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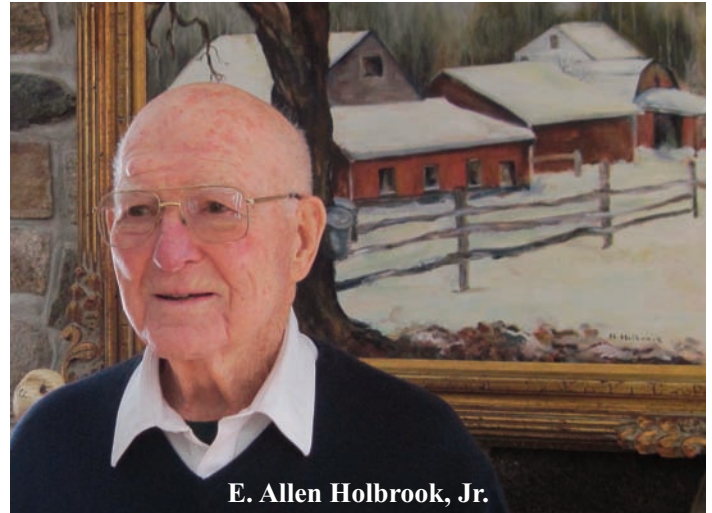
Sandy Holbrook

Little did I know while driving to 410 Fish Hatchery Road to the charming white cape sitting up on the hill, that I was about to embark on an incredible journey down memory lane. It all began with a telephone call to identify the oldest living resident of Richmond. Here's the beginning of his "wonderful ride."

After arriving and being led through the entryway to the living room, Allen proudly gave me the queen's tour of the place he and his late wife, Nancy, call home. He related that the original property had been in the family for three generations, and that the original house had burned. It was later replaced with a duplex which had no heat or running water. All that changed, and now this beautiful home is blessed with all the comforts of home and very tastefully furnished. Of particular interest were the many beautiful paintings done by Nancy, including what Allen refers to as the first "selfie." Nancy had done a self-portrait using a mirror. It didn't take long to discover that Allen is an avid fan of both the Red Sox and the Patriots.

After settling into a comfortable chair in the living room, I was captivated for the next couple of hours. **E. Allen Holbrook, Jr.** (E. standing for Elmer) was born on June 9, 1919 in Washington, DC, the fourth of five children of Elmer Allen Holbrook (Fitchburg, Massachusetts) and Edith Brookfield (Nova Scotia). His dad first worked for the Bureau of Mines during the war and later became Dean of Mines at Penn State. Allen spent his childhood in Pennsylvania. In high school, Allen played baseball for two years and was captain of the baseball team. He also received an award for outstanding male voted upon by both the student body and faculty at Taylor Allderdice High School in 1937. On weekends Allen gave the sports scores on the radio. That gave him the idea of becoming a sportscaster, but his dad had other plans – he was to become an engineer. By this time, his father was Dean of Mines & Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh. After graduating from high school, he headed to the University of Pittsburgh where he earned his degree in engineering. Being the Dean's son granted him no favors, especially when it came to a final calculus exam.

His first job upon graduating was with US Steel in Youngstown, Ohio. Six months later, he and his high school sweetheart, Nancy May Robling, were married on Thanksgiving Day. The date of their wedding was quite a story in itself. It seems that Thanksgiving was celebrated by some states on the fourth Thursday in November, and on the third Thursday



E. Allen Holbrook, Jr.

by the rest. Ohio, being a Democratic state, made the switch to the third Thursday, wherein Pennsylvania being a Republican state, celebrated on the fourth Thursday. The wedding was held in Pennsylvania and since Allen worked in Ohio, he almost did not get the day off as he already had the holiday off.

After being with US Steel for ten years, his job opportunities lead him first to Pittsburgh Screw & Bolts for five years and finally to Kaiser Aluminum headquartered in Oakland, California for twenty-seven years. During his tenure with Kaiser, he lived in Chicago for two years, Argentina for six years and Sidney, Australia for five years. His responsibilities took him all over the world which landed him in the 1967 edition of *The International Businessmen's Who's Who*. As a side note concerning his travels, on one flight back home, he introduced himself to the person sitting next to him. That person was Paul Newman! On another flight, he sat next to Tom Wieskopf the year he won the PGA British Open Championship. Some of his travels took him to India, and after returning home sick a few times he discovered a diet of beer and onion soup was the ounce of prevention he needed.

Upon retirement from Kaiser, he went into business with four others as a travel consultant, arranging corporate travel for several large companies. This went well until a competitor started offering rebates. Their company dissolved. At this point he and Nancy relocated to Napa Valley living in a condo. Winters were spent in Napa and summers in Richmond, where their hearts felt quite at home. After Nancy's passing in 2008, Allen made Richmond his permanent residence in 2009. He had to renew his driver's license last summer, passing with flying col-

ors and won't have to worry about renewing until he is 100. My bet is that Allen will make it. At the end of the afternoon, I could

not help but remark on what an incredible life he has had. He replied, "It's been a wonderful ride!"

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## Pipeline Information

JeanTandy

Anything short of defeating the pipeline means we will pay the price of accelerated climate change, a spoiled environment, and if any gas is exported, the probability of higher – not lower – prices.

—Ken Hartlage

Richmond residents are already familiar with the Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Company and its attempts to push their agenda through New Hampshire's Monadnock region, focusing on our southern New Hampshire towns. This corporate giant already owns more than 82,000 miles of pipelines for toll rent-to-transfer gas or oil. Buried in shallow pulverized rock and soil-bedded corridors, contaminated by company negligence across our America, they appear as a twisted metal landscape resembling scattered overcooked spaghetti on maps. They carve through mid-western farmlands, north central Dakotas, and Louisiana Bayous. The pipes carry immeasurable amounts of oil and gas, including fracked gas from Pennsylvania, heading here, then to Dracutt, Massachusetts, or oil from tar sands in Alberta, Canada carried through 36" XL pipes headed to Texas.

Kinder Morgan is relentless in forcing their agenda to smash through our native granite to bury their 36" pipeline along the seventy-mile path in towns including Richmond to Dracutt, MA. There, to connect to a pipeline system carrying gas to New Brunswick, Canada, then to ship it out around the globe. That's the scoop from several resources. One comment that speaks reality: "Anything short of defeating the pipeline means we will pay the price of accelerated climate change, a spoiled environment, and if any gas is exported, the probability of higher – not lower – prices." —Ken Hartlage

**STOP NED.** This multi-billion dollar corporation's records show it has little, if any conscience regarding human life, or indeed, any form of life. This means it's our job to do what we can to change their odds – take back our own government. The following websites provide sources for researching this important issue. Read and share your knowledge with neighbors and

with New Hampshire folks willing to take control of our lives.

For pipeline information, search online records of Kinder Morgan's Northeast Energy Direct Pipeline plans to build across multiple New England states, including our town; organized responses from MA and NH activists; histories of KM's 82,000 miles of pipelines; of KM plans, mismanagement and drive for Corporate power.

Statewide groups resources online at **StopNED website**  
**blog:** <http://StopNED.org>.

**New Hampshire Pipeline Awareness:** <http://nhpipelineawareness.org/>

**NoFracked Gas in Mass:** [www.nofrackedgasinmass.org/](http://www.nofrackedgasinmass.org/)

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission:**

Docket PF14-22 for Kinder Morgan Northeast-Energy Direct:  
<http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/docketsearch.asp>

**FERC Citizen Guide to Natural Gas Projects:**

[www.ferc.gov/for-citizens/citizen-guides/citz-guide-gas-pdf](http://www.ferc.gov/for-citizens/citizen-guides/citz-guide-gas-pdf)

**Kinder Morgan's Project website:** [www.kindermorgan.com/business/gas/pipelines/east/neenergydirect/](http://www.kindermorgan.com/business/gas/pipelines/east/neenergydirect/)

**Established Advocacy Groups** focusing on this pipeline and clean energy issues.

**Conservation Law Foundation:** [www.clf.org/ourwork/clean-energy-climate-change/](http://www.clf.org/ourwork/clean-energy-climate-change/)

**North Quabbin Energy:** [northquabbinenergy.org/wordpress/](http://northquabbinenergy.org/wordpress/)

**Toxics Action Center:** [www.toxicsaction.org/problems-and-solutions/energy](http://www.toxicsaction.org/problems-and-solutions/energy)

Share your knowledge about KM's Pipeline Plan to alter Richmond's peaceful, wilderness town. Finally, these two books are MUST READ sources of information for Pipeline history and current potential political actions. *The Pipeline And The Paradigm* by Samuel Avery. RUKA Press, Washington DC. and *Oil And Honey* by Activist Bill McKibben. St. Martin's Griffin, New York.

Thank you Curt Douglas for your incredible story of what hell could look like and be. If we don't stop KM/TN from invading our world, our lives could resemble Mr. Douglas' story in the *Richmond Rooster* March 2015 front page story. Our lives are in Richmond. Let's keep it that way.

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or otherwise.**

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## Notes from the Selectmen's Office

We thank everyone who turned out for the town elections and town meeting this year. Our town meeting was featured on the front page of the Keene Sentinel of Sunday, March 15. If you look it up you'll find a picture of our new Moderator, Walden Whitham, singing America the Beautiful at the opening of the deliberative session.

The new Richmond Selectboard met for the first time on March 16. We welcomed our new Selectman, Chris Daugherty, and nominated Carol Jameson as the Chairman.

We thank Sandra Gillis for her many contributions over the five years of her tenure on the Board, many as the Chairman.

### Sandra Gillis Selectman

Jean of Whipple Hill Road

It's a new beginning for her and us  
March Town Meeting 2015  
Small New Hampshire town.

Cool headed open inviting

she is restrained elegance

"the meeting will come to order."

to give our town a future  
How so carefully we vote  
still a minority exists.

Her dreams wander through our hearts

as ice fills the parking lot

& her new life begins.

Thank you Sandra . . .

Your new Board of Selectmen is Carol Jameson, Kathy McWhirk, and Chris Daugherty. We meet at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays. The other staffers at our office are Heidi Wood, Town Administrator, and Sarah Dunton, Administrative Assistant. Office hours are posted at Town Hall and on [www.richmond.nh.gov](http://www.richmond.nh.gov).

Meetings are open to the public and we invite you to come by to observe. If you have an issue you want to bring to us, call Heidi Wood at 239-4232 to make an appointment. By having advance appointments, we can plan our agenda so you won't have to wait or reschedule if there is no room on the agenda.

## Town Meeting and School Election

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

After a bitterly cold and snowy February, the weather warmed just enough and just in time to muddy up the parking lot for the March 10 elections. Thank you to everyone who trudged through the muck in order to vote!

This year, the voter turnout was one voter short of last year's – 233 of the 816 registered voters voted. It is now two

years in a row that voter turnout has been low for Richmond. Following are your newly-elected Town officials and the number of votes that they received:

Selectman for 3 years: Christin R. Daugherty, 191 votes

Moderator for 1 year: Walden G. Whitham, 203 votes

Town Clerk for 3 years: Annette Tokunaga, 218 votes

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: Ann M. Connor, 187 votes

Library Trustee for 3 years: Jonathan M. Bloom, 112 votes

Planning Board, two for 3 years: Edward S. Reece, 177 votes and Harry Brake, 44 votes

Cemetery Trustee for 3 years: Paul Morris, 53 votes

Both proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinances passed.

Following are the results for the Monadnock Regional School District Election, Richmond votes only:

Moderator: 170 votes for Bill Hutwelker

Article 1 Passed: 175 yes; 50 no

Article 2 Passed: 163 yes; 65 no

Article 3 Passed: 177 yes; 49 no

Article 4 Passed: 164 yes; 62 no

Article 5 Passed: 156 yes; 66 no

Article 6 Passed: 175 yes; 40 no

Article 7 Failed: 89 yes; 131 no

Article 8 Failed: 88 yes; 130 no

Article 9 Passed: 111 yes; 99 no

Article 10 Passed: 127 yes; 81 no

Article 11 Passed: 150 yes; 63 no

Article 12 Passed: 175 yes; 33 no.

Article 13 Passed: 182 yes; 28 no.

The business session of Town Meeting was held on Saturday, March 14. Wintery temperatures had returned and the parking lot had lost its muddy quality. Unfortunately, a storm, with its mix of rain and sleet, began less than two hours before the meeting, perhaps discouraging some from attending.

Moderator Walden Whitham called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. and adjourned it at 12:49 p.m. One hundred-twenty-one voters attended. All articles passed with the exception of Article 56, requesting to "...undertake a study of the feasibility and suitability of a withdrawal from the Monadnock Regional School District," which was defeated. Article 31, the budget for the Heritage Commission, was amended and approved, increasing the budget from \$100 to \$500.

Thanks go out to the many people who contributed to the Town Meeting. This includes the Town officials, the Town's employees, its many volunteers and, perhaps most importantly, the voters! Both the election and the business session are opportunities for Richmond voters to let their voices be heard!

## Dog Licenses

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Dog licenses expire on April 30. Please come to the office to license your furry and very lovable family member(s) so he/she/they will be legal. If you have recently added a dog to



your family, you need to license it. Please bring the rabies certificate and any documentation verifying that your dog has been spayed or neutered. If you have any questions, please call 239-6202. I am always happy to help.

## Thank You!

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

I would like to thank everyone who voted to have me serve as town clerk for another three years. In the ten years that I have worked in the town clerk's office, I have come to feel an abiding loyalty to each individual who lives in Richmond. This loyalty transcends any political, economic, religious or other imaginable affiliation. This loyalty rests on my belief that we, each and every one of us, share something in common – our humanity and our responsibility to care for one another.

And so, I continue to welcome your thoughts, questions, concerns and, yes, challenges. I will try to respond always with an open heart and an inquiring mind. For, if I was never questioned, how would I know when I'm doing something wrong? How would I grow and learn? How would I better serve you?

## Library News

Wendy O'Brien

### Community Coffee Hour at the Library

Drop by for coffee, tea, and goodies on Saturday, April 4 anytime between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Chat with neighbors and see what your local library has to offer! Thanks to Elaine Moriarty and Sandee Auvil for hosting our March coffee hour.

**Early Literacy Welcoming Wednesdays** for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers is at 10:00 a.m. Join Elaine, Susan, and Wendy for books, music, finger-plays, crafts, play-time, snacks, learning and laughs! The following themes will be offered:

April 1: Monkey Business

April 8: Alphabets, Colors, 1,2,3s, and Shapes

April 15: Whoo Hoo! We're Off to the Zoo!

April 22: April Showers on the Way to May Flowers

April 29: TBA

### Family Day at the Library-April 18

Kick off April school vacation at the RPL! On Saturday, April 18, we'll be having a variety of programs throughout the day. At 10:30 a.m., Kallie and/or Keeta, our favorite therapy dogs, will be here for a visit and can't wait to be read to! We'll also

be introducing our new "Town History Tales" exhibit of the Town's Weights and Measures and one of the bicentennial quilts. Come find out what the weights and measures were used for, as well as doing a little measuring yourself. We will have fun stations around the Library for kids and adults.

### Selected new additions to the collection:

#### Adult Fiction

*Cinderella Murder*, Mary Higgins Clark

*Matchmaker*, Elin Hilderbrand

*Hope to Die*, James Patterson

*Insatiable Appetites*, Stuart Woods

*Divergent*

*Game of Thrones, Season 4*

*If I Stay*

A very special donation of Robert Frost's *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*, illustrated for children, was given in response to our recent art exhibit focusing on Frost.

## District Voting Results

Neil Moriarty

I apologize again to my pal Jim Carnie for misspelling his name again in the March issue. Note: The study to determine if Richmond should withdraw from Monadnock was defeated at the town meeting on Saturday, March 14.

Everything passed which will increase costs for the taxpayer. Thank the attendees of the Deliberative Session for reducing Article 6 to zero or we would have spent an additional \$630,000. The voting on Articles 11 and 12 are confusing as both passed. The same voters who voted to close the school (Article 11) and also voted to keep it open for five years (Article 12). It will be interesting to see what, if anything, the school board will do with this. Does it mean that the most YES votes decide what the voters wanted? One would think that if you voted YES on 11, you would have voted NO on 12; and vice versa. Although the intent of two opposing articles on the warrant sounded good, the voters were obviously confused.

Articles Disc.	District		Richmond	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
1 Operating Budget	1539	476	175	50
2 Mt Caesar Maint.	1430	588	163	65
3 High School Maint.	1580	437	177	49

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4	ACES Support	1307	693	164	62
5	Create Fuel				
	Emerg. Fund	1471	482	156	66
6	Zeroed Out	1500	375	175	40
7	Specialist Contract	1071	868	89	131
8	Support Staff				
	Contract	1094	862	88	130
9 & 10	NA				
11	Close Gilsum	1455	395	150	63
12	Keep Gilsum Open	1619	239	175	33
13	All schools				
	important	1621	245	182	28

## Richmond's Town Weights and Measures

Library Trustees

The Trustees of the Richmond Public Library are pleased to announce a new display of materials from the Town Archives on the "Town History Tales" wall and in the display cabinet. The Town's weights and measures, returned to the Town by Professor Richard Martin in 1977, and quilts made by various women in Richmond in celebration of the nation's bicentennial in 1976, are important tangible examples of our Town's history.

Today we take for granted our systems of measurement. Measuring cups assist us in consistent meal preparation, scales weigh food or other commodities, gas pumps count the gallons of gas for us. However, not so long ago, our grandmothers' recipes called for a "pinch" or "about a cup." When the colonists first settled in America, it was even more complicated. Colonies used whatever standard measurement system was common from the country that chartered them. For instance, Boston used the English system, while in New York City the Dutch system was in use. This led to a great deal of confusion, especially in these large seaports which handled considerable amounts of trade goods from different areas. It was not until 1827 that the United States Congress adopted a standard system of measurement in order to regulate the amount of metal used in coins. The local government became responsible for maintaining a set of standard weights and measures and inspecting those in use in the community.

These standard tools to measure items bought and sold ranged from liquid measures for ale, beer, and milk to heaped measures "for fruit and other things," and a separate measuring unit for charcoal. Even the size of bread was regulated, "All soft biscuit offered for sale...shall weigh either four or eight ounces each." If the baker's biscuit did not match the standard weight, "he shall for each offence forfeit ten dollars." In 1878, this was a hefty fine!

Here in Richmond, we have six brass containers for measuring liquids, which may date to just after the Revolutionary War. Pewter seals can still be found on the bottom of them from when they were inspected by the County Sealer. There are also a group of cast-iron ring weight measures, as well as a series of five wooden dry measures made by William H. Prouty of Royalston, Massachusetts in the mid-19th century.

The two quilts on display this March in the Veteran's Hall



during voting and Town Meeting, were created as part of a growing interest in the art of quilting in the US as the country approached its bicentennial. The first quilt was actually split into two as there were so many contributors. These signature quilts were based on an autographed quilt belonging to Edith Atkins, the Richmond Librarian from 1946-1980. Each quilter signed her name in the center of the block. The second quilt depicts scenes from around Richmond and was originally part of a raffle to raise funds. The quilt was returned to the Town Archives in 1977.

The Trustees invite you to visit the new display at the Richmond Public Library. On Saturday April 18, we will have several stations around the library for children and adults to experiment with measuring and weighing. Come see how our Town's history is relevant today!

## Richmond Landscaping Crew

Carol Jameson

The Richmond Heritage Commission is planning to start landscaping around town this Spring with two projects—the slope in front of town hall where the town pump and memorial trough were restored, and around the Vet's Hall.

A professional landscaper has volunteered to help at no charge - Marc Hudson, his business is called Inspired Gardener, in Westmoreland. He did the two island beds at my house. He will come down and give us his ideas at no charge and we can buy plants from him at his cost.

We are looking for volunteers to help in one or more of the following ways: be a regular member of the volunteer crew, help with the initial planning, planting and maintenance and become part of the regular maintenance crew to the degree you can; or let us call on you when needed from time to time, like days when we





have lots of work to do or bulbs to plant or what have you, and you'll come if you can; or if you have a tractor, truck or any other equipment that might help, let us know; or any combination of the above! We'll be coordinating with the cemetery committee.

## March Update

Jim McConnell, NH Representative, Cheshire 12

It has been an active month in the House of Representatives, County Executive Committee and Maplewood Subcommittee. There are also a few things to report on the Pipeline.

As this is written, the House has discharged a few hundred bills from committees and will spend the early part of March voting on them. By the next *Rooster*, we'll know which bills survived and await Senate consideration.

The County Executive Committee has finished its 2015 Budget deliberations and sent its recommendations to the delegation. Unhappily, we have recommended a 1.31% increase in County taxes. We examined every line in the budget and, while we reduced the Commissioner's recommended budget slightly – \$42,712,869 from the proposed \$42,911,369 – we fell well short of the reductions we'd need to avoid a tax increase.

One of the subjects we discussed at length was the funding of outside agencies. These organizations address many of the activities not controlled or staffed by Cheshire County. This year's budget includes outside agency funds totaling \$204,350.

While some of these programs provide services to Cheshire County exclusively, some provide for the entire Monadnock Region. I sought, unsuccessfully, an almost \$50,000 reduction in these funds for a number of reasons. First, while these organizations do an excellent job in their respective areas, I believe they should be funded by charities such as United Way instead of by homeowners in their tax bills. Second, many of these organizations are heavily funded by the federal and/or New Hampshire governments. In some cases, the funds requested from Cheshire County were less than 1% of their budgets. Finally, while some of these organizations provide services to western Hillsborough and southern Sullivan Counties, neither of these counties chooses to make even modest financial contributions to fund these programs.

The Maplewood Subcommittee continues to meet and consider our nursing home options. I remain a skeptic on the Green House concept of fifteen separate, 6,700 square foot homes which seems to me designed for a patient population very different from the patient population at Maplewood. The subcommittee will be visiting a number of nursing homes, including some Green Houses and variations of the Green House concept.

Maplewood does an excellent job of dealing with a very demanding patient population. Our first responsibility is ensuring it has the ability to continue to do so. While I don't have a background in healthcare, I do have some experience in institutional food service from my service in the Army, including a brief stint as the Army's Chief of Subsistence. Knowing the problems inherent in operating numerous satellite kitchens, I can only imagine the difficulty of patient care in fifteen different locations, particularly given Maplewood's patient population and the frequently time-critical nature of medical care.

The biggest news on the NED Pipeline is that Representative Jack Flanagan, the Republican Majority Leader, has written the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission opposing the Northeast Energy Direct Pipeline. This, hopefully, will make it easier for other Representatives to join those of us who have already gone on record in opposition and make it easier for us to get pipeline legislation through the House. Representative Flanagan and I have already spoken about legislation which would require enclosing compression stations in sound proof buildings, something pipelines have done elsewhere and increasing the gauge of steel required in pipelines in rural communities. I welcome any suggestions for pipeline legislation.



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I am setting up a meeting room at the Legislative Office Building for NH Pipeline Awareness to meet with legislators, both Senators and Representatives, and answer their questions. Hopefully, we can get some of those currently undecided, to recognize that other, better options exist than the NED Pipeline.

Kinder Morgan continues to disappoint, in that in the 90 days since it announced the new route, it has failed to hold any Selectmen's or Town Hall meetings. The Open Houses it holds have been, in my view, merely cosmetic and designed to satisfy the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that it has reached out to the communities in the pipeline's path.

I can be reached at 357-7150 or [mcc@mindspring.com](mailto:mcc@mindspring.com). Please use this email as my legislative email is inundated with emails from both out-of-state interest groups and individuals and I'd like to make sure that you, my constituents, can reach me when you want to and not get lost in the shuffle.

### Early Literacy at the Library

Elaine Moriarty and Wendy O'Brien

We have started our diverse storytime open to all infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with the March Wind blowing into the library with stories, songs, puppets, fingerplays, music, crafts, and snacks in an enjoyable atmosphere on Wednesday mornings at 10 am. Wendy O'Brien, Elaine Moriarty, Dianne Wood, and Susan Wyatt are teaching the program. We will be using visual aides and interacting with the children each Wednesday morning throughout the year. The summer reading program for all ages of children will be coordinated with this program,

We have a wish list for donations which will be greatly appreciated: rhythm musical instruments (bells, drums, tambourines etc.), blocks, small scarves, board books, or monetary. Hope to have you join us on Wednesdays.

### Eleanor Fassett

Terri O'Rorke

The town of Richmond recently lost a beautiful, historical treasure. Eleanor Fassett, born in Colebrook, New Hampshire, in May 1913, passed away on March 6, 2015. Eleanor had resided in Richmond since 1970, but I did not come to know her until 2007. Such interesting and informative conversations we would have. Anything and everything, what life was like during the Great Depression to the current events of the 21st century, then on to our own trials, tribulations and beloved, growing (!) fam-



ilies. We talked, laughed, and commiserated about everything! It was a great honor for me to attend and witness this much loved lady's 100th birthday celebration nearly two years ago. In addition, Eleanor had been a recipient of Richmond's 250 Cane, which for her, was an honor humbly received. Eleanor Fassett, a beautiful, historical treasure will be forever missed.

### The Heroes of Richmond

Elaine and Neil Moriarty

We are fortunate to live in a town with some caring and compassionate residents. This non-stop, brutal winter had a good side – needed assistance with snow removal and ride needs. Our deepest gratitude goes out to Skip Mason, Mike Silvia, Buzz Shaw, Marie Juhlin, and Bob O'Brien. You lifted our spirits with your generosity of time while fulfilling our needs. We can never thank you enough for stepping up to the plate when needed. THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH.


### Pipeline News and Richmond

John Bocalini

The Town of Richmond had three warrant articles opposing the building of a proposed Tennessee Gas Co. natural gas pipeline. All passed resoundingly and with no discussion. Our town along with Fitzwilliam, Rindge, Troy, Winchester, Hollis, Mason, Brookline, and Amherst have sent a clear message that **we don't want or need this pipeline.**

A recent press release from the Pipe Line Awareness Network for the Northeast (PLAN) states: "the warrants from all

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these town cited a range of issues, such as opposition to the seizure of property by eminent domain, the protection of wells and aquifers, and denial of access to survey town properties. The towns of Brookline and Mason voted to appropriate legal defense funds, in addition to opposition, to the project while two articles up for vote in Amherst, authorized the town to file for status as an intervener and to deny rezoning of a parcel from 'light industrial' use to 'industrial'."

As a result of Richmond's passage of the town warrants opposing the pipeline construction, Board of Selectmen will be filing a motion for intervener status, sending a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee (FERC) and legislators opposing the pipeline, and notify Kinder Morgan that they are not allowed on any Town property.

The town also accepted the resolution of the Volunteer Energy and Environmental Committee, which will forward it to FERC and legislators. The Resolution states:

The Voluntary Energy and Environmental Committee strongly discourages the current proposed pipeline or any other proposal, that encourages the transport of any product that is reliant on high pressure fracking, or has need for high volume compression stations, because it supports:

- \*Creation of extreme amount of toxic contamination and emissions at the extraction sites and compression stations put the health and well-being of our fellow citizens at risk;

- \*Fracking of the earth shows the possibility of a link to increased seismic activity;

- \*Extraction and use of fossil fuels perpetuate the production of greenhouse gasses and stifle the expansion of the development of cleaner and greener energy production; and

- \*The true cost of the product is cloaked with tariffs, usage fees that are not regulated and therefore the cost is ultimately unknown.

The Voluntary Energy and Environmental Committee asks that this resolution statement be added to the warrant of the Town Meeting 2015 so that it can be used for guidance of any actions or decisions of any Municipal Boards or Committees.

The Richmond Heritage Commission has also sent a letter of opposition to the FERC indicating their opposition to the pipeline (see separate article of the letter in this issue).

Both our representatives, Ben Tilton and Jim McConnell are on record in opposition to the proposed pipeline. Representative Jack Flanagan, the Republican Majority Leader, has writ-

ten the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission opposing the Northeast Energy Direct Pipeline.

This is just the beginning of a long struggle with Kinder Morgan Partners (KM) and its Tennessee Gas Pipeline, LLC arm, which is a large private, for profit, Corporation that wants to come and take both our Town land and private property, destroy our natural wilderness, disturb our wildlife, our peace and harmony, contaminate and disrupt our environment and drinking water and endanger our safety. Then, charge us to build the pipeline that they will own and rent out to other companies to send a hazardous and life threatening product through it. Those other companies will in turn charge us for those rental fees. In the end there is no benefit to our local economy, no jobs, and most of the fuel going through the pipeline will end up exported to other countries. KM makes a huge profit to give as bonuses and shareholder dividends while the company remains highly leveraged and too big to fail.

Think you are not affected by this pipeline? Think again and do what you can in opposition to it, so you are not affected.

*The following letter was written on Feb 6, 2015 by Carol Jame-son, Chairman of the Richmond Heritage Commission to Kimberly Bose, Secretary of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426*


Re: Comments of the Richmond Heritage Commission in opposition to the proposed Tennessee Gas Northeast Energy Direct pipeline project, Docket No. PF14-22

Dear Ms. Bose:

I am writing in my capacity as chairman of the Heritage Commission of the Town of Richmond, NH to express the views of the Richmond Heritage Commission in opposition to the proposed Northeast Energy Direct pipeline project, Docket Number PF14-22.


Richmond, NH is a small rural community located in the southwestern corner of New Hampshire. It was first chartered in 1735 and incorporated in 1752.

The Richmond Heritage Commission is a town body, organized under NH state statutes (RSA 673 4-a and 674:44-b) and constituted by the voters of Richmond at Town Meeting in March 2014. Its mission is to identify, preserve and protect resources that have historical or cultural significance to Richmond. The formation of the Richmond Heritage Commission is consistent and in furtherance of the vision of the town as



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identified in the Richmond 2010 Master Plan, namely Section VIII “to preserve and protect historic structures and sites throughout the town.” The text of the Richmond Master Plan is available on the town website, [www.richmond.nh.gov](http://www.richmond.nh.gov).

As currently proposed, the pipeline route will bisect Richmond, disturbing many sites that have been identified by the Richmond Heritage Commission as having historical and cultural significance to the town. These include, among others, historic cellar holes, historic brickyard sites, historic homes, and local areas of scenic beauty. In addition, the route travels through environmentally sensitive wetlands and major aquifers. It traverses conservation lands and will interrupt wildlife corridors and habitat.

Further, its construction and maintenance through our town is contrary to our ideals and vision as expressed in our town Master Plan. See for example the summary of the Town’s vision (Section I of the Richmond Master Plan), entitled “Vision”:

“The Town of Richmond New Hampshire’s Master Plan is a vision of life in a small southwestern rural town that endorses green living through sustainability and conservation as its fundamental values for land use and development, housing, transportation, utilities and public services, community and recreation”...

“Sustainability refers to a policy and action which holds up and supports the environment through agriculture, land use, and overall planning that helps communities and individuals therein to participate in an economy that is environmentally and socially friendly, resulting in the reduction and eventual elimination of a distinctive footprint left on Planet Earth globally, regionally and locally.”

Construction of the pipeline through Richmond is therefore contrary to our stated vision for land use within our community, as well as being against our vision of energy development as a

whole, since the pipeline is being designed for furtherance of the world’s reliance on non-sustainable resources such as fossil fuels, and more particularly, for the furtherance of reliance on fracked fossil fuels from the Marcellus Shale.

Town Master Plans are developed under NH state law, see especially NH RSA 674:2. They express the overall guiding principles by which a town seeks to operate, to be further implemented by forms of local regulation and law making in furtherance of these principles. The Master Plan is developed by the town itself, through a lengthy and thought-intensive, time-intensive democratic process. Federal preemption of a town’s ability to legislate local law and regulation in furtherance of the town’s master plan makes a travesty of New Hampshire’s concept of democracy. In addition to the many ways in which the proposed NED project violates our land and our sense of place, to the extent it is in clear violation of our Master Plan, it is contrary to any notion of local rule under New Hampshire state law.

In summary, the Heritage Commission of the Town of Richmond, NH opposes the proposed pipeline through the Town of Richmond for the negative impact it will have on the town’s historic and cultural sites, because it is contrary to the vision of the town as expressed in its Master Plan, because it is contrary to the town’s stated position against increased development and reliance on unsustainable energy sources, and because of the negative impact it will have on our community through, among many other aspects, the disruption of open land, aquifers and watersheds, wildlife corridors and natural habitat. Sincerely, Carol Jameson

## Sunday Discussions

Ben Tilton, Richmond/Swanzey State Representative will be holding a Sunday morning get-together to discuss your needs and current legislative bills being discussed. He will be meeting at 11 a.m. at Jeanne’s Diner next to Gomarlos Supermarket on Rt.10 in West Swanzey.

## RCUMC News

Pastor Arnie Johnson

Blessings to all in this Holy Season of Easter from the Richmond Community United Methodist Church! Thank you to all who joined us for the celebration of Jesus entering Bethpage and Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We will be celebrating Maundy Thursday on April 2 with a service at 7p.m. celebrating the Last



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Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples during the Passover. We will also celebrate Easter Sunday on the 5th with a special service that starts at 9 a.m. All are welcome!

We are excited to be starting a study on the Book of Acts in April which is based on a landmark television series titled "A.D." which will be broadcast on NBC starting Easter evening. This 12-part series dives into the world-changing events that followed the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It brings to life the joy and the pain of Jesus' followers as they begin to spread His message throughout Jerusalem, across Israel, and eventually around the world – all in a context of political upheaval, persecution, and spiritual revolution. All in the Richmond community and area are welcome to attend no matter what your religious views might be. To get more information, call the church at 239-7369, send an email to richmondcommunitymc@gmail.com, or check the Richmond Community United Methodist Church Facebook page. You do not need to be a member of the Church or attend all twelve weekly discussions to be blessed with the knowledge gained.

As always, our Food Pantry, located in the Town Hall, is available for those in need. We welcome donations from the community to help us in this important endeavor.

Whatever your religious preference, all are welcome at our Sunday Services which start at 9 a.m. with Sunday school for the young following the Children's Message. We are located at 11 Fitzwilliam Rd. (Rt. 119), Richmond, NH just east of the junction of Routes 32 & 119. Come and be blessed!

## Richmond's Millionaire Peddler

Monadnock Moment No. 101 Reprint  
Historical Society of Cheshire County  
Submitted by Biff Mahoney

Horatio Nelson was born in Richmond, New Hampshire in October of 1816. He was the first of eight children of Ezekial and Ruth Nelson. At the age of sixteen Horatio went to work as a woodenware peddler. He was one of about twenty peddlers working for Milton Chaplin, a woodenware dealer in Fitzwilliam. Nelson worked for Chaplin for ten years, travelling throughout New England in his peddler's wagon.

In the 1840s, Nelson moved to Montreal and entered the woodenware business of Isaac Butters. Nelson remained in the firm after Butters retired, and became sole proprietor in 1874. At that time Nelson's four sons became members of the firm

and the company name was changed to Nelson & Sons. The Nelsons soon had two large stores, one in Montreal and one in Toronto. Not only did Horatio Nelson become a wealthy businessman, he also served as a member of the Provincial Legislature, as a director of Molson's Bank, and fourteen years as a member of Montreal's city council.

Most Keene area residents had no idea who Horatio Nelson was when his obituary appeared in local newspapers in 1882. However, 1000 leading citizens of Montreal attended the funeral of this Richmond native who had risen from the peddler's cart to the life of a millionaire businessman.

## Fitzwilliam Garden Club Looking For New Members

Terri Rabbits

Do you enjoy gardening? Would you like to start a garden, but don't know where to start? Or do you want to make changes to your existing gardens, but don't know what to do? You don't need to live in Fitzwilliam to join.

The Club consists of members of local communities who share gardening knowledge through monthly programs from April to October, provide plants from our own gardens for two annual plant sales, and maintain existing gardens throughout the Town of Fitzwilliam.

There's always something to learn about gardening, new people to meet, plants to share and buy to support our programs.

If you're interested, please contact Terri at 585-6510 or Diane at 242-6061. We look forward to talking with you to answer any questions you might have.

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## APRIL...We thought you'd never come!

Judith M. Graves

The flower for the month of April is the Mountain Laurel. This beautiful flower means *ambition* or *glory*. It is a native of eastern North America, where it brightens the woods from the Carolinas north to Canada. Its season of bloom in New England is late May and early June, and its delicate white star-shaped flowers are marked with pink or lavender. It has been given the name of 'calico bush.' Leaves of the Mountain Laurel are long, narrow, and evergreen. At Christmas time, swags of the branches entwine doorways and lampposts, festoon mantels and stairways. Leaves are used for background in flower arrangements.

April's bird is the Eastern Bluebird. In early spring when a faint sweet plaintive call from the garden tells us unmistakably, not that spring is on its way, but that spring is here. It is the Bluebird that announces his arrival to say that all is well. Its gentle 'Dee-ar me' on a rising note is the most welcomed sound to me of springtime, for the Bluebird is one of my favorite birds. They are a symbol of good, beauty, honesty, courage, pride, love of home and family. The Bluebird is said to carry the blue of the sky on his back, the red earth on his breast, the purity of clean snow under his tail – our national colors. Can you pick out all his colors as he flits around gathering nesting supplies?

The Bluebird has suffered immeasurable harm from man's insect and weed spraying programs. Also from the introduction of the Starling and English Sparrow to this country – birds which have usurped many of the Bluebird's nesting places.

Houses built for the Bluebirds should be placed at least a hundred feet apart for good bird-community relations. Place on fence posts, outbuildings, or trees. They are best left unpainted.

Gardens are planted toward the end of May, so by now we have greenhouses and window sills filled with delicate plants that we care for tenderly. Too much water is as bad as too little. Planted too early and they go leggy, not soon enough and they are not mature enough to put into the ground. I have tried for many years to do all this just right, and I still try. Then I find myself in the nursery getting mature healthy plants and bringing them home to plant. Gardeners love the smell of the earth, the seed popping up into little plants, and the caring of these soon-to-be fruits, vegetables, and flowers. So we try again and again.

So, as the Bluebirds call from the trees in the lane, take possession of their headquarters, and the Oriole shouts from the top of the elm tree, a Phoebe pokes into the open window, and the green fingers of daffodils swell into blossom and nod gently

in rain or sunshine, and early tulips brave the spring chill, we agree with it all that April is pleasant. But we know May will be even better. If we contemplate too much activity in the garden, a Meadowlark will remind us that "it's early." For in April, spring moves deliberately since it has so much to do before May arrives.

The forsythia will soon be in bloom, and with clippers I give them a haircut of the long tendrils that overhang. With these branches, I twist and turn them into beautiful wreaths. I give one to my sister and hang one on my own door. My crafting with nature is a sign of spring. A cardinal just landed in the forsythia while I am typing and looking out the window. Snowbanks are still high, but the melting has started. Dig off the snow to get to the periwinkle and make a small wreath to hang on a cabinet knob. Wrap a periwinkle wreath around a bottle, or add ribbon streamers to top a teddy bear or doll. I have a large statue of a boy that goes into the garden in the summer, but lives inside with us in the winter. He gets the first periwinkle wreath on top of his head come spring.

The wind will turn cold, daffodils huddle in the grass, and birds fluff their feathers for warmth on a sheltered branch. We love the rain on the roof, a musical rhyme, and the soothing sound that can lull us into napping.

April weeps – but O ye hours!

Follow with May's fairest flowers.

Tip: Save daffodil, tulip, and hyacinth blossoms for potpourri after you've enjoyed your indoor arrangements. Dried blooms in a bowl on the coffee table are so pretty. Add handfuls of leaves and blooms throughout the summer and you will add pleasure for the senses. Toss in some cloves, cinnamon chips, dried orange pieces and enjoy this all-natural room freshener. Enjoy April and hang out the laundry to dry between showers.

## Camp Takodah News

Linda Dubois

The maintenance crew has been busy, still shoveling and taking snow off roofs. Walking around camp, you would think it is still winter, and thinking camp starts in only three months is hard to believe. With warmer days sure to come shortly, the maintenance crew will be very busy getting ready for camp. This month had our maintenance crew attend a conference at the YMCA in Lake George. We would like to welcome the newest member of our four-legged camp friends, named Harley. He will run along with Sox and Chutney. March saw Lawrence Academy come

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to camp for two weeks to take part in team-building exercises. They have done this for the last few years and have become one of the schools to attend camp in the winter. As we do not have many winterized cabins, we're limited to the amount of people we can host. Hope everyone enjoys the weather as it is beginning to warm up. Happy Spring!!!!

## Rare Diseases

Elaine and Neil Moriarty

We have an eighteen-year-old granddaughter who is afflicted with several rare diseases. Everyday she faces the challenge of



pain, fatigue, nausea, dizziness, and tachycardia. Numerous medications and frequent visits to specialist MDs are the norm. The obvious increased funding for research and treatments needs to be more in the spotlight. Ninety-five percent of rare diseases do not

have a single FDA approved drug treatment.

On the brighter side, Taylor entered an art contest for people with rare diseases publicized on Facebook. We thank all those who voted for her. Taylor won 1st place in her category, which earned her a few days in DC at a reception. Her art work was displayed in the United States Capitol, and she also received a monetary award. This was a huge morale booster for her and we are so proud of her accomplishment.

Taylor handles her illness well, despite difficult decisions affecting her life style. She recently said, "Sometimes you have to walk on burning sand to get to the water." One thing she tells people is "never give up on hope."

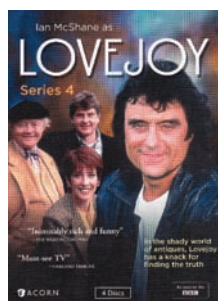
It's so sad to see her in the prime of her life, to have her world turned upside down. Yet she always has a smile for us and never complains. We are fortunate to have an extremely supportive family to guide us through this experience.

## 4th Season of "Lovejoy" is Still Fun

Frank Behrens

Yes, yet another thirteen episodes and one bonus episode of the lighthearted fourth season of "Lovejoy," now available from Acorn Media in a set of four DVDs.

Lovejoy (Ian McShane) is still the lovable rogue and



"divvy" of true antiques, Tinker (Dudley Sutton) the knowledgeable but somewhat liquor-loving lesser expert and voice of conscience to Lovejoy, Eric (Chris Jury) the not so young any more apprentice, and Lady Jane (Phyllis Logan) still the sort of love interest but now having to run an interior decorating business after her husband has left her. A good deal of spice is

added by Lovejoy's bitter rival Charlie Gimbert, played in high style by Malcolm Tierney.

I found this set a few notches above the last, especially the one titled "Lovejoy Loses It," in which his character does change and his love for profit wins over his love for antiques. In fact, he is quite nasty – and McShane does a good job playing the dark side of the generally sympathetic Lovejoy.

A good deal of humor is injected into "Taking the Pledge," in which Lovejoy has to raise a few thousand pounds by a series of purchases of small objects which he sells at a profit which he uses to buy another object of slightly greater worth and so on until he runs it all up to the required large amount, all to help an out-of-luck Laird friend of his. A speeded-up action sequence is funny but out of keeping with the rest of the series.

"Dainty Dish" is a variation on "The 12 Chairs," insofar as a scattered collection of dinner plates has to be found and re-assembled. The bonus feature, running at 97 minutes, is a far darker and serious murder mystery offering in which hidden and stolen diamonds have to be found and restored to a holy relic in Prague. The good acting from guest stars Donald Pleasence and Peter Vaughan make this worth the watching.

Filmed in 1993, this set (as the disclaimer announces up front) shows a few signs of its age, but only in some low-lit

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shots. And the subtitles are, as in so many Acorn Media releases, most helpful and welcome.

I read that there are twenty-four Lovejoy novels written by one Jonathan Gash (a pen name). I also see that there are six "Lovejoy" seasons in all. I look forward to the remaining two and wonder how many are actually based on the original novels. Well, as long as they are fun.

## 40th Anniversary, Antiques Show & Sale Sponsorship Program

Fitzwilliam Historical Society

As some of you know, the historical society is fast approaching its 40th anniversary of the Antiques Show & Sale on the Common. It is remarkable that we have reached this important milestone. It will take place on Saturday, July 18, 2015. This promises to be one of the biggest years we have ever had.

The Society is looking for individuals and businesses willing to take part in our Sponsorship Program. There are varying levels of support. Gold is the highest level with a \$500 donation. Silver is next with a \$250 donation. And finally, Bronze is a \$100 donation. Other donations would be most welcome.

The Society is a 501c3 organization. You will receive a receipt for your tax deductible donation. Please know that this will help the Society to continue its efforts to offer the Amos J. Blake House Museum and its programs and activities to the public. Getting your donation in early will ensure that you are mentioned in some of the promotions for this event.

We can only imagine how many hundreds of dedicated volunteers have taken part in these yearly events since it began forty years ago. We would like to invite you to be a part of this historic occasion in 2015. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to be involved in some way. We would love to hear from you. fhs@myfairpoint.net, 603-585-7742.

## Out and About

John Boccalini

**Wed. Apr. 1, 6:30 pm – The Young Savages (movie)**, Jaffrey Public Library, 38 Main St. Jaffrey.

**Fri. Apr. 3, 7:30 pm – Sleeping Beauty, Russian National Ballet Theatre.** Colonial Theater, 95 Main Street, Keene. Tickets: \$48/44/29

**Fri. Apr. 3, 8 pm – Red Molly** with special guest Lucy Wainwright Roche. Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Rd. Peterborough. \$20 advance/ \$23

**Wed. Apr. 8, 6:30 pm – The Mountain Road (movie)**, Jaffrey Public Library, 38 Main St. Jaffrey.

**Fri. Apr. 10, 7-10 pm – Friendly Folk.** Rindge Meeting House, 6 Payson Hill Road, Rindge.

**Sat. Apr. 11, 8 pm – An Evening of A Cappella**, Colonial Theater, Keene. Tickets: \$50/\$35/\$29/\$19

**Sun. Apr. 12, 3-5 pm – The Strathspey and Reel Society of New Hampshire**, Bass Hall, 19 Grove St. P'borough. \$15, \$12 for members, seniors, students

**Wed. Apr. 15, 6:30 pm – Abandon Ship (movie)**, Jaffrey Public Library, 38 Main St. Jaffrey.

**Thurs.-Sat. Apr. 16-18, 5 – 11:30 pm. Monadnock International Film Festival** – [www.moniff.org/2015-festival-films](http://www.moniff.org/2015-festival-films).

**Sat. Apr. 18, 11 am – Jonathan Daniels Walking Tour**, Historical Society of Cheshire County, 246 Main St., Keene. Free

**Sat. Apr. 18, 7:30-9:30 pm – Chamber music with Tony Arnold**, Kelly Recital Hall, Dublin School, 18 Lehmann Way, Dublin. Tickets: \$25

**Sat. Apr. 18, 8 pm – Sweetback Sisters & The Stray Birds**, Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Rd. P'borough. Tickets: \$25 advance, \$28

**Sun. Apr. 19, 1 pm – Bolshoi Ballet.** Music by Piotr Tchaikovsky. Roche P'borough Players, 55 Hadley Rd. P'borough. \$20/15 students

**Sun. Apr. 19, 3 pm – Cirque Mechanics**, Colonial Theater, 95 Main Street, Keene. Tickets: \$49/42 students

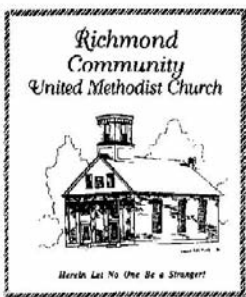
**Wed. Apr. 22, 6:30 pm – The Devil's Disciple (movie)**, Jaffrey Public Library, 38 Main St. Jaffrey.

**Wed. Apr. 2, 7 pm – Watch & Discuss Rights & Reds (N.H. Humanities Council)**, Historical Society of Cheshire County, 246 Main St. Keene. Free

**Sat. Apr. 25, 12:30 pm – Cavaleria Rusticana and Pagliacci: Met Live in HD**, Colonial Theater, 95 Main Street, Keene. Tickets: \$25/\$22/\$15

**Sat. Apr. 25, 12:30 pm – Cavaleria Rusticana and Pagliacci: Met Live in HD**, Roche P'borough Players 55 Hadley Rd. P'borough. \$25/20

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**Sat. Apr. 25, 7:00-9:00 pm – Apple Hill String Quartet**, Bass Hall, 19 Grove St. P’borough. \$15, \$12 members, seniors, students.

**Sun. Apr. 26, 3 pm – Greater Keene Pops Choir**, Colonial Theater, 95 Main Street, Keene. Tickets: \$12

**Wed. Apr. 29, 6:30 pm – Tumbleweeds (movie)**, Jaffrey Public Library, 38 Main St. Jaffrey.

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**Sun. Apr. 19, Wild Game Dinner with Wine Pairing**

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**Fri. Apr. 3, (D): John Cucchi**, guitar, vocals

**Sun. Apr. 5, (D): Easter Sunday**. No room for music!

**Wed. Apr. 8, ENTREES & ENCORES**. Dinner 5:45 pm, Readings 7:30 pm. A chance to see the best local theater talent “up-close and personal” while enjoying a special meal! Call 593-3303 for more info and reservations.

**Fri. Apr. 10, (D): Diane Ammons**, piano and vocals

**Sun. Apr. 12, (B): John Cucchi**, guitar and vocals  
No cover – Tips appreciated – Reservations recommended!

**Wed. Apr. 15, LADIES NIGHT**, Happy Apps, Raffles, Prizes, 50/50 to benefit a local charity.

**Fri. Apr. 17, (D): Mike Wakefield**, sax

**Sun. Apr. 19, (B): Judy Blake and Ken Hamshaw**, vocals and guitar

**Wed. Apr. 22, MEXICAN NIGHT**, Chef Chaz cooks up Enchiladas, Chili Rellenos, Sopapillas, more.

**Fri. Apr. 24, (D): Grumbling Rustics**. Steve Jones banjo and Tim Mowry guitar

**Sun. Apr. 26, (B): Mike Wakefield**, sax

**Fri. May 1, (D): Scott Mullett**, sax

#### **COOKING CLASSES:**

**Linda Stavely, Apr. 14, 6-9pm – FOOD OF THAILAND:** Spring Rolls with Spicy Peanut Sauce, Vegetable & Shrimp Pad Thai, Thai Cabbage Salad, Thai Coconut Tapioca Pudding. \$57. (waiting list)

**Sherry Belotti, Apr. 28, 6-9pm – MEXICAN DISHES FOR CINCO DE MAYO:** Enchiladas, chalupas and churros, enchiladas, chili rejlennos! \$55.

#### **ONGOING:**

**Sun. Noon to 2 pm, Music with Brunch**, Waterhouse Restaurant, Depot Square, P’borough

**Mon. 8 pm. Contra Dancing**, Nelson Town Hall, Variety of callers and musicians. Donation: \$3. Nelson

**Tues 7:30 pm. Celtic Music**. Harlow’s Pub, P’borough

**Wed. 7 – 9 pm. Open-Mic Night**. Fitzwilliam Inn.

**Wed. 3 – 6 pm. Farmers Market**. P’borough Community Group, 25 Elm St. P’borough

**Wed. 9:30 pm. Open Mic Night**. Harlow’s Pub, P’borough

**Thurs. 8 pm. Bluegrass Jam**. Harlow’s Pub, P’borough

### **According to the Union Leader**

*News sources: The Union Leader and Associated Press in connection with a long-term investigation into heroin and cocaine trafficking and largest heroine drug bust in N. H.*

New Hampshire native Ross Gould, 28, of 69B Prospect Hill Road in Richmond, arrested for unlawful possession of heroin, was identified by United States Attorney John P. Kacavas as the leader of the Keene area distribution ring. Gould told investigators he kept a second safe at the residence of Jason Daigle, 38, at 79 Prospect Hill Road, Richmond, but said everything in it belonged to him.

Also arrested was Jason Daigle, 38, 79 Prospect Hill Road in Richmond, for engaging in a conspiracy to distribute heroin. Prospect Hill Road is located in the southeast border of Richmond with Fitzwilliam.

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**Guns and drugs found at Richmond Property**

Documents filed at U.S. District Court show investigators found fourteen firearms, five grams of heroin and \$11,000 in cash in a safe at Gould's residence.

During an early morning search of the second safe on March 11, approximately 1,154 grams of heroin, multiple ounces of cocaine and the 88 pills were located.

Another two grams of heroine was seized in Salem, NH. Rockingham Mall parking lot, which was used as a distribution point for the drugs going into Cheshire County accounting for a total bust of 3 and on half kilos of heroine.

Involved with the investigation and arrests were the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Hampshire;

Immigration and Customs Enforcement/Homeland Security Investigations; New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, New Hampshire State Police, Keene Police Department, Richmond Police Department, and Salem Police Department, as well as the Drug Enforcement Administration and the United States Marshals Service assisted with the arrests.

According to Kacavas approximately one kilogram of heroin had distributed in Keene every ten days. And the Heroin pipeline into Cheshire County is shut down. More arrests may be made.

### Email Change

Steve Boscarino, Tax Collector

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### Editor's Note

New Rooster Facebook page thanks to Debra Carroll's help.

## SOMETIMES YOU SEE THEM, SOMETIMES YOU DON'T

This is the second ad written, placed and paid for by some Richmond residents who wish to recognize the extraordinary work contributed by others, people who live in every corner of our town. They are a special group of folks who volunteer their time, talents, energies and even their personal funds to make Richmond a more attractive place to live. Here are just a few questions to make us think about some of them.

As residents, we do take pride in our serene little Town Beach. But who picks up the trash and rakes out the tire tracks when vandals strike? Our scenic roadsides are continually defaced by the accumulation of bottles and trash discarded from vehicles which pass through town. Who picks up this garbage several times each year? Most residents pass by our cemeteries unless they are visiting departed loved ones. But who work behind the scenes to see that when we do visit, these resting places are well maintained and attractive? We also know what it takes to keep our own personal vehicles in good running order and appearance through Richmond's challenging seasons of snow, ice, mud and summer dust. But who keeps our fleet of fire and rescue vehicles in reliable running condition, spit polished as well, so they are always ready for town emergencies?

We do know the answer...but probably human nature. But maybe this ad. Our volunteers aren't seeking personal recognition for what they do. Rather, they can get done...if they don't care who gets credit for it. And that truly is a



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Chris Daugherty, Carol Jameson, Kathy McWhirk

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7 PM – ? for public concerns) Wed. 9 AM – 5 PM

Thurs. 9 AM – 12 NOON (unless otherwise posted)

**Town Administrator:** Heidi Wood

**Administrative Assistant:** Sarah Dunton

**Town Clerk:** Annette Tokunaga

**Deputy Town Clerk:** Jennifer S. Thompson

Mon. 9 AM – 12 NOON, 1 – 4 PM, 6 – 8 PM

Wed. 9 AM – NOON, 1 – 5 PM, Thurs. 9 AM – 12 NOON

**Tax Collector:** Steve Boscarino

**Deputy Tax Collector:** Kerry A. Boscarino

Mon. 6 PM – 8 PM, Wed. 2 PM – 5 PM

Tues. 2 PM – 5 PM in the week taxes are due

**Planning Board:** Dick Drew, Chairperson

Meetings held at Veterans Hall.

4th Tues. of the month – 7:30 PM

and 2nd Tues. if needed

**Transfer Station and Recycling Facility:** 239-8136

Tues. 8 AM – 4 PM, Thurs. 8 AM – 7 PM

Sat. 8 AM – 5 PM

**Town Library:** 239-6164. Wendy O'Brien, Librarian

Tues. 4 PM – 7 PM, Wed. 9 AM – 12 NOON

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**Police (Non Emergency):** 239-6007

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