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Dear Readers

Twenty-twenty-five will be long-remembered as a year of turmoil in Sandisfield. Town officials and residents faced a continuous stream of surprises and challenges. Results have been overcome or mixed and some remain certain to continue into next year.

A necessary but contentious debate with our Otis neighbor about the future of the Farmington River Regional School was resolved – without acrimony – a win-win thanks to our diligent and hard-working School Committee.

On the other hand, unfortunate and even sensational developments in the fire and police departments produced chaos and hard feelings which may not dissipate for some time. People are exhausted. See Letter from the Editor on page 3.

Through all this your community paper was a source of fair and balanced reporting. The Times tried not to judge or add to the confusion, but to inform which should be the primary mission for any newspaper.

We hope that our readers – whether paid subscribers, free home delivery, or online still without a paywall – appreciate and value The Sandisfield Times.

For nearly sixteen years, The Times has been free to read. The aggregate CPI increase during this period was 42 percent, and the cost to produce and deliver your paper as free has risen proportionally. Also, new features and improvements were made. Our business model survives because of good fiscal management, the generosity of a small pool of donors, and an all-volunteer editorial and operations staff.

Do you remember 2007-10 when no newspaper or even newsletter existed in Sandisfield? The Times has filled that void.

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The Board and staff wish you joyous holidays and a wonderful New Year.

Tom Christopher
President of the Board

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Christopher".



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