



NOVEMBER 2013

Notes from the Selectmen's Office

The Selectmen want to thank Heidi Wood, our outstanding assistant for her work in preparing the new Richmond website for launch. We also thank every department for helping to develop their website pages. By the time you read this, we expect the new website will be operational. If you have other items or photos that you feel describe living in Richmond, they are welcome. Please visit it and let us know what you think.

The Police and Emergency Operations Center have successfully switched buildings and are installing a new shared communications center in the area at the front of the building. We thank Ed Atkins, Andy Wood and Bob Coy for their cooperation in working together to make this move possible. Renovations will continue into 2014 and you will have a chance to hear about proposed changes and to vote on funding them at town meeting. Emergency Management Director Bob Coy informed the Selectmen that he is planning to retire and asked that an assistant be appointed for training and managing the function when he is out of town. The Selectmen are interviewing potential candidates.



Police Department in progress

The Selectmen thank the Municipal Building Committee and Sandy Perry in particular, for overseeing the Veterans Hall renovation. This renovation transformed the Veterans Hall, preserving and enhancing the historical atmosphere of the Hall. It is beautiful and is a much more acoustically-friendly space. (Town Meeting should be more fun!) The various municipal boards and commissions will meet in the Hall now, with room

for their regular meetings, public hearings and storage. The space is also more attractive for municipal events for our residents to use for private celebrations.

The October Rooster described the process for budget planning



Vets Hall Kitchen Board and Conference Room

and long term planning. The Board began budget development planning with department heads and committees and these meetings continue in November.

Operating the Town Government is a shared responsibility. The departments, boards, commissions and committees are a team that is elected, appointed or employed to work for the good of the town and its residents, and to accomplish goals and priorities established at town meeting through the budget process. The Town and Selectmen develop policies and procedures to guide the operation of town government so all employees and elected or appointed officials are treated equally.

The budget must reflect the actual cost of doing business so future budgets are realistic. Because the Town owns municipal buildings in which municipal business is conducted, no department pays rent. The General Government budget covers routine repair, replacement, custodial, grounds-keeping and certain supply costs for all municipal buildings.

Currently the Police, Fire, Emergency Operations Center, Library, Highway departments budgets reflect the entire cost of their facility operations, including heat, electricity, telephone, internet access.

Four departments share Town Hall facilities – the offices of the Selectmen, Land Use Department, Tax Collector and Town Clerk. Each of the four departments has a budget, but until the 2014 budget, the Executive (Selectmen's Office) budget paid all costs for Town Hall facility operation. There are some items in the Executive budget that will continue to be paid, like heat, electricity and upkeep, primarily because these items are hard to prorate fairly. Open hours, working during non-open hours, and office closures vary by department and therefore these facility costs are hard to allocate according to usage. However, with costs that can be allocated according to usage, including telephone, copier, postage and internet, Town Hall departments have been asked to show these costs in their individual 2014 budgets. This action will enable the taxpayer to see how much it costs to operate all departments.

We know that taxpayers in Richmond raise and appropriate funds to operate all municipal facilities. We believe that taxpayers are entitled to know the actual costs of the operation of their municipal government and the 2014 budget will reflect this to the degree possible. We are committed to transparency in the budget and hope you will attend the budget hearings to be held in early 2014.

We are preparing to set the tax rate in November and will send tax bills in early December. If you prefer, you can pay your tax bill online using the tax kiosk and you'll find a link to it on the new website.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and as always, you are invited to attend and observe Selectmen's meetings. But please make an appointment if you want to meet with us. We'd love to hear from you any time – you can contact us through the new website now, too. We invite you to become involved in your municipal government, after all, YOU are Richmond.

Town Clerk's Office

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Mon Nov. 11 CLOSED for Veterans' Day
Wed/Thu Nov. 27 – 28 CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break

Richmond Library

Wendy O'Brien

Creative Giving

At this time of Thanksgiving, we wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who contributes in so many ways to our small yet special library. You give to us with such kindness, from sponsoring our story time programs and crafts, giving us copies of magazines, donations of funds for the library's collections and items for our book sale/raffle, as well as your time through volunteering. Our Trustees work tirelessly to keep the library running and are such a source of support to our community.

Story times

Wednesdays with Wendy continues throughout the fall at 10:00 a.m. Come enjoy stories, a craft, and a small snack. Children of all ages are welcome!

Reading with Keeta and Kallie

We have scheduled a visit on Sat. Nov. 16 at 11:00 a.m. for a visit with Kate Simmington, Keeta and Kallie. Kallie and Keeta continue to offer their 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 features fiction and non-fiction materials. Paperbacks are \$1.00 and hardcovers are \$2.00. Also available are the items on the children's shelves – **anything is just \$0.50**. We hope to see you! Donations of books and other materials that can be used in the library or the sale are also gratefully accepted.

Fire House News

Melanie Ellis

In many emergency situations, timing can be the key to saving someone's life or property. It is extremely important to know what to do in these situations, and to do it quickly. Someone needs to call for help. Do you know the proper numbers to call for help? In our area, you have two options. The best option is always **9-1-1**. Your other option is **352-1100**.

When you call **9-1-1**, it goes to an Emergency Dispatch Center where they gather your information and then pass that information on to our dispatch center, Southwest District Fire Mutual Aid, located in Keene, NH. When you call **352-1100**, this call goes directly to Southwest District Fire Mutual Aid and then they notify us of the emergency.

When you call for help, be prepared to answer the dispatcher's questions, which may include:

- the location of the emergency, including the street address
- the phone number you are calling from
- the nature of the emergency
- and details about the emergency.

Remember, the dispatcher's questions are important to get the right kind of help to you quickly.

Being volunteers, we are not always at the Fire Department. Calling the non-emergency number at the fire station or calling a member of the fire department can delay personnel from arriving to the emergency, which could result in loss of property or worse, loss of life.



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Children learning about the Fire Department and the equipment

The Richmond Fire Department will be having their annual Pie Sale on Saturday November 23 at 9 a.m. until noon or until the last pie is sold. To donate a pie, please contact Lt. Jon Pratt at 603-313-2889 or Donna Brewer at 603-239-4514. If you would like a pie but can't make it to the Richmond Fire Station, please call Donna or Jon to make arrangements to deliver a pie in town on the 24th. The Fire Department will be selling \$1 raffle tickets that day for a cord of wood. The drawing will be held on Sunday November 24. To purchase raffle tickets, contact a Richmond Firefighter or stop by the station on the 23rd.

Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

Tomer Family – It wasn't my fault!

First, Ashlyn's name was misspelled in the October 2013 *Rooster* – the spelling was correct when it left my computer. I had also mentioned that had there been a Fourth Grade Honor Roll at Cutler – **Anthony Tomer** would have been on it. **Good luck to Anthony and Ashlyn on the next honor roll.**

Should BFF Be in Capitals? In my America Reads life I am reading with some great six and seven year olds in grade One (with my friend Nancy Frazier leading the class). Ms Frazier has the children write little stories in their own words. She corrects spelling and grammar, and either rewrites or types them into a computer and possibly adds graphics in booklet form. The kids may also be required to add pictures of their own. The kids then read their stories to me. Anyway, I am reading along with a little girl when we come to "BFF" in a sentence – Neil is now stumped, it doesn't spell anything to me!!!

The little girl, lets call her Mary, says "Best Friends Forever" – now who is teaching who? Of course at first-grade level few of these kids are texting their friends; however, we now have some kids in effect learning two English languages and they are very comfortable doing it. I don't know where this is headed. The website: <http://www.netlingo.com/acronyms.php> will get you all the acronyms for texting and chat. By the way BFF is in caps!

"Put it in writing" is an article in the October 10, 2013 *Keene Sentinel* about requests for information from MRSD*. In the article it is quoted that I am the highest (by far) of the formal requestors of information. First, I rarely ever ask for information informally. The last time I did, it backfired and I mostly never will request information informally again. I have on my desktop a formal request for information form and use it when I need information because: 1. the request is date stamped and has a due date of

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five business days from the date requested; 2. I do not want data on a piece of paper. I want it electronically in the format it was developed in (example EXCEL). The article says that I requested information 41 times between 2008 and October 2013; or once every 6 1/2 weeks. Many of those requests are for computerized information that takes a minute to retrieve and send to me. I bet in those cases it takes longer to maintain the log of requests than it does to give out the information. Some of the requests are driven by the lack of info being posted on the MRSD website – most of the time that is because the source failed to follow the law in submitting the data in a timely manner. Other formal requestors (in the article) cited the latter as their prime reason for using the formal system. If we eliminated the RSA** on Freedom of Information tomorrow, how many people would we layoff at SAU 93 (just a thought)?

If you have comments, or suggestions, call me at 239-4031, or email me at cmoriarty@ne.rr.com. Jim Carney, 239-4948, will also assist you with MRSD concerns.

*Monadnock Regional School District

**Revised Statutes Annotated – New Hampshire's State Laws

Editor's Comments

John Boccacini

In October 2013 *Richmond Rooster* information was incorrectly added to the article about Fire House News. On page four, column one, in the second paragraph, information was given that if you have an emergency, call Ed Atkins at his home number. This is incorrect. You should **NOT** contact Ed Atkins at his home number. Again, if you are having an emergency, call the Fire Department, Mutual Aide at **352 1100** or **911**. **DO NOT** call Ed Adkins.

I've had trouble getting email this week so if you sent an article and it is not in this issue, that may be the reason. Please resubmit if you still want it to run in December's issue.

I can't help but thank all those involved in the production of the *Rooster* for all these years. The advertisers for their support, the contributors for their articles month after month with town news and information, witty stories, tips, letters, pictures etc, the proofers who make us look smarter than we might be, and the staff that gets those advertisers, and delivers the *Rooster* to your mailbox. And a special thanks to Eismont Design, whose eye for detail and design produce a newsletter that Richmond can be proud to call its Town paper.

Jen Amato

Kim Mason and Rooster staff

Jen Amato was recently nominated for Keene State College Athlete of the Week through Sports New Hampshire, Noyes Volkswagon, and Dunkin Donuts.

My husband Skip and I were reunited with Jen at Bentley Commons where Skip's Mom resided. We shared a laugh when I reminded Jen that we first met when she was just a small child on the town beach in Richmond. Jen's grown into a lovely young woman. She's adored by the residents at Bentley and her tender loving care on their behalf is evident. She is indeed heading in the right direction with a career in nursing and health.

Fact is that Jen has another talent, Boxing. At age 22 Jen won her first boxing match (108-pound class) in the P.A.L. Belt Boxing Tournament at the Fall River Police Athletic League Hall. She won with a technical knockout in the second round. Jen trains at Contenders Gym in Swanzey and recently won the women's 112-pound weight class in the New England Golden

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Gloves Boxing Tournament in Lowell, MA by scoring a three-round decision over defending Golden Gloves champion Kate Durgin of Dorchester, MA in the novice division final. She's the first female boxer out of the Keene area to win a Golden Gloves title. Congratulations, Jen.

Richmond Community Newsletter

John Bocalini

Forty years ago in November 1973, a new newsletter was introduced to the town of Richmond. On the front page of the first issue a *statement of intent* was made. From time to time we will include excerpts and articles from past issues of the Richmond Community Newsletter.

Letter of Intent – November 1973

The Richmond Community Newsletter is an informational sheet for the taxpayers of Richmond. In order to keep the community informed of the latest happenings and events, this newsletter will be a monthly report of what the various committees are doing.

The Newsletter will be working with town officials in an effort to publish accurate information on matters of vital concern to the taxpayers of Richmond. Of vital concern are: roads, school system, ponds, developments, recreation activities, and community events to name a few. The very things that make up our total environment. Environmental problems will be discussed regularly in order to maintain the charm and quality that is Richmond.

Every effort will be made to report objectively, so that you, the taxpayer, will provide positive feedback to our boards and committees. For our governing bodies to function properly, they MUST know what you, the members of the Richmond community, think, and feel. For Richmond to survive, there must be a

united voice. Differences must be worked out and compromises made in order to accomplish this unity.

The Richmond Community Newsletter will be free to all taxpayers of Richmond. The printing costs will be covered by contributions and advertising. Our staff is voluntary and is working under the conviction that this paper is much needed in Richmond in order to overcome the damaging effect of the *Jungle Telegraph*. Your comments and suggestions are welcome and encouraged to help make this paper a useful part of our town.

Ideas for The Upcoming Holidays

Judith M. Graves

Well, when I thought about what to write this month, it dawned on me that we are all thinking of the holidays ahead and how we can make some memorable moments and some welcomed gifts as well. Many are discouraged to find out that no one really wants 'things,' they want money, gift certificates, and the latest gadgets. Well, to me that is just not any fun to give. I, too, like useful items, things that can be used, enjoyed, and tossed with no storage!!! So, here are some things for all ages that can be fun for you to put together and fun for the recipient as well. Enjoy the hands-on gift ideas.

First, I am giving a class or workshop at the Amos Blake Museum December 14 at 2 p.m. on making a Pomander Ball, an early heirloom gift that can last for 100 years plus. It scents a room; hangs in a closet to deter moths; or sits in a cupboard discouraging ants and other pests. If you are interested in that class either email me at pcstudios19@myfairpoint.net, or contact the museum. That's my first gift idea. But you need to start early to be sure that it is done by gift-giving time.

Next gift idea is making an ornament that will become an heirloom or that can be tucked into a hope chest. Do people even do that anymore? Anyway an ornament is a treasure for all ages. I like to take the glass balls which you can purchase in a craft supply store and fill it with things like milk weed pod fluff, strawflowers, shells and sand, and add a thin ribbon at the top. Hang it on a tree, on the window latch, or from a ribbon that you place across the window, a mantel, or doorway.

I like funky things that are made simply but elegantly. I cut out some snowflakes from pink paper to hang from the ceiling in my studio. It is funny when I think doing this. My husband David asked, 'What are you doing?' and when I told him I was

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going to hang pink snowflakes from the ceiling in one of the studios, he said, 'Only you would do that,' and smiled. After 53 years of marriage, nothing I do surprises him anymore.

Do you have folks that you could put together a basket, pot or colander of useful items for? My sister and husband love to eat as healthy as we do, so a basket of different beans, pastas, organic broths, a bag of fresh carrots, celery, and an onion at the last minute, gives the gift of making many soups and stews over the winter. I like to take a bunch of carrots with the stems still on, make a bow at the top of the basket, and set a delicious bread in the basket to add to the meals.

Make a potpourri using lavender, cinnamon chips, orange peel pieces, and rosemary in a covered bowl or jar. Put instructions in it to put the cover on at night to put it to bed, shake in the morning and open the cover to allow the room to be naturally scented. I have the ingredients at Periwinkle Cottage Studios if you are looking for them.

Devise a Bean Soup Mix, a simple but popular idea that has helped pay off mortgages on fire halls and churches. Summer savory is an absolute must, but you can also include a bit of chili powder, a whole bay leaf, some dried onion and garlic, parsley in quantity, and a pinch of oregano. Whether packaged in a sturdy baggie or an old fashioned clear canning jar, the mixture of six, ten, or fifteen hearty dried beans added in a separate bag, is pretty to behold. Tie the herbs in another baggie along with your recipe and you can count on a hearty "thank you." This is a fabulous holiday gift idea.

Mulling spices are always great to make up a crock pot of mulled cider, mulled juices, or mulled wine. Cut a circle of cheesecloth and place whole cloves, cinnamon chips, and a bit of orange peel in it, and tie it up into a ball with white string. Place this in your liquid, allow to come to a low boil, then pull it out, and keep it for many more pots of mulled drink.

Start herbs in small pots on your window sill. When ready to give, set pots in a small brown bag to the rim, and tie it with raffia, and attach a recipe using the herb. Place three to five in a basket as a gift for a new bride or cook.

For a teenage girl or even a grandmother who enjoys a stuffed animal, rip out a small seam and insert a mesh bag of lavender. Then sew it back up. Lavender lulls one to sleep and means devotion. It will add scent wherever it is placed.

I could go on and on but perhaps my favorite crafting is nature crafting where the possibilities are endless. From wreaths, potpourris, flower arranging, baskets made from vines,

gourds cut and shaped into vases or birdhouses, ornaments made from twigs or pinecones, decorated hats, wheat weavings, shells and driftwood ornaments with herbs, spice necklaces, cornhusk dollies, moss balls, are all just a start to creating your gift-giving list with wonderful things that are fun to make and receive.

Put our Holiday Open House on your calendar and come November 8 or 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day and see what we have ready for you. Antiques, collectibles, vintage, natural designs, and so much more. We look forward to greeting you. Periwinkle Cottage Studios is located 230 Bullock Road, Richmond. We are open year-round by appointment only, so come to our open house and see what we are doing.

The Rooster – Twenty Years Ago Do You Remember...

Jane Jillson

- Pound Parties – when someone new moved into town, town-folks would bring a pound of something (sugar, coffee, etc.)
- When Camp Takodah gave two girls and two boys free camperships each year.
- Townspeople got together at the Vets Hall to make salads for the Barbeque when the BBQ was on 4th of July weekend.
- Pie sales at the Fire House
- The Tramp House, Town Pound, the old Telephone Building
- The house at the town beach and swim lessons that lasted all summer, two days a week
- Using telephone call lists for help or reminding people of activities going on in town.
- People using the old town road scraper to grade dirt roads.
- When the fire whistle blew at 1 a.m. each day.
- The Garfield corner at the Library.
- When the American Flag flew all the time at various places in town.
- When townspeople got together to make a town quilt – what happened to it?
- When the Library had pieces of pottery on the top shelves.

Time To Give Thanks...

Theresa Majoy, Heather Canfield, Rosti Eismont,
Sandy Holbrook and Wes Vaughn

While this article is being drafted (10/10/13), no doubt you are probably harvesting your late crops in anticipation of the big Thanksgiving dinner coming up sooner than anticipated.

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Wes Vaughan

Thanks to a great fruit tree season, there should be plenty of pies to go around this year. And don't forget the potatoes, winter squashes, carrots, onions, cabbage, etc. to name a few typical veggies that come before tasting the pies! We have much to be thankful for in terms of agriculture and how food gets from the planting stages to the tables.

As the RAC reflects back on 2013, we, too, are thankful for your continued support throughout the year beginning with the Garden Tour in June, to the Family Farm Day in September, and the finale of the Harvest Potluck/Storytelling in October. We are also thankful for the opportunities to work with other committees in town. It's been fun!!

From all of us to all of you – Happy Thanksgiving!

Letter to the Editor

Sandy Holbrook

Richmond residents have had the opportunity to attend several events sponsored by different groups within the Richmond Community. As a resident, I wish to personally thank all who helped make these events possible. A great deal of time, planning and effort went into making these events happen. Regarding Richmond Family Day, special thanks go to Jeff and Susan Taylor of Windswept Mt. View Christmas Tree Farm for hosting; Jeff Taylor, Dick Drew and Carol Jameson for their excellent presentations; Jim Blackledge, Pat Daigneault, Rosti Eismont, Gary Hebert, Hank and Nancy Lescynski, Theresa Majoy, Norma Thibodeau and the staff at Windswept for all the behind-the-scenes activities.



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Affinity Membership Fundraising Program

Richmond Historical Society

Before we know it, we will be wrapping up loose ends for 2013 and ushering in 2014. This is a good time to remind you of TD Bank's Affinity Membership program. This program offers a unique and easy way to raise money for our Richmond Historical Society. The more people who bank with TD Bank, the more money the Richmond Historical Society can earn – at no cost to you. In fact, it may actually pay 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 accounts, consumer checking, savings, money market, certificate of deposit and retirement accounts.

Fundraising Potential: Checking Accounts – RHS receives \$50 for every new checking account and \$10 for every existing checking account. Plus on new checking accounts, the account holders receive a \$25 deposit into their new checking account.

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

How To Get Involved! Your Richmond Historical Society registered with TD Bank in February 2013.

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 to do this 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, 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, 239-4628.

Richmond Holiday Fair

Alison VanBrocklin

We are pleased to announce that the annual Richmond Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2013, at the Richmond Veterans Hall, Route 32, Richmond, NH. Shopping hours are from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., with luncheon served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Many area residents start their holiday season with a trip

to the Holiday Fair. We have returning artisans presenting a variety of wares including stained glass creations, pen-and-ink drawings, country collectables, hand-knit and crocheted treasures, hand-spun yarn, maple syrup, and quilted wall hangings and gifts. First timers include Creative Arts by Omina Designs presenting hand-dyed scarves and other items, and Richmond's own Windswept Mountain Tree Farm offering fresh holiday wreaths.

The Holiday Fair is sponsored by the Richmond Community United Methodist Church. The luncheon menu includes corn chowder, chili, and freshly made sandwiches. Church members also offer a table of homemade candies and baked goods for sale to benefit a local mission project. We hope you will join us for this unique shopping experience! For information, please call Alison at 239-4494 if interested in a space.)

The Winchester Learning Center

Roberta L. Royce

Press Release: Annual Meeting/Open House

The Winchester Learning Center, A United Way Agency, is hosting our Annual Meeting/Open House on October 20, 2013 from 2 to 4 p.m. Our meeting will be held at 109 Keene Road in Winchester, NH. The Public is invited to attend. There will be live music, food, and a tour of our Preschool, Childcare, and Family Resource Center.

Out and About

John Bocalini

Fri. Nov 1, 7:30 a.m. MacDowell Downtown, Bass Hall, 19 Grove St, Peterborough, NH

Sat. Nov 2, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Peterborough Players Annual Auction, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough

Sat, Nov 2, 8 p.m. Greg Allman, Keene recreation Center, 312 Washington St.

Sun. Nov 3, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Flea Market Winery and Appraisal, 45a Knight St., Jaffrey

Sun. Nov 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 3rd Annual Craft Fair, for the Northern Lights Parents Association Keene Recreation Center, 312 Washington S. Keene




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Wed. Nov 6, 7:30 p.m. Debo Band, Keene State College Redfern Arts Center, Wyman Way, Keene

Thursday, November 7 - 7:00 p.m. Kristallnacht, Colonial Theater, Keene. Free

Fri. Nov 8, 7:30 p.m. Folk Music Concert, Sally Rogers, Howie Bursen and Jeff Davis \$15/adult; \$10/member Mariposa Museum, 26 Main St. Peterborough, NH

Friday, November 8 – 8 p.m. World Blues featuring The Taj Mahal Trio, Vusi Mahlasela, & Fredericks Brown, featuring Deva Mahal). Colonial Theater, Keene \$55.50/\$51.50/\$41.50

Fri – Sat Nov. 8 – 9, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Open House. Periwinkle Cottage Studios. 230 Bullock Rd. Richmond

Sat. Nov. 9, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Richmond Holiday Fair, Richmond Veterans Hall, Route 32, Richmond

Sat. Nov. 9, 1 p.m. Tosca, The Met: Live in HD. Puccini, Colonial Theater, Keene. \$20 Students, Adults \$25.

Sat. Nov 9. 1 p.m. Tosca, The Met: Live in HD. Puccini, Peterborough Players Theater, 55 Hadley Road. Peterborough \$20 Students, Adults \$25.

Sun. Nov. 10 3:00 p.m. Virginia Eskin, Brahms, Chopin, Bach, and Ragtime Bass Hall 19 Grove St, Peterborough

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Thurs, Nov. 14 - 7:30 p.m. Warren Miller's Ticket To Ride to benefit the Special Olympics. Colonial Theater, Keene \$25.

Fri. Nov. 15 – 8 p.m. Colin Quinn – Unconstitutional Colonial Theater, Keene. \$45 Gold Circle; \$35 everywhere else

Fri. Nov. 15 – 8 p.m., Annie and the Beekeepers with Dietrich Strauss, Sumner Knight Chapel, N. Lincoln St. Keene.

Sun. Nov. 17 - 1:00 p.m. A Place At The Table. Colonial Theater, Keene. Free, suggested donation of fresh produce or canned good for local food pantries

Sun. Nov. 17 - 1:00 p.m. Live: Macbeth. Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Rd, Peterborough. \$18 Admission, \$15 Students

Sat. Nov. 23 9 a.m. – noon (or until the last pie is sold) The Richmond Fire Department Annual Pie Sale. To donate a pie, contact Lt. Jon Pratt at 603-313-2889 or Donna Brewer at 603-239-4514. If you would like a pie but can't make it down to the Richmond Fire Station, call to make arrangements to deliver a pie in town on the 24th.

Sat. Nov. 23 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Broke: The Affordable Arts Fair Town Hall in Peterborough NH. 1 Grove St. Peterborough

Sat. Nov. 23 p.m. The Glass Museum Benefit Concert: Peterborough Townhouse Peterborough, \$20

Sat. Nov. 23, 8 p.m. Blues Brothers: The Official Revue. Colonial Theater, Keene, \$39.50/\$35.50/\$25.50

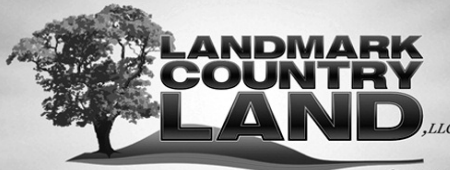
Sun. Nov 24, The Fire Department Cord Wood Raffle drawing, Richmond, NH

Mon. Nov. 25, 7 p.m. Baked Beans and Fried Clams: How Food Defines A Region New Hampshire Humanities Council, Historical Society of Cheshire County, 246 Main St., Keene

Wed. Nov. 27, 8 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Contra Dance, \$10; \$8/seniors, students. Peterborough Town House, 1 Grove St. , Peterborough.

Sat. Nov. 30, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Keene Holiday Annual Craft Fair, Keene High School, Keene

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"Thief of Bagdad"

Frank Behrens



As part of the Cohen Film Collection series, the 1924 "The Thief of Bagdad" has been released on a 149-minute DVD. Those familiar with the 1940 version with Sabu will smile when they recognize many of the elements in that version as they watch the 1924 version. It is directed by Raoul Walsh.

Douglas Fairbanks is the thief who falls in love with a Princess (Julanne Johnston), who in turn has to choose between three fairly revolting suitors. He is assisted by the comedian Snitz Edwards as the Evil Associate. Edwards, by the way, was an ex-jockey who appeared with Buster Keaton in several shorts.

I can only assume that the broad overacting displayed by Fairbanks in the early sequences was designed to be a spoof of heroes in other silent films. To show amazement, his arms are thrown back. To show bravado, one arm is thrown back and the other held gracefully upward. He smells food and makes broad sweeping motions around his tummy. He sees a jewel and

scratches his palm. And so on. Even his grief later on is overdone; but perhaps showing grief was not his thing.

A Japanese actor, billed as Sojin (So-Jin-Hayakama) plays the Mongol Prince with glacial evil – but I must admit I miss Conrad Veidt as Jafar in the 1940 film. And who can resist Anna May Wong as one of the Princess's handmaidens but also a spy for Sojin? (Young Myrna Loy would inherit her roles. Johnston's acting is...oh dear...adequate.

What also makes this film so enjoyable are the oversized sets that Fairbanks wanted to be "magnificently impressive" but also maintaining "the idea of unreality." Art Designer William Cameron Menzies delivers the goods. Fairbanks gets through the Valley of Monsters with ease, since he has no trouble slaying the papier-mâché beasts. Getting through the Fire is almost too realistic for comfort (both the viewer's and the Thief's).

The original tinted sequences have been preserved and I was most impressed by the music used in this edition. A specialist in creating scores for silent films, Carl Davis drew upon Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherazade," "Tale of the Tsar Saltan," "Coq d'or," and "Sadko" (plus a few bars of his own) in a very clever way to heighten the action. Other copies of this film use far less effective scores.

There is an excellent booklet giving good background information about the film and several still shots as a bonus.

Harvest Potluck Supper

Sandy Holbrook

The Harvest Potluck Supper and Storytelling with Rebecca Rule, NH humorist, earned another high-five due to the following: RAC – Heather Canfield, Rosti Eismont, Sandy Holbrook, Theresa Majoy, and Wes Vaughan; RCC – Jeff Taylor; RHS – Nancy and Hank Lescynski, Norma Thibodeau; and special



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thanks to Camp Takodah – Peter Simmonds the Outdoor Educational Director and Kevin Bernstein Camp staff member.

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Sue Taylor

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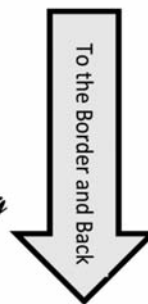
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Facts About Thanksgiving

John Bocalini

1. In 1621 The First Thanksgiving lasted three days. During that time the Plymouth Pilgrims dined with the Wampanoag Indians. The feast consisted of corn, barley, fowl including wild turkeys and waterfowl, and venison.
2. Americans eat roughly 550 million pounds of turkey on Thanksgiving.
3. The first national celebration of Thanksgiving was declared in 1775 by the Continental Congress to celebrate the win at Saratoga during the American Revolution. It was a one-time event. President Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving, and in 1941 Congress established as the fourth Thursday in November as a national holiday.
4. In 2007, George W. Bush granted a pardon to two turkeys named May and Flower. The tradition of pardoning Thanksgiving turkeys began in 1947. Abraham Lincoln is said to have informally started the practice by pardoning his son's pet turkey.
5. 91% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day.
6. Twenty percent of cranberries are eaten on Thanksgiving.
7. Thanksgiving football games began with Yale versus Princeton in 1876.
8. In 2001, the U.S. Postal Service issued a Thanksgiving stamp to honor the tradition "of being thankful for the abundance of goods we enjoy in America."
9. Thanksgiving Day is actually the busiest travel day.
10. Thanksgiving can occur as early as November 22 and as late as November 28
11. The Friday after Thanksgiving is called Black Friday largely

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12. President Jefferson called a federal Thanksgiving proclamation “the most ridiculous idea ever conceived.”

Cheshire YMCA/Camp TakodahRichmond

Linda DuBois

Camp ended in August, but we have still had many programs going on here. Many school groups came for day events and/or overnight team building events. We had the Women’s Weekend in September and in October we had the Peter Masiello Kids-Come-First 5K race and the Richmond Historical Society had a pot luck dinner in the Dining Hall which had quite a turn out.

Rideshare

Lewis Whittum

There are many times when I go to Keene or Winchester to run an errand or two. Sometimes I have an appointment and I take reading material if I must wait. A few of years ago I was told that neither one of the elderly couple that lived down the street from me drove. So, I stopped in to see them and determined that I could easily help them out occasionally by running errands for them or taking them to appointments and or grocery shopping. (They had paid \$70.00 for a round-trip taxi ride a couple of times). From then on I made myself available to them for rides and errands. It was not at all inconvenient since I planned my trips as best I could to coincide with theirs. The couple recently moved to Ohio to be close to their daughter.

What is the point of all this? It occurs to me that there are probably others in town that could use the same kind of help. What I am going to try to do is set up a spreadsheet or database of willing providers to see if we can help other folks in town. I will need you to call and give me your schedule and what you would be willing to do. I also need you to call if you are in need of help and I will get you together with someone who can help. I will try to organize and manage this. The idea is to provide this service at no charge. I am not sure what, if any, the problems will be – liability comes to mind. If you have any experience with this type of thing please let me know. So, get involved and we’ll see if we can make it work.

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No feathered swish of owl,
no scent of skunk,
no snort of deer
identify the cause or origin
of unknown scraping sound.

All five senses, although alert,
have let me down.
I stand stock-still
and mock my silly fear
that some unnamed reality
draws near.

And then a pack of red oak leaves
rushes ankles and half-flexed knees.
The leaves rustle like cattle herd
frenzied by thirst and crack of whip.

These leaves, still stiff and strong,
are borne along
until they’re stopped by fence,
stone wall or tree.
Each obstacle a place to congregate
and slowly decompose in aggregate.

Adrenaline subsides,
composure is restored,
and I restart my late night walk.
Uncertainty and fear
recede from consciousness.
Nearby, an ebbing tide relaxes grip on shore,
but farther out,
uncharted depths remain to be explored.

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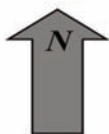


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Sandy Holbrook

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