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THE WAY WE WERE

by Joe Poindexter

With this issue, the 5 Village News begins a series of reminiscences with residents whose time in New Marlborough goes back to the mid-twentieth century and beyond. This month:

Alvin Stalker

Alvin Stalker, manager of the transfer station, has roots in New Marlborough generations deep: both his parents, his mother's parents, their parents, his father's grand-father were all residents. Alvin was born in New Marlborough village in August 1939 – and, except for a brief stay in Great Barrington, never left the town.

The village of Southfield was the focal point of Alvin's young life. Most school-day afternoons, bus driver Harry Alexander would leave village children attending school in Mill River in front of the Southfield Store, where the only television set in town would be tuned to *Howdy Doody*. Proprietor Gardiner Rugg sold Admiral TVs, and whether it was a marketing ploy or, more likely, old-fashioned neighborliness, the store would attract a regular crowd of viewers.

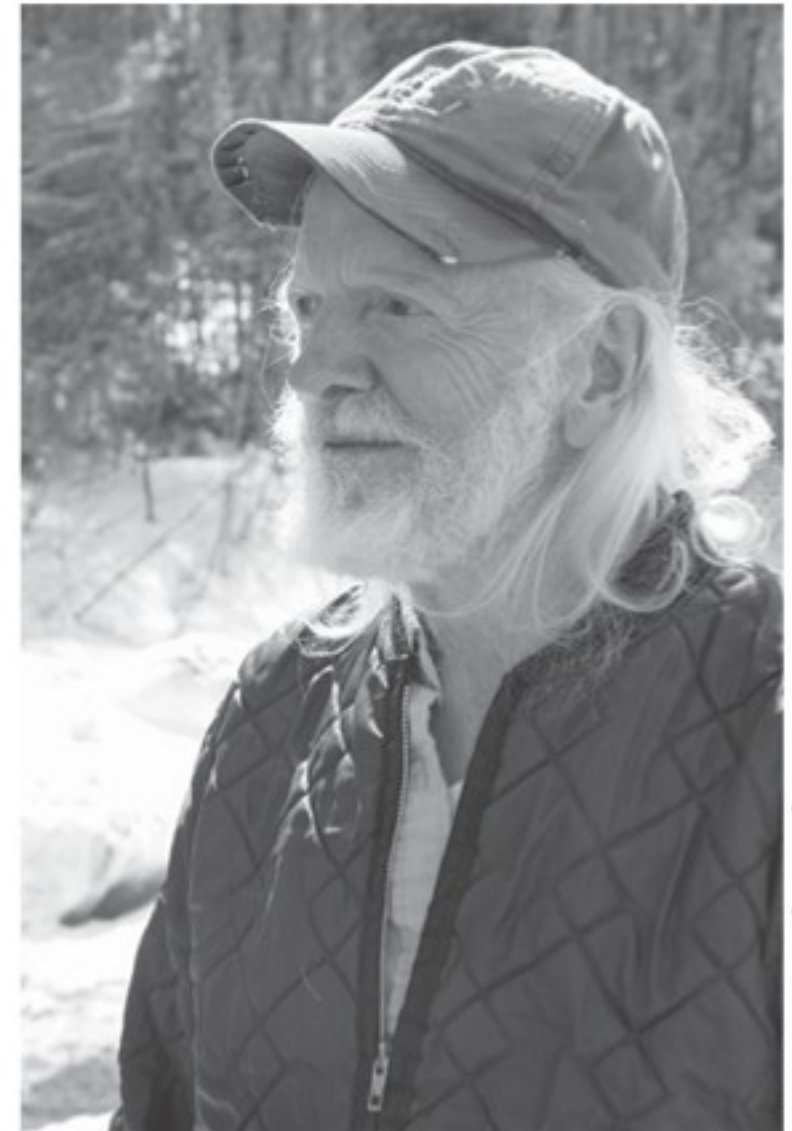
"It was a nightly thing. Gardiner would stay open until eight, ten-o'clock at night," recalls Alvin. He remembers a regular line-up that included Ed Sullivan, Groucho Marx, Kate Smith, and, later on, singer-pianist Earle Pudney, whose fifteen minutes of popular standards was broadcast from Albany.

Movies were shown on Friday nights during the school year in the Ladies' Aid Hall next to the Southfield Church. "You paid what you could," Alvin recalls, "and Palmer Cook made up the difference." Alvin has a photograph of the Cooks' ancient projector used for the screenings.

There were outdoor activities, too. Here's Alvin on a regular pick-up softball game. "We played softball on that sloping field right across the road from the Southfield Church. Boys, girls all played together. We'd pick sides. The field wasn't flat, but it worked. First base was downhill; second base was flat; third base was uphill; home plate was downhill once you reached third. Peter Beers owned a house nearby – it has since burned down. He always said he would give a free ice cream cone to anyone who could put a ball through one of his windowpanes. He was a good distance off – it was a safe call.

"And then, we used to have Tony Consolini, the old man Tony, who set off Fourth of July fireworks. He paid for them out of his own pocket – sprung for the town." In the winter, Alvin and friends made use of a bobsled provided by Bud Stiles on the hill just south of Southfield village.

Alvin went to work after his first year of high school, first at a farm owned by Amy Wing on Keyes Hill Road and then the Seymour Dribben farm in Southfield. He learned to drive, he says, at age twelve, on a Farmall tractor that hauled a hay wagon and loader, and was soon earning fifty cents an hour gathering hay on the Dribben farm. His first car, acquired at age fifteen,



Alvin today.

photo by Joe Poindexter

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was a '41 DeSoto. (Taking it on the road had to wait until the following August, when he got a driver's license nine days after his sixteenth birthday.) But that was only the beginning of an infatuation with automobiles. Alvin can name the cars he has owned without a single pause to jog his memory, as if he were reciting a well-loved poem: "a '56 Chevy, a '57 Chevy, a '63 Chevy convertible, two '64 Chevy convertibles – I still have one. I was a car nut. Expensive. Women are more expensive, I guess." (Alvin, now divorced,

has a daughter living in Oregon, who is herself a grandmother. This makes Alvin a great-grandfather, a fact he seems to find mildly shocking.)

About the old days, Alvin says he misses the people he grew up with who have moved away or passed on. And he misses the sense of community that existed when New Marlborough with twenty farms and

some light manufacturing – in Southfield, the Whip Shop and tannery employed forty people – had an economic base that made it more self-sufficient than it is today. "And it was quiet," he says. When a reporter remarks that New Marlborough still seems pretty quiet, Alvin smiles slightly, as if he were trying to describe an animal that was now extinct. "It was really quiet," he says. □



photo courtesy of Alvin Stalker

Alvin, three, at the start of a love affair with cars.

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Neighbors gather in the evening to watch television at the Southfield Store, circa 1951-2; Alvin, center, is wearing the light plaid shirt.

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GOIN' HOME

by David Lowman

Throngs of supporters of the deceased Venezuelan president, Hugo Chavez, gathered in Caracas to see his embalmed body, which will be on permanent display.

NYTimes.com

After months of spirited, sometimes heated, negotiations, the New Marlborough Board of Selectmen and the New Britain (Connecticut) Board of Selectmen have reached a tentative agreement about the future disposition of Elihu Burritt's remains.

Mr. Burritt (1810-1879), American philanthropist and social activist, is currently buried in New Britain's Fairview Cemetery, but under terms of a plan yet to be finalized, may be disinterred and moved finally to New Marlborough.

New Marlborough's annual summer fair on the New Marlborough green is, of course, named for Mr. Burritt, who lived and worked as a blacksmith here in 1830. He was a noted American personage, having opposed slavery, worked for temperance, and advocated for world peace. Appointed by President Abraham Lincoln to the post of United States Consul to Birmingham, England, he was also a prolific author, publishing some thirty-seven articles and books. The library of Central Connecticut State University bears Mr. Burritt's name.

The tentative plans to transfer Mr. Burritt's remains to New Marlborough have been jointly developed by the Board of Selectmen and the New Marlborough Historical Club. Under this plan, the remains would be delivered to the Hinckley Beeches Mortuary in Great Barrington, where the noted cosmetic restorer Harold Borowitz, working from old photographs and drawings, will attempt to reconstruct the face and head of Mr. Burritt. Dexter Pointer, president of the Historical Club, said in a brief interview, "It will be quite the undertaking."

If all goes as planned, the reconstituted Mr. Burritt will be placed in a glass-topped casket and displayed for public viewing on the New Marlborough green on



August 17, giving new meaning and dramatic effect to Elihu Burritt Day.

The NM5VN has learned that a short, but appropriate, ceremony will be held between the acts of Roger the Jester and Henry the Juggler. Also scheduled for that approximate time are the awards to winners of the five kilometer race and the recipient of the annual Elihu Burritt award. Attempts to reach Barbara Lowman, co-chair of the New Marlborough Cultural Council, the group hosting Burritt Day, were rebuffed.

It has been rumored that, after Burritt Day, Mr. Burritt will be on display on the main floor of the Town Hall amidst other New Marlborough historical ephemera. 🐾

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About the instructor: Brian Mikesell has achieved the rank of Kakyo (assistant Professor, 3rd degree) in the Ikenobo School of ikebana under the instruction of Toshiko Shindo Alden (Sokatoku rank) and Michiko Baribeau (Junkatoku rank). He has taught ikebana workshops for adults at the New York Tachibana chapter of Ikenobo as well as lessons for high school students.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN



February 25: All three selectmen were present for the first order of business, which was a brief discussion of **Solarize Massachusetts**, a state-sponsored energy initiative aimed at encouraging the adoption of small-scale solar cell projects by homeowners and small businesses. The program was brought to the Board's attention by a call from a resident who wanted to know what, if anything, the Town was doing about it. It was pointed out that the next round of funding applications for the program aren't due until the fall, so there's plenty of time for the Board to determine whether it's something the Town might be interested in getting involved in.

The Board received a proposal from Foresight Land Services of Pittsfield to perform the **engineering and design work for the Clayton Mill River Road bridge project**. The cost would be \$30,000, or about the same as a similar proposal from Boston-based BSC Group, which has been advising the Town since last June on its bridge projects. However, in its letter, Foresight goes on to estimate that the overall cost of replacing the culvert, in its view, would be between \$410,000 and \$415,000, a sharp contrast to the BSC estimate, which came in at \$800,000. As Selectman Nat Yohalem noted, "Our highway superintendent [Peter Marks] has been saying all along the \$800,000 estimate is too high and that it can be done for a lot less." He also noted that it was Board assistant Nicole Reid who had gone through the Town's old bridge records and found a report dating back to 1994 from Foresight on the same bridge and then contacted the firm, which in turn led to the current proposal. However, before going any further, the Board asked Ms. Reid to do an item-by-item comparison between the two estimates to determine where the differences are.

The Board reviewed a letter from Chairman Larry Davis to Fire Company President David Smith **confirming that the Police Department no longer intends to move its office or to store the police cruiser at the Fire Station** as a result of Fire Chief Peter Scala's confrontational behavior towards Officer Graham Frank. (See the Board of Selectmen report for February 4 in last month's issue of the NM5VN.) The letter goes on to say the Board supports Police Chief Scott Farrell's decision to cancel the move, and that all lease discussions with the Fire Company are ended. It also indicated the Town would pay the Fire Company \$500 a month in rent retroactively for storing the cruiser from July 1, 2012, to January 31, 2013, for a total of \$3,500.

The Board voted to **increase Board Assistant Nicole**

Reid's hours from nineteen hours per week to twenty-four, effective March 6 through June 30. She was appointed to her current position as part-time assistant to Board Administrative Assistant Mike Skorput in June 2012.

Selectman Yohalem reported that the Finance Committee was recommending an annual salary increase for Town employees of 2¼ percent. However, it still needs the approval of the selectmen.

The Board held a **special permit hearing** to consider a request by David McShane and his wife, Karin Bonner, to build a two-story guesthouse on their property at 64 Canaan Valley Road. After hearing from their architect, Kristin Knickerbocker of Spring Line Design, that the guest house would not exceed the 1,200-square-foot limit on accessory dwellings, and reviewing the responses from the abutters, the Board granted the special permit by a roll call vote.

March 4: All three selectmen were present as Town Treasurer Pat Mielke reported that the **Massachusetts Land Court, which has jurisdiction over foreclosed property, has given the Town ownership of two parcels of land on Cagney Hill near the Hadsell Street bridge**. She said the Town has three options: It can keep the two parcels, put them up for auction, or offer them to abutters. She said one abutter, Jim Palmer of Cagney Hill Road, is interested in the smaller of the two parcels, which at 0.56 acres is appraised at \$3,300 and has \$2,650 owing in back taxes. The other parcel at 8.1 acres has been appraised at \$147,000 with \$25,000 owing in back taxes. According to Ms. Mielke, the New Marlborough Land Trust has asked to be notified if the larger parcel becomes available since it's adjacent to a twelve-acre wetlands area under Land Trust jurisdiction, where a nature trail is now being

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created. The Board agreed to offer the smaller parcel to Mr. Palmer for the \$3,300 appraisal price, and said it would let the Land Trust know that the larger parcel is available at its appraised price of \$147,000, in case the Land Trust is interested.

There was **further discussion of the widely differing estimates** for replacing the Clayton Mill River Road bridge, with Highway Superintendent Marks saying he has looked at both proposals and thinks the Foresight estimate of \$410,000 to \$415,000 is the more realistic of the two, but that a replacement bridge could be brought in for even less than that. "I think even \$400,000 is high – \$275,000 to \$280,000 would be more like it," he said, adding that "once it goes out to bid, I think you'll see the cost come down some."

The Board approved a **\$20 increase in the transfer station fee effective July 1, bringing the cost of a permit to \$100 from \$80.** It also agreed to a late fee of \$10 for permits bought after August 15. There was discussion of raising the fee to \$125 over two years, but in the end the Board decided to stay with a \$100 fee for this year and then decide a year from now whether to raise it further. In addition, the Board **discussed putting the purchase of a \$31,000 compactor on the warrant for voter approval at the Annual Meeting in May.** If approved, the new compactor would facilitate the move to single-stream recycling, in which all recyclables — paper, glass, plastic, and cans — would be comingled and then compacted before being hauled to the recycling facility in Springfield. (See Board of Selectman report in the September 2012 NM5VN.) Although the all-in cost of a new compactor, including a new concrete pad and electrical work, would be about \$40,000, it was pointed out that the switch to single-stream recycling would result in a \$10,000-per-year savings in hauling fees. The compactor would essentially pay for itself in about four years.

Finally, Selectman Yohalem recommended the Board **send a note of congratulations to Southfield resident David Hastings** on his selection as the new superintendent of schools for the Southern Berkshire Regional School District.

March 11: The meeting was a short one with no official business conducted other than to review and approve the minutes of the previous week's meeting. Only two selectmen were present, Chairman Davis and Selectman Tara White.

March 18: All three selectmen were present for the first order of business, which was to **fill two vacant Highway Department positions** to replace Chuck Loring and Wayne Palmer, who have resigned. Based on Highway Superintendent Marks's recommendation, the Board approved the hiring of Christopher Chaffee of East Otis and Lynn Reineke-Kelsey of Canaan. They will begin their ninety-day probation period on April 8 when they both come on board.

Louise Yohalem, appearing on behalf of the New Marlborough Village Association, asked the Board **if the Town would be willing to start sharing in the cost of maintaining the Village Green in New Marlborough Village.** She said that for more than fifty years the Village Association has taken care of all the properties that make up the green, but in the last few years, as the organization's programs have expanded, it has become "a burden for us as a small, non-profit organization to continue to maintain them." She said this year the association has spent in excess of \$7,100 on the spring and fall cleanups and to mow the grass and take care of the trees. And, as she pointed out, more than half of that land actually belongs to the Town. The Board agreed that the Town should start sharing in the maintenance costs and directed Administrative Assistant Skorput to check with Bobby and Tammi Palmer, who maintain the Town's cemeteries, to see if they can take on some of that work.

Barbara Lowman, co-chair of the **New Marlborough Cultural Council, announced that twenty-six recipients received grants this year from the Council, totaling \$15,036.** (See Page 8 for a report on the presentation of the awards.) □

Peter Schuyten



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FINANCE COMMITTEE

February 13: With David Herrick presiding and Bill Hattendorf, Burt Imberman, Ira Yohalem, and Prudence Spaulding in attendance, the following budget requests were approved:

Assessor's Consultant: \$5,000 (a contingency used if an outside professional is needed to help settle tax disputes that come before the appellate Tax Board);

Assessor's Computer Services: \$4,231;

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission: \$1,037 (the organization assists the Planning Board in securing and administering state grants and in formulating policy);

Household Hazardous Waste: \$1,100 (to pay for the disposal of such materials as oil-based paint, pesticides, cleaning products, mercury fever thermometers, automotive supplies, driveway sealants, and solvents).

A request for \$5,000 of seed money for the design of climate-controlled storage of Town records, which were microfilmed and restored last year at a cost of \$26,122, was tabled. The Committee asked Administrative Assistant Michael Skorput to present estimates of the fees engineers and architect would charge for such a design.

In response to a request from the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Herrick revealed that **raises given to town employees** in surrounding towns ranged from 1 percent (in Dalton) to 2.5 percent (in Richmond, Sheffield, and Williamstown). The committee voted to recommend **an average raise of 2.25 percent**, with the actual increases to be determined by department heads based on performance.

Highway Superintendent Peter Marks, present for the meeting, informed the members of the Committee that a loader, scheduled for replacement in 2017, has **lost the use of some of its cylinders**. It still has limited functionality but must be treated with TLC. The Committee decided that the bill for repairing the loader (\$36,430 for new cylinders or \$13,855 for rebuilding

them) was not cost-effective compared to the net price of a new loader of \$78,000 – \$147,000 minus the trade-in of the present loader at \$52,000. A motion to recommend that the net price of the loader, plus \$85,000 for a new dump truck with plow, be placed on the warrant for the upcoming Town Meeting passed unanimously.

Mr. Marks then laid out **projected capital needs in succeeding fiscal years**.

FY15: a dump truck, \$190,000, and a pickup, \$30,000;

FY16: a grader, \$250,000;

FY17: replace the ten-wheeler;

FY18: replace the backhoe.

Thus far, the Finance Committee has approved expenditures of \$1,484,432 and a reserve fund of \$21,439. The FY14 budget for the Southern Berkshire Regional School District Budget has yet to be reviewed. □

*Joe Poindexter, from minutes
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 23: John Weinstein was the only member present for the meeting while Ned Wilson attended via speaker phone — a technical innovation new to the Commission!

There were no scheduled hearings on the agenda; however, Gail Ceresia of Berkshire Wetland Services arrived to address the Commission regarding a Certificate of Compliance for Jay Levinson of Peter Menaker Road.

Ms. Ceresia requested that the Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance for tree work permitted in 2007. Mr. Weinstein conferred with Mr. Wilson and scheduled a site visit to review the work after which a certificate could be issued.

Finally, the mail was reviewed and the meeting adjourned. □

Martha Bryan

WHEN POLICY GETS PERSONAL

A Good Move Is Thwarted by Bad Vibes

by Joe Poindexter

A plan for housing the Police Department in the firehouse, which once appeared to be both sensible and straightforward, has come undone, and no one seems eager to put it back together. As reported by Police Chief Scott Farrell to the February 4 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, a Police Department attempt to secure its new space in the firehouse and then install phone service met with resistance from Fire Chief Peter Scala, who threatened to break through any locked door and demanded that Officer Graham Frank, who was overseeing the transition, remove police equipment from the premises. (Mr. Farrell's more colorful description of the altercations will be found in a verbatim transcript contained in the minutes of the February 4 meeting.)

In response, the Board of Selectmen informed the Fire Company that it was pulling out of lease negotiations. "The New Marlborough Police Chief has advised the Board of Selectmen that it no longer intends to move its office and to store the Police Cruiser in the Fire Station," Board Chairman Larry Davis wrote to Fire Company President David Smith in a letter dated February 25, 2013. "This change of intent, according to Chief Farrell, is due to the conduct of Fire Chief Peter Scala.

"The Board supports the decision of the Police Chief, and therefore, all lease discussions are unfortunately ended."

And so, too, apparently is any attempt to repair the rift.

"It makes a lot of sense to have all emergency facilities in one location," says Mr. Farrell. But the move foundered on "a lack of communications. Maybe we moved into it a little too quickly," he says of negotiations to lease space in the firehouse. "I have been in contact with Dave [Smith], and we both agreed to let some time go by."

Mr. Smith puts the matter in a dimmer light. "I don't think the [fire] company is going to initiate revisiting the lease negotiation," he says. "The board [of the Fire Company] hasn't taken a formal vote, but there isn't a lot of enthusiasm for it." The monthly rental — \$1,000

a month for an office and garage space for the police cruiser — was viewed as a way for the Town to assist the Fire Company in building a two-bay addition to the new firehouse. But Mr. Smith does not necessarily see the lack of rental income as an impediment to going forward. "Technically," he says, "we don't need the income to build the extra space." (And since the Police Department was scheduled to go into that space, the rationale for building it may have disappeared as well.)

The selectmen appear to be even less enthusiastic about revisiting the lease negotiation. "We wouldn't want to go down that trail," says Board Chairman Larry Davis. "I don't see any point in creating more tension."

"As far as we're concerned, the situation is done," says Selectman Tara White. "We've received nothing from the Police Department or the Fire Company. We've made our decision, and that's it." Asked if he would vote to reconsider the decision to withdraw from lease negotiations, Selectman Nat Yohalem said simply, "No."

Mr. Yohalem and Mr. Davis both raised the possibility that the Board would rent Police Department space elsewhere. For the time being, however, a personal dispute has taken the most logical location off the table. □



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CULTURAL COUNCIL AWARDS GRANTS

Recipients of 2013 New Marlborough Cultural Council (NMCC) grants gathered for the March 18 Board of Selectmen meeting, where they received their awards. In all, twenty-six grants were awarded by the NMCC this year, totaling \$15,036, ranging from \$100 to \$3,000. This grant total was substantially higher than in past years due to the generous response of the community to the Council's fund-raising effort.

Ten of the grants were submitted by New Marlborough residents; the balance are programs that serve residents of New Marlborough of all ages. Among the locally-developed projects were support for the 2013 Music & More series, expansion of Flying Cloud Institute's learning opportunities combining the arts and sciences, and a "film party" – a two-part series of classic screwball comedies. Project Bee will continue its efforts to promote and preserve honeybee arts and culture, and a group of New Marlborough children will research, write, and produce a play about Elihu Burritt, to be performed in the Meeting House on Elihu Burritt Day, August 17. □



photo by Nikki Hayes

Recipients of 2013 Cultural Council Grants. Kneeling: Robin Tost, Nan Smith, Laura Endacott, Jane Burke Standing: Alice Boyd, Jeanne Bassis, Louise Yohalem, David Hosford, Nat Yohalem, Debora O'Brien, Ellen Maggio

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THE PHOTO PAGE

This month the 5 Village News is introducing a new feature, the Photo Page, to showcase excellent photographs of New Marlborough. This month's photos are by Ed Harvey, taken at Umpachene Falls in January, 2013. If you have a photo for inclusion in future months, please contact Larry Burke at lburke2@me.com.



Umpachene Falls Park, late January 2013



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A facelift at the **Transfer Station**: The Swap Shop or Gift Shop – the shed where usable items are traded – has been enclosed so that the wares are now protected from the elements, as are those folks who congregate there to solve the problems of the universe. **Alvin Stalker** conceived and coordinated this improvement, and **Herbert Eichstedt III** generously donated his carpentry skills to make it happen.

Mount Everett senior **Danielle Guidi** has a valuable internship at Fairview Hospital that was arranged through the high school. For at least two hours a day, she rotates through various departments in the hospital, such as cardiology, surgery, and maternity. Danielle will attend Anna Maria College in Paxton, Massachusetts, to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Science in Nursing, a decision that was influenced by her internship at Fairview.

Mike White has been renovating a house in downtown Southfield since early last fall. (See related story below) He recently completed the work, and announced an open house on March 9 with a dual purpose: generating interest in renting the two units, and satisfying the curiosity of the neighbors who have been wondering about the project for months. It worked! Both units have been rented, and at one point in the open house, eleven Southfield residents were viewing the impressive results of Mike's work.



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Herbert Eichstedt III

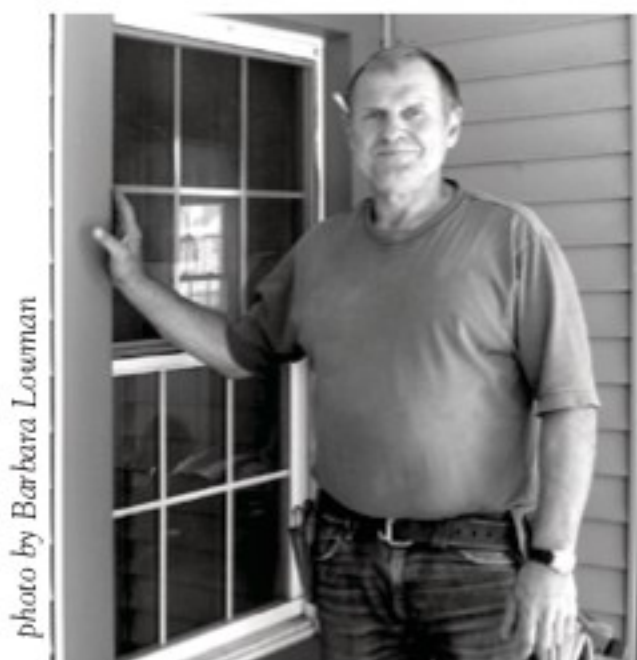


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NEIGHBORLINESS IS ...

by Mike White

I was working upstairs on the house one night in late October. I had been working on getting some electrical circuits running, which resulted in the newly installed exterior light at the front door being on. There was a knock at the front door. As I approached the door I could see, through the side light, kids dressed in Halloween costumes. I realized that it was Halloween night. I had nothing to give them, so my first reaction was to open the door suddenly, and roar loudly to try and startle them. After not even a flinch from the crowd, I began to apologize for not having anything to give them, as I was working on the house and hadn't thought to have something on hand. After conveying my feeble excuse, one boy said, "Your light was on."

The kids, along with a few parents, then moved on to a presumably more promising prospect. After I had gone back to work, a second knock came. As I answered the door, I was greeted by a hearty "trick or treat" by yet another, slightly smaller, group. After I repeated my original speech, they also walked away from my treat-less premises. After some time a third knock was heard, and I

approached the door carefully, thinking maybe someone was playing a Halloween prank on the "unprepared guy." I was then greeted by Laura Dillon, who works in our office, and her children. Here we go again with the lame explanation.... By this time I was ready either to quit working and go home or to go buy some candy and track the kids down, but they would probably be home by the time I got back.

Well, in lieu of going home to escape any further embarrassment, I went back to work a third time, thinking "that must be all of them." But after getting absorbed in my project again, there came a fourth knock at the door. Down I went, and as I opened the door, I saw the first group of children standing there again. I immediately started to re-iterate my now-practiced speech when one small boy cut me off and said, "We came back to give you some candy." I was really touched as one by one all of the kids stepped up and gave me their offering. I wanted to say "No, you guys keep your candy," but I kept my mouth shut. Acts of kindness like this don't happen every day and it certainly gave me a special Halloween I won't forget. □

OUR WILDLIFE NEIGHBORS

On February 25, **Don Beauchamp**, of Clayton, writes: Yesterday in Clayton I twice saw a **pileated woodpecker** and heard his laughing call.

On March 6, Don adds: I saw a big **red-tailed hawk** on the east bank of the Konkapot. It flew off before I could get my binoculars up to my face. Many, many **raccoon** tracks up the lane on the far side of the bridge. Seeing many **robins**, but no **redwings** yet.

On March 9, Don adds: I saw a **brown creeper** on Wednesday at the Clayton feeder and – big news – Thursday night saw a **barred owl** on Canaan Valley Road, sitting on the telephone wire. Owl looked right at me as I drove by, so I stopped up the road a piece and got out my camera, but then another car came by and it flew off. Got a good look at its face and the way it swiveled its head around to watch the car go by.

On February 26, **Arlyn Hoberman**, of Canaan Valley Road, Southfield, writes: At around 3:00 p.m. I noticed an **otter** running along our riverbank (the Whiting River) and then it slid into the water.

On March 7, **Charlie Parton** of New Marlborough village, writes: We put our Christmas tree on the deck after the holidays. It has served admirably as a hiding place of first resort for birds at our feeders. This morning a lovely, proud **northern shrike** perched on the top-most spire after an unsuccessful strike. The striking shrike — ooh, I like that — struck and missed.

Aside from that, a few days ago, as we were driving south out of Mill River, Teena said, “Look, Charlie!” And at the base of a tree there was a little ball of reddish fur and, when we got closer, it had quills. The thing is that I have been a friend of the workingman’s sweaty-wooden-tool-handle-destroyer for all my life. I have fed them potato peels, mimicking a photo of my grandfather doing the same, to the consternation of my parents and uncles: “Charles, get away. He’ll shoot his quills at you!” He didn’t, (porcupines don’t) but stood up or sat on his hind feet, resting one “hand” on my knee and happily took the peels from my hand. I have known porcupines for a long time, but had never seen a baby — a six- or eight-inch ball.

photo by Ed Harvey



On March 7, **Ed Harvey**, of Mill River, writes: On February 10, I spotted this **raccoon** hanging out near the intersection of River Road and Canaan Southfield Road. Then, on March 4, this **grouse**, on the Southfield New Marlborough Road near the Kolburne School.



On March 10, **Daniel Doern**, of Mill River, writes: Here are a few shots of the **porcupine** that has made himself at home in our yard in Mill River. Today, he came to eat an apple out of my hand.

photos by Daniel Doern



On March 11, **Tom Coote**, who lives on East Hill Road, writes: We saw a **mink** run across Route 183, between Flying Cloud and the Red Fox property as we were driving to town around 3:00 in the afternoon last weekend. As we approached, it seemed awfully big for a mink. It ran up the bank and then turned and we pulled up right next to it. I would guess it was in the three-foot range and was between eight and ten inches at the shoulder. It was dull/dusky black and its whiskers were quite distinct. My wife, Annabelle, was the first to note it was too big for a mink and I agreed. I spoke with a colleague at Simon’s Rock and consensus is it was a **fisher**, the first one we’ve seen up here. I plan to go back to the area before the snow is gone to look for tracks.



Also, recently we have attracted a **barred owl** to the yard at all times of day. Several weeks ago I was lucky to be home one morning when he flew into a tree off the porch. As he and I sat watching each other some **crows** flew over and the owl immediately inflated himself to maximum effect, opened his beak wide, and screeched/hissed at the crows before heading for cover.

Compiled by Jon Swan, joncswan@gmail.com

MT. EVERETT ROBOTICS WINS MASSACHUSETTS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

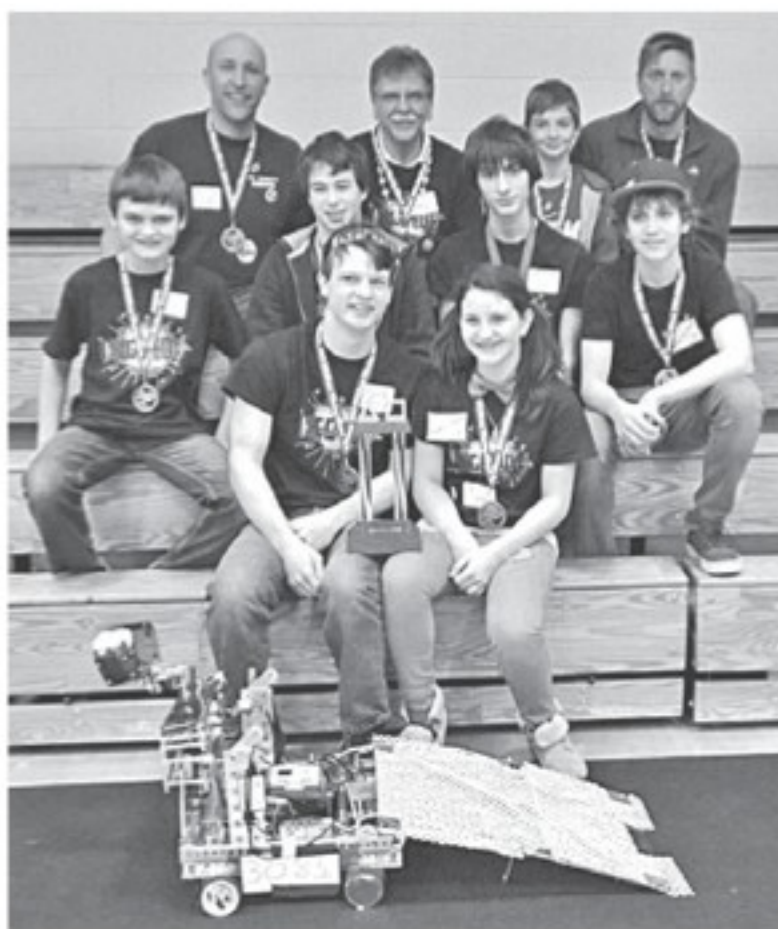
by Jane Burke

The seed for robotics was planted at the Southern Berkshire Regional School District in 2005 when Flying Cloud Institute brought specialists from Tufts University Engineering School to train interested teachers and high school girls in using the LEGO robotics kits to build and program robots. The high school girls were excited about what they learned, and were eager to help start the first SBRSD robotics team to compete in the FIRST LEGO League competition. This is open to children ages nine to fourteen who form teams of ten players to try to solve the "game" of getting robots to complete tasks.

Paul O'Brien, the technology coordinator for the district, was impressed with the deep learning that went on during team practices. He encouraged student participation in this competition. With Chris Thompson, his assistant at the time and now technology coordinator, they acquired more kits so that two teams could be formed. Flying Cloud encouraged an all-girls team, and they coached the boys' team. It turned out that both girls and boys became passionate about robotics and engineering. O'Brien and Thompson helped the program grow. Robotics kits were brought into elementary classrooms and a high school robotics course was added.

Four years ago O'Brien and Thompson realized that those eager robotics team members needed to continue to participate in competitions. They invested their time and raised the funds to establish a high school robotics team, which required different equipment and more sophisticated programming. They became the first high school team in Berkshire County to be part of the FIRST Tech Challenge. According to team member Max Lowenstein, even though they have done outreach to engage other local schools, so far they remain the only public school team in the county.

State-wide this year, there are fifty-seven teams who have worked to solve the annual game by building an effective robot and designing programs that will direct it to complete specific tasks. On Saturday, March 16, the Mount Everett Robotics team competed in and won the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) State Championship at



After receiving their first place team trophy, members pose wearing their award medallions; Co-captains Jason Dagrue and Carina Alden, team members Kosta Casivant, Max Lowenstein, Jake Christinat, and Justin Makuc. Team mentors are Chris Thompson, Paul O'Brien and Marvin Casivant. Team assistant is Nikos Casivant.

Bridgewater State University. The field included twenty-eight other teams that had advanced through qualifying rounds held earlier this winter. (Mount Everett qualified by winning the Middlesex Community College qualifier on January 19.) Mount Everett's team, nicknamed the Higgs Bots, teamed up with Team Immortalis from Pathfinder Vocational-Technical School in Palmer. The playoffs are conducted in a best two-out-of-three format. The two teams swept through the semi-finals and finals, winning both 2-0, and being crowned the 2012-2013 Massachusetts FTC State Champions.

Team members and their mentors are a devoted group. Team co-captain Carina Alden has been on the team for four years after three years on the younger FIRST LEGO League team. Devoting

Friday afternoons to practice and then getting up at 5:00 a.m. to go to three competitions per year didn't seem to bother her. On top of that, she was coaching the younger girls' robotics team. Max Lowenstein did not participate when he was younger, but was drawn to it in high school. He is clear that "Robotics is definitely fun!"

In addition, the experience has been a stepping stone to careers in technology and engineering for Mount Everett students. They leave high school prepared to design, build, and program robots, apply real-world math and science concepts, and develop problem-solving, organizational, and team-building skills. Thanks to Mount Everett for supporting the development of a rich and successful robotics program.

More information about the FIRST robotics programs may be found at <http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/ftc> □



UPCOMING: *Event Calendar for April and May*

April 6: Community Potluck Supper, 6:00 p.m., Southfield Church Hall, sponsored by the New Marlborough Cultural Council

April 6 - 7: A Day in the Life of New Marlborough Photographic Exhibit at Southfield Church Hall; April 6, 5:00 p.m. through the Potluck Supper; April 7, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

April 13: Spring Dance, the Fire Company's annual gala, dinner and dancing, 6:30 to 11:00 p.m. at Gedney Farm in New Marlborough village; tickets \$35, available at the Mill River General Store

April 20: Screwball Comedy I: *Bringing Up Baby*, with Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant, will be screened in the Meeting House Gallery at 4:00 p.m. Free (and so's the popcorn and lemonade); sponsored by the Cultural Council

April 25: Senior Potluck Luncheon, 12:00 noon, at the Clayton Church Fellowship Hall, hosted by New Marlborough Council on Aging

April 30: Special State Primary to nominate candidates vying for the senate seat of John Kerry, recently appointed secretary of state; Town Hall 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (the election, itself, will be held June 25)

May 6: Annual Town Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

May 11: Screwball Comedy II: *Sullivan's Travel's*, starring Joel McCrea, 4:00 p.m. in the Meeting House Gallery – movie, popcorn, and lemonade are all free; sponsored by the Cultural Council

May 13: Town Election for local offices, including a selectman for a three-year term, Town Hall, noon to 7:00 p.m.

May 30: Senior Potluck Luncheon, 12:00 noon, at the Clayton Church Fellowship Hall, hosted by New Marlborough Council on Aging

NEW MARLBOROUGH FIRE COMPANY PLANS 2013 SPRING DANCE

Members of the New Marlborough Volunteer Fire Company will hold their annual Spring Dance on Saturday, April 13, at Gedney Farm in New Marlborough. The event will run from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and feature dinner, as well as dancing to live music. Tickets are \$35 each, \$60 per couple, and are available at the Mill River General Store or from any N.M. Fire & Rescue member. For tickets or more information, please contact Fire Company President David Smith at (413) 229-0291.

About New Marlborough Fire & Rescue

Founded in 1930, New Marlborough Fire & Rescue includes more than thirty members who provide fire, ambulance, and other emergency services in the Town of New Marlborough. The department's station is located in Southfield. For anyone interested in joining, training is held at 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday at the station, with first Tuesdays reserved for the Fire Company's business meeting. New members are welcome. □



THE NEW MARLBOROUGH FIRE COMPANY

2013 Spring Dance

Saturday April 13 at Gedney Farm 6:30 - 11:00

Buffet Dinner ❁ Cash Bar ❁ Live Music and Dancing

Tickets at \$35.00 each available at the Mill River General Store

THE LOG

New Marlborough Police Department News

Note: The Police Department's move from the Town Hall has been postponed indefinitely.

Office hours in the Town Hall are 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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| Feb. 1 | 9:00 a.m. | Accident damaging telephone lines, East Hill Road | Feb. 19 | 12:12 p.m. | Fire alarm, New Marlborough |
| Feb. 4 | 10:10 a.m. | Harassment, Southfield | | 12:45 p.m. | Breaking and entering/larceny, Clayton |
| Feb. 6 | 9:00 a.m. | License To Carry (LTC) renewal | | 6:10 p.m. | Motor vehicle in snow bank, Canaan Southfield Road |
| Feb. 7 | | Patrol Checks Logged, no issues | | 7:05 p.m. | Search for missing person, Route 183 |
| | 12:21 p.m. | Medical emergency, Hayes Hill Road | Feb. 20 | 5:00 p.m. | Section 12, Clayton |
| Feb. 8 | 11:45 a.m. | Trespassers, Hotchkiss Road | | 6:30 p.m. | LTC new applicant |
| | 10:57 p.m. | Roadway hazard, pushing snow into roadway during driving ban | | 7:00 p.m. | LTC new applicant |
| Feb. 9 | 7:31 a.m. | Burglar alarm, Adsit Crosby Road | | 7:30 p.m. | LTC new applicant |
| | 10:50 a.m. | Information given regarding driving ban | | 8:30 p.m. | Retrieved property from evidence room at Sheffield Police |
| | 11:02 a.m. | Motor vehicle accident, Mill River | Feb. 21 | 10:30 a.m. | Motor vehicle off the road, Adsit Crosby Road |
| | 3:05 p.m. | Assisted County Ambulance | | 12:15 p.m. | Burglar alarm, Stratford Road |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Burglar alarm, East Hill Road | | 1:30 p.m. | Medical emergency, Clayton |
| Feb. 10 | 10:30 a.m. | Patrol checks logged | | 4:00 p.m. | LTC renewal |
| | 12:21 p.m. | 911 call, Mill River | | 4:30 p.m. | LTC renewal |
| Feb. 11 | 10:00 a.m. | Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA), Great Barrington Mill River Road | Feb. 22 | 10:30 a.m. | Motor vehicle stop, operator unlicensed, citation issued, vehicle towed, Route 57 |
| Feb. 12 | 8:00 a.m. | Wires down, found to be in Sheffield, Hickey Hill Road | | 4:30 p.m. | Larceny, Hartsville |
| | 2:50 p.m. | 911 call, Leffingwell Road | | 6:19 p.m. | Fire alarm, New Marlborough |
| Feb. 13 | 12:30 p.m. | LTC renewal | Feb. 23 | 12:15 | Larceny, Adsit Crosby Road |
| | 6:00 p.m. | LTC renewal | Feb. 24 | 10:30 a.m. | Motor vehicle accident, Adsit Crosby Road |
| Feb. 14 | 3:00 p.m. | Landlord/tenant issues, Mill River | Feb. 25 | 12:47 p.m. | Medical emergency, Clayton |
| | 4:35 p.m. | Medical emergency, Adsit Crosby Road | | 1:15 p.m. | Burglar alarm, Knight Road |
| | 7:55 p.m. | Located BOLO (Be On The Look Out) out of Great Barrington Police, vehicle towed, citation issued | | 2:15 p.m. | Possible B&E, Mill River |
| Feb. 17 | 8:30 a.m. | Patrol checks logged | | 10:00 p.m. | Building check, Mill River |
| Feb. 18 | 8:00 a.m. | Patrol checks logged | Feb. 27 | 11:00 a.m. | Vehicle parked in roadway, obstructing snow removal, Norfolk Road |
| | 1:14 p.m. | Motor vehicle stop, assisted citizen | | 7:00 p.m. | DCF referral, Mill River |



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FIRE AND RESCUE

Feb. 5	12:17 a.m.	New Marlborough Sandisfield Road Medical Call	Feb. 19	12:08 p.m.	Hartsville New Marlborough Road Fire Alarm
Feb. 7	12:11 p.m.	Hayes Hill Road Medical Call	Feb. 19	3:00 p.m.	Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call
Feb. 8	12:00 p.m.	New Marlborough Hartsville Road Medical Call	Feb. 20	5:06 p.m.	Canaan Southfield Road Medical Call
Feb. 9	6:45 a.m.	New Marlborough Sandisfield Road CO Alarm	Feb. 21	1:20 p.m.	Clayton Mill River Road Medical Call
Feb. 10	10:18 p.m.	Stone Manor Drive Medical Call	Feb. 22	6:16 p.m.	Stone Manor Drive Fire Alarm
Feb. 11	10:17 a.m.	Mill River Great Barrington Road Medical Call	Feb. 23	2:00 p.m.	Mutual Aid to Canaan Structure Fire
Feb. 14	4:24 p.m.	Adsit Crosby Road Medical Call	Feb. 24	12:10 p.m.	Adsit Crosby Road Medical Call
Feb. 15	12:58 a.m.	Canaan Southfield Road Medical Call	Feb. 25	12:05 p.m.	East Hill Road CO Alarm
Feb. 17	12:05 p.m.	Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call	Feb. 25	12:49 p.m.	Clayton Mill River Road Medical Call
Feb. 17	11:40 p.m.	Canaan Southfield Road CO Alarm	Feb. 25		Peter Menaker Road Medical Call
Feb. 17	11:59 p.m.	Clayton Mill River Road CO Alarm	Feb. 26	5:15 p.m.	East Hill Road Medical Call

Open burning season runs from January 15 through May 1.

Permits are required and may be obtained (at no cost) at the Mill River General Store.

ELIHU?

by Nan Smith

Who was this man to whom we dedicate a day to every year? An answer to this question is the focus of a project happening this spring and summer for New Marlborough's kids. Kristen Sparhawk and Nan Smith are organizing the project so we can all learn more about Elihu Burritt. If you know little about him, that is the point. We don't either. The working title of the play is "Elihu?" for good reason.

The children will meet during the late spring to become historians and do a little research about him. This will occur on a Saturday at the New Marlborough library.

Next they will meet to become playwrights and create a short play about him. This again will be scheduled on a Saturday at the library.

Finally, after a few rehearsals, the kids will perform their creation on Elihu Burritt Day at the Meeting House in New Marlborough. This year's date for Burritt Day is August 17.

The dates for researching and writing have not been finalized, but will be posted in the next edition of the *5 Village News* and on Maggie's List. Kids in the third grade and up are encouraged to join in for all or some parts of the project. Please contact Nan Smith with any questions: she can be reached at 229-0291 or at n.oshaughnessy.smith@gmail.com. We really hope kids of all ages will work together to create something memorable. □

Berkshire Groan





Young Voices

Herewith, a sampling of the views and reviews of our newest – and youngest – contributors.

MAKING MAPLE SYRUP

by Mary Shalaby, Grade 5, Undermountain Elementary

It's that time again! People everywhere in New Marlborough are tapping their trees and making some yummy sweet maple syrup. There are a few ways to get the sap. You can tap by drilling a hole in a maple tree, putting a spout in the hole, and letting the sap fall into a bucket. It takes a long time to make maple syrup. You have to put it on a stove and let it boil for a long time, but it is worth the wait. The reason why we do it now is because the sap is flowing when it's not too hot and not too cold. Late winter and early spring provide the perfect temperatures for the sap to flow. I interviewed a man named Mr. MacDowell. He has a sugar house. I asked some questions.

Q. What is a sugar house?

A. It's a name given to a house that you boil the sap in. It has a roof vent which the steam comes out of.

Q. How does it work?

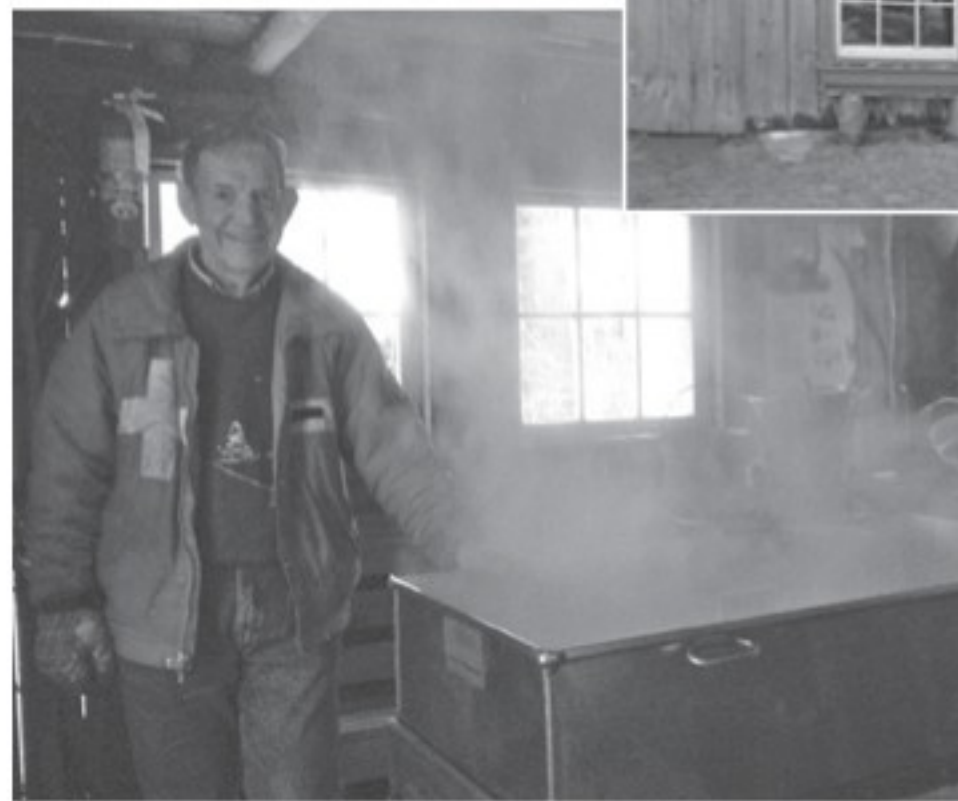
A. You boil the sap until most of the water has evaporated.

Q. Did you build it?

A. Yes, the first one burned down.

Q. How long does it take to make a gallon?

A. About eight to ten hours.



Ned MacDowell in his sugar house.

Q. How long have you been doing it?

A. Forty-five years.

Q. Is it hard to do?

A. Yes, every part of it, but it is enjoyable.

Q. What is the heat source?

A. Wood and fire. The fire is in a box called an arch. □

photos by Mary Shalaby

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

by Molly Crine, Grade 8, St. Mary's School

Did you know that over 100 people a week in our community receive food from the Sheffield Food Assistance Program? I didn't either, until two years ago. I learned about the important service the local food pantries provide when I began as a sixth grader at St. Mary's School in Lee. At school, each family was asked to bring in a donation for the food pantry. My class packed up the donations and delivered them in person. This is when I realized that the food really makes a difference in many people's lives. Now I am in the eighth grade, and have chosen to run a local food drive for my end-of-the-year project. The donations will be split between the Sheffield Food Assistance Program which covers New Marlborough, Sheffield, Egremont, Alford, and Ashley Falls, and the Lee Food Pantry, which covers Lee, Lenoxdale, Tyringham, Stockbridge, West Stockbridge, Becket, and Otis.



Molly Crine

photo by Jennifer Edelman-Crine

Donations may be made in the form of non-perishable food and paper goods, checks made payable to the specific program, and Big Y coins.

In addition to asking local schools and businesses for donations, I am asking for donations from the members of the community I live in, New Marlborough. Your donations may be dropped off anytime from now through April 10 at the following places: the Mill River General Store, the New Marlborough Library, the Bushnell Sage Library in Sheffield, Guido's Market in Great Barrington, and the Berkshire Co-op Market, also in Great Barrington. There are also locations in Lee for donations.

Thank you for your donations. You will make a difference through supporting our community. □

ROBOTICS AT THE LIBRARY

by Odie Fields, age 8

On Saturday morning at 11:00, at the New Marlborough Town Library, about twenty children and their families gathered together to hear Todd Shearer, an engineer, describe simple machines and how they work. Simple machines make life easier, and make it so people can do things that aren't easy on their own. For example, the Egyptians built their pyramids with simple machines. Wedges, ramps, pulleys, wheels and axles, and levers, are all simple machines. My favorite example was the pulley. Three kids got to volunteer demonstrating how pulleys work. One person could pull two others and bring them together. The pulley can increase the strength behind your action, which you couldn't do on your own. Todd explained everything anyone could ever explain about simple machines, and he explained it well. He also mentioned what he was showing us and how it connected to the book *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, and the automaton in the story. An automaton is a wind-up robot, and uses gears, wheels and axles, and levers to move. The automaton is the most important part of the story in *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, and since the author is coming to speak about the movie showing at the Mahaiwe on Sunday, March 17, it was interesting to learn about the mechanics of an automaton and other simple machines from Todd Shearer. □



Photos by Debbie O'Brien

Todd Shearer and his enthusiastic audience.

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A photo exhibit of our
Town by our Townspeople

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Potluck contributions by last name

- initials* ~ *bring*
- A - G ~ appetizers/snacks
- H - N ~ salad or vegetable
- O - S ~ main dish
- T - Z ~ dessert

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NEW ACQUISITIONS AT THE LIBRARY

Adult Fiction

Breaking Point, by C.J. Box
Harvest, by Jim Crace
Accursed, by Joyce Carol Oates
Child of Vengeance, by David Kirk
Damascus Count Down, by Joel C. Rosenberg
Airtight, by David Rosenfelt
Telling the Bees, by Peggy Hesketh

Adult Non-fiction

Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey: The Lost Legacy of Highclere Castle, by The Countess of Carnarvon
Natural Beekeeping: Organic Approaches to Modern Apiculture, by Ross Conrad

Children's Fiction

Light in the Darkness: A Story about How Slaves Learned in Secret, by Lesa Cline-Ransome
Never Say Die, by Will Hobbs
What's in the Garden, by Marianne Berkes
Exclamation Mark, by Amy Krouse-Rosenthal
Bunnies on Ice, by Johanna Wright
Noisy Bug Sing-Along, by John Himmelman
Red Hat, by Lita Judge

Children's Nonfiction

Creep and Flutter: The Secret World of Insects and Spiders, by Jim Arnosky
The Lego Ideas Book, by Daniel Lipkowitz
Follow Follow, by Marilyn Singer
Who Was Roald Dahl? by True Kelley

Library Events and Workshops

► Book Discussion Group

Join us for coffee, bagels and a lively discussion of the book, *Barbarian Nurseries*, by Hector Tobar. April 6 at 10:00 a.m.

► IKEBANA, the art of Japanese flower arranging

Join us for a series of hands-on workshops led by Brian Mikesell April 27 and May 25 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Workshops are limited to 10 participants and the cost for each is \$25. For more info contact Brian at mikeselb@gmail.com

► New Marlborough Friends of the Library

is looking for new members. The next meeting will be April 13 at 10:00 a.m. Everyone Welcome!

► Lego Club

The New Marlborough Library would like to start an after-school Lego club. If anyone has Legos tucked in attics or basements and would like to donate them, please call the library at 229-6668.

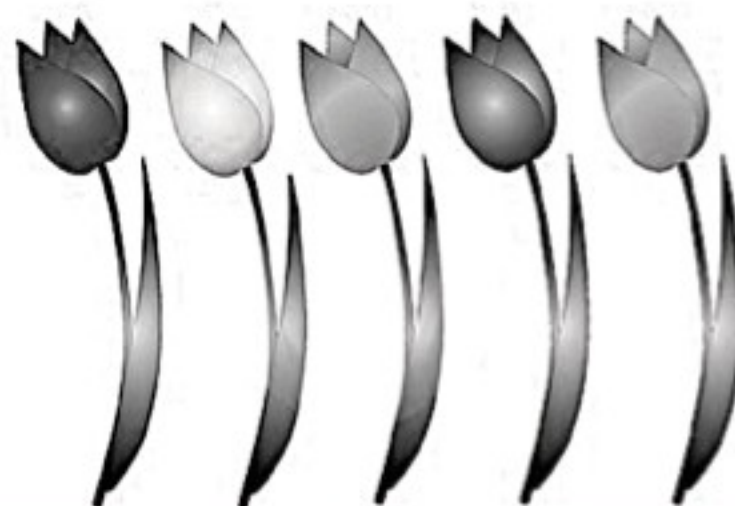
LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS:

(April 1 - Oct 31)

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Thurs 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.



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Town Times

- * **Board of Selectmen:** Every Monday at 6:30 p.m.
- * **Planning Board:** First and third Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- * **Board of Health:** First Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.
- * **Conservation Commission:** Last Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.
- * **Board of Assessors:** Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- * **Fire Department training:** Every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the fire station
- * **Building Inspector:** Monday 5 - 7 p.m. Wednesday 8 - 10 a.m.
- * **First Responders:** meeting/training: First and third Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the fire station
- * **Cultural Council:** Second Thursday at 4:15 p.m. at the library
- * **Town Treasurer:** Wednesday 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
- * **Tax Collector:** Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- * **Selectmen's Administrative Secretary:** Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- * **Dog and Animal Control Officer:** John Springstube 413-232-7038
- * **Town Clerk:** 229-8278; 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. weekdays; Saturday by appointment
- * **Town Hall:** 229-8116
- * **Police:** Business office: 229-8161

Emergency calls: Police, Fire, and Medical: 911

Transfer Station hours:

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