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A New Invader in Sandisfield

AS IF WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT

By Tom Christopher

“Giant Hogweed” sounds menacing, and it should.

Reaching a height of 15 feet, this perennial weed from the Caucasus Mountains (known botanically as *Heracleum mantegazzianum*) has been described as “Queen Anne’s Lace on steroids” thanks to its lobed, deeply cut leaves that may measure 5 feet across and the flat-topped, umbrella-like white flowerheads that may be 2.5 feet in diameter.

Giant hogweed poses significant threats to our local ecosystem (which I’ll get to in a moment), but the one that will probably most concern readers is its toxicity to human beings.

If you happen to damage one of giant hogweed’s leaves or stems and get its sap onto your skin, it will cause a rash that puts poison ivy to shame. Contact with hogweed sap combined with exposure to sunlight causes first a reddening of the skin followed within 48 hours by large and painful, fluid-filled blisters that may leave purplish or black scars on your skin. Mild cases of hogweed poisoning usually peak after three days and decline thereafter, but severe cases can last weeks or months and may require hospitalization.

If you get even a minute quantity of the sap in your eyes, it can cause temporary or permanent blindness.

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What We’ve Been Doing Recently

DISPATCH FOR JULY

By The Select Board


The Select Board continues to dedicate its time and energy toward projects that support public safety, better Town infrastructure, and increase the overall quality of life in Town. Recent activities include:

- ▶ The Town has gained a \$6,000/month credit on interest bearing accounts as a result of the Financial Investment Policy.
- ▶ The Heat Pump Grant has been completed. Solar-powered heat pumps have been installed at Town Hall for heat and A/C, which has provided substantial cost savings. A backup generator was also installed, assuring no loss of progress or service during operating hours.
- ▶ New roofs have been installed at the Library, Old Town Hall, and Police Station. It is important to address these types of projects in a timely manner to protect our existing Town buildings. Old Town Hall is on the schedule for an exterior paint job.
- ▶ Transfer Station hours returned to 19 hours per week beginning July 1:
 - Wednesday: 12:00-5:00 p.m.;
 - Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.;
 - Sunday: 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- ▶ Resurfacing of Route 57 is set to begin on the first or second week of

July; expect delays in travel. Paving will be done one lane at a time; the road will not be closed in its entirety. Visit www.sandisfieldma.gov for updates.

The Select Board has moved into its summer session of meeting at Town Hall bi-weekly for the months of July and August, 6:30 p.m. It is available to observe or take part over Zoom (sign up for agenda notification at sandisfieldma.gov.) To request an agenda item, please contact Janey Beardsley Snyder at jbeardsley@sandisfieldma.gov no later than the Wednesday before the upcoming Select Board meeting.

Don’t forget to subscribe to E-Alerts on the Town website, www.sandisfieldma.gov, for important updates and announcements.



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**FROM THE TOWN WEBSITE,
AS OF LATE JUNE:**

The Town of Sandisfield has many employment opportunities and opportunities to participate in the functioning of the Town.

If interested in any of the following positions, please visit www.sandisfieldma.gov to our Employment Page for job descriptions and submit a letter of interest with an employment application to Janey Beardsley at jbeardsley@sandisfieldma.gov

BENEFITED POSITIONS:

- DPW Superintendent
- Town Manager
- Grader Operator/Laborer

APPOINTED POSITIONS:

- Animal Control Officer
- Assessors Office Assistant
- Board of Health Clerk
- Facilities/Maintenance Technician
- Planning Board Administrative Assistant
- Tree Warden

BOARD/COMMITTEE POSITIONS:

- Conservation Commission
- Finance Committee
- General Bylaw Committee
- Town Manager Search Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

Peaches and Pears

*By Emily Melchior,
Riiska Brook Orchard*

This little seedling may not look like much now, but if everything goes according to plan, we will harvest peaches from it and its neighboring peach trees in a few years! There are 40 new peach trees, and we planted a few different varieties so we can see what grows best: August Rose, Glowingstar, Cresthaven, and Red Haven.

We also planted twelve pear trees of two varieties to see how they do – Harrow Crisp and Harrow Sweet.

Wish them luck, lots of sunshine, just enough rain, and safety from the deer!



LUNCH ON THURSDAYS/FRIDAYS

Bub's Beans & the Dogs are open for business again. Rt. 57 at 234 Sandisfield Road, about a mile from the entrance to York Lake. Thursdays and Fridays only. After all, the proprietors have the summer off from school and don't want to waste it. Hot dogs, beans, chips, drinks are available. A sign directs customers: "No Gossip Without Purchase."



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By the Editorial Team

One of our readers said she'd like to know what's going on with Daydreamz and SAMA, LLC, our local cannabis entrepreneurs. We made a big deal out of their arrival in Town, their permissions, the work of the Planning Board. How are they doing? And what about Villa Mia?

We'll have an update in the August Times. Just next month.

Rt. 57 Redux. Expect Delays.


By Bill Price

The resurfacing of the remainder of Rt. 57 (Sandisfield Road) is set to begin the first or second week of July, as announced by the Select Board. That is the section from the bottom of the Transfer Station hill to the connection with Rt. 8 in New Boston.

Examination of two major culverts (one near Leavenworth's place at River Road and another closer to New Boston) has been completed. Surveyors are expected to begin their work July 10.

No detours are planned. Paving will be completed one lane at a time with traffic diverted to the other lane.

After all, if the City of New York can construct an entirely new 2-mile lane on the elevated Brooklyn-Queens Expressway without closing the BQE even for an hour – and if Minneapolis can rebuild the collapsed I-35W bridge across the Mississippi River in 12 months – it should be possible to resurface 57 in Sandisfield in one summer without resorting to a detour over River Road or up and down Silverbrook Road. After all, the Transfer Station hill was resurfaced smoothly and perfectly one lane at a time without requiring a detour along Lower West Street.

Visit www.sandisfieldma.gov for updates. 



FRRSD School Committee May Reapportion Costs


By Bill Price

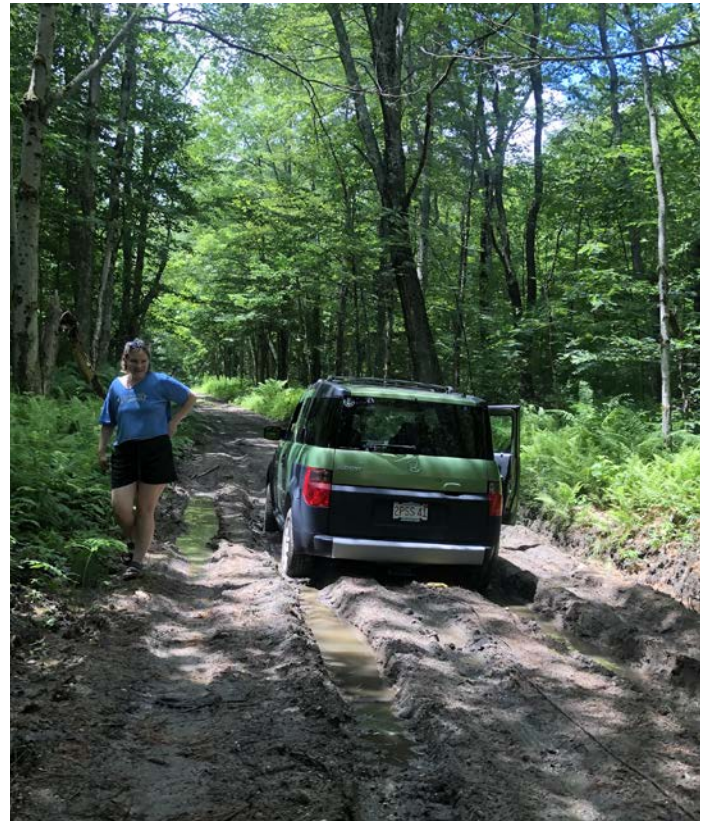
The Sandisfield School Committee will take part in a meeting July 1 at the Elementary School Library that may determine the Farmington River Regional School District cost apportionment between Sandisfield and Otis.

The results of the meeting will be determined too late to be reported in this issue of The Times and will appear next month. It is very likely that a full report will appear in The Berkshire Eagle soon after the meeting.

Over the last several months, the FRRSD Committee has considered eleven different apportionment methods, which have been narrowed down to three options. The options and the methods and/or weighted combinations will be reviewed and discussed at the July 1 meeting. The Committee, representing the residents of both towns, anticipates that a final decision will be reached that will make apportionment more equitable between the tax payers of both towns.

The Committee agenda also called for a timeline for the regional agreement, followed by public comment. The results of the decision may affect the tax levy of both towns.

For more details, see *Berkshire Eagle* article, "Clock ticks to shift funding burden," June 29-30, page A7. 



The Honda's driver, mired in the mud of a new section of Dodd Road, was misdirected out there by GPS as a way to reach York Lake. A&M Auto from downtown New Boston was called to tow the vehicle back to safety.

Phoro: The Sandisfield Times


Stuck Out on Dodd Road

By Bill Price

Within minutes of a meeting to discuss Dodd Road's future on Thursday, June 27, two women on their way to York Lake drove past the site of the meeting and soon became stuck in mud. They had to be towed back to solid ground where the driver was told of a better way to the lake.

The mud was the result of a failed construction effort by the Town last fall to extend the road to accommodate developer Brian O'Rourke's approach to his property.

State authorities and the Town's Conservation Commission both complained about the project, which included wetland destruction that will require restoration. For two articles about the aftermath of the road extension, see The Sandisfield Times, March 2024, pages 4-5, at sandisfieldtimes.org/library

What transpired at the Dodd Road meeting remains unclear. The meeting was not advertised and an abutting landowner was not notified. State and local officials, including the Acting Town Manager, the DPW crew foreman, and Selectman John Field were present. At press time, Selectman Field had not responded to inquiries by The Times. 



Sandisfield Arts Center

June was Terrific

TIMES FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN

By Suzanne O'Connell

It would not be inaccurate to say that the Sandisfield Arts Center was bursting at the seams during June. Three popular events brought over 200 people to the historic building in this remote corner of Massachusetts. All were a treat, and if you missed it, watch for us next June.

June began early, on the 8th, with the opening reception of the multi-artist show, "Notes from the Interior." Over forty people attended and saw captivating and varied art works on paper by local artists including Leslee Carsewell, Jess Cofrin, Susie Crofut, Shawn Fields, Shelly Haven, Tom Hlas, Jaye Alison Moscardiello, Abbe Stahl, and Natasha Wein.

The house sold out on June 16 as about 80 people attended the one-man magical show of Tomáš Kubínek, "Certified Lunatic and Master of the Impossible."

Sold out is not unusual for Kubínek. Performances of his one-man shows have sold-out at London Southbank Centre's Purcell Theatre,

Teatro Goldoni in Venice, The International Festival of Hong Kong, The Brooklyn Academy of Music, The Singapore Arts Festival, Sasch Hall in Florence, Tokyo's Asahi Hall, Theatre des Celestins in Lyon, and Broadway's New Victory Theater in New York City.

Here at the Arts Center, Kubínek used a minimum of props as he defied reality. Balancing a small table on a stick on his wide forehead (five-head he called it), he got three eggs to fall into water glasses. Several of his acts involved the audience such as selecting four intrepid men to join him on the stage. There they disclosed their weights and occupations and attempted, unsuccessfully, to push him down. And of course he turned himself into his signature chicken. If you missed the performance and would like to get a flavor of Kubínek's show, a five-minute summary of his performance is available at vimeo.com/929681875.

Chris Brubeck's Triple Play, a regular at the Center, was another sold-out event. On June 22 Chris' group featured Joel Brown (guitar) and Peter



Triple Play: Chris Brubeck, Joel Brown, and Peter Madcat Rush.

Photo: Peter Levine

Madcat Ruth (harmonica, jaw harp). June 22 was during that hot spell and, under sweltering conditions, the trio performed combinations of jazz and the blues. Chris played the bass, trombone, and piano. All three contributed vocals.

This trio has long-time Sandisfield connections through the Crofut-Luxon family. Joel and Madcap performed with Bill Crofut and Ben Luxon and Chris, in a former life, was the favorite babysitter of the Crofut children before they moved to Sandisfield.

Having played together for almost half a century, Triple Play is clearly well-honed and a joy to watch and listen to. Their repertoire included "New Stew (Opus Two)," a brief tutorial about the harmonica, and of course, "Take Five." After a standing ovation, they concluded with "Lady Madonna." Later the performers joined the audience in the downstairs gallery for snacks and beverages. 🍷



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July Won't Be Bad Either

WHAT'S COMING TO THE CENTER THIS MONTH

By Suzanne O'Connell

In the Gallery "Notes from the Interior" – a show featuring local artists on paper continues until July 7 at 6:00 p.m.

On July 13, with a reception from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the downstairs gallery, a new multi-artist exhibit "Unearthed" will open, with three-dimensional works by artists including: Erika Crofut, Josefina Freedman, Gail Gelburd, Serena Granb, Caryn King, Margie Skaggs, and Natalie Tyler. The show will run through August 11. The Gallery is open on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., during performances at the Center, and by appointment.

Three other events will be highlighted at the Center.

"Pick up the Pen," June 30 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Lara Tupper will host a FREE community writing workshop.

Tupper is an accomplished author and will help attendees learn practical tips and easy prompts to develop their own writing routine and complete their writing project. She is the founder of Swift Ink Stories, which offers private manuscript guidance and tutorials, and the author of a short-story collection, *Amphibians*, and two novels, *Off Island* and *A Thousand and One Nights*. All ages and skills are welcome. Bring a notebook, a pen, and any writing tools that serve you best. Please register in advance by sending an email to laratupper.com/contact.

Our **Open Mic Variety Show** will return July 12, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. FREE. Your chance to get ready for the big time and show off your skills. Bring your jokes, poems, songs, and other talents to share with your neighbors over light refreshments. If you want to present, please arrive 15 minutes early to sign up.

And **Romance in the Afternoon**, July 28, 4:00-6:090 p.m. (\$20). Josh

Luxon-Robinson will return by popular demand and perform classic piano works from the Romantic Period. The repertoire will include pieces by Brahms, Bernstein, Liszt, Rachmaninoff, Delius, and Medtner, a Russian composer and pianist from the same period as Rachmaninoff.

A preview of Josh's virtuosity is at YouTube/Josh Luxon-Robinson. Or read last year's profile of Josh in last summer's *The Sandisfield Times*, August, page 13 at sandisfieldtimes.org/library.



Pianist Josh Luxon-Robinson will perform July 28.

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WHY IS THIS THING HERE?

Plant collectors of the early 20th century admired this plant's striking appearance and brought it home for cultivation in North America. Like most such introductions, giant hogweed eventually escaped into the wild and has formed colonies throughout the Mid-Atlantic states, including New York and New England. And yet its use as a garden plant continues: in 2002, this toxic threat was found in three locations in Granville, Massachusetts, where it had escaped from a local's garden.

Three years ago, I found a specimen growing along Sandisfield's Sears Road.

Fortunately, this is the only occurrence I have found in Sandisfield to date. But we should all learn to identify this plant, if for nothing else so that we don't expose ourselves to it accidentally.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Watch for giant hogweed in sunny spots with moist soils. Its most common habitat in North America is roadside ditches or the banks of stream.

However, giant hogweed can also grow in partial shade and will sometimes spring up in damp fields and woodland openings. Because those huge flowerheads produce correspondingly large quantities of seeds – as many as 100,000 per plant – this menace can quickly form large, dense colonies, especially along waterways.

When my wife Suzanne O'Connell and I found that single plant near our house, we took immediate action. I sprayed it with a strong solution of glyphosate, the active ingredient in the popular weed killer "Roundup."

This killed the plant's growth back to the ground, but it sprang up again from its tuberous root the following spring. I repeated the treatment, with the same results. This spring, after slicing off the new growth with a spade, I dug up the root and pried it out of the soil. Hopefully this will finally finish the job.

Recognizing this plant, even while still small, isn't difficult. Cornell University maintains an illustrated online guide to its identifying characteristics.

Briefly, look for the large, dissected leaves; coarse, round, green stems spotted with purple



Giant hogweed. Wikipedia

and dotted with raised nodules; and the stiff white bristles that cover the leaf stems and more sparsely the main stems themselves. The monstrous flowerheads, which are borne from late spring until mid-summer, are hard to miss.

You should also learn to identify its North American relative, cow parsnip (*Heracleum maximum*). This resembles the giant hogweed in its dissected leaves and parasol-like flowerhead, but the cow parsnip is smaller than the invader in all respects. It reaches a height of just 8 feet, with leaves to 2.5 feet in diameter and 1-foot flowerheads.

One sure way to distinguish the two species is that the cow parsnip stems lack the purple spots and nodules found on the giant hogweed's stem. It was by looking at the stems that I ascertained the large cluster of plants Suzanne noticed recently along the northern reaches of New Hartford Road was a colony of cow parsnips rather than giant hogweeds.

That doesn't mean it is harmless – cow parsnip also has a somewhat toxic sap which can raise a rash, but the effect is less virulent than that of the giant hogweed. Cow


parsnip is also a less aggressive spreader because it is a native of our region and as such is grazed by a variety of wildlife including deer and moose. Black bears will dig and eat the fleshy roots. These attacks help keep cow parsnip in check.

In contrast, as a recent arrival in our region, giant hogweed is not consumed by our wildlife, and its fast and rampant growth means it easily displaces native plants, depriving native insects and birds of accustomed food sources. By crowding out the other growth along stream banks, it can make them more prone to erosion.

If you spot an invasion of giant hogweed, your first response should be to report it to the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources at massnrc.org/pests/hogweedreport.aspx.

The University of Massachusetts Amherst offers online recommendations for eradicating giant hogweed – you'll find these by searching for "controlling giant hogweed in Massachusetts."

Cornell University offers more complete instructions at its New York Invasive Species Information website (nyis.info/) on the page dedicated to "Giant Hogweed."

Whatever approach you choose to pursue, be very cautious. Be sure to wear protective clothing, gloves, and safety goggles. This plant is not, plant collectors to the contrary, a striking garden ornament but rather a serious threat. 





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UPS Cuts Small-Town Delivery Service

LOCAL BUSINESS STARTING TO FEEL THE PINCH

Adapted from "UPS 'Consolidating' Rural Routes," The Berkshire Eagle, June 29, 2024. Used with permission.

The Berkshire Eagle reported that the local Teamsters Union claims that United Parcel Service has cut back on its deliveries to Sandisfield and seven other small towns in Berkshire County.

In the article, the Eagle's Hilltown reporter, Jane Kaufman, quoted Bryan Donovan, the president of Local 404 of the Teamsters, which represents local UPS drivers, as identifying the towns affected by the "delivery routes cut by at least one day a week."

The report said that "UPS hasn't identified the ZIP codes that are affected and has made no formal announcement to customers."

MAY BE A PROBLEM RIGHT HERE

Kaufman reported that "Sandisfield business owner, Hattie White is [already] feeling [the pinch]."

"She and her husband, Billy White, have owned New Boston Crane Service & Sleds since 2012. Her parents started the business in 2008, which sells and repairs

outdoor equipment, such as lawn mowers and weed whackers. It also sells snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles.

"White's UPS driver alerted her to the three-delivery schedule the company implemented about a month ago in Sandisfield, but she received no formal notice. While the UPS brown box truck used to arrive Monday through Friday, the new schedule omits Tuesday and Thursday deliveries.

"Since her business isn't open on Mondays and UPS delivers near the end of her business day, a busted lawn mower might have to wait several days for a part, which might be sitting at UPS' Pittsfield warehouse for part of that time. Thus far, the new schedule has delayed just a handful of jobs at her business, but White's customers aren't always understanding.

"They get angry if their parts aren't going to be here," White said.

"She talked with her driver about coming earlier in the day as a sort of work-around.

"Then, at least, we would get our parts in the morning, and we can jump on the job the same day" White said. "If we're getting parts on a Friday or the end of the day Wednesday, it won't be until the following day 'til we can work on the machine."

"Is it costing her business? 'Not yet,' she said. 'I would say it's kind of early, but it just kind of makes for a poor taste in a customer's mouth if you say it's going to be there and then it's not.'

White worries that customers might decide to take their dollars elsewhere, perhaps to a city unaffected by the abbreviated delivery schedule.

It's not just hitting her business: White's parents, who live next door to her, ordered frozen meals via UPS delivery. Having waited an extra day, the packages arrived waterlogged and went straight into the trash."

STATEMENT FROM UPS

The report quoted a spokesman from UPS who did not identify the rural deferred program, but did say:

"We are consolidating deliveries in certain ZIP codes to help our drivers more efficiently serve our customers.' The spokesman added: 'UPS shipments to these ZIP codes will spend an additional day in transit. Customers will still have certainty about the delivery date of packages and our delivery guarantees still apply.'

"The spokesman said it would affect 'less than 1 percent of our deliveries every day' and 'critical health care deliveries using UPS Premier will not be affected.'"



TOWNS IMPACTED DIFFERENTLY

In Monterey, another town affected by the cuts in delivery service, two local businesses reported that customer service has been impacted, while businesses in Richmond and Savoy have noticed no difference yet.

Local 404 President Donovan "told The Eagle, 'But there's not much we can do because it is covered under management rights.'

"He said UPS made its determination about which towns and which days to cut from service based on efficiency. Delivery to some towns was only cut by one day a week, 'but there are a number of routes designated for rural deferment.'

"Money-saving isn't always the same thing as efficiency,' Donovan said. 'I think it's sad that a company like UPS, who has prided themselves on service and dedication to their customer, are now dedicating themselves to the stockholder and the cost.'"

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Field Day at the School

REMEMBER THE END OF SCHOOL/BEGINNING OF SUMMER?

By Caroline Stamm, Administrative Assistant

Our Field Day celebrating the completion of another school season was a blast, with fun-filled stations including tug-of-war, a bounce house, a three-legged race, and a dunk tank.

Students competed through the day in the long jump, laughed their way through the water balloon toss, and navigated the challenging obstacle course. They ended the day with a visit from the ice cream truck!

The day was filled with excitement, teamwork, and joyful moments, creating lasting memories for everyone involved. It was a perfect celebration of the end of the school year, highlighting the spirit and energy of our school community. 🎓



With shoes hobbled together, two Summer Celebrants hop their way through the FRRSD hallway.



NEW MARLBOROUGH MEETING HOUSE

July 13 4:30 pm **Heard World Jazz**
The musicians and dancers of Heard World Jazz bring passion for world music, jazz and improvising together to create irresistible grooves set in a unique sonic tapestry. A don't-miss family-friendly event!

July 20 4:30 pm **CHALLENGES! True Stories, Live on Stage FREE EVENT**
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August 3 4:30 pm **Taylor Mac and Heather Christian on Creativity**
Taylor Mac is joined by Heather Christian, as they discuss creativity and offer selections from their consideration of Clarence Thomas entitled, "Clarence, in a Pause."

August 24 4:30 pm **Eric Foner and Kerri Greenidge: The Legacy of Slavery**
Historian Eric Foner is joined by acclaimed author Kerri Greenidge, to discuss her latest book and the legacy of slavery in the U.S. today.

Sept 14 4:30 pm **Mozart to Piazzolla: A panorama of Musical Expression**
Violinist Eugene Drucker, cellist Roberta Cooper, pianist Gili Melamed-Lev thrill the audience with the music of Brahms, Beethoven, Piazzolla, Schumann, and Mozart in a fast-moving and fun-filled afternoon.

Sept 21 4:30 pm **ARKAI: Crossroads**
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Sept 28 4:30 pm **Joe Donahue**
Hear about Joe's background and listen to engaging stories of his career on the radio and the countless celebrities he's interviewed.

Oct 5 4:30 pm **Simon Winchester with Linda Greenhouse**
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National Spotlight on Sandisfield's Knox Trail

AMERICA250 COULD INTRODUCE THE U.S. TO OUR TOWN

By Ron Bernard

Sandisfield's most important historical legacy is about to get long-overdue recognition on a national scale.

The Knox Trail meanders over about 4 miles of the heavily reforested Beech Plain section of Sandisfield. While its existence is appreciated by historians of early America and to some extent communities in upstate New York and Massachusetts, the Knox and its significance is relatively unknown elsewhere. That may soon change.

The surviving stretch of the original Trail crosses Sandisfield into Otis. It is thought to be the only undeveloped segment of the ancient road that once connected the Dutch settlement of Albany with Boston. Its obscurity is probably due to its remoteness and its lightly populated territory which produced very few written mentions.

AMERICA250 COULD FOCUS ATTENTION HERE

The country's 250th birthday is coming up in 2026. In 2021, Congress established the Semiquincentennial Commission, known as "America250," to conduct a national awareness campaign about the founding of the country in 1776.

Thirty-eight states have partnered in America250, reportedly the most extensive commemoration project in U.S. history. The Massachusetts 250th American Revolution Commission ("Mass250") has 35 members including leaders in history and tourism. Because the state's role in the Revolution was especially significant, the spotlight could be particularly bright here.

The Knox Trail was made legendary by Col. Henry Knox and his soldiers who in late-1775 captured cannons from the British at Fort Ticonderoga in upstate New York. In a super-human feat of resolve and endurance Knox's teamsters dragged the heavy cannons for weeks over hundreds of miles of primitive road during mid-winter to reach a besieged General Washington at Dorchester Heights who was facing the menacing British fleet below in Boston harbor. When Washington trained his guns on the harbor a flabbergasted Admiral pulled up anchors and the fleet retreated without a shot being fired.



Hauling cannons by ox team from Fort Ticonderoga for the siege on Boston, Henry Knox and teamsters passed through northern Sandisfield. (Department of Defense, Department of the Army, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, National Archives)



Where is This Trail and Can We Hike On it?

The trail is rough, not marked and is not currently available to the general public. Most of the Sandisfield section lies in protective Otis State Forest but at least one portion passes through private property (no standing permission at this time).

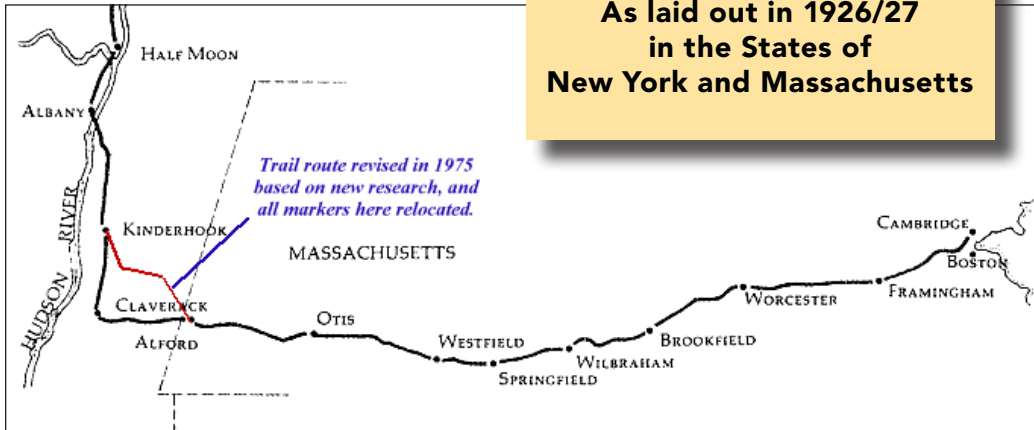
General access is a goal and may happen one day but for now interested hikers adept at bushwhacking and stream-leaping should be alert for rare announcements from Tom Ragusa or Hilltown Hikers (www.hilltownhikers.com) about upcoming dates (limited, first come basis).

Jump-off point is upper Spectacle Pond. Hikes are about five miles long, duration about four hours. The trek is considered rigorous for casual hikers, and there are no amenities along the way. The exit point is Route 8 by the Farmington River in Otis.

Some historians believe this was a seminal event – if not *the* seminal event – in the Revolution which might have otherwise ended in disastrous defeat for Washington and his fledgling army of Patriots then and there.

The hope is that the Knox Trail in Massachusetts could join, for example, Bunker Hill and finally get appropriate recognition and a rightful place in this epic story.

THE KNOX TRAIL
As laid out in 1926/27
in the States of
New York and Massachusetts



The Trail in New York begins at the northern end of Lake George at Fort Ticonderoga.

Credit: Hudson Valley River Institute

AN UNTOLD STORY

Known by almost two dozen colloquial names, the Knox Trail was a footpath and roadway long before its role as a “war road” in the 18th century. For centuries the trail connected Mohicans from the Hudson Valley to hunting grounds in the Berkshires, including Sandisfield. It also allowed for trading with tribes from central Massachusetts and probably eastern Connecticut.



Last month an enthusiastic group completed a rigorous trek in the footsteps of Knox’s teamsters of almost 250 years ago. Led by trail expert/researcher Tom Ragusa, the group is pictured here at Abiel’s Rock in Sandisfield. Imposing and legendary, Abiel’s Rock is a major historical waypoint on the Knox Trail. Photo: Western Massachusetts Hilltown Hikers

In the colonial period the road was important for fur traders, explorers, and English settlement. (For a related article and list of the road’s many names, see Sandisfield Times, May 2021, pages 8-9. Go to Sandisfieldtimes.org/library/archives).

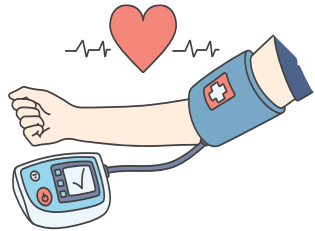
Identification of this last original and virtually undeveloped segment of the Knox Trail and why it is being celebrated today is due totally to the determination of one person, Otis resident and retired DCR employee Tom Ragusa. For more than thirty years, Tom researched and documented the Sandisfield-Otis section in mostly heavily reforested terrain and he spent twelve years to meticulously map the original roadbed.

Charlie Gould, Visual Informational Specialist for the National Park Service (Mass.), recently visited the trail. He told The Times, “This road is truly amazing and remarkably well-preserved – much better than I expected. You really feel that you are treading in the footsteps of history.”

Kelly Fellner, superintendent of the National Park Service office in Springfield, has also toured the Knox. She said, “As we approach the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, it is important that we find ways to commemorate not just the events, but also the diversity of ideas and people during that period. And the fact that there are tangible reminders, like the Knox Trail, where portions have not been altered or covered over, is an opportunity for us to walk in their footsteps and reflect on the people and history of the place.”



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Through a window, three of a kind.

WAYNE KELLER'S MOOSE PAGE

ON ROBERTS ROAD, THE FAMILY NEXT DOOR

As a relatively short-time Sandisfield resident I've been anticipating such a moment as this since capturing an occasional solitary moose on my trail-cams over the past couple of years. Seeing one with my own two eyes seemed to be a goal that would ultimately be met and would likely come as a complete surprise.

The photo of the three together was taken Friday, May 24, 2024 at 6:30 a.m..

We had been up for a while when our never-miss-a-thing pup began barking at the back, French-door window . It was similar to her bear-bark but maybe a little more excited.

My wife, Kathy, was in the kitchen, also facing the backyard . She quickly spotted the female and her offspring and announced "moose, two of them!" followed quickly by "there are three of them!"

By then, I was already striding toward the door with my phone in hand and the camera on.

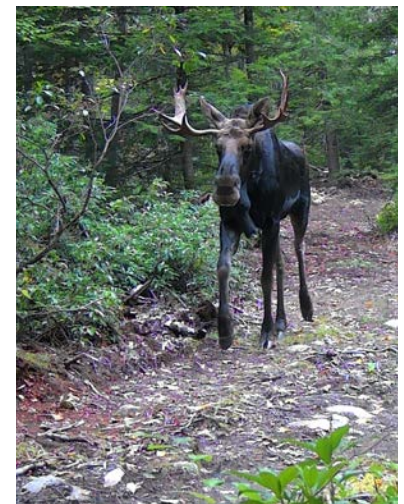
My first impression was that they were horses, some 200 feet away and a bit difficult to discern in the early light. But zooming in and seeing those unmistakable profiles come into focus left no doubt.

Click, click, set the exposure and click again, hoping to capture even a rudimentary image through the window, of the indelible, fleeting, unlikely, wonderful reality unfolding before me.

And they just stood still . . . as if posed, possibly focused on the excited, still-barking pup, and challenging me to mess up the picture.

Sometimes we just get lucky.

*Wayne Keller
Roberts Road*



From my trail cam, 2022.



From my trail cam, 2022.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE

June 21, 2024

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Juneteenth is a Real Holiday

To the Editor: I found Jane Lawless' interesting piece on a few of the unsung Black women heroes of the Civil War an inspiring example of courage and bravery. ("Mark Juneteenth by remembering the Black women who went above and beyond for the Union," Eagle, June 19.)

These women no doubt endured unimaginable hardships prior to making their desperate but necessary decisions to escape their slave owners. Their stories should be included in any history lesson on the Civil War.

For almost 50 years, I lived less than an hour from Galveston, Texas — the site of where approximately 250,000 enslaved Texans learned 2½ years after the Emancipation Proclamation that they were now free. As imagined, living in Texas, Juneteenth has long been a much recognized and celebrated holiday.

So imagine my surprise when I learned that some of my Berkshire neighbors, who seemed to know nothing of Juneteenth's history and its importance, were complaining on [our local] social media that our transfer station and Town Hall were closed because of this "Joe Biden made-up holiday."

I can assure these folks that to many Black Americans, not just in Texas but yes even in Massachusetts, Juneteenth is not a "made-up holiday" and is every bit as significant as Patriot's Day. To suggest otherwise shows a lack of understanding of how President Abraham Lincoln changed the course of our country's history by declaring the owning of human beings immoral and against America's egalitarian ideals.

*Melissa Bye
New Hartford Road*

OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Janey Beardsley Snyder was recently named Emergency Management Director by the Select Board. This is in addition to her other duties as Acting Town Manager, Administrative Assistant to the Select Board, and Purchasing Officer. At the most recent Select Board meeting, Chairman Steve Seddon said to the Town's Acting Manager, "Janey, I appreciate what you're doing. You're doing a great job." He really meant "great jobs."



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June 28. Baby robins encamped above a doorway at a Beech Plain house moments before they fledged.

Photo Sandisfield Times

Bring Us Your Books

MONTEREY LIBRARY'S ANNUAL BOOK AND PLANT SALE

By the Friends of the Monterey Library

A book and plant sale will be held at the Monterey Library on Saturday, July 27 from 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The Library asked The Times to help broadcast the news about the event, but also to let Sandisfielders know that the Library could use not only books but volunteers to help out during the sale. If you would like to volunteer, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the Library in July. They could use help during the Friday afternoon set-up, during the day of the sale from 8 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., and an early afternoon cleanup the following Monday.

Books, Too

Along with volunteers, the Library could use books to sell. The Library will accept donations until July 15.

But they don't want books you might otherwise throw away.

No moldy, mildewed, or water-stained books, no torn or dirty books, no rodent-chewed or otherwise damaged books. Mark Macuk, director of Library, wrote: "If you don't want it in your home, we can't use it for the book sale."

Also, you can keep foreign language books, technical and textbooks, videocassettes, and magazines and puzzles.

Please deliver your donations to the Library July 15. The earlier you can donate the easier it is for our volunteers.

Mark Macuk added: "In any event, we hope to see you on the 27th."

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Were You at Family Fun Day?

A LOT OF YOUR NEIGHBORS WERE THERE.

By Laurie Seddon, Recreation Committee Chair

Henry the Juggler and Sunny Rose Farm ponies – and a whole lot more in between – entertained an enthusiastic turnout of more than 60 people – most of them kids – at Looking Glass Gardens on Saturday, June 29, during our now-annual Family Fun Day.

One visitor wrote on Facebook’s ConnectSandisfield, “It was the biggest bouncy house I’ve ever seen.”

Henry Lappen, a professional juggler out of Amherst, balanced an incredible number of items on his nose, juggled, and invited audience participation. Fire-torch juggling was the finale, with juggling lessons after the show.



A very special thank you to Chuck and Zoe Nelson for graciously opening Looking Glass Gardens to host the event. Thank you to Dawn Lemon and Bub’s Beans & the Dogs for feeding us. Thanks Rose Nelson of Sunny Rose Farm, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and to Juggler Henry Lappen. And to all who pitched in to help.

Our next event is our Annual Pig Roast on Saturday, September 14, at the American Legion in New Boston. To receive emails of our upcoming events, join our mailing list at sandisfieldevents@recreationcommittee.info.



Janey Beardsley and Skylar Snyder were married on Saturday, June 8, 2024.

The ceremony at their home in Sandisfield Center was an intimate gathering with ten guests in attendance.

Janey Snyder told *The Times*: “The weather and the ceremony were beautiful, and I am so grateful to be married to the love of my life.”

Janey (née Beardsley) is Sandisfield’s Town Manager. At the June 24 Select Board meeting she began her Town Manager’s update with “I got married!”

Photo:

Lisa Finneran for Tricia McCormack Photography





The Librarian's Corner

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Email: sandisfieldlibrary@gmail.com

Our new website: sandisfieldlibrary.org

The Library will be closed July 6, Saturday, for the July 4th weekend.

July 25, Thursday at 6:30 the **Sandisfield Ladies Book Club** will meet to discuss *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles

July 10, beginning at 6:00 p.m., we have **Games Night at the Library**. Join in for the flavor of the month, Pinochle, Rummy, Apples to Apples, Scrabble and more. All ages are encouraged. Bring your wits and your smiles. We'd love see them both. Light refreshments provided.

All month long: It is never too late to participate in the **Massachusetts Center for the Book 2024 Reading Challenge**. July's read is a book by an author born outside the United States.

Latest additions to the library shelves (adult fiction and non-fiction)

- *Think Twice* by Harlan Coben
- *First Frost* by Craig Johnson
- *The Infernal Machine* by Steven Johnson
- *Clete* by James Lee Burke
- *The Instruments of Darkness* by John Connolly
- *Eruption* by Michael Crichton
- *Swan Song* by Elin Hildebrand
- *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore
- *Dog Day Afternoon* by David Rosenfelt
- *Resurrection* by Danielle Steel
- *The Extinction of Irena Rey* by Jennifer Croft

YOUNG ADULT/OLDER CHILDREN

- *I Survived the Destruction of Pompeii: AD 79* by Georgia Ball

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- *Pete the Cat Screams for Ice Cream* by Kimberly Dean
- *What Goes on Inside a Beaver Pond* by Becky Cushing Gop

A Poem for July

MOONLIGHT, SUMMER MOONLIGHT

Emily Jane Brontë

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 But most where trees are sending
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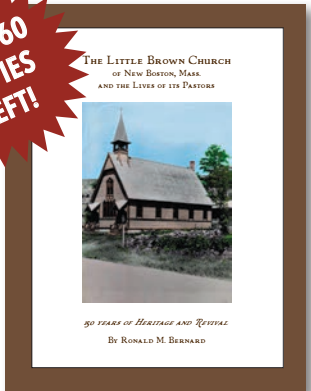
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★ July 19th Brett Potter 6pm

★ July 20th Chalk Dust Band 8pm

★ July 21st Hilltown Blues Jam 2pm

★ July 26th Melissa Brinton 6pm

★ July 27th Pick-Up Line Band 8pm

NOW HEAR THIS!

Edited by Laura Rogers-Castro. Please send notices for Now Hear This! to editor@sandisfieldtimes.org

JULY EVENTS

Sandisfield Select Board Meetings are currently through Zoom and in-person at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays unless otherwise posted. Please visit sandisfieldma.gov or call 258-4711 for information.

Playgroup on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Otis Town Hall. Sponsored by South Berkshire Kids. No pre-registration necessary. Led by Nina Carr. This fun program includes free play, crafts, stories, and songs! A great time to meet up with friends and meet new friends! For confirmation of dates, please call Nina Carr (258-3314). Free!

Coffee Hour on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the Council on Aging, Town Hall Annex. Snacks and conversation! For more information, contact Nina Carr (258-3314). Free.

Chair Yoga with Wendy Larsen on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall at 3 Silverbrook Road, sponsored by the Council on Aging. For more information, contact Nina Carr (258-3314). Free.

Flea Market on Saturday, July 6, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the American Legion Pavilion on Route 8, New Boston. Vendors, crafts, farm stands.

Open Mic Variety Show on Friday, July 12 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Sandisfield Arts Center at 5 Hammertown Road. Bring your jokes, poems, songs and other talents to share with neighbors. Light refreshments available. Please arrive at 6:45 if you would like to perform. Free.

Gallery Opening and Reception on Saturday, July 13 for *Unearthed*, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Sandisfield Arts Center at 5 Hammertown Road. "Unearthed" features three-dimensional works by various artists. The show runs until August 11. Free.

New Boston Church Sunday Worship Service on Sunday, July 14 and July 28 at 10:00 a.m. For more information and to view the calendar, visit newbostoncongregationalchurch.org. All are welcome. The New Boston Church is located on Route 57 near the New Boston Inn.

Lake Compounce Trip sponsored by the New Boston Church on Sunday, July 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Invite any kids, grandkids, or great grandkids for this fun day at church in Sandisfield and Lake Compounce in Bristol, Connecticut. For more information, visit newbostoncongregationalchurch.org.

New Boston Inn's Acoustic Music with Dakota in the Backyard on Sunday, July 14 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The New Boston Inn is at the intersection of Routes 8 and 57 in Sandisfield.

Blood Pressure Clinic on Wednesday, July 17 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Town Hall Annex, Council on Aging. All ages welcome. Free.

New Boston Inn's Motorcycle Weekend with Music by Meanie in the Backyard on Sunday, July 21 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The New Boston Inn is at the intersection of Routes 8 and 57 in Sandisfield.

Romance in the Afternoon: Piano Recital with Josh Luxon-Robinson on Sunday, July 28 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Sandisfield Arts Center at 5 Hammertown Road. Young pianist Josh Luxon-Robinson returns to perform works by Brahms, Bernstein, Liszt, Rachmaninoff, Delius, and Metner. For more information visit sandisfieldartscenter.org. \$20.

ONLINE EVENTS

A Farm and Garden Show with Sandisfield Residents Bill Taylor and Jaye Alison Moscardiello streamed every Monday, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at berkshireradio.org.

EVENTS IN SURROUNDING TOWNS

Monterey Outdoor Yoga at Lake Garfield beach on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. Donation based.

Sheffield Farmers Market on Fridays from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at 124 Main Street in Sheffield. Local food and crafts.

Great Barrington Farmers Market on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at 18

Church Street and continuing on Saturdays into November. Locally grown and produced foods, including cheese, meats, breads, and more. Local musicians perform.

New Marlborough Farmers Market on Sundays from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on the Village Green in front of the Old Inn on the Green on Route 57.

Firefly Watch on Tuesday, July 2, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Thomas & Palmer Sanctuary located on Route 23 in Great Barrington. There will be a discussion of this phenomenon while walking through the meadows of Thomas & Palmer enjoying the show. Sponsored by the Berkshire Natural Resources Council. Registration online at bnrc.org required. Free.

Music Brings Communities Together: Robin O'Herin on Saturday, July 13 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Becket Arts Center. Robin specializes in historically rich, often interactive concerts. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic. Free. Donations welcome.

Christmas in July on Saturday and Sunday, July 13 and 14 in the center of Riverton, Connecticut. Event highlights include craft beers, wagon rides, author barn, vendors, music, and Santa! Most events from 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. Visit rivertonct.com for more information. Free.

Music Brings Communities Together-Hot Sauce on Saturday, July 27 from 5:00- 7:00 p.m. at the Becket Arts Center. Featuring Benny Kohn, Miles Lally, Steve Ide, and Tom Major. Free and open to the public. Donations welcome.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Pig Roast on Saturday, September 14, at the American Legion in New Boston. Sponsored by the Recreation Committee.

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JUNE, 2024

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