



NOVEMBER 2012

## High-Speed Internet?

John Boccalini



Between the existing services of Time Warner, Cellular modems, Satellite transmission, Wi-Valley technology and now Fairpoint's Digital Subscriber Line (DSL), high speed internet access may soon be available to most homes in Richmond.

Fairpoint Communication has been very active in town, stringing fiber optic cable and finalizing connections to equipment that allow fiber optic technologies to be converted to copper (our current phone system) and allow the data to be brought to almost every household in town. I have been told (as of Oct. 5) that the system should be completed in Rich-

mond within the month, then tested and ready for use within a few weeks from then.

With DSL service, data is transmitted simultaneously with wired telephone service on the same telephone line. Because DSL uses frequency bands, the data is separated from voice by use of the telephone and data.

To get this service you will need to subscribe to Fairpoint Communications for one of their various plans. Plans will vary depending on your choice and how far away you are from the Main Switching Hub.

The closer you are to the hub the faster the speed. Within 3/4 mile, you should receive the fastest speed, up to 15 Mbps downloading and 1 Mbps uploading (capable for gaming and video streaming). For 3/4 miles further away from the hub, you lose one level of speed. Within 1.5 miles you should get up to 7 Mbps downloading and 768 Kbps uploading (capable of downloading movies and photos). Within 2.25 miles you can get up

to 3 Mbps downloading and 128 Kbps uploading. Up to 3 miles from the hub, you will get the lowest speed (768 Kbps downloading, 128 Kbps uploading) for email and browsing.

All these plans can be bundled with your landline, which can save you approximately \$15 on your landline service.

By the time you read this, DSL may be wired up, and near ready for use. Whether or not this service will fill the gap and the communication needs of all the Richmond residents, remains to be seen. If it doesn't, it will stimulate competition or drive some of the players, or even another player, to increase their service area in Richmond. Good luck to us all!

Nov. 4, 2012 – 2 a.m. Set Your Clock Back One Hour

## Vote Your Ballot, The Whole Thing!

A change in state law a few years ago eliminated Party straight ticket balloting. That was theoretically good for democracy because it meant that voters had to select a candidate for each office. The **downside of the law** is that a large percentage of voters now vote only for the offices at the top of the ballot and leave the offices lower down on the ballot empty.

The boxes at the bottom of the ballot are often overlooked or left blank and represent positions that are important to the operation of the state and county governments. In the upcoming election these include State Senate, State Representative, Governor's Council and County Commissioner. These positions directly affect your county and your town and the selection of the best people for those positions is vital to the continued health of the overall community.

Please take the time to find out about the candidates for these offices and, on November 6, take the extra few minutes to cast your ballot for all of the offices on the ballot. It will make you feel better.

## Notes from the Selectmen's Office

**Website.** Thanks to Debie Boncal, Roberta Fraser and CharlesWorks, the website is up and running. Please let us know how it is working for you. It may not have all the bells and whistles you are used to on commercial websites, but we are trying to do it on a shoestring budget. We want it to be welcoming and informative for our residents, easy to use and easy to find the information you want or need. We are working to populate each tab and it is a work in progress, as staff has time to add information. We're asking all boards, committees, and commissions to forward their purpose/mission statements, member list, meeting information, public notices and meeting minutes to us as soon as possible. The website will be an official posting location. Check the calendar on the home page for upcoming municipal events too.

**Fay Martin Bridge.** In late September, the bridge construction bid process was postponed for one week to October 17 for receipt and opening, and to October 22 for awarding, with public notices of the rescheduled dates published in local papers. By the time you read this, the bid will have been awarded, following a review of all bids by the Selectmen, Quantum Construction and NH DOT.

**Building Permit Issued.** The Town issued a building permit to Saint Benedict Center in October to begin construction of Phase I of the institution's expansion project. Site work was begun prior to the start of construction, per approved plans, and will continue until construction is finished. The building permit is for the chapel and sanitary facilities that will also serve the school when it is constructed during Phase II construction. Per court order, the Town and Saint Benedict Center agreed to the engagement of third party professionals who reviewed the site and construction plans and are working closely with the Center and their architect and construction team to insure all plans comply with the court order and with state building codes through ongoing inspections. "As-built" plans will be provided to the Town upon completion of the construction.

**Cash Flow.** Cash flow reported in the last issue, has not improved much. The Selectmen plan to set the tax rate as soon

# Elect Stillman Rogers

Cheshire County Commissioner

*Paid for by Stillman Rogers*

as possible, and hopefully tax bills will be in the mail by mid-month. As you recall, the town did a complete re-valuation this past year and the Town valuation was about 11% lower than the previous valuation. While the re-val resulted in an assessment more in line with reality, it may affect the tax rate and you may or may not see a change in your tax bill as a result. The second issue tax bill reflects the appropriations made at town meeting 2012.

**AIDS Memorial Quilt.** The Selectmen welcomed the presentation of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to the Veterans Hall on November 3 and 4 in recognition of the 30-year landmark of the AIDS pandemic and encourage you to attend.

Thank you for your support – you are always welcome to observe our meetings and can make an appointment to meet with us by contacting Roberta or Bev at 239-4232.

## Dates to Remember

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

November 5, 2012 Open until 5:00 pm

for absentee ballots only

**VOTE!** November 6, 2012 State General Election Day

Polling hours: 8 am – 7 pm at the Veteran's Hall

Nov. 21 & 22, 2012 CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break

## VOTER ID CARD

Voter ID cards are now available at the NH Motor Vehicles. These cards are specifically for people who are registered to vote and who do not have an acceptable form of photo ID as outlined in the NH Voter ID Law. For instance, if you do not have a driver's license, you can present this voter ID card when you vote. This is a "non-driver photo ID for voting purposes only." There is no cost for the voter ID card.

After September 1, 2013 the list of acceptable photo IDs under the NH Voter ID Law will become more restrictive. This card will be one of five acceptable forms of photo ID.

If you would like a voter ID card and are qualified to receive one, you must first come to the town clerk's office. Pam or I will issue you a voucher for the voter identification card. You will then take the voucher to the DMV where you will be issued a temporary, paper voter ID card. The permanent card will be mailed to you. If the NHDMV determines that you already have a NH driver's license or a NH non-driver's photo ID card, you will be asked to relinquish that card in order to obtain the voter

ID card. Please do not attempt to get the voter ID card if you already have another, current card issued by the NH Motor Vehicle Department as it will be voided upon the issuance of the voter ID card.

My two articles in this issue about the NH Voter ID Law attempt to explain the basics of this law. Because this law unfolds in stages, it is all the more difficult to understand. Please feel free to come to my office to talk with me or to call me at 239-6202 with any questions.

## The General Election

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The State General Election will be held on November 6, 2012, at the Veterans Memorial Hall. The polls will be open from 8 am to 7 pm. For those 254 voters who voted at the State Primary Election in September, you were introduced to the first phase of NH's Voter ID Law.

At the November Election, you will once again be asked for a photo ID upon checking in with the ballot clerks. Unlike at the September election, if you do not show an approved photo ID, you will be required to complete a "Challenged Voter Affidavit" in order to receive a ballot. Completing this additional paperwork will slow the voting process down. Because the NH Secretary of State is anticipating high voter participation at the November Election, I encourage everyone to come to the polls in possession of one of the following approved photo IDs as specified in the law:

- Driver's license issued by any state (even if expired);
- ID card issued by NH DMV (Division of Motor Vehicles);
- U.S. Armed Services ID card;
- U.S. Passport (even if expired);
- Valid photo ID card issued by either the federal government or a state, county or municipal government;
- Valid student ID card;
- Other photo ID deemed legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator, or the clerk; or
- Verification of identity by a supervisor of the checklist, the moderator or the clerk.

If you complete a "Challenged Voter Affidavit," you will receive a letter from the NH Secretary of State asking for verification that you indeed did vote at the November Election. Please respond to this letter promptly to avoid a follow-up investigation by the NH Attorney General.

For those who will not be able to come to the polls on November 6, 2012 and who meet the qualifications to vote by absentee ballot, absentee ballots are available now at the town clerk's office. You can view your status as a registered voter in Richmond or the status of your absentee ballot by going to [sos.nh.gov/](http://sos.nh.gov/). Click on "Voter Information Look-up" and follow the instructions.

With the new Voter ID Law, it may feel as if there are obstacles to exercising your constitutional right to vote. Please do not feel intimidated. Please come out and vote. And please remember that everyone who will be working at the Veterans Hall on Election Day is there to help make your voting experience as smooth and pleasant as possible.

If you find the new Voter ID Law confusing or puzzling, please feel free to come in and talk with me anytime my office is open. I am here to help. And if you have any questions about absentee voting, Pam and I are, as always, available. We can also be reached by phone at 239-6202.

## Quotable Quote

*Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.*

—Author unknown

## Right to Know Act, RSA 91-A

Board of Selectmen

To all Municipal Officials and Employees, August 20, 2012:  
First, we want to thank you for your service in the Town of Richmond. We appreciate your time, effort and skills in the many and varied ways each of you serves your town.

The **Right to Know** law has been around for a long time, and with your continued help and commitment we will get it right! As you know, each of us is accountable for knowing and implementing the conditions of the **Right to Know** law, RSA 91-A, as it applies to our individual positions and responsibilities.

RSA 91-A applies to you in your role as municipal officials, employees or volunteers. Its purpose is to increase public access to governmental proceedings, based on the theory that public knowledge of the considerations upon which governmental action is based and of the decisions taken is essential to the democratic process.

Educate yourself about RSA 91-A: Use the *NH Planning and Land Use Regulation* book where you can search for a par-

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tical RSA or browse them all. Visit the Local Government Center website and go to the Town and City Article Index under the Publications tab – type “91-A,” and a host of articles on specific issues, questions and court cases come up. Online at: [www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/indexes/default.html](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/indexes/default.html)

Training is another avenue and the Local Government Center does a lot of trainings – their conference this November will surely have sessions on RSA 91-A, or check out the LGC Academy for online learning for municipal officials.

We acknowledge that this law is very detailed and complex and it takes a while to learn the fine points; however, the most important elements to know as a public official are that you are required to provide timely public notice of meetings, hold meetings in the public view and record minutes of every meeting, making those minutes available within five business days for public review.

We understand that as human beings anyone may unintentionally neglect, forget or omit a step in the process. If this happens, please take immediate action to correct it, learn from it and insure the information is made public as soon as possible.

Know, too, that under RSA 91-A the public has a right to tape the proceedings of any meeting with or without your knowledge. However, taping conversations outside of the meeting without permission may violate NH wiretap laws.

If you have questions or need additional references for training, please do not hesitate to call the office at 239-4232. Thank you for seriously considering this law and its ramifications for your work as a public official.

## Flood Plains

### Planning Board

It is not a prerequisite that you live near water to live in a flood zone. Floods are caused by snow melt in the spring, storms, hurricanes or water back up due to restricted drainage.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is a partnership between communities and the federal government. For a community that would like to participate in the NFIP they are asked to adopt and enforce a floodplain management ordinance. Currently there are 214 communities (91%) located in NH who have a partnership with NFIP.

The Planning Board has been asked by the Selectmen to put together an ordinance for Richmond voters to decide in March of 2013 if they would like to begin such a partnership. Once voted in, all properties designated in a floodplain can be

mandated to purchase flood insurance to satisfy their mortgage lender at a reasonable price. When a mortgage company makes a transaction involving a structure, a lender is obligated to determine the properties location according to the flood hazard area or 100 year floodplain. If a future or present lender determines that the structure is located in a special flood hazard area and the community is participating in the NFIP the borrower is notified that flood insurance will be required as a condition of the loan. This includes new and present mortgages and could or could not increase your monthly mortgage.

Determination is decided by the building's location using current FEMA floodplain maps and other information.

If the town chooses not to participate, all structures that are located within the floodplain will not be eligible to receive flood insurance. Most home insurance carriers do not write flood insurance options.

The Planning Board met with residents to receive information from the National Flood Insurance Program State Coordinator, Jennifer Gilbert, on Thursday Oct. 18, 6:30 pm at the Veterans Hall. The goal of the Planning Board was to figure out how many residents would be affected by this partnership financially and if there was a need for such a partnership in Richmond.

## Richmond Library News

Wendy O'Brien

**Change in Hours** Please note that the Trustees have voted to change the hours of the Library to the following effective November 13: Tues. 4-7 Thurs. 4-7  
Wed. 9-12 Sat. 10-2

We hope that this will help to accommodate the greatest number of Richmond residents who wish to use the Library, but also make our hours easier to remember!

**Storytimes:** Wednesdays with Wendy continue at 10:00 a.m. throughout the fall. There are themed stories, crafts, and a small snack for the kids, and social time with other parents (sometimes coffee and goodies too!). Afterwards, in good weather, the kids often go behind the Library to play on the great new playground. Come join us!

**Reading with Keeta:** We have tentatively scheduled a visit on Sat. November 10, at 11:00 a.m. for a visit with Kate Simington and Keeta. Keeta offers gentle listening ears for children just learning to read or who wish to be more confident in their reading. Come by for a story or just a pat. Please call us first at



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239-6164 to confirm the date and time. We are pleased to welcome Keeta to our RPL volunteer family!

**Ongoing Book Sale with Clarence the Bookworm:** Stop by and meet Clarence and see our ongoing indoor book sale that features fiction and mystery writers. Our volunteers have been busy alphabetizing by author so you can quickly find what you are looking for. Paperbacks are 50 cents and hardcovers are \$1.00. Also available are the items on the children's shelves, for just 25 cents. We hope to see you! Donations are gratefully accepted.

**Traveling Zoo Comes to Richmond!** Join me, Clarence the Bookworm and the Richmond Public Library in welcoming back the W.I.L.D. Center & Zoological Park to the Veterans' Hall on Sat., November 17, at 2:00 p.m. Back in 2008, the staff of W.I.L.D. amazed us with animals from Australia which was featured in our summer reading program theme. Remember the wallaby hopping across the hall to a standing room only crowd! This year's program is designed to be fun and informational for all ages. Rumor has it that seven animals are coming, including a fennec fox and a large snake! And if you haven't seen a fennec fox, check wikipedia.

This educational program connects children and adults with animals and nature while demonstrating and inspiring responsible stewardship of our planet's global biodiversity. As a mere worm, although a bookworm, I recommend that! The cost of admission is just \$5.00 per adult, \$2.50 per child, with a family cap of \$15.00. In addition there will be a raffle with 25-cent tickets for a stuffed animal fennec fox, a suitable addition to every home, and an original gingerbread house creation by Deb Watson. Juice and homemade cookies will be provided after the show free of charge.

In addition to being a fun, educational program for everyone, this event is also a major fundraiser for the Richmond Pub-

lic Library. Even though I, Clarence, have been selling used books like mad during my Clarence Sales, we still need help! The RPL serves all of Richmond's adults and children, operating within an extremely modest budget that places a very small burden on Richmond's taxpayers. I not only see volunteers in the Library everyday, maintaining the Library inside and out, but many who also contribute funds to extend the RPL's budget to meet ongoing expenses. If you can't come to this fun event on November 17, please consider writing a \$10 check to the Richmond Public Library and mailing it to 19 Winchester Road, Richmond, NH, 03470. A \$10 contribution may not be a big check for many *Rooster* readers to write, but a bunch of \$10 checks would be a heap of help to your Library, help that is critically needed so that we can continue to bring you the topnotch service you have come to expect. I hope to hear from you soon!

Peace, Love  
and Understanding,  
Clarence, the RPL Bookworm.



## Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

**Sullivan Withdrawal Vote scheduled for November 27, 2007 – Richmond will vote at the Veteran's Hall.** Vote Yes or No as you wish, but don't let the other towns make up your mind for you.

**Richmond Students Are Providing Leadership at Monadnock.** At the first school board meeting in October, **Cameron Barth Jr.**, President-elect of the Student Government, and **Hannah Bush**, Student Representative, both Richmond residents, presented the Student Government report. I expect these stu-

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dents will be seen at future school board meetings.

**Monadnock Regional High School (MRHS) will host the New Hampshire Supreme Court (NHSC) in a Live Session.** The NHSC travels around the state to help educate our youth on the workings of the Supreme Court. This year it is Southwest Regional's turn and they selected Monadnock as the host. One hundred MRHS students will be selected to attend the session along with 50 students (each) from area high schools. The case will be an actual supreme court docket item that was selected to be of interest to our youth.

**The School District – Three Towns are Delinquent in Paying Their School Accounts** – as of October 10, 2012 (a snapshot in time) the school district was owed \$2,385,632 from the towns. The ripple effect of the slow tax payments is coming to bear on the school district – to the point of reviewing existing funds to insure they can meet payroll.

At the School Board's Finance Committee meeting, my proposed **budget reduction of \$2,000,000 budget for fiscal year 2013-2014** was favorably discussed (but no vote taken). Much of that reduction will be absorbed by the Sullivan withdrawal. Our school administrators are taking a sharp look at class size and other areas where budgets are not being spent wisely. As one board member pointed out, there is a reason the three towns that are delinquent, and some of it falls directly on our school district.

**Can the FREE Kahn Academy Help Your Child?** I have recently volunteered to help young adults prepare for their GED (General Education Diploma). When I signed up I was told that I would not have to get into algebra until next year (2013) – plenty of time to brush up. Turns out, it was my second meeting with the group that I was asked to assist a student with algebra. I bring this up only to point out that you can brush up on Algebra or any other topic at the online Kahn Academy (just put that in Google search). This is a free online teaching school for just about any topic you can think of. Each segment is broken into ten minute blocks, so you can spend as little or as much time as you have with it. Anyway, I went to Kahn Academy and brushed up on my algebra in a couple of hours. If a high "schooler" or middle "schooler" is having trouble, or wants to study something else, it is probably there. What about home-schooled students and their parents? Would the Kahn Academy be something you could use? My daughter (high school science teacher) says Kahn is not strong in science, but it's there and it's free! Go to: [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org).

Given you have suggestions and/or comments, my e-mail is [cmoriarty@ne.rr.com](mailto:cmoriarty@ne.rr.com), or call 239-4031. Jim Carnie will be glad to assist you on school matters at 239-4948.

## Editor's Note

John Boccalini

Thank you all for your kind remarks about *The Rooster* over the last few months. *The Rooster* is produced through the efforts of many individuals – the Staff puts it together, proofreads it, gets advertising for it, and tends to the business that needs tending. The contributors write the stories, send the info, quote the quotes, and shoot the photos. The advertisers invest in it, so that we can get it printed and mailed to the town free of charge.

Thanks to those who send in ideas that keep this newsletter alive and growing, and to all the residents and subscribers who read it and wish us well. The Rooster is truly a community volunteer project, produced by residents who take pride in what has happened in the past, what is happening now, and what will happen in the future. Thanks to all past, present and future participants contributing to its existence.

## Greetings from the Farm

Our tree farm is open for pre-tagging starting Sunday, Oct. 28, only, then open again on the Friday after Thanksgiving, and every weekend through Saturday, December 12. Please note: Pre-tagging ends Sunday, November 28 and all pre-tagged trees must be picked up by the end of the day on Sunday, December 16, otherwise, they will be available for sale to the public.

Thank you.

Jeff & Sue, [taylortreepeople@aol.com](mailto:taylortreepeople@aol.com)

## LOST AND FOUND

Terri O'Rorke

On Saturday, October 6, a black case with a glucometer inside was found on Rt. 32 North, right before Fish Hatchery Road. If this is yours, contact Heather at 239-8997 with an accurate description. Thank you.

## Roadside Cleanup

Russ Provost

The Richmond Fall roadside cleanup was held over Columbus Day weekend. Over twenty miles of our roads were cleaned and 3,220 pounds of litter was collected. Thanks to the volunteers and a special thanks to Chip Adams, C&L Disposal for

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## Megan

Theresa Majoy

When the Agricultural Commission decided to interview Megan Adams about her life and involvement in 4-H, we did not anticipate meeting a young woman as accomplished as Meg at the young age of fifteen.

Megan is the daughter of Lynn and Chip Adams. At only two-to-three years of age, she would tell her Mom that she wanted a black and white cow. Now she has achieved that goal. Between then and now, she has learned a lot about caring for animals and showing cows.

The proof of her skills can be seen in her awards at the



Megan and her Holstein calf.

2012 Cheshire Fair and the 2012 Eastern States Exhibition, (Big-E). At the Cheshire Fair 2012, Echo Farm JP Shush (Brown cow pictures) earned her a 1st place twice, and Reserve Champion. The Holstein calf, Windyhurst Marcellus 1343 (Black and White calf) that she bought and raised, earned 1st place twice and 3rd place. At the Big-E, she showed her Holstein calf. There she earned 5th, 7th, 8th and 9th out of a field of 12 cows in her class.

Her work and skill development doesn't end when Fair season ends. In March she will participate in the New Hampshire Dairy Quiz Bowl and in June she'll participate in the Strolling of the Heifers on Main Street in Brattleboro, Vermont. A Monadnock 10th-grader, Megan is a member of the Agriculture Club along with her cousin Joe Davis who also lives here in



Megan and Echo Farm JP Shush.

Richmond. The school's Agriculture Club has members from many different 4-H Clubs around Cheshire County.

Megan knows that her 4-H involvement will influence the rest of her life positively and she would encourage others to join 4-H which is fun, entertaining, and very diverse.

We are grateful that this busy young woman made time to share her story with us.

## RCUMC

Pastor Arnie Johnson

The Richmond Community United Methodist Church has been very active in the community during the summer months. We hosted a very successful Auction-and-Salad Supper in July which was very well attended. A great time was had by all! That was followed by a great "Homecoming Service" and celebration held outdoors in the Richmond Pavilion in August in conjunction with the Annual Fire Department Chicken Bar-B-Que!

We were honored to have with us again, the wonderfully gifted and blessed Middle River Gospel Band who ministered to over sixty attendees during the church service, then stayed, and ministered musically and in word to the many who attended the BBQ! Great comments were heard from the people attending both events! We hope to be able to do it again.

Our heart-felt thanks to Fire Chief Mike Pearsall, and the volunteers of the FD, for the coordination and allowing us to be part of this great community event! The Church was also

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A wonderful Church picnic was held at Don and Lois Ray's in September with great watermelon, grilled burgers, hot dogs, and a large variety of potluck choices.

August and September found Pastor Arnie Johnson traveling to Buffalo, NY to complete a course on Pastoral Care through the Wesley Seminary, as part of his continuing education as Pastor of RCUMC. Much of what he learned will be used to greatly benefit the church and community.

September 1 found RCUMC hosting our Annual Yard and Bake sale at the Church. Once again, our Richmond community came forth with great items for us to sell, and might I add, buy! Thank you all for your support!

September also found RCUMC beginning an evening Bible Study on Tuesdays on "Spiritual Gifts." It has been well attended and is bringing much discussion and information about what Christianity and "Gifts of the Spirit" are all about. An opportunity for personal "Spiritual Gifts Assessment" is being presented to find out what our individual gifts are and how we can best use them in service to our community. The Bible study will continue through October and into November.

October brought the Celebration of Holy Matrimony of two of Richmond's residents, John Lapp and Lindsay Hebert. Pastor Arnie Johnson presided at the service and administered the vows. The Church congratulates them and prays for their continuing love for each other and the children in the family.

Upcoming events in November and December include:

- \*The RCUMC Holiday Fair November 10 at the Veteran's Hall;

- \*Our Annual Church Conference November 25 with Rev. Dr. David Abbott, New Hampshire District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church, presiding and presenting the Message (all members and friends of RCUMC are invited to attend);

- \*The Dedication of our New Tree in honor of Dick Dickenson's father, in front of the church. The tree lighting service will be held December 8 at 7pm – all are welcome to attend and hang an ornament of your choice; and lastly,

\*Monday, December 24, our always well-attended and blessed Christmas Eve Service.

This Christmas Eve service has always been a community event with participants from the community and beyond, and provides, once again, a perfect time to hear the Christmas Story presented by those near and far as many return to Richmond for the holy-days to participate. Come and be blessed with the story, in word, sight, and song, of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! If you would like to participate or sing, please let us know!

A reminder to all that RCUMC sponsors the Food Pantry at the Town Hall. We are doing what we can to help those less fortunate than ourselves, but we can't do it all on our own. We welcome all donations of non-perishable foods to support those in need. Donations can be left at the Town Hall during normal business hours or at the Church on Sundays, 9-10:30 am.

Don't forget, our normal RCUMC Sunday Services start at 9am with wonderful singing, fellowship, and homemade snacks following the service. All are welcome, whether religious or not, to this House of God! If anyone has questions, don't hesitate to contact us at richmondcommunityumc@gmail.com.

## Wedding Announcement

Pam Goodell

Pilar Amy Lee Stealy and Jacob Todd Goodell were married September 15, 2012 in Richmond. The reception took place at the Richmond Pavilion.

Jacob is the grandson of Boyd and Pam Goodell of Richmond. His parents are Todd and Jody Goodell of Swanzey. The bride's parents are Tim Stealy and Cindy Stewart of Merrimack, NH. Cindy Stewart performed the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mindy Grey was the maid of honor. Tyler Goodell, brother of the groom, was best man. Bridal attendants were Kate Carson and Serra Mae. Groomsmen were Brad Carson and Todd Goodell, father of the groom. Emily Rose Goodell, daughter of the bride and groom was the flower girl assisted by Dyane Grout.



Jacob Todd Goodell and Pilar Amy Lee Stealy tie the knot.

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The bride graduated from Wilton Lydenborough Co-op High School in 2009 and is employed by Jody's Cleaning in Swanze. The groom graduated from Monadnock Regional High School in 2005 and is employed by Albert's Organics in Chesterfield, NH. After a trip to the White Mountains, the couple will live in Keene.

## Children Who Need Shoes?

Vicki Smith

Do You Know Children Who Need Shoes?

As we approach another winter here in Richmond, we must consider the children in need. The Richmond Community United Methodist Church is sponsoring a shoe and boot drive for those children. During the month of November, the church would appreciate any donations of new shoes/sneakers or winter boots, or cash donations toward the purchase of Payless Shoes gift cards. These will then be distributed to families of school-age children in our community. Please contact Jim and Vicki Smith at 239-4192 between 9am and 6pm to donate or if you know of any children or if you have children who could benefit from this program. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40).

## What Makes a Good Idea Work?

The "idea" emerged in late spring or early summer with behind the scenes groundwork taking shape during the weeks that followed. Finally, around 9 am on October 6, cars and trucks rolled into the Vet's Hall parking lot to begin the final touches on an idea. Tables were set up; stage was festively decorated; beautiful floral arrangements prepared on the tailgate of a pickup were placed at the center of each table; sound system was set up and tested. In many kitchens throughout Richmond, crockpots were being filled; aromas of oven-baked recipes filled the air. Meanwhile outside trash was being picked up along the roads in Richmond.

Finally, it was 4:30 or maybe it was 4:45, when people began to file into the Vet's Hall. A variety of hot dishes, cold dishes, crockpots, dessert platters of cookies and cakes filled the tables in the kitchen. At 5 o'clock everyone was welcomed to the Harvest Potluck supper and encouraged to fill up their plates and then sit back for a special evening of New England storytelling at its best.



Rebecca Rule of Northwood, NH was sponsored through the NH Humanities Council, and her visit to Richmond was made possible through collaborative efforts of the Richmond Historical Society and the Richmond Agricultural Commission. Not only did the audience enjoy Rebecca's many stories, folks discovered we have some darn good storytellers right here in Richmond! Yes, Rebecca left Richmond with more material for future stories.

While Rebecca Rule was signing books, tables and chairs were being cleared and stacked along the walls. Kitchen counters were cleaned off, dishes were done, and the Vet's Hall once again was made ready for the next social event.

By now you are probably saying, "So why write an article about this?" Because the success of this "idea" was made possible through VOLUNTEERS! Volunteers who planned the evening, volunteers who set up the hall, volunteers who prepared food, volunteers who came to enjoy an evening out with good friends and neighbors, volunteers who stayed to help cleanup, even though there was no official cleanup committee. Without VOLUNTEERS there would be no articles to write.

Next time you see an event advertised in Richmond, know how important you are to making a good idea work. Thank you! Richmond Historical Society & Richmond Agricultural Commission.

## Richmond Food Pantry

Hugh VanBrocklin

The Richmond Food Pantry has been providing support for families in our community since it was started by the Richmond Community UM Church Youth Group in 1988. The shelves are located at the Town Hall, and are available whenever the Town Hall is open. There are no forms to fill out and no eligibility requirements to meet for those who are in need of food. We are fortunate to receive continued support through the Church and private individuals with monetary and food donations. Some residents designate their United Way contribution to the Food Pantry. We also have received generous support through the Scouting for Food Program and the food collection at Mt. Caesar School.

Over the holidays the Food Pantry works with the Keene Community Kitchen to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes. If you or someone you know could use a little extra help with food, please call Hugh at 239-4494. Thanks for all your support!

## Closing Up a Season

Judith M. Graves

By October we watch the fall start to end as the leaves hit the ground. Still time to walk the woodlands, gather cones, acorns, deer moss, partridge berries preparing for the holiday projects ahead.

Pumpkins, gourds, and squashes ready to pick off the vines and the potatoes are being dug as I write. We can now enjoy the last of the garden's bounty for this year. Beets and carrots are in the freezer for additions to our winter soups and meals.

This is the time to assess what grew well in what spot and which varieties we will want to duplicate for the upcoming year, and which ones we think didn't make the re-ordering list. The herbs need to be clipped and wait for the first hard frost before covering them heavy with straw or pine needles. The first hard frost sets the roots in so they will winter over. Freeze the parsley, basil, and chives and the rest you can air dry in bouquets and break off the stems when they are dry to place in small jars or baggies. Label them as one herb can look like another and be misused. Gather all the clean-up from the gardens and add to a humus pile to be ready to spread out next spring. Clip the cornstalks and tie bundles on posts, set the pumpkins to be displayed in many ways. We enjoy them on the porch railing but if you set them on a bale of hay or fill a wheelbarrow it is just so pretty and looks like fall. I decorate the seasons with nature and natural things that are easy to gather outside the door, and then I don't have to store a thing!

Each year in October we hold a harvest party for about twenty family and friends. We carve pumpkins, make scare crows, and enjoy hot mulled cider and doughnuts. This is a time for fellowship and laughter. Good Harvest dishes to enjoy and some games to play.

By the end of October we are thinking of the cold snow season that we call winter here in New England. I found a wooly-bear caterpillar that says LOTS OF SNOW this winter. My daddy would always look for a wooly-bear to predict the winter ahead. Another sign is how many nuts and berries are being stored by the squirrels and chipmunks, and believe me they are scurrying fast and furious around the woods to gather and store. I do predict a heavy snow winter ahead. But in New Hampshire, we're ready as we have done this many times before.

Thanksgiving is placed on the calendar at the end of a year so we can be thankful for God's many blessings. I work all year long for two shows. The first one will be on November 24 at Life Journey Church in Keene, NH on Park Avenue, and I am almost packed to go. Always excited to see what other crafters have done all year to gear up for our shopping adventures. Love to buy USA made and hand-made gifts are so personal. Something made one-of-a-kind can't be beat as the perfect gift. It is a lot more fun to me than going in crowded stores and having to buy out of the country. Come by and see some amazing crafts and start your holiday shopping.

For the second show, I will be at the Cottage Crafters Productions on December 1, from 9 to 3 for the first annual Re-viving The Past show. There will be two floors in the Amos J.

Blake House Museum in Fitzwilliam, NH, so this should complete your shopping needs. This fair will be a feast for the eyes, as many early demonstrations from talented artisan's will be on display throughout the museum. This fair is certainly one you do not want to miss. Price of admission is a non-perishable food item for the food local pantry. I hope you will come and see me at both fairs.

In September, I wrote of all the items that were in stages of completion in the studio and throughout my house. By now things are nearly all finished, dried, added to, as material was gathered from God's mall, and now being packaged up for the fairs and for gifts. The pomander balls are all dried, pineapples are dried, moss balls are ready to package, and more. Still to be made are the berry bowls and I do hope the birds leave enough for me to make them. Some years the berries are eaten before I can get out and gather them.

Here is a simple way to make a berry bowl: Take a rose bowl (shaped like a small fish bowl) and place a good size hunk of moss that you roll off a rock in the bottom with moss side up. Sprinkle a little water over this moss, and begin to add the partridge berries and their pretty leaves. Try to get more berries than leaves because you want to see the red. When you have it filled within 1-2 inches from the top you can add a little ornament like a deer, angel, or bird if you like. I often just fill to the top with berries and leaves. Then take some cellophane wrap and pull it tightly over the top of the bowl. Now take small ribbon, (I use 1/8 inch red ribbon) and tie it around the neck of the bowl with a bow. Clip the cellophane evenly around the bowl, and it is done. This berry bowl will last till spring, just in time to use the bowl with a little water and a rose in the summer and recycle it again in the fall. This is an early craft that will cheer up any home and is still received so well today. And you don't need to water it until spring.

It is wonderful to see how many have returned to the simpler life of hand-made gifts. Overabundance is done. We seem to have accumulated more than we need or want. I remember how excited my children were to present me with a gift they had made with their own hands. Give them to someone you know who will appreciate and use them.

Simple gifts are now, what folks not only appreciate, but enjoy. In August I started geraniums in terra pots. By November they will be ready to give as gifts with a note that says, "add winter cheer in a windowsill." I wrap them by setting them in a brown paper bag, squish down the bag and tie it with a raffia bow. Another nice idea is giving an herb plant, and add a couple of recipes along with the herbs. I do the same with the cactus "starts" and ivy "starts." A hostess or a co-worker will so enjoy this gift as well. Nothing like the double pleasure of first crafting a gift and then being able to give it.

So, close up your season and prepare for the next one. This way we enjoy the four seasons in New England. Always something new to look forward to. Winter is next!

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. )

## Aids Quilt Coming to Richmond

John Boccalini

In recognition of the thirty-year landmark of the AIDS pandemic, a private group of Richmond residents is hosting a free two-day event on Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4 from 9 am – 5 pm at the Veterans Hall on Route 32 in Richmond. The event will feature ten sections of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, each twelve feet by twelve feet.

Presently, the Quilt is composed of 48,000 hand-sewn panels (approximately 1.3 million square feet or 23 acres, in size). The project was conceived in 1985 and started in 1987. It was first displayed in the National Mall in Washington, DC on October 11, 1987. At that time, there were 1,920 panels (the size of one football field.)

Thousands of those who have viewed the AIDS Quilt remark how it has been among the most moving and inspiring experiences they have had. It will be a special moment for the town of Richmond, as it has, wherever it has been shown, up close and personal.

A signature panel that is to be placed in a section of a future quilt that will become part of the entire Quilt will be available for your comments and/or signing. Also, directions on how a panel can be made to become part of the entire Quilt will be available.

Lastly, a short film from the 1993 National display of the Aids Memorial Quilt in Washington, DC will be shown repeatedly.

As of 2010, thirty-four million people are living with HIV globally and nearly an estimated two million will die. In North America alone, nearly one-and-a-half million people are affected. AIDS is a disease that is still considered actively spreading over a large area. Since the start of this pandemic, nearly thirty million people have died of AIDS.

## Out and About

John Boccalini

**Fri. Nov. 2, 8 pm, Bill Cosby**, Colonial Theater, Keene, NH

**Fri. Nov. 2, 8:30 pm, Buzzards Brass Band/Sunny Lowdown**, Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn.

**Fri. Nov. 2, 11 pm, Amanda Duncan** Keene State College

**Sat. Nov. 3, 8 pm, 3 Greg Trooper**. Americana/Singer-song-writer. The Listening Room at MindFull Books, 29 Main St., Jaffrey \$10. Finger food potluck.

**Sat. Nov. 3, 8:30 pm, Christa Cene Band**, Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn.

**Sat.-Sun. Nov. 3-4, 9 am - 5 pm, AIDS Quilt Display**. Free to the public. Veterans Hall, Rt. 32, Richmond, NH.

**Sat.-Sun. Nov. 3-4, 10 am - 4 pm, First Annual Keene Art Tour**. Keene NH, Free.

**Sat Nov. 4, 2 pm, A Brown Bear, A Moon and A Caterpillar: Treasured Eric Carle Stories**, Colonial Theater, Keene. \$19 adults / \$15 Students.

**Sat Nov. 4, 5 pm, NH Grower's Dinner and Music**, East Hill Farm, 490 Monadnock St., Troy. \$25.95 adult / \$12.95 child age 5-15, \$7.50 per child age 2-4 plus tax and gratuities. Call 800-242-6495 for reservations.

**Sat. Nov. 8, 7 pm, Kristallnacht Remembrance**, Colonial Theater, Keene. Free (reservations only).

**Fri. Nov. 9, 8 pm, Dala** – vocal harmonies, Peterborough Players Theater, Middle Handcock Rd. Peterborough. \$18 advance/ \$21 day of show.

**Sat, Nov. 10, 1 pm, Met Live in HD: Tempest (Ades)**, Colonial Theater, Keene. \$25adults / \$15 Students.

**Sat. Nov. 10, 9 am - 2 pm, Holiday Fair, Vets Hall, Richmond**

**Sat. Nov. 10, 7 pm, Annual Salute to Veterans**, Jaffrey Woman's Club, 33 Main St. Jaffrey, Free.

**Sat. Nov. 10, 8 pm, Mark T. Small**, Blues/Folk/Americana The Listening Room at MindFull Books, 29 Main St., Jaffrey. \$7. Finger food potluck.

**Sat. Nov. 10, 4 pm, Beer Tasting & 8:30 pm The Cold River Ranters**, Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn.

**Fri, Nov 16, 8:30 pm, Melanie and the Blue shots**, Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn.

**Thurs. Nov 15, 6 pm, Richmond Historical Society Year End Meeting - CD Building**, Richmond, NH.

**Fri & Sat, Nov. 16 & 17 - 7:30 pm; Sun, Nov. 18 – 2 pm Raylynmor Opera: The Mikado**, Colonial Theater, Keene. \$24-31.

**Nov. 17, 9 am - Until gone, Annual Richmond Fire Department Pie Sale**. Richmond Fire Dept., Richmond, NH.

**Sat. Nov, 17, 8:30 pm, Hot Mustard**, Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn.

**Thur. Nov, 22 Thanksgiving Buffet**, Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn.


**Sat. Nov. 24, 8:30 pm, Rick and the Read Head**, Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn.

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**Sat. Nov. 24, 8 pm, Dawn Kenney Holiday Kick-off** - Bluegrass/Country/Americana, The Listening Room at MindFull Books, 29 Main St., Jaffrey. \$10. Finger food potluck.

**Thurs Nov. 29, 8 pm, The Temptaions**, Colonial Theater, Keene, NH. \$39-59.

**Fri Nov. 30, The Vienna Boys Choir Holiday Program**, Colonial Theater, Keene, NH. \$34.50-48.50.

#### Ongoing:

**Mondays 8 p.m., Contra Dancing**, Nelson Town Hall, Variety of callers and musicians. Donation: \$3. Nelson.

**Every Tuesday night from 8 – 11 pm, CJ the DJ** hosts karaoke at his hometown bar, Ed's Crossroads Pizza & Subs. <http://eventful.com/fitzwilliam/events/tues-karaoke-eds-crossro-/E0-001-045615036-3@2012090420>, **read more.**

**Wednesday, 9:30 – 11 pm, Open Mic Night – Acoustic only** please. Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

### Mark Your Calendars!

Donna Brewer

The Annual Pie Sale to Benefit the Richmond Fire Department is almost upon us:

When: November 17, 9:00 am until the pies are gone!

Where: Richmond Fire Department

What: Yummy pies of all kinds priced from \$6.00 to \$10.00

We hope to achieve our goal of 100 donated pies for the sale. The Fire Department welcomes our friends and neighbors to come and have a FREE cup of coffee, hot cocoa, hot spiced apple cider for dropping off or buying a pie, or just to be neighborly!

If you want a special pie baked, please call either co-chairpersons Donna Brewer at 239-4514 or Lt. Jon Pratt at 313-2889. We'll get our pie bakers right on it.

So far, we have apple, pumpkin, pecan, chocolate cream, banana cream and squash pies coming.

As a new service this year, if you can't make it to the pie sale, call us and order your pies and we will deliver your pies right to your door on November 17 in Richmond.

We want to thank those people who have already signed up to bake for the sale. If there are any folks out there who want to bake for the sale, please call Donna or John. We will be soliciting for pies during the next month.

Thank you all in advance for helping to make this pie sale a fun and successful event.



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By the way, the Richmond Fire Department is having a raffle for a cord of wood and those tickets will be available for \$1.00 each at the Pie Sale. Thank you to the Pratt family for their generosity in donating the cord of wood to be raffled off. Donna Brewer at 239-4514 and Lt. John Pratt at 313-2889

### Richmond Holiday Fair

Alison Van Brocklin

The annual Holiday Fair will be held at the Richmond Veterans Hall, Route 32 on Saturday, November 10, 2012 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Anyone who has been to the Holiday Fair in past years will attest that it is a unique experience featuring local artisans offering a variety of hand-crafted gifts and confections!

Talented artists will present nature-based pen & ink prints, graphics, and photography. Quilted wall hangings and pillows will compliment any country home décor. Exquisite work includes jewelry, cross-stitched items, and traditional knit and crocheted keepsakes. Decorative gifts for the upcoming holidays including country wreaths and dried flowers will also be available, as well as handspun yarns. Many shoppers are drawn to traditional German baked goods or the table filled with homemade candies, cakes and pies.

The Richmond Community UM Church is delighted to sponsor the Holiday Fair. A luncheon is planned from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. The menu includes sandwiches, chili, corn chowder, and apple crisp. For more information, call Alison, 239-4494.

### Connor Team does it again!

Michelle Connor

The NH team of AdviCoach®, Ann Connor and Michelle Connor take home the top award again this year. The 13th Annual Conference of Franchise Source Brands International was recently held in Ft. Lauderdale Florida where Ann and Michelle were awarded the AdviCoach® Franchisee Coach of the Year Award. What makes this extra special? This is not the first time! They have now received this top honor for a third time since opening their business coaching practice in 2008.

One way they have earned this recognition is by offering complimentary coaching sessions to NH and MA business owners and entrepreneurs at the Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Peterborough Chamber and Hannah Grimes Center to name just a few of the organizations where this team donates their time.

Not only was the team honored, one of their growing busi-

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nesses was named Client of the Year. Polly's Pancake Parlor of Sugar Hill, NH has worked side-by-side with Ann as their business coach. Ann and Michelle appreciate all the support and confidence of the entrepreneurs, business owners, and non-profit organizations that have encouraged them to achieve their dreams!

## QUOTABLE QUOTE

Terri O'Rorke

*Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.*

— George Santayana, philosopher, essayist, poet, novelist  
December 16, 1863 – September 26, 1952

## Incredible Walk

Betsy Pearsall

"The loveliness of Paris seems somehow sadly gay.

The glory that was Rome is of another day.

I've been terribly alone and forgotten in Manhattan.

I'm going home to my city by the bay."

Well, it's been a month since I left on this year's journey toward a Cure. I don't know where the time went, but it has gone. The leaves are falling off the tree outside my living room window, and baseball season is drawing to a close. Fall is here.

It was an incredible walk this year...in so very many ways. This year was very special, not because together we raised \$3,169.00, and our cumulative total for our seven year's of walking is over \$20,000. Not because I was able to walk in a city that I love, but because I fell in love with a wonderful group of ten women whom I will forever call my 3Day Sisters! Three days before the walk, we were strangers from all walks of life and all over the Western Hemisphere. We were a wide range of ages and cultures. We were single, married, moms, professional women, and a survivor. We were from Indianapolis, the Cayman Islands, New Jersey, Arizona, New Hampshire and from all over California. Two of us met on a trip to Alcatraz; others of us met at the airport. One or two more met at the hotel the night before the walk and we ALL met at Opening Ceremonies. By the end of Day One, the eleven of us were calling ourselves "The Leftovers." There was something very special about this group of strangers...now family.

We loaded the buses at 5:00 am and traveled to the Opening Ceremony in Corte Madera. From there, we meandered through Corte Madera and Larkspur, then headed south towards Mill Valley and Sausalito.

I got to meet again with Barbara Jo. I had met her on my very first walk in Seattle back in 2006. It was her 64th walk then. This was her 131st walk, and she has managed to raise \$1.47 million herself. She is still an incredible inspiration.

We passed through the quaint downtown section of Sausalito and enjoyed the views of San Francisco as we continued to make our way south. We couldn't have had a better site for lunch, Fort Baker, under the amazing grandeur of the Golden Gate Bridge. We climbed the hill and crossed UNDER the Bridge, then walked over it!! Once across the bridge, the route had us traveling through beautiful Crissy Field, Marina Green, Fort Mason and into Fisherman's Wharf. We caught a ferry from there to camp on Treasure Island, our home away from home for the weekend.

Once on Treasure Island, the route took us another 1.5 miles along the west side of the island, past the incredible sculpture, "Bliss Dance" and again we were treated to an incredible view of the city. Back at camp, a couple of Boy Scouts set up our tent, and we ambled over to the Dining tent for dinner.

It was then time for me to pick up my mail, and boy, did you all surprise me!!! WHAT A HAUL!!! Not to mention my TWO Sweet Dream treats!! You do know how to keep me going! After a nice hot shower in the truck, it was time for sleep.

Ahh...time to rise and shine at 4:30 am and to find some quiet time in the dining tent. I had a few moments to reflect on what I was doing here when "Catch the Wind" by Donovan came over the PA system. Although I knew it wasn't Dylan, it sounded so very much like him. And suddenly I could feel you with me, Krista. So, I reveled in the silence in my soul and let the music and your spirit wash over me. Soon, I was ready to hit the trail. We toured the East Bay. A bus took us to the starting point in Emeryville. From there, we headed north along the beautiful San Francisco Bay Trail and into Berkeley. We traversed the best of Berkeley as the route meandered through neighborhoods such as 4th Avenue, Solano Avenue, Thousand Oaks, the Gourmet Ghetto, and skirted the Berkeley Hills. The viewpoint from Indian Rock Park between pit stop #2 and lunch was amazing. At the cheering station just before lunch, I found my friend Mary waiting our arrival!! She had driven all the way from Cupertino to hang out at today's cheering stations...just for me!! She met my new 3Day family of Sisters, no longer the Leftovers! We shared our lunch time with her in the shade of a beautiful old tree. We passed by the historic Claremont Hotel and through the UC Berkeley Campus.

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At the last Pit Stop of the day, we found a husband and wife team. He had his arm around her waist and she was holding a sign that read "42-Year Survivor." They had been through this battle together and had come out stronger on the other side. After returning to Emeryville, we hopped on a bus back to Treasure Island for another night of community, camaraderie and fun...AND MASSAGE CHAIRS!!!

The final day of our journey included one last ferry ride after we made our way to the pier by walking along the western edge of Treasure Island, catching the morning light on San Francisco. We docked at Fisherman's Wharf and walked west towards the Golden Gate Bridge to get on the amazing Lands End trail and Sea Cliff. We followed the trail south and took in the incredible views of the Pacific. We passed by the Cliff House and stretches of beach along the Great Highway.

Lunch was served under a historic Dutch windmill. We then walked the length of Golden Gate Park. Along the way, I had a stretch of solitary walking. I was getting tired and a bit frustrated. I heard a small voice beside me and I turned to find an elderly woman keeping pace with me. "Thank you for walking," she said. "I'm 72 and a five-year survivor. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for all of you." I told her it was my honor and privilege to walk for her. Suddenly my frustration fled. What if I had been walking a bit faster with my group? I would have missed this opportunity to remember why I was here. Her words carried me the rest of the way through Golden Gate Park, up Hayes Street to Alamo Square Park to see the "Painted Ladies," and down again to the Civic Center and City Hall, where we celebrated our victory.

We hugged. We danced. We cried. And hugged and danced and cried some more. As the sun started to set, we knew that

our weekend Love Fest was over and we had to return to reality. But we took this knowledge with us.

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"I left my heart in San Francisco.

High on a hill, it calls to me.

To be where little cable cars climb halfway to the stars!

The morning fog may chill the air I don't care!

My love waits there in San Francisco, above the blue and windy sea. When I come home to you, San Francisco,

Your golden sun will shine for me!"

My love and unending gratitude to each and every one of you for sharing this journey with me!

PS: In case you're wondering, I've registered for next year's walk. Team "Travelin' for Ta-tas" is headed for Cleveland!

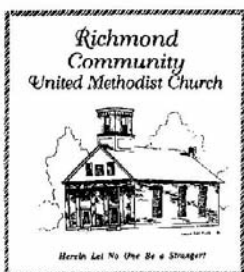
## Gilbert & Sullivan - 1950s

Frank Behrens

The latest release in the VAI DVD series of vintage television productions of musicals is Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Yeomen of the Guard." It is the team's work that is closest to opera, it does not involve topsy-turvy situations, and the characters are fairly believable.

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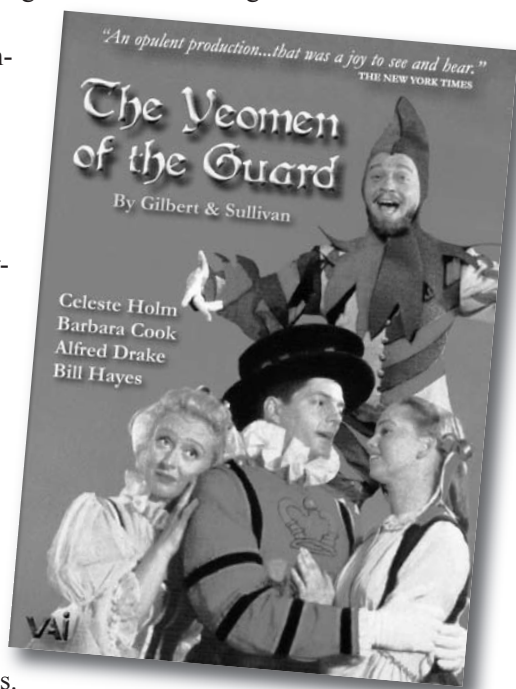
But it does keep quite a bit of the dialogue and score (a full performance would be a bit over two hours) and serves as a good introduction to the complete work.

A caveat at this point. The original telecast was in color; only a black and white copy was found. Also, the picture is a bit more wobbly than are other VAI discs in this series. But there is no other (as far as I can tell) decent video of "Yeomen" available to us, so this one is a valuable addition to the history of television and to G&S productions.

A synopsis of the plot would take up too much space here; but I want to comment that the so-called Happy Ending is quite different from those in the other G&S plays: two characters wind up engaged to the very people they hate and the main comic character (like Bunthorne in "Patience") gets what he deserves.

Alfred Drake makes a very good if not overly subtle Jack Point the jester, while popular singer Bill Hayes looks and sounds good as the not very admirable Colonel Fairfax. Barbara Cook has an operatic voice that suits her role as Elsie, but Celeste Holm sounds too Broadwayish for the young Phoebe.

The show begins with some background information about the Tower of London, which might interest the audience. But a second introduction by Jack Point is utterly superfluous and the time could have been more well spent with a stanza from at least one song that had been removed because of time limitations.





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