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A Fresh Start for Yanner Park

... BUT REMEMBERING EARLIER WORK

By Adam Brown, Chairman, Yanner Park Committee

If you attended the Annual Town Meeting in May, you had an opportunity to help move the current efforts at Yanner Park in a positive direction.

Voters were unanimous in favor of transferring \$13,816 in proceeds from past Yanner Park fundraising efforts and \$36,000 of the income from the current timber harvest into a stabilization account fund where it can be used specifically for recreational infrastructure improvements to the property.

As a result, it now seems like we are poised to start making things happen at the park.

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MJ TUCKERS

“THE WAY THINGS USED TO BE”

Story and photos by Ron Bernard

Located on Route 8 near New Boston’s south end, not far north of the Colebrook River Reservoir and the border with Connecticut, Tuckers is more than a place to get great pizza and pub-style food. There’s tradition here.

Attracted by Tuckers’ motto, “The Way Things Used to Be” as well as good food, I arranged last month to interview co-owner Marty Cormier on a typically busy Friday night.

If one can sense the tradition in the place, that’s because the Cormier family in Sandisfield, first Barbara and Ray and now son, Marty, have managed for 30-plus years to maintain the family-friendly, relaxed rustic atmosphere they inherited from the previous owners, Maurice “Tuffy” and Joyce Allan Campetti who opened as “Allan’s” in 1979.

The Times: First of all, what about the name, Tuckers?

Marty Cormier: That’s my dad’s nickname. Simple as that.

Tell us about your family’s time here.

My parents took over from the Campettis in the late-eighties. The Campettis had a good place, so my folks worked hard to build the business and to keep everything the same as it was, thus our slogan. My brothers, Tom and Mike, and I helped as much as we could. The place was hopping most of the time.

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The Firemen Steak Roast

Don’t miss the Sandisfield Volunteer Firemen Steak Roast on Saturday, August 11.

The steaks will be served from 5 to 7 p.m., dancing to a live band from 6 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased from any volunteer or call A&M Auto, 258-3381.

Firehouse #2 on Sandisfield Road, Rt. 57.


Tickets not available at the door. “We need to know how many steaks to buy,” said one of the volunteers. 

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Seminar on Open Meeting Law

The Town will host a seminar about the Open Meeting Law conducted by the Town's law firm, Kopelman & Paige, on Monday, August 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Firehouse #2 on Rt. 57. All public bodies are subject to the requirements of the Open Meeting Law and the session will be an opportunity to learn more about the law and ask questions.

The Select Board has directed all department heads and at least the chair from all town committees/board/commissions that are appointed or elected to attend. The Board also strongly encourages all boards and committee members to attend. The public is welcome, but please call Town Clerk Dolores Harasyko to let her know you'll be there. 258-4711, ext.2. 

Call for CIP Committee Volunteers

Would you like to serve the Town? The Select Board is looking for candidates to consider for appointment to the newly formed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee. This advisory committee will be charged with helping to establish and maintain an ongoing capital budget and plan that will provide the Town with a complete picture of its capital needs and help guide capital improvement efforts. For details, see the program description on pages 10-11 of the July issue of The Times. If you are a resident of Sandisfield and would like to be considered, please submit a request in writing to the Town Administrator at Town Hall Annex, Sandisfield, MA 01255 or phone at 413-258-4711, ext. 1, for more information. 

NCCC Offers Conn. Tuition for Mass. Residents

IN-STATE TUITION RATES APPLY— AND IT'S CLOSE BY

By Times Reporters


Good news for college commuters from Sandisfield, most of whom live only about half an hour from the Northwestern Connecticut Community College, is that in usually less time than it takes to drive to Pittsfield an affordable alternative to Berkshire Community College exists just down the road in Winsted.

While BCC charges roughly \$6,200 for Massachusetts students taking a full semester of 15 credits, NCCC, located just over the border in Connecticut, Bay Staters get the same deal as Connecticut residents: only \$477 per 3-credit class or \$2,138 per full-time semester. That's roughly a third of the cost of studying at BCC.

Of course, there are other reasons to attend Northwestern Connecticut Community College.

A press release from the college sent to The Times reported that the school offers a strong liberal arts education, with 39 quality degree and certificate programs; small and affordable day, evening and online classes; an accelerated nursing program; Connecticut's first veterinary technology program; American sign language and interpreter preparation programs; programs in the fields of criminal justice, allied health, early childhood education, business, computer science, and more.

The student body includes many first-time, first-generation college students and a substantial number of non-traditional students. With a full- and part-time student population of 1,174 in the spring of 2018, NCCC definitely has a small college feel. Most students are preparing for careers or for transfer to four-year colleges. Many work part-time to pay for their college expenses

NCCC is located in several buildings near the town green in Winsted at the intersection of Routes 8 and 44. For more information, visit: www.nwcc.edu. 

“Where is Sandisfield?” Fun Run!

FIRST ANNUAL FALL FOLIAGE 5K RUN

By Billie Pachulski and Terry Spohnholz


So where is Sandisfield? Here is your chance to show anyone who asks that question exactly where we are.

The Community Center with sponsorship from the Recreational Committee will put on a 5K Race on Sunday, September 30. What better time to showcase our special little town than under glorious fall colors.

Show your pride in this absolutely beautiful piece of Berkshire County and take part in the town's First Annual Fall Foliage 5K run! We'll advertise in running magazines and expect to attract runners from out of state.

So lace up your running shoes. If you don't care to run, jog, or walk the 5K, you can simply be there to cheer on your friends and neighbors. Five kilometers translates to only 3.1 miles.

We expect the site to be Lower Spectacle Pond along Cold Spring Road toward Rt. 23. We are looking for volunteers for water stations, help with directions, and parking, as well as set-up and tear-down. Sponsors are wanted to contribute to the costs and to help fill our goody bags for runners. We're open to any other great ideas. For information, questions, and volunteer opportunities, contact us at our email address: sandisfieldrecommitt@gmail.com.

So save the date and start training – whether to run the race, walk it, or simply how to cheer loudly. 

Annual Town Office Holders Appointed

The following residents were appointed to annual offices, effective July 1, to serve until June 30, 2019. An exception was the Police Chief who has a three-year appointment, effective until June 30, 2021. Several of the appointments were re-appointments to offices already held.

Town Counsel	Kopelman & Paige
Chief of Police	Michael Morrison
Assistant Chief of Police	Ralph Morrison
Fire Chief	Ralph Morrison
Emergency Management Director	John Burrows
Animal Inspector	Kim Spring
Veterans Service Director	Laurie Hills
Building Inspector	Eric Munson, Jr.
Assistant Building Inspector	Robert Sullivan
Wiring Inspector	Jay Reynolds
Assistant Wiring Inspector	Jeffrey Aloisi
Assistant Wiring Inspector	Robert Kimberley
Plumbing Inspector	Brian Middleton
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	Mark Levernoch

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Relief at Last

It may be a very local example, but it is encouraging that at least this time complaints to a government agency were not only heard but acted on. (See page 7.) The York Lake bathrooms will be open soon, and nobody thought that would happen this year and probably not the next, either. But thanks to a combination of a tenacious state representative, an article and a column in *The Berkshire Eagle*, a local petition, and voices raised, government has responded and changed its tune. So continue to push back whenever you believe things are not moving in the right direction. If Sandisfield can get bathrooms at its lakefront, even bigger changes can occur. Persist!

An Oft-Told Story

Our front-page article about Tuckers reminded me of Joyce Campetti's famous story of the time when she and Tuffy owned the place. It took Joyce a long time to make her wonderful pizzas. The story goes like this: Once upon a time, a Town resident took a trip to Europe. He sent Joyce a post card, c/o Allan's Restaurant, the name of the place back then. He wrote, "Joyce. I'm on my way home from Rome. Start the pizza."

Bill Price
West New Boston



A Very Small Bird

Bug tiny,
A very small bird
Was on Route 8 this morning
And I got to thinking
How we *preside*,
How we have the whip hand,
And how she undoubtedly
Has a world of her own
With all sorts of things,
Like memories of the time
She rode the wind
And met an eagle.

Val Coleman
West New Boston

Bringing Broadband Internet to Sandisfield

By Jeff Bye, Broadband Committee Chairman

Sandisfield, the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI), and Crocker Communications continue to make progress on the proposed broadband internet solution for the Town per the process established by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative for the Flexible Grant Program (FGP).

Recall that Crocker has proposed to provide Sandisfield with broadband internet service via a fiber-optic network that Crocker will completely fund, construct, own, and operate. Crocker will fund the entire project with the exception of the readiness of a town-owned asset that will be required to house network equipment. The network will pass no less than 96% of the housing and business units located on public roads (an MBI requirement).

In addition to the \$1,230,000 grant for Sandisfield that Crocker will be awarded from the state, the company is attempting to acquire other funding needed for the project from both the FCC via the Connect America Fund II auction (which started July 24) and the USDA via The Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program. For more information about the FCC and USDA program processes and schedules visit www.fcc.gov/auction/903 and www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-broadband-access-loan-and-loan-guarantee.

Last month the town was informed that a project action plan draft will soon be distributed by MBI for review and approval. Both the Select Board and Crocker will be given the opportunity to edit the action plan. The action plan will be finalized once all three parties approve it. This will move the project into the next phase of the FGP process.

In the event Crocker is unsuccessful in acquiring all the funds needed for the project, the Town will have the option to opt out of its decision to accept the solution proposed by Crocker. At that point the Town can decide whether or not to continue working with Crocker or choose to accept a different solution proposed for the town in response to the FGP solicitation.

Crocker has provided MBI and the Town with an estimate for the cost of service once the network has been constructed and is operational. The estimate will continue to be discussed and refined during the review and approval of the project action plan. The expectation is for the cost of service to be very comparable to what subscribers are paying monthly for service in neighboring towns (Alford, Monterey, Mt. Washington, etc.). Crocker anticipates a one-time subscriber connection fee of \$500, which will

include the installation of the first 150 feet of fiber-optic cable from the street to the housing unit or business. The cable installation cost for distance beyond 150 feet is to be determined. Subscribers will be given the option to pay the one-time connection fee up front or spread the cost over up to 36 months. Based on the amount of FCC and/or USDA funding Crocker is able to acquire, this connection fee may be reduced or even completely eliminated. ♡

Due to article space limitation, additional information regarding the status of the Broadband Internet project can be found on the town website at www.sandisfieldma.gov.

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Rugg Bridge Déjà Vu

A PROBLEM WITH THE DECK

By Seth Kershner

At the July 9 Select Board meeting, Department of Public Works chief Bobby O'Brien ruefully reported that the recently renovated Rugg Bridge was in need of repair.

O'Brien said the issue started when a sealant expanded, raising the "deck." In roads lingo, this refers to the part of the bridge that is driven upon. The result was a ridge that could have tripped up the town's snowplows come winter. The repair was scheduled for July 30, too late for the results to be included in this issue of The Times.

O'Brien's news at the meeting brought groans from an audience long accustomed to problems with the short span on Route 57.

Between last November and Memorial Day of this year, town residents tolerated detours along River Road while the bridge was under repair. For months prior, the bridge was in bad shape and limited to one lane of traffic at a time.

Similar problems with the deck were noticed shortly after the last time major work was done on the bridge, in 1992. At that time, many placed the

blame on an experimental deck, a type seldom used in Massachusetts. The surface soon failed and road salt ultimately rotted out the metal supporting the deck, leading the town to hire contractors to make the repairs last year.

In March, The Times noted that the newly repaired bridge would again feature an experimental deck design. Given the bridge's history, some questioned whether it was wise to employ untested materials on the bridge this time around. However, there were some good reasons to do so. As reported in July by CompositesWorld, an online trade publication, a traditional steel-and-concrete deck would have created an unsustainable load for an 86-year-old bridge.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation therefore selected a fiber-reinforced polymer-composite deck produced by the Ohio-based firm, Composite Advantage. Although the deck is indeed experimental, the state – which funded the repairs through the Chapter 90 grant program – gave it a vote of confidence based on how well Composite Advantage performed on a 2013 bridge rehab project in Haverill, near Boston. Inspections of Haverhill's bridge since the deck's installation, the article noted, "have found panel-to-panel joints, span joints, and wear surface in like new condition."

Reached by phone, O'Brien sought to calm jangled nerves: "It's not a major repair but we do need nice warm weather for it to go well. Everything has to be relatively dry before they go ahead and cut the bridge apart."

The silver lining in all this? The deck is under warranty. So, when Composite Advantage returned to do the repairs on July 30, there should have been no cost to the town. Residents hopefully experienced only the mild inconvenience of a one-day detour on River Road. 🍷

SELECT BOARD REPORT

The Select Board has had a full month, despite meeting officially only twice in July.

We have had several executive sessions with the union representing our two full-time DPW employees, and we believe we have reached agreement on a three-year contract; however, we are still waiting final ratification of this contract.

We worked with the Cemetery Committee on the purchase of software for storing and managing cemetery records, currently stored in shoe boxes.

The bulky waste weeks at the transfer station were a success and will be repeated in the fall. New doors were ordered for the Town Hall, and the floor of the Council on Aging was re-tiled.

We dealt with several end-of-year transfers, needing to close the books on our fiscal year ending June 30. We also had a joint meeting with the Finance Committee to evaluate the budget process for this year, including opinions about the Town Meeting, and to see how it can be improved for next year.

There will be a special meeting/seminar with a guest expert on the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law on August 6 at 6:30 p.m., at Fire Station #2 on Sandisfield Road. All are invited, but it's especially important that town committee members and particularly committee chairs attend this meeting. (See page 2.)

We are still working with the State on York Lake mowing and maintenance.

We became aware that fourteen annual appointments had not been done for some time, and we got this item caught up.

We established a "Green Communities" team which will work on obtaining this designation for the town, and to begin the process we applied for a grant for an energy audit of Town buildings. We also appointed a Zoning Board of Appeals.

DPW issues included the finished painting of Rugg Bridge and completing the chip seal roadwork on West Street and South Sandisfield Road. Cold Spring Road will be chip-sealed in August. All the permits needed for the new DPW building have been issued and construction should start soon.

On its summer schedule, the Board will meet August 13 and 27, and on August 6 for the Open Meeting Law meeting. 🍷

Mark Newman, Chairman
Brian O'Rourke
George Riley

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"What's it about, this provident life?"
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"It's about a Mustang," he said,
"And a beautiful wife."

Val Coleman
West New Boston

A Hobby of Garden Tractors

Story and photos by Bill Price

With his particular mechanical skills, William Bakunis of River Road has brought back to life more than half a dozen nearly 50-year-old garden tractors. A few of them, given up for dead, were found in the backs of toolsheds or given to him by friends and neighbors. One he found on Craig's List.

William said, "It's interesting how complex these small machines can be. And how much work they can do."



William Bakunis with his 1957 Simplicity Wonder Boy mower, his oldest piece of garden equipment. "This was Simplicity's first 4-wheel riding mower," he said. "The control is with the joy stick in the front. Before the Wonderboy, there were only walk-behind mowers."

Speaking of his "antiques," William said he could usually get them started in a day, then a few more to get them operational. A plus to working on old machines, he said, was that "there's no computer to tell me it can't run." He prefers machines from the era in which the bodies were steel and the motors cast iron.

The few newer machines he has rehabbed have been for his family's use. When they break down he recycles the parts. "The newer machines have lots of safety features," he said, "which is probably good. The older ones didn't have much for safety. You have to watch out for the moving parts."

William's first tractor was given to him when he was 10 by his grandfather, Richard Hamilton, who lives nearby on River Road. "It was a '71 Sears Custom 10XL. I learned how to drive it that first winter and used it four years clearing snow for our places here. It had a manual drawbar, which gave

me a pretty good workout for a kid. I used it until it started to fall apart. Now I might have rehabbed it and had it working again."

The son of Vicki and Ray Bakunis, William grew up in Sandisfield, graduating from Monument Valley High School in 2012.

When he was given a '64 Simplicity Landlord in fair shape, he rebuilt the machine, using his grandfather's nearby garage as a workplace. After that, one garden tractor led to another.

William Bakunis' rehabbed garden tractors.

Front row, his early Simplicity mower.

Second row, right to left:

1961 Simplicity, found in Agawam. "It was rusted, beat up, used hard. Lots of missing parts."

1966 Sears Austin 6. "This one was in a shed near the Historical Society. The owner gave me permission to take it. It was in bad shape, and I redid it from front to back."

1964 Simplicity Landlord. "The Landlord is more dear to my heart. It was given to me by Mr. Marres on Hammertown Road after his father's death. His father loved this machine. It was my first venture into rehabbing tractors. It needed paint and some TLC, but it was a good machine to start with."

1971 Allis Chalmers B-210. "This is Allis's second generation garden tractor. Everything was there. It just needed a lot of care and a set of tires."

1966 Allis Chalmers B-10. William found this machine on Craig's List, stored in Old Saybrook, Conn. "It's my first Allis. It needed a new deck and bearings and a bit of work."

1968 Allis Chalmers. "My newest old machine. I just got it in early July from Colebrook. It's pretty much a basket case. Needs some new parts, tires, seat." But, he said, "The gas tank is still good." The motor is on a table inside the garage, dismantled. "A work in progress."

On some of his machines, William says he has enjoyed the help of neighbors. "The aluminum mower deck on the Austin 6 needed special welding and Ralph Leavenworth did that for me. Kim Paspuletti made the new seat for the '64 Landlord. A friend in Colebrook gave me a lot of attachments, body panels, mower decks, and snow throwers."

His skill with broken-down tractors is a hobby for now, he says, but one day he may use his talents to seek work with a small tractor company.

William said, "Right now I'm not interested in selling my tractors." He added, "Besides, there's not enough tractor people. There are plenty of classic car folks, but not enough of us who love and rebuild tractors." 🇺🇸



Photo: Bill Price

A FRESH START FOR YANNER PARK

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Once the new Select Board was installed, Bob Tarasuk and I attended the June 25 meeting to discuss next steps for Yanner Park. Bob and I had worked together in 2016 to develop the forest stewardship plan for the Park.

The Board indicated support for moving ahead and requested that a Yanner Park Committee be formed to look at past planning efforts, town recreation needs, and potential funding opportunities. The committee would then provide a series of recommendations to the Board that could be evaluated and acted upon. It looks promising that this group will be assembled

soon and return to the Board for its blessing before getting down to more tangible planning efforts focused on both immediate and longer-term improvements.

During the Board meeting, Town Clerk Dolores Harasyko provided us with a little-known but valuable document, "Yanner Park Master Plan," created in 2006 by the Conway School of Landscape Design. As far as we know, Dolores had one of the very few copies left in Sandisfield.

Commissioned by the disbanded Friends of Yanner Park, the document lays out possibilities and recommendations for the property that will serve as a foundation for decision-making for our new committee. The document will save the committee a lot of time and money in developing a similar plan.

The more comprehensive Town Master Plan of 2016, which also gave broad recommendations for the Park, will help guide the Committee's recommendations as well. A few ideas suggested in those documents included:

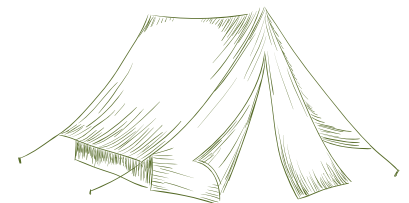
- Parking
- Picnic areas/horseshoe pit
- Pavilion/stage/skating rink
- Playground area
- Nature Trail/hiking/walking paths that would connect to the trails at Berkshire Natural Resources Council's (BNRC) Clam River Reserve
- Athletic field
- Perennial plantings
- Bird houses
- Community garden area

Other funding options

These are by no means final – just guidelines for what the Yanner Park Committee will soon begin considering from prior planning efforts. We want to build on the work of those who came before us.

Some of these may turn out not to be in the best interest of the town now, or even financially feasible, and there will likely be fresh ideas that arise as part of this process as well. Stay tuned for regular updates as we also want townspeople to be interested and excited about developing Yanner Park as a recreational resource that has something everyone can enjoy. 🍷

Adam Brown, appointed chairman of the Yanner Park Committee currently being formed, is a Sandisfield resident who holds an M.S. in Park and Natural Resources Management and is Conservation Stewardship Manager for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.



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Good News for York Lake

BATHROOMS TO BE OPENED

By Bill Price

As The Times was going to press we received word from State Representative Smitty Pignatelli that the bathrooms would definitely be open this summer. It's been a struggle.

The Commissioner of Conservation and Recreation assured Smitty that initial steps have been taken to clean up the bathrooms and that they will be open as soon as possible. The commissioner added that considerable work would be required since the bathrooms have been closed two years. He would not estimate an opening date, but assured Smitty it would be "soon." Maybe early August.

In his phone call to The Times and another to Select Board member Brian O'Rourke, Smitty said that it was too bad "we lost most of the summer," but he did assure us that "the bathrooms will be open next summer."

That was good news.

For most of this summer, the beach and picnic fields at York Lake have been as they were last year when the DCR, short of funds, curtailed the maintenance at several Berkshire County swimming sites, including ours. The DCR fairly regularly mowed the grass and tested the water for contamination, otherwise park users were on their own. Once again park users found locked bathrooms and no changing rooms – portable toilets instead. Park users were managing, but the lack of open bathrooms remained a problem.

At least, the state did not charge for parking. When resident Edna Leavenworth drove past the beach on the 4th of July, she counted 43 cars. "The parking lot was full," she reported, "and cars were parked all along the road. There were a lot of people using the beach."

Early this summer the Select Board proposed to the DCR that Sandisfield assume the responsibility of hiring a staff to maintain the bathrooms, but there was no official reply from the DCR. The message did seem to be "Don't expect any changes this year."

Searching for a solution, Brian O'Rourke of the Select Board urged The Berkshire Eagle to report on the town's dilemma, hoping publicity might spur the DCR to agree to the proposal or at least maintain the beach as best it could with its limited resources. In response, The Eagle on July 15 published a prominent article by reporter Heather Bellow in which she quoted O'Rourke as saying that the closing of the bathrooms "makes it hard for seniors to spend time comfortably at the popular summer destination in Sandisfield State Forest." Brian added that portable toilets, even handicap-accessible ones, are often difficult for the elderly to manage.

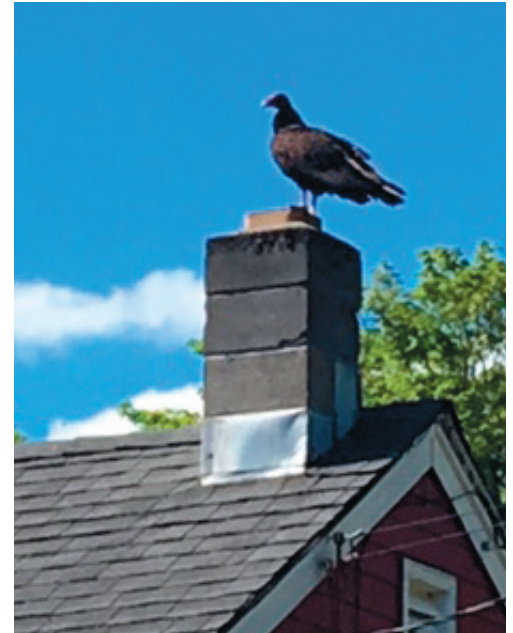
Resident Nina Carr was also quoted: "Bathrooms without running water make it hard for families with children who tend to get into sticky messes, especially with food. There are no sinks and no running water."

In a follow-up report in the Eagle July 22, columnist Ruth Bass repeated much of the same information with a plea to the DCR to reopen the bathrooms at York Lake.

Earlier this year Nina had collected over 40 signatures for a petition to keep the bathrooms maintained, and which she delivered to Rep. Pignatelli, who was recently appointed chairman

of the state's Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture which oversees the DCR. Smitty has asked for another \$2 million in next year's budget for recreation.

Whatever caused the change of heart at the DCR – pressure from the press, Representative Pignatelli, or an alignment of stars – the removal of the locks on the bathroom doors will be welcomed at York Lake. ♡



Cathartes Aura Takes a Break

A not-rare turkey buzzard, perched on the Town Library chimney, was "caught" by Bogart Muller as he passed early one morning in mid-July. Turkey buzzards are fairly common in New England. What is rare, Bogart wrote, is to see one perched. "Usually they are circling overhead, looking for food."

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September 15 Gilles Vonsattel, Pianist

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September 22 Neave Trio

The Neave Trio has performed to acclaim around the world, and returns to New Marlborough with a program of Haydn, Schumann and, Shostakovich.

September 29 Paul Green and his Band

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Simon Winchester interviews guest **Ian Buruma**, editor of the *New York Review of Books*.

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AROUND TOWN

By Bill Price

The DPW Garage

Work has yet to begin on the rebuilding of the town garage, destroyed by fire last December. Permits have been signed and the building material is stacked at the garage yard. The insurance company holds the responsibility for the project. Work can begin as soon as asbestos removal is completed and the site is cleared of debris from the fire. The new garage will be slightly larger than the former building, but roughly on the same footprint. The Town will install water lines, septic, and complete the paving.

Road Repair

DPW Superintendent Bobby O'Brien reported that chip seal continuation on West Street and the reconstruction of South Sandisfield Road have been completed and that Town Hill Road resurfacing would take place in August. A delay in Kinder Morgan paperwork has put off the start of the repairs to Cold Spring Road until late in August.

Repairs at Town Hall Annex

With money from the FY2017 budget, the Town Building Committee reported that three new doors will be installed at Town Hall Annex and another two at Old Town Hall. The stair railing leading

to the downstairs at the Annex has been repaired. Carl Codling, a local carpenter, won the contract for the installation, painting, and repair work.

Routes 57 and 183

The Board agreed that repairs to Rts. 57 and 183 should be priorities. They will act on a proposal, put forth by Tolland at a recent joint meeting of the Select Boards of the two towns, that Granville, Tolland, Sandisfield, and New Marlborough write a joint letter to the state asking for relief from the repair of Rt. 57. Lt. Governor Karyn Polito said on a recent visit to Sandisfield that the state should bear responsibility for what it labels a state highway and advised the town not to use any of its Chapter 90 road money for repairs to Rt. 57.

Logging on DCR Land

The Board received complaints about the logging operation that is using the pipeline crossing at Hammertown Road as a staging and loading area and Cold Spring Road as a route. The complaint was that work is continuing seven days a week and trucks have created a dangerous situation. The Select Board said that the town has no authority for work being conducted on DCR property and were in fact not even informed the work would proceed. The DPW superintendent reported that the work should be completed within a few weeks. An additional problem with the operation is that DPW has been unable to grade Hammertown Road until the work is completed, creating a hazard for residents and travelers. 🗳

Car Crash on 8

Photo: Bogart Muller

According to Police Chief Mike Morrison, a car pulling out of Tuckers' parking lot into northbound traffic during the heavy rain the afternoon of Wednesday, July 25, cut ahead of a tractor trailer also heading north. When the truck driver hit the brakes to avoid the car, two vehicles behind the truck collided and then slid into the back of the truck. The first car kept going.

A driver in one of the crashed cars was evacuated to Berkshire Medical Center. The other driver and passengers were treated at the scene and released. According to Chief Morrison, both cars were totaled. The truck received minor damage. Traffic was tied up for a short time, with Route 8 reduced to one-lane in both directions. Sandisfield Fire and EMS services were on hand to help. The Massachusetts State Police are investigating the accident. 🗳



TUCKERS

CONT'D. FROM PAGE 1.

Are most of your customers local or from out of town?

At least half are local Sandisfield and Otis, some up from Colebrook. Route 8 general travelers are also important. On weekends we have motorcycle riding clubs like the Berkshire Trail Riders. In winter snowmobilers stop on their way home to Connecticut. A snowmobile trail out back connects to other trails used by these clubs.

Tuckers' pizza is pretty well known. What else?

Our pizzas are based on a "secret" recipe of my mother. We also are proud of a pork specialty, hog shanks. Try some. (I did, very tasty).

Actually, Tuckers' trademark is the horseshoe tournaments, also a tradition continued from the Campetti's time. Between June and October we host events on the last Sunday of each month. Believe it or not small clubs come here from all over the area, even up from Bristol, Connecticut. We get up to about thirty contestants who form teams. All the entry fees go as prizes and trophies. The tournaments and our horseshoe facilities are according to rules and standards of the National Horseshoe Players Association. If you haven't seen it, come to one. They are a hoot.

We love to host all sorts of social events like birthday parties including live music. Anyone 16 and over is welcome to play horseshoes, too.

What are your plans for next year, and the year after that?

I'm hoping to get the tournaments back to the level we had a few years ago. Although we have a healthy, steady business and a loyal clientele, this place has its own heartbeat, by which I mean that it responds to outreach and event promotion. Unfortunately, right now I work full-time in Winsted, and I have a concrete construction business, and I have a busy family life too.

Do you foresee selling?

It is not out of the question because I have so many obligations. The potential here is significant but we would not want to see a makeover. Our family is proud of what we have built. People like the idea of an old fashioned country place and that should endure. The right owners could do very well here with that formula.

You could call Tuckers easy-going 1970s country. Leave your smart phone and laptop at home. Forget about city life, technology, and all the craziness and come meet fellow Sandisfielders, have friendly conversations, and enjoy good service and food at local prices. Open Wednesday through Sunday.

And by the way, be sure to introduce yourself to the staff, Nick and Chelsea Ferrara. They will remember your name. Where else does that happen nowadays? 🍷



Marty Cormier greeting a regular customer at Tuckers on a recent evening.



1990 horseshoe tournament. Foreground, Charlie Pease. To his right, in the brimmed hat, "Tuffy" Campetti trying for a ringer. Photo: Cormier family

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By Terry Spohnholz

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The Dog Days of Summer have arrived. Summer seems marked by the holidays – Memorial Day with parades and flags and quiet moments of remembrance ushers in the summer season. July 4th, with more parades and picnics, is for me summer's zenith and its warning to me – ENJOY! ENJOY! As each firework display explodes in

glorious lights, it screams to me – enjoy, for soon these sweet days will be put away. The last holiday of the summer, Labor Day, will be filled with the last of the beach picnics, hot days under wide-brimmed hats, and watermelon dripping down my chin. And once again this summer will become last summer.

HAPPENINGS IN THE LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program

The theme this year is “Superheroes – Reading is a Super Power.” Prizes each week, fun activities, and of course a party at the end of the summer to celebrate our “Super Readers.” Stop in the library for your Reading Super Power Pac and get started. Ages 2-12.

Summer Beach Party

Once again the Community Center Committee will host a fun and activity filled afternoon at the Community Center/Library Playground on Saturday, July 28th. Waterslides, wading pool, hot dogs, drinks, games and more. All FREE. So join the fun from 1 until 4 p.m. It's a fact that you may get this notice too late for this event.

End of Summer/Superheroes party

As always the Library will throw a celebratory party to congratulate all our Summer Readers. Tentatively set for September 1 from 1-3 p.m., this is a super hero party. Wear your superhero cape or costume, enjoy the ice cream and fun activities. REMEMBER, READING IS A SUPERPOWER.

New Books in the Library

Us Against You by Fredrik Backman – The sequel to “Bear Town.” If you have read this Swedish writer's works, you will love this one. And if you haven't tried a bit of Fredrik Backman, you should. After everything that the citizens of Beartown have gone through, they are struck yet another blow when they hear that their beloved local hockey team will soon be disbanded.

The Mars Room by Rachel Kushner – The Mars Room is all about constriction. Like Alfred Hitchcock in many of his best films, Kushner works here in close quarters. This novel shifts from the strip club – the Mars Room – in a wide-open San Francisco to a more claustrophobic venue: a women's prison in California's Central Valley where Romy is sent – she two consecutive life sentences – after killing a sicko who stalked her.

The Moscow Deception by Karen Robards – The prolific author has a knack for taut thrillers that are full of mystery and menace. Clever, cunning and highly skilled – there is only one Bianca St. Ives. And for her enemies, that's one too many.

Between You and Me by Susan Wiggs – Two colliding worlds, both fraught with complications and prejudice, spun into a graceful, complex story. Deep within the peaceful heart of Amish country, a life or death emergency shatters a quiet world.

And Other Things ...

The library has several family passes for Springfield museums (including both the Dr. Seuss Museum and the Children's Museum), the Clark Museum in Williamstown, the Forest Park Zoo in Springfield, and the Science Center in Hartford. Stop by the library and inquire.

Many thanks to a generous patron of the library who made it possible for the Children's section to expand its Dr. Seuss collection to over 30 books. I think we have them all and maybe a few extras. 📖

“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.”

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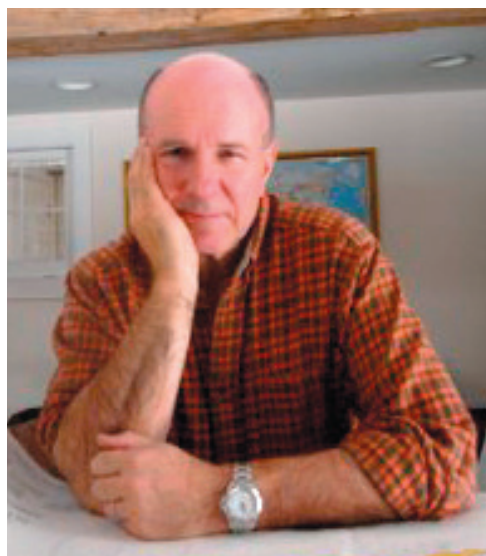
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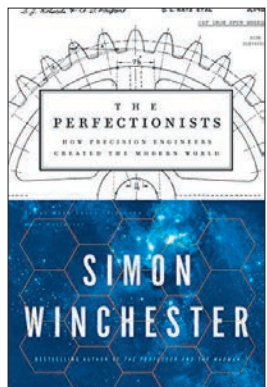
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SANDISFIELD WRITERS WRITE AGAIN



Simon Winchester: *The Perfectionists*

With his new book, *The Perfectionists: How Precision Engineers Created the Modern World*, Sandisfield's most prolific author has made it again onto the New York Times best-seller list, this time the science list. Booklist described *The Perfectionists* as "another gem from one of the world's justly celebrated historians specializing in unusual and always fascinating subjects and people."



In the book, Simon examines the development of technology from the Industrial Age to the Digital Age through the lens of the single component crucial to advancement – precision. His book has gained some precise reviews:

The New York Times: "Here Simon Winchester celebrates the unsung breed of engineers who through the ages have designed ever more creative and intricate machines. He takes us on a journey through the evolution of "precision," which in his view is the major driver of what we experience as modern life."

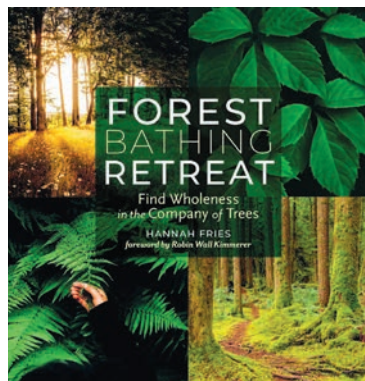
Kirkus Starred: "Less a work of scholarship than an enthusiastic popular-science tour of technological marvels, and readers will love the ride."

The Precisionists has been short-listed (of six) for the Royal Society Science Prize, a singular honor in the United Kingdom. Of his chances of winning the prestigious award, Simon writes, "I'm up against very stiff competition, so am doubtful but, hey, you never know."



Hannah Fries: *Forest Bathing Retreat*

Forest Bathing Retreat is a book of reflection, meditation, and inspiration drawn from the Japanese practice of *shinrin-yoku*, or forest bathing – simply spending dedicated time in the forest or if you're not near the woods a city park. In Sandisfield, we should have no problem finding the woods.



"Forest bathing" promotes the mental and physical health benefits of immersion in the natural world. The idea has been called the "new yoga" and has been gaining recognition as a health-

ful practice of quiet, unplugged rejuvenation.

Anyone, Hannah writes, can enjoy the benefits of forest bathing. In *Forest Bathing Retreat* she invites readers to slow down and bask in the company of trees, combining her own reflections and guided mindfulness exercises with a selection of inspirational writing, including work from poets, naturalists, artists, scientists, and thinkers across cultures, including Japanese haiku masters, nineteenth-century European Romantics, American Transcendentalists, and contemporary environmentalists.

Accompanied by remarkable and beautiful nature photography, the book has been described as "a distinctive gift book that invites frequent revisiting for fresh insights and inspiration."

An award-winning poet, writer and editor, Hannah published her first book of poetry, *Little Terrarium*, two years ago. Her work has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize and she was awarded a scholarship from the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference. A graduate of Dartmouth College, she holds an MFA in poetry from Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina.

Speak Up, Play On!

Banjo Players Welcome

OPEN MIC NIGHT AND CALL FOR COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

By Hilde Weisert

August at the Sandisfield Arts Center is focused on the community.

Two free Family Movie Nights, Friday, August 3 (“Sing”) and Friday, August 10 (“The Croods”), both at 5:30 p.m.

And the ever-popular Summer Open Mic Night, Friday, August 17 at 7 p.m. Open Mic is the chance for joke-tellers, storytellers, singers, poets, banjo players, jugglers, and anyone with 3-5 minutes of something to share with your neighbors over light refreshments. Performers need an audience, so they also serve who sit and clap.

In the Gallery will be evocative photographs by Sandisfield’s own Marcella Smith and Linda Mironti with abstract and realistic views of their travels in Italy and elsewhere; opening reception Saturday, August 4, from 2-4 in the afternoon.

And if you crave some historical perspective on the dizzying events around us, our resident historian Bill Cohn will provide it with “Looking Back: Those Who Cannot Remember the Past are Condemned to Repeat It,” Saturday, August 18, at 4 p.m.

In July, we broke in our new (old, beautifully restored) Steinway piano with jazz from Chris Brubeck & Triple Play, and Frederick Moyer performing such piano greats as Rachmaninoff and Gershwin. Look for the Steinway to make more appearances later this season and next.

Ever wonder how the 40-odd theater, music, lecture, and other events that comprise an Arts Center season get planned, and how our seven gallery shows are selected and put together each year? It’s not magic, but the hard work of our program, gallery, and ad campaign committees each year from September through the cold winter months.

August is our annual open call for volunteers – from Sandisfield, Otis, Monterey, New Marlborough or points beyond. Our committees are always looking for new members. Join us:

If you’d like to participate in planning and executing the 2019 season (the fun part of having ideas and the hard work of turning them into reality), please contact me at community@sandisfieldartscenter.org. I’m serving as volunteer program chair.


Building and Grounds, if you’re interested in historic preservation (our building is on the National Register), garden, and site planning, and the nitty-gritty, literal foundation of everything we do

Marketing and public relations, for writers of special-interest stories beyond our standard PR

Rentals, to help with making our space available, appealing, and income-generating for weddings, celebrations, etc.

Fundraising, if you have experience with grants and foundations, or want to learn.

We’re always looking for hospitality volunteers, and we also need a few people adept at or willing to learn the technical end of operating sound and lights. Let us help you add amazing skills to your resumé.

We hope you’ll get involved and help us make the coming year a true grass-roots, community production. 



The First Pre-Show Picnic at the “Stone Wall”

It’s not Tanglewood yet, but it’s a start. At the Arts Center historic site of the former Montville schoolhouse, before the Triple Play performance.

Left to right, Charles Rubinger, Roderick Thompson, and Debbie Elbin, all from out of town.

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Outdoor Seating



A Return to a Full-House

Triple Play, the three musicians Chris Brubeck, Joel Brown, and Peter “Madcat” Ruth, performed again to a packed house at the Arts Center on July 21. The joy, virtuosity, and American spirit evident in their music was caught by the enthusiastic audience. After a full evening’s performance, the musicians ended the evening with their own rendition of “Blue Rondo à la Turk,” written in the late 1950s by Chris’ father, Dave Brubeck. It was a great evening with these guys.

– Bill Price

Photo: Peter Levine

Ice cream social: YOU'RE INVITED

In recent years, as many of our Hill Town churches have closed their doors, a growing number of residents from Otis and Sandisfield have started attending the First Congregational Church of Lee, an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ.

On Saturday, August 11, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm, the church invites one and all to a “Meet and Greet” Ice Cream Social. This free event will be held at the Gazebo behind the Town Hall in Otis. I’ll be there along with other church members. We’ll be available to get acquainted and answer questions about our congregation.

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– Rev. Bill Neil, Pastor

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Dolls on the Wall

By Times Reporters

One hundred small handmade dolls greeted patrons at the Arts Center during July, each one exquisitely crafted into an individual personality. The dolls are the work of Elizabeth Post, a Great Barrington artist.

Post has been creating the dolls for about eight years. She said she had no idea she would make so many. "I enjoy the use of recycled wool and one day I drew a pattern for a doll – the same pattern I use for each one of them to this day. A new doll is a new day for me, and each one conjures up thoughts about friends and family. I feel I am giving old souls new life."

She shows her dolls at craft and art fairs in Massachusetts, New York, and Connecticut. Of her gallery show, she said she appreciates "the community spirit at the center. I'm grateful to all who made this show a reality, especially Setsuko Winchester who introduced me to the center and Susan van Sickle for her kind help."



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Nine Over 90

The Sandisfield Council on Aging held a well-attended Senior Tea on Sunday, July 15, to honor the nine town residents who are over 90 years of age. Guests-of-honor and families and friends enjoyed iced tea, lemonade, cookies, and good conversation. Guests-of-honor received flowers and well-wishes cards signed by their friends and neighbors.

Honorees who attended were, left to right, Elizabeth Pachuski, Walter Linkovich, Marty Clark, and John Yaeger standing behind Rosemary Allan.

Other residents over 90 but not attending are Carol Campetti, Norton Fletcher who was home recuperating from a fall, and Nick and Doris Hryckvich, the town's only married couple who have both reached their ninth decade.

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"Meese" Crossing

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PTA News

Our new PTA president, Aimee Magovern, has taken office and will be contact and point person for our FRRSD families for the coming year. By the time you read this she should be hooked into the PTA email account, and you'll be able to reach her at pta@frrsd.org.

We're now on AmazonSmile – Your purchases help us earn \$dollars! Simply visit <https://smile.amazon.com> and log into your Amazon account. You can then select Farmington River Elementary School as your charitable organization and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to us! AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know – same products, same prices, same service.

Summer is a great time to collect Box Tops! This is by far the simplest way for us to raise money and anybody can participate. Each Box Top is worth 10¢ and it really does add up. We use these

funds to help support our activities and programs for students throughout the year. During the 2017-2018 school year, we earned over \$700 – that's free money for us!

You can help by clipping Box Tops you see from products like cereal, canned soup, food storage, frozen foods, household cleaning and paper products, and either drop them in the box at the Rec Center, send them in with a student, or just mail to the PTA c/o Farmington River Elementary School, P.O. Box 679, Otis, MA 01253. Note: Be sure to check expiration dates, and throw away any Box Tops that have expired! For a list of products, visit www.boxtops4education.com.

Don't forget to find us on Facebook! Stay up-to-date on PTA programs and events at <https://www.facebook.com/frrsdpta/>.

See everyone back at school on August 28th!

Aimee, Dana, Dawn & Linda

From me, thanks for your help these past few years! 🍷

Wendy

Sandisfield Historical Society



Election of Officers, August 11

By Ann Wald, President

We had a great Summer Fair with a wide array of vendors from homemade items to hand-cut donuts. Again our thanks to the Sandisfield Fire Department for use of Firehouse #2 and our

thanks to all the volunteers who helped us have a great day. Your work and generosity is appreciated.

Our August meeting will be held on Saturday the 11th at 11 a.m., at the meeting house on Rt. 183 (Sandybrook Turnpike) at South Sandisfield Road. We'll hold an election of officers followed by our pot luck lunch. Please find the time to join us. We welcome your participation. If you'd like to run for office, please come to the meeting and let us know.

We'll hold a regular meeting September 8, and in October our Annual Apple Festival, with all things apple.

In November to honor our veterans, local historian Ron Bernard will speak about the life of Sandisfield native son and Revolutionary War hero, Col. John Brown. On that same day we will hold our Annual Wine and Cheese Social. December will bring our Christmas Fair. Time seems to fly.

Please join us on August 11 for our election officers. Perhaps you or someone you know would like to become a member of the Society or an officer. We welcome everyone.

You can reach me at 258-4415 or annaw2@verizon.net.



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Letters to the Editor

Taxation without Representation

Reading the discussion of choosing the right goals for the Broadband decision, I was struck by the need for a high subscription rate and the astounding fact that 45% of the Sandisfield residents are secondary home-owners. I am one of them.

It has long irked me that I pay both real estate and personal property taxes, attend functions and donate to the Sandisfield Arts Center, subscribe to the Sandisfield Times and in other ways try to participate as a resident during the summer months, but I have no say in the governance of the town, although many of the decisions affect me.

And now an analysis shows how vital it is to have secondary home-owners participate in the Broadband.

Well, how about giving us the right to participate in electing the people who make the decisions? There are a significant number of towns in the United States which allow secondary home owners to vote. Of course, we could not register to vote state-wise or nationally if our principal residence is elsewhere. But we could be permitted to vote in the town elections because we pay the same taxes that full-time residents pay.

As one of our local ancestors said, "Taxation without Representation is Tyranny". How about it?

Joan Stern Kiok
Otis Woodlands



Waiting, Beaks Open

Under the eaves, three hungry phoebe chicks last month. They fledged the very next day.

Photo: Jean Atwater-Williams



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AUGUST

Free Movie Night on Friday, August 3 at 5:30 p.m., at the Sandisfield Arts Center located on 5 Hammertown Road of Route 57 in Sandisfield. This month's selection will be posted on www.sandisfieldartscenter.org.

Opening Reception: Linda Mironti and Marcella Smith on Saturday, August 4 at 2:00 p.m., at the Sandisfield Arts Center. Photos and paintings. The Gallery will also be open during performances through August 26.

Free Movie Night on Friday, August 10 at 5:30 p.m., at the Sandisfield Arts Center. The movie selection will be family friendly and posted on www.sandisfieldartscenter.org.

Sandisfield Historical Society Meeting on Saturday, August 11, at 11:00 a.m., at the Meeting House, Sandybrook Turnpike (Route 183) at South Sandisfield Road. Election of officers followed by a potluck lunch after the meeting. Please join us. Your participation is welcome.

Sandisfield Volunteer Firemen Steak Roast on Saturday, August 11, dinner from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Fire Station #2 on Route 57. Dancing to live music from 6:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from any volunteer or call A&M Auto (258-3381). Tickets will not be available at the door. Ice cream bars will be sold to benefit the Sandisfield Scholarship Fund.

New Boston Church Service on Sunday, August 12 at 10:00 a.m., at the New Boston Congregational Church, Route 57. All are welcome.

Games, Cards, and Pizza on Wednesday, August 15 at 12:00 p.m., at the Council on Aging, basement level, Sandisfield Town Hall Annex.

Open Mic Night on Friday, August 17, at 7:00 p.m., at the Sandisfield Arts Center. Bring your talent, tell a story, read a poem, tell a joke, sing a song, play an instrument or just watch during this free event. For more information, contact John (203-233-0518 or 258-4788).

Looking Back: Those Who Cannot Remember the Past Are Condemned to Repeat It on Saturday, August 18, at 4:00 p.m., at the Sandisfield Arts Center located on 5 Hammertown Road, off Route 57 in Sandisfield. Resident historian Bill Cohn will explore the concept that a usable past produces inspired versions of the American experience and its history that lead to a rewriting of the past. \$10.

OTHER EVENTS IN SURROUNDING TOWNS

Free Fun Fridays at Naumkeag in Stockbridge on August 3; the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield on August 17; MASS MoCa in North Adams on August 24; and the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge on August 31. For more information, visit www.HighlandStreet.org or call 617-969-8900.

Campfire-style Singalong on Saturday, August 4 at 4:00 p.m., on the Church Green, Otis Center.

"Meet and Greet" Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 11, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., at the Gazebo behind the Otis Town Hall, with the First Congregational Church of Lee. A free event to get acquainted and answer questions about the congregation. Pastor Bill Neil will attend. Phone: 413-2453-1033 or email at ucclee@verizon.net.

Square Dance with Cliff Brodeur and the Housatonic Philharmonic on Saturday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m., at the Firehouse, Otis Center.

Dice Game on Sunday, August 19 at 4:00 p.m. (doors open) at the Knox Trail Inn. Lobster raffle. Proceeds benefit the AMVETS Post 77, Otis. For information, contact Tom Soules (413-717-0820).

Otis Arts Festival on Saturday, September 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., indoors at the Farmington River Elementary School in Otis.

Literary Festival on Friday, October 12 through Sunday, October 14 in Norfolk, Connecticut. The weekend will consist of five literary conversations among the ten writers, critics, and environmentalists in attendance. There will be a panel on global warming, a discussion on the work of Pablo Neruda, and a conversation about race and class divisions. For more information, visit www.norfolkfoundation.net.



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