



MAY 2014

## The Return of the Pipelines

Jean Tandy

**Tennessee Gas Pipeline** is currently maneuvering its way through North Central Massachusetts to bring its pipeline to eastern Massachusetts and up into New Hampshire. Their plans include running the line through Warwick, MA, Richmond, NH's comrade in the "Millers, Connecticut and Ashuelot Watershed." Both Towns serve major tributaries to the Connecticut River, New England's longest river and largest watershed.

Richmond and Warwick are bound together, both geologically and geographically. Richmond's waters drain down into the Millers River, as well as into the Ashuelot River, just as Warwick's waters drain into the same rivers. Both are essential water resource components of the Connecticut River Watershed and The Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge.



These waters are protected on many levels as essential resources including the 1998 Presidential designation "as an American Heritage River," awarded to The Connecticut River; (as one of fourteen American Rivers thus honored). Certainly this recognition must include the entire Connecticut Watershed.

Therefore, Warwick, MA is an essential piece of New England's largest watershed.

In reading "The Warwick Open Space Plan Committee Report – 2009" online, it appears that those folks have a huge reserve of political, gov't, and natural resources to support their reasons to keep the Tennessee Pipeline out of Warwick. But the results will be up to Warwick's political actions now and in the future. Upon hearing the alarming news of Tennessee/Tenneco's return to New England, I decided to locate and share the Tenneco Gas Pipeline story in Richmond during the years 1977-1979. TENNECO/TAPCO/TENNESSEE are interchangeable corporate names for the same group.

**ABOUT RICHMOND'S ACTIONS:** One of Richmond's most essential actions in the years Tenneco was pushing hard to take land, separate from power line paths, was that we stopped them from cutting a corridor through 188 acres of private land (Fitzwilliam/Richmond), ALONG THE STATE LINE, then drop into Warwick. And as they said then, onto "parallel electrical transmissions lines." Those 188 acres on the NH/MA State line was actually watershed land for the CONNECTICUT RIVER WATERSHED.

In 1977, thirty-seven years ago, a pipeline company (Tenneco/TAPCO) appeared in Richmond. Masked in silence, eventually Richmond's first newsletter, *The Richmond Community News-letter* uncovered its presence in town and wrote a series of articles documenting its progress over a two-year period. Our

town's persistence with the support of environmental groups including the Sierra Club, the Society for Protection of NH Forests, our Richmond Conservation Committee, plus many other concerned citizens and organizations finally drove the Company out of Richmond.

Briefly, the Company had plans to ship gas from Algeria, North Africa to the Canadian Port of St. John in New Brunswick then down through Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, ending in Albany, NY. It turned out that before they reached Richmond, towns in Maine and New Hampshire had held Town Meetings and voted to keep the tentative pipeline running only on existing Power Corridors. One town voted to not allow the pipeline in town at all.

A final note on the Algerian gas deal. It fell through in less than two years. So if they'd put the pipeline in, *off* the Power Corridors, there would be no gas. But, they would own the pipeline corridor in perpetuity. And land owners would pay taxes on that land in perpetuity.

As I write, Tenneco Pipeline Company once again appears on Richmond's horizon; now Tennessee/Kinder Morgan. They are rattling around in Warwick, MA, our bordering watershed town to the south that also feeds water into the Connecticut River Watershed. Warwick folks are pretty much echoing our actions from thirty-seven years ago.

Ecologically and environmentally, they mirror Richmond as watershed stewards and take their role to protect land and waters for future generations seriously. My remaining message for readers is that Tenneco/Tennessee/Kinder Morgan Pipeline Corporation is heading back into NH. They are looking at Keene, Jaffrey and New Ipswich as potential corridors and markets. But it's not clear which towns they plan on moving through. We don't know if Richmond is on their list, as they advertise heavily on the web. They shout in loud web ads: "how NH requires their pipeline and fracked gas," a pipeline that would cut trenches through our NH wetlands and forests and private lands. Guess we'll just wait and see what happens in Warwick. It's *deja vu* all over again for Richmond.

### Notes from the Selectmen's Office

With Spring finally here, we have begun work on essential repairs to several of our historic buildings as laid out by our capital improvements plan, with the funding that was approved at the March Town Meeting.

First and foremost are the repairs to the boiler and the related infrastructure in the Vet's Hall. The boiler finally broke down suddenly and completely during the first week of April, leaving the building without heat and water. Luckily it was one week after the sub-freezing temperatures of late March had

passed and well after town meeting. The Vet's Hall will be unavailable for about three to four weeks while a replacement boiler is installed and other essential cellar repairs and renovations are completed. The work should be finished by the time you read this, giving us a repaired and safe infrastructure that will protect the beautiful interior renovations that were completed last year.

Also scheduled for this year is the replacement of a portion of the firehouse roof and the installation of major insulation to the library attic and basement, which will protect the fire department equipment, lower the heating bills and fix the problems we have had with freezing library water pipes on the coldest days of last winter.

Work is underway to form the two new town commissions that were approved at Town Meeting – the Richmond Heritage Commission, and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Heritage Commissions are established under the authority of NH statute (RSA 673:4-a and 6744-b) for the purpose of recognizing and protecting historic, aesthetic, and cultural resources. A Heritage Commission does for cultural resources what the Conservation Commission does for natural resources, and functions in much the same way. It can have between three and seven members, and up to five alternate members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen. It acts as an advisory group and meetings are open to the public. It can accept and expend funds in a non-lapsing Heritage Fund, and can acquire and manage property by grant, gift or other means, subject to a public hearing and approval of the Board of Selectman.

Projects undertaken by other town Heritage Commissions include making an inventory of cultural and historic resources, producing a brochure or mapped tour of places of interest in the town (including mills and cellar ruins, old roads and taverns, as well as historic buildings), landscaping public areas, restoring historic structures, and obtaining signage to mark significant places and events. This is just a small sample of what Heritage Commissions have done in other communities – and much more. A Heritage Commission can be a great vehicle for obtaining public and private donations and grants, and accomplishing projects that have meaning to the town.

Richmond's Parks and Recreation Commission replaces the functions of three former individual committees – the Beach Committee, Parks Committee and Recreation Committee. By combining these into one Commission, we can pool the man-

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power, resources, and ideas of our volunteers which will allow us to expand our facilities and programs. Years ago, Richmond held annual park and recreational events such as a standing-room-only Halloween party at the Vet's Hall, an Easter egg hunt, and a one-week day camp for the kids with an overnight on the last day, as well as swimming lessons. Lately, we have seen an interest in bringing back these and other recreational programs and facilities – a children's play group, adult physical education programs, walking trails which link the town buildings and other notable sites, and an improved football field to name a few. The Parks and Recreation Commission can be whatever the town and our residents want it to be. And before we leave the topic of parks and recreation, our thanks go to Marcus Beauregard, the sole member of our former Parks Committee who has provided a port-a-potty at the park behind the firehouse during the warm weather.

If you have ideas and interests for either the Heritage Commission or the Parks and Recreation Commission, let us know. We would love to hear from you. Some people have expressed an interest in serving on these commissions. The more interests represented, the better it will work.

Selectmen meetings are open to the public. We meet every Monday night in the Town Hall at 7 PM. Everyone is invited to come and observe. If you would like to be on the meeting agenda for a specific issue, please call the Selectmen's office beforehand to schedule an appointment to assure there will be time for you to speak.

## Town Clerk's Calendar

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Wed. May 7, 2014 CLOSED for Regional Clerks' Meeting  
 Fri. May 9, 2014 OPEN 9 – 12  
 Mon. May 26, 2014 CLOSED for Memorial Day  
 Thu. May 29, 2014 Deadline to license dogs to avoid late penalty fees

## Property Tax Relief

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

It's that time of year again. For those of you who 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](http://www.revenue.nh.gov). They 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. Please call the clerk's office at 239-6202 for more information or for help filling out the forms.

## Thank You

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

In the days immediately following the March 15 Town Meeting, my sense of gratitude grew. And now, a month and a half later, I would like to thank those of you who supported me that day. I don't know who all of you are, and I'm sure that there are people who don't agree with me or all of my actions. Nonetheless, I feel deeply moved and humbled to receive the support of those who do. As long as I am your Town Clerk, I will do all that I can to nurture and build upon the sense of trust and goodwill that you have so graciously bestowed upon me.

## Fire House News

Melanie Ellis

Winter may finally be over and everyone is ready to come out of hibernation. This is a reminder that a burn permit is needed for all open burning. Burning is only allowed between the hours of 5 PM and 9 AM and the fire must be attended at all times until the fire is completely extinguished. There are only certain items that you are allowed to burn. Brush and wood cannot exceed five inches in diameter. It is illegal to burn household trash and items such as beds, dressers, etc., plastics, rubber, and painted or treated wood. Anyone found violating the permit laws could face a fine up to \$2,000, a year in jail or both. You could also be held liable for the payment to the town or state of all expenses that were incurred in the extinguishing of the fire. If you have any questions concerning a burn permit, please contact Fire Warden Ed Atkins at 239-6337.

With summer finally arriving in Richmond, everyone is getting "fired up" for BBQs, campfires and other fun seasonal outdoor activities. While these are all great ways to bring folks together, safety needs to remain the number one priority. Always use your grill outdoors, keeping it away from siding and deck railing. Wait until your grill cools completely before putting it away, especially if you use a grill cover. Keep kids and pets away from campfires, fireworks, and hot grills. Avoid playing games with flying objects like baseballs, basketballs or plastic discs anywhere around the grill or campfire.



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## Library News

Wendy O'Brien

### Special Storytime:

On Wednesday, June 4th at 10:00 AM, Elaine Moriarty will be joining us for storytime to present a fun session entitled, "Cass Pond is My Home: The Creatures That Live There." Watch for the fantastic bulletin board by Elaine in the Children's Room in mid-May!

**Wednesdays with Wendy** continues throughout the spring at 10:00 AM. We have scheduled stories and crafts on these themes:

- May 7: Mother's Day
- May 14: Turtles
- May 21: Memorial Day
- May 28: Kites

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. May 17th at 11:00 AM 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.

### It's Not Too Early to Think About Summer Reading!

This year's summer reading program promises to be lots of fun with the science theme, "Fizz, Boom, Read!", kicking off on Saturday, June 21st. We will be having weekly programming on Wednesday mornings for all ages which will include explorations of water, science and the arts, robots, nature, and lots of other fun stuff! In addition, we are hoping to have one Saturday morning program for older children focusing on "Grossology 101" and "Einstein's Megatronic Café." Watch for more information in the June *Rooster* and a flyer coming home with your kids from school!

### New Books at the Library

Here are some of the new spring arrivals at the RPL:

#### Adult Fiction

*Destroyer Angel*, Nevada Barr

*Night Broken*, Patricia Briggs

*Missing You*, Harlan Coben

*The Chase*, Janet Evanovich

*Robert Ludlum's The Janson Option*, Paul Garrison

*Tempting Fate*, Jane Green

*NYPD Red 2*, James Patterson

*Art of Hearing Heartbeats*, Jan-Philipp Sendker

*Until the End of Time*, Danielle Steel

#### Adult Nonfiction

*God is Beautiful and Loves Beauty: The Object in Islamic Art and Culture*, Sheila Blair and Jonathan Bloom

*Rivers of Paradise: Water in Islamic Art and Culture*, Sheila Blair and Jonathan Bloom

*Duty: Memoirs of a Secretary at War*, Robert Michael Gates

*Lone Survivor: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing and the Lost Heroes of SEAL Team 10*, Marcus Luttrell

*The Answer to the Riddle is Me: A Memoir of Amnesia*, David MacLean

Is there an item that you wish we had? We have access to thousands of books, audio books, and DVDs through the state's interlibrary loan network. Give us a call at 239-6164 or email us at [richmondlibrary@wivalley.net](mailto:richmondlibrary@wivalley.net) to request an item.

## Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

Thank you for the support in the election.

### Jed Butterfield Steps down as Principal

Richmond's Jed Butterfield has resigned as principal of Monadnock Regional Middle/High School effective at the end of this school year. A nice article in Jed's own words can be found at the MRSD website under the high school portion. Jed is leaving his future options open. Join me and Elaine in wishing him the best and thanks for a job well done.

### Jim Carnie Wins the Vice-Chair Position

Jim won the Vice Chair of the Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD) school board. Dick Thackston was elected Chair. Our thanks to Pat Bauries for her service as MRSD Chair over the past year.

### Emerson and Troy To Share a Single Principal

As a cost cutting measure Emerson and Troy elementary schools will share one principal starting in the fall. Compensation amounts will be adjusted for the principal and teachers who assist.

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### Budget Reductions for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015

The administration sharpened their pencils and has made further budget reductions that have been accepted by the School Board. More in the June issue.

### Emerson Wins Award of Books

Emerson school won an award of 875 books for the kids in the school and 85 books for the library. Troy school also won a similar award.

### Basic District Fact

The **Cheshire Career Center\*** (CCC) located in Keene next to their high school) is one of twenty-five regional career and technical education centers located throughout New Hampshire. The Center serves students from Fall Mountain Regional High School, Monadnock Regional High School (MRHS), and Keene High School. Approximately 800 juniors and seniors enroll annually in one of sixteen career track programs. Seventy-one (this number fluctuates) MRHS juniors and seniors attend CCC, for various courses in career development.

Courses/careers: Accounting, Automotive Technology, Computer Maintenance and Repair, Computer Science, Construction Trades, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Drafting and Design, Early Childhood Education (now called Career in Education), Fire Science, Health Science Technology, Horticulture, Machine Tool Processes (my favorite!), Marketing, TV Studio Production, and Theatre Arts.

Unlike Connecticut where I am from, CCC is for the education in the career field(s) only. The remaining high school education is provided by the student's home high school. Students go to both CCC and MRHS every school day.

Principal Jed Butterfield has worked hard with Jim Logan, CCC Director, to get the CCC program to align with MRHS classes to round out the student's education. Today, the remain-

ing issues are workshop days and the like that are not the same in both schools. Some of our students attend just the CCC classes on these conflicting days. \*The text for the description of CCC was mainly copied from their website. Jim Logan updated the career offerings.

**English language** In a previous issue I discussed a challenge of my use (or over use?) of the double dash separator. I thought some of you would be interested in this odd fact. I recently started scanning our Richmond Archives into an archive software program. My first assignment is to scan photographs collected by Edith Atkins -- didn't Edith use the double dash as a separator between names on her description on a picture? I would estimate as early 1900s in origin. (*Editor's note: Double dashes were used by typewriters. Today, using a computer, the en dash or the em dash is the -- replacement depending on the designer's style. In the Rooster, we use the en dash or --.*)

As always, if you have thoughts, comments, or something you want covered, email [cmoriarty@ne.rr.com](mailto:cmoriarty@ne.rr.com) or call me at 239-4031, or Jim Carnie (239-4948) will help with district issues.

### Scholar Athlete Awards For Richmond Students

Congratulations to Cameron Barth and Spencer Heise for their efforts in sport and academics. They were recognized with a Scholar/Athlete Award.

### Honor Roll Second Trimester

Neil Moriarty

Only Monadnock Regional School District is using the Trimester report card system in K thru sixth grade. Only Cutler picks up fourth grade honors again (after a year of not doing so). I hope to get the district to make things equal in this area in the future -- the district has appointed an elementary school coordinator in recognition of inconsistency.

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In the previous Middle and High honors, Molly Hazlitt should have been noted as High Honors.

Congratulations to our young students listed below in alphabetical order:

Name	Honor	School
Rebecca Adams	Mar. Award	Emerson
Melody Ayotte	Honors	Cutler
Katrina Boscarino	Jan. Award	Emerson
Hayden Budzik	Honors	Cutler
Calvin Burdick	Honors	Cutler
Cheyenne Burt	Honors	Cutler
Dylan Cashman	High Honors	Cutler
Darylie Chandler	Honors	Cutler
Aderyn Daugherty	High Honors	Cutler
Joseph French	Honor Roll	Emerson
Annika Jayne	Honors	Cutler
Isabelle LeBlanc	Honors	Cutler
Ivy Love	High Honors	Cutler
Makaleigh Lutz	Honors	Cutler
Jared Marques	Honors	Cutler
Lily Mathewson	Jan. Award	Emerson
Whitney Maynard	Honors	Cutler
Andrew Pearsall	Honor Roll	Emerson
Caelan Purrington	Honors	Cutler
Cassidy Purrington	Honors	Cutler
Eli Richardson	Jan. Award	Emerson
Dylan Rowland	High Honors	Cutler
Alex Royce	Honor Roll	Emerson
Gabrielle Schmidt	Dec. Award	Emerson
Isabelle Schmidt	Mar. Award	Emerson
Delaney Swanson	Honors	Cutler
Anthony Tomer	High Honors	Cutler
Bridget Van Valzah	High Honors	Cutler
Liam Yeaton	Honors	Cutler

## Clarification

Elaine Moriarty

There seems to be some misconceptions on my resigning from the Beach Committee. I'm hearing that I was fired, when in fact I resigned of my own free will. On October 14, 2013 the Selectmen accepted my letter of resignation with regrets.

The Selectmen were compassionate concerning my decision and nicely posted it in the *Rooster* and later in the Town Report.

Unfortunately some people apparently did not read those statements and drew their own conclusions. I hope this clears up any misunderstandings.

## Middle and High School Honor Roll

Neil Moriarty

The third quarter honor roll for middle and high school students was received much later than the elementary schools. Therefore, it is treated separately. Grades were not provided. Note that Molly Hulett received high honors in the second quarter.

Name	Honor	High or Middle
Chloe Busick	Honors	High school
Olivia Budzik	High honors	Middle school
Janaina Camuso	Honors	High school
Madison Daniels	Honors	High school
Molly Hulett	High honors	Middle school
Ethan Hughes	High Honors	High school
Autumn Love	Honors	Middle school
Madison Pearsall	Honors	Middle school
Eliza Randall	Honors	High school
Lydia Randall	High Honors	High school
Breanne Swanson	High Honors	Middle school
Alicia Thayer	Honors	Middle school
Ashlyn Tomer	Honors	High school
Walker Wilbur	Honors	Middle school

## Departure Announcement

April 9, 2014

Mr. Butterfield made his announcement today that he will not be returning next year as the Monadnock Middle High School Principal. The following is the statement he made to students in an assembly:

"It is with mixed emotions that I announced today that I will not be returning as the Monadnock Middle High School Principal next year. As my three-year principal's contract ends on June 30, 2014, I have decided to decline Dr. Corriveau's offer to extend my contract for one year. I made a three-year commitment to the position, and I have satisfied that commitment. I took the job knowing that at the end of the three years I would reflect on my tenure and then decide what to do next – that time is now.

In considering the past three years and the work our staff and students have done together, I am proud of all that we have accomplished as a school – statistically our grades, test scores,

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and attendance rates have all shown improvement. Our numbers of failing students, discipline referrals, and drop-out rate have declined. But, we are more than numbers. We are a community that works together and cares for each other. Together we have implemented a new master schedule, strengthened the advisory/intervention system, initiated the learning lab and developed many other new and innovative ways to improve our school. We have raised thousands of dollars for charities, played and won many athletic contests, and worked to embed our core Husky PRIDE values in all that we do. We deal with each student and their family individually. We have improved our communication with each other and with our community – parents and students feel it, and know it. In many ways we are better than we were three years ago.

There are crossroads in life and I find myself at a point where I am choosing to take my life and my career in a different direction. In some ways I am saddened by this, in other ways I am excited by this, and in still other ways there is a sense of relief.

Please know that this has been a very difficult decision for me – one that I have been contemplating for several months. Sometimes we have to do things that we don't want to do, even if we think it is right or for the best. While there is fear in any big decision, the biggest fear for me is that I will be perceived as "giving up" or "letting my staff and my students down." I'm not a quitter! I can only trust that those who know me well, know that I would not want to do that, or to make this decision without careful thought and good reasons.

I am considering several options for next year, one of which is to return to the classroom at Monadnock. Working

with teenagers has always been my mission, and teaching, the means of impacting a teenager's life, is my passion. I would welcome this opportunity to work with Monadnock students again as a teacher and to continue to serve our school in new ways as we work for continuous improvement. At this point, it looks like that will be the case, though there are still details to work out.

The superintendent will likely appoint an interim principal for next year and conduct a full search in the Spring of 2015. I don't know more than that at this point. I believe Dr. Corriveau will be releasing a statement soon.

In closing I thank the School Board for the opportunity to serve our school in the capacity as principal. I thank our superintendent Dr. Corriveau and assistant superintendent Mrs. Craig for their leadership and support. I thank the staff for their support, patience, and understanding. And today, mostly, I thank you the students, my students, for the many ways that you contribute and give back to your school, and for all the good work that you do. You are an awesome group to work with! I have said it many times and I'll say it again: I believe in you, there is nothing you can't do when you put your mind to it, and there is nothing we can't do collectively if we cooperate and work together. You are my inspiration, you are the reason that I come to work every day. Finally, I thank our families and community members for all of their kind words and encouragement over the last three years, and for their financial support – we do have a lot of supporters out there.

I have been entrusted with this responsibility and I leave knowing that I have given my all and done my best. I leave it to others to judge my success. I have tried to serve the student and the staff in the best way that I know how – in my own way. This announcement is not a goodbye – this is a junction – a transition – and how we manage this transition will say a lot about our character as a school. Things like this happen in life. We can handle this with class and dignity – we can do this without anger or blame. I am still here. This is only the first week of the fourth quarter – we have work to do. You students need your education – you are depending on me and all of us to teach you and to help you meet your goals – and we will do that work. Let's stay focused and do our best to get the work done. I want to go out strong, knowing we did the right thing – I want to go out with pride – Husky PRIDE. That will happen if each student does his/her part – do the work – do the right thing – do it for you and do it for me.

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In the end, I remember that I started out being a teacher thirty-two years ago, and now returning to teaching feels a lot like coming home. It is the teacher-student relationship that makes a difference in public education – I want to be a part in making that difference for you and for me.

I will plan to be available in the cafeteria during lunch periods today and tomorrow if any of you have questions or would like to talk to me. I ask that while it will take some time to adjust to this change for next year, please respect the fact that I made this choice and know that it is the best decision for me and for my family at this time. Thank you for being the students that you are – thank you for your understanding, and thank you for your time this morning. You're the best!"

Jed Butterfield

## There's a Tavern in the Town

Bob Weekes

You may remember the folk groups that put this traditional late 1800's tavern song on America's lips at the start of the folk era of the 50s – 60s. The "taverne"...to many throughout history... served as a home away from home, a place where many early



New England residents met, conversed, held town meetings, and socially interacted with friends, neighbors, and travelers who passed through town carrying news from the outside world. Such was the case in Cheshire County and, especially, in our quiet little town of Richmond.

On Tuesday, May 8, at 7 PM, the Richmond Public Library will present another Richmond History Tale on the library's history wall, the second in its new triannual series of presentations designed to "bring Richmond's past...into the present." Curated

by RPL volunteers and with guest, Dick Drew, the presentation will discuss the cultural significance of taverns and public houses in Cheshire County and will focus on former taverns that are still standing in our area, especially those located right here in Richmond! We think elements of this Richmond history tale will truly surprise you.

Please plan to attend and discover answers to the following questions:

— What former taverns are still standing in Cheshire County today? See how many you are able to recognize.

— How many taverns and public houses were located right here in little old Richmond? The answer may surprise you! And how many of those buildings can you still drive by today?

— Which pillar of our Richmond community grew up in a house that was once one of Cheshire County's most popular taverns...one just north of us that is still owned and lived in by his sibling today?

— What Richmond resident can tell the tale of his Buffum ancestor who partied, perhaps too heartily, in a Richmond tavern, leading to his sad demise (a tale to be told on May 8).

Mark your calendars now and join us at the Library on Thursday, May 8. Dick Drew and Bob Weekes will present the Tale. To put you in the proper mood, this pleasant hour will include tavern songs performed by Walden Witham, and "History is Served" tavern fare will be available. Food and non-alcoholic refreshment (remember, there were "temperance taverns," too) will be prepared by our Richmond Public Library staff and Trustees. We'll drink to that!

## Rooster Twenty Years Ago International Hunger Effort

Pam Goodell

Twenty members of the Richmond Youth Group are taking part in an international effort to fight world hunger by going without food for thirty hours on June 17 and 18. The young people are joining several thousand others in World Vision's Annual 30-Hour Famine Project to raise money for hunger programs around the world. Last year, approximately one million participants in countries like Australia, Britain, Canada and New Zealand raised more than \$10 million for needy children and families. Pam Goodell and Arlene Jarvis are heading the local effort, and ask friends of the young participants to be generous when asked to sponsor their efforts. This is an excellent opportunity for all of us to actually make an impact on the problem



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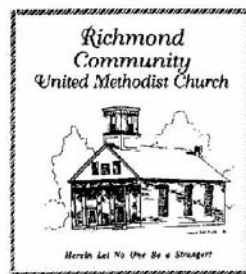
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of hunger, both at home and overseas.

To bring their efforts close to home, members of the group will spend Saturday morning, June 18, sorting food for the Richmond Food Pantry. To participate in the Famine Project, individuals get sponsor booklets and other materials from World Vision by calling 1-800-7-FAMINE. They then ask family, friends, and neighbors to sponsor them as they go without food for thirty hours as a way to identify personally with those who are hungry. Participants also learn about poverty and malnutrition through videos and other materials, including practical steps they can take to help reverse the trend of hunger and poverty. Based in Monrovia, California, World Vision is an international relief and development organization with 6,400 projects in more than 90 nations.

## Richmond Community UMC

Pastor Arnie Johnson

Greetings to all! The Richmond Community United Methodist Church has once again had a very blessed April as we finished our popular Bible Study with the video, "The Way" by Adam Hamilton. We also celebrated Holy Week with well-attended Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday services.

The young ones loved the Easter Egg/candy hunt around the church after the Easter service, and all enjoyed the home-made goodies during Fellowship time following the services.

A Special Art Exhibit, open to all in the community, was provided by Rev. Dr. Mary Johnson, our resident artist, depicting the birth and ministry of Jesus and the events of Holy Week. The seven original paintings were both beautiful and enriching while providing a visual focus to enhance understanding and appreciation of the life, events, and resurrection of Jesus.

And if that wasn't enough, we were blessed by the music ministry of the Middle River Gospel Band at the end of the month. If you have never heard them, you have missed this opportunity, but we hope that they will once again minister to all during our outdoor service in the Pavilion behind the Fire Department in August. We'll keep you informed. The entire community is invited! Bring your friends for some grand listening and dancing!

The month of May will also be exciting with two guest preachers coming to pass the Good News. Rev. Elizabeth Davis, pastor at West Rindge UMC, will minister on May 11, and our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. David Abbott, will provide the Word on May 18. These are two wonderful ministers who have the Love of the Lord and love to pass that Love on to others. Come, you will be blessed!

Richmond Community UMC is located on Route 119 (11 Fitzwilliam Rd.), just east of the 4-Corner Store at the junction of Route 32 and 119. Our normal Sunday services start at 9 AM. Sunday school is provided following the Children's Message. All are welcome no matter what your religious preference is.

Our Food Pantry is still available at the Town Hall (105 Old Homestead Hwy.) during their business hours for those who need some extra help in providing nourishing meals for their families. God has been blessing us with the resources to be able to provide this service, and we still accept non-perishable nourishing foods to help in this ministry. Just drop your food donations at the Church on Sunday morning, and we will take care of the rest. Blessings to all.

## Camp Takodah News

Linda DuBois

On May 3 at Camp Takodah we will be having (O) Day which is actually winter clean-up day and everyone is welcome. Camp is really starting to come alive. New cabins are being built in the North Village and the new steps to the waterfront will soon be finished. The cabins in South Village will have all new screens put on to keep out all the pesky bugs from the summer time heat. Our new Camping Services Director's cabin is coming along and he, his wife and their dog (Sox) should be moving in this month in time for camp to start.

More and more groups are coming for Spring Programs. Even a few weddings are scheduled this Spring. Our year-round residents have noticed all of the extra people onsite with all of the Spring Programs. The animals are coming out of their dens and waking up from a long winters sleep. Hopefully they won't decide to take up residence at camp. To all the mothers in Rooster land, have a very Happy Mother's Day!!!!



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## Out and About

John Boccalini

**Fri. May 2, 8 p.m. Momix: Botanica,** \$46/\$42/\$29 Colonial Theatre, Keene

**Sat. May 3, 7 – 9 p.m. MoCo Arts Teens Theatre Presents Pippin.** The Redfern Arts Center at Keene State College. \$20 general, \$14 students and seniors

**Sun. May 4, 4 p.m. Borromeo Quartet Plays Bartok.** Congregation Ahavas Achim, 84 Hastings Ave. Keene. Free.

**Wed. May 7, Richmond Town Clerk Office Closed.**

**Thurs. May, 8 p.m. Susannah Johnson: An English Captive among the Abenaki and French.** Jaffrey Public Library, 38 Main St., Jaffrey

**Sat May 10, 1 p.m. Met Live in HD: La Cenerentola (Rossini).** Colonial Theater, Keene. \$25 adults, \$22 Met/Colonial Members, \$15 students

**Sat. May 17, 9 – 11 a.m. Monadnock Garden Club Plant Sale,** Wyman Tavern, 339 Main Street, Keene. Free.

**Sat. May 17, 7:30 p.m. Animaterra Spring Concert.** Keene Unitarian Universalist Church, 69 Washington St., Keene. \$10 Adults \$6 Senior.

**Sat. May 17, 8 p.m. Comedian Lenny Clarke.** Colonial Theater, Keene. 29.50

**Sun. May 18, 4 – 5:30 p.m. Animaterra Spring Concert. Union Congregational Church.** 33 Concord St., Peterborough. \$10 Adults \$6 Senior

**Mon. May 26, Town Clerk Office Closed. Memorial Day.**

**Thur. May 29, Deadline to license dogs. Town Clerk.**

**May 30 & 31, June 6 & 7 at 8 p.m. "Olive and the Bitter Herbs."** Branch River Theater, 160 Maijn St. Rye 101 Marlborough, NH. General – \$15, seniors/students – \$12

**Fri. May 30, 5 – 10 p.m. and Sat. Jun 1, 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. Monadnock Up In Smoke BBQ Beer Festival.** Cheshire Fairgrounds Keene. General \$10.00, kids 5.00. Free parking.

### Fitzwilliam Inn

**Sat. May 3 – Nate Smith Acoustic Originals** 8:30 – 11PM  
\$5 cover

**Sun. May 11 – Mother's Day Brunch** 11AM – 2 PM Call for Reservations

**Fri. May 23 – Lydia Warren Band.** 8:30 – 11PM \$10 cover

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### Ongoing:

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**Tuesdays 7 PM. Celtic Music Night,** Harlow's Pub, P'borough.

**Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Free movies,**

**Spring Jaffrey Public Library.**

**May 7, Night Flight**

**May 14, Imitation of Life**

**May 21, Metropolis**

## Gentle Reminders of May

Judith Graves

There it is!! One day there is snow on the ground and you look outside at the gray day, and then it is May. May opens up the ground to new life springing forth, it shows some traces of snow in the woodlands, and the muddy dirt roads as the frost comes to the top. I love May. The pansies are ready to be put into window boxes, tomato plants are anxious for the end of the month to be put into the dirt, and the greenhouses are opening their doors to all that have been just waiting to be seen.

The flower for May is the Violet. This flower means Faithfulness and Modesty. Were Violets especially made for picking? The flowers which appear in such abundance in Spring must have been created for gathering, for it is the later inconspicuous blooms, hidden in shy modesty under the leaves which produce the seeds for propagation.

The month's bird is the Oriole. He is a great showman with his brilliant, flashing coat, handsome and debonair; and he has a great repertoire of beautiful songs which he shares freely in a rich baritone voice. He has a great disposition and is a dedicated family man. His wife is one of the great builders and architects of the world of nature. Alongside the Oriole, the Robins arrive. Gold Finch and Phoebe join the Chickadees that have wintered at our feeders.

There is May Day which has been merrily celebrated for many ages. We like to celebrate May Day with a May Breakfast which was a common practice for many organized groups. In New England it was called Fisherman's Breakfast, as it was served between 6 and 9 AM and opened the fishing season.



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Lilacs are budding. The first lilac is said to have come by the colonists to New England. The State of NH's flower is the lilac. In many colonial dooryards, the lilac was often the only shrub planted there by flower-hungry, farm or village wives. They were well rewarded by the grateful hum of bees, by the birds who nestled in the shelter of the branches, and by the armloads of fragrant flowers which they could put into pitchers of water on their kitchen tables.

There is a Walt Whitman poem "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd." It was written after the death of President Lincoln, and these lines from it perfectly depict the old familiar shrub:

In the door-yard, fronting an old farm house, near the  
whitewash'd palings,  
Stands the lilac bush, tall growing, with heart shaped  
leaves of rich green,  
With many a pointed blossom, rising, delicate, with the  
perfume strong I love,  
With every leaf a miracle...and from this bush in the  
door yard,  
With delicate color'd blossoms, and the heart shaped leaves  
of rich green,  
A sprig, with its flower, I break

So plan to plant the peas, lettuce, and radish seeds. Later in the month around Memorial Day, start the rest of your garden. Perennials are budding, birds building nests, singing sweet songs in the morning, grass is beginning to turn green, the air is warmer, and it looks like summer isn't far away. Annual herb gardens are ready to set with basil, parsley, and rosemary. I see the chives, oregano, and thyme reaching for the sun. Dandelions are ready to dig, and cook up for that strong iron tonic. And the fiddlehead ferns, which can be gathered when they are 3 to 4 inches tall, are still tightly curled. The name Fiddlehead, of course, comes from this early stage of their development when the curled fronds do indeed look like the curled head of a fiddle. Like asparagus they are the first vegetables of summer!

Enjoy this beautiful month in New England, as you smell the air, and just watch the world unfold. A beautiful month to be outside. And then again, there are times when you need to be behind the screens on the porch as the May black flies arrive. Oh, well, hardy New Englanders have learned how to deal with such little things like that!!!!

## Garden Tour 2014

Agricultural Commission

The Richmond Agricultural Commission is sponsoring its Third Annual Garden Tour on Saturday, June 14, 2014 from 10 AM to 2 PM. There are seven gardens on the tour. A brief description of each, along with a map of each garden's location, will be available at the Pavilion on that day. Come on out and enjoy the gardens, bring a friend, and meet new ones. There is much to share and learn on this tour. RAIN OR SHINE.



### Third Annual Garden Tour

June 14, 2014

10 – 2 pm

Maps w/directions at the Pavilion



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### Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rorke

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## Age in Motion

Sandy Holbrook

Twice a week several Richmond residents gather at the Vets Hall for an hour of fun, laughter and exercise. This program called *Age in Motion* took its roots in Richmond in 2000 through the Cheshire Medical Center as a healthy step toward



(1) replacing fat with muscle, (2) reversing bone loss, and (3) improving energy and balance. Under the leadership of Phyllis Ramsden, Wellness Nurse(retired), participants are guided through a series of stretching exercises placing emphasis on correctness to avoid adverse results to muscles, ligaments, and joints. Starting out slowly with ease, allows each person to find his/her own comfort zone from which to work. Weights can be added. Exercising in a social environment gives individuals the incentive to be diligent versus trying to be self-disciplined in a home environment. Our group is made up of both men and women over 50. Although I consider myself quite active, I recently noticed that I do not have the muscle mass or the balance

I used to have. Yikes! If I don't reverse this situation now, I'm sure I will regret it later in life. No doubt others in the class had similar thoughts which motivated them in this direction. Phyllis suggests that folks currently under medical care discuss an exercise regime with his/her physician.

Two reference books Phyllis recommends that shed some light on what happens after age 40 are: *Strong Women Stay Young*, and *Strong Men & Women Avoid Arthritis*. Both are written by Miriam E. Nelson, Ph.D.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining Richmond's *Age in Motion* group, please contact Phyllis at 239-6682. We meet every Monday and Friday mornings at the Vets Hall from 9 – 10 AM throughout the year. And the best thing is – it's FREE fun.

## The Last of the Red Hot Mamas

Frank Behrens

What can be done Archeophone Records, which releases one superior CD after another? I have reviewed so many of their discs that I have run out of adjectives to say how good they are. And then they came out some time ago with a blockbuster called "Sophie Tucker: Origins of the Red Hot Mama, 1910-1922"! The NY Times gave it a full page spread in their Sunday edition when it first appeared. With less space to command, I will give the bare facts.

Born sometime in the late 1880s and passing away in 1966, she was an original – like Mae West and Al Jolson – who developed a public image that was magnetic. Growing up when Ragtime was beginning to catch on and was developing into jazz, Sophie had a tough-as-nails but with a heart-of-gold persona that wowed audiences. Her powerful voice was just right for the acoustic recording machines of the day.

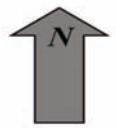
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Not only was it powerful with regard to the recordings, but it was dramatic in a fun-loving way that sold the songs in a way that only Al Jolson, Nora Bayes and (in his own way) Eddie Cantor could do. In short, she sounded as if she meant every word of it. With her, “red hot” meant more than just “ready for action.” She had many imitators but no peers.

The Archeophone disc holds twenty-four of her early recordings, including “That lovin’ rag,” “Phoebe Jane,” “Please don’t take my harem away,” and “Don’t put a tax on the beautiful girls.” Not one of them became a classic and that is what makes this collection even more interesting and valuable. There is the usual warning against “racially derogatory language,” but Archeophone argues that we can’t censor history to present a nicer but false picture of the past.

Archeophone has always included thick booklets that were worth the price of the album alone, filled as they were with information and vintage pictures. In this case, they have put the 60-page booklet and disc between hard covers; and this format is just right. (The older paperback booklets would hardly fit into the jewel cases of the earlier releases.)

To those who remember “the last of the red hot mamas” and to those who will love getting to know her, this Archeophone set will be a real treasure.

*And speaking of Mamas...  
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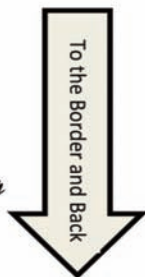
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