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OPINION

FryDaddys Rock the Field Club ... Are Bedbugs the New New Canaan Cooties?

Welcome to "About Town," a new column that will keep you up to the minute with what's what, who's who and what the town's talking about. Check in often, ~~The Fry Daddys Rock Labor Day at The New~~ see something...say something.

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With perfect weather, the grills sizzling and the band rocking, more than 250 members and guests bid farewell to summer at the **New Canaan Field Club's Annual Labor Day Clambake** this past Sunday. It was a real retro family evening with a carnival atmosphere. For kids, there was a bouncy house, cotton candy and sno cone machines and hamburgers and hot dogs. The adults were thrilled to chow down on **Captain John's** traditional clambake in a bag. Credit goes to **Jane Ponterotto** and Social Co-Chair **Paula Rhors** who told Patch, "In these days and times, successful entertainment needs to provide value and quality. The New Canaan Field Club provided all of the above at this year's clambake. Outstanding food, outstanding music and an affordable price equaled a very enjoyable night for all. Add to that, a nostalgic feel and everyone left feeling they had just experienced an evening from simpler times."



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The consensus among the crowd was the retro rock of **The Fry Daddy's** (<http://www.TheFryDaddys.com>) was the star of the night. The band features New Canaan's **Adam Weiss** adeptly pounding the skins. Husband of **Keelin** and dad to **Margot, Abigail and Nicole**, he is an investment advisor in Greenwich by day. Adam told Patch, "I've been playing the drums since I was 9 and about a year ago, I put an ad on Craig's List "Sad Drummer Looking For a Band." After fielding through "many responses," he joined bond traders, **Pete Najarian** on lead vocals and guitar and **Andy Schlesinger** on lead guitar. The fourth member of the group is bass player **Tony Gregory**, who works in marketing. And Adam's sad no more. None of the guys have any plans to quit their day jobs any time soon! They say they practice about four times a month, their calendar is filling with private parties and small club gigs and they basically are just having a great time!

And a great time was had by all who were singing along and dancing barefoot in the grass to classic tunes from The Beatles, Stones, Cream, Jimi Hendrix and Tom Petty under a starry sky that was eventually lit up by the fireworks from nearby **Country Club of New Canaan** (</listings/country-club-of-new-canaan-4>)'s Labor Day Party. The Country Club may have had the fireworks, but the **New Canaan Field Club** (</listings/new-canaan-field-club>) definitely rocked the house!

New New Canaan Cooties?

Amid their Brazilian Blowouts, the clients at **Divaz Hair Salon** (</listings/divaz>) on Cherry Street were all abuzz about bed bugs! Seems their concern is the bugs may be hoping rides on Metro-North from Grand Central to New Canaan. Watch for a resurgence of online apparel shopping and DVD rentals. Concern is mounting that trying on clothes in stores or resting heads back in movie theaters is a sure invitation to infestation.

And just when you thought dorm life couldn't get any creepier, **Will Shaker**, a freshman at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC found bedbugs in his dorm building on Aug. 31. The Pest Control Company brought in a bedbug-sniffing beagle to go through the dorm and his room was one of four on his floor where the canine found evidence of bugs. Rather than fumigate with chemicals since his roommate was allergic, they used a high heat method to clean the room. Will had to take apart his bed, empty his drawers and closet move out for a day, taking only the clothes on his back -- no books, cell phone or laptop "because they could have eggs in them", he told his parents, Patch editor **Sheryl Shaker** and her husband **Ted Shaker**. Twelve hours later, Will had to "move in" all over again for a second time in two weeks. "The scariest part," he said, "was that neither my roommate or I had any trace of them — no rashes or bites on us to be found. That night's sleep was not pleasant knowing we weren't alone in our beds!"

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