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## A Look Back

July 2, 1909

Most of the cottages at the lakes are occupied. Principal Charles J. Peterson and family will pass most of their vacation in town.

Thomas Durkin of Yale, is home for his summer vacation.

Mrs. Tyrone Henshaw, 99 years old, has been sick but is now reported more comfortable.

Philip Boynton has bought the cottage on Lewis Avenue, of the Sarah C. Allen estate.

John Mulcahy and E. F. Delaney have bought land back of the high school building, of the Stowell estate, for a baseball grounds. E. W. Twitchell has the contract for clearing it and getting it into shape. \$35 has been pledged to pay the bills.

Four of the rock maples cut down on Central Street, last week, by tree warden Bemis were set out by the late Jesse Bigelow 57 years ago, when the place was owned by Mr. Dowdy, his son-in-law. His aged widow, Mrs. Snow, still lives there and is very sorry to see the old landmarks destroyed.

At the Selectmen's meeting, Monday evening, the following were granted licenses to sell fireworks on July 5-George H. Chapin, Martin Donahue, Frank E. Holden, and A. A. Putney and Son.

The graduation exercises of the high school took place in the town hall, Friday evening, June 25. At the back of the stage was the class motto -- "labor Omnia Vincit," in gold and green. Seated on the platform were the members of the graduating class, Superintendent B. J. Merriam, and the school committee, Messrs. Goodell, Livermore and Wall. Included in the program were the benefits of the Panamá Canal to the United States delivered by Irene Mary Dubois, Booker T. Washington and his work were delivered by Joseph John Durkin. The graduates were Ethel Willis Cottle, Joseph Thomas Daley, Irene Mary Dubois, Joseph John Durkin, Annie Sussner York. The ushers were Charlotte M. Daley, Annie E. Delaney, Felt A. Fletcher and Elsie E. Giffen.

On our fourth page we printed the revised law against the sale of cigarettes to minors, which goes into effect today. Since 1901 it has been against the law for anyone other than the minor's parent or guardian, to

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## From the Selectmen's Office

The Brookfield Selectmen have previously voted to keep the Town Hall closed on Fridays through the end of June 2010. At their June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, they reviewed their previous vote and agreed to continue keeping the building closed on Fridays AT LEAST through the end of September 2010. Although the Board knows that they have, during the last 18 months, saved both heating fuel and electricity and have not received any complaints from residents or employees, they agreed to use the period of June and July to accept public comments regarding this policy. At their August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting they intend to decide if they will continue the policy of Friday closings.

Comments should be directed to the Selectmen's office, 6 Central Street, Brookfield, MA 01506 no later than July 30<sup>th</sup> or by leaving a message at 508-867-2930 x 10.



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## Library News

By: Brenda Metterville

The wise man reads both books and life itself. ~Lin Yutang

A wonderful 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for Ms. Riley Landine! Friends and family each purchased a children's book for the library instead of presents! The entire wish list was purchased by The The Seerys, The Kanes, The Clarks, The Casuccis, The Karbowskis, The Rossis, The Hills, The Oxmans, The Dulmaines, The Golds, The Landines, The Tamburris, The Snyders! All generously donated books to the Children's collection. The titles include:

1. THE SANDWICH SWAP, by Queen Rania of Jordan with Kelly DiPucchio
2. THE QUIET BOOK, by Deborah Underwood
3. THE LION AND THE MOUSE, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
4. WADDLE!, written and illustrated by Rufus Butler Seder
5. INSTRUCTIONS, by Neil Gaiman
6. MY GARDEN, written and illustrated by Kevin Henkes. (Greenwillow/HarperCollins, \$17.99.) A little girl's garden yields a magical bounty. (Ages 4 to 8)
7. GALLOP!, written and illustrated by Rufus Butler Seder. (Workman, \$12.95.) Animals seem to move when you flip the page. (Ages 4 to 8)
8. SKIPPYJON JONES, LOST IN SPICE, written and illustrated by Judy Schachner. (Dutton, \$16.99.) The peppery red planet captures a cat's fancy. (Ages 4 to 8)
9. MARLEY AND THE KITTENS, by John Grogan. Illustrated by Richard Cowdrey. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$17.99.) Dog plus cats means bedlam. (Ages 3 to 6)
10. THE EARTH BOOK, written and illustrated by Todd Parr. (Megan Tingley/Little, Brown, \$9.99.) Ideas for saving the planet, plus a poster. (Ages 3 to 6)

Anyone interested in hosting a Children's Book Party for the Merrick Public Library may e-mail or call the library.

Summer Reading Program 2010: Go GREEN! Tuesdays beginning July 6 to August 9 at 1:00 p.m. Music for all ages with Ms. Renee Coro. This free

program is funded by the Tip Top Country Store.

Thursday, July 8 at 5:30 Sangita Desia's Henna body Art. Free, please sign up.

Thursdays beginning July 8 to August 12 at 2:00 p.m. Kids Yoga with Ann Ramsey. This is a free program, no sign up necessary.

Friday, July 9, 16 and the 23 at 1:00 p.m. Recycle art with Giovina Ferrante-George. Free fun!

The **Summer Reading coupon program** will not take place this year. Due to the Regional merger, a majority of the regional youth consultants decided to suspend the program for one year, since the next few months will be devoted to planning and reorganizing regional staff and services. Please note that this is just temporary but it seemed prudent to do so. We hope the staff at the new regional organization will be able to bring that program back for 2011, but we just don't know at this time.

Adult Yoga with Ann Ramsey, Wed. June 23 - Wed. July 28 - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. 6 weeks yoga @\$14 per class - payable on first class \$84- one free make-up class included (if any classes are missed during the session) to be held on Wed. Aug. 4 - mats are provided.

The Brookfields' Lions Club made a generous donation for the purchase of thirty large print books. Our readers thank you! The Lions Club also has a drop off in the library for old eyeglasses and hearing aids. Check out the blog for a list of titles added to the collection!

New display! Authentic reproductions by Kenneth Grimes is now on display at the library.

Adult computer time will continue on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Home Delivery service is available every Friday at 3:00 p.m. Please keep this service in mind as you contemplate parking during construction! This service is provided by the Friends of the Library.

The library will be closed Saturday, July 3 to celebrate Independence Day.

REGULAR HOURS: Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday & Friday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday. Ask a Librarian: [brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com) Tel: 508 867 6339 Fax: 508-867-2981 (free to receive and send)



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## The Folding Corner

*Philip Peirce*

I'm sure that most of you are aware that our "Grand Dame of the Folders" suffered serious injuries in an automobile accident last month, and that you all will join me in sending our heartfelt best wishes for a speedy recovery to Marguerite Desmond. And, Marguerite, you'll have to appoint someone as your replacement.

I picked up a book that had been clinging to my desk for the past couple of years, and, in the absence of any literary talent on my part, I offer a few more tidbits from "The Official Rules of Life," compiled by Paul Dickson.

*Liebling's Law.* If you just try long enough and hard enough, you can always manage to boot yourself in the posterior.

*Lindsey's Law of Youth.* The youth are always worse than the preceding generation were, in the opinion of the latter.

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YOU give them  
something  
to eat. Ms. 1416



## Your continued help is needed!

By: Linda Peirce

I am a volunteer at the Brookfield Ecumenical Food Pantry and, as a volunteer, I would like to thank the many people that contribute to the needs of this community. I find my work here both inspiring and humbling. I get to meet many of the residents, all of whom are so grateful for what we can give them. They come in with a warm smile and a knowledge that they will be greeted likewise. Sometimes we even share a new way to use something that they either have or are picking up for the first time.

That being said, I would like to remind you that the pantry cannot do it alone; we need your continued support.

When I was in on Saturday I noticed the need for several items. Below is a list of those items and anything you can do to provide them, including a monetary donation, would be much appreciated.

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|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Soaps:</b> Laundry Dish Bar        | <b>Paper Goods:</b> Toilet Paper Paper Towels | <b>Condiments:</b> Mustard Ketchup Mayo |
| Jams & Jellies                        | Hot & Cold Cereals                            | Cake Mixes                              |
| Shampoos                              | Conditioners                                  | Deodorant                               |
| Canned Pineapple, Frozen Meats, Eggs, | Muffin Mixes                                  |   |

Thank you, in advance, for your help. *Linda*

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