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FIRE AND ICE

McKibben and Halpern Consider the State of our Future

by Robbi Hartt

“The future is what you make it,” noted environmentalist Bill McKibben tells his students. But what if their future is really what we grown-ups have *already* made it? According to George Orwell, “Who controls the past” controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past’—which may cause us to reconsider the validity of Yogi Berra’s quip, “The future ain’t what it used to be.” There were moments when the black cloud of reality parted for a brief ray of hope during an August 14 presentation by Bill McKibben and Sue Halpern at the New Marlborough Meeting House. But even as late afternoon breezes wafted through open windows, a storm of alarming warnings and statistics kept an audience of roughly 180 alert and frankly chastened.



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Sue Halpern and Bill McKibben on stage at the New Marlborough Meeting House

“I’m known as Mrs. Doom, and my partner here is Mr. Doom,” Sue Halpern wryly observed in her introduction. Partners for the talk and husband and wife in real life, Mr. McKibben and Ms. Halpern clearly

communicated their passion for preserving the environment and our humanity. The depth of their knowledge and urgency with which they addressed the issues under discussion — technology, artificial intelligence, and climate change — created a compelling conversation for the new “Write! Read! Talk!” series at the New Marlborough Meeting House.

Ms. Halpern, a well-known author who writes on science, technology, and politics for *The New York Times Magazine*, *Rolling Stone*, and *The New Republic*, and regularly contributes to *The New Yorker* and *The New York Review of Books*, titled her talk: “The Future You Can Have.” Her message, however, was more sharply focused on the future we are all *likely* to have if we continue to allow our “smart” devices to shape our perceptions. AI (artificial intelligence), Ms. Halpern explained, is a way of capitalizing on all of the big data generated with algorithms to accomplish a specific task. While she noted many positive uses, such as conducting cancer research and detecting plagiarism, she warned that AI and machine learning are becoming so omnipresent that we are growing ignorant of the power they hold over us. Coming to terms with it is the only way to hold onto our collective humanity, she claimed.

“When you do a Google search,” Ms. Halpern explained, “Google looks for the answers that it determines are the best fit for you” — based on age, race, gender, income, and a host of other criteria stored in your profile. “Historically, whites get prioritized,”

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she noted, “which continues the cycle of white privilege.” The intent is not pernicious, but “computers do what they do because humans tell them what to do.” It follows then, she argued, that artificial intelligence reflects the bias of both the humans programming it and the tasks they are building it to address. And, since all search responses are based on historical data, they are not only limited but often replicate historical harm.

Ms. Halpern gave two examples: First, the employer who uses AI to rank the resumes he receives to determine which candidates to interview. Since the search response is based on the hiring practices of the past, say, ten years, which favored white men, the list it generates includes only white males. Second, countless police departments use AI to determine areas in which to concentrate their patrols. Because AI responses are based on where arrests occur, there is a self-perpetuating cause and effect. Greater police presence results in more arrests, so the same areas continue to be targeted.

Searching the internet can impact a person’s credit score as well. Credit worthiness used to be based strictly on bills and payment history; they now include a person’s internet searches, friends, and shopping patterns — producing algorithms based on human assumptions. “If one assumption is wrong, each attribute after, predicated on that assumption, snowballs in the wrong direction,” Ms. Halpern cautioned.

So, is there any good news in all of this? Yes. When

citizens take ownership of these realities, they can make a difference. Ms. Halpern highlighted a growing list of U.S. cities that have banned the use of facial recognition software and programs that predict when crimes will

occur, and also cited recent voter turnout campaigns, which used grassroots efforts like texts and phone calls to inspire neighbors to act. “David has more power over Goliath than we think,” she said, closing on a note of encouragement.

If, by then, anyone had escaped feeling uncomfortable about the future, Mr. McKibben lowered the boom in his talk “The Future You Don’t Want.” First known for his 1989 book *The End of Nature*, Mr. McKibben is widely recognized now as co-founder of 350.org, an international climate campaign that works in 188 countries. He noted in his opening remarks that although NASA scientist James Hansen first brought the climate crisis to our attention thirty years ago, it is only now becoming clear to everyone. While most New Marlborough residents will remember this July as the wettest in memory, globally and nationally it will go down as the hottest one, with 122 degree Fahrenheit temperatures recorded in Italy and British Columbia, in addition to raging wildfires, extensive flooding, and massive heat waves in so many parts of our country.

What does this mean? For those of us who like to reassure ourselves that the average temperature has only increased 1 degree Celsius — 2 degrees Fahrenheit so far, Mr. McKibben stunned the audience



Bill McKibben: The extra heat is equivalent to that of 400,000 detonated atomic bombs.

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Sue Halpern: Citizens need to take control of AI.

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with this comparison: “The extra heat trapped is equivalent to 400,000 Hiroshima bombs exploding.” Because the Arctic ice is melting, jet streams no longer operate as they used to, and gulf streams are transferring heat from the equator to the poles. “This change of 1 degree Celsius has thrown all of the major systems in the world in flux,” he said, “and it’s going to get a lot worse.” If we keep on our current trajectory, he warned, the temperature will go up 3 degrees Celsius by 2030, and at that point, we won’t have the civilizations we currently have. “It won’t simply be three times as bad as it is now; we will have hit the exponential tipping point.”

How do we avoid an apocalypse? Cut greenhouse emissions in half and figure out how to keep global warming to under 2 degrees Celsius. Mr. McKibben offered two promising possibilities to achieve these goals: by using renewable energy and by coming together to work for

change through cooperative movements, rather than relying on divisive politics. This, clearly, is easier said than done. “This is a fight with fossil fuel energy,” he stated.

“The fight is not about data and reason but about money and power.

“We know the depth of the opposition now,” he continued. Exxon, for example, denied contributing to any predicted temperature increase as early as the 1980s, even as it started building higher offshore oil rigs to address the anticipated rise in sea levels. “That was the most consequential lie,” he lamented, “because it cost us time.” Solar panels and

electric cars offer some relief, but the most important thing, according to Mr. McKibben, is that we forget the old mantra to “be an individual” and instead start coming together with other people to become a movement. He cited Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, as well as New Marlborough teenagers Cecilia Caldwell and Isabella Kemp, in saying that we all need to become informed and rally our friends to increase our influence.

The fact that the first climate control legislation is currently being considered by Congress provides a ray of hope. And that colleges and universities are divesting fossil fuels from their pension funds is another good development. But Mr. McKibben’s real hope lies in the possibility of putting pressure on big banks and insurance companies to stop lending money for and insuring pipelines. “Washington no longer runs the world; Wall Street does,” he said. So the key, from his perspective, is reducing the size of the fossil fuel industry. Organizations and movements already exist to help us do that.

If anyone in the largely over-sixty crowd was hoping to pass the buck to the next generation, Mr. McKibben pressed them to reconsider. “The major responsibility falls on your shoulders,” he stated, “since 90 percent of the damage occurred in your lifetime.” And as the producer of 25 percent of the global carbon footprint, Americans, with just 4 percent of its population, cannot pass the blame to China and Russia. “Our first act [referring again to Americans] was upheaval, with the Women’s Movement and the Civil Rights Movement. Our second act was privatized consumerism. Our third act needs to be taking power and translating it to change,” he urged, stressing that young people need to see elders taking responsibility. “The Earth,” he said, “is miles out of its comfort zone. We need to be, too.” □



The capacity audience was both chastened and impressed.

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July 26: An assessment of rain-damaged dirt roads together with a hoped-for speed-up of the repair to Campbell Falls Bridge; appointment of Jessica Horan as town treasurer; awards of materials contracts for the Highway Department; renewal of property-assessment and tax-mapping contracts

The torrential rains that soaked the area for the better part of July have taken a serious toll on the Town's dirt roads, perhaps none more so than on Campbell Falls Road. Chairman Richard Long opened the Zoom meeting by asking whether there were any new developments regarding the washout there. Highway Superintendent Chuck Loring described what happened as more of a landslide than a washout, saying, "The whole bank became saturated and slid down towards the [Whiting] river," jeopardizing a full five feet of roadway.

Temporary repairs have been made by one of Joe Wilkinson's crews, but as Selectman Mark Carson, who has been monitoring the situation, noted, "If we have another major storm the road will be seriously compromised," no small matter as it would leave nine families in the Berkshire Woods area completely cut off, with no way out. Engineers, said Mr. Carson, have been called in to determine what needs to be done to shore up the road on a more permanent basis, although that will not be possible in time to stem the immediate crisis. In addition, the costs associated to completely stabilize the road could run into six figures or more.

In the meantime the state is going to try to expedite part of the decking on the Campbell Falls bridge, which is closed and due for replacement, so there could be emergency access from the other side. This would give Berkshire Woods residents a way out, if the road becomes impassable, but that could be weeks or

even months away. Meanwhile, according to Town Administrator Mari Enoch, the Town is trying to get funding from the Federal Emergency Management Administration. "We've suffered quite a bit of damage, and it's posing quite a financial hardship," she said. "Very unexpected and right at the beginning of our [fiscal] year."

Moving on to more routine matters, the Board voted to appoint Jessica Horan to the position of treasurer, replacing Bob Noonan, who resigned in June for reasons of health. Ms. Horan, a resident of Colebrook, Connecticut, has been an accounts payable specialist with the Torrington Water Company for the past six years, and before that worked in a similar capacity for the law offices of Nair & Levin, PC in Bloomfield. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Charter Oak State College in New Britain and an associate's degree in business and management administration from Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Her appointment is contingent on her being bonded and passing a Criminal Offender Record Information check.

On the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Loring, the Board voted to award highway materials contracts for various grades and sizes of crushed and washed stone, processed gravel, rip rap, fill, top soil, and crushed coarse winter sand to Century Aggregates and Segalla Sand & Gravel, both of Canaan. It also awarded a contract for heavy equipment rental services to Joe Wilkinson & Sons, and a tree work contract to John W. Field Tree Service. The Board then renewed the Town's contract with Paul S. Kapinos and Associates, which has been performing property assessments for the Town for seventeen years, and the contract with CAI Technologies for tax mapping services. Both agreements are for three years.

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July 29: An emergency update on repairs to Campbell Road

Highway Superintendent Loring, joining the Board at an in-person meeting, told the selectmen that the work that has been done to date was essentially a stop-gap measure just to keep Campbell Falls Road open. As previously reported there are nine families living on the road who would be completely cut off if the road becomes impassable.

The next step in the stabilization process, Mr. Loring said, will be to drive steel sheeting into the embankment. Before voting to approve a \$48,650 contract with L B Corp. of Lee to do so, the Board heard from Conservation Commission Chairman John Schreiber, present for the meeting, who said the embankment work will require an emergency permit from the Department of Environmental Protection, (DEP). "Even emergency work," said Dr. Schreiber, "requires permitting, particularly as this is river front." He added that, in a coincidental bit of good fortune, Mark Stinson, the DEP regional circuit rider, would be in New Marlborough the following day to evaluate the work proposed to repair the old stone bridge at Campbell Falls, and planned to combine an inspection of Campbell Falls Road to determine what will be required in permitting there. In the Town's favor, Dr. Schreiber added, "is that you guys," nodding at the selectmen, "declared a town emergency, which provides Stinson with what he needs for ammo for going back to [DEP in] Boston."

Selectman Tara White, who is also the town accountant, reminded the Board that even the nearly \$50,000 contract with L B could not be covered by available Town funds. "Obviously," she said, "we're hoping that FEMA's going to come through, but with how much

we don't know. So we need to be aware that down the road we may need to have a special town meeting to get money to cover the stabilization costs."

That said, the Board went ahead and approved the contact, after which the meeting was adjourned.

August 4: A special hearing to review a dog-biting-a-walker incident

With all three members attending via Zoom, the Board held a Nuisance or Dangerous Dog Hearing regarding a dog bite incident that took place on Adsit Crosby Road on June 5. According to a complaint filed by Sarah Mottola of 352 Adsit Crosby Road, she was walking her miniature dachshund, Frankie, on a leash when a two-year-old, 90-pound female Malamute, named Xanadu, owned by Olen Dick and Lauren Rosen of 416 Adsit Crosby Road, came charging towards her, knocking

her to the pavement, and biting her on the shoulder. Fortunately, by the time of the attack, Frankie was safely in her arms.

The complaint goes on to state that a neighbor, Arnold Cohen, who was nearby, was able to drag the Malamute off Ms. Mottola. The attack required a visit to Fairview Hospital, where the bite wound was closed with stitches. The hospital reported the incident to the New Marlborough animal inspector.

Ms. Mottola in a formal complaint, according to Chairman Long, has asked the Board to designate the Malamute as a dangerous dog.

The hearing, which lasted an hour and forty minutes, received testimony from Xanadu's owners, Mr. Dick and Ms. Rosen, who were away in California at the time of the incident, and their pet-sitter Mary Kate McTeigue, who was walking the dog when she got loose. In addition to Ms. Mattola, it also heard from Animal Control Officer

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Cassie Keeley and Animal Inspector Prue Spaulding, both of whom became involved in the case. Also present via Zoom was Town Counsel Jeremia Pollard.

For their part, Mr. Dick and Ms. Rosen said they're devastated by what happened to Ms. Mottola, that Xan, as they refer to the dog, has never done anything like this before or since, and that since the incident they've enrolled the dog in obedience training, had her spayed, and ordered a five-foot fence for their property. They've also agreed not to walk the dog on Adsit Crosby Road when Ms. Mottola is outside walking her dachshund. "And if there's anything else we can do to make her feel better, all she needs to do is ask," declared Ms. Rosen.

Animal Control Officer Cassie Keeley argued in her testimony that the dog is still young, had not had any training at the time of the incident, and that it was clear the dog sitter didn't have control of the dog. The dog, she went on to say, has been in training since the incident, and the change in her behavior since has been dramatic. "And I am fully convinced that the dog was not going after Sarah and that it's not interested in people. I'm 100 percent convinced of that," she said.

Saying it's a hard decision the Board has to make, Animal Inspector Spaulding said on the one hand, "I think what the Dicks have done to work on controlling the dog is wonderful, and they've only been doing the training for a month and a half, not even that, and look at the change in behavior according to Cassie's report. But the thing that bothers me is I saw the lesion on Sarah's arm, and this to me is a serious thing to have a dog that will bite someone when they are carrying another dog."

Ms. Mottola responded that she would feel safer for herself and Frankie if Xanadu were muzzled when she is out in public. "I'm terrified, and I have an eight-year-old

child who's with me full time, and if the dog wasn't able to bite, I would just feel a lot better."

After hearing the lengthy testimony, Chairman Long said, "I ask myself what if that small animal was actually a very small child." It was his judgement, he said, that Xanadu should be declared a dangerous dog, leaving the Board to decide on a range of actions, all the way

to having the dog put down. This the Board declined to stipulate, but ordered that she be humanely muzzled and restrained by a chain or other tethering device having a tensile strength of 300 pounds, not to exceed three feet, and under the command of someone capable of restraining the dog whenever she was outdoors. After agreeing to revisit the complaint in a year, the Board called on Town

Counsel Pollard to draft the order for their review and signing. And with that the hearing was adjourned.

Earlier in the afternoon the Board convened a special meeting to formalize a job offer to Brittany Walsh as administrative assistant to Chief Graham Frank, a new position with the Police Department. However, Ms. Walsh, who has a degree in criminal justice, subsequently turned the offer down.

Peter Schuyten

August 9: A brief meeting in which the Board approved an alcohol license; heard a report on the Senior Tax Work-off program; decided how to pay off the borrowing to repair Hatchery Road; discussed possible financing of repair of dirt roads suffering rain damage in July; appointed an administrative assistant to the Police Department.

The meeting got off to a start with the granting of an alcohol license — and waiving the usual \$50 fee — to the Fire Department so that beer could accompany the August 21 Pig Roast, for some the culinary event of the year. (As readers now know, despite cancelation of the

The Board declined more draconian measures but asked that Xanadu be humanely muzzled and restrained when out-of-doors.

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This was followed by a report on the Senior Tax Work-Off Program for the fiscal year ending June 30 by Prue Spaulding, director of senior services with the Council on Aging. **Fifteen seniors, she said, worked 777 hours. Four of the seniors worked more than 200 hours in excess of the number for which the program allowed compensation, making these a generous contribution to the welfare of the community,** said Prue. The Board thanked Prue for the report, and Chairman Richard Long noted that it “was an important program for the town.”

In a discussion of the \$210,000 loan the Town voted to approve to repair Hatchery Road, the Board rejected a Capital Planning Committee recommendation that the loan repayment be stretched to seven to ten years. It went for its original plan for a five-year loan. Using a spreadsheet that compared starting repayment of principal in FY22 versus delaying principal payments for a year, it elected to start in FY22.

This was followed by a consideration of the more immediate quandary of paying for repair of dirt roads storm-damaged in July. The selectmen pointed out that

some \$93,000 was paid to an outside contractor, Joe Wilkinson, in the week following the initial deluge. The Board was awaiting assessments from both the Federal and Massachusetts Emergency Management Agencies to get a handle on the potential size of governmental assistance. Selectman Mark Carson said that the town would be visited by staff members of FEMA and MENA to determine whether there will be governmental funding of road repair.

Turning its attention to staffing the position of Police Department administrative assistant, the Board noted that one of three applicants seemed particularly strong. Selectman Richard Long suggested that Police Chief Graham Frank interview her. **At this point, Chief Frank, present via Zoom, interjected that he was “completely comfortable with going forward” with Traci Stoddard, an applicant he had already interviewed.** Although she would need training, said Chief Frank, “she is more than qualified.” The Board approved of making Ms. Stoddard an offer.

After reviewing the minutes of three past meetings, this one adjourned. □

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GARDEN WARS

Battling Weeds and Other Invaders

By Nan Smith

How did our neighborhood gardeners manage with this, New Marlborough's wettest July on record (see page 21)?

At my house, I am pleasantly surprised that my garden kept growing despite my completely ignoring it for July. When the rain started and my family arrived for an extended stay, I left the garden alone. But the plants kept on without me, and even though I have a ton of weeds to deal with now, I am getting a lot of vegetables. The rain did not hurt as much as I would have expected. Almost everything is thriving. I got more potatoes than ever. I do have fewer tomatoes than normal. Now that the mosquitoes are not as intense I will slowly start to get rid of the weeds.

Here is a small sampling of stories from other town gardeners:

Joyce Hackett: Between the spring heat, the rain, the Japanese beetles, and the gypsy moth caterpillars, I'm half expecting Charlton Heston to walk down the driveway as Ben Hur, shouting "Let my people GO!"

Mel Podsiadlo: The weeds in my garden got so big, so fast that I essentially gave up. The rabbits in my yard are thriving.

Kenzie Fields: Sad report here....lots of leaves....no tomatoes!!! things in pots, watered for the first time this weekend, are happy.

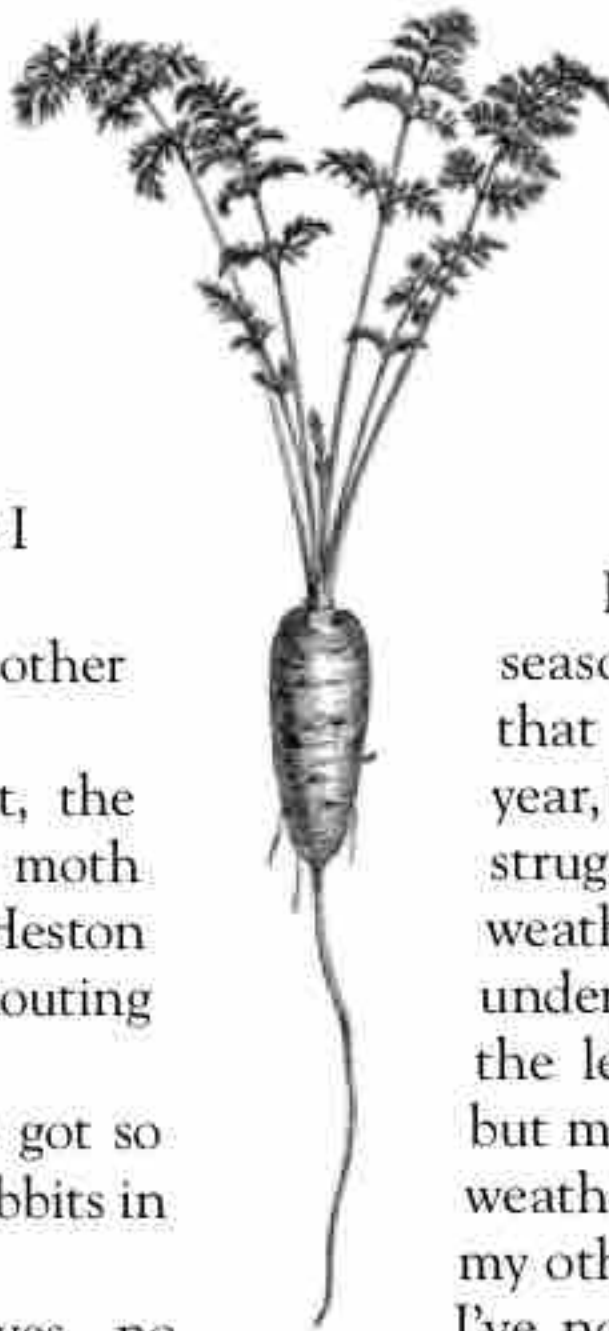
Fiona Kerr: I loved the rain to begin with, as it saved me a bit of watering, but then my tomatoes started to suffer — lots of leaves turned brown and died. Now my crop is much smaller than usual and the tomatoes are a bit tasteless and floury, which is unusual. Also, the weeds grew ten times as fast as my plants, I have given up


trying to weed my asparagus bed completely! The beans however seemed to have loved it and have thrived. So did the poppies that I threw out amongst my flowers — they were beautiful this year.

Cynthia Atwood: Cherry tomatoes, usually spreading everywhere, are dismal and scraggly. Greens in raised beds were fantastic if the rabbits weren't enjoying themselves so much. In the raised beds the giant zinnias and sunflowers, cosmos too, are thriving. My raspberries never get this much water so maybe a good crop in the fall, Rabbits and voles feasted on my broccoli and green beans, gone in a flash — and I have my doubts about the Brussels sprouts. Next year: all flowers.

Liz Goodman: Wow, what a crazy growing season! First, we had a hot, dry June and then that wet July. I did not plant sweet corn this year, but the pumpkins and gourds I did plant are struggling with all that rain, and then the hot dry weather we've had recently just cooked the roots underground — they are not doing well, to say the least! Tomatoes are struggling with disease, but most other things are doing great! This crazy weather has been wonderful for my dahlias and all my other veggies are in raised beds. The one thing I've noticed is that all the cloudy, rainy weather we had in July slowed down pollination, so plants that need a long growing season, like melons, may not produce in time.

Pamela Hardcastle: As it stands, now that it's August, I feel redeemed, because I can sit on my porch and watch the hummingbirds and bees and birds I have yet to ID in large numbers feeding on all of the wildness. What used to be my highly productive, currently mostly abandoned,





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barely tended veg gardens now is filled with what just grew: jewelweed, honeysuckle vine, joe pye weed, and, yes! raspberries. Finding beauty in all.

Tom Brazie: The rain, yes, a lot of it! I guess I would say that the biggest lesson to be learned in agriculture is to appreciate and adapt to every situation in a positive manner, otherwise you'll never get out alive! We are so very far behind with our haying that it is scary! However, it has been a great grass-growing season for the cows. I tell them every day to fill up now because it might be a sparse winter. They are excellent at pruning the grass rain or shine. The wet ground allows their heavy hooves to aerate deeper and expose more of the

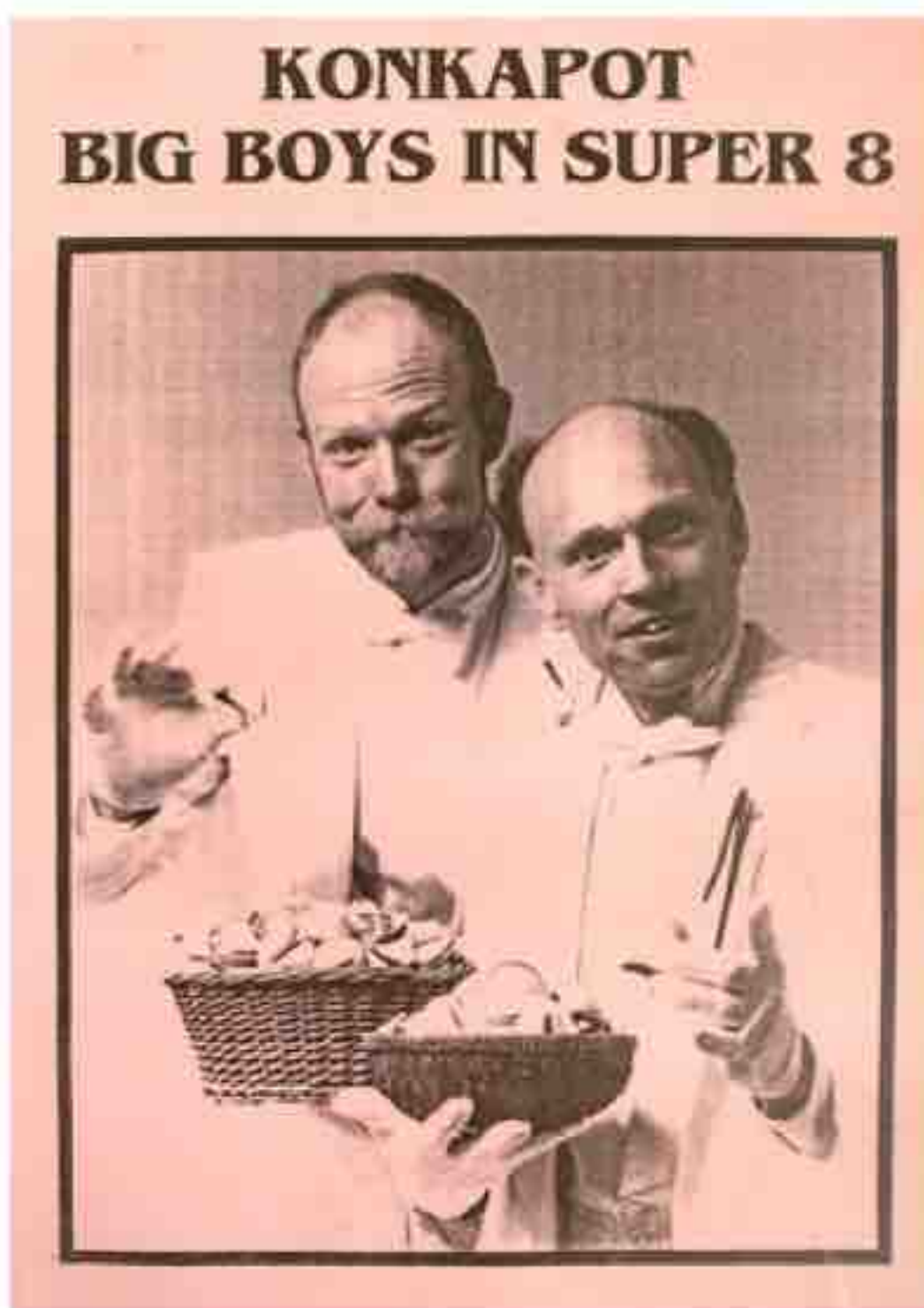
stored seed banks, allowing new grasses an opportunity to germinate. Getting the equipment out in the fields to water and distribute grain has been difficult, but, again, we adapt and find new efficiencies. I would say that the biggest struggle of so much rain is not having the sun to recharge our batteries. I get very run down, but it only takes an hour or two of sunlight to offer hope and improve my attitude. The same goes for all the farmers that work with me. It has been a trying summer, but we take it in stride. I'll take an overabundance of rain over drought any day!

Please share your gardening stories with me at nansmith225@gmail.com. □

KONKAPOT BIG BOYS FILM FESTIVAL

In the decade and a half from 1979 to 1994, New Marlborough was briefly an epicenter of cinematic creativity. A group calling itself The Konkapot Big Boys would, as the spirit moved them, venture into nearby woods and fields, camera in hand, to create antic movies, ranging in lengths of ninety seconds to ninety minutes.

Their guiding spirit was Sanjiban Sellew, who had been given a sleek new Beaulieu movie camera. His fertile imagination, augmented in partnership with twin brother John and cousin Sam Mills, dreamed up scenarios for some forty films in all. They identified with the Konkapot River, the swimming and fishing venue of youths



spent mostly outdoors. "The films," says Mr. Mills, "were an extension of our backyard shenanigans." The "Big Boys" in the name "was a bit of playful braggadocio," he adds.

On October 1, starting at 7:30 p.m., major elements of their oeuvre will be shown at the New Marlborough Meeting House. Presented by the New Marlborough Historical Society, the program hopes to illuminate a rollicking moment of creative energy in New Marlborough's not-too-distant past. Hope you can join us. □

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Post members Ann Riou and James Parrish have researched the Roster of New Marlborough Civil War Veterans from the official "Bounty Record Book" (transcribed by the late John Sisson). It is possible, however, that the record book missed names that should have been

included. There could also be those from New Marlborough who served with Connecticut units, some of whom are buried in New Marlborough cemeteries.

We are asking those with long family histories in town to check this list to make sure ancestors known to have been in the military (any service) during the Civil War are included. Please contact David Hastings (413-229-3086; email: marydavidhastings@aol.com), Post Commander Courtney Turner, or any other member of Post 350. You can also write to: Harold D. Rood Legion Post 350, PO Box 231, Southfield, MA 01259. □

David Hastings

NEW MARLBOROUGH VETERANS

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NEW MARLBOROUGH
MEETING HOUSE



Sept
11
4:30 pm

Shakespeare and Co. / Joan Ackermann's Ice Glen

In a staged reading of Joan Ackermann's *Ice Glen*, a touching period comedy set in the Berkshires.



Sept
18
4:30 pm

**Pianist Jeewon Park, Cellist Edward Arron,
with Narrator Ben Luxon**

Park and Arron have individually garnered recognition worldwide for their dazzling technique and impassioned performances. They are joined by the renowned voice of Ben Luxon for this program of Beethoven, Barber, Beach, and Schubert.



Oct
2
4:30 pm

Author Simon Winchester

On his latest book, "*Land: How the Hunger for Ownership Shaped the Modern World*," with guests Kathleen Brown-Pérez, Heather Bruegl (pending), and Setsuko Sato Winchester.

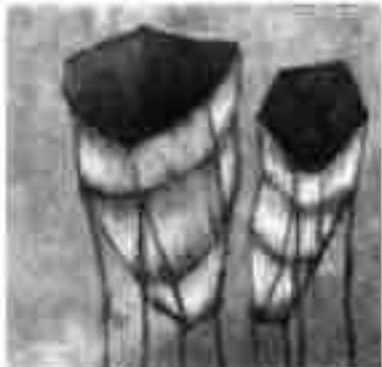
Meeting House
GALLERY



thru
Sept **12**

Go Figure

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Sept
thru
Oct **3**

**Wonder in the Wander | Opening Reception September 17, 5-7 p.m.
Emerging Berkshire Artists Under 40**

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A RADIANT DISPLAY OF YOUNG TALENT

Year Two of the Children's Art Show

By Rachel Perera Weingeist

This summer's children's exhibition was another success! The audience both planned and spontaneous arrived August 7 on the Village Green for the afternoon viewing. This was the program's much anticipated second year, held, as last year, under tents in front of the Meeting House. Some twenty works, displayed on four tables, were created by ten New Marlborough children ages five to thirteen. Some works were abstract, others nearly photorealistic, each with their own distinct style and palette.

In early June, to reach a wide array of local youth, Library Director Deb O'Brien announced an open call for participants with notices at New Marlborough Central School. Fliers were also put out at the Town Library. It is a favorite event of Ms. O'Brien: "It is always fun to work with the kids. They are just so excited to do their own art work and be in the *5 Village News* with their pictures. Everyone can be a Monet!"

This year's artists included Violet Camarra, Phoebe Curtis, Greta Downing, Brooke Jenkins, Elizabeth Kern, Quinn, Isaac and Mirabelle Meyers, Neko Parson, and Alexander Wasinger. Several of the participants were in attendance and eager to talk about their process, materials, and inspiration. "Kids have no preconceived ideas. It is all unfiltered for them," says Ms. O'Brien. Three of the participants shared insights into their art-making:

Alexander (Xander) Wasinger, seven, attending with both parents and Claire, a Welsh Terrier who is his best friend, divides his time between New York City's Upper West Side and New Marlborough. Of his BB8 drawn from the movie, *Star Wars*, he says, "I used paper, pencil, sharpie, gray marker, and orange crayon." Dinosaurs are another favorite subject for Xander.



Alexander Wasinger and his favorite droid painting



Phoebe Curtis ventured into abstraction



Viola Camarra passionately captured a familiar setting in My Backyard.

"I probably want to be an artist when I grow up. It feels good to participate — make all these cool papers and send them to a museum." His selection for the show was taken from a number of droids he had drawn. This was his favorite.

Neko Parson, five, is a New Marlborough Central rising Kindergartener. Neko explained her process in producing *Pepito the Cow* and *Stella the Monster*. "First I drew with a marker my dad gave me, then I painted it when the pen dried." About *Pepito the Cow*, she says, "I like cows. I live close to Ormsbee's farm." Of *Stella the Monster*: "Monsters are my favorite thing to draw." She giggled that she might be willing to sell her work "maybe for ten gumdrops." I want to be an artist when I grow up like my dad." Her father, Brett Parson, is a comic book artist.

Greta Downing, six-and-a-half, and entering first grade at New Marlborough Central, exhibited a picture of a pond and sunset over Lake Garfield, but calls it *Untitled*. She paints with acrylics and uses walnut shells she found on a trail in Stockbridge. Asked if she wants to be an artist when she grows up, she replied, "Well I probably want to be a fashion designer, cause I am kinda into fashion. I remember I also want to be someone who takes pictures for the news. I will try both of them out."

Brooke Jenkins, at thirteen the oldest artist in the show, had an entire table to herself, mostly of animals and landscapes. The bumble bee drawn on top of a book page, titled *Then I am proud as a Queen Chapter LIII*, was a highlight. Birds, horse and foal, Canada goose, longhorn cattle, all of her watercolors were very sophisticated, intricately executed, and skillfully framed!

Elizabeth Kern, ten, worked with acrylics to capture her version of the cosmos and to produce a serene abstract work. "I get most of my

Upcoming: Events Calendar for September and October

September 11: Joan Ackerman's play, *Ice Glen*, read by performers from Shakespeare and Company, 4:30 p.m. at the New Marlborough Meeting House — tickets are \$20 for members of the New Marlborough Meeting House, \$25 for non-members

September 17: *The Wonder in the Wander*, a show of works by artists under age 40, opening 5:00 p.m. at the Meeting House Gallery, on view thereafter 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday to Sunday until October 9

September 18: Music and Words; pianist Jeewon Park and cellist Edward Arron play Beethoven, Barber, Beach, and Schubert, with a narration by Ben Luxon, 4:30 p.m. in the Meeting House — tickets are \$20 for members of the New Marlborough Meeting House, \$25 for non-members

September 19: Magician Carl Seiger: This event has been cancelled.

October 1: The Konkapot Big Boys Film Festival, a First-Friday program presented by the New Marlborough Historical Society, featuring a selection from an outpouring of local cinematic creativity; 7:30 p.m., New Marlborough Meeting House

October 2: A Conservation with Simon Winchester, on his recently published *Land: How the Hunger for Ownership Shaped the Modern World*; 4:30 p.m. at the Meeting House — tickets are \$20 for members of the New Marlborough Meeting House, \$25 for non-members

inspiration from things I see," she says, "but sometimes I just let the brush do its thing."

Violet Camarra, ten, passionately captured a familiar setting in her painting *My Backyard*. Her joyful palette marks what seems like a moment in time she personally enjoyed this summer.

Phoebe Curtis displayed *Fruit Cup*, which she describes as "a kitchen with someone about to eat an apple and drink water." Her sparkling mixed media work titled *Broken City* is a collage made of wood.

Mirabelle Meyers, thirteen, exhibited *The Dreamer*, a digital drawing of perhaps her own complex dreamscape. Two brothers **Quinn and Isaac**, ten, displayed bold and creative works: *Windmill on a Hill* a painting on canvas by Isaac, and *The Troll*, a collage by Quinn.

Some of the work was prom-



Neko Parson might be willing to sell "maybe for ten gumdrops."



A boldly cosmic painting by Elizabeth Kern

photos by Rachel Perera Weingeist

ised to family members, but there were also some sales! All in all, it was a prodigious display of imagination, sophisticated ideas, and the tools to turn inspiration into art. We look forward to seeing how this develops in coming years.

The New Marlborough art season continues with **Go Figure**, closing September 12, and **Wonder in the Wander**, a show of artists under age forty, opening 5:00 p.m. September 17, and on view weekends until October 9. □

A STEP TOWARD RECONCILIATION

Why We Celebrate Indigenous People's Day

By Jeff Wallman

The expansive population of the Americas before Columbus arrived in 1492 is estimated to be somewhere between 60 million and 150 million people. At that time, the population of Europe was between 70 million to 88 million. When Columbus made landfall on the lush Caribbean archipelago off the coast of North America, he encountered the native people of the region, the Taíno. As the Library of Congress states, "The Taíno had complex hierarchical religious, political, and social systems. Skilled farmers and navigators, they wrote music and poetry and created powerfully expressive objects. At the time of Columbus's exploration, the Taíno were the most numerous indigenous people of the Caribbean and inhabited what we now [call] Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands."

Subsequent explorers encountered an extraordinary tapestry of human civilizations, the most linguistically diverse in the world, from the tip of South America to the top of North America, living in accordance with their own origin stories, developing agricultural technology, shaping and cultivating the regions they lived in, and tuning their civilizations with rhythms of Mother Nature. European explorers expressed their amazement of native cultures, but their presence marked their precipitous and agonizing decline.

The history books told from the point of view of the explorers don't tell the whole story. Celebrating Indigenous People's Day is about honoring the great human



Red Eagle (Shawn Stevens) from the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans

civilizations that existed before Columbus arrived and more importantly acknowledging that those civilizations are still with us. Indigenous People's Day is a step toward truth and reconciliation with indigenous people. Acknowledging the dark past is not an exercise in guilt or shame — quite the opposite. Truth and reconciliation sparks a discussion and instills a sense of living history; it moves us from being a passive observer to establishing relationships and connections in the present. It's empowering for everyone.

Truth and reconciliation with indigenous people right here in the Berkshires reinforces a local pride based on integrity. On Monday, October 11,

Indigenous People's Day events will be held in Great Barrington, New Marlborough, and Monterey; there will be representatives from the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans and an opportunity to hear from them, to engage with them on their ancestral lands — the land we love here in the Berkshires. In New Marlborough, on a day still to be determined, Shawn Stevens, a Mohican elder, artist, musician, and ceremonial helper will confer a water blessing at Umpachene Falls. Additional events are planned for Great Barrington. Look for more details on www.allianceforaviablefuture.org/ as dates are confirmed.

The Berkshires are home to incredible flora and fauna, and a vibrant culture of food, agriculture, and the arts. The Berkshires we love is a land-based heritage. Indigenous cultures have been present here for thousands of years. It is invigorating to acknowledge the ancestral connections to our mountains, rivers, and valleys.

Observing Indigenous People's Day can be viewed as a part of systemic healing — an embodied attitude of care, respect, and reciprocity, and a connection with indigenous culture that creates the basis for healing. Its premise is that in seeing more how native people see the world, we can learn more about how we can honor and respect Mother Earth and her bounty — her rivers, lakes, mountains, valleys, the four legged, the two legged, the crawling, the sky, and the earth. □

Jeff Wallman of Southfield is executive director of the Alliance for a Viable Future



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LAND TRUST NEWS

THE GOODNOW PRESERVE

An Historical Perspective of the Landscape

by Martha Bryan

We all know history can get buried. Meet Patrick Hall whom I met recently on one of many visits to the Goodnow Preserve. On this afternoon Patrick had a headset on and was methodically swiping a long-armed contraption inches above the ground. I was not sure if I wanted to pretend I did not see him or to approach him and ask questions. I am so thankful to have paid him a visit, because in seconds he swept me into his love of “old stuff,” (Patrick’s phrase). Through his generosity I was taken to his world of metal detecting and the wealth of historical knowledge he has about the landscape and the history his found objects hold. During our encounter, Patrick revealed a new layer to our landscape — where metal objects are hidden under the soil and, when revealed, offer a trace of history and a bit of information for our imagination and knowledge to thread together.

I learned that Patrick grew up on Keyes Hill Road with his family, whose father, James Hall (a.k.a. “Toad” Hall) was farm manager, from 1969 to 1982, for Ned Goodnow. Patrick worked and played with his brother and accompanied his father managing Mr. Goodnow’s lands. As we stood there near the Preserve parking area, I also recognized that Patrick’s metal detector was sophisticated equipment and that his ear now at age 56 was tuned to recognizing real objects of history hidden in the soils of New Marlborough, soils that most residents either till or walk over.

Patrick started by introducing me to significant landmarks in the upper open field, astute observations that allowed him to recognize human activity hundreds of years ago and therefore situate possible old house sites. For example, he explained that the huge rock that the hay equipment now mows around and we as hikers pass by without taking notice actually marks a stone-lined hand-dug well, roughly twenty-feet deep, that supplied perhaps three houses in the 1730-1850s. Suddenly the hayfield looked different.

In a follow-up meeting, Patrick shared his personal “catch” of objects found at the Goodnow Preserve. He admitted that he has probably spent more than twenty-four hours at Goodnow as well as hundreds of hours on other sites throughout New Marlborough. His metal objects date roughly from 1720-1840 and reveal traces of who and why people were here — from oxen shoes to oxen knobs, a metal guide to a ram rod for a musket, to a perfectly intact privet, a pilgrim’s shoe buckle, a lady’s belt buckle. His proudest find, he said, is a British copper penny inscribed “King George II” and dated 1731, well prior to America’s Revolutionary War!

Pictured here are some discoveries from Patrick’s personal collection found at Goodnow. Suddenly the world bursts open with images of oxen working the fields, old coins falling out of a soldier’s pocket, or a woman bending over in 1840 and losing her dress button.



Lady's gold-plated button, 1836-1847



Button inscribed with G.A.R., the Fraternal Organization of Union Soldiers started in 1866



Ox Knobs, dated 1700s



Assortment of brass and copper spoon parts, dated 1820-1840

photos by Martha Bryan



Musket trigger guard and lead musket balls

History collected in this way is the result of curiosity, discovery, imagination, and patience. Patrick’s work collects stories written in the land — another reminder to tread lightly and respectfully out there. The land holds our history and our future.

This totally unexpected encounter brought into focus earlier generations of human occupants at Goodnow and also poses thoughtful questions for us: Why have we chosen to inhabit this slice of land we call New Marlborough? What will be our relationship to it?”

Hope you enjoy the end of summer and visit the trails often. You never know what you’ll find, if you slow down to look and ask questions.

FARMERS WITHOUT FARMLAND

By Jordan Archey

When most people hear mention of the Berkshires, what usually comes to mind first is the beautiful scenery. Along with the landscape, many cultural institutions and a burgeoning local food scene are of note — these characteristics draw 2.6 million tourists annually, and the second-homeowner population ranges anywhere from 16 to 63 percent across Berkshire towns. “Tourism — from hotels to restaurants to arts and recreation — employs more people than any other sector except healthcare,” stated a 2018 article in *Boston Magazine*. In turn, these pastoral views, typically created by generations of farmers tending their fields, are in high demand and come at a premium for their real estate values — at price points that tend to fall outside what a farmer looking to start or expand their own farm can afford. This market dynamic negatively affects the operations of our local food producers, our ability to build a stronger local food system, the affordable housing options for employees of these farms, and in the end, the cost of locally-grown food.

On a miraculously rain-free day in July, Berkshire Grown hosted Massachusetts Agricultural Commissioner John Lebeaux and members of a team from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources for its annual farm tour, this year with the focus on farmers in the Berkshires working on leased or borrowed land. After spending the morning at Colfax Farm in Alford and then Indian Line Farm in Egremont, our next stop was

Hidden Mountain Farm on Stone Manor Drive in New Marlborough. Owner Christian Stovall talked to us about his livestock operation. With the help of Benson, his livestock guard dog who keeps predators away from the flock, Stovall rotationally grazes 100 feeder lambs for market and raises 15 registered Border Leicester ewes for breeding. Mr. Stovall farms in four to five different locations, ranging from the Connecticut/Massachusetts border in Southfield to the New York/Massachusetts border in Egremont.

Almost all of the land arrangements between Mr. Stovall and landowners are handshake agreements. “There’s a lot of reliance on other people, and a big part of this is making promises. You have to keep up on those promises to maintain good relationships, which can take a lot of shuffling around. At the same time you’re chasing the best grass, so it’s a balance of cultivating good relationships and finding the best pasture for your animals. On top of that, the possibility of landowners changing their mind is stressful to say the least.”

Along with uncertainty and inefficiency, there is a lot of time spent driving. Coupled with a lack of permanent infrastructure, this makes for a challenging setup. “A benefit of living in New Marlborough,” says Mr. Stovall, is the many open pastures not currently being grazed, along with people who are interested and supportive of what I am trying to do. If I could consolidate my business to New Marlborough, as I have been trying to do over



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this season, it would truly help streamline [my business].”

Mr. Stovall complains of the inefficiency of hauling water and fencing to distant locations. “In reality there’s a lot of pasture around in New Marlborough,” he says. “If there could be more awareness around the benefits of grazing — benefits to the land through fertilization, benefits to the animal, benefits to our local and regional food systems — that would be so beneficial and more sustainable. Grazing pastures with animals is great for the land and a great opportunity for farmers to make their businesses work in this county.”

The tour’s final stop was a visit to Off the Shelf Farm, on County Road in New Marlborough. Anna Houston and Rob Perazzo started their business in 2018 with thirteen lambs, 250 meat birds, and a single chicken mobile chicken coop containing 750 laying hens. Today, their business has grown substantially — it now includes four chicken mobile chicken coops with 3,000 laying

hens, 75 lambs, and 900 meat birds, all fastidiously rotated through leased pastures. With a lack of ability to build infrastructure, Anna, Rob, and their one full time employee spend hours each day driving to multiple locations in Egremont, Great Barrington, Southfield, and New Marlborough village, moving tons of animal feed and hundreds of gallons of water from a central location to each of the different pastures. The distance between the furthest south and northernmost destination is more than twenty miles — about a forty-minute drive each way, although it is uncommon to drive from one stop to the next in geographical order, as many locations require more than one visit per day.

While Ms. Houston attributes part of the growth of their business to not having a mortgage payment, this flexibility comes with pitfalls. “Farming on leased land has allowed us to start and grow our business from scratch. But it also means the future is a little uncertain,” says Ms. Houston. “At the end of the day the land we use is not ours, and because of that, our whole farm could disappear overnight. We are so lucky to work with incredibly kind and generous land owners, and we hope to maintain these relationships for many years to come.”

According to Commissioner Lebeaux, Berkshire County produces 20 percent of the food grown in Massachusetts. That’s no small feat, considering all the hoops Berkshire farmers jump through to grow food here. So what does the future look like? As always in the life of a farmer, a little uncertain, but with enough collaboration, gratitude, and support for our local food producers, it glows bright. □



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NEIGHBORS



Herbert Coyne, of Southfield, passed away on August 9 at age ninety-five. Herbert and his wife, **Jeanine**, purchased their Southfield property in 1978, and over the years made many improvements to the estate. Herbert was an outstanding commodities trader in New York City, and gradually was able to conduct most of his business activity from the Southfield property. He and Jeanine for years have been supporters of cultural and artistic organizations in New Marlborough and the Berkshires.



photo courtesy of the Coyne family

Jeanine and Herb Coyne were loyal supporters of Berkshire Botanical Garden.

He and Jeanine for years have been supporters of cultural and artistic organizations in New Marlborough and the Berkshires.

Barbara Newman, of Hartsville, has recently had *The Dreamcatcher Codes* published by Green Writers Press. This is a young adult novel which she describes as “a love letter to Mother Earth and all of her daughters.” She explores the relationship of earth’s inhabitants and the natural world, and hopes to inspire young girls to value that relationship and protect it. □

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Barbara Newman

WILDLIFE NEIGHBORS



photo by Joe Burke

Visitors to Umpachene Falls admired the fishing skills of a great blue heron.

Great blue herons have been much in evidence in streams, ponds, and wetlands all over New Marlborough this summer. If humans approach a heron, even from a distance, it will normally launch itself skyward and be gone. Such is the case of the one that frequents **Joe and Holly Poindexter’s** backyard stream. As Joe says, “Ours seems skittish. It spent some time perched in our apple tree yesterday afternoon and was back standing next to the brook this morning, but flies off if I come too close.”



photo by Scottie Mills

One heron, however, that has been seen often at Umpachene Falls, snatching small fish from the rushing water, is not in the least perturbed by the people who congregate around it, on the rocks and in the water. On different occasions, **Scottie Mills** and **Joe Burke** took some photos of the single-minded bird.

Another unusually laid-back water fowl is a **juvenile ring-neck duck** that has been hanging out in the Flying Cloud pond all through July and well into August. The kids at the Flying Cloud SMArt program were able

photo by Larry Burke



A sociable juvenile ring-neck duck

photo by Larry Burke



A coyote, captured on a trail camera, appears to be waiting for the next apple to drop

to approach it alongside the edge of the pond, where it would remain, completely unruffled. By contrast, a flock of six young **hooded mergansers** would scurry away at the first sight of anything on two legs. Later in August, the solitary, friendly duck finally went on its way, perhaps in search of a mate.

In parts of New Marlborough, the quiet of the night has been broken by the howls and general cacophony of **coyotes**. One pack, or family, has been making its presence known three or four times a night in the field to the south of **Jane and Larry Burke's** home. The falling fruit of two early-ripening apple trees, along with several blueberry bushes, have been supplying these wild and wily canines with a nocturnal feast. Larry set up a trail camera under one of the trees and captured in one night over fifty images of dining coyotes. He says it sometimes sounds like there must be a dozen or more howling and yipping, but, in doing some reading on the subject, he became aware that the true number is considerably fewer, perhaps just two, three, or four. From the Nature.org website, there is this from **coyote researcher Brian Mitchell**: "Group yip-howls are produced by a mated and territorial pair of 'alpha' coyotes, with the male howling while the female intersperses her yips, barks, and short howls. 'Beta' coyotes (the children of the alpha pair from previous years) and current-year pups may join in if they are nearby, or respond with howls of their own."

"The group yip-howl is thought to have the dual purpose of promoting bonding within the family group while also serving as a territorial display. In other words, the coyotes are saying, 'We're a happy family, and we own this turf so you better keep out.' In a sense, the group howls create an auditory fence around a territory, supplementing the physical scent marks left by the group."

Mr. Mitchell also notes that other nearby pairs may then respond, announcing their own territories. At such times, it can sound like a cascade of howls across the landscape. Although the howls, especially if they seem to be from right outside your window, can make the hair on the back of your neck stand up, his observations of *canis latrans* bear out that they are, unlike that Umpachene heron, extremely shy and retiring in the presence of humans.

On the evening of August 17, the coyotes' applefest was temporarily interrupted by the arrival of a large male **black bear**. Judging by the many trail-cam exposures, the coyotes moved aside as the bear alternately grazed on drops and stood on his hind legs to shake the branches. After his departure, the coyotes resumed their dinner until well into the early hours of the next morning.



photo by Larry Burke

Compiled by Larry Burke. Send your sightings to him at larryjburke@gmail.com This bear gets its share of the apple drops



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Nan Smith's recipe is perfectly timed. I picked our first peaches yesterday and had to immediately try Nan's cake recipe. It turned out perfectly. As Nan says, the cake is easy to make, and my whole family agrees it's delicious. I hope yours thinks so too.

Nan writes: "At our house, corn and peaches are to be eaten in the latter part of summer, and only then, and in such large quantities that at some point you want a break. Corn is pretty simple: grilled or boiled, and sometimes in a corn salad. But peaches, well, there are so many ways to cook with peaches it was hard to narrow down to one recipe. I decided to share one my family has only recently come to enjoy. It is stolen from LeAnne Shor, a baker located in the Poconos, who has basically taught me, virtually, to bake bread. This is an easy cake to make and delicious. My whole family agrees." □

Fiona Kerr

Easy Peach Upside Down Cake

Topping Ingredients: large ripe peaches thinly sliced, in about 8 slices each
 3/4 C brown sugar packed
 6 Tbsp unsalted butter
 pinch of kosher salt

Cake Ingredients	8 Tbsp unsalted butter melted	1 tsp freshly grated lemon zest
	2 eggs room temperature	1.5 C unbleached all-purpose flour
	3/4 C granulated sugar	2 tsp baking powder
	1/2 C plain whole-milk yogurt	1 tsp kosher salt
	1.5 tsp pure vanilla extract	1/4 tsp ground nutmeg

Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 350° F. Line a 9" cake pan with a parchment paper circle. Spray the pan with nonstick cooking spray. Arrange the sliced peaches in the bottom of the pan in a spiral or shingled pattern. Set aside.
- Melt the 8 tablespoons of butter for the cake in a small saucepan. Remove from heat, and place in a small heatproof bowl to cool slightly. Set aside.

Make the Cake Batter

- In a large mixing bowl, add the eggs and granulated sugar. Whisk well. Add the melted butter, yogurt, vanilla extract, and freshly grated lemon zest, then whisk well until thoroughly combined.
- To the bowl, add the all-purpose flour, baking powder, kosher salt, and nutmeg. Whisk to combine until no patches of dry flour remain. The batter should be pretty thick.

Make the Caramel-Peach Topping

- Add the remaining 6 tablespoons of butter to a small saucepan over medium heat. Begin melting the butter, and add the brown sugar and pinch of kosher salt. Use a whisk to stir the brown sugar into the butter. Cook until the butter melts completely, and the brown sugar dissolves, this should take about 3 minutes. Keep whisking until the mixture begins to bubble and boil. Boil on medium heat for another 1 minute. Pour the hot caramel directly over the peaches in an even layer.
- Pour the batter over the top of the caramel and peaches. Smooth out the batter into an even layer.
- Bake for a total of 40-45 minutes, rotating the pan in the oven halfway through, for an even bake on both sides. The cake should be golden brown on top, and a toothpick should come out clean, and hot.
- Let the cake cool for 5 minutes on the countertop. Then place a large plate on top of the cake pan. Be sure to wear oven mitts for the flip! Invert the cake onto the plate. Carefully remove the pan, pour any remaining juice from the pan over the top of the cake. Allow to cool completely before serving.
- Refrigerate any leftover cake in an airtight container for up to 4 days. Allow the cake to come back to room temperature before enjoying.



THE RAINIEST MONTH

The Record-setting Downpour of July Created Challenges

By Steve Nester

Everyone's talking about the record-setting rain this summer, but it turns out we *can* do something about it. Local agriculture, wells and septic, lakes, streams, roadways, sport fishing, all took a hit or were at risk from the more than fifteen inches (in some spots) from July's record rainfall. But it has led to a resolve to creating plans that will lessen the impact of severe weather in the future. Sandra Martin of Berkshire Regional Planning Commission says there's plenty to be discussed, above and beyond global warming and the suspected root causes.

The mission of the BRPC is to "achieve sustainable Berkshires principles and a high quality of life for County residents, including greater economic growth, sustainable resource management, environmental, social and economic equity, and effective governmental and educational services." The effects (and causes) of global warming are a priority, she says, as the commission focuses on public health and safety issues brought about by changing weather.

Citing a study from the Northeast Climate Science Center at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Ms. Martin points out that flood-producing rainfall is increasing and will affect agriculture, forestry, natural ecosystems, and infrastructure. It's now possible to receive an entire year of rain in a shorter period of time, and to be safe, residents need to keep ahead of it. Diverting runoff from passing over septic systems and keeping floodwater and the bacteria it can collect away from wells (as well as testing for bacteria) are some of the steps residents can take.

Shallow wells, says New Marlborough Board of Health Agent Scott McFarlane, are at more risk. Awareness that cool wet weather is ideal for disease-carrying mosquitos and ticks presents another layer of risk to be managed. Outdoor containers, which are prime breeding grounds for airborne pests, should be kept free of standing water.

The health and safety of residents can come at a cost, of course. New Marlborough, says Highway Superintendent Chuck Loring, had already spent \$100,000 maintaining dirt and gravel roads this spring; after the deluges of July, these roads need to be regraded.

New Marlborough is in trouble, says Mr. Loring, if this becomes the new normal.

Farms too, feel the pressure of too much rain. Berkshire Grown executive director Margaret Moulton says this affects farming in different ways. Low-impact, no-till vegetable farms, where machinery doesn't work the soil, may, where feasible, be a better approach than high-impact farming in terms of creating conditions that could cause soil erosion. Livestock is benefiting from increased rainfall because the grass is "amazing" and the cows and sheep are loving it, says Ms. Moulton. Farmers and consumers have a resource in Berkshire Grown, which supports and promotes resources for local agriculture, and provides education and assistance for farmers and consumers.

Anna Houston, who raises livestock in New Marlborough, agrees the grass is definitely greener, but changing weather conditions do present challenges. Ms. Houston raises chickens and lambs, and to keep her animals fed she rotates her livestock among various pastures. Wet weather has disrupted her schedule, which is now dictated by which pasture is the driest. The seemingly constant rain has prevented some farmers from haying their fields, and there isn't much for sale.

Farmers aren't the only outdoor workers challenged by the rain. Harry Desmond, proprietor of Berkshire Rivers Fly Fishing, a Great Barrington guide service, was prevented from river fishing for five weeks, the first time in eleven years this has happened, he says. The Konkapot River was a torrent, and while it seemed that fish inhabiting it would be swept to Long Island Sound, river fish, says Mr. Desmond, are more resilient than that. Rain doesn't affect the population, but it did impede successful fishing. When water is high and moving, fish hunker down and wait it out, he says. But there is hope ahead; rain also produces what Mr. Desmond says are the correct water temperatures and water levels for fall fishing, giving fisher people something to look forward to. □



A section of Campbell Falls Road suffered a rain-induced collapse. photo by Chuck Loring

THE LOG

Police Department (selected entries)

- July 1 11:30 p.m. Four people evacuated from a residence on East Hill Road after an alarm indicates carbon monoxide emanating from a generator.
- July 2 7:36 a.m. The animal control officer is notified after a caller reports cows wandering on the road near her Brewer Hill Road residence.
- 1:16 p.m. National Grid is notified after a resident reports a tree, hung up on another tree, is blocking Canaan Southfield Road.
- July 4 11:20 a.m. A tow is called for a car, stopped on Hartsville New Marlborough Road, the auto insurance for which had been revoked.
- 7:22 p.m. A car that has run a stop sign on Mill River Southfield outruns a pursuing police cruiser.
- 11:47 p.m. A caller reports a broken rear window parked in the garage of his Rhoades and Bailey Road residence but concedes it may have been caused by stones being thrown up by a passing lawn mower.
- July 6 4:10 p.m. Tree down near the Highway Garage on Mill River Southfield Road.
- 4:20 p.m. National Grid alerted to a tree on wires on Foley Hill Road.
- 4:56 p.m. National Grid alerted to a tree on wires on Mill River Southfield Road.
- July 7 4:05 p.m. Tree on wires on New Marlborough Hill Road.
- 8:25 p.m. Tree on wires on Brewer Hill Road.
- July 9 11:24 p.m. A caller reports a cow loose on Hartsville New Marlborough Road but then, in a second call twenty-five minutes later, says that she would be able to return the cow to its field without assistance.
- July 10 12:28 p.m. National Grid notified of a tree on wires on New Marlborough Southfield Road.
- 1:37 p.m. A driver, concerned that it may not be visible after nightfall, reports a severe washout on Canaan Valley Road.
- 4:21 p.m. The Highway Department is alerted to a tree down blocking Brewer Hill Road.
- 7:48 p.m. A black Labrador retriever, found loose in New Marlborough village, is returned to its owner.
- 10:23 p.m. A sober passenger was asked to take over the operation of a vehicle whose driver was determined to be under the influence of marijuana.
- July 11 3:40 p.m. A Mill River Great Barrington Road resident files an accident report after a vehicle was backed into her picket fence on Mill River Great Barrington Road.
- 5:12 p.m. An officer helps reunite a dog with its owner, who is parked at the New Marlborough Village Green.
- July 12 11:03 a.m. National Grid is notified of wires down on Clayton Mill River Road.
- 4:45 p.m. An officer assists a driver whose right front tire has gone flat after hitting a pothole on Hartsville New Marlborough Road.
- July 15 6:45 p.m. In response to a complaint by a Hartsville resident about nearby gunshots, an officer learns that they emanate from an event held by a Hartsville gun dealer.
- 9:28 p.m. The driver of a Lexus Infiniti sports car, passing through Mill River at speeds upwards of 85 m.p.h., is eventually apprehended and booked.
- July 16 10:58 a.m. An officer assists a driver who has locked herself out of her car at the Southfield Store parking lot.
- 1:57 p.m. National Grid is notified of a tree on wires on Brewer Branch Road.
- 5:35 p.m. National Grid is notified of a tree on wires on wires on New Marlborough Southfield Road.
- 9:06 p.m. National Grid is notified of a tree on wires on Clayton Mill River Road.
- July 17 8:29 a.m. The animal Control officer is asked to assist with the removal of a bat from a residence in Mill River village.
- 10:54 p.m. A caller reports a tree down blocking Hadsell Street.
- July 18 7:11 a.m. Following a call from a resident, the Highway Department is alerted to a washout making a section of Canaan Valley Road impassable.
- 10:51 a.m. A resident calls to say that she is unable drive away from her property because of a washout on Brewer Hill Road.
- 12:45 p.m. National Grid is notified of a wire down on New Marlborough Hill Road.
- July 19 8:33 a.m. An officer, alerted by a resident to a tree down on Downs Road, is advised that this is a private road.
- 9:50 a.m. A Hayes Hill Road resident asks for assistance in removing a foot-to-a-foot-and-half of water from his mother's basement.
- 4:41 p.m. A resident alerts the Department of her need to park two cars on the shoulder of Knight Road because her driveway, having been washed out, is impassable.

9:56 p.m. An officer helps make contact with AAA for a car disabled at Umpachene Falls Park and then transports the owners to their home on Rhoades and Bailey Road.

July 20 6:46 p.m. A Southfield resident, concerned that he had given his Social Security number to a scam artist posing as a Spectrum agent, is assured that the agent is legitimate.

7:14 p.m. National Grid is notified of a tree on wires at the intersection of Canaan Southfield and Cagney Hill Roads.

July 22 10:08 p.m. A driver is advised to repair the damage to the triangular traffic island at the intersection of Hartsville New Marlborough and New Marlborough Southfield Roads caused by his pickup truck as he drove "donuts" around the island.

July 23 1:25 p.m. Verizon notified of a wire damaged by a falling limb on Old County Road.

4:36 p.m. The unlicensed driver of an unregistered and uninspected car is transported to his New Marlborough village home by a friend after an officer orders

that the vehicle be towed.

5:46 p.m. Neighbors complain of target shooting in the area of their homes on Cross Road to Canaan Valley Road.

July 24 3:35 p.m. A tow is ordered for a vehicle stopped for speeding on South Sandisfield Road after an officer determines that the driver has a suspended license.

5:33 p.m. Two hikers are escorted to their car after having become disoriented on a trail at Dry Hill.

July 25 12:26 p.m. An unlicensed driver, stopped on Hartsville New Marlborough Road, is arrested, his car towed.

July 27 2:18 p.m. A Clayton resident reports being scammed by persons purporting to advise her of her winnings in a Publisher's Clearing House lottery.

July 29 12:08 p.m. A Mill River resident is issued a citation after her unleashed dog killed three of her neighbor's chickens.

July 31 10:44 p.m. A Peter Menaker Road resident calls for help in locating her run-away beagle.

Graham Frank, Chief of Police

FIRE AND RESCUE

July 1 11:32 p.m. East Hill Road Medical/CO Alarm

July 3 4:44 a.m. Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call

July 6 4:08 p.m. East Hill Road CO Alarm

July 6 4:37 p.m. Norfolk Road House Struck by Lightning

July 6 5:05 p.m. Mill River Southfield Road Tree on House

July 8 2:39 a.m. Shea Lane house Struck by Lightning

July 8 6:24 a.m. Norfolk Road Fire/CO Alarm

July 8 9:04 p.m. Mutual Aid to Monterey Medical Call

July 9 5:34 a.m. Stratford Road Water in Home

July 12 2:53 p.m. Brewer Hill Road Fire Alarm

July 12 5:37 p.m. Norfolk Road CO Alarm

July 12 7:37 p.m. Canaan Southfield Road Medical Call

July 13 11:24 p.m. Stand By for Sandisfield Fire Alarm

July 14 1:31 p.m. Hartsville New Marlborough Road Fire Alarm

July 15 2:41 a.m. Mill River Great Barrington Road Medical Call

July 15 1:58 p.m. Mutual Aid to Sandisfield Medical Call

July 18 9:07 p.m. Mutual Aid to Sandisfield Medical Call

July 18 9:03 p.m. Foley Hill Road Fire Alarm

July 19 10:19 a.m. Hayes Hill Road Water in Basement

July 21 9:01 a.m. Hartsville Mill River Road Fire Alarm

July 23 3:28 p.m. Mutual Aid to Sandisfield Medical Call

July 24 5:48 p.m. Harmon Road/Dry Hill Lost Hikers

July 25 4:26 a.m. Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call

July 25 8:38 a.m. East Hill Road Medical Call

July 26 12:19 a.m. Canaan Southfield Road Medical Call

July 27 8:19 a.m. Hatchery Road Chimney Fire

July 28 2:48 a.m. Canaan Southfield Road Medical Call

July 29 10:45 p.m. Shunpike Road Medical Call

July 31 10:45 p.m. Stratford Road Medical Call

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SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME BACK*The Southern District Schools Re-open*

By Jane Burke

As the first day of school approaches, questions of the health and safety of students and teachers continue. At the special meeting held on Thursday evening, August 19, the School Committee heard recommendations for the reopening. Superintendent Regulbuto and her administrative team have done their homework. They have reviewed the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), and the Department of Health, attended webinars, participated in several meetings with the state, reviewed survey data, met with Southern Berkshire Regional Education Association (SBREA) leadership, Berkshire County Superintendents, our school physician, and Public Health Officials. She has also gotten input from the school community through a Zoom meeting attended by more than fifty people and another session for faculty and staff. She stressed while her team had come up with safety protocols, only the School Committee can mandate the wearing of masks and the requiring of vaccinations by faculty and staff.

A key change in DESE guidelines this is year is that all instruction is required to be in-person, five full days a week with no half-days on Wednesdays. No remote learning will be permitted. This ban on remote learning was imposed by DESE based on the negative experiences of teachers and parents, combined with poor learning outcomes for students. The mask requirements for outdoor activities has been lifted. Fall sports can proceed under normal rules, and all sports events can be attended by the public. In fact, the campus can reopen to the public for use during non-school hours. Physical distancing is no longer required, but the district will try for three-foot distancing when possible. Students will again be able to eat in cafeterias, but there will be assigned seating with

as much distance as possible between students.

With the relaxation of many of last years' restrictions, the superintendent emphasized that the administrative team is still dedicated to the safety of the school community. She remarked that requiring masks for all students, staff, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, when indoors and on school buses is the best-known protection from spread of the coronavirus. Visitors will not be allowed in the building without a mask.

Parents are encouraged to monitor the health of their children and keep them home if any symptoms occur. Expanded testing of faculty, staff, and students who opt in will be available since the district has access to state Covid-19 testing opportunities. Parental permission is required for student testing. The hope is to be able to offer both diagnostic and pooled testing options. School nurses will take the lead in this aspect of protecting the school community. Sandi Hubbard, Director of Student Services, will, along with the superintendent, hold monthly Public Health Team Meetings to review the local data, mitigation strategies, and updated recommendations. SBRSD will explore hosting vaccination clinics on site as another proactive mitigation strategy. The team is also in support of a vaccination requirement for faculty and staff with allowances for medical and/or religious exemptions. Those who qualify for an exemption may be required to participate in Covid-19 testing.

At the conclusion of the superintendent's informative presentation, the School Committee considered mandates for masking and vaccinations. After a few amendments, including making clear that bandanas and gaiters are not masks, the Committee voted unanimously for universal wearing of masks while inside school buildings. In considering a vaccine mandate for faculty and staff, the Committee reported that it had received some support from parents and that Governor Charlie Baker had set an example for it by requiring vaccinations for his employees. Discussions with the SBREA had not concluded, and in keeping with the Committee's commitment to including input from all stakeholders, the vaccine requirement was tabled for a future meeting.

Once these pressing Covid-19 safety protocols are resolved, the Committee looks forward to hearing about the exciting new math curriculum that is being implemented this year, the new faculty that has been hired, and the progress made this summer on the internship program. □

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A DOLLHOUSE FOR THE LIBRARY

My dad, Conrad Stanley, was thrilled to see the Victorian-style dollhouse he built some thirty years ago in its new home in the children's section at the New Marlborough Town Library.

Conrad and my sister, Jennifer, painstakingly crafted the balustrades, roofing, wainscoting, and plank and parquet floors over the course of six months, when Jen was a young teenager. Together with my late mother, Madeline, they assembled period furnishings for the eight rooms, including a tiny early 20th century icebox and Hoosier cabinet for the kitchen and wee period Wurlitzer for the parlor. Jen painted a set of still lifes and portraits for the artist's atelier under the pitched ceiling of the third floor. Madeline, who had always made curtains for our real house, sewed lace and ball-fringe draperies for the toy one.

Conrad, now 87, is a retired industrial designer who loved to build things for the family, from Mission style furniture to a tree fort for us kids. It means a great deal to all of us that the old dollhouse will now be a plaything for many. "It belongs with children," says Conrad.

Many thanks to Michael Carmona and all my new neighbors who volunteered to transport the dollhouse from my former home in Brooklyn, NY.



Conrad Stanley with his Victorian dollhouse, a quaintly equipped kitchen, and a parlorful of period furniture.

Laura Stanley, Southfield

NO SUCH THING AS A GRUFFALO?

"A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood. A fox saw the mouse and the mouse looked good..." So begins the children's classic by United Kingdom author Julia Donaldson and illustrator Axel Scheffler about a quick-thinking mouse who outsmarts an owl, a snake, and, eventually, even the Gruffalo himself. To really enjoy the book, however, you might want to experience it in the deep dark woods of New Marlborough's Thousand Acre Swamp, following the story and trail as they lead you from the inauspicious beginning to the mouse's final triumph and from the Hotchkiss Road trailhead to the suspension bridge named for our own local adventurer, Richard Stebbins.



Bob Hartt and grandson at a StoryWalk station

The second StoryWalk collaboration by the New Marlborough Library and New Marlborough Land Trust was a wonderful success. Thanks to Library director Deb O'Brien and Land Trust Executive director Martha Bryan, local families enjoyed another memorable literary exploration outdoors on August 14 and 15, with surprise Gruffalo sightings along the way and take-home treasures at the end.

Robbi Hartt



Destination: the Land Trust Bridge at the east end of Thousand Acre Swamp

photos by Robbi Hartt

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