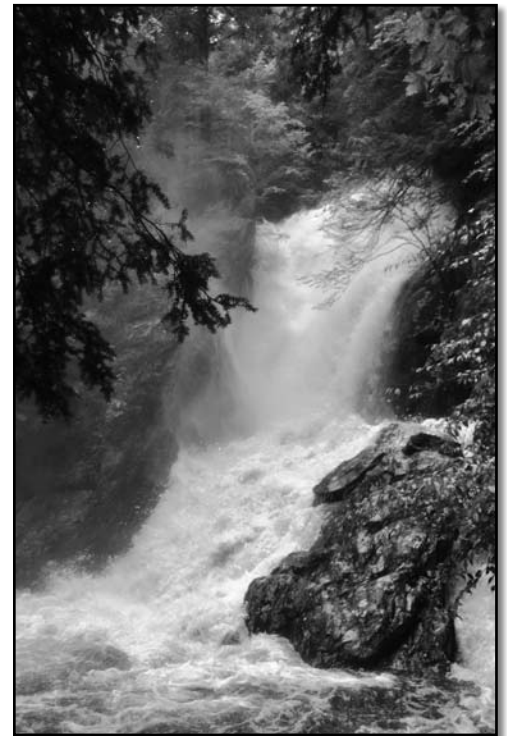


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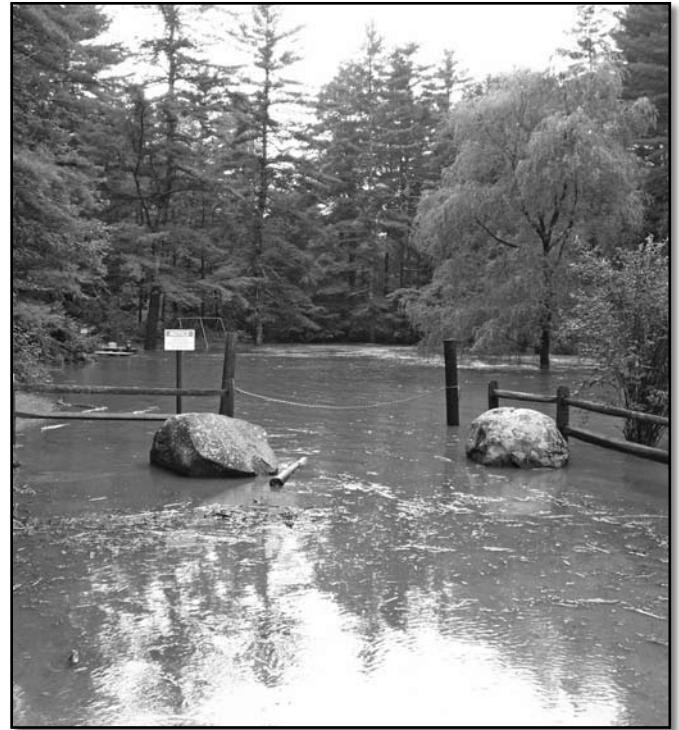
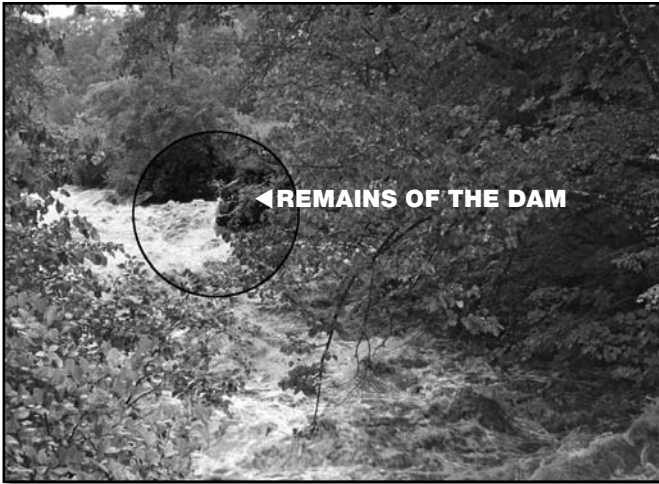
STORM RESPONSE CONTROL CENTRAL

Hurricane Irene provided the Town’s new Emergency Services Center with its first significant test, during which the facility served as a base of operations for more than fifteen hours of emergency response by fire, police, and ambulance crews. In all, NMF&R responded to about sixty-five calls, as the storm caused widespread damage across town.

The emergency response began around 7:00 a.m., Sunday, with the first calls for flooding roads and basements and falling trees and power lines. During the height of the storm, NMF&R responded to simultaneous calls in all five villages. Those calls included evacuating five people from a car stuck in rising floodwaters on Canaan Southfield Road, investigating substantial damage in Hartsville, and closing Route 57 in that village.

The response was coordinated from the facility’s communications room, which functioned as an emergency operations center and provided ample space for monitoring radios and communicating with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and other agencies. The center also provided space for Emergency Management Coordinator Barbara Marchione, Fire Chief Peter Scala, and Police Chief Scott Farrell to monitor conditions, update firefighters, dispatch emergency crews, and coordinate with Town and Highway Department officials. All three praised the new facility. “It was a blessing to have the new station up and running,” said Mr. Farrell. “I am not sure we would have functioned as smoothly in the old building, and surely not in Town Hall.” □

reported by David Smith



Register Your Damages

Tropical Storm Irene has raised havoc in our community. A list is being compiled of damages that residents in the Town have had with flooding, driveway and roadway washouts, loss of furnishings, appliances, furnaces, electrical – basically anything that you lost due to the flooding. Also let us know if you had the fire department pump your basement or if you rented equipment to do this yourself. Call the Town Hall today (229-8278) and provide your name, address, contact information and a description of storm-related damages to your property. This information is needed for the Town's application to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Administration. For information on possible federal assistance, call 800 621-FEMA (3362).



Clockwise from top left: Hays Hill dam, shortly after it was breached, looking upstream from the Hays Hill bridge; the entryway to Umpachene Falls park; a pickup fords Clayton Four Corners; the Fire Department pumps water from another flooded basement in Hartsville; a stretch of Canaan Southfield Road was transformed into a shallow lake. All photos by Ed Harvey

NEIGHBORS



Peter L. Strattner, a furniture maker and former owner of the Buggy Whip Factory, died in an automobile accident in Newburyport, Massachusetts., at age 59. The following is excerpted from an obituary written by his brother Paul.

Born in New Britain, Conn. Peter grew up one of six boys born to Joe & Clare-Marie Strattner. In 1977, he and two of his brothers purchased an old buggy whip factory in the Berkshires where they started a furniture business and took over a rawhide business. Peter married Meg Starack in 1980 and started a design and furniture business. Peter and Meg were entrepreneurs and had many successful years as furniture designers, being featured in magazines, etc. In 2008 Peter started The Green Cocoon, an Eco-friendly insulation company and was the founding member and co-chair of the Seacoast Green Building coalition.

It was impossible to feel ambivalent about Peter; he was a character and lived his life with passion. His parents and his older brother John predecease him. He leaves behind Meg Strattner, their three children, Bowie, Lulu and Oliver; his companion Susan MacPhee and their daughter Clare Mae, his brothers, Paul and his wife Deborah, Mark and his wife Linda, James and his wife Suzanne, David and his wife Mary Ann, and his sister-in-law, Bea.

New Marlboroughites who were acquainted with Peter are urged to submit recollections and remembrances to Neighbors at deeuell@yahoo.com for publication in the November issue of the 5VN.

After nine years as clerk in the Southfield Post Office, **Linda Brazie** of New Marlborough is retiring from that position. "It's time to move on to other activities," she says, "and I'm really enjoying the increased time spent with my grandchildren." She views her customers, particularly the Saturday regulars, as "my people," and will miss them. "There are so many wonderful people in town whom I have been fortunate to meet. It's my only regret in leaving the post office."

Her replacement as clerk will be Southfield resident Pam Gillette. No stranger to many of us, for the past thirty years Pam has worked at the Southfield Store, as well as at both the Southfield and Mill River post offices. Welcome back, Pam.

Flying Cloud Institute was one of the twelve non-profit organizations visited by employees of the DaVita Corporation, the nation's largest kidney dialysis provider, serving approximately 131,000 patients across the country. Among the 400 employees camped out on the grounds of Ski Butternut for the company's annual fundraising bike ride, a dozen or so made their way to Flying Cloud on September 17, where they helped spruce up the beginner group's club house and the solar greenhouse.

Neighbors is compiled by Barbara Lowman. Submit articles of interest to: deeuell@yahoo.com

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OUR WILDLIFE NEIGHBORS

Charlie Parton of New Marlborough village writes: My friend Jason Ben-David and I were standing in the yard at 5:30 on the afternoon before Hurricane Irene struck when suddenly we saw thirty or so falcon-like birds flying over the house. We gaped at them, and then I saw the distinct white bar across the underside of the outer third of the wing as they flew over. "Nighthawks!" I said. "I've never seen them in a flock."



On talking with René Laubach of the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Lenox, I learned that nighthawks migrate from mid-August to early September and that a ten-day count is held annually at Lenox and elsewhere around the country. They spend their summers in the northern hemisphere of the new world, their winters in South America.

The nighthawk is not a hawk but is closely related to the whippoorwill and chuck-will's widow. The survival of all three species is threatened because, being ground nesters, they are vulnerable to predators and because they are losing open-ground habitat to urban sprawl. The nighthawk's beak is almost invisibly small. It captures food by opening its mouth wide as it flies through the insect-laden evening sky, swerving here and there for its supper. I have watched these antics for most of my life and am moved by the dusky summer calls, a nasally voiced "peents."



photos by Charlie Parton

During their mating show, they plummet straight down from great heights to within a spare yard of the ground and swoop up, the wind rushing through their wings, making a vibratory whooshing boom. And, just to be different, when they rest on a limb, they don't perch but squat down on their tiny (almost useless) feet, lengthwise on the branch – their mottled plumage serving as camouflage.



photo by Don Beauchamp

Don Beauchamp of Clayton reports that, early in the morning of August 28, he saw "a sharp-shinned hawk eating a mourning dove, all but the feathers," and, at around noon, he spotted a hummingbird sipping at the bird feeder.

compiled by Jon Swan



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Upcoming: Events Calendar for October

October 1 – Art Classes for Kids, the first meeting of a new program sponsored by the New Marlborough Village Association, will be held in the Meeting House Gallery. Time to be announced.

October 1 – Award-winning authors, Historian **Andrew Hacker**, journalist **Claudia Dreifus**, novelist **Bruce Murkoff**, and Pulitzer Prize-winner **Tracy Kidder** talk about recent books and the craft of writing at the annual Meeting House wordfest, organized by Mitchell Levitas. Starts at 4:30 p.m., followed by wine and cheese in the gallery. \$15, \$10 for Village Association members.

October 8 – Family Fun ~ Make Your Own Scarecrow. Bring your own old clothes and the New Marlborough Public Library will provide the hay, plus doughnuts and cider. 11:30 a.m. Rain date October 15 at 11:30 a.m. It's free but pre-registration at 229-6668 is required.

October 9 –New Marlborough Land Trust Annual Meeting, 5:00 p.m. at the Thousand-Acre Swamp picnic area. All welcome.

October 14 – Family Friday, Another Village Association series gets underway in the Meeting House Gallery with a talk on Birds of the Berkshires, preceded by a pizza supper. Starts at 6:00 p.m. Free to New Marlborough children and their Moms and Dads.

October 21 – Our Magical Library. Get a jump on Halloween mischief. Put on your costume and join magician Mike Bent at the library for an evening of tricks and treats! The fun starts at 6:30 p.m..

October 29 – Annual Fall Road Cleanup, 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall parking lot.

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The New Marlborough Cultural Council is pleased to announce that it is offering \$11,000 through its competitive grant process for programs in the arts, humanities, or interpretive sciences. Priority will be given to proposals from New Marlborough residents; projects or programs that directly benefit New Marlborough residents; creative work provided to New Marlborough residents; and events or creative work that will occur in New Marlborough. For the 2012 grant cycle, the Massachusetts Cultural Council is providing \$3870 and the New Marlborough Cultural Council, \$7130.

Grant proposals must be submitted on the standard LCC Grant Application available at <http://massculturalcouncil.org/applications/lccapp.doc>, or at the New Marlborough Town Library. Only paper copies will be accepted. The deadline is Saturday, October 15, 2011, either by postmark to NMCC, P.O. Box 206, Mill River, MA 01244, or by hand delivery to the New Marlborough Town Library by its closing time of 5:30 on October 15. □

WALKING FOR A CAUSE

The Second Annual Wellness Walk to raise money for the Women's Cancer Wellness Fund (formerly called the Pastures Fund) will take place Sunday, October 16, starting out at 9:00 a.m. at The Pastures, 1100 Clayton Mill River Road. The fund provides financial assistance to women with cancer in the Berkshire Taconic region seeking <http://www.connonc.com/cancer-treatment/complementary-and-alternative/> complementary and alternative medicine (CAM), and holistic care not covered by their health insurance. CAM includes a wide range of modalities from chiropractic and acupuncture to naturopathy, meditation, nutrition, and movement therapy. Last year we raised \$10,000 from the walk and a generous donation from Iredale Mineral Cosmetics, which this year has committed \$9,000 to the fund.

Plan to join the walk with friends and family. We'll celebrate the lives of the women we love in a beautiful four-mile walk – rain or shine. Tickets are \$25, and all proceeds from the walk benefit the fund. Each walker gets a Blue Q coin purse and a breakfast goodies by Haven in Lenox. After the walk enjoy live drumming from the KDZ drummers, hula-hooping with Hooping Harmony, and Katherine Miller's Kosmic Kitchen smoothies. For more details and to purchase tickets or make a donation online, please visit thepastures.org.

The Women's Cancer Wellness Fund is administered by <http://www.berkshiretaconic.org/>. Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity, and donations to the fund are tax deductible. □

reported by Bridget Ford Hughes

Flu Clinic

Friday, October 14

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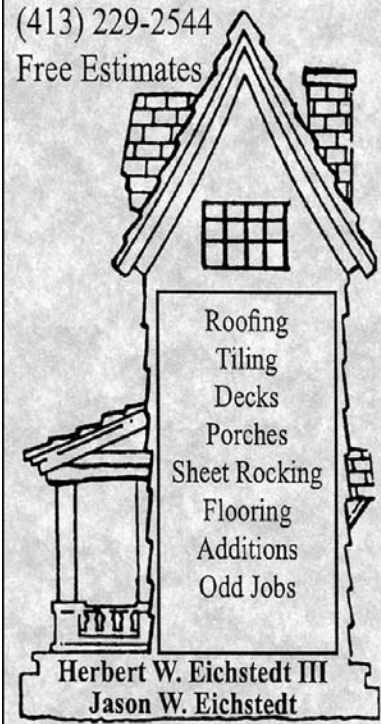
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INTRODUCING FAMILY FRIDAY

The October Program Is for the Birds

The inaugural Family Friday, a series of fun- and information-packed evening programs for parents and children of all ages, will be held at the Meeting House October 14 and feature birds of the Berkshires. A free pizza supper will be followed by a talk by noted interpretive naturalist David St. James. Mr. St. James is past president and an officer of the Hoffmann Bird Club and a member of the Advisory Board of the Massachusetts Audubon Berkshire Sanctuary. He has presented programs to, among others, the national Wildlife Federation, the Trustees of Reservations and the Berkshire Museum.

After the talk, Jeff Homeyer, a master carpenter, will

instruct each family in making its own birdhouse. There will be no charge for this program. However, reservations must be made by calling 413-229-2785.

The Family Friday series is sponsored by the New Marlborough Village Association, which is offering these free family programs on the second Friday of the month in October, November, and December at the Meeting House on the Village Green in New Marlborough.

The October program, planned by a committee of volunteers, led by Nan Smith and Krista Kennedy, was coordinated by Terry Ferrara. □

reported by Louise Yohalem

Edible New Marlborough, continued from page 3

Zucchini Cake with Crunchy Lemon Glaze

For the cake:

1 cup almonds, pecans, or walnuts, toasted
 2 cups flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon kosher or sea salt
 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
 1 teaspoon dried ground ginger
 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
 3 local free range eggs, at room temperature

1-3/4 cups sugar
 1 cup extra-virgin olive oil
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 2-1/2 cups finely grated zucchini

For the lemon glaze:

Juice of one lemon
 1/3 cup granulated sugar
 1 cup powdered sugar
 pinch of salt

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F (180°C). Grease a 10-cup (2.5 liter) bundt or tube cake pan with non-stick spray or butter, dust with flour, then tap out any excess.
2. Pulse the nuts in a food processor until finely chopped.
3. In a medium bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, ginger, and nutmeg. Set aside.
4. In the bowl of a stand mixer with the paddle attachment, beat the eggs, sugar, and olive oil for 3 minutes on medium speed, until light and fluffy. Stop and scrape down the sides of the mixer, then add the vanilla.
5. Mix in the dry ingredients, scraping down the sides of the mixer bowl to make sure everything is mixed in well, then beat on medium speed for 30 seconds.
6. Stir in the chopped nuts and zucchini.
7. Scrape the batter into the prepared cake pan, smooth the top, then bake the cake for 45 to 50 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean and the cake has begun to pull away from the sides of the pan.
8. During the last few minutes of the cake baking, make the glaze by whisking together the lemon juice and powdered and granulated sugar.
9. Let the cake cool for 10 minutes, then carefully invert it onto a cooling rack by laying the cooling rack over the top of the cake pan, then, grasping both the cake pan and the rack simultaneously (if it's too hot, wear oven mitts), flip them both over. Lift off the cake pan and liberally brush the glaze with a pastry brush over the warm cake. Let cool before serving.

HUNTING SEASONS

Game Birds

Pheasant: Oct. 15 – Nov. 26
 Quail: Oct. 15 – Nov. 26
 Ruffed Grouse: Oct. 15 – Nov. 26
 Wild Turkey: 13 Oct. 31 – Nov. 5

Black Bear

Sept. 6 – Sept. 24; Nov. 7 – Nov. 26

Deer

Archery: Oct. 17 – Nov. 26
 Shotgun: Nov. 28 – Dec. 10
 Primitive Firearms: Dec. 12 – Dec. 31

Furbearers

Bobcat: Jan. 1 – Mar. 8
 Coyote: Jan. 1 – Mar. 8
 Fox (red or gray): Jan. 1 – Feb. 28
 Raccoon: Jan. 1 – Jan. 31
 Opossum: Jan. 1 – Jan. 31

MAILBOX



To the Editor

In the days leading up to Hurricane Irene I became concerned about my father who lives alone in senior housing in Parsippany, New Jersey. Seeking information on local conditions, I went to Parsippany's website, which turned up as at the first option in a Google search for the town name. There I was able to sign up for alerts from the Parsippany police. Throughout the hurricane, I had precise information on road closures, flooding, water safety issues, and more. This information gave me peace of mind and proved useful to my sister, who had to navigate around flooded roads when visiting my father.

In the same period, I visited the New Marlborough Town web site. I did a Google search on New Marlborough MA as I could not recall the site address. The first listing (and starred at that) is for <http://www.new-marlborough.ma.us>, the old town web site address. (Click on this link and you may be redirected to a site inducing you to take a survey by notifying you that you have won a prize. If you get through to the original site, you will see an advertising portal that is loosely Massachusetts focused.) The next few listings included the town's Wikipedia entry, the site for the Old Inn on the Green, one for the Village Association, and a site run by former town webmaster Edgar Zukauskis (<http://www.new-marlborough.info>) In the middle of the fifth page of listings, I found a link that took me to the Town Clerk's page on the new official town web site, <http://www.newmarlboroughma.gov>.

In fact, I had visited the official site previously and had, on August 14, signed up for alerts, selectmen's minutes and everything else offered using the "Subscribe to E-News" button on the home page. (Yes, I did respond to the confirmation email as directed.) During the storm, the Town site did offer some information on local conditions but no notices were sent to my email box. Town meetings were held, and minutes were taken, but I have yet to receive a copy in my inbox.

Today, I see a notice on the home page regarding the closure of Hadsell Road. It would have been nice to have received that notice in my inbox before I drove to the park last week. That was a mere inconvenience, but there may come a day when more important information will fail to get out to those who need it in a timely fashion.

While the current Town website is a vast improvement over the old one, it is all but useless if people can't find it. (The state's mass.gov site still links to the old .us website.) Even worse, those who do somehow locate the site and attempt to take advantage of what appears to be offered do not get what is promised.

It was a mistake to let the old .us domain go. That mistake may not be rectifiable, but it is time that our Town makes people aware of the new website and what it offers. It must also take pains to ensure that all that is promised is delivered on. A town website can be an important tool for communicating with town residents or it can be a billboard at the end of a street no one thinks to drive down. I for one, think our town needs and deserves the former.

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HARVEST SUPPER

New Marlborough Central's Garden Provides a Delicious Start to the School Year

The modest vegetable garden at the New Marlborough Central School is not only an important outdoor classroom for the children, it is also the source of a tradition that celebrates the start of each new school year. Every classroom contributes to the Annual Harvest Supper, from the four-year-olds to the fourth graders. In the spring, classes all learn to cultivate soil, sow seeds, and plant. Over the summer, the garden is tended by teachers, parents, and students, who weed, water, and harvest. This summer the garden was bursting with bush beans, rainbow carrots, beets, kale, potatoes, pumpkin, snap peas, sunflowers, herbs, and corn.

After the first bean harvest in July, a group of children got together with Erna Lampman to prepare the beans for pickling – adding dill, vinegar, red chili flakes, and garlic. It was a winning recipe: At this year's supper, held September 00, the dilly beans were gone by 6:30. Other items on the menu were vegetable soup, potato salad, coleslaw, carrot muffins, and homemade butter.

The potatoes, harvested in early August and stored until the fall, are the harvest supper workhorse, and certainly the most fun for the kids to dig up. As the garden fork pushes deep into the earth, the children cluster around, jockeying for space. Then as an adult leans down on the handle, the soil breaks and crumbles away, with five, six, seven or more white or red potatoes emerging into daylight. The children dive for them like candy, squealing and proudly holding the biggest up to show the others, then cooing over the "baby ones."



Dads, too, enjoyed the supper.

The kindergarteners harvested carrots (purple! white! orange!) and cut up potatoes and green beans for the soup. The first and second grade class cut more potatoes and assembled the potato salad. Muffins were superbly baked by the third- and fourth-grade class, and the second- and third-grade class tackled invitations for the supper and harvesting.

This year the Harvest Supper was also attended by district superintendent, Michael Singleton, the new elementary principal, Erin Woodsome, and School Committee Chairman Herb Abelow. Families sat together at tables in the school lunchroom, served by teachers

and staff. Parents caught up on news from the summer and kids excitedly browsed the adjacent book fair. The remaining harvest from the garden will be pickled and canned in preparation for the Holiday Fair, the next big event on the school calendar. □

reported and photographed by Kenzie Fields



Kindergarten teacher Erna Lampman preps the supper with the kids.

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SCHOOL REPORT

About Those School-Closing Rumors

This summer New Marlborough voters indicated that they were unwilling to support either the Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee's bond to repair school buildings or the operating budget for fiscal year 2012. Sheffield also struggled to pass school funding requests. The School Committee has asked the towns to come together to develop a plan for how to meet the fiscal challenges that will be acceptable to their voters. Selectmen have been sent information about the costs the district is facing and possible savings that can be made. According to Committee Chairman Herb Abelow, "We are under an obligation to ensure that the school buildings are safe and adequate." He said that it has been estimated that it will cost \$1.5 to 2 million to make the outlying elementary school buildings in Egremont, Monterey,

and New Marlborough fully safe and adequate. With the failure of the bond, there is not enough money to make these improvements.

The administration reported to the School Committee that there is enough space at Undermountain Elementary School to accommodate all of the students currently attending the outlying schools and that if the schools were closed the district would save up to \$500,000 per year. The savings would come from the elimination of one or two teaching positions and the the cost of utilities, cleaning, and operating costs in the outlying schools.

Mr. Abelow made clear that the School Committee has no plan to close any outlying school – and that it is waiting to hear from the towns as to what path they wish to follow. □

reported by Jane Burke

TAKE A BOW

Tenth Graders at Mount Everett Excel

Administrators and teachers at Southern Berkshire Regional Schools are feeling elated about the excellent performance of their students on the 2011 Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests. These assessments are administered to third through tenth graders during March and May each year to measure student achievement in mathematics, English language arts, and science. The scores of all students, regardless of special needs or learning disabilities, are divided into four categories of "advanced, proficient, needs improvement, and failing." Students cannot graduate from high school until they have at least proficient scores in math and English language arts.

Southern Berkshire Regional Schools were among just three school districts in the county to make Annual Yearly Progress, a yardstick of the No Child Left Behind law. That means that overall achievement, averaging the scores of all students, improved.

Mount Everett High School tenth graders in particular distinguished themselves. They were the highest-scoring tenth grade in Berkshire County for both English language arts and math. Statewide, they were thirteenth and ninth, respectively. In Science they were second in the county and seventy seventh in the state. Teachers and students were recognized at a school committee meeting on September 22 for this outstanding achievement.

Mount Everett Middle School students scored very well on the English language arts MCAS with no students failing. In the eighth grade 85 percent were proficient or advanced and in the seventh grade 91 percent achieved at that level. Their Math scores were a cause for concern,

with only 49 percent of students in the eighth grade proficient or advanced and 45 percent of the seventh grade at that level.

The scores for the elementary-aged students indicate that teachers and administrators need to help student improve their performance. Proficient and advanced in English Language Arts percentages were as follows: grade three: 67 percent; grade four: 48 percent; grade five: 62 percent; and grade six: 72 percent. Math scores showed that although the district began to attend to math deficits in 2010, there is still much work to do. The percentages for Math were: grade three: 56 percent; grade four: 38 percent; grade five: 53 percent; and grade six: 43 percent.

A full report is available from the superintendent's office or on line at the Department of Education website: www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/ □

reported by Jane Burke

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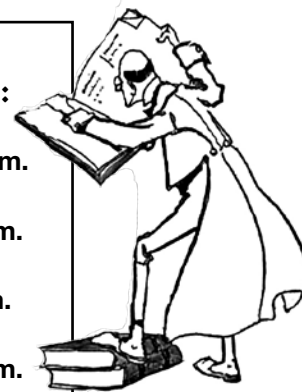
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