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By Bill Price, Editor

Last summer we started experimenting with a substantial upgrade to our website.

Our original version provided users with a PDF version of each issue of The Times along with a subscription and donation portal and a library of all past issues. Designed and kept up-to-date by Jean Atwater-Williams, that web version worked fine for us since we started publishing in 2010, but we wanted to offer something more, something more akin to the media empires of the late 2020s. Jean didn't have the time.

However, our friend Larry Dwyer did have the time – and the skills – to take us further into the future. Larry joined our small crew of volunteers with the title of Web Editor. He's paid the same as the rest of us – in the \$satisfaction of doing something useful and that he likes to do.

The Times' new website, designed by Larry with Jean's support, includes as before a PDF version of each issue, portals for subscription and donation, and our archive of every issue for the past 15 years. And a lot more.

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Select Board Chairman's Year-End Report

FROM FINANCIALS TO PAINT JOBS TO CATCHING SPEEDERS

By Bill Price

Good things can happen in town governments, even this one. The Times visited with Select Board Chairman Steve Seddon this month to ask about the year just passed. "Remind us about 2024," we said. "What good things happened?"

It turned out that, in Steve's opinion, a few good things did happen. Town government is working. In no particular order, Steve listed a few things.

One small item – but not that small –was that, as Seddon said, "maintenance and upkeep of Town buildings was done while we were able to lower real estate taxes."



Town Hall is now heated and cooled by a heat pump system with a backup generator, paid for through grant funding. Not only will Town Hall enjoy something its never had – air conditioning during the hot, muggy days of summer – but the Town will save on oil expense in the winter because solar panels installed a year ago will fuel the heat pumps.

The Town got a fresh look when Old Town Hall and the adjoining Police Station were scraped and painted for the first time in a long time. Storm windows were installed and the building got a new shingled roof.


The Town Library was scraped and painted. Fresh green paint around the doors and windows brightened the whole building and the building also got a new shingled roof. The water infiltration to the Library's basement level was corrected by repairs to the drainage system.

As for taxes: Seddon said that the tax rate just four years ago, in 2021, was \$13.35 per \$1,000. This year it is \$9.02. "We attained this tax lowering by two things. One was by returning excess free cash to offset the tax levy. The second, more important, was by implementing a split-tax rate that redistributed some of the tax burden to commercial and industrial properties in order to relieve



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ANNOUNCEMENT**New Building Commissioner**


The Town announced that a new Building Commissioner has taken office. Vinny Tirone started his duties on the last day of 2024. His office hours are Mondays from 10:00 a.m. until noon. He can be reached at building@sandisfieldma.gov. 


Jobs and Committees Open in Sandisfield**BOARD/ COMMITTEE OPENINGS**

- Conservation Committee
- Finance Committee
- General Bylaw Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

JOB OPENINGS

- Animal Control Officer
- Tree Warden
- Facilities Maintenance Technician

For additional information or a complete job description please visit www.sandisfieldma.gov and look under the employment tab. Should you have any questions about any of the positions or how to access the job description, please call (413) 258-4711, ext 3. Applications can be submitted to Laurie McArthur at lmcarthur@sandisfieldma.gov. 


**School Agreement Closer to Approval**


See next page

Editor's Note: The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has completed its review of the proposed new Regional District Agreement between Otis and Sandisfield and passed the proposal to their legal section for comment.

During its examination, DESE requested several changes which have been made. If there are no suggestions from the legal section, the next step is for DESE to issue a pre-approval of the proposal and then Special Town Meetings in Otis and Sandisfield can be scheduled (possibly in February) for a vote on the new Regional District Agreement.

Using FY24 as a baseline, had the new apportionment methodology been used in FY24 the ASFTB (average single family tax bill) would have been \$390 lower in Sandisfield and \$180 higher in Otis. The \$180 would have translated to \$15 per month for Otis households.

We hope to report how the new apportionment methodology would have changed the FY25 ASFTB's in our next issue, now that FY25 tax data has recently been published by the Mass. Department of Revenue. The new apportionment methodology would see its first application in the FY26 budget planning process if the amended RDA is approved by both towns in February town meetings. More precise data will be forthcoming from the School Committee once the town meetings are scheduled. 

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FARMINGTON RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

OTIS & SANDISFIELD

PRESS RELEASE FROM FRRSD SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Proposed Changes to the Regional District Agreement

January 8, 2025

Farmington River Regional School District (FRRSD) is at a crossroads. Under the current Regional District Agreement (RDA), the district is not financially sustainable and soon, voters in Sandisfield and Otis will determine at special town meetings whether the district continues intact or if the agreement is to be terminated. If either town votes down the new RDA, the town of Sandisfield may vote to withdraw from, and, thus seek to terminate, the district.

In 1992 an RDA was approved by both towns, creating the district. The RDA contains provisions for how the towns of Sandisfield and Otis would work together to establish, maintain, and fund a regional school district, all while creating a quality educational experience for the children of both towns. As a district, we are able to continue to educate our students close to home with local control through the School Committee.

Beginning in 2022, the School Committee took on the critical task of reviewing and revising the current RDA. In that review, a disparity was found between what the towns can afford to pay (according to the state) and how costs are currently divided between the towns. Recommended changes to the document include a new apportionment model, ensuring the financial sustainability of the district and that the school will continue to thrive and be a local and vital source of quality education for the children of Sandisfield and Otis. This apportionment model is grounded in the Combined Effort Yield (CEY), a number calculated by the state department of education to illustrate what each town can afford to pay toward operational costs, that is based on taxes and overall financial wealth.

On September 23, 2024, the School Committee unanimously voted FOR an amended RDA. Additionally, the Farmington River Regional Educators Association wrote a letter of support for the amended RDA, noting “the essential role that BOTH towns play in fostering a positive learning environment.”

Along with other guidelines for operating the district two significant provisions in the amended RDA are as follows:

The RDA will now be reviewed every five years.

The RDA contains a new apportionment model that more evenly distributes the educational costs associated with the average single family tax bill across both towns.

What does this change in the apportionment methodology mean to the taxpayers of Otis and Sandisfield? In summary, if the total changes were to be assessed through typical tax distribution, Otis taxpayers would have a slight increase in their annual taxes while Sandisfield taxpayers would have a slight decrease in taxes paid toward education. Under the current RDA, the portion of the average single family tax bill in Sandisfield budgeted to FRRSD is \$600 more per year than what it is in Otis. The proposed apportionment methodology will make the portion of the average single family tax bill that goes to FRRSD nearly equal in both towns.

The amended RDA provides a comprehensive way for the two towns to collaborate, preserve a nurturing community for students and families, and maintain local oversight of our children’s formative education. 🍷

Feel free to reach out to one of your elected School Committee members or to the committee at frrsd.org/district-information/frrsd-regional-agreement/

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SELECT BOARD CHAIRMAN'S YEAR-END REPORT

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personal property taxes from residential. You might think Sandisfield has neither commercial nor industrial properties, but we do. The Kinder Morgan pipeline is one, and Verizon is another. Both now pay significantly more in taxes than they did last year."



He added that the excess free cash in the Town's treasury had accumulated as a result of under-spent budgets and unexpected revenues. Returning the bulk of that free cash back to the tax payers – cash that wasn't needed for future town expenses – made the most sense and helped with Treasury transparency.

He pointed out that these policy decisions were made by the Select Board to create fiscal responsibility.

"Another way we created more cash," Seddon said, "was that the Treasurer/Tax Collector introduced safe investment policies at the request of the Select Board that is yielding \$6,000 a month, using accounts that aren't being used. While the investment yield isn't guaranteed, it happens now to be paying a couple salaries at Town Hall."

What will help the Town fiscally in the future, Seddon believes, is that the Town adopted a financial policy manual based on guidance from the Department of Local Services (a state agency that helps municipalities on fiscal matters). "This will give current and future Select Boards a road map on financial procedures and directives that are required by the state. We won't have to reinvent the process every year."

He added that the Town made two other fiscal improvements that will help the Town in the future.

One, that the Town has nearly completed its first capital plan and capital-facility plan. He said that these documents are being made collectively by all stake-holding departments in order to create a more responsible approach

for replacement schedules for all Town assets over \$25,000. The document is to be ratified by the Finance Committee and the Select Board to ensure that no large purchase requests will pop up at Town Meeting to cause unexpected hikes in the residential tax rate. "It will also give the Select Board the ability to properly plan and fund the capital stabilization account for future needs."

The second is that the Town recently completed a full audit of basic financial statements. This was the Town's first audit since 2021 when a smaller audit of agreed-upon procedures was conducted. The current auditor noted, said Seddon, that "our Accountant and Treasurer/Tax Collector are doing a great job and it's a difference of night and day from our 2021 results. Our Town is fortunate to have such a great financial team."

He mentioned that the School Committee is "creating scholastic and fiscal responsibility for the Farmington River Regional School District and the students. Their current negotiations for a revised Regional District Agreement could adjust the amount both towns have to contribute to the cost of the school based on their ability to pay, if both towns vote in favor of the plan. This could help lower the school's impact on residential tax bills." (See page 3 for a statement from the FRRSD School Committee.)

Seddon mentioned Janey Snyder, who was appointed Town Manager last year. "Janey is homegrown," he said. "Besides that, she was the administrative assistant to the former Town Manager and to the Select Board for nearly three years, as well as assistant to the Treasurer/Tax collector. She is adding to her understanding of town finances and continuing her education through municipal and town manager college courses. Her experience in our town government made her the perfect choice to lead our amazing team of professionals at Town Hall. I think anyone who has interacted with Janey on any issues at Town Hall will agree."



Lastly, Seddon mentioned that along with the Town hiring Fire Chief Henry Fristik and DPW Supervisor Dave Waldron that Officers Mary Bredenfoerder and Adam Gonska have been providing a police presence on our roads with the highest number of speeders. "They've made a real difference," he said, "slowing down some of the worst offenders."

In summary, Seddon said there is a lot more to do, but added that the Board's efforts to improve the Town's policy guardrails "will help future members of Town government keep our ship steady, and that in my opinion is priceless." 🇺🇸

Sandisfield's Senior and Veteran Tax Work-Off Program

The Senior and Veteran tax work-off program offers seniors the opportunity to work and earn up to \$1,000 that can be applied toward their tax payments. Individuals can work up to 66 hours paid at minimum wage (currently \$15.00 per hour). Town Hall has been working on identifying a few projects for this program, which are listed below. Simply complete the application either online or at Town Hall and return it to lmcarthur@sandisfieldma.gov. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Laurie McArthur at Town Hall (413) 258-4711 or lmcarthur@sandisfieldma.gov. 🇺🇸

- Stuffing census envelopes
- Helping to sort items/shelve items at the library
- Sorting items at the swap shop at the transfer station
- Working in the gardens here at Town Hall and at the Old Town Hall
- Helping with Transfer Station Stickers
- Drivers

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Laurie Seddon's Barred Owl

December 16: Laurie Seddon was heading toward Farmington River School on Rt. 23W in Otis between Town Hill Road and Otis Ridge when she passed this barred owl perched on the telephone/power line. She didn't stop because she had to pick up her daughter at 11:30 sharp, and we all understand the impatience of children. To Laurie's surprise, the owl was still on the line when she returned. There was no traffic, so Laurie stopped and took the owl's picture. It was a foggy morning because of evaporating snow, which made for what she called a "really cool backdrop."



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30.	1.0

Total November 3.5

December 2024	
4	1.0
5	4.5
8	1.0
16.	1.0
21.	1.0
24.	1.5

Total December 10.0

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historia (Greek) - "inquiry, knowledge acquired by investigation." The discovery, collection, organization and presentation of information about past events.

Reminisces of South Sandisfield Childhood

PART ONE: FARMING

By Ron Bernard

While researching for my book on the New Boston Congregational Church – *Little Brown Church* – in March 2023, I chanced upon a folder in the archives of the Congregational Library in Boston that contained remarkable, clear recollections of Stella Hyde Morey who lived in South Sandisfield as a young girl in the 1910s. Written in 1987, her memoir includes impressions of farming, everyday life, and people, including preachers at the South Sandisfield Congregational Chapel, the social center of the community.

Stella's father, Howard J. Hyde, moved with his wife, Ethel, daughter Stella and two sons, John and Howard Jr. from New



Stella Hyde Morey (1909-88)

Rochelle, New York, to Sandisfield in 1914. He came to Sandisfield to farm. After he died only two years later, the family stayed on. In 1919,

Stella's older brother, Howard Jr. married into the extensive Riiska family to Lempi "Mary," 7th child of patriarch Juho "John" Riiska and his wife, Matilda from Finland.

Ethel, Stella, and John moved to Springfield in 1920. Stella became a teacher and taught at the Arms Academy in Shelburne, Mass., in the 1930s. Her 3,600-word hand-written later transcribed account of South Sandisfield is a valuable legacy to this town. We start with excerpts of her recollections of farm life, with slight edits for clarity and conciseness.

The land was very fertile, and water was not a problem. There seemed to be many



A team of horses plowing on the Riiska farm. Photo courtesy Riiska family.

underground springs that were permanent furnishers of cold, cold water. Everyone had large gardens planted according to the sizes of their families. As I remember it, they grew just about every vegetable, suitable for the climate, that was known at the time. As the crops matured, they took their needs out, and the balance was taken to Winsted or to Great Barrington and sold to the growers there. The gardens also had gooseberries, currants, rhubarb, and several of the "bush" condiments.

Three farms had cranberry bogs. Ours was one and I know for truth the largest, because we had a better water supply. Those who did have shared with those who didn't, so they could have preserves for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Everyone had fruit orchards, grapevines, berry patches and come winter you cut ice for the coming summer.

They had a "neat" system of getting produce to market. First, they took turns, one wagon for Winsted and one for Great Barrington. Each person brought their produce to the carrier's place – sometimes before day break, and helped with loading and getting him on his way. Then they went back after caring for his livestock, getting them milked or fed and turned out for the day.

The orchards produced summer apples starting with "snow apples," golden sweets, and went into "winter keepers," ending with Baldwins. You kept what you could and stored it for the winter, the rest was sold to markets.

Some farmers raised grains for their animals, and everyone had at least one or two fields of buckwheat. Reason – many had bees, and we all liked buckwheat honey, and buckwheat flour for pancakes.

When it was grain harvesting time, a schedule was set up (for) the harvesting and threshing machines (that) came through with teams and crews. It was about the dirtiest, nosiest, filthiest operation I have ever seen. I was not allowed to go anywhere near the crew, but I could watch from the orchard.

We had a small field of buckwheat and four or five fields of oats for the horses. I remember the grain grinder (hand turned) that was used for home use grain – very fine for the buckwheat flour and coarse for the corn meal. (Flour was bought in 25-pound bags or by the barrel). Wheat did not grow well in the area, so no one raised it.

Everyone had "syrup maples." Some farmers had a "maple orchard" (like) they had an apple orchard. Maple syrup was a cash crop and came at a time when you could do little else outside. Other cash crops (included) eggs – father had a flock (Rhode Island reds) of 200 birds – unusual at that time. Other cash crops were milk, veal calves, mutton, wool, lambs, honey, beef, fresh pork, ham, bacon, etc. ❧

This is Part One of a three-part series. Part Two, "Experiences," will appear in the March Times.

THANK YOU, SMITTY!



SMITTY HIMSELF

Representative William “Smitty” Pignatelli served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for 22 years, until his retirement this December. He wrote in the December 19 Berkshire Eagle: “Representing the 4th and now 3rd Berkshire District – my home – has been the greatest honor of my life. I wasn’t always successful, but I gave my best every single day. After nearly 50 years in public service, I retire as a public servant, not a politician.”

Asked by iBerkshires in 2016 of what work he was proud of, Smitty replied: Broadband. He said, “Sen. [Benjamin] Downing and I have been working really hard on this for a number of years and until I can stand in the middle of Sandisfield and tell that Verizon guy, ‘can you hear me now?’ That’s our mission. We’ve got to get this thing done and young people, who have greater minds than I have, can say ‘I’m working out of my home, I can access the outside world no problem.’”



Smitty honored the Arts Center’s 2016 season opening with a proclamation and his attendance. He is here with Alice Boyd, accepting on behalf of the Arts Center.

Photo: Peter Baiamonte



From *The Berkshire Edge*, September 19, 2022. Article/photo by Hannah Van Sickle.

New Boston to be listed on National Register of Historic Places

Denizens of New Boston in Sandisfield have new bragging rights after the village was approved by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the U.S. Department of the Interior for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

September 19, 2022 Finally, State Representative William “Smitty” Pignatelli invoked the memory of two individuals—his father, the late John Pignatelli, and Dave Kelly, “former long-time, longtime selectman in this community”—who were great friends. “On this historic day, I’m honored, honored to be here—and I can’t help but think of [them], two people that believed in the community and fought each and every day to make it special,” said Pignatelli. “Congratulations on a job well done, and good luck going forward in the future.”

From left, Sandisfield Town Manager Jonathan Sylbert poses with Select Board Members, Steve Seddon and Alex Bowman, and State Representative William “Smitty” Pignatelli, on Saturday’s dedication in the Sandisfield village of New Boston.



TRIBUTES TO SMITTY

LIANA TOSCANINI, RESIDENT AND PRESIDENT OF THE NONPROFIT CENTER OF THE BERKSHIRES

Smitty's greatest legacy is his belief that if he helped even just one person, it was a good day. He lives to serve and that made him a very accessible public servant, even to us way out here in Sandisfield. He helped individuals personally (like the time he intervened on my behalf when I had a major issue with Eversource); was quick to provide Citations from the House of Representatives for individual accomplishments (such as Town Clerk Dolores Harasyko's retirement); showed up to important community events such as the dedication of New Boston on the National Register of Historic Places; his testimonial at Sandisfield's Sestercentennial in 2012. Smitty effectively supported the Town when it mattered (such as getting getting Kinder Morgan to restore Cold Spring Road).

STICKING WITH SMITTY

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"Smitty is happiest when he can help someone. A deft and hands-on legislator, he has been intimately involved with the nonprofit sector providing every kind of support imaginable, from submitting legislation, to connecting organizations to resources and solutions, to hosting nonprofits on his radio show. I can't think of anyone who works harder, gives as much of his time and considerable talent, or is more accessible than Smitty.

Liana Toscanini
Executive Director, Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires

GEORGE RILEY, RESIDENT, FORMER SELECTMAN

Smitty was always available to help the Town and he did that on many issues. Probably the most outstanding one in my career as Selectman was the repair and paving of Route 57. When we decided to organize the four adjacent towns on this route to advocate jointly for this project, Smitty went to bat for us with the Department of Transportation to help get this done. From the reopening of York Lake to pushing special legislation for us, Smitty was always a reliable supporter of Sandisfield in a time when too often our "representatives" seem to represent only themselves. For Smitty, we felt that Sandisfield really mattered. We will miss his advocacy, his concern, and his willingness to help in so many ways.

DAWN ODELL LEMON (TINA), RESIDENT/TOWN BOOSTER

Smitty, your unwavering dedication to our community, relentless efforts to enhance the lives of others, and your genuine compassion makes you extraordinary. Thank you for your inspiring leadership and continued support; your impact will be felt long after you have moved on. Wishing you the best in the next chapter of your journey. You will be greatly missed.

RON BERNARD, RESIDENT, AUTHOR/HISTORIAN

Smitty supported this town unconditionally whether it was the pipeline fight or getting recognition of New Boston on the National Register or any important issue. We could count on him to be in our corner. Whenever the topic of the history of Sandisfield was discussed, Smitty would mention with pride that from an early age he was aware of the town and its rich past because his father was a long-time friend of Dave Kelly, an avid horseman and well-known figure here. Smitty is one of a kind.

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TRY OUR NEW WEBSITE

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Users have access to all current articles in a new web format. It is now possible to view individual articles on a desktop computer, laptop, or phone without having to download the PDF file.



The new website is an additional resource for The Times, along with a current PDF and hard copies of each issue that are distributed free of charge to all addresses in Sandisfield. The Times can also be found in our distribution box at the Transfer Station, at nearly all of the Town's business locations, as well as six locations in Otis, the Monterey Library, and locations in Colebrook and Southfield.

Larry has over 40 years computer experience and 30 years of web design. He has operated the websites Aviation Models (aviation-models.co) and The Aviation History Online Museum (aviation-history.com) since 1995.

Once he started last July, he had our new website up-and-running within a few weeks. "So far things are going pretty well," he said. "It takes about 16 hours to lay out and create the homepage and articles after they're initially laid out for the hard copy edition by Tina Sotis,



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Left and above: Screenshots of our new website.

the Graphic Designer. Once Tina has the issue ready for print, I download all the articles and get to work. Being retired allows me the time to devote to the paper and working on the paper allows me to keep my computer skills current."

As well as Sandisfield Times Web Editor, Larry volunteers at the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, Conn. He has extensive aviation background, having started work for Trans World Airlines at the age of 19 and working for TWA for 27 years at JFK Airport as aircraft mechanic, inspector, and Crew Chief. At the New England Air Museum, he volunteers in Aircraft Restoration and in the NEAM Library. 🇺🇸



Letters to the Editor

"Your new online format is Great!"
Peter Wool, Jupiter, Florida



School Days

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILY NEWS

Adapted by Sandisfield Times Staff

Elementary Principal Laurie Flower wished everyone a Happy New Year in her January Newsletter. "Let's make 2025 a fantastic year!"

Her January newsletter was filled with updates, reminders, and celebrations that highlight all the great things happening in the elementary school community. She wrote: "You'll find a spotlight on our Accelerated Reader Point Earners, as well as a creative showcase in our Bulletin Boards Montage. We've included important reminders about positive bus behavior and updates from Grades 6, 5, and Pre-K. We're also excited to share photos from our Dragon Eggs Reward, along with information about the RAC (Regional Advisory Council) from the school committee. Finally, don't miss the local event flyers to stay connected with our broader community. Thank you for your continued support and partnership."

She included a schedule of specific events in January, some of which occurred before our January 15 publication date for our combined Jan/Feb issue of The Times. But we can include:

- Martin Luther King Day on Monday, January 20. No school.
- The Ned Show Assembly on Wednesday, January 29 at 9:00 a.m. This show will inspire students and help them with mindset, perseverance, and character-building.
- WINTER BREAK from Monday, February 27 though Friday, February 21

JOIN OUR TEAM AS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

Are you looking for a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in your school community? Farmington River Regional Elementary is seeking enthusiastic and dedicated substitute teachers to support our students and staff. Whether you're a retired teacher, a recent graduate, or someone who loves working with children, we'd love to hear from you.

Substitute teaching offers flexibility and the chance to be part of our vibrant school community. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact us as frontoffice@frrsd.org for more details. 🏡

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Phone: 258-4966

Email: sandisfieldlibrary@gmail.com

Our new website: sandisfieldlibrary.org

How Did This Library Get Here?

Once upon a time, in a little town called Sandisfield nestled in the Berkshire Mountains, a group of people in the year 1807 formed a library association. They established two small libraries because it took half a day to get from New Boston to Montville in those days. One closed in 1837 and the other in 1853.

Fast forward to 1907 when the town library was reestablished at the James Merrill Store located at 147 Sandisfield Road. Coincidentally, the current library director makes her home at the former Merrill store and library. That library closed in 1923 and the town established a small library on Route 8. This tiny building housed the library until 1977.

In 1975, Flora Rhodes, the Town Clerk, led a fund drive to establish a new, bigger, better library. Land was donated by Angelo and Carol Campetti, grants were awarded, and with hard work and community spirit the Sandisfield Free Public Library was opened in October 1977. That is the story of Sandisfield's Public Library. Today it proudly wears a new paint job (just last year) and a new hat/roof, courtesy of the town Select Board. I invite you to come by and see the place, visit.

Sometimes people have preconceived notions of what is at the library, particularly this one – such as, there are only books for those of us who remember the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan show. That it is old, small, and shabby. And musty. Hardly worth a

visit, they might guess. Our library may be smaller than some but it is not just a room filled with old books in dusty jackets. There is a selection of historical papers and books on Sandisfield and the surrounding area, how-to books, non-fiction from recent New York Times bestsellers (*The Wager and the Ghosts of Honolulu*) to classic authors such as David McCullough and Tom Brokaw. The fiction section is kept updated with monthly new selections from both the New York Times Bestsellers list, NPR, and various other book review websites. There are over 3,000 books in this little library ranging from romance to mystery, to the philosophical and the comic. And that's just on the top floor. On the ground floor is "The Children's Area." Here is a cornucopia of books – picture books for the youngest of readers to older readers who enjoy the adventures of Harry Potter, the Babysitter's Club, and the Wimpy Kid Diaries. And it is not just a place to find a book to cozy up with. There are puzzles, Lincoln logs, Brio train sets, and more. Entertainment deluxe, with a back door that leads to the playground for more fun. The library also hosts various artists, musicians, magicians and yes, story tellers throughout the year. We, at the library, invite you to visit YOUR library. Tell us what interests you, what you would like to see at the library!

Check out our webpage at sandisfieldlibrary.org for more information on upcoming events.

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

- *Hidden roots of White Supremacy and the Path to a Shared American Future* by Robert P. Jones
- *The Little Liar* by Mitch Albom
- *Resurrection Walk* by Michael Connelly
- *Uhtred's Feast* by Bernard Cornwell
- *4th Wing* by Rebecca Yarros
- *The Ball at Versailles* by Danielle Steel
- *A City on Mars: Can we settle space, should we settle space, and have we really thought this through?* by Kelly Weinersmith and Zach Weinersmith
- *The Girl in the Eagle's Talons* by Karin Smirnoff

- *Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History* by Erik Larson
- *The Mystery Guest* by Nita Prose
- *Pretty Boys Are Poisonous: Poems* by Megan Fox
- *Robert B. Parker's Broken Trust* by Mike Lupica
- *So Late in the Day: Stories of Women and Men* by Claire Keegan
- *Iron Flame* by Rebecca Yarros

YOUNG ADULT / OLDER CHILDREN

- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid No Brainer* by Jeff Kinney
- *Cat Kid Comic Club #5: Influencers* by Dav Pilkey
- *Three* by Lauren Tarshis:
 1. *I Survived the American Revolution, 1776*
 2. *I Survived the Great Alaska Earthquake, 1964*
 3. *I Survived the Wellington Avalanche, 1910*

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- *The Big Cheese* by John Jory
- *Bunny with a Big Heart* by Zoe Waring

LIBRARIAN'S BOOK REVIEW

Isaac's Storm by Erik Larson. I must confess I enjoy reading Erik Larson's books. And this book gets 5 stars from me. The book is the true story of the devastating hurricane of September 8, 1900, that destroyed the growing city of Galveston, Texas, and of Isaac Cline, the resident meteorologist for the U.S. Weather Bureau who failed to grasp the true nature of the deep-sea swells and peculiar winds that greeted the city that morning. Hours later, Galveston (a city in competition to be bigger and better than Houston) found itself submerged in a monster hurricane that completely destroyed the town and killed over six thousand people in what remains the greatest natural disaster in American history. Larson writes of one man's heroic struggle and fatal miscalculation in the face of a storm of unimaginable magnitude, the devastation and personal tragedy faced by Galveston's residents. *Isaac's Storm* is a riveting story of what can happen when human arrogance meets the great uncontrollable force of nature. 📖



Scholarship Committee

PENNY AUCTION A GREAT SUCCESS

By Elaine O'Brien

Our Penny Auction Table and Raffle at this year's Holiday Fair at Firehouse #2 on December 7 added \$361 to the Sandisfield Scholarship Fund. Monetary donations added another \$825. A great success.

We thank everyone who donated an item or monetary gift, and thanks also to all those who purchased an envelope of numbers or a raffle ticket.

Sandisfield Scholarships are offered to all qualifying high-school seniors to help defray the costly expenses of furthering their education at either a two- or four-year college. If you are a graduating senior this year and would like some help paying for college expenses, please contact Elaine O'Brien at 413-269-4465 or Anina Carr at 413-258-3314. We'll be glad to send you an information packet. The application deadline is April 1, 2025.

As the current chairman of the Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank this year's new members for their exceptional help contacting donors and gathering diverse items to place on the Penny Auction Table. A big thank you to Shannon Chapman, Ally Marks, Pat Richard, and long-standing member Anina Carr. ♥



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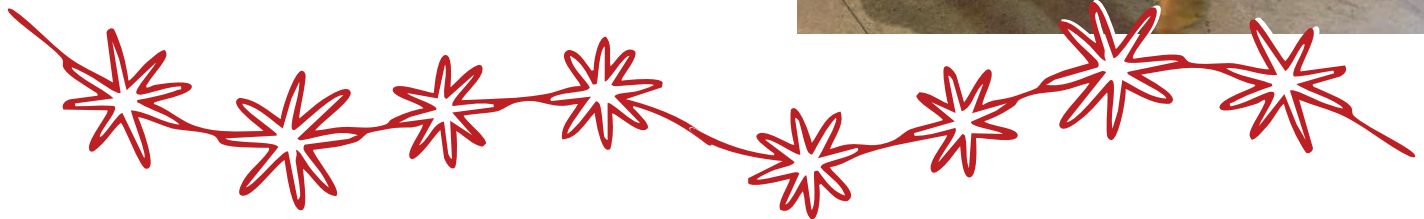
SOME OF OUR HOLIDAY



Holiday Fair

Brisk business at the Annual Holiday Fair, Firehouse #2, December 7.

Photos: Sandisfield Times



COA Luncheon

A good turnout and good camaraderie at the Council on Aging's Holiday Luncheon, December 19.

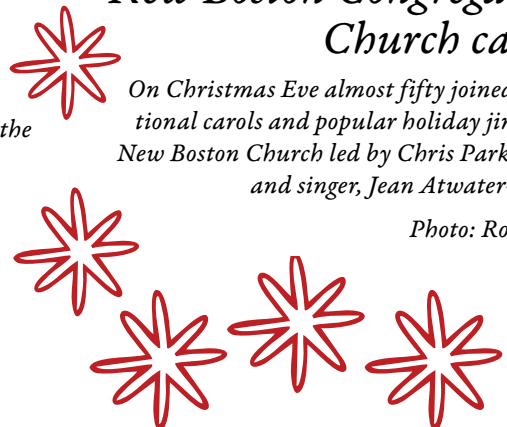
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New Boston Congregational Church caroling

On Christmas Eve almost fifty joined for traditional carols and popular holiday jingles at the New Boston Church led by Chris Park (organist) and singer, Jean Atwater-Williams.

Photo: Ron Bernard



CELEBRATIONS



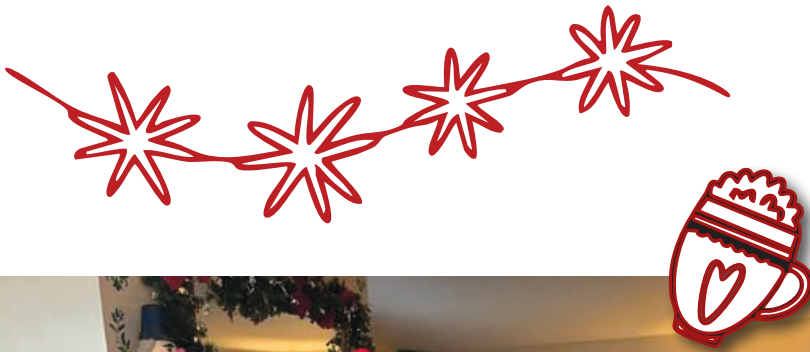
At Berkshire Rehab

From left, Chris Park, Karlene Blass, Christine Nadelman, Steve Pincus, and Jean Atwater-Williams entertain Berkshire Rehab residents, New Boston, December 19.



Mr. Santa Claus visited Sandisfield in December to deliver the news to local kids whether they'd been naughty or nice this year. Being Sandisfield kids, all were adjudged "nice." Here Santa visits with Isla Murray, 6, daughter of Mike and Katie Murray of Town Hill Road. Isla is a first-grader at Farmington River. In his day job, Santa is Jake Blass.

Photo: Maria Ahlin



Cookie Swap

A great time at the Recreation Committee's "Cookie Swap" at the New Boston Inn, December 8. Photo Lynn Rubenstein/Connect Sandisfield

recreation COMMITTEE

SANTA VISITS SANDISFIELD

By Laurie Seddon

What did Santa shout as he came into Fire Station #2 while ringing his sleigh bells?

"Ho! Ho! Ho!"

Dozens of Sandisfield kids were waiting to ask Santa for their most desired Christmas wishes on a cold and snowy Saturday in December. When he arrived they patiently lined up and waited their turn.

Each child got to speak with Santa one on one, and then received an early gift. Lots of smiles and photos were snapped. Many of the children were dressed in festive attire to greet Santa.

Every one of them made the "nice" list this year.

The Rec Committee thanks the Sandisfield Historical Society for organizing the Annual Holiday Fair again this year. There was a great turnout and the Penny Auction to benefit the Sandisfield Scholarship Committee was a great success.

A special thank you to the Sandisfield Fire Department for loaning us the space to host this beloved traditional event. We hope to see everyone again next year.

The Sandisfield Recreation Committee is taking a break for the winter. Please stay in touch for our upcoming Spring/Summer events. To get on our mailing list for information throughout the year and for news of events when we start up again in the spring, please send a note to us at sandisfieldevents@recreationcommittee.info.

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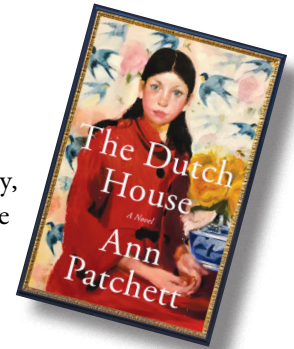
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Sandisfield Ladies Book Club

Sandisfield Ladies Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sandisfield Library. The meeting will be a review of *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. There will be a crock-pot dinner at the meeting. Please bring a dish to share.

This meeting will also include a discussion and vote on the book reading list for 2025. 🗳️



Free Acoustic Music Series Begins

MONTHLY EVENTS AT THE TOLLAND PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

By Sandisfield Times Reporters

The Tolland Cultural Council has announced a monthly acoustic music series beginning February 15, an open-mic night.

The coffee house-style events will be open and free to all.

The Council is planning events through October. They will take place at the Tolland Public Safety Complex where light refreshments will be offered, along with “walk-in” and scheduled music.

Coordinator Kristine Seney said, “The series is intended to gather the community and to share talent.”

- Where: Tolland Public Safety Complex, 204 West Granville Road
- When: Saturday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.
- Sign up: At the event

For more information: see Tolland town website or Tolland Facebook page. Contact: CulturalCouncil@tolland-ma.com

The series is supported in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. 🗳️



Comings and Goings



DANIEL MUNSON

1946-2024

Daniel Munson, 78, of Sandisfield passed away peacefully on December 31, 2024.

Born January 31, 1946, in Hartford, Conn., he was the son of the late William and Elmore (Petrini) Munson.

Dan proudly served in the United States Air Force at McGuire Air Force Base during the Vietnam War and continued his service with the Air Force Reserve in Chicopee, Mass.

Known for his mechanical talent, polite demeanor, and vibrant personality, Dan brought warmth and joy to every gathering and will be deeply missed by all who knew him. An accomplished auto mechanic, Dan excelled in working on cars, trucks, and boats throughout his career.

His generosity extended far beyond his profession, always offering a helping hand to those in need.

A passionate boating enthusiast and fisherman, Dan enjoyed countless adventures exploring Long Island Sound with family and friends.

He was an active participant in numerous card leagues, an avid sports fan, and the life of the party, where his dancing skills often took center stage.

Dan's leadership and dedication shone brightly during his tenure as Commander of American Legion Post 80 in Enfield, Conn. His tireless efforts in organizing events, running meetings, bartending, and assisting with various projects left a lasting impact on the community.

Dan is survived by his loving children: daughter Melissa and her husband Jim Bocek, son Danny and his wife Heather Munson, and daughter Erika and her husband Brian Nagle. He also leaves his sister Adele and her husband James McGuire, his brother William Munson, and his brother David and sister-in-law Ann Munson. Dan will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Amanda, Joshua, Haley, and Mary, his great-grandchildren Richard, Jasmine, Calla, and Azalea and many cherished nieces and nephews.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the many individuals who supported and cared for Dan over the years. Your kindness and efforts meant more than words can express.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice in Dan's memory. Family and friends honored Dan's life on January 7, 2025. A committal service with military honors was held at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Agawam.

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JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 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 Old Town Hall at 3 Silverbrook Road, sponsored by the Council on Aging. For more information, contact Nina Carr (258-3314). Free.

New Boston Church Worship Service on Sunday, January 26 at 10:00 a.m. For more information and to view the calendar, visit newbostoncongregationalchurch.org. All are welcome. The New Boston Congregational Church is located on Route 57.

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New Boston Church Worship Service on Sunday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. For more information and to view the calendar, visit newbostoncongregationalchurch.org. All are welcome. The New Boston Congregational Church is located on Route 57.

New Boston Church Council Meeting on Sunday, February 9 at 11:30 a.m. For more information, visit newbostoncongregationalchurch.org.

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.

Actress Sheryl Faye as Eleanor Roosevelt on Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m., a virtual performance via Zoom. The Otis Historical Commission and Otis Preservation Trust hosts its third Notice Otis cultural event of the 2024-2025 year. A discussion about Eleanor Roosevelt's tie to Otis will follow the one-woman performance by Sheryl Faye. Admission is free but pre-registration is required. Visit www.optin.today to register for the event.



EVENTS IN SURROUNDING TOWNS

Crafting Conversation with Susie Kandt on Wednesdays, January 8 through April 30 from 3:00 to 5:00 at Berkshire South Community Center in Great Barrington. Bring your current project to Berkshire South and work alongside others in a casual and friendly atmosphere focused on creativity and light conversation. This is a great opportunity for people looking to connect with the creative community. Free.

Berkshire Grown Winter Farmers Market on Saturdays, January 18 and February 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Housy Dome on 1064 Main Street in Housatonic. Featuring locally grown and produced foods, including greens, winter squash, root crops, apples, cheese, meats, honey, maple syrup, baked goods, and more. Local musicians perform.

Nature Journaling for the New Year with Lara Tupper on Sunday, January 26, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Becket Athenaeum on 3367 Main Street in Becket. Pause to consider the effects of the winter season on your body and mind. There will be a short walk outside to hone the senses. Please bring a notebook and a pen. Registration is required (bit.ly/BA-winter-words). Refreshments will be served.

Early Bird Spotting Hike for Families on Sunday, February 9, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Thomas & Palmer Brook Reserve in Great Barrington. Search for returning birds and other sign of the coming spring. Participants will receive a take-home kit to attract feathered friends in their own backyards. Visit bnrc.org for more information and to register.

Valentine's Sip & Stroll on Sunday, February 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Whiting Mills Makers Shoppes on 100 Whiting Street in Winsted, Connecticut. For more information, visit whitingmills.com.

5th Annual Stockbridge Library Ice Festival on Saturday, February 15, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the lawn of the Stockbridge Library.

Winterfest on Sunday, February 16 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Monterey Community Center. Hot dogs, chili, cookies, s'mores, cocoa, cider, music, candle-making, sledding (BYO), and a fire pit. Free. Blizzard date is February 17. For more information, visit ccmonterey.org.

Family Winter Wilderness Adventure with Tes Reed for ages 6-12 with a parent or guardian on Monday, February 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bundle up, pack a hearty lunch, and head into the wild winter landscape! Wilderness educator Tes Reed will create an outdoor adventure for you and your family that includes wildlife tracking, games, making snow shelters, and building a fire. Free but registration is required (berkshiresouth.org/community-adult/).

SANDISFIELD TOWN DIRECTORY

JANUARY, 2025

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