

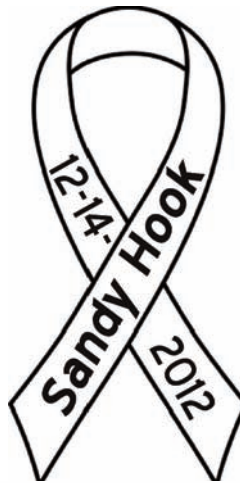


FEBRUARY 2013

SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY: OH, MY GOD!

Peter Majoy

Charlotte Bacon, 2/22/06, girl
 Daniel Barden, 9/25/05, boy
 Rachel Davino, 7/17/83, teacher
 Olivia Engel, 7/18/06, girl
 Josephine Gay, 12/11/05, girl
 Ana M. Marquez-Greene, 04/04/06, girl
 Dylan Hockley, 3/8/06, boy
 Dawn Hochsprung, 06/28/65, teacher
 Madeleine F. Hsu, 7/10/06, girl
 Catherine V. Hubbard, 6/08/06, girl
 Chase Kowalski, 10/31/05, boy
 Jesse Lewis, 6/30/06, boy
 James Mattioli, 3/22/06, boy



Grace McDonnell, 12/04/05, girl
 Anne Marie Murphy, 07/25/60, teacher
 Emilie Parker, 5/12/06, girl
 Jack Pinto, 5/06/06, boy
 Noah Pozner, 11/20/06, boy
 Caroline Previdi, 9/07/06, girl
 Jessica Rekos, 5/10/06, girl
 Avielle Richman, 10/17/06, girl
 Lauren Rousseau, 6/1982, teacher
 Mary Sherlach, 2/11/56, teacher
 Victoria Soto, 11/04/85, teacher
 Benjamin Wheeler, 9/12/06, boy
 Allison N. Wyatt, 7/03/06, girl

We watched the news on the morning of December 14, 2012. Not a day has passed that heart-wrenching grief has not in some large or small way maintained residence within me. One of the twenty innocent children, Ana Marquez-Greene, possessed a facial beauty and smile that reminded me of one of my grandchildren, Emma, whose presence has been a delightful gift to both me and my wife Theresa. In fact, every one of the children, in some way, echoed all the children in the world who grace the lives of each and every one of us.

Heroic staff at Sandy Hook gave their lives attempting to protect the little five- and six-year olds. Both Theresa and I are retired teachers who loved our students and were motivated daily by the gift and the challenge of their presence in our classrooms. We understand and value beyond words the martyrdom which befell them as their last ditch efforts and breaths were at the service of their cherished students. Oh, my god!

When I close my eyes and imagine rushing to Sandy Hook Elementary School fearing the worst and discovering that my fears were true, I become frozen in time and space. The incomprehensible violence made possible by the weaponry used there overwhelms me with the unbelievable background of growing

violence unleashed in our country by the insanity of denial regarding the connection between gun availability and violence. thirty-two people are murdered daily by guns. 360,000 people have been killed with guns in the United States since the Columbine High School massacre in 1999. Approximately 393 people have been killed here since the Sandy Hook massacre, one of the twenty-five mass shootings since 2006.

As part of a memorial to the innocent and heroic lives lost at Sandy Hook and elsewhere, we must rein in and end the availability of certain guns-of-mass-destruction as well as parallel the process of all gun ownership with that of getting a license to drive a car. So be it in 2013.

Notes from the Selectmen's Office

The Selectmen declared February "Municipal Employee and Volunteer Recognition Month." Please join the Selectmen in letting them know how much you, as residents and beneficiaries of their hard work, appreciate their efforts to serve the town. On Saturday, February 23, 6 p.m., all current and former municipal employees and volunteers are invited to celebrate their accomplishments in service to the town of Richmond at a party in their honor at the Veterans Hall. Food and refreshments will be served.

Amazing progress has been made on the new Fay Martin Bridge! The projected total cost for the project is now estimated to be significantly lower, based on the construction bid of \$389,750 awarded to Cold River Bridges. You recall that in 2012 you were asked to appropriate \$879,000 for the project, based on a \$700,000 bridge construction estimate. You may also recall that this was a very conservative estimate to insure enough money was appropriated to cover all engineering and construction costs to replace the bridge.

The estimate was made by the engineering firm Quantum Construction Consultants and the Selectmen were very clear that the estimated cost would change as the project moved forward. Based on near completion cost estimates, and thanks to the NH DOT bridge aid program (your state taxes at work serving Richmond residents), both the Town and St. Benedict Center will realize substantial savings from the original cost of \$87,500 each.

The Town has two legal cases pending as we enter 2013, one with Fairpoint and one with Mr. Bosonetto. Fairpoint has sued all NH towns it serves that implemented NH state law allowing towns to tax telephone poles as they do utility poles. Richmond is part of a consortium of these towns to have consolidated legal expenses.

Mr. Bosonetto has taken his case to the Federal District Court and the Town's liability insurance carrier is defending it. This case was dismissed by both the NH District and Supreme Courts.

The Selectmen encourage you to attend at least the first budget hearing on Thursday, February 7 to learn about proposed town expenses and warrant articles in 2013. Informed voters make better decisions and the hearings will enable you to share your thoughts about these proposals, allowing the Selectmen to make adjustments based on your input prior to town meeting. (Town meeting may go faster too – an added benefit!)

The Town has experienced the impacts of deferred maintenance for many years now. This past year we planned and began repair projects that were long overdue. The Town has saved money for just these kinds of repairs and will need to save even more before the buildings and infrastructure can be fully repaired.

The town has not grown in a way that would necessitate or support the cost of a new municipal building, which incorporates emergency services, meeting space and town offices. Therefore, the Selectmen have planned a path to repairing and maintaining existing buildings. These buildings are the historic

heart of our town and are worthy of our efforts to preserve and fully use them. The Municipal Buildings Committee has worked hard to develop plans for the best use of existing buildings and spaces and it is with their input that plans for 2013 and beyond will proceed.

It will be another busy year, completing planned municipal buildings repair projects, planning and implementing other community – building efforts, and ensuring the high quality of the ongoing daily work of the Town. Please see the Annual Town Report for Highlights of the Year.

Dates to Remember

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

- Feb. 1 – Last day to file for declaration of candidacy (3-5 pm.)
- Feb. 5 – Last day for voters to petition Selectmen to include an article in the warrant.
- Feb. 7 – Public hearings on the proposed budget and warrant articles, Veterans Hall, 7 pm.
- Feb. 18 – CLOSED for President's Day
- Feb. 26 – Last day for Selectmen to post warrant
- Feb. 28 – Last day to register to vote with Town Clerk before Town Election
- Mar. 7 – Candidates Night – Veterans Hall, 7 pm.
- Mar. 12 – Annual town meeting First session voting on candidates for office and zoning ordinances – Veterans Hall, 11 am.
- Mar. 16 – Annual town meeting Second session for voting on the budget and warrant articles – Veterans Hall, 9 am.

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.

Town Meeting

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

This year, the first session of the town meeting, also called the town election, will be on Mar. 12, 2013. Voting by official paper ballot will be conducted at the Veterans Memorial Hall from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm.

The second session, also called the town business meeting, will be held on Mar. 16, 2013 at the Veterans Memorial Hall. The meeting will commence at 9:00 am. Attending voters will have the opportunity to discuss, amend and vote on the proposed annual budget and other questions on the warrant. The voting during the second session will occur in a public forum. For those not able to come to the polls on Mar. 12, absentee ballots will be available to those qualified to receive them. The conditions under which a voter qualifies for an absentee ballot are as follows:

- Will be absent from the town where the voter is registered to vote;
- Cannot appear in public due to religious reasons;
- Is unable to come to the polls due to a physical disability;
- Or is unable to come to the polls during polling hours because the voter is at work or is in transit to or from work.

All requests for absentee ballots must be in writing. Request

forms are available at the Town Clerk's office. Please call 239-6202 if you have any questions regarding obtaining an absentee ballot.

For those not registered to vote, the last opportunity to register will be March 12 at the Veterans Memorial Hall during the polling hours. If you're not registered to vote by March 12, you will not be able to vote at the second session on March 16.

Zoning Ordinance Updates/Changes

Richard P. Drew

Richmond Planning Board Chairman

The Richmond Planning Board will be proposing amendments to the Zoning Ordinances as we did last year. This will clarify and update our ordinances and bring them into compliance with State laws as we were asked to do by the voters in 2011.

Ballots will be printed that will show the existing ordinance on the left side of the paper and the exact changes on the right

side. This is being done so that the voter can directly compare existing to new. In the cases where a new ordinance is being proposed, for instance number 306 dealing with fences, there is nothing written on the left side of the ballot which indicates that fencing is a new ordinance. Also, we are not proposing any changes to the Cluster Subdivision Ordinance at this time. We think that part of the Ordinance will need more work to make it a useful option for subdivision and protection of open space.

A copy of the ballot will be available at the Town Clerks office during regular business hours. Please, read the sample ballot, which has twenty-two pages, before our town election and meeting in March. This is an opportunity to help your town government serve you more efficiently and make the rules we all live by more understandable and useful.

Feel free to talk to any Planning Board member if you would like help in understanding some of the changes. Hopefully most questions will be answered at the public meetings.

Planning Board Ballot Example

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Richmond Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To rewrite and reorganize Article 3. The purpose of Amendment #1 is to edit language so that the section is more understandable. Some of the specific changes to the section are: (1) 301 Ruins – which moves the reference to nonconforming structures to Article 9; (2) to add a provision for fences (314); (3) to add a provision for temporary signs; and (4) to relocate the Cluster Development section from Article 4 to Article 3.

YES NO

PRESENT ZONING ORDINANCE

Ruins

When any nonconforming structure (s) is (are) destroyed by fire or any other means, the owner of the land on which such structure (s) is (are) located shall, within one year: (1) remove the ruins, fill in any foundation holes and re-grade the site to ground level; or (2) repair, rebuild or replace the structure (s). The owner of a nonconforming structure shall be permitted to rebuild said structure use on the same site, provided the rebuilding shall begin within one year from the date of damage or destruction or such other, reasonable time period as may be determined and granted by the Board of Adjustment. Otherwise, any reconstruction or new construction shall be in conformance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Ruins – Any structure which has collapsed for any reason or has burned or been damaged beyond repair.

PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE

301 Ruins

No owner or occupant of any land in the Town of Richmond shall permit ruined or dilapidated buildings, buildings damaged by fire or other catastrophe to remain or to be occupied; but must remove, repair, or replace such building, bringing it into conformity with all applicable laws within one year of the damage or the time that the ruins have come to the attention of the Selectmen.

•Any nonconforming building damaged by fire or other means may be rebuilt and replaced on the same footprint as the existing building, provided the rebuilding begins within one (1) year of the damage. An extension of this timeframe may be granted by the Select Board for good cause shown.

•**Ruins** – Any structure that has collapsed for any reason, has burned, or is damaged beyond repair and is uninhabitable.

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Richmond Library

Wendy O'Brien

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

Reading with Keeta

We have scheduled a visit on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 11 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.

Revisions to the RPL's Computer and Wi-Fi Use Policy

Beginning on Feb. 1, the RPL will be implementing a revised "Policy and Guidelines for Use of the Patron Computers and Wi-Fi." The primary changes are that children under the age of ten must be supervised by a parent or legal guardian when using the RPL's computers. For children over ten, but under eighteen, a permission slip signed by the parent or legal guardian must be kept on file. During the introduction of this new policy, we will ask you to read the policy prior to signing in to use the in-house computers. If you would like a copy of the policy, or if you have any questions, please contact us at 239-6164 or richmondpubliclibrar@ne.rr.com.

Traveling Zoo Great Success!

We wish to thank everyone who made our Traveling Zoo Fundraiser such a great success! We filled the Veterans' Hall with kids and adults of all ages and they enjoyed an hour with Nicole of W.I.L.D. learning about various types of animals. We

wish to thank the following people for helping and baking: Chris Bryan, Tim and Sam Elkins, Susan Haver, Susan Marsden and family, Lynne Mason, Bonnie McCarthy, Theresa Morin, Vicki



Smith, Jan Weekes, and Barbara Woodward. We couldn't have done it without you!

Richmond Food Pantry

Hugh VanBrocklin

The Food Pantry, sponsored by the Richmond Community UM Church, continues to provide families with non-perishable food to supplement stretched food budgets. Donations have been received from St. James Thrift Shop in Keene, and holiday food boxes and cash from individuals. Several members of the church bring food contributions weekly to stock shelves. We have participated in the Scouting for Food Program for several years, and have been blessed with contributions of food from the students and friends at Mt. Caesar Elementary School. Our sincere thanks to all who have helped to keep the food pantry open and serving our community!

Richmond 250 Cane

Pam Goodell

The Richmond 250 Cane is given each year to the oldest person residing in town. It has been given since 2001 which was Richmond's Bicentennial year. It represents the fact that age itself is to be venerated. The cane will be presented at the March Town Meeting in 2013.

If you know of anyone who lives in town who may be eligible, please call Pam Goodell at 239-4790. The deadline for notifying Pam is March 5, 2013.

Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rorke

"All you need is love.

But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."

Charles M. Schultz, Nov. 1922 – Feb. 2000

Happy Valentine's Day, *Rooster Readers*!

Things and Thoughts From the District – February 2013

Neil Moriarty – MRSD Budget Committee Member

The Deliberative Session will be Saturday, February 9, 2013, 10 am at the High School

Please attend at least for one hour to see how your \$35 million dollars is going to be spent – 70% of your property taxes go to the school. You never know if you will be called upon to make a decision worth \$1,000s of dollars.



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Highlights of the School District Warrant follow (subject to change at the deliberative session). These are highlights not warrants (for the actual warrant, Google: MRSD NH, then go to District):

A. The Operating Budget approved by both your board and budget committee (BC) will be \$32,409,110. Although a decrease from last year, it will actually be a tax increase as we have lost Sullivan's funding. Our district continues to run about \$3,000 more per pupil than the state average.

B. Building Funding will be \$1,548,627 for continuation of the middle/high school renovations. No Health and Safety warrant this year. Board and Budget Committee approved.

C. Principal's Labor Contract – \$52,811 for year one. Your board approved. Your Budget Commission did not approve. BC reasoning was two fold: (1) We don't feel there should be a union within the administrators – as that separates our administration team, and (2) The call for 36 vacation days is nothing more than a bonus program (the district will be forced to buy back 18 of these vacation days – as we can't afford to have them out that many days). Do you get 36 vacation days – after one year? Or 20 years?

D. \$75,000 to continue Before and After School Program (now called ACES93 [I'll find out what the acronym is for next month]). The Swanzeey program (which includes most Richmond students) is very close to becoming self-sustaining, and may run without separate funding in the future. Approved by both bodies.

E. Resource Officer \$56,787 (by petition.) The BC approved; the Board took no position (as of *Rooster* deadline). I personally am against this warrant, as it does nothing for the elementary schools. Monadnock already had its gun incident – what are the odds of two incidents in one building? Thanks to the heroics of

then principal Dan Stockwell our incident was handled without a resource officer – not even a panic alarm. As Dan pointed out a couple of years later at a security tour, the kid with the rifle he encountered could just as easily have stood in the woods near the campus and shot kids in the school, shot kids in the parking lot, or shot kids on the athletic fields.

F. There are also non-financial warrant articles that change the formula on how we will be taxed – (minor impact on Richmond) within the district; and furthermore, to reset a weighted vote system to get Sullivan out of the district. Weighted vote is the one man-one vote system used in the district to allow for the different sizes of populations between towns in the district.

If you have thoughts or questions call 239-4031 or e-mail cmoriarty@ne.rr.com. Jim Carnie would be glad to assist you on school questions at 239-4948.

Editor's Notes

John Boccalini

Thank you to Shaun Bennett for your donation and kind words supporting *The Richmond Rooster*.

Here are some updates:

Fay Martin Road Bridge over Tulley Brook – If all has gone as planned, the precast bridge should be in place and the final concrete structure (wings), should be close to completion.

According to Saint Benedict Center (SBC) the temporary bridge covering the old Fay Martin Bridge should be removed on Jan. 31, 2013. Also, construction of the IHM Chapel at SBC is in its final stages.

There is a number that can be written in your phone directory, Carol Jameson and Peter Mulhall 239-4230. If you have any additions or changes to the *2012 Richmond Phone Directory* call 239-6696 or email: therichmondrooster@yahoo.com.

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Thank You

Jane and Frank Rice

Thank you to all the caring people who stopped to help us remove the snow after the last couple of snowstorms. Neighbors, friends, family and strangers.

I was outside the garage trying to decide how to handle the snow, walker in one hand, sand shovel in the other. Down the road came a black pick up truck that turned around and came back. It was Rick Chase from Bullock Rd, who ended up shoveling half the driveway. I told him we only needed to get one truck out in case of an emergency. When I was trying to cross the road to the mailbox, Mrs. Commerford from Lourdes Lane turned around and shoveled the other half of the driveway.

Frank and I are not well. It's wonderful to have folks help us out. Another time, Nate Jetty came down the road with his new snow blower. And David Ramsden, from Stinson Hill, appeared to plow Frank's garage driveway so he can get over to inspect your cars, change your oil or make that key you need. John Travers shoveled the path from the front door to the road in case we need to get out to an ambulance. Betsy and Bill Pearsall came down and did more shoveling and pushed the snow banks back. Mike and Tanner from Boston Road in Winchendon, did the walk area from the road and around the house so the oil man and gas man could fill the pipe and get to the electric meter. Also, thanks to whoever it was that cleared the snow from around the mail and paper boxes across the road.

I don't want to forget to say thank you to the brick Church for the beautiful pink pointsettia plant. It sure lifted our spirits.

Frank doesn't stay at the garage, but you can make an appointment by calling 239-4419.



Grace Moore

Grace R. Moore

Staff

Grace R. Moore, 93, of Claremont, NH died on Sunday evening, December 23, 2012 at Valley Regional Hospital.

She was born in Dedham, MA on October 12, 1919 the daughter of Mason E. and Lena F. (Gehling) Goodale.

Grace had resided in Claremont for sixty-five years and previously in Ludlow, VT for two years and in Oakdale, MA for twenty-two years.

She was a 1936 graduate of West Boylston, MA High School and a member of the Oakdale Methodist Church.

Grace married Harry W. Moore on October 4, 1941 and he passed away on July 2, 2011.

Her surviving family includes one son, Brian W. Moore of Fitchburg, MA; one daughter, Pamela R. Goodell of Richmond, NH; two granddaughters, Jennifer Temple and Kimberly Touya; one grandson, Gregory Moore; one brother, Norman Howard Goodale; three great-granddaughters, Lief Temple, Haydee Temple and Gianna Touya; several nieces, nephews and grand nieces and grand nephews.

She was preceded in death by her three sisters, Mildred Goodale Rayworth, Doris Goodale Almstrom and Elsie Goodale Scales.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, December 29, 2012 in the Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street, Claremont with Rev. Patricia Wells, Pastor of the United Methodist Church and Rev. Priscilla Hull, co-officiating.

Donations may be made in her memory to the West Boylston Historical Society, C/O Norman Goodale, 194 Laurel Street, West Boylston, MA 05183 or the First United Methodist Church, 16 Sullivan Street, Claremont, NH 03743.

To view an online memorial, send a private message of condolence or for more information visit, www.stringerfh.com.

Letter to the Editor

Russ Provost

Twice a year I organize the Richmond Roadside Cleanup. We average 2- 3000 pounds of trash picked up. Much of this trash is from individuals throwing out beer cans, water bottles, and coffee cups. However, some of this is from drivers who fail to cover their loads when going to the dump. This past Saturday there was trash all over Rte. 32. As a reminder, State Law requires refuse in the back of pickup trucks to be covered. Littering fines that may reach several hundred dollars may be imposed. Let's keep Richmond roads beautiful and scenic.

Who Is Responsible For School Shooting

Bruce Currier

I'm writing in response to the letter from Jeani Eismont, "Richmond Mourns for Newtown, CT," January 2013 issue

I have been a gun owner for over 40 years and a member of the NRA (National Rifle Association) for over 38 years. Ms. Eismont wants to put the blame of the school shooting onto the NRA. I have a right to a conceal-carry permit, which is it says, a right, unless I am mentally incapable or a felon. Let me re-

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mind you the right-to-carry states have increased from fifteen states to forty and violent crime has decreased by 38% and the nations murder rate has decreased by 43%. The NRA is not the enabler of death and we also are not as venomous as a scorpion as you quoted. The NRA's "Eddie Eagle Gun Safe Program" for children pre-kindergarten through third grade has been provided to more than 22,000,000 children by more than 26,000 schools, civic groups and enforcement agencies. The NRA also continues to LEAD the call for expansion of "project exile." This is a federal program that throws the book at felons who illegally possess firearms.

The NRA also helped write federal law prohibiting handguns that cannot be detected by airport metal detectors. The NRA has also, just since 1982, trained over 16,000,000 people in firearm safety. I could go on and on about the good of the NRA, but I want to touch on other issues. Police are under no legal obligation to provide protection for any individual. Police have an obligation only to society as a whole. (warren v. district of Columbia 444 a. 2d 1. 1981) Think about that the next time you're walking alone.

Ms. Eismont talks about the limited gun violence in a few other countries. Let's not forget when the power of defense is removed from the people, someone, somewhere will seek to abuse their weakness. The most armed entity of the time invariably becomes the subjugator, and usually this is the government. If you don't believe this could happen, look at Nazi Germany, Stalinist Russia, Mao's China, Pol Pots Cambodia, etc. All contained disarmed populations. Millions upon millions of good law abiding souls were slaughtered. Today, Mexico is a perfect example of a disarmed population that is now living in terror. Why? Because the criminal organizations are the ones who have the guns. Since late 2006, over 60,000 people have been killed in drug related violence in Mexico.

Ms. Eismont wants the same limitations put on gun owners as alcohol. As of now, there are almost 20,000 laws on the books about guns and gun ownership. I'm quite sure there are not as many on alcohol. For those that are old enough to think back 40 to 50 years, what is different from then til now? It is estimated that by the time an average child turns 18, he or she will witness 200,000 acts of violence including 40,000 murders. A 17-year longitudinal study concluded that teens who watched more than one hour of TV a day were almost four times as likely as other teens to commit aggressive acts in adulthood.

About 90% of U.S. children ages eight to sixteen play

video games and spend about thirteen hours a week doing so. A new study suggests virtual violence in these games may make children more aggressive in real life. It also desensitizes children about death. There is something else to think about. Since 1962-1963, violent crime has increased. The S.A.T scores have steadily declined each year. We once had the best school system in the world, we now rank around 25th. This in spite of spending more money than any other nation in the world on our school system. The government records show the top seven problems in our schools 1940 vs 1990:

1940	1990
1 talking out loud	1 drug abuse
2 chewing gum	2 alcohol abuse
3 making noise in classroom	3 pregnancy
4 running in halls	4 suicide
5 cutting in line	5 rape
6 dress-code violations	6 robbery
7 littering	7 assault

There is something wrong with this picture. So before we try and put the blame on responsible gun owners and the national rifle association maybe we need to take a real hard look at society. GUNS DO NOT KILL PEOPLE, people do. I can't even begin to find the words to express myself over the horror at the Newtown CT. elementary school. My wife and I pray for their families sorrow and well-being. Raising four children and having eight grandchildren, it saddens me deeply to think of what these families have to go through. Not only now but far into the future.

I'm not out to attack one person here. It's the system that is failing us. In closing I leave you with a quote from the late great Benjamin Franklin "Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote." Without the second amendment you wouldn't have the first.

1940's New England Backwoods Enterprises


Pete Tandy

What I have written about the teeny country store ice houses I knew back in the pre-flood Quabbin Reservoir days, (in North Dana, MA, where I grew up), is pre-historic technology, compared to my description of an ice house in the early 40s. After WWII, and before I went off to MSU (Michigan), my buddy and I cut cordwood in the winter (axes and Swede pulp saws).

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"YOUR NEW HAMPSHIRE LAND EXPERTS"

But we dumped all that when the ice company decided to cut; they paid more than we could earn chopping at our leisurely, late adolescent pace.

In our case, the Athol Ice Company's barn of an icehouse was cavernous. It was locally rumored that the double walls were four feet thick and filled with granulated cork. The narrow doorways into the great rooms ran from floor to ceiling and were serviced by an ancient and unreliable Fortson tractor which ran a flat belt to the input shaft of a gearbox. In turn, the gearbox powered an endless chain conveyor belt which could be raised up in front of the narrow-slit doors by a devious arrangement of pulleys. As the great blocks of ice came into the one-block-wide sluice at the edge of the pond, they passed between the straddled legs of a man who wielded the "needle bar," splitting off individual cakes from the long string. These cakes were picked onto the conveyor, the end of which was submerged beneath the smoking surface of the water at terminus of the "feeding channel."

As the blocks traveled along the belt in front of the storage rooms, they were directed down into the rooms by the "grabber," a guy who was a relative of the boss or else very lucky. He had his back braced against a board tacked across the slit of the doorway; his legs straddled the chute leading down into the room, and his feet were planted on the inner edge of the conveyor frame.

Each room had its own grabber. He had a short pike and would snag a passing block and shoot it down the ramp between his legs. Those blocks would come down like express trains when the belt was high, which made the ramp steeper.

To slow them down, the "scratcher," a board with up facing nails, was placed in a slot on the ramp. As the layers of ice grew higher, the angle of the chute decreased and the scratcher was removed.

There were six to ten guys in each room. The trick was to keep the block moving until it was slammed into the waiting niche. Two guys with pikes could usually keep it going by pushing, but if it stalled you had to stick your pike into the floor cakes for purchase and lever the bugger along. The premier spot was for the "front" guys who stood on either side of the chute, facing the back of the room. You had to knock off the corner of a properly located floor cake to make a little notch to fit your heel into. When the Grabber hollered "Ice!" you had to crouch, plant your heel in its slot, and sink the hook of your short pike into the incoming cake as it came rocketing past you down the

ramp. As it cleared the bottom of the ramp, and with your arms and the pike extended, you made it swing in a great arc back toward the front corner. If you were good at it, you could tuck it right into place... but only after the corners had been filled.

When the system was tootling right along, the walls were soon festooned with layers of outer clothing until most of us would be working in our longjohn tops, steaming like horses. The cranky old Fordson often did us the favor of breaking down... then we'd plant our pikes across a corner of cakes to make a seat and sit there in our own fog until, if the breakdown persisted, the layers of wool would come down from their nails and gradually find their way onto us. After adding three or four layers of cakes, the system had to be shut down while the conveyor was raised and re-set... a process that required a great deal of shouted advice and creative language. Gave us time to rest, take a leak (but only in the corners) and plan the coming adventures of the evening. The rooms were great dank caverns, lit only by the slatted door and a couple of barn lanterns in the far corners. Not so much at the time, but now with the tolerant haze of recollection, they were not such bad places in which to be alive. February 16, 2000, Richmond NH

Volunteer with MCVP!

Kasey LaFlam

Interested in volunteering with Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention (formerly Women's Crisis Services)? Attend an informational meeting on Monday, February 11 in Keene at 6pm to learn more about our upcoming training in April. Call Jan at 352-3844 to RSVP or for more information. Each year MCVP serves close to 1,000 survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking throughout the Monadnock Region. Learn how you can make a difference!

Out and About

John Boccalini

Fri. Feb. 1, 8 p.m. Eddie Money – A rock and roll legend. Colonial Theater, Keene, \$49.50/45.50/39.50.

Sat, Feb. 2, 8 - 10 p.m. Keene Jazz Orchestra Annual Dance. Courtyard by Marriott, Keene.

Mon. Feb. 4, 10 - 11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Social Hour, Vets Hall, Richmond.

Mon, Feb. 4, - 7:30 p.m. Monty Python's SPAMALOT. Colonial Theater, Keene, \$49.50/45.50/39.50.

Tues. Feb. 5, 9:30 a.m. - "Rap Guide to Evolution" Keene State College, 90 Wyman Way, Keene, \$10.

Thurs. Feb. 7, 7 p.m. – public hearings on the proposed budget and warrant articles, Veterans Hall, Richmond.

Fri. Feb. 8 7:30 p.m. KSC Faculty Artist Recital. Keene State College, 90 Wyman Way, Keene, \$10. \$10 & \$5

Sat. Feb. 9, 10 a.m The Deliberative Session at the Monadnock High School.

Sat. Feb. 9, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Keene Ice & Snow Festival. Downtown Keene, Competitions: Professional & Student Ice Carving, Snow Sculpting and Snowboard Rail Jam. Free.

Wed. Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m., Emily Johnson/Catalyst Dance.

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Fri, Feb 15, 8 p.m. Honky Cats Dueling Pianos, Colonial Theater, Keene. \$21/23

Sat. Feb. 16, 1 p.m. Peterboro Players – Verdi. 55 Hadley Rd Peterboro

Sat. Feb. 23, 6 p.m. Municipal Employee and Volunteer Recognition Party for all who have served Richmond. Food and Refreshments. Vets Hall, Richmond

Sun. Feb. 24, 1 p.m. Stonewall Farm Wedding Expo. Stonewall Farm, 242 Chesterfield Road, Keene, \$5 Admission Pre-register by calling 603-357-7278 .

Sun. Feb. 25, 9 a.m. Winter Family Farm Day. East Hill Farm, 460 Monadnock St. Troy, \$25 16-adult; \$15 2-15.

Thurs. Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. The Tempest. Keene State College, 90 Wyman Way, Keene, \$10 & \$8

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.

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

What To Do With a New Year

Judith M. Graves

Have you thought about what this year will be for you? Will it change the way you do things? Have you decided to turn over a new leaf or keep on the path that you have been following? Somehow, I believe we all think about having a spark of something that will change for the better, and this year I have been asking a lot of folks what they hope for in their new year. Overwhelmingly, it was for good health and for family unity. For the country and for good jobs. I thought about all these things and it made me go back to thinking about when there was a time, not so long ago, when we didn't have all these modern devices that we seem to depend on to make our lives easier.

We depend on these new things so much. Some never think about them disappearing, like the phone, electricity, the ability to make a call to have fuel delivered, the mail coming through, turning on the computer, and it sends us out all over the world; it is like putting on your shoes. Did you ever think about not having any of these things? Okay, waste of time, since we do have them, but what if we didn't?

So, I got to thinking about the things that most people seem to want. Good health – we all know that without good health we can't have anything else. This said, we have to take really good care of our bodies, eat healthy, exercise, and don't abuse them. That has always been good advice and we, each in our own way, work at staying healthy. Family unity depends on each individual in the family doing his or her part to keep fam-

ily close. That means you, if you are part of a family, you have to do your part as well, knowing that family is always there to love and depend on. Okay, that is the first two.

We need to pray for the country and its leaders, and to obey the constitution. Since time began, laws and rules for some folks are to be broken. In my way of thinking, laws and rules are to guide each of us down the right path and if we go off the path, then the path gets crooked. The bible says to pay Caesar what Caesar is due. That means we have to pay our bills and taxes since that is what keeps things running smoothly.

The part about good jobs maybe the hardest in 2013 to contend with, since so much of our industry has gone and no one is hiring. Is this the year you start that business you have thought about all your life? Is it? Maybe, it is! This country is built on small businesses. It is the backbone of the country and it could be your year to begin your dream. Money isn't going very far these days. With costs rising, paychecks are not going to compensate for the pinch we are all feeling. Running your own business could be the answer. What do you find missing when you try to get ahead? Is it a good place to buy something you need and can't find, or is it someone dependable to do a job for you that you need to have done? Could you be that person that people come to for that product or job to be done? Start with your idea, a good business plan, be organized, and step out with confidence. The country needs folks like this to keep our economy going.

Entrepreneurs are needed to grow us, town by town. It is exciting to start and run your own business. That business hires others to work for you, offers a service that many need, and gets our juices flowing like nothing else I know.

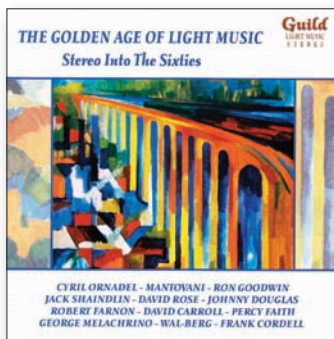
So, whatever your New Year's Resolution is, I am hoping that it excites you and that your creative endeavors are productive and built on principles that will go forth and give you a terrific 2013. Cottage Industries can pop up anywhere and add to the value of any town. Let us all know what you are building, when you are open and what you can offer. Together, let's open the flood gates of services that allow us all to benefit and be excited and happy. Happy New Year. This is coming out in the month of LOVE. The greatest commandment of all is "Love One Another."

Guild Lite Music

Frank Behrens

For many years now, I have been reporting on individual CDs from the Guild series *The Golden Age of Light Music*. Now that the series has made available to us No. 92, I think I should give a full report on the series as a whole.

Having access to a seemingly bottomless source of old LP recordings, Guild has compiled their collections with some degree of logic. Titles like "The 1940s" and the five volumes of "The 1950s" speak for themselves. So do "Richard Rodgers," "George Gershwin and Jerome Kern," and "Light Orchestras Salute Cole Porter." A title like "European Tour" or "Continental Flavour [British spelling]" hints at the contents, while "The Show Goes On" does smack of both Broadway and



the West End.

Collections with mood as the theme get titles like "Reflections of Tranquility" and "Amor Amor: Music for Romance," and "Animal Antics" leaves one guessing at which songs will be found there along with the one about the teddy bears' picnic.

Other titles hint at the type of selections, such as "The Pianist in the Spotlight," "String Fever" and "Stringin' Along." And there is little doubt about the contents of "Christmas Celebrations."

The two volumes of "The Lost Transcriptions" include special discs sent to the servicemen in WW II and smuggled back as mementos. The two volumes of "Light Music While You Work" include recordings chosen by some government department to be played in offices and factories to help ease the pressure on the workers. (Music with a social purpose! This would be good topic for an essay or complete book, I think.)

When thematic integrity runs short, there are always catch-all titles like "Buried Treasures," "Beyond the Blue Horizon," "Musical Kaleidoscope, Vol. 1 and 2," "Confetti," "Bright and Breezy," "Magical Melodies," and "Light and Lively."

Most of the recordings feature the top American and British orchestras of that time, including those of Percy Faith, David Rose, Mantovani, and Frederick Fennell. All give a generous number of offerings, usually around 22-24. And the more recent entries include stereo tracks. Indeed the latest CD in the series is titled "Stereo Into the Sixties."

This series is a treasure house for those who prefer quiet ambient music for dining or small social gatherings or just plain relaxing. If you wish a full catalogue of the CDs, it would be best to contact Guild at info@guildmusic.com or their website at www.guildmusic.com.

Monday Morning Social Hour

Pam Goodell

Looking for a chance to get out and socialize right here in Richmond? Why not come to a Monday morning social hour at the Veterans Hall? The first get-together is planned for Monday, February 4 from 10 – 11 a.m. in the Vets Hall kitchen.



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Grover LaBelle

When I was about nine years of age, I had a picture, framed and glassed. It contained a very interesting philosophy, which I have tried to live by and I think if the people would all abide by this it would be a much better place for all of us to live in. Here Goes!

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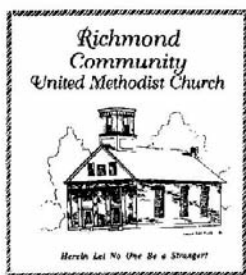
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