



MAY 2013

Around the Town

John Boccacini

Notes from the Selectmen's Office

Selectman

The Selectmen welcomed newly elected Selectman Carol Jameson to the Board. She had attended numerous trainings from home, on webinars, and on location with other newly elected officials. Last month the Board decided on the portfolios each of us would carry for the coming year. Debbie Boncal will continue to represent the Selectmen at Planning Board meetings; Carol Jameson is the new Welfare Administrator, working closely with Bev Hart as her administrative assistant. Sandra Gillis will represent the town on the Waste Management Committee and will remain Chairman of the Board for the first six months of the term, passing it off to Deb Boncal in October.

Each board member made a personal 'bucket list' of things to accomplish this year. As you might imagine, there was considerable overlap! We each took on additional research or investigative assignments in specific areas of interest to provide in-depth information to the Board for discussion and debate.

As a Board, we have developed a priority plan for upgrading, maintenance, and repair of our historic buildings, working with recommendations made by the Municipal Buildings Committee, chaired by Neil Moriarty. Creating new storage and meeting spaces for our many town boards, commissions and committees will be challenging, but we thank the MBC for doing much of the ground work on which we will rely. Town personnel policies, administrative, and fiscal policies will be reviewed this year to insure they are up to date legally and operationally. Working with the Town Treasurer L'Oreal Schmidt, financial reporting will be streamlined and made more user-friendly for employees.

The Selectmen accepted Roberta Fraser's resignation last month with regret, but wished her well in her new position as Town Administrator in New Ipswich. Roberta brought remarkable knowledge and experience to her position in Richmond and we are grateful to her for helping us with the transition to the new staff.

The Selectmen welcome Heidi Wood to the position of Assistant to the Selectmen. During the last month Heidi has trained with other staff and board members, putting her tremendous administrative and customer service skills to work for

Richmond. One of her first acts was to call for a meeting of all department supervisors to learn how best to meet their needs as municipal employees. That meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Veterans Hall.

We'd like to remind you that if you want to meet with the Selectmen, it is much more efficient for you to make an appointment. You won't have to wait to see us, and any information or paperwork needed to make the appointment successful can be prepared ahead of time if you call first. Either Bev or Heidi can make an appointment for you – call 239-4232 anytime. We welcome you to drop in to observe a meeting or ask a quick question anytime. A meeting agenda is posted prior to the meeting so you can see what's going on.

This month will see the official opening of the Fay Martin Bridge. As of press time, the date has not been finalized, but we are tentatively scheduling the celebration/ribbon cutting for Monday, May 13 at 5:00 p.m. Representatives from Quantum Construction Consultants, Cold River Bridges, NH DOT Bridge Aid Program, and the Bank of Walpole will be on hand to celebrate with us. You and they made this historic achievement possible and we thank you all.

The first issue tax bills will be in the mail this month, with a due date of July 1. As of April 8, 2013, there are delinquent taxes due for 2010 and 2011 in the amount of \$87,346 and an additional \$114,351 due for 2102 taxes. While many towns do not allow residents to create payment plans, Richmond does to help you reduce the impact of the statutory interest rates by paying down your tax bill in ways that work for

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and finally concluded
to stay out till sundown,
for going out, I found,
was really going in."*

--- John Muir

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your budget. Please contact the Tax Collector at 239-6106 to make a payment plan.

Town Clerk's Calendar

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

May 27, 2013 CLOSED for Memorial Day

May 30, 2013 Deadline to license your dog to avoid late penalty fees

A reminder to those of you who own boats – you don't need to drive out of town to register your boat. Come to the Richmond town clerk's office!

Property Tax Relief

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

If you are single and earn \$20,000 or less, or are married and earn \$40,000 or less, you may qualify for tax relief from the State of NH. The form (DP-8) can be found on the State website, www.revenue.nh.gov. The form will also be available at the Town Hall for anyone wishing to pick one up. The deadline for the form to be received by the State is before June 30. Call the clerk's office at 239-6202 for more information or for help filling out the forms.

Richmond Library

Wendy O'Brien

Story times

Wednesdays with Wendy continues at 10:00 a.m. throughout the Spring. 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!

May is Dog Bite Prevention Month

Kate Simmington of Monadnock Therapy Pets will be giving two dog-bite prevention presentations for children during "Dog Bite Prevention Month." The first will be on Sat., May 18 at 11:00 a.m., and the second on the school early-release day on Tues., May 21 at 3:00 p.m. We hope this will give children of all ages important education about dogs. Kallie and Keeta, Kate's two therapy dogs, will be on hand afterwards for pats!

Computer Classes at RPL

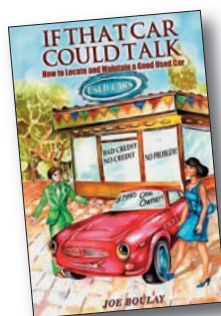
Need help learning how to use a computer? Frustrated that when you come in to use the Library's machines and they aren't the same as your own? Recently received an iPad or a Kindle and want to know how to use it? The RPL is offering several evening classes with our new Trustee Peter Mulhall and Librarian

Wendy O'Brien. The first class on Monday, May 13 will be devoted to teaching those of us who are using a computer for first time, wanting to use your laptop to access the library's wireless network, or learning how to access the internet on both desktops and laptops. On Monday, May 20, you can learn the Ins and Outs of email, including how to create a free email account. On Monday, June 3, bring your eReader or tablet to see some fun things that you can do and learn about the NH Downloadable Books Consortium. All classes will be from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Bring your questions and devices!

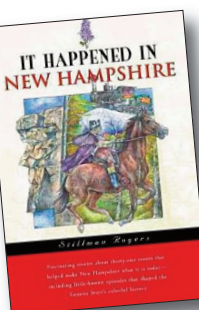
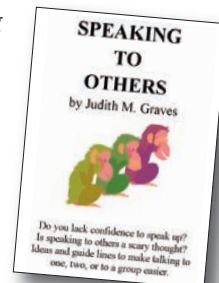
Local Author Showcase

The RPL is pleased to announce our first local author showcase on Saturday, June 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Joe Boulay, author of *If This Car Could Talk*, will present his concise, engaging, and friendly guide to purchasing a used car. In addition, from the sale of each copy from the RPL, Joe is donating \$2 to the RPL to purchase new materials.



Judith Graves will present her three newest works: *Organizing Everything*, *Have You Lost a Child?* and *Speaking to Others*. These books focus on the challenges that each of us may face in our lives.



Stillman Rogers, author of *It Happened in NH*, will present his new second edition with additional chapters focusing on the 1944 Monetary Conference at Bretton Woods, as well as a petition to the NH legislature in 1779 to end slavery.

Each author will give a short talk about their books, and will sell signed copies. Refreshments will be available. Join us!

Author Birthdays

In May we are featuring the birthdays of Walt Whitman (American poet, essayist, and journalist), Elizabeth Coatsworth (American author of fiction for adults and children), May Sarton (American poet, novelist, and memoirist), and Shelia Burnford (Canadian author of the children's book *The Incredible Journey*). We will be featuring selections by each author in the

PLEASE, DON'T WIGGLE OUT OF THIS!

Your Richmond Public Library is holding a Children's Book Sale during the month of May. Mostly picture books but also some fairy tales and non-fiction books.

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Fire House News

Melanie Ellis

At the April meeting of the Richmond Fire Department, elections of officers were held. Mike Pearsall stepped down as Chief due to work and family obligation; Ed Atkins was elected Chief, which allowed others to move up in the ranks. Mike Bailey was elected to the position of Deputy Chief; Jim Mountford was elected Captain; Kevin Duffy, Jon Pratt and Melanie Ellis were elected as Lieutenants. Congratulations to everyone.

The Richmond Fire Department currently has one of our members training to be certified as a Level 1 Firefighter at the Meadowood Training Center. Courtney Mountford started training in February and will continue into June. She will learn the basics in firefighting; from rolling hose to interior fire attack. Best of luck to Courtney.

Since January, the year has already brought numerous medical calls, a chimney fire, and a smoke investigation. With Spring fast approaching and the snow melting, you may have the urge to do some spring cleaning and brush burning. Please be advised that you must obtain a fire permit for any open fire burning. To get a permit contact Ed Atkins with any questions concerning burning at 239-6337.

Cutler Awards

Neil Moriarty

Congratulations to our Young Students!

Awards for February – 2013

Olivia Budzik – Citizenship Award
Darylie Chandler – Citizenship Award
Aderyn Daugherty – Citizenship Award
Jordan Lamarche – Citizenship Award
Abigail Wilbur – Young Author Award

Awards for March – 2013

Cheyenne Burt – Young Author Award
Phoenix Lutz – Young Author Award
Jared Marques – Young Author Award

Congratulations

John Boccalini

Madison Daniels was omitted from our list of students that were on the Honor Roll for both the first and second quarters. She is a freshman at Monadnock High School.

MRSD Receives National Honor

Elaine Moriarty

The Monadnock Regional School District, SAU 93, is being honored in the under 5,000 enrollment category for its ACES 93 program. ACES 93 provides safe, affordable, and enriching before- and after-school programming for children. ACES 93 draws on many enrichment opportunities available in the surrounding community, including the Rye Seacoast Science Center, archery, and fishing programs available through the New

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Hampshire Fish and Game Department; Monadnock Regional High School band workshops; and cooking and gardening programs available through Keene State College.

The Magna Awards, supported by Sodexo, recognize districts across the country for outstanding programs that advance student learning and encourage community involvement in schools.

Darlene Ayotte, the ACES 93 Program Director will head to San Diego April 12, to accept this award on behalf of the Monadnock Regional School District and the School Board.

Writing Contest

John Boccalini

The Rooster is having a writing contest with the title, "Why Richmond is a Wonderful Town." The contest is open to all residents of all ages, with the exception of *The Richmond Rooster* staff and their immediate family members and should be limited to 300 words. The winner will receive a \$20.00 prize. Submission is due by May 20 and the winner will be announced in our July issue. All submissions imply that *The Richmond Rooster* has permission to use it as an article in its publication.

Editor's Comments

John Boccalini

This month I have received several articles regarding the ongoing gun issue that has appeared in *The Richmond Rooster* over the last few months. I decided to call some residents to get an idea of how they felt about continuing the publication of these articles in *The Rooster*. As a result, we have decided that *The Rooster* will continue to publish this discussion online, but will not cover them in the hard copy edition. This policy will continue for future articles that the editorial staff feels may have a better place online.

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Seeing that this may be a little more aggressive than *The Rooster*, the online extra will be called *The Bantam Rooster*. To alert our readers, the articles that are placed in the online publication will be noted in the hard copy of *The Rooster*. Those who do not have the ability to view *The Bantam Rooster* online can get the hard copy by sending a letter to John Boccalini, 180 Fay Martin Road, Richmond NH, or call me at 239-6696.

Agricultural Commission

Theresa Majoy

The Richmond Agricultural Commission is pleased to announce the 2013 Garden Tour. It will take place from 4-7 p.m., June 27. We expect most of last year's gardens to be available with earlier seasonal bloom. We also have some new gardens to offer for viewing. If you have gardens you would like to share with Richmond, please contact us. As we did last year, we will offer maps and brief descriptions of available gardens prior to this event.

Watch *The Rooster* for more information and mark your calendars for another great event with Richmond neighbors.

Harold J. Dickinson

Jean Tandy

In the mid 1970s, Harold J. Dickinson (a local resident) was asked to write an historical article about early Richmond energy sources. It was destined for *The Richmond Community Newsletter*; but was never published. There are five pages of Harold's hand-written stories that remain as he presented them. I'll share the story of the first recorded mill, built in 1760, only eight years after Richmond was incorporated in 1752.

Past Energy Resources Harold J. Dickinson's

(Submitted by Jean Tandy)

John Cass' mill was built about 1760 on Tilsey Brook where it crosses the road to Winchester, and had a trip hammer, utilizing the water power. It was changed over to produce staves and pails and was operated by N. G. Woodbury, J. Nutting, and Narmore and sons. The site is about two miles west from the Four Corners and is locally known as the Nutting Mills Bridge. Sprague or Amidon's Mill was built by David Cass about 1760 on Warwick or Sprague Brook, and by him sold to Azariah Comstock, who sold it to Obediah Sprague about 1793. This

was a saw and grist mill and for many years took care of the needs of the south-west part of the town. The grist mill was discontinued when Andrew Amidon became the owner. This mill was located about half a mile west of the Hiram Sprague, or Swanson's Place, near the junction with the Parker Hill Road. All traces have now disappeared.

A Letter to *The Rooster*

Richard P. Drew

I am the Chairman of the Richmond Planning Board and was present at our Town meeting on Saturday. *The Keene Sentinel* reporter who was covering the meeting interviewed me regarding Warrant Article #8. This article, if passed, would have allowed the Selectmen to purchase a parcel of land abutting the Veteran's Hall property.

I spoke in favor of the article and was interviewed by the reporter later during the meeting. The story he wrote for *The Sunday Keene Sentinel* said that the Planning Board and Conservation Commission were "fully involved and up to speed" with the proposal. In fact, I said that the Board and Commission would be involved if the article passed and the process to purchase the property was started. There is quite a difference between *have been* and *will be*.

My concern is that there might appear to be incompetence as the Planning Board Chairman or even collusion with the Selectmen on my part in trying to get a warrant article passed that I personally approved of. I guess I should review reporter's notes that are about me before walking away from an interview.

Grow Your Own Pots of Produce

Judith M. Graves

If I had room for only one large container, I'd grow a mix of herbs – Italian parsley, thyme, chives, basil, oregano, rosemary, and a separate container for spearmint and peppermint. These are aromatic, beautiful and add so much flavor to our meals and teas.

What To Grow: Herbs, lettuce, peas, spinach, French beans, radishes, dwarf carrots, peppers, rhubarb, and cherry tomatoes will do well in containers. Even the smallest outside space can be filled with a wealth of colorful crops that please the eye as well as the palate.

Potting Up: All containers must have holes for drainage and be deep enough to hold a decent amount of compost. Clay pots



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or stone troughs, old willow baskets, fruit crates, boxes, galvanized buckets all look so attractive. I like to hide plastic pots among the others and sometimes wrap them with a burlap piece and tie with twine. Choose a good quality multi-purpose compost for most vegetables. Add some well-rotted manure into the lower half of the container of mix and some humus rich soil that slowly releases nutrients and improve moisture retention.

Containers Full Of Goodness: A few well-chosen containers and pots outside your kitchen door will give you a generous supply of pick-your-own all summer long. You do not need to go far to tend them, which is ideal when time is precious. Containers also control pests in your produce. Regular watering and feeding are essential to get the most out of each pot.

Grow flat-leaf parsley for all your cooking and curly parsley for garnish. The flat leaf Italian parsley is a useful herb for any dish and very expensive to buy in the shops. Start seeds in April, keep the earth moist, and be patient as it's slow to germinate. Thin out seedlings and water well so they produce healthy roots. Once these are established they will be a constant crop well into fall.

Seeds or Plants: I must admit that I have tried seeds many times and got discouraged as they damp off or I forgot to tend to them on their demands. Most years I go to my favorite greenhouse to get the already-started plants. This year I bought a small greenhouse and we are trying our hand at seeds again.

Start your seeds in little peat cups or even ½ of an eggshell. Once there are too many in a section, weed them out and replant what you can into another cup. When they are sturdy, they will need to be put into larger cups. This process makes me understand why plants cost what they do when you buy at a greenhouse.

I know you have your garden all planned out by this time as I have. Since I moved here, I have done container gardening. I LOVE IT. I can arrange how my gardens will look and enjoy each individual pot. I push sticks in around the edge of some pots, and tie them together at the top with twine. Vines grow up these sticks and fill in wonderfully. The lettuce and tomatoes together in one spot are just so easy to pluck off for a quick salad. When I was a little girl, I would pluck lettuce leaves from the garden and go inside to wash them. Then I would roll up the leaves with a bit of sugar sprinkled on them. Then I would pop little cherry tomatoes into my mouth like candy. I so enjoyed them.

My hope is that you, too, will try some container gardening to see how much pleasure and beauty you will enjoy on your own patio or steps. Grow your own produce simply and give yourself a pleasurable time. When you are working in the garden all the aches and concerns just melt away. Put on a pair of gloves and step outside. It is like a mini vacation with all the benefits of a great healthy buffet. Enjoy.

Just to let you all know, my book *Speaking To Others* is now available. This 54-page booklet addresses things like: Do you lack confidence to speak up? Is speaking to others a scary thought? Ideas and guide lines to make speaking to one, two, or to a group easier. It also includes six outlines for six of my most popular lectures that make it easy to pop in your interests so you can share with others things you have learned. The booklet is \$5.95 and you can call me at 239-8005. Another book, *Gathered Muse for the Five Seasons...Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter, and Holidays* will be available at the end of the Summer. This is a book put into five seasons of musing that I have gathered for 30 years. It will cost \$14.95. Reserve yours now.

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Richmond Town Beach Cleanup Day

Elaine Moriarty

Beach cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m. Please bring rakes and yard trimming tools. Refreshments and water will be provided. Call if you have any questions. Elaine Moriarty 239-4031 or Sally Morton 239-6209.

RCUMC News

Pastor Arnie Johnson

The Richmond Community United Methodist Church is still going strong. Great things are scheduled for the future! On Sunday, May 5 at 9 a.m. Dan Schall and his wife Linda will share his music ministry in many crossroad towns throughout the eastern states. Through his music, he conveys his love for Jesus Christ and his concern for his fellow man's eternity. Through his concerts, he is able to reach out in a simple way to help move others to realize what God has given them. You can find out more about this ministry at www.danschall.org. This presentation is free! Join us for a wonderful time of sharing!

Also scheduled for a return engagement is the Middle River Gospel Band on Sunday, June 9 at 9 a.m. This is the third time they will have been with us to minister with their wonderful gospel music! The Band is comprised of eight very accomplished musicians gifted in both instrumental and voice. I'm sure that those who have seen and heard them would attest to their genuine love of the Lord and how they present that love beautifully in word and song. More information about Middle River is found on their web site, <http://middlivergospel.com/>. They perform for free, but any donation will be gratefully accepted to help defray their travel costs.

Plans are also in the works for another outdoor service in the Richmond Pavilion. We'll keep you informed as to the date, probably late August or early September like last year.

Come join us any Sunday at 9 a.m. at 11 Fitzwilliam Road, just a short distance east of the 4-Corner Store on Route 119. Come and be blessed by the love of our church for Jesus Christ and for all people! By the way, the home-baked goodies and fellowship after the service are a good reason to come! And when you do, bring a friend and donation to our Food Pantry!

Don't forget the RCUMC Food Pantry for those in need, Food is there to help during difficult times. Donations of canned and non-perishable foods are always welcome from those of us who have the ability to help. Drop donations at the Town Hall during normal hours or at church on Sunday.

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Out and About

John Bocalini

Thurs. May 2, 8 p.m. Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me! – Live On Screen. Colonial Theater, Keene. \$22.00.

Fri. May 3, 9 p.m. Dan Blakeslee & the Calabash, with special guest, Shea Vaccaro. Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

Sat. May 4, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Greenerborough "Green Living" Expo and Festival. Peterborough. Free.

Sat. May 4, 6 p.m. The Jacobs Brothers in Concert – Gospel. Beth-El Bible Church, 13 Village Road, Surry. Free.

Sat. May 4, 9 p.m. 7 Below – A Tribute to Phish, Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

Sun. May 5 at 9 a.m. Dan Schall shares his music ministry. Richmond Community United Methodist Church.

Sun. May 5, 11:30-1:30 p.m. Brunch and Music. – TBD, call, 593-3303. Sunflowers Restaurant, 21B Main St, Jaffrey. No cover charge. Reservations recommended!

Sun. May 5, 7:30 p.m. Kronos Quartet, Colonial Theater, Keene. \$22.00.

Sun. May 5, 6 p.m. Dinner and Music with Wendy Keith, guitar and vocals. Sunflowers Restaurant, 21B Main St., Jaffrey. No cover charge. Reservations recommended.

Mon. May 6, 10-11 a.m. Social Hour. Vet's Hall, Richmond.

Wed. May 8, 6p.m. International Night. A special culinary adventure. Sunflowers Restaurant, 21B Main St., Jaffrey.

Wed. May 8-7:30 p.m. SPANK! The Fifty Shades Parody Colonial Theater, Keene. \$35.75.

Fri. May 10, 6 p.m. Dinner and Music with Michael Blake on guitar. Sunflowers Restaurant, 21B Main St., Jaffrey. No cover charge. Reservations recommended.

Fri. May 10, 9 p.m. Run Gazelle Run with special guest, **The Van Burens**. Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

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Sat, May 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fahrenheit 451 Marathon Reading. The Edge Ensemble. Heberton Hall, 76 Winter St. Keene. Free.

Sat, May 11, 8 p.m. Doo Wopp and Las Vegas Burlesque Revue. Colonial Theater, Keene. \$25-39.

Sat, May 11, 8p.m. The Rich Greenblatt Quintet. Bass Hall, 19 Grove St., Peterborough.

Sun. May 12, 11:30-1:30 p.m. Brunch and Music – Bob Arpin guitar. Sunflowers Restaurant, 21B Main St., Jaffrey. No cover charge. Reservations recommended.

Sun. May 12, 6 p.m. Dinner and Music - Judy Blake vocals, Ken Hamshaw guitar and Danny Solomon keyboard, Sunflowers Restaurant, 21B Main St., Jaffrey. No cover charge. Reservations recommended.

Fri-Sat. May 17-18 2 p.m. Poetry and Music by Carol Maize. Cathedral of the Pines, 10 Hale Hill Rd. Rindge.

Fri. May 17 6 p.m. The Murder at Checkmate Manor. Branch River Theatre, Marlborough Community House, 160 Main St., Rte. 101, Marlborough. For tickets call 603-283-7538.

Sat. May 18, 10 a.m. Richmond Town Beach Cleanup Day.

Sat. May 18, 9 p.m. Somerville Symphony Orkesta. Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

Sun. May 19, 11:30-1:30 p.m. Brunch and Music – John Zielinski guitar and vocals. Sunflowers Restaurant, 21B Main St., Jaffrey. No cover charge. Reservations recommended.

Sun. May 19, 6 p.m. Dinner and Music - Walt Sayre piano, Sunflowers Restaurant, 21B Main St., Jaffrey. No cover charge. Reservations recommended.

Sun. May 19 8 p.m. The Murder at Checkmate Manor, Branch River Theatre, Marlborough Community House, 160 Main St., Rte. 101, Marlborough. For tickets – 603-283-7538.

Wed, May 22, 4:30. LADIES NIGHT! Happy Apps, Raffle Prizes, a 50/50 drawing to benefit a local non-profit, Gift Certificates and, of course, Creative Cocktails! Sunflowers Restaurant, 21B Main St., Jaffrey.

Fri-Sat. May 24-25 8 p.m. The Murder at Checkmate Manor. Branch River Theatre, Marlborough Community House, 160 Main St., Rte. 101, Marlborough. For tickets call 603-283-7538.

Sun. May 26, 11:30-1:30 p.m. Brunch and Music – Bob Arpin guitar. Sunflowers Restaurant, 21B Main St., Jaffrey. No cover charge. Reservations recommended.

Wed. May 29, 7:30 p.m. Dark Star Orchestra. Colonial Theater, Keene. \$34-adv./39.

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Fri. May 31 Dinner The New Grey Cats with Gordon Peery piano, Carey Bluhm fiddle with Max Nunnemaker sax. Sunflowers Restaurant, 21B Main St., Jaffrey. No cover charge. Reservations recommended.

Fri. May 31, Deadline to license your dog. Richmond.

Sat June 1, 1 p.m. Richmond – 3 Local Authors, Richmond Town Library.

Ongoing:

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

Tuesdays 7 p.m. Celtic Music Night. Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

Every Tuesday night from 8-11 p.m. CJ the DJ hosts karaoke at his hometown bar, Ed's Crossroads Pizza & Subs.

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

Thursday, 9 p.m. Bluegrass Jam, Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

Social Hour

Pam Goodell

What another good turn-out we had for the April Social Hour. It was nice to see new faces as well as returnees. People seem to be enjoying the chance to visit with old friends and to make new friends. Many thanks to Maureen Daugherty for a delicious dessert and to Greg Butko for India tea to go with our coffee and hot chocolate.

The next Social Hour will be Monday, May 6 at the Vet's Hall from 10-11 a.m. These social hours are public and everyone is invited. Wouldn't it be nice if the weather cooperated enough that we could visit outside on the ramp or at least open the doors for fresh air. See you there.

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Murder Mystery

Branch River Theatre

Branch River Theatre is pleased to announce the cast for their upcoming production and last show for the 2012-2013 season, written by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin, Jr. The hysterical farce, *The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery or Murder at Checkmate Manor* will be directed by Sharon McHugh. Performances are May 17, 18, 24, and 25 at 8 p.m. and May 19 at 2 p.m. at the Marlborough Community House, 160 Main St., Rte. 101, Marlborough, NH.

Fundraising Program

Richmond Historical Society

The Affinity Membership program through TD Bank offers a unique and easy way to raise money for our Richmond Historical Society. The more people bank with TD Bank, the more money the Richmond Historical Society can earn – at no cost to you. In fact, it actually pays you to belong.

HOW IT WORKS: TD Bank will make an annual contribution to the Richmond Historical Society based on the activity of community members' TD Bank accounts. Eligible accounts include business checking, consumer checking, savings, money market, certificates of deposit, and retirement accounts.

FUNDRAISING POTENTIAL: Checking Accounts = RHS receives \$50 for each new checking account and \$10 for each existing checking account. Plus, holders of new checking accounts will receive a \$25 deposit into their new account.

Savings Accounts and CDs = RHS receives 1/10th of 1% contribution based on the participant's annual average balance.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED! Your Richmond Historical Society registered with TD Bank in February, so the fundraising

can begin. What do you need to do? Contact TD Bank to let them know you wish to participate in the Affinity Membership Fundraising program for the Richmond Historical Society.

There is no cost to you and your contact is kept strictly confidential. In February of 2014 and every year thereafter TD Bank will make an annual contribution to the Richmond Historical Society based on the number of "new" and "existing" TD Bank account holders who contacted TD Bank in this fundraising effort. It does not matter if you bank in Winchester or Keene or any other surrounding township. Just mention the Affinity Program and the Richmond Historical Society. Thank you for your community support. We do appreciate it! For information, contact Sandy Holbrook at 239-4628.

"Babes in Toyland"

Frank Behrens

Designed for Christmas viewing, Victor Herbert's "Babes in Toyland" was telecast on December 18, 1954 and again on December 24, 1955 with only two cast changes. Since both were available as black and white kinescopes, the good folk at VAI chose to include both on a single DVD.

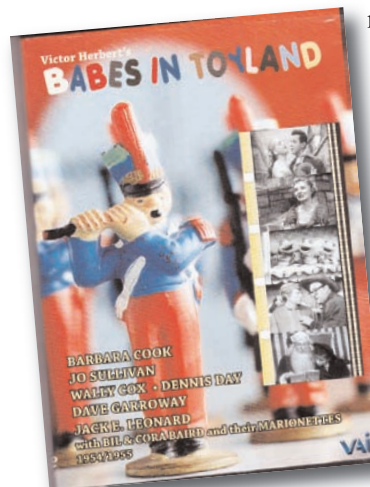
What makes this production even more valuable is that it is the only one seen on small or big screens to keep to the original plot. Will the beautiful Bo-Peep find her sheep? Will the horrible Silas Barnaby get his wicked way? Allow me to ignore the plot, as I am sure all but children will do, and reassure my

readers that the music is the essence. How can one dislike a duet based on a math homework problem?

There are five writers listed who have "adapted" the show to fit into a 90-minute (less for commercials) slot. So allowances must be made by those who know the original version.

Those who lived through the 1950s will recognize in the casts, many a personality:

Dave Garroway (Santa Claus in a framing device), Dennis Day (Tommy Tucker), Wally Cox (Grumio), Jack E. Leonard (Barnaby), and even Bill and Cora Baird and their Marionettes. The soprano lead of Jane Piper is Jo Sullivan in



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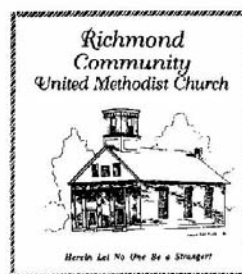
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1954 and Barbara Cook in 1955. That provides a nostalgia trip on top of it all.

The highlight of “Babes in Toyland” is obviously the “March of the Toys” in which the show’s most famous music is heard and in which the choreographer can be as imaginative as possible. Given the small area of the television studio, Rod Alexander does a very nice job, using both marionettes and live dancers. In fact, the telecasts produced by Max Liebman make good use of the Rod Alexander and Bambi Linn team.

While the Clown routines might prove tiresome for adults, the tiny tots will eat them up. Entertainers, however, will appreciate the changes in the Clown sequence in 1954 and 1955.

I have always thought that the opening and closing number, “Toyland,” has a slight apologetic ring to it. Asking an adult audience to watch Mother Goose characters does perhaps call for an excuse. (The 1903 original was designed as a Christmas review.) But somehow the song works and therefore so does the show.

Quotable Quote

Terri O’Rorke

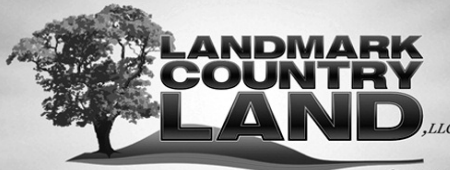
“Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power.” — Abraham Lincoln

Richmond Fire Department Annual Report

Deputy Chief, Ed Atkins, R.F.D.

We had 113 runs in 2010. Eighty-seven runs in 2011 and for 2012, eighty-four runs. Don’t let the numbers fool you. While less numerous, the calls seem to be more involved, complicated.

Cutting open cars to rescue patients isn’t what it used to be. Crumple zone cars don’t want to be opened. We’ve got airbags on airbags on airbags everywhere now, and just for good measure, hybrid mega-volt battery powered cars waiting to zap us when we cut into them. A 275-gallon fuel oil spill kept us busy in February, threatening the pond at the Four Corners. Building construction has managed to complicate things as well. Airtight, energy efficient homes trap carbon monoxide gasses better than ever, thus the increase in CO-related calls. Backdrafts and flashovers are also becoming more common at fire scenes. The materials used in furniture, bedding and flooring are far more toxic than they were just ten years ago. Proper training and good equipment help keep our Fire Fighters safe in these difficult conditions.



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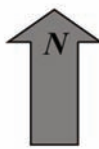

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"YOUR NEW HAMPSHIRE LAND EXPERTS"

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A BIG change came to the department in 2012. We replaced a frontline fire apparatus that had a bad reliability issue (imagine your house was on fire and the first responding engine broke down – that happened) with a more modern engine and a lot more capabilities. This newer engine allows fire crews to get their gear on the truck and to discuss and plan a fire attack on the way to the scene. These new capabilities allowed your Richmond Fire Department to make a tremendous save of a residence on Morgan Road that had fire through the roof upon arrival of fire crews. We attribute this save directly to the more modern engine we brought to this fire. This was the first call for this newer engine and it proved its weight in gold.

For the record, this newer engine came at no extra cost to the Town of Richmond. This was a straight trade of our former engine for the newer one. Careful shopping by the truck committee, countless hours on the internet viewing hundreds of engines and finally, three trips to New York, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania for test drives/pumps, resulted in the newer engine we have now, designation 25 – Engine 1. I would like to reiterate that no expense was incurred by the Town for this newer engine. All trips, car rentals, fuel, food and internet access was paid for out-of-pocket by the department member.

The Annual Fireman’s Bar-B-Q was held again with success. We appreciated your comments and feedback. The pie sale in November proved to be extremely popular, with our members selling sixty-eight pies.

The members of the Richmond Fire Department would like to thank the people of Richmond for their continued support and look forward to providing the best service possible to them when they need it the most. A special thank you goes to the families of our fire fighters. A lot of family time is lost so that our fire fighters can help others in time of need. THANK YOU!

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As always, we can use your help. Please contact any fire fighter if interested in joining.

Fay Martin Bridge Update

John Bocalini

On April 18 the new and improved Fay Martin Bridge was open to traffic while a new culvert was placed on Tully Brook Rd. Nice to see the crew working on the bridge after some delay, but the end is close. The bridge was paved April 19, and barricaded for the weekend. All that is left is assembling the guard rails. The old bridge will then be removed and the landscaping completed. The ribbon cutting is Monday, May 13 at 5 p.m.



Star Tron Enzyme

Joe Boulay

Now, why is Joe Boulay the author of the book, *If That Car Could Talk* writing about equipment with small gas engines?



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Well, if any thing is going to test a fuel treatments effectiveness, it would be a piece of machinery that sits around with old fuel in the tank.

Now that Winter is ending in the Northeast, it is time to put the snow throwers away and pull out the yard equipment. This past weekend we had nice weather, so I decided to start my log splitter and my little wood chipper. I decided to begin by getting these two units running. These two units give me the most trouble when waking them up after the Winter months.

I have done a lot of small engine repair in my time and I have dealt with my fair share of fuel related issues. It usually involves removing fuel tanks, cleaning fuel lines and overhauling carburetors. If I purchase a lawn mower, snow thrower etc. and they do not have fuel shut-offs, I install one on each. When I am done using a piece of equipment, I shut the fuel valve off and let the engine run until it stalls on its own. I have always stabilized the fuel in conjunction with that.

I began by getting the log splitter running. There was a small amount of stale fuel in the tank, so I added a small amount of Star Tron Enzyme fuel treatment to the tank. I shook the unit a bit to allow the Star Tron to mix well with the old gas, then I turned the fuel shut-off to the "on" position and waited approximately 30 seconds for the carburetor to fill with fuel. Then I set the choke, and in one pull it started quickly and easily, simply unbelievable! Every year that log splitter would give me such a hard time getting it to run for the first time of the season, but not anymore with Star Tron! I did basically the same thing with the chipper/shredder unit after adding Star Tron to the tank, and that machine started on only the second pull!

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Pursuing Entrepreneurship


Michelle Connor

While job reports are looking better due to increased part-time employment, it's no doubt that a new set of rules have been created in this New Career Economy® for those looking to build a professional future for themselves. An oversaturated workforce and lower paying job positions are pushing many to ride the wave of the economy's recovery by becoming self-sufficient.

Today's career economy is plagued with uncertainty, forcing many to pave a new path for their professional career. The best way to predict the future is to create it yourself. In fact, studies show that 75 percent of the adult population desires to be self-sufficient rather than working for somebody else. More

and more people are pursuing entrepreneurship through franchising as a viable means to take hold of their professional and financial futures. In fact, a recent report prepared by IHS Global Insight for the International Franchise Association cited there were a total of 746,828 franchise establishments in 2012. According to the report, franchise growth in 2013 continues to have a strong, positive outlook as it attracts individuals from all walks of life. These individuals have realized that they no longer have to rely on an employer to determine their self-worth and success – reaching their dreams and how they get there is completely in their hands.

For budding entrepreneurs who feel they don't have the necessary knowledge or experience to start a business on their own, franchising offers a comprehensive, entrepreneurial blueprint to set them off on the right foot and position their new businesses for success. A franchise can be a lucrative vehicle to entrepreneurship because it combines the many benefits of business ownership with a brand name, experience and proven operating system provided by an established franchisor.




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