



DECEMBER 2012

Geraldine M. Brewer 1929 – 2012

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Geraldine (Gerry) M. (Doolittle) Brewer, 83, of Richmond and formerly of Winchester died on Saturday, October 27, 2012. She passed peacefully in the comfort of her home surrounded by her loving family. Gerry was born the daughter of Elsie (Patnaude) and Forrest Doolittle on September 8, 1929 in Winchester, NH. She was educated in Winchester. On August 7, 1965, she exchanged vows with Mr. Norman M. Brewer in a simple service in Swanzey. They had been happily married for eleven years before he passed in 1976.



Gerry was very well known in the community for working at the Richmond Four Corners Store. She had worked there as a clerk for forty-eight years before retiring in 2009 for health reasons. During this time, the business was sold on six occasions, often with the stipulation that Gerry stay on to help run the business. She was affectionately called the “Mayor” of Richmond. She was often the first person to welcome newcomers to town.

She served as bus stop monitor for many years, a job that suited her as she loved to spend time with the town’s children. She was a member of the Richmond Community United Methodist Church. In her free time she could be found playing bingo, crocheting, or in her flower gardens. She loved to work and be with her family. Gerry would always lend a hand to both the young and old in town. She was very kind hearted and a good listener to all.

Mrs. Brewer is survived by her six children and their spouses: Timothy L. Brewer, of Winchester, Jean M. Blake and her husband, Delbert of Richmond, Donna L. Brewer and her husband, Peter Kimball of Richmond, Kevin N. Brewer and his wife, Mary of Richmond, Robert L. Thompson and his wife Allyn of Swanzey and Carol A. Nardino and her husband, Anthony of Westminster, VT. She also leaves her siblings: Shirley Doolittle, Beverly Brewer, Frederick Doolittle and George Doolittle of Winchester. Her twenty-two grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren in addition to cousins, nieces, and

nephews, extended family and friends will miss her. Gerry is predeceased by her parents, Elsie and Forrest Doolittle, her husband, Norman M. Brewer, her son, Keith Brewer who passed in 1980 and siblings: Rosalie Holman, Rodney Doolittle and Earl Doolittle. A wake was held on Saturday, November 3, with a celebration of life service, at the Richmond Community United Methodist Church in Richmond. She was buried in the family lot at South Cemetery, Athol Rd, Richmond, NH. And a luncheon followed at the dining hall at Camp Takodah, Richmond.

Donations can be made in memory of Geraldine Brewer to Hospice and Community Services, 312 Marlboro St., Keene, NH 03431 or to the Old Red Brick Church Restoration Fund, c/o The Richmond Community United Methodist Church, 11 Fitzwilliam Rd, Richmond, NH 03470. All services are under the direction of the Cheshire Family Funeral Home, 46 South Winchester St., Swanzey, NH 03446.

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Gracious Gerry

Terri O'Rorke

Gerry Brewer was one of the first smiling faces my family and I encountered upon our arrival in Richmond many years ago. A quiet, calm presence who happily allowed us the use of the store facilities while our home was being built. Information about the town itself and surrounding towns, where to find people, places and things were freely shared. She thoroughly enjoyed hearing about my daughters and their lives, delighting in pictures of grandchildren, while remarking on how fast time goes by! She was so proud and determined to be able to make her goal of working at the store for 50 years. Sadly, it was not to be.

Gerry Brewer, with her gentle and gracious bearing, will always be remembered as an important and enduring symbol of Richmond. For a small moment in time, our paths crossed and I am forever grateful for the opportunity.

A Simple Act Of Kindness

Deb Coll

Living in a small town sometimes has its problems, but I must say meeting people that have so much kindness is not one of them. My husband and I moved to Richmond in August 1980. We came from what I thought was a small town in Long Island, that now has a population of more than 23,000. My husband Bill was number 499 and I was the 500th person in Richmond. We bought the old George Blais house next to the church. It was our very first house, I was young, and it was the first time I had lived away from my entire family. My adored father was dying of cancer and I didn't think having children was in the cards for me.

As we settled down, we started to meet the people of Richmond, although I thought they spoke a little funny and seemed to talk and move at a speed I was unaccustomed to. One of the first people I met was Gerry Brewer. She always seemed to be working at the Four Corners Store. I'm sure she must have thought me strange with my New York way of talking, but was always very nice.

My father died two hours before I arrived home to see him in November. It was a very hard time for me, but we came back to Richmond to resume our new life. My first Christmas in my first house in a new place was fast approaching but my heart was just sad. We had decided not to go back to New York for Christmas. Even after all this time, remembering that time brings a lump in my throat.

We had not made many friends yet and we were planning to spend Christmas with just the two of us. I'm from a large family, so being alone for a holiday just never happened before. But before I could sink further into feeling sorry for myself, there was Gerry. She asked if we would like to spend Christmas dinner at her house. There we were, squished at her large table, with her large family, talking & eating & having a wonderful time. It was like being at home again, what a wonderful gift.

Thank you Gerry, I will always remember your simple act of kindness.

Gerry Brewer

Bob and Jan Weekes

Gerry Brewer embodied two wonderful qualities to many of us. She was a genuinely nice person and also a true friend. She was the face of Richmond, the Richmond I encountered 27 years ago when I first walked into the Four Corners Store. Behind the cash register, she anchored not only the store where we went for our gas, our morning coffee and our news about what was happening in our little town, but also the center of town in an area I soon dubbed "Brewerville" since her extended family put their roots down protectively surrounding her home where Routes 32 and 119 meet. We truly will miss her warmth, her ready smile and her impish wit. We've lost one of Richmond's dearest residents.

Gerry Brewer

Jake and Dianne Jacobson

Gerry Brewer worked in the 4-Corner Store for many years before we bought it. The previous owners had made it clear that our purchase of the store would require our promise to continue to employ Gerry. We thought it was an unusual request but we realized we would need all the help we could get as we began our new venture. We only needed one day to realize how lucky we were to have her on our team. And that is what she was to us all – a team member and not an employee. Through the years we lived in Richmond, our admiration and affection for Gerry grew.

Gerry loved the customers who shopped with us and they returned her affection. She knew them by name, knew their spouses and children, and looked forward to greeting old friends as they returned to the campgrounds every summer. Two regular visitors to our store, one of whom became a good friend to us, regularly brought her flowers gathered from their yards or from the woods. One year Joe (from Winchester) brought Gerry a little bunch of Mayflowers, which she was delighted to receive and complimented prettily. The next day Harry (from Richmond) brought Gerry a larger and pinker bunch of May flowers. He had been present when Joe brought his flowers and hadn't appreciated being beaten at his own game.

Our scheduling problems were made easier by her insistence on working evenings and the busy weekend hours. She liked the excitement of the store at its busiest and in her generous way stated that those with children should be with them in the evening since she didn't mind working at night. She was excited by the bustle of preparations for the races we sponsored to raise money for town projects. She worked hard, for long hours, and was always cheerful and upbeat. She was fiercely loyal to the store and was the first to embrace new ideas, new product offerings, and new ways of doing things. She was completely honest in her dealings with everyone and was unafraid to chastise folks she caught pocketing something without paying. One favorite memory is of Gerry leaving the beer cooler to discover a man sticking a bottle of wine into his pants. She marched up to him, flipped up his shirt, jerked out the bottle and told him to leave the store before she called the police.

Through the years, we became familiar with Gerry's iron-clad routine. At certain times, you could be sure she was getting her weekly hairdo in Winchester, playing bingo in Athol, or shopping in Keene. At certain times, a truckload of logs would be delivered. For certain days and weeks, wood would be cut and stacked for her winter fires. At specific times each day, she would leave work to dash across the street to put more wood in her furnace. She was never late to work; she almost never missed a day.

Every year we enjoyed the spectacle of Gerry girding her loins for battle the day after Thanksgiving. She was up early and among the first in line for the after-Thanksgiving sale at Bradlees and would return to Richmond laden with presents for her big family. Her organizational skills were marvelous and in spite of a full work schedule she was ready on Christmas Eve for the annual Brewer family Christmas gathering. At just the right moment all the women and children and a few of the men folk would walk the few yards to church for the Christmas Eve service. Church was followed by a big feast and much merriment at Gerry's house. But if you were lucky to be looking that way early on Christmas morning, you could see her front door opened wide and a Christmas tree thrown out onto the lawn. Christmas at Gerry's was over for another year.

For the sixteen years we owned the store Gerry was an intimate part of our lives. Her good humor, optimism, honesty, steadiness, loyalty, and affection were props we could and did lean upon. We loved her, Heather loved her most of all. We left, but Gerry remained. She worked for six or seven different store-owners through the years and never stinted in her effort.

We shall remember her always and are thankful that we knew her.

Gerry Remembered

Pastor Arnie Johnson

Richmond Community UMC was the location of the celebration of the life of Geraldine M. (Doolittle) Brewer on November 3, 2012. The service was officiated by Pastor Arnie Johnson, Reverend Ann Nelson, and Roger Brooks. It was attended by her family and many friends of the Richmond community and beyond. The Church was filled to "standing room" only. Gerry's 83 years were filled with family and service to all those she met. She will be missed, but will be remembered with joy as a well-known fixture in the Richmond Four-Corner Store

and the unofficial "Mayor" of Richmond!

Thank you, Gerry, for your many years of service to your family and community.

Notes from the Selectmen's Office

Property Taxes. The Selectmen were able to set the tax rate in early November and tax bills were sent out soon after. We tried very hard to keep your tax bill as low as possible. The revaluation dropped the total property value in Richmond by 11%. Avitar advised us that usually a revaluation results in 1/3 of properties having a lower assessment, 1/3 having about the same assessment, and 1/3 of properties having a higher assessment.

Because the total valuation went down, the tax rate rose. We took action to keep the rise in tax rate to a minimum by using revenue from the sale of tax-deeded property this year and funds from the general fund balance. We were still able to retain 5% of the general fund balance as recommended by the Department of Revenue Administration. The total tax rate for 2012 is \$24.306. This rate is comprised of an increase of \$0.32 in state school tax, an increase of \$0.42 in the county tax and an increase of \$0.88 in the town tax, offset by a reduction of \$0.32 in the local school tax. The town tax rate is \$4.98 for 2012, as opposed to \$4.10 in 2011. Your property taxes this year will depend on the new valuation of your property.

Budget 2013. During November the Board reviewed department budgets and Capital Improvement Plans in preparation for developing the 2013 budget. Hearings will be scheduled in January and February to present the budget and gather your comments ahead of town meeting. We thank department heads for developing fiscally conservative budgets again this year.

Municipal Buildings. The Selectmen have been reviewing estimates for work to be done on several municipal buildings, including the Town Hall, Veterans Hall, Civil Defense Building, and Library. We also acknowledge the amazing landscaping that has changed the face of the library and thank the volunteers and contributions that made it possible.

AIDS Memorial Quilt. The Selectmen applaud the sponsors of the AIDS Memorial Quilt display on November 3rd and 4th. It was a very moving and educational presentation and transformed the Veterans Hall from municipal meeting space to a memorial space. We are so lucky to have a community space like the Veterans Hall, which is transformed by every event,

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public or private, held there. From the Holiday Fairs, Community Potluck Suppers, and public meetings to private weddings, baby showers and family reunions, this building records the life of the Richmond community in its historic bones.

VOTE! Thank you for voting in such large numbers on November 6th. Your voice was heard and we each can take pride in having fulfilled our greatest civic responsibility in a democracy.

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

The Town Election

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The following officers will be elected at the Town Election on March 12, 2013:

One Cemetery Trustee, 3-year term

One Library Trustee, 3-year term

Two Planning Board, 3-year term

One Selectman, 3-year term

One Selectman, 1-year term

One Treasurer, 3-year term

One Trustee of Trust Funds, 3-year term

If you would like to run for any of the above, please come to the town clerk's office during the filing period. The filing period begins January 23, 2013 and ends February 1, 2013. The office will be open on Friday, February 1, 2013 from 3 – 5 pm for declarations of candidacy purposes only. You must be a Richmond resident and a registered voter in order to run for a town office.

Dates to Remember

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Closed for Christmas Break

Monday, Tuesday – December 24 & 25, 2012

Closed for New Year's Day

Tuesday – January 1, 2013

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

General Election News

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The morning of November 6, 2012 began with the sun rising in a cloudless sky and temperatures in the frosty teens. The Veterans Memorial Hall stood quiet and ready. Election workers

began arriving, the crunch of tires on gravel as their cars pulled into the parking lot. And thus began the General Election in the Town of Richmond.

By day's end, 51 absentee ballots were processed and 646 voters had checked in, voted and gone home. Of those 646 voters, not one completed a challenged voter affidavit in order to receive a ballot. This is a testament to the people of Richmond – their willingness to comply with the new NH Voter ID law, whether they agree with it or not. I would like to thank all who voted that day, in helping to make Election Day unfold without any problems. And I would also like to thank everyone who worked that day. It was a long and busy day, requiring focus, professionalism and a neighborly attitude from everyone involved.

Richmond may have set a couple of record-breaking numbers for the Town on November 6, 2012, at least in recent history. One is the total number of registered voters (852) at the end of Election Day. The other is the number of ballots cast/voters voting (697). I have looked as far back as 1999, and only the General Election in 2008 comes close.

I would like to remind everyone that, effective September 1, 2013, the list of acceptable photo IDs to present in order to receive a ballot will decrease. Following are the five acceptable photo IDs that will be allowed as of that date, as per RSA 659:13-1. The first four IDs can be expired for not more than five years:

- (a) A driver's license issued by any state or the federal government.
- (b) A nondriver's identification card issued by the motor vehicles division, department, agency, or office of any state.
- (c) A United States armed services identification card.
- (d) A United States passport.
- (e) A challenged voter affidavit in accordance with subparagraph I(c).

Please note that the fifth acceptable photo ID is the challenged voter affidavit. If you do not have any of the preceding four forms of ID and you would like to avoid completing the affidavit, you can, at no charge, obtain a NH Voter ID card at the NH DMV. You must be a registered voter and not have any other valid NH photo ID card issued by the DMV. You must first obtain a voucher from the town clerk's office in order to



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get the NH Voter ID card.

Any and all questions or concerns are always welcomed at the town clerk's office.

Richmond Library News

Wendy O'Brien

Change in Hours Storytimes

Wednesdays with Wendy continues at 10:00 a.m. throughout the winter season. Come join us for themed stories, crafts, and a small snack for the kids, and social time with other parents (sometimes coffee and goodies too!).

Reading with Keeta

We have scheduled a visit on Sat. December 15, at 11:00 a.m. for a visit with Kate Simmington and Keeta. Keeta offers gentle listening ears for children just learning to read or who wish to be more confident in their reading. Thanks to Monadnock Therapy Pets, we are pleased to offer each child that reads their very own stuffed animal dog. Come by for a story or just a pat, no reservations are needed.

Ongoing Book Sale with Clarence the Bookworm

Stop by and meet Clarence and see our ongoing indoor book sale that currently features fiction, mystery writers, and VHS tapes (only \$0.25!). These items would make excellent stocking stuffers or gifts for loved ones. Paperbacks are \$0.50 and hardcovers are \$1.00. Also available are the items on the children's shelves – anything is just \$0.25. We hope to see you! Donations of gently used materials are also gratefully accepted.

NH Downloadable Books Consortium

Now that many parts of Richmond are closer to obtaining faster internet access, we wanted to remind you that we offer you best-selling and classic audiobooks and eBooks available 24/7 from <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com>. You can browse the collection, checkout or reserve items with your library card, and

download titles to a PC, Mac, and many mobile devices including the Kindle, iPad, and Nook. Titles automatically expire at the end of the lending period. No late fees! If you need assistance with any part of the process, please stop by.

Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

America Reads Organization Puts Eight more Volunteers Into Mount Caesar

The volunteer group, America Reads added eight more volunteers into Mount Caesar to help the kids learn to read. I have been a volunteer with this group for about six years. The eight new volunteers must be a record number of adds in one year for one school. You would not recognize the education system of today – kids are pulled out of class for special training on individual subjects, such as grammar or spelling. Lets all hope this contributes to improved test scores.

The New Hampshire Supreme Court (NHSC) in a Live Session – Monadnock Regional High School (MRHS)

The NHSC court hearing was a success at MRHS – complete with metal detectors outside the auditorium– the kids asked questions and received this opportunity with pleasure. No decision on the cases was available at press time

The School District payment Delinquency Falls Drastically– \$2,385,632 delinquency was reduced with several towns paying their back taxes and Sullivan getting within one month of being on schedule.

Disappointing Results at the “All Day Budget Session. The presentation by administrators and principals at the All Day Budget Session went very well – everyone was well prepared; few questions remain unanswered. The administration proposed a \$300,000 reduction, which is mostly the manipulation of the Sullivan School District buying their own school (\$187,000) from SAU 93, and adding in the 17 Sullivan students that will

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pay tuition to SAU 93. This includes a staff reduction of 23 individuals. Unfortunately, much of that reduction will be absorbed by the Town of Sullivan withdrawal. Our school administrators are taking a sharp look at class size and other areas where budgets are not being spent wisely. There are many sessions of budget review yet to go; however, this may be a year of a tax increase from our school district. I personally think we need to take better advantage of online classes – I push for Kahn Academy, and Dr. Leo is advocating for Rosetta Stone for language studies. Anyway we need to get more online classes going to reduce our costs

Given you have suggestions and/or comments, my e-mail is 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.

Photo I.D. Letter

Russ Provost

I was opposed to the requirement to present a photo ID in order to vote. After voting I am even more opposed to this requirement. I was forced to show my driver's license to an individual that I have had disagreements with in the past. Now he has my personal information: name, address, date of birth, and driver's license number. Who knows what he may do with this information. Hopefully nothing, but anyone worried about identify theft should be concerned and immediately contact their state representative to repeal this bad bill.

Father Michael Jarecki 1917-2012

John Boccalini

Father Alexander Michael Jarecki died at the age of 95 on October 22, 2012, after having been in failing health for some time. He was born in Turin, NY on October 6, 1917, and was the son of Vincent and Irene (Black) Jarecki.

In 1944, Father Jarecki was ordained to the priesthood. He then became a summer assistant at St. Agnes, Lake Placid, followed by assistant pastorship at Sacred Heart, Massena, NY. In 1954, Father Jarecki become pastor of St. Ann's, St. Regis Falls and St. Peter's in Santa Clara and in 1963, became pastor of St. Mary's in Constableville and then, in 1968 pastor of St. Michael's in Witherbee. In 1973, he was named to the College of Consultors, became pastor of St. Martin's, Port Leyden as well as St. John's in Lyons Falls, NY and was appointed Dean of Lewis Deanery in 1975. In 1980, prior to his retirement, Father Jarecki was parochial vicar in St. Mary's, Ticonderoga.

After his retirement in 1987, he lived in residence in Brush-ton, NY and then in Constable, NY, helping groups of Catholics that were loyal to the Traditional Latin Mass New England and New York.

Since 1997, Father Jarecki lived in Richmond, N.H at Saint Benedict Center.

Father Jarecki is survived by his brother, Vincent John Jarecki, of Rome, NY and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral was held at Saint Stanislaus Church in Winchester, NH. His remains were transported to Port Leyden, New York where a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Most the Bishop of Ogdensburg. He was buried in his family lot at Old Glendale Cemetery.

Fay Martin Bridge Update

John Boccalini

The Town of Richmond has signed a contract with Cold River Bridge LLC for the replacement bridge over Tully Brook on Fay Martin Road on Wednesday, October 24, 2012. According to the agreement the final price of the bridge is \$389,750.00, which was the lowest bid of the six bids submitted (the highest bid submitted was \$775,001.00). The State of N.H. approved the bid submitted by Cold River.

Within days of signing the contract equipment started arriving, roadwork signs and traffic barrels started appearing, trees were cut down, land was cleared and site markers were

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Work begins on the Fay Martin Bridge.

placed. On October 30, Hurricane Sandy halted the activity for one day, and then came 25-foot steel pilings, concrete blocks and gravel, lots of gravel. By the beginning of November you could visualize just where the new bridge will stand and the roadway to it.

November started a new phase for the project and approximately 50 pilings were pounded some 15-20 ft. into the ground on the east side of Tully Brook to form a four-sided pit, approximately 40 x 30 x 10 feet in depth, to keep the brook at bay. Small rocks covered the floor of the pit and a small pump was



Four-sided pit holds the water back.

used to keep the pit dry. Cement forms were constructed so that a concrete footing approximately 32 x 20 feet could be poured. Soon after, the abutments were poured and by November 16 the east side support system for the prefab bridge was in place. The

same process began on the west side and weather permitting, should be completed by mid- to late December. The prefabricated bridge could then be paved.

When completed this will be the best bridge in town and looks to be constructed in a way that it will serve the town for many years to come. In the end the final cost of the bridge, not including engineering cost permitting fees and the like, but including the State's share and the SBC's share, will cost the town taxpayers approximately \$39,000.00.

The new bridge will be twice as wide and will last twice to three times as long as the elusive 2005 estimates for a bridge costing \$137,500, not including engineering cost permitting fees, nor a State's share but including the SBC's share which would have cost the town taxpayers approximately \$69,000.00.

Bravo to the Selectboard and townspeople for staying the course. More Next Month!

20 Years Ago Reflections on Richmond and Small Town

Peter W. Majoy

The phone rang, and the caller asked me to write something for *The Rooster* since I lived in town and enjoyed writing. My mind ran swiftly like a squirrel up and down tree branches looking for something to chew on, something small town readers might also like to chew on. I had been mulling over, for some time now, the virtues and the vices of small town values and how they either nourished or starved the human spirit. I convinced myself to give it a try.

My thoughts scurried through the many facets traditionally embraced as the backbone of tiny towns. The image of people walking in and out of The 4-Corners Store struck me as important. We recognize each other there either visually or by name. This familiarity was a kind reminder that life had not become so impersonal that one's existence had become a vague unidentifiable blur. The 4-C Store was a Registry of Identity, a whisper into our collective ear that we all belonged. The size of the store along with its unpretentious decor mirrored the size of our town and the natural splendor of its topography. Without a doubt a small New England town like ours roots one in the land. The Four-Corners Store gave us this sense of place and a common belonging to that place. It constituted the gift that small town life grew out of, and which breathed life into our spirits.

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land, then we are also separated by it. Zoning and acreage regulations combined with woodlands, marshes, ponds, lakes, rocky hills, and valleys promote the need for privacy. Small town life, such as ours, reinforces a sense of retreat and solitude. This, in turn, feeds our tendency to be independent and to live by a code of hardy individuality. Our land molds us into a common and shared sense of space while offering us a safe distance from each other, so that we might savor the simplicity of our nests without intrusion, and without the disturbance of the yak-kety-yak which we identify with smart talk, city cacophony, and big government.

However, like most things, there are less healthy nuances to all this. It is not uncommon for the small town psyche to identify with the harsh side of the natural world which binds us together. Nature can be cruel and blind. We work our fields, cut our wood, and tend our gardens and our animals, all the while maintaining constant vigilance against the decay which weather delivers to our homes. It is a constant effort on our part that prevents nature from swallowing us up too prematurely into its necessary dissolving of all that it has given life to. City folk don't participate in these rhythms and don't really know the message of blind repetition and alertness by which we dance with nature. It can harden people. The fact that life is tough and that one will most likely endure sits like a heavyweight on our souls. It is a brutally honest and wise point of view, which may make many cold, and willfully narrow and rigid. All of this contraction and hardening generates a kind of arrogance and enclosure of thought that loses the drive to reach out, to experiment, to move out from the known to the unknown.

Small town life is necessarily conservative, and conservative is the message of the land in the yearly cycles and repetitive order of nature. "You don't fix what isn't broken" is a norm that arises from the identity of small towns. On the other hand, this tendency to stay in place often shuts out and excludes much of what is human. An example of this is the racial, economic, and social rigidity that tends to stereotype anything that is different or that does not fit into the oft-repeated ways and wiles of townsfolk. Yet, there is something dynamic in the resistance

To change that characterizes small town life. When small town mentalities do break through into a new clearing of thought and experience, it is with honesty that more fickle mindsets lack.

When small town life expands freely or by some inexplicable blind force of realization to embrace the new or when it

finds itself confused and in turmoil, like a turtle rocking on its shell, it is the basic honesty of its people that is tested and which rights itself without losing its soul.

Indeed, both the beauty and blemish of small town life reflects the importance which space and earth have to its citizens. On the up side, this space nourishes a sense of belonging, personal privacy, independence, individuality, and a conservatism of place and permanence. On the down side, this space often becomes not only a small bounded territory but also equally bounded set of values, norms, and practices. It is a blessing to be the beneficiary of its upside qualities and a challenge to resist the downside.

Richmond and the AIDS Quilt

John Boccalini



Dan Greenspan's bass



Mili Bermejo and Dan Greenspan perform at the Benefit for the AIDS Quilt



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The three-day event began on October 14 with the amazing and mesmerizing musical performance of Mili Bermejo and Dan Greenspan. It was a magical moment and they received a standing ovation from an audience of about 100 people. This benefit was a complete success.

This was followed by a two-day (November 3-4) showing of ten sections of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which memorializes individuals who have died of AIDS. The entire Quilt is presently comprised of 17,000 panels and is considered the largest art project in the world. The quilts are not only a thing of beauty, but also represent the profound effect that AIDS has on the families and friends of these mainly young people who have succumbed to this non-discriminatory disease. It was an eye-opening event for most all who came to the viewing.

In 2012, people are still getting HIV complications (34 mil-



AIDS Quilt in Veteran's Hall



AIDS Quilt staff

lion globally) and are living with it and its complications. Closer to home 1.5 million people have AIDS. Why care? Unless HIV is totally eradicated globally it can still transform or mutate to a disease that we can no longer control! We need to remember!

Thanks to all the individuals who supported both events.

A special thanks goes to all the businesses and individuals who supported and participated in bringing this international event to Richmond, NH. They include Susan MacNeil and AIDS Services for the Monadnock Region for all the help and making the Showing-of-the-Quilts event more reachable, Mary Schofield and In the Company of Flowers for the color and beauty, Gail Cushing and the Applewood Care and Rehabilitation Center in Winchester for the goodies and to Doug Hamshaw and Hamshaw's Lumber for the framework on which the Quilts were placed, and to Mili Bermejo and Dan Greenspan whose musical performance was outstanding and extremely helpful to raise the resources needed to get the project to Richmond. Thanks to those who assisted in some way with this project: Rick Lewis, Lynne Mason, Shannon Deem, Nancy and Hank Lescynski, Jean Tandy, and Vicki Provost. And thanks to the project producers: Peter and Teresa Majoy, Bonnie McCarthy, Gail Cushing, Terri O'Rourke, Mary Schofield, Janet Boccalini, and yours truly, John Boccalini.

"...almost everyone I knew was dying or already dead. This feeling of people disappearing was terrifying, because it wasn't just my friends and colleagues...It was also the people I saw every day but whose names were not known to me – the bus driver, the mail delivery person, the baker, the guy I would see walking his collie every day in the park on my way to work. One by one, all these familiar faces disappeared. And there was no treatment, and people died very quickly." Cleve Jones

Welcome, Welcome Winter!

Judith M. Graves

Well, the firewood is stacked, trees are bare, and the rhythm of nature has slowed down to a muffled beat. Christmas Holiday is ahead and we are hurrying to get the last of the lawn furniture under cover. We all feel the shorter days and smell the beef stews as we come in from the cold, and we New Englanders just brace ourselves. Ahhh, winter is just around the corner. The squirrels have been extra busy and the woolly-bear caterpillar, both show us that we are in for a heavy snow winter.

Our tender plants have a heavy winter coat of pine needles on them after the first frost to settle the roots. Now they sleep as the snow piles on them making silly cone hats.

We begin to prepare for the Christmas holiday ahead with all sorts of ideas as to how we will deck out our homes and trees. What is the perfect gift for each one on the gift list? We write out cards to send to those we keep in touch with, and bake some of our family's favorites. I do so hope that the younger generations don't lose these traditions as they are so comforting and the joy is so contagious. Receiving a card in the mail beats an email card by a mile.

It wouldn't be fitting if I didn't give you some ideas for holiday decorating and gifts from nature. I have always believed that a hand-made gift from the heart was by far the best-loved gift of all. Today we all seem to have more "stuff" than we need, less money to spend, and we are thinking more practically. For weeks I have been knitting mittens to give out to keep my family and friends warm. We know that there are

no mittens like hand-knit one's to keep our hands warm. If you need a simple two-needle mitten pattern, let me know and I can email it over to you (jgraves19@localnet.com). I never learned to knit on 4 needles, so these mittens are the best for me.

Here at Periwinkle Cottage, room by room, we decorate simply with nature as our guide. I am not one who likes to lug out boxes and then have to store them again, so my idea is to use and toss out when the holiday is over. This said, I like a real tree, real natural decorations like cones and dried flowers, family ornaments that store in one box, lots of lights (600 are on our tree), and I set out family favorites. I am down to three boxes, one for ornaments and lights, one for cards and gift wrap, ribbons and bows, and one that has our favorites like our manger, hot air balloon with Santa in its basket, (the children like to hide Santa to be found by the others and have done this for years), a cardboard Santa from the 1930s who sits over a mirror and has a lit nose, a snow globe, a paper mache Santa who is always on fresh holly, and a few other favorite items. All the rest is from nature. This year along with our bouquets of dried flowers, our Charlie Brown tree which is the top of one of our overgrown Christmas trees in the woods, all sorts of cones, moss, handmade things like pomander balls, dried swan gourds with bows on their necks, fresh fruit and great foods; we are ready for another year at Periwinkle Cottage.

Here are some last minute ideas for decorating your halls and putting together some simple ideas for gifts.

- Take a rope, wire on beautiful cones every so many inches and wiggle it across the center of your table for a neat addition to candles and poinsettias. Simple and elegant!

- Have a cookie-making day with a friend or child and make up plates for several neighbors, friends at a group you attend, or take to church etc. I like to make gingerbread boys, cover them with wrap and tie a red bow around each neck. Place them in a basket that you line with cedar boughs and carry this basket to church and hand out cookies to the children. It is such a hit. I have a recipe that was handed down to me by my mother-in-law that makes oodles of cookies. This was one she used to spoil her own children with and her mom before her.

- Take a few of your favorite balls and attach them to wide ribbons of different length. Attach to the curtain rod so that they hang down at different levels in the windows. This is a great way to show off your favorites. Don't forget to fill your home with the classic Christmas Carols as you decorate and bake.

- Fill a basket with cones, greens, pomanders, dried fruit such as pomegranates. Set a pineapple in the center if there is room and scatter a string of tiny white lights for a side table of holiday cheer. Fill a dish with a little water; add real fresh cranberries with a floating candle for a coffee table.

- A wreath, or spray of greens, or even one long branch, like I put on my front porch, becomes the welcome to all who enter. In European culture it is the evergreen branches in the home that served as a welcome sign of life during cold, bleak winters. The first recorded use of the Advent wreath dates to 16th century Germany. Then, as now, the Advent wreath held four lighted candles, one each week in the month before Christ-

mas. Find the traditional story and read it to the little ones.

- Decorate with paper whites, amaryllis, and poinsettias for the holiday. These don't need to be stored. However, I place the amaryllis bulb still in the pot without water and let it go dormant in a cold storage. In the spring, begin to water it slightly and in the summer you will get some glorious flowers again.

- If you find a birds nest in a tree it will bring good luck according to some cultures. I love to decorate with bird nests and use them in many ways.

- Let the children hand-cut snowflakes and make paper chains and incorporate them into your holiday decorating. You have no idea how much these are missed when the children are grown and have left the nest. Christmas is indeed for children.

- Gather moss from rocks to line a berry bowl, or to make moss balls to fill a wood bowl or hang on the tree, fill a little dish with acorns and dried mushrooms, a bird nest, and all sorts of cones. I gather all year long for this time of the year. Dried pineapples, gourds, and pomander balls are among my yearly traditions.

I could go on and on, but hope you get some ideas for things that you can do from these thoughts. Start some traditions and family favorites of your own.

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS,
HAPPY NEW YEAR, AND KEEP CHRIST CLOSE TO
YOU THROUGH THESE DAYS OF UNCERTAINTY.
GOD BLESS, JUDITH

Juried Christmas Craft Show

Donna Brewer

We invite you to share in a festive, 1st Annual Juried Christmas Craft Show brought to by Cottage Crafters Productions, taking place on December 1st from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Amos J. Blake House Museum. Travel back in time to discover what was old is new again. Exceptional handmade, one-of-a-kind treasures will be displayed on both floors of the quaint museum. Delight in the ambience of the gift-giving season. Find those special gifts for the people you care about in an old-fashioned holiday setting. You will find gorgeous quilts, paintings, food, handmade soaps, lead glass and so much more! See craft demonstrations on site. This shopping experience is sure to delight you. There will be nothing else like it for miles around! Admission is a non-perishable food item to be donated to the local food pantry. This show will not be stopped by weather!

Contact organizer Judith Graves 603-239-8005 for more information.

The Amos J. Blake House Museum is located on the historic town common, Route 119, Fitzwilliam NH, Call 603-585-7742 or go to fhs@myfairpoint.net for directions. This event can also be found on facebook.

Richmond Community UMC

Pastor Arnie Johnson

Another very successful Holiday Fair has come and gone. The event was well attended at the Veteran's Hall with many holiday

crafts on display and for sale to the community. I know that many items will find their way into gaily wrapped packages placed under the Christmas trees in our local communities. Some items, food in origin, will probably not make it to Christmas! Also, the delightful lunch provided certainly kept the attendees well nourished as they took a break in their shopping. The Church thanks all the vendors and attendees for another wonderful event!

We invite our community to stop by the Church December 8 at 7 pm for the lighting and re-dedication of our new Friendship Tree. The previous tree had been attacked by a disease and it needed to be removed. Also, bring your outdoor Christmas ornaments to be hung on the tree and join in the singing of a few well-known holiday songs.

And lastly for this month, plans are being made for our Christmas Eve Service, December 24 at 7 pm, celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We're looking forward to a full-house again this year as we all come together to hear the story of the Christ Child told in Word and Song, related by our families and friends in this Holy time of the year. If there is anything special that any of you have to offer during the Service, please let Pastor Arnie know at the church number, 239-7369, or at home 357-2409. This is a very blessed and joyous time of year! Please come and join us in the celebration!

Out and About

John Bocalini

Sat. Dec. 1, 9 am – 3 pm, 1st Annual Juried Christmas Craft Show at the Amos J. Blake House Museum, Fitzwilliam

Sat. Dec. 1, 2 pm, Fall Youth Show: Tom Jam Puppets, 41 Fitch Court, Marlborough

Sat. Dec. 1, 8 – 10 pm, Nancy Beaudette Canadian folk singer/songwriter \$7. The Listening Room at MindFull Books, 29 Main St., Jaffrey. Finger food potluck.

Sun. Dec. 2, 7 pm, Annie and the Beekeepers, Sumner Knight Chapel, Keene.

Fri. Dec. 7, 5 – 9 pm, First Friday - Downtown Peterborough.

Sat. Dec. 8, 11 am – 4 pm, 8th Annual Currier & Ives Cookie Tour: Keene.

Sat. Dec. 8, 7 p.m. Lighting and re-dedication of our new Friendship Tree, Richmond Community UMC, Richmond.

Sat. Dec. 8, 8 – 10 pm, Bradford Bog People (Old Appalachian Roots) & Lil Orphans (Cajun/Creole) \$10 The Listening Room at MindFull Books, 29 Main St., Jaffrey. Finger food potluck.

Sat. Dec. 8, 9:30 pm, Northern Stone. Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

Sun. Dec. 9, 8 pm, The Robert Cray Band, Colonial Theater, Keene. \$47/\$43/\$33.

Mon. Dec. 10, 1 pm, MetLive in HD: Faust in Keene, Colonial Theater, Keene. \$25/\$22.

Mon. Dec. 10, 7 – 9 pm, Auditions for "Henceforward."

Sat. Dec. 15, 8 – 10 pm, Holiday Open Mic & Benefit for The Listening Room \$5 The Listening Room at Mindful Books, 29 Main St., Jaffrey. Finger food potluck.

Sat. Dec. 15, 7:30 pm, Animaterra Concert. St James Episcopal Church, Keene.

Sun. Dec. 16, 4 pm, Animaterra Concert. Union Congregational Church, Peterborough.

Fri. Dec 21, 9:30 pm, Welcome to Florida, Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

Sun. Dec 23, 7 pm, Messiah Sing, The United Church of Christ, Central, Square Keene.

Mon. Dec. 24, 7 pm, Christmas Eve Service. Richmond Community UMC, Richmond.

Fri. December 30, 7 pm, Wild Horse, Wild Ride, The Film, Colonial Theater, Keene. \$25 VIP/\$12 Adult/\$10 Student/Senior/Military

Ongoing:

Mondays 8 pm, 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.

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

Thursday, 8:30 pm, Open Mike, Cheshire Tavern, Fitzwilliam Inn.

10 Tips to Find and Keep Customers

Michele Connor

Creating systems for lead generation and client conversion can help all businesses increase their client base. It is so important to have systems to improve efficiencies and increase profits. Here are ten basic tips:

Start the Marketing Cycle. Fill the pipeline, follow-up, get referrals, close sales then start it all over.

Establish a goal. Ask yourself how many customers you need to meet your budget. Calculate your conversion rate. This now tells you how many leads it takes to meet that budget number.

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Evaluate your target market. Your target market determines your marketing channels.

Clarify your message. What do you want potential customers to hear?

Know your value. Communicate what makes you unique and what's your guarantee!

Have a maximum and a minimum in mind. Know the lowest price you can offer and stick to it; new customers shouldn't cost you profits.

Be professionally persistent with follow up. Successful salespeople focus on long-term relationships.

Be a resource. Be a value to your customers by sharing information that benefits them.

Keep in touch. Have a systematic "drip marketing" campaign. Stay consistently in front of your leads with information that would interest them and start creating customers through relationship building!

"Bloomer Girl" is Restored

Frank Behrens

BLOOMER GIRL – A most interesting addition to the series of vintage televised musicals on VAI DVDs is "Bloomer Girl." With a score by Harold Arlen and lyrics by E.Y. Harburg (the team that gave us "The Wizard of Oz" score in 1939), this 1944 tale of Dolly Bloomer and her Bloomer Girls' fight for women's rights had a very respectable run of 654 performances and shared its plot and theme with the rights of slaves (in the 1861 setting of the play) and all humans in general.

The choreography of Agnes de Mille, especially her Civil War Ballet, added much to the show. And not only is de Mille the choreographer for the 1956 "Alcoa Hour," but many of her original dancers were recalled to action. The first dance is a bit too 1944-de Mille-cute; but that is the point of reviving old shows in the spirit of the original.

Of course, the 90-minute format allows only 76 minutes for "Bloomer Girl," but what there is, is top notch.

The lovers Jeff and Evelina are sung by Keith Anders and Barbara Cook (who are still going strong, as a New York Times featured article of 10-23-12 proclaims). Carmen Mathews plays Dolly Bloomer and Paul Ford is...well, Paul Ford as the blustering father of the Applegate Girls. Rawn Spearman as the

slave Pompey has a pleasing voice and David Aiken as the auctioneer has a powerful one.

The studio set is large enough to give a convincing main part of a small Northern town called Cicero Falls, while the chorus work is quite good. This abridged edition of "Bloomer Girl" belongs in any collection next to the VAI DVDs of "Kiss Me, Kate," "Dearest Enemy," "A Connecticut Yankee," "The Chocolate Solider," "The Yeomen of the Guard," "Naughty Marietta," and "The Mikado" (with Groucho Marx in the lead.)

As is the case with the other sets, "Bloomer Girl" was originally telecast in color, but only the black-and-white kinescope remains.

Thank you again, VAI for this new treat!



Some Scottish Proverbs

Jean Tandy

Auld folk are twice bairns.

Anger begins wi' folly, and ends wi' repentance.

A covetous man does naething that he should do, till he dies.

Charity begins at home, but shouldna end there.

There's naething got by delay, but dirt and lang nails.

A crooked stick will throw a crooked shadow.

Poets and painters are aye poor.

Fairpoint DSL Update

John Bocalini

Fairpoint Communication is now taking orders for High Speed (DSL) service in some areas of Richmond. If you are interested in finding out if you can get DSL, what kind of speeds you might get or to place an order for the service you can call 1-866-984-2001. If you already have Fairpoint's phone service or want to change your home line to Fairpoint, you can bundle your services and save a couple of hundred dollars a year. You might even be able to bundle you service with Direct TV.

There is a 30-day trial period in which you can to try the service out and if you don't like what you're getting, you can cancel the service without penalty. If you decide to get DSL, you can get a one-year contract with a four-year price lock guar-



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antee. Included at no extra charge are 9 email boxes and 3GB of free online storage for backup and storage. They provide a modem with any contract, and a free 4-port wireless router with 7 Mbps and above plans, as well as the filters and adapters that are needed. There is no charge to install the service and in many cases the installations are as simple as plugging in a phone and can be done by you.

I have personally ordered the service and expect that I will soon no longer be stuck in the early 1990s as far as internet speeds go. I will have more feedback on this in the next issue. If you have ordered DSL, please let us know where you live and what you think so others may get a heads up on what to expect. 239-6696 or therichmondrooster@yahoo.com.

A Christmas Letter 1999

Pa Thomas

Last year we wrote you about how Pa's boss' wife, Patience, fell through the outhouse floor at a party at the manor and how Pa got demoted back to the loading dock, how Susie got in a family way having been involved with the high school principal. Also how Junior flunked home economics and was kicked off the football team and joined the Army as a cook. Our car was wrecked by the fire truck when the manor burned down and how in the excitement of Christmas shopping Ma had forgotten to get fire insurance. Pa has quit smoking.

"Well, we moved into the chicken coop, although we haven't gotten rid of the smell of the manure in spite of cooking a lot of corn beef and cabbage and burning incense. People make clucking and crowing sounds out their car windows as they go by our place on Manor Drive and they keep saying what a chicken place it is where Pa works, but that he is a good egg. Ha, ha.

But things are not so bad after all as we have decided not to show the white feather or let it get us down, so to speak, since Junior got promoted to Private First Class and is going to cooks and bakers school. He came home on leave and he and Pa went hunting in the beautiful 1939 Buick we found where Ma's uncle Ebenezer had hidden it under the hay in the barn right after Pearl Harbor so the Japanese wouldn't get it.

It wasn't exactly deer season and they went at night using a spot-light to make the big doe freeze in the beam so they could shoot it real easy. And so no one – especially the game warden – would know about it, they couldn't lay it over the front fender, which the cars in 1939 still had, but hid it under a blanket in



the back seat.

Well, it seems that the deer wasn't really dead yet, just stunned, and it came alive while they were coming home the back way. They had to stop and jump out of the car in a heck of a hurry so as not to get beaten up while the deer slashed the inside of the car to ribbons with its sharp hooves. It was some time before they could finish it off by shooting through the sides of the car so they could get home.

Now we have a freezer full of slightly leaded deer meat and Pa and Junior cut the part of the body of the old Buick from the front seat back and made it into a truck.

Now, who else is the proud owner of a 1939 Buick pickup? Susie had twins and the principal is working down to the Mobile station, which he says is a gas and often fulfilling.

Merry Christmas,
Ma and Pa Kettle.

Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rorke

"Mankind is a great, an immense family. This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas."

Pope John XXIII

Nov. 25, 1881 – June 3, 1963

Gas Saving Tips

John Boccalini

Prices at the pump currently average \$3.55 for a gallon of regular unleaded. Here are some tips that can reduce your fuel bill and in some cases general wear and tear.

De-clutter: There is a good reason for cleaning out the junk in the trunk of the car or the bed of your truck. Every 100 pounds of added weight accounts for a reduction in fuel economy up to 2%. That works out to a savings of seven cents per gallon.

Removing cargo carrier: bikes, kayaks or other gear atop the car for a road trip is worse, decreasing fuel economy by 5%. Removing them when not needed can save \$0.19 per gallon.

Driving responsibly: Aggressive stopping and starting accounts for a reduction of fuel economy by 5% (\$0.19 per gallon). High speed aggressive passing can reduce fuel efficiency by as much as 33% at highway speeds. For every 5 mph one drives over 60 mph, \$0.30 per gallon is added to the gas bill.

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Check the tires: Savings up to \$0.12 per gallon. Under inflated or over inflated tires change the way the car handles, adds drag and tire wear. That reduces fuel efficiency by about 3% or \$0.12. Check the owner's manual for proper inflation levels.

Use grocery discounts: Many supermarket chains now tie in-store spending to discounts at the pump. Depending on the program and one's grocery bill, savings could range from \$0.10 off to \$1.50 per gallon.

Create a fuel-efficient route: Reduce mileage by running a few errands on the same trip, and choosing more efficient routes.

Car Pool: Talk to friends and find out their driving habits for work, shopping, etc. See if you can share the car. Every shared trip is a money saver.

Shop around: Prices on fuel can vary from one gas station to another. Make note of the prices as you drive around. Variations can be as much as \$0.10 per gallon. Most vehicles do well on low octane fuel. Check you owner's manual for proper octane. This can account for \$0.10 to \$0.20 per gallon savings.

Election results for Richmond

Peter Majoy

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Editor's Note: Two of Richmond's residents ran for office. Stillman Rogers, who won his bid for County Commissioner and Douglas Bersaw, who lost his bid for State Representative.

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Imagine

Last October 9, John Lennon would have been 72 years of age. On Dec. 8, 1980 his imagination was taken away but not his words nor our imagination. *Lyrics by John Lennon*

Imagine there's no heaven, it's easy if you try
No people below us, above it's only sky
Imagine all the people
Living for today
Imagine there's no countries, it isn't hard to do
No need to kill or die for and no religions too
Imagine all the people
Living life in peace
You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one
Imagine no possessions I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger a brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing for the world
You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one


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Mon. 7:00 PM – ?

Selectmen's Assistant: Roberta Frasier

Town Secretary: Beverly Hart

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Wed. 8 AM – 12 noon, 1:00 PM – 5 PM

Thurs. 8 AM – 12 noon, 1:00 PM – 4 PM

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Wed. 9 AM – noon, 1 – 5 PM

Thurs. 9 AM – noon

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Thurs. 4:30 PM – 7 PM, Sat. 10 AM – 2 PM

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