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A Look Back

August 6, 1909

High school reunion in town hall, Monday evening, August 16.

A motor boat mail service is talked of on the lake, which could be made to accommodate some 40 families along the shore.

F. W. Proctor, the ice-cream man, has been notified by the selectmen that complaints have been made to them in regard to Sunday sales of ice cream, and he must discontinue his Sunday trade. So he says he has decided to take one day of rest, and cut out Sunday route.

The 5 new Street lamps are ready for use, with the exception of the Kimball Street, where pipes must first be laid. The others are thus placed: -- one at Grover corner, Maple St.; one in front of George L. Twitchells, E. Main St.; one at May corner, and one on Central St., at the west entrance to the townhouse block.

East Brookfield -- An agent of the state labor bureau was in East Brookfield, Thursday investigating the child labor conditions in the mills. It was found that several children under the legal age have been employed in the mills and the mill owners were notified that such a practice was not to continue.

August 13, 1909

Frank R. Rogers is painting his residence on the common.

The Methodist Church, which was built in 1866, is much improved by the new coat of paint.

The water Board have commenced pumping water from the river, and have also issued notices to water users to that effect.

If you are going away on a vacation or a visit, or if you have friends or relatives visiting you or stopping in town, the *Times* would be happy to publish the fact. Such little matters are of much interest to more people than you imagine.

The Over the River picnic association held its annual picnic at the Point of Pines, Wednesday, August 11. It was an ideal day and 240 gathered at the sound of the dinner bell. At two o'clock the president called a business meeting of the association. Those holding office for this year were asked to remain for another

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The Brookfield Cultural Council will host a tag sale and chili contest on the Brookfield Common on Saturday, August 21, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain date: Saturday, August 28). To reserve a space, send a check for \$20 payable to the Brookfield Cultural Council c/o Madelyn Swanson, P.O. Box 24, Brookfield, MA 01506, by Thursday, August 19. Please include your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. To enter the chili contest, bring a crock pot of chili to the gazebo by 11 a.m. Call Jennifer Cipro at 508-867-2825 with questions.

Village Harmony World Music performs in Brookfield

Village Harmony, the unique and lively teen world music ensemble based in Vermont, led by Larry Gordon, Megan Henderson and special guest leader from Caucasus Georgia Malkhaz Erkvanidze, is on tour throughout northern New England. they will present their concert **August 10 in Brookfield, MA** at the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church.

Suggested admission at the door is \$10, \$5 for students and seniors. For information call the local number: (508) 867 8806 or call (802) 426-3210.

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Library News

By: Brenda Metterville

Book -- what they make a movie out of for television.

* **Leonard Louis Levinson**

Brookfield Historic Day is Saturday, August 7, 2010. The Library will be open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We have the Library and Cemetery Gate Cat's Meows available for purchase at \$20.00 each. Robert Wilder Maps will be on display here and at the fire station.

The staff and Trustees thank our patrons for their patience during the road construction. We encourage patrons to park on the River Street, (Rt. 148) side of the Common.

Summer Reading Program 2010: Go GREEN!

Tuesdays to August 9 at 1:00 p.m. Music and fun for all ages with Ms. Renee Coro. This free program is funded by the Tip Top Country Store.

Thursdays to August 12 at 2:00 p.m. Kids Yoga with Ann Ramsey. This is a free program, no sign up necessary. Funded by the Friends of the Library.

Thursday, August 12 at 6:30 join us for a Cup Cake Party, decorate your own! This is for our summer readers. Bring your list of the books you've read this summer including the books for school. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Anyone and everyone interested in participating or donating a vehicle for the Founding Fathers of the Merrick Public Library and local author Mary Jane Holmes themed segment in the 350th Quaboag Plantation Anniversary Parade are welcome to call or stop by the library. The March of History Parade is scheduled for Sunday, September 19 at noon.

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

The Gale databases links are now available on our blog and web site. The link is direct and simplified with no need for a password as long as you are in the state of Massachusetts. These sites provide research to magazines, journals, books, encyclopedias and newspapers.

Donations for sixth grade school supplies would

be greatly appreciated. The list includes: spiral notebooks (purple and black), rulers, pencils, markers, flash drives, tissues, pocket folders, highlighters, old dress shirts (for lab coats) and more. Please call the library for more information. A free give away will begin Wednesday, August 18 in the library.

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.

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

Tel: 508 867 6339 Fax: 508 867 2981 (free to receive and send)



Public Safety Boat

By: Peter Martell, Chief

I would like to announce that the public safety boat is now in service. The boat is equipped and ready to respond to emergencies on the over 700 acres of water within Brookfield.

Brookfield fire personnel have completed the official boating safety course of the Massachusetts Environmental Police that was taught by Acting Police Chief Doug Blood, a longtime boating safety instructor.

The boat participated in the annual Quacumquasit Pond Fourth of July boat parade.

This project involved members of this department donating significant time and resources. Special thanks to Steve Budnik of Budnik Contracting, and Matt Graves and A-1 Parts for their time, efforts and input.



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**The Folding Corner**

Philip Peirce

The folders for the July issue were in fine form that Wednesday and wrapped it all up before I left work that afternoon. Thank you all for your steadfast labors and your loyalty. Also, large kudos to a couple of Brookfield expatriates now living in West Brookfield; you folks are the 'crème de la crème.' I know...you're just doing it to help out 'the old guy.' We'll look forward to seeing you all at the next Folding Party on September 1, 2010.

If I may put on my other 'hat,' let's talk about the Apple Country Fair. The 32nd Annual ACF on October 9th will be a beautiful, bright, brisk, (pardon the alliteration) sunshine-filled day filled with throngs of people buying lots of stuff. Come on, the power of positive thinking is still at work and we can make it happen.

As always, though, we need our usual cadre of volunteers to man their battle stations. We need chair-sitters in the Raffle Tent to dispense Raffle tickets,

*(Continued on page 4)***This Month in History**

25 Years Ago Marathon Woman - American Joan Benoit, 27, bests the competition and the Los Angeles smog to capture the gold in the first women's Olympic marathon, August 5, 1984. By mile three, Benoit, who had recently had knee surgery, is ahead of the 49 other runners; she medals with a time of 2 hours 24 minutes 52 seconds.

50 Years Ago Aloha, Hawaii - Sixty-one years after Hawaii's annexation by the United States, President Eisenhower proclaims it the 50th state, August 21, 1959. For the second time in a year—Alaska joined the Union in January—like unfurls a new national flag, which flies officially on July 4, 1960.

70 Years Ago There's No Place Like Oz - MGM's *The Wizard of Oz* premieres in Wisconsin, California and New York City in August 1939. Critics rank the Technicolor musical version of L. Frank Baum's 1900 book with Disney's *Snow White*, and it grosses \$3 million—but it is the nearly annual television airings from 1956 on that make Oz one of the world's most watched movies.

100 Years Ago Uncommon Cents - In August 1909, one hundred years after his birth, Abraham Lincoln goes into circulation—on the penny. It is the first time a portrait appears on a regular issue U.S. coin. Designer

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