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PUTTING A GLEAM ON OLD STONES *Restoration of the New Marlborough Cemetery Has Begun*

By Joe Poindexter

Like snowflakes, no two are alike. And that is what makes the restoration of cemetery headstones as much an art as a science. Both art and science were on display in the third week of August as the restoration team of Fannin.Lehner – with plentiful help from New Marlborough volunteers – cleaned and righted broken, tilted, and fallen stones in the oldest section of the town’s oldest burying ground, the New Marlborough Cemetery. It was a long-overdue start to a project with critical importance to the history of New Marlborough.

The earliest burial in the cemetery dates to 1755, and, unlike most Colonial-era burying grounds, it has been in continuous use ever since. It also contains a large number of footstones, small markers placed at the foot



Fourteen headstones and four footstones were cleaned and reset.

photo by Holly McNeely

of the grave and a luxury typically foregone in early New England cemeteries. These features, plus the rich history written on its headstones, made the New Marlborough Cemetery a particularly worthy target of restoration. With this in mind, the New Marlborough Historical Society, under the guidance of Vice President John Schreiber and

with generous support of concerned citizens, launched the first of what it hopes will be regular repair sessions to arrest the inexorable decline of the town’s cemeteries.

It was no small undertaking, with a number of townspeople making necessary contributions. Peter Marks volunteered his time and expertise in operating a small backhoe to lift fallen stones. Chuck Loring lent the effort the Highway Department’s water buffalo to provide for the cleaning of stones and the mixing of mortar. John and Becky Schreiber provided tents for shelter from sun and rain and were at the site all eight days of the project. Rob Scott, David Hosford, and Mary Richie Smith were among those who lent a hand. And the project would have achieved little



photo by John Schreiber

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without the enthusiasm – and strong backs – of local teens Blake Ferrara and Robbie Parsons.

Restoration is exceedingly slow and deliberate. “Everything depends on what’s below the ground,” says Minxie Fannin of the restoration team. With a tilted stone, the first step is to dig it up to see if it has a base, a sub-surface stone with a slot that accepts the tail end of the headstone. If, as is most often the case, it is degraded, a new base must be fashioned from mortar. On rare occasions, the team will find headstones cut with a tail of sufficient length, 40 percent of the overall height, to allow resetting without a base. Broken stones are pinned with fiberglass dowels and glued with a special epoxy.

And then there’s the cleaning, a delicate process requiring plastic scrapers, whiskbrooms, brushes, a non-ionic detergent, and plenty of water. The principal enemy of stone is lichen, which plants its tendrils into the minutely textured surface and prevents moisture from escaping. Over the centuries, the surface erodes. Marble, some types softer than others, is the most vulnerable, but even slate and granite can be damaged. After the surface is gently scraped, it is subjected to a series of brushings with a detergent solution and rinses with clean water.

The process takes time and patience, but the result, as the surface brightens and reveals itself, is just reward. Because it can be undertaken by volunteers – under the supervision of those who have been schooled in the process but without the need for professionals – the Historical Society plans to organize spring and fall headstone cleaning days, starting next year. Watch these pages for dates and then come out and help to give a new life to these critical voices of our past. □



photo by Holly McNeely

Stones on the eastern knoll of the New Marlborough cemetery before work began.



photo by Joe Pindexter

Rob Scott, left, and John Schreiber reset a headstone.



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MAILBOX



To the editor:

Thank you all for what you do! Every time I get my "Mill River" mail, my day brightens. Just finished Joe Wilkinson's story. Some of his tales sounded familiar. My brothers Bud (1940-2011) and Dick – not Gabe (1942-1963) – were indeed part of the "Mill River crazies."

Please, please keep up the good work!

Winnie (Dow) Keeney
Jupiter, FL

To the editor:

You really had fun with our story ("The Way We Were: Pat and Howard Nourse"). It's great. One small item is that there was no public kindergarten until 1967 or so. [Our August story said Pat and Howard both attended New Marlborough Central from kindergarten on.] There was none for our son, who was born in 1960. Our daughter, born in 1963, went to kindergarten in Monterey, about the second year it was offered.

Keep up the great work.

Pat Nourse
Monterey

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN



August 26: With all three Selectmen present, the Board appointed Mark Carson to a vacancy on the Finance Committee, created by the resignation of Bill Hattendorf. The Board also announced it had hired Jessica Bosworth for the combined position of administrative secretary and Highway Department clerk. She will start September 3 at a salary of \$25,000 a year.

Following up on his invitation to School Superintendent David Hastings to attend a town hall-style meeting of the Board, Chairman Nat Yohalem said he is considering extending similar invitations to other state and local officials. These might include a Massachusetts Department of Transportation official, State Rep. William "Smitty" Pignatelli, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, even Governor Deval Patrick. He also discussed the possibility of asking Town department heads to attend Board meetings, "to answer questions and publicize what they do."

Noting that "everybody seems to have keys to this place," Mr. Yohalem asked Administrative Assistant Mike Skorput to get bids for installing new locks on all the doors to the Town Hall. This would include keypad locks for the front entrance door and the ground floor door at the back of the building as well as deadbolt locks for the three other entry doors on the sides of the building. Mr. Skorput said he has already received a quote of \$1,763 from J&J Lock in Pittsfield and will likely get two more from other area firms.

Mr. Yohalem announced the Town has received a résumé for a Highway Department vacancy created by the resignation the previous week of Chris Chaffee. In other personnel matters, the Board appointed Gino Furio as the Town's alternate delegate to the Wired West consortium and extended congratulations to Town Clerk Kathy Chretien for successfully passing the state's town clerk certification exam.

Following several earlier meetings about the excess drainage onto their property from Cagney Hill Road, Mr. and Mrs. Ismail Khan met once again with the Board. As previously reported, Highway Superintendent Loring had come up with a plan to install 600 feet of pipe and four collection boxes to channel the runoff into a nearby brook, with the Khans agreeing to pay for the materials if the Town provided the labor and heavy equipment for the job. **On consideration, the Board rejected that approach, fearing that it could set a precedent that would obligate the Town to fix other residents' runoff problems.** This time, however, the Khans said they would

be willing to pay the entire cost of the project, estimated by Mr. Loring at around \$10,000, if the Town was willing to approve the specifications for the job. The Board accepted this proposal, "as long as the Town doesn't incur any expense," according to Mr. Yohalem, and the job would have to be done by an outside contractor.

Chairman Yohalem said the Town has an opportunity to apply for another \$500,000 MassWorks grant, which could be used in repaving the upper portion of the Clayton Mill River Road. The Board asked Jessica Bosworth, the new administrative secretary, to put it together with the help of her predecessor, Nicole Reid, who agreed to come in over the Labor Day weekend to meet the September 13 deadline. (Subsequently, the Board learned the Town is not eligible for the grant. **Having received grants of \$500,000 in both 2011 and 2012, the Town had already reached its grant limit of \$1 million over a three-year period and would not be eligible for more grant money until 2014.**)

The Board voted to contract with L B Corp. of Lee to apply a second coat of blacktop on the Canaan Southfield Road. It had underbid Lane Construction of Northampton, \$198,397 to \$210,010.

Owen Hoberman reported that the Ladder Sign Committee raised and spent \$10,160 in donations for the town's new ladder signs. He said the \$580 raised by the committee on Elihu Burritt Day by selling slats from the old signs would be used for sign maintenance.

September 9: With all three selectmen present, Mr. Yohalem said the Board had interviewed three candidates for the vacant Highway Department job in a pre-meeting work session and would interview one more before making a decision next week. He also reported that five construction companies have picked up the specifications for the Canaan Southfield Road culvert project and that the bids are due September 17.

In other bridge-related news, Mr. Yohalem reported that work on the Hadsell Street bridge is now slated to begin sometime in the 2015 fiscal year, that is between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, according to *Common Ground*, a newsletter of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. As he pointed out, that's a full two years ahead of the previous estimate the Town received from the state of 2017. "Obviously that's subject to change," he said, "but that's the latest notification we've gotten about Hadsell Street."

Mr. Yohalem said he has formally invited Governor Deval Patrick to a town-hall type meeting, similar to the one scheduled with School Superintendent David Hastings.

The Board met with Police Chief Scott Farrell to discuss a new software package the Police Department wishes to buy to automate its call logging and records management functions. The \$15,850 expenditure was approved by the voters at last May's Annual Town Meeting. As previously reported, the package, from Tritech Software of San Diego, is expected to greatly reduce departmental paperwork while also allowing the department to share and retrieve records from other police departments where the system is in use (See Board of Selectman report in the May issue of the NM5VN). According to Chief Farrell, the base system is housed on a computer at the Berkshire County Sheriff's office in Pittsfield, and the Fire and Rescue Squad will also use the system. Before signing off on the purchase, however, the Board said it wants to know what the annual maintenance fee for the software will be. Chief Farrell said he would check with Tritech and get back to the Board.

The Building, Grounds, and Technology subcommittee of the Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee Board is holding a series of meeting with the selectmen of the district's five towns. The first two focused on the operating costs of the four schools and the enrollment trends in the district. The third meeting, set for September 26, was to be a review of the capital improvements needed in the four schools and what they will cost. **Instead, according to an agenda received by the Board, the meeting will feature presentations by the Towns of Monterey and Egremont on their "vision, plans and actions in connection with the educational program(s)" in the two towns, a development Mr. Yohalem characterized as "deeply disturbing. . . and not the agenda we agreed upon at the last meeting."** New Marlborough was not consulted about the change in the agenda, said Mr. Yohalem, adding, "I don't think the presentations are proper subjects for [sub-] committee, whose sole job is to look at the capital requirements of the schools." Mr. Yohalem and Selectman Tara White agreed that that Board needed to send a response to the School Committee, stating as Ms. White put it, "that this is certainly not what was discussed; it's not where we are supposed to be going."

The Board received a copy of a letter from Gordon Bailey of the state Department of Public Safety to the department's chief of inspections, Robert Anderson, regarding a meeting Mr. Bailey had with New Marlborough Building Inspector Tom Carmody. The purpose of the meeting, the letter noted, was to review

allegations made by ex-Fire Chief Peter Scala that liquor licenses were improperly issued to four New Marlborough establishments: Gedney Farm, Mepal Manor, The Old Inn on the Green, and the Southfield Store; and the inspection status of three buildings in Town: The Whip Shop, the Meeting House, and the movie production facility belonging to Douglas Trumbull. **According to Mr. Yohalem's reading of Mr. Bailey's letter, "everything was done in compliance with the law."**

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Planning Board Chairman Jamie Mullen pointed out that, by law, the Town had to call a Special Town Meeting to seek voter approval of the proposed revisions to the Town's Protective Bylaws within six months of the May 28 public hearing on the bylaw changes, in other words, by November 28. The Board said it would discuss the matter at its October 7 meeting. And with that the meeting was adjourned.

September 16: Just two Selectmen, Mr. Yohalem and Ms. Shalaby, were present for tonight's meeting, which started an hour earlier at 5:30 p.m. to allow for regular business before the 6:30 arrival of School Superintendent David Hastings.

The Board approved a fifty-cent-an-hour pay raise for Highway Department foreman Paul Krom, who has successfully passed his ninety-day performance review. It also authorized an expenditure of \$1,076 for the removal and replacement of a leaky bulkhead door on the north side of the library, leading down to the building's oil tanks.

Following up on last week's discussion regarding the agenda for next meeting of the Building, Grounds and Technology subcommittee, Chairman Yohalem said he had emailed subcommittee Chairman Vito Valentini and that Mr. Valentini called back within the hour. He was told by Mr. Valentini that the September 26 meeting would feature presentations by Egremont and Monterey on the capital needs of each of their schools, and not the educational programs there. **He said Mr. Valentini also indicated that next on the agenda would be an analysis of the capital needs of New Marlborough Central, for which the town would probably need to hire an engineer.** Mr. Valentini indicated that the School Committee may be able to cover the expense.

The Board scheduled a special permit hearing for its September 30 meeting to consider a change of use request from builder Michael White for the American Legion building, which he apparently intends to buy for use as his construction company's office. The Board then adjourned for its meeting with Superintendent Hastings (see page 18). □

Peter Schuyten

PLANNING BOARD

September 4: The meeting, with Jamie Mullen, Chair, Patricia Hardyman, Judy Hattendorf, and Holly Morse in attendance, opened with a review of the mail and approval of the minutes of the August 7 meeting.

Board members reported on their interactions with townspeople during Elihu Burritt Day. Holly Morse noted that she had frequently assured residents that in the proposed zoning revisions all lots in New Marlborough will remain "grand-fathered" (i.e., uses and structures will be allowed to continue as they are, in perpetuity, unless a use has been abandoned for more than two years). In several conversations, Board members also recalled clarifying that the proposal is a step in a process of planning. If passed, the creation of two districts, village center and rural, will allow consideration of further protective measures for land use in the rural district.

In response to a question from Michele Shalaby, Jamie Mullen said that a Special Town Meeting to vote on changes to the protective bylaws had to be held within six months of the May 28 public hearing that explained them, that is, by November 28. The Board agreed it would ask to be put on the agenda of the September 9 meeting of the Board of Selectmen to request a Special Town Meeting date.

The Board reviewed the Unofficial Annotated Proposed Bylaw Revision and the Annotated Table of Uses prepared by Brian Domina of Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. The two documents highlight in red all the proposed changes to the Protective Bylaws and offer explanations of the changes in light blue boxes. It was decided that a single document would be easier for residents to digest. Patricia Hardyman undertook the reformatting and incorporated minor changes and corrections. That unified document, Proposed Protective Bylaws 8/13, is now available on the town website. It will also be made available at the library and from Town Clerk Kathy Chretien once a date for the Special Town Meeting has been set. Mr. Mullen will put the notice in *The Berkshire Record*. Having agreed to hold meetings September 18 and October 2, the meeting adjourned. (At the selectmen's September 9 meeting – see page 5 – Chairman Nat Yohalem assured Planning Board members that a date for a Special town Meeting would be set soon. He said that the dates under consideration are in early November.) □

Holly Morse, member, Planning Board

A New Face at Town Hall

Starting September 2, Jessica Bosworth became the Town's newest administrative secretary. She takes over from Nicole Reid, who has moved on to Jane Iredale, the Great Barrington cosmetics company. Jessica previously spent twelve years at Guido's food market, where she rose to assistant manager. She works for Administrative Assistant Mike Skorput, takes minutes at Board of Selectmen meetings, and performs secretarial duties for the Highway Department. Jessica lives in Housatonic with her wife, Elissa. □



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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 31: All three Commission members – John Weinstein, Ned Wilson, and Peter Marks – were present to address the month's agenda.

First the Commission voted to issue a Certificate of Compliance to Ralph Kuhn of Hadsell Street for work completed per a Notice of Intent (NOI) issued in 2010. A recent site visit confirmed that the work to reconfigure his driveway had been completed as permitted.

Next Mr. Keith Salzman of 1509 Hartsville New Marlborough Road submitted a Request For Determination (RDA) for construction of a 32-by-24-foot garage. There was a brief discussion about the proposed location of the garage and its proximity to a perennial stream on the property. The Commission decided that, since the work would occur within 200 feet of the stream, the project required a Notice of Intent.

Shannon Boomsma of White Engineering then submitted an NOI for Tony Margaherita and Deb Bernardini of 748 Canaan Southfield Road. Ms. Boomsma said that the project included the construction of a new driveway, garage, stairway, and a swimming pool. Rh Design, the architects for the work, was also present to answer questions from the Commission. The discussion clarified that all the work would occur within the buffer zone to the intermittent stream on the property. Since the area to be worked is currently lawn and thus, according to wetlands regulations, already a "degraded" area, the Commission decided that the work proposed would not significantly increase the impact to the area and voted to approve the NOI.

Mr. Wilson re-opened the public hearing for an NOI from the Lake Buel Preservation District, which is involved with managing the beaver activity at the lake. Peter Hagen, the representative of the district, was present to update the Commission on the Preservation District's efforts to clarify the permit for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Unfortunately, since the DEP had not yet issued a permit number, the

Commission could not conclude its review of the project. The Commission agreed to continue the hearing until the following Saturday and provide a special meeting time to complete its review. (On September 7, the Commission approved the NOI with special conditions.)

Next, Mike Skorput, administrative assistant to the New Marlborough Board of Selectmen, asked that the Commission review and comment on a Town project at the transfer station to repair the walls at a compactor. The Commission initially referred to a topographical map and then decided to schedule a site visit to better understand the site conditions.

The Commission then discussed a current concern that a property owner on Hotchkiss Road was performing work without proper permitting. There have been complaints that a building permit and a permit from the Conservation Commission had not yet been processed. The Commission noted the complaint pending further information.

The June and July minutes were read and accepted with minor revisions.

Lastly, the mail was reviewed. Several newsletters and catalogs were opened. All three members signed a petition from an advocacy group to stop hydrofracking in Massachusetts. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. □

Martha Bryan

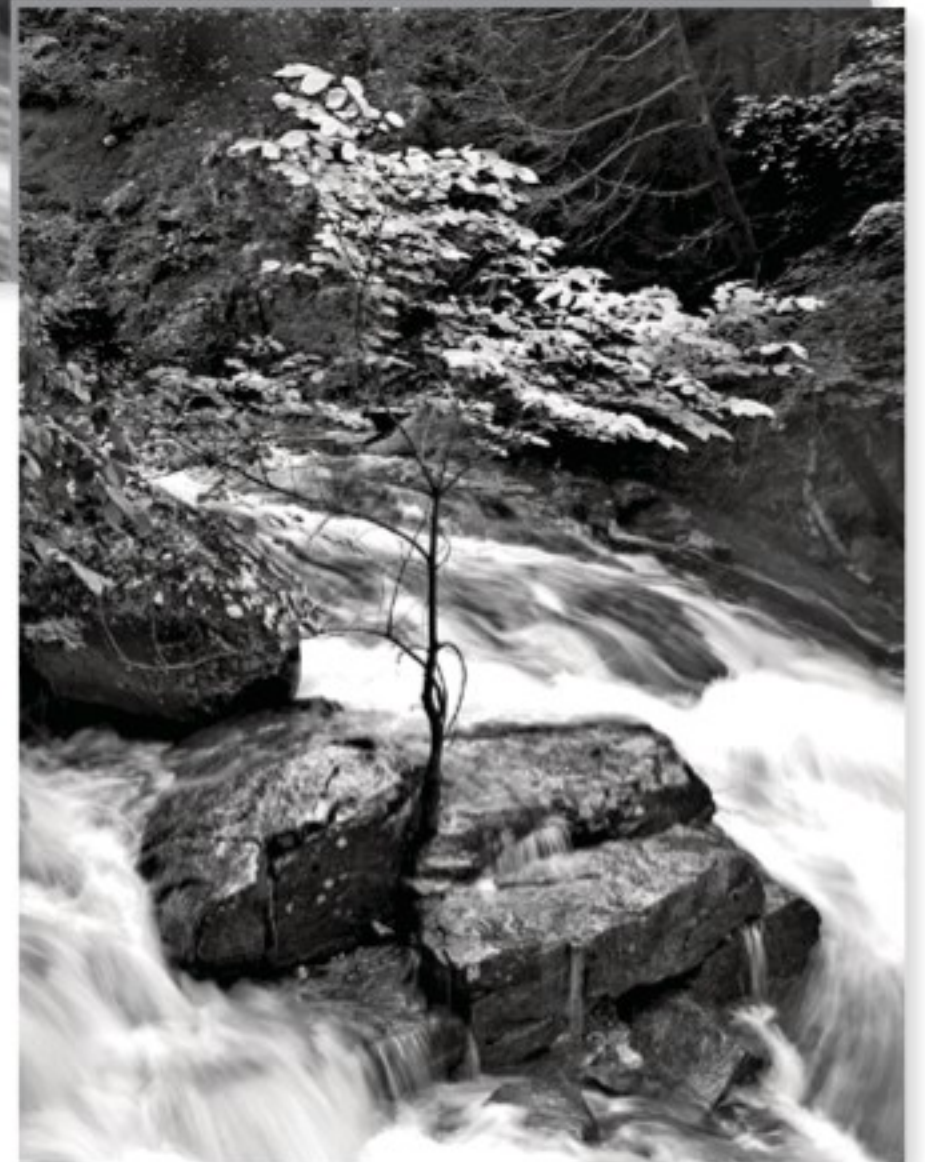
FLU SHOT ALERT!

The Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association will again be holding a flu shot clinic at the New Marlborough Town Hall. At this point, a date, most likely sometime in October, has not been set. Details can be learned from Town Clerk Kathy Chretien at 229-8278. Those enrolled in Medicare should bring their cards; for others, the cost is nominal. Pneumonia shots will also be available.



photo by Larry Burke





UMPACHENE FALLS Photographs by Lee Backer

I first visited Umpachene Falls over ten years ago, when my wife, Joan, and I visited New Marlborough for a weekend respite from Manhattan. Now, as a New Marlborough resident, I often return to the falls to photograph.

For me, it's the rocks – the ledge that forms the riverbed and the shoreline, along with glacial boulders – that give Umpachene Falls its character. The upper falls section is especially interesting to explore, with its numerous small cascades and ribbons that spread out over the flat bedrock layers.

Early in the morning and late in the day, the light can be especially beautiful. I remember one October day a few years ago, when I was photographing in the late afternoon. As the sun got low in the sky, the water turned a rich pink as far downstream as I could see. □

REMEMBERING HERB ABELOW

photo by Betsy Colhoun



Herb Abelow, who relocated here after a successful career in finance in New York City, passed away on August 23. The cause was pancreatic cancer.

In his fourteen years in New Marlborough, he quietly and steadfastly contributed his time and talent to New Marlborough and the surrounding community. He was chairman of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District's School Committee and a board member of several Berkshire County organizations. He was treasurer of both the New Marlborough Village Association and the New Marlborough Historical Society. He drove for Meals on Wheels. Children delighted in visits to Random Farm, where he and his wife, Betsy Colhoun Abelow, raised a variety of animals. He leaves countless friends whose lives he has touched with fellowship and kindness. Remembrances from some of those friends are below. Betsy wishes to express her heartfelt appreciation of the

loving support shown her during this difficult time.

The Herbert Abelow Fund for Teachers, to support professional development for educators in the Southern Berkshire Regional School District, has been established in his honor. Those wishing to donate to this fund may send a contribution in care of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, P.O. Box 400, Sheffield, Massachusetts, 01257.

I had the pleasure of serving on the Southern Berkshire Regional School District's School Committee when Herb Abelow was chairman. I witnessed his dedication, the countless hours he spent with members of the community, teachers, and staff to make the district's educational experience second to none. He loved to work with students and regularly attended school plays and musicals to give them his support.

Herb provided firm management of the School Committee, but he also challenged residents throughout the district to participate. He didn't shy from discussing tough issues with citizens – at town meetings, in local establishments, in the Mill River General Store.

It is with great sadness that we mark Herb's passing. It will be difficult to replace the dedication and passion he brought to education. I consider myself lucky to have been a friend of Herb Abelow.

Charlie McSpiritt

"Rocket" (verb): "to rise up swiftly, spectacularly, and with force," *Merriam Webster Dictionary*.

There are those few, extraordinary people who enter our lives and then leave a raw and gaping hole when they pass on. My dear friend Herb Abelow was such a person. Although we only knew each other for the six years that Marjorie and I have been New Marlborough residents, it felt as if we had been friends for decades, a sentiment I've heard others echo. We were regular lunch buddies (he called us "Romeos – Retired Older Men Eating Out"), enjoyed our dinners and parties, exulted in the Giants' win over the Patriots in the Super Bowl, and served on charitable boards together where Herb's keen insight, wry wit, and occasional biting remarks made our board meetings much more fun (and productive) than they otherwise might have been.

Rockets became an important part of our fun together. Herb introduced me to model rocketry, and I knew I had to get my own rockets when my grandson, Gabe, upon arriving at our house, greeted me with, "Hi, Gramps. When are we going to Herb's?" I know that Herb had as much fun watching my grandkids' reactions as they did watching the rockets soar off. And I know that it wasn't just the rockets that attracted my grandkids: It was also Herb and the incredible warmth he showed to them.

I will never again launch a rocket without seeing my friend's smile, my dear friend, who rocketed through life and who has now, sadly, flown from our daily existence. His smile, warmth, and sense of humor remain indelibly marked on all of us who were fortunate enough to have him as a friend.

Barry R. Shapiro

Several years ago, Herb and I started to share a few interests — the New Marlborough Village Association, the Historical Society, an interest in the schools, and food. When Nat decided to run for the Board of Selectmen, Herb was one of the first people to offer help, arriving every Saturday morning, coffee cup in hand, to serve as a member of Nat's Kitchen Cabinet.

But even before then, we were frequently in touch. There were phone calls, usually starting off with some item of business and then ranging on to, perhaps, politics, food, recipes, restaurants, kids, grandkids, goings on around town

and before we knew it almost an hour would pass. We had many discussions about Herb's love for the schools and the kids, and these led to my growing involvement with the District. We'd sit down with our cups of coffee or glasses of scotch and try to solve the problems of our immediate world and conduct the financial business of the Village Association. We'd trade recipes, talk about our lives and some of the lives around us – the kinds of things that friends do. Herb was my friend and I miss him.

Louise Yohalem

Many people can talk about Herb's commitment to the Berkshire community, as well as his involvement in New Marlborough activities. My relationship with Herb, although serious at times, was much more about having a good time, which more often than not involved a meal. As much as Herb liked to grill steaks and clams; as much as he made the best mac and cheese in the Berkshires, having gotten the secret recipe from Pearl's before it closed, what Herb enjoyed most was sampling the cuisine at a nearby, or not so nearby eatery. You might say we helped keep the Berkshire hospitality industry afloat.

We never had a bad meal. Sunday morning at the Sunrise Diner for biscuits and gravy, followed by blueberry pancakes, was a thing of beauty. The Snack Shack's belly clams were a culinary delight. Bernie's Diner in Chicopee had a piece of roast beef for lunch that even we couldn't finish due to its size. Of course, before the beef, we had soup and belly clams. We were saddened when Friendly's closed, as they had great clam chowder, and too many wonderful sandwiches to choose from. Just thinking of the veal chop at Smith & Wollensky in NYC would get us in the car.

We played golf and never kept score. Why bother. We were there to have fun and not to get annoyed with our game. Tennis was the same. He was a great friend, and, as all know, fun to be with. He had a marvelous gift of giving to others, as well as enjoying his own life with Betsy, his kids and grandkids, the dogs and animals, and his many friends. I am left behind with wonderful memories of having shared so many days with this fine man.

Sandy Ross

Herb Abelow: A friend, advisor, confidante, competitor.

Many years ago my sister, who lives in Lenox, called to tell me a guy had just sold his place in Lenox and was buying an old farm in Mill River. She said he's a guy I have to meet because he's a great and generous guy. Coincidentally I met him about two weeks later, and we hit it off right away.

Over the years we dined and drank on Betsy's book club night because neither of us wanted to cook. For many of those evenings together, Herb and I would "discuss" the schools, Herb being chair of the School Committee, and I being on the New Marlborough Finance Committee. Often the discussions were lively and heated, but after dinner Herb would never let the differences in philosophy alter our friendship. He was always a gentleman, always giving, always friendly, and always challenging.

They broke the mold after Herb was born.

I'll miss him a lot.

David Herrick

Herb's Open Door Policy

The door to Random Farm was always open. Family and friends (two- or four- legged!) knew that they need not knock but merely enter the home and call out for Herb or Betsy. A visit with Herb could be full of fun and laughter or counsel from a man who had gained a lifetime of experience and knowledge. Herb somehow made the time necessary for an unexpected visit from all.

The love Herb had for the school system, and its students, was unsurpassed. During the spring and summer months, the gentleman farmer of Brewer Hill opened his home and fields to the special needs students of the school district. Herb taught the children about animal care and farm chores, pitching in at each step along the way. The depth of his compassion was clearly evident in his smile as he passed by the little house with a tractor bucket full of children! At days end, the children were treated to a barbeque on the patio.

Herb and Betsy knew the importance of hard work. However, they also knew to indulge in the fruits of their labor. We will miss our good friend, confidante, employer, and all-around "good guy." Goodbye, Herb.

*Maureen and Joe Krejci
Hannah and Danielle Guidi*

THE LOG

POLICE DEPARTMENT

As I mentioned in the last issue, our call volume, which averages fifty calls a month, is making it difficult to publish a complete log report in the 5 Village News. For future issues I will summarize our month's activity and provide various statistical data approximately every quarter. A more detailed log will be available on the Town website (www.newmarlboroughma.gov/pages/index) under the police department. This will include dates, times, general locations, call types, and a brief description of the call. Those wanting further information about a specific call can stop in at the office when an officer is available.

We hope our computer system will be running by the start of 2014, which will make this information much easier to summarize and disseminate.

Scott Farrell, *Chief of Police*

Calendar year-to-date

Motor vehicle
 Civil Citations: 90
 Warnings: 129
 Criminal Violations 10
 Fines written
 as of August 31: \$12,740

Calls for service, August (59 calls)

Abandoned 911	1	Licensing	7
Alarms	5	Medical	5
Animal Calls	5	Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Assist Citizen	6	Motor Vehicle Complaints	3
Assist Other Agency	6	Patrol check with incident	2
B&E	1	Suspicious Activity	5
Hunt/Fish	2	Traffic Hazard	2
Investigation	5	Welfare Check	1
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| August 2 | 11:16 p.m. | New Marlborough Hill Road Medical Call | August 14 | 7:35 p.m. | New Marlborough South Sandisfield Road Medical Call |
| August 5 | 8:00 a.m. | Mill River Great Barrington Road Gas Leak | August 14 | 10:00 p.m. | Route 57 Tree on Wires |
| August 9 | 7:40 a.m. | Canaan Valley Road Medical Call | August 15 | 9:40 a.m. | Route 57 Tree on Wires |
| August 9 | 10:24 p.m. | New Marlborough Hartsville Road Tree Down | August 20 | 12:00 p.m. | New Marlborough South Sandisfield Road Service Call |
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There are a surprising number of connections between New Marlborough and the area around Rockland, Maine. Many New Marlboroughites have family connections there, or traditionally vacation in the area. This year two New Marlborough artists, **Shawn Fields** and **Ann Getsinger**, have shows at Dowling Walsh Gallery in Rockland, one of the leading galleries in Maine.

Shawn's exhibit ran for the month of August, and was held over for a week into September. He reports that August was a very busy month in that area, and he was pleased with the results. He sold a lot of his work, made new contacts – and in general, had fun.



An Education by Shawn Fields

Ann is finishing preparations for her show, which opens on October 4 and will run until October 26. She suspended her framing business to paint full time and has produced thirty new paintings in the past year. (Much as she loved being a full-time painter, she has resumed her framing work.) She is hoping for results similar to Shawn's experience at Dowling Walsh.

Rufus, Holly and Joe Poindexter's orange tabby, disappeared in mid-July. "Holly and I made daily trips around the house and into the surrounding woods, calling for Rufus, but found not even a tuft of fur as a clue to his demise," says Joe. "After a week or so, we accepted what we had known all along, that some beast or bird of prey had carried him away and eaten him. Our other cat stopped moping and life went on."



photo by Joe Poindexter

On September 10, Joe sent in this update:

"Yesterday evening, Holly heard a familiar voice at the kitchen door: Rufus, asking for access to the cat bowl he knew lay just inside. He is exhausted and extremely skinny but otherwise has given us no hint as to the nature of his nine-week sojourn in the wilds of East Hill."

These lovely bovine creatures were spotted recently on their new grazing grounds on **Brewer Hill Road**, next to the former Eggenberger Farm barn. Three siblings of theirs patrol the campus of the Hotchkiss School. The pictured bulls are new additions to the **Roger and Jerry Tilles** family. Creations of sculptor Peter Waytuck, these babies weigh in at between three and four tons each. They were cast in Bangkok, Thailand. □



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OUR WILDLIFE NEIGHBORS

On August 22, **Laura Endacott**, of Mill River, writes: This **great blue heron** was fishing today for trout.

And on August 27, she adds: **Dragonflies** danced over the Konkapot today. A newly hatched moth or other insect provided floating white orbs of food today for the dragonflies. And Vera, the **black vulture** of Mill River, eyed a bowl of kibble on the porch.

On August 20, **Don Beauchamp**, of Clayton, writes: **Momma bear and three cubs** ran through the yard yesterday and again this morning in Clayton, bear capital of South County. No time for photos, but I saw that Momma bear was wearing a tracking device. Sure is feeling like fall; **geese** are flying in the morning and at night.

On August 29, **Scottie Mills**, of New Marlborough village, writes: We have been lucky enough again this time of year to watch some impressive **congregations of nighthawks** flying by. We play volleyball in Scott MacKenzie's beautiful open field in late afternoon and early evening. This week we have seen sometimes **up to a hundred nighthawks** high in the sky. If they are flying lower, we can watch them wheel and swoop (chasing bugs, I guess). The slanting sunlight catches the white stripes on their wings — spectacular in the pink and gold sunset!

Also around that time of evening the **piliated woodpecker** makes his loud return to his home in the tree right next to Scott's house. He (she?) has lived in that same hole for several years now. Scott also hears it leave every morning while he is out feeding the pig.



photos by Laura Endacott



photo by Don Beauchamp

On September 1, **Don Beauchamp** adds: These **mallards** were in the pond above the covered bridge. A lot of birds have left. **Hummingbirds** only come around in the early evening, making it hard to take photos of them.

On September 9, **Laura Endacott** writes: Many **cedar waxwings** have visited my *amelanchier canadensis* trees, also called juneberry, shadbush, pagoda dogwood. It is a lovely, easy-growing tree that attracts both birds and bees.

On September 16, **Charlie Parton**, of New Marlborough village, writes: As it turns out, we almost saw a vole or a field mouse or... **Teena** was walking out around the periphery of the cut lawn next

to high grass and the woods, when she thought she saw a little leaf, but then it moved. I looked, too, and saw it was a **baby chipmunk!** It was the size of a field mouse, but the perfectly marked coloring of the tail and back was that of a chippy. I have never seen anything so small and my first thought was that it had fallen out of a nest (thinking of a baby bird). But when we moved closer, it dove off under the grass and out of sight. The body couldn't have been more than an inch-and-a-half long.

Very few **monarchs**, lots of pencil-thin **brown snakes** in the lawn, **few garter snakes** this year. The **heron** has been a pretty regular visitor to our pond.

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UPCOMING: *Event Calendar for October*

October 5: Award Winning Authors, insights into the process of writing from novelist Elizabeth Graver, mystery writer Katherine Hall Page, and biographer Robert K. Massie; 4:30 p.m. at the Meeting House, \$15, \$10 for NMVA members. Book signing and reception follow the discussion.

October 15: Application deadline for New Marlborough Cultural Council grants. Forms available at the library; send to NMCC, P.O. Box 206, Mill River, MA 01244.

October 19: Fall Road Cleanup, New Marlborough Land Trust's semi-annual pick-up; meet at the Town Hall at 10:00 a.m.

October 19: Open Studio day, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Brochure listing participating artists and locations available at the Mill River General Store. It's free.

October 19: Become Your Own Scarecrow, dress in old clothes, go to the New Marlborough Town Library at 1:00 p.m., and they'll stuff you with hay – cider and doughnuts. Pre-register at 229-6668.

October 26: New Marlborough Land Trust Annual Meeting, noon at the 1,000 Acre Swamp picnic site, followed by a light lunch.

ARTFUL NEW MARLBOROUGH

Open Studio Day: October 19

Eight New Marlborough artists will participate in the first Open Studio day on October 19. Organized by Brian Mikesell of Mill River and sponsored by the New Marlborough Cultural Council, the event invites visitors to view works in progress and finished art, ask questions, and make purchases directly from the artist. There is no cost to participate. A brochure will be available at the

Mill River General Store, showing the location of each studio and providing information about the artists.

The participating artists are Shawn Fields, Pamela Hardcastle, Elizabeth Lombardi, Billy Kennedy, Krista Edlund Kennedy, Peter Murkett, Abbe Stahl Steinglass, and Andrew Zdziarski. Their studios will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Mark your calendar!

FIRE ROASTED'S MEGA-COOKOUT

What would you get if you crossed a West Texas barbecue with a Julia Child banquet? Well, it might be Fire-Roasted Catering's tenth anniversary cookout. Fire Roasted, which began life in 2003 as the North Plains Farm Pig Roast, is celebrating the start of its second decade on October 12 with a grilling extravaganza that may redefine the limits of al fresco dining.

Fire Roasted Catering and its sister company, The Meat Market, are owned by Jeremy Stanton, who, with wife Emily Newman Stanton and their twin three-year-olds, lives in Southfield. The cookout will remain true to Jeremy's philosophy of buying local livestock, butchering it himself, and preparing it over grills built by local artisans. "Fresh food, simply prepared just tastes better," says Mr. Stanton. "Our cookout will reflect the pleasure of allowing the food to speak for itself."

The October 12 event, to be held on a lawn that slopes down to the Housatonic River behind The Meat

Market in Great Barrington (across Route 7 from Price Chopper), starts with a fancy selection of cheeses, pates, and charcuterie and proceeds to a grillathon of rotisserie duck, spit-roasted pig, salt-crusted chicken, whole cooked veal calf, beets, squash, onions, eggplant, Tuscan-style Vermont cranberry beans, and cauldron fries with roasted garlic aioli. For those able to pace themselves, there is apple pie, doughnuts, and ice-cream.

The event, which starts at 4:00 p.m., will conclude with entertainment from a group of local musicians, including the blues, jazz, and jugband mix of The Easy Ridin' Papas and the high-energy jazz of The Lucky 5. Tickets are \$40 for adults or \$15 for those who want to join the festivities for the dessert and the music. Children fourteen and under pay their age. For information and reservations, go to FRCplanning@gmail.com or call (413) 528-2022.

Joe Poindexter

AWARD-WINNING AUTHORS AT THE NEW MARLBOROUGH MEETING HOUSE ON OCTOBER 5

The final offering of the 2013 Music & More series of cultural events will take place on Saturday, October 5, at 4:30 pm in the New Marlborough Meeting House. Three contemporary authors will gather to talk about the challenges and successes of their work. The discussion will be moderated by Mitchel Levitas of the *New York Times* with a book-signing reception following the presentations.

Williamstown native **Elizabeth Graver** is the author of several novels, most recently *The End of the Point*, and a series of short-story collections. She has been acclaimed for her psychological insights in the development of complex characters and her wide range of settings and interests.

Biographer **Robert K. Massie** is the author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Nicholas and Alexandra*. His latest book is *Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman*. He studied at Yale and Oxford as a Rhodes scholar and was president of the Authors Guild from 1987 to 1991.

Katherine Hall Page is the author of twenty-one mysteries and four young adult books and winner of three Agatha (Christie) awards. She is a caterer, residing in a small New England village, which provides the setting for many of the books in her series featuring Faith Fairchild, a caterer who solves mysteries in her spare time.

Tickets are \$15 or \$10 for members of the New Marlborough Village Association and can be reserved at musicandmoreberkshires.org or by calling (413) 229-2785.


APPLICATIONS SOUGHT BY NEW MARLBOROUGH CULTURAL COUNCIL

The New Marlborough Cultural Council is pleased to announce that it is offering \$16,000 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 2014 grant cycle, \$4,250 provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council has been augmented by \$11,750 of contributions to the New Marlborough Cultural Council.

Grant proposals must be submitted on the standard LCC Grant Application, which is available at www.mass-culture.org. Click on Applicants, and then click on New Marlborough for the local guidelines and forms. Forms may also be obtained at the New Marlborough Town Library. Only paper copies will be

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FACING THE PARENTS – AND THE TAXPAYERS

On September 16, New Marlborough residents gathered at Town Hall to meet new School Superintendent David Hastings and gauge his educational philosophy. Excerpts from his answers to the questions asked (here paraphrased) follow:

Do you think we should keep the village schools?

I used to look at the issue from a purely dollars and cents standpoint, but serving on the Elementary School Task Force last year changed my mind. I can't imagine a better educational environment to be in than in one of those little one-room school houses where they not only develop a relationship with a teacher and an aide, they also develop a relationship with each other.

But are they worth the cost?

What we have to do as a district is find a way to turn something that looks like a financial liability into a real positive, to turn it into something where these options bring people into our district and help them stay in our district. I think the village schools have the potential of being a real plus for our district. They're unique, and boy, if I were a young parent and had a five-year-old, I would even move to New Marlborough, Monterey, or one of those towns to get my kids to go to those schools. I think they are absolutely wonderful.

Do you think this special quality could be duplicated at Undermountain Elementary?

Elementary school Principal Erin Woodson wants to create a grade five-six multi-age classroom at Undermountain and try to have a subset of Undermountain be more like New Marlborough. I think we've



photo by Tim Neuman

realized how important the culture of New Marlborough is and how important multi-age classrooms are.

The taskforce was enthusiastic about the development of early childhood education opportunities in the district. Do you advocate expansion of services to two-and-half year-olds?

I want to at least get down to four-year-olds, but you're right, we have to provide everybody in this community the best chance they can have to be successful, and to do that early education can make all the difference. Teachers can tell the difference between the kids that were in a pre-K program versus the kids that weren't. So the data is very clear that we need to expand our program down. Of course, these aren't mandated programs, which means we're not going to get reimbursed for them. It's an added burden on the taxpayers, so we'll probably have to move slowly, but the intent is to expand downward.

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We're flexible, and so my guiding principle is let's bring the community in.

Will you be looking for financial support from the community as well?

I think there are resources in this community we've never tapped into who would be happy to help us; we've just never asked them. What better place to invest than in the kids in our community? □

Peter Schuyten

THE HASTINGS MANIFESTO

School Superintendent David Hastings recently committed to writing his expectations of the teachers in the Southern Berkshire Regional School District. The following are excerpts from that paper:

Rigorous Academic Program. I believe that students deserve an academic and co-curricular program that challenges them each day to reach beyond what they thought possible. Students should be supported and encouraged by the district's adults to establish a pattern of excellence in school that will carry over into every aspect of their lives.

Mutual Respect and Courtesy: This includes all relationships within the district family, to include student-student, staff-student, staff-staff, administration-staff, administration-association, school-family, and school-community. All of us need to model this every day.

Involvement: I will honor and encourage input from all district stakeholders, to include students, parents, district employees, government officials, local businesspeople, and community members and expect administrators and teachers to do the same. This is not a democracy, and decision-makers need to be able to make decisions, but all should have the chance to express ourselves to the greatest extent possible. At the same time, we need to recognize that sometimes the only answer (for your students, too) is "because that's the way it is," meaning that it's time to execute.

Ongoing Learning: Administrators and staff will encourage an environment in which all members are constantly learning to produce more effective learning results every day.

Community Involvement: Students benefit from the involvement of craftsmen, artisans, non-district educators, businessmen, contractors, technicians, farmers, politicians, and businesspeople. Their participation in the education process brings new insights to our program and encourages students to embrace the richness of their community. I will encourage community members with adequate financial resources to support special programs and capital projects that would not be possible through the normal district budget process.

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If you could travel anywhere, where would you like to go?

Norway

Do you have a favorite time and place for reading?

Evening, and I prefer reading outdoors in the spring

Do you have any pets?

A Jack Russell terrier, Chloe

If you could have lunch with any famous person in the world, who would that person be?

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What are you going to be for Halloween?

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ELIHU BURRITT, AN AMERICAN ARCHETYPE

To One Historian, He Was the Original Horatio Alger

By Joe Poindexter

For townspeople who missed *Elihu!*, the tuneful dramatization of the life of Elihu Burritt presented by New Marlborough youth on Burritt Day, there was a second chance: a talk by historian Robert Wolff, whose Central Connecticut State University is the main repository of Burritt letters and papers. Professor Wolff, tackled two linked mysteries of our famous former resident: Why was Elihu Burritt so celebrated when he was alive and why is he so little known today?

Burritt was born in 1810 into a large family in New Britain, Connecticut, Professor Wolff told a gathering at a First Friday program of the New Marlborough Historical Society. Responding to certain family dynamics – his father died when he was young, and he felt he was over-shadowed by his older brother, Elijah – Elihu struck out on his own. He taught himself blacksmithing and, without formal schooling, attained a reading knowledge of some thirty languages (not fifty, as frequently claimed in the scant accounts of his life, and none other than English did he speak fluently).

After a brief, two-year stay in New Marlborough (spurned, according to a 1910 town history, by Elizabeth Shelton, the daughter of the then-pastor of the New Marlborough Congregational Church on whom he had set his heart), Burritt returned to Connecticut, where his ideas about universal peace and the abolition of slavery began to take shape. As his writings found an audience, Burritt gained a reputation for his sturdy self-reliance. He was, speculated Professor Wolff, the original Horatio Alger, raising himself up through industriousness and intellect, and not through any accident of birth. By his early fifties, he had even come to the notice of Abraham Lincoln, who appointed him U.S. Consul in Birmingham, England, not the most prestigious foreign posting, but recognition, nevertheless, of his efforts on behalf of the abolition of slavery and for an international peace organization he founded called the League of Universal Brotherhood.

Burritt's fame was fleeting. Not long after his death in 1879, his star dimmed. Robert Wolff speculates that history, the Crimean War in 1853-56 and the American Civil War, shattered Burritt's nascent peace movement. He joined fellow abolitionists in calling for a boycott of goods produced by slave labor, but the measure proved impractical. His proposal that the U.S. government free the slaves by buying them from their owners was denounced by fundamentalists as rewarding the



Professor Robert Wolff presented a Historical Society program in the Meeting House Gallery on the "Learned Blacksmith," Elihu Burritt.



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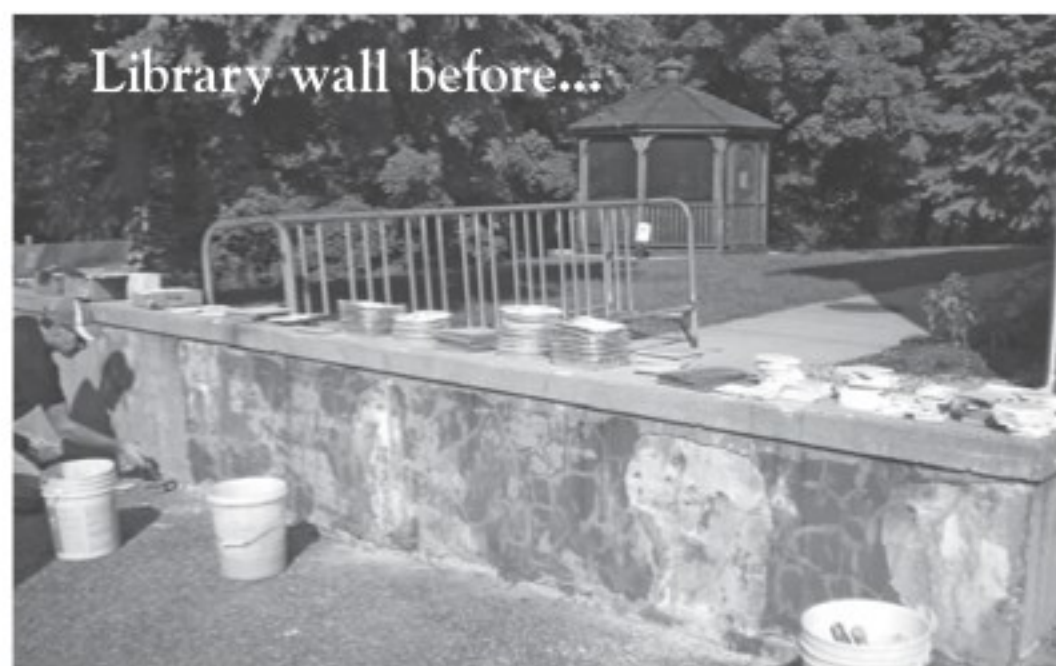
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