



JUNE 2015

To Keep the Pipeline Out of Richmond, We Need Everyone's Help.

The RURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE IS BACK...

As we all know, Kinder-Morgan plans to run a Pipeline carrying fracked methane through Richmond for The Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC. This is absurd and we need everyone in Richmond to help with the ongoing fight against this big corporate bully. This is not good for Richmond nor the other sixteen towns across NH that will possibly damage the environment and our short and long-term health.

For the 150 residents who attended a "special" meeting hosted by the Selectmen and Kinder-Morgan on April 27 at the Richmond Veterans Hall, we thank you. If you didn't know before, you now have an idea of what Kinder-Morgan calls transparency. Untruths were given to the residents. Many thanks for all the questions that exposed the kind of "business" this corporation is so well known for – poor safety record, broken promises, no follow through, etc.

Many residents are aware that Kinder-Morgan has had surveyors along Fish Hatchery Road and other locations in town. If a resident has posted their land, the surveyors claim to be staying on the boundary line while still accomplishing the accumulation of information to move the pipeline project through.

The anti-pipeline campaign has been funded by volunteers who spend countless hours and their own money to keep the pipeline out of Richmond, and it's time we ALL help with the cost and time involved. The areas the pipeline would pass through are:

1. Your neighbors and mine.
2. Major habitats for wildlife. Substantially, all wilderness and wildlife areas. **Corridor will be width of Interstate 91.**
3. Many wetlands, streams, and waterways will be disturbed or destroyed.
4. Major aquifer could possibly be polluted or poisoned. Made impure, unclean, especially because of contact with harmful substances. There is no responsibility for our water after 2 simple tests are performed.
5. Granite formations would be blasted for the introduction

of "natural" gas, disturbing our natural water flow and the land around us.

6. Concern for long term safety and health. Increased cancer and birth defects.

7. Cost to Richmond for fire and safety protection? Misuse of the roadway open to 4-wheelers and dirt bikes.

8. Constant maintenance and herbicides sprayed on the pathways. More polluted areas we are all exposed to.

9. Information pertaining to the potentially harmful chemicals released into our air and waters are protected by our Federal Government and not available to the public.

THIS IS NOT THE VISION THE RESIDENTS HAVE EXPRESSED FOR OUR TOWN.

We are asking **ALL** residents to use the flier enclosed in this issue and do your part to stop the pipeline before our town is destroyed. Please, fill out the information asked for and send it certified mail/returned receipt to Tennessee Gas Pipeline and a copy to FERC. If you can, make the return receipt out to Mark Beauregard, 257 Old Homestead Hwy. Richmond, NH 03470. This will keep all Richmond receipts together.

Keep an extra copy for your records, cost for certified mailing \$6.49.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AS WE CONTINUE WORKING TO KEEP OUR TOWN SAFE AND INCINERATION FREE.

Please contact Terri O'Rorke at 239-4595, Jean Tandy at 239-6024, or Kim Mattson at 239-6606 if you would like to order a NO PIPELINE SIGN. Cost ranges from \$5.00-\$6.00.

April Update

James W. McConnell – State Representative

Cheshire 12 – Richmond & Swanzy

The big news in Concord was the passage of the House budget, which now goes to the Senate for its consideration. The budget increases spending by \$362 million for a total of \$11.2 billion dollars for the biennium. The budget includes no new or increased taxes and is balanced in line with the revenue estimate of the bipartisan, unanimous vote of the Ways and Means Committee. Overall, this budget spends an average of \$4200 per year per NH citizen.

Among the spending highlights: The budget includes additional funding for uncompensated care payments to hospitals and community health services; eliminates the cap on adequate education grants and level funds catastrophic aid for special education in Fiscal Year 2017; continues the State's commitment to municipalities by providing approximately \$2.2 billion in State Aid over the biennium, including maintaining meals and rooms distributions at the FY 2015 level, a proposal offered by the Governor for Fiscal Year 2016, and extended by the committee through FY 2017.

Given the state of our roads, and the news media's assertion that the budget reduces transportation spending, the following breakdown should be of particular interest.

Department of Transportation Spending:

Fiscal Year 2016 proposed: \$575,810,801 (as passed by the House)

Fiscal Year 2017 proposed: \$590,249,011 (as passed by the House)

Fiscal Year 2014: \$539,778,012

Fiscal Year 2015: \$548,529,445

In connection with roads in Richmond and the surrounding area, I spoke to Jon Kallfelz in charge of Highway Maintenance in District Four, and he says that Route 119 is scheduled for repaving in Fitzwilliam this year and that next year (maybe this year, but doubtful) they'll be extending the repaving to the Route 32 intersection. He says they're making repairs to Route 32, but it isn't scheduled for repaving at this point.

It turns out my role as a representative in deciding what is paved is almost nonexistent. I've put in my request for 119 and 32 but he tells me that their process comes down to which of the District's 660 miles of roads need it most. Legislators' and public input doesn't hurt but it comes down to where it is most needed, traffic volume and the 10/15 year repaving schedule.

In the past, I submitted two bills for consideration this year to address the Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) problem which has been a particular issue at over 200 sites around the state and in West Swanzy.

The first bill to reduce the level of MTBE in drinking water to zero, later amended to .5, was strongly opposed by the Department of Environmental Services, which felt addressing MTBE in preference to the entire range of possible pollutants would divert resources from what they deem as more pressing issues. That argument rang hollow with me as MTBE was the subject of a huge settlement with the oil companies. Beginning

in the spring of 2013 the state received \$80 million dollars, the first of a number of payments. Some eighteen months later, they still haven't spent any of it. So much for their sense of urgency. MTBE is a known animal carcinogen, and in the absence of human tests, deemed somewhere between a likely human carcinogen and suggestive evidence of human carcinogenic potential. After extensive hearings on the amended bill, the Environment and Agriculture Committee deliberations were brief as Representative John O'Connor (R - Derry), the Vice Chairman of the Committee, moved to consider the bill without the amendment. The Committee Chairman, Robert Haefner (R - Hudson), overruled an objection that the bill had been amended and the Committee voted on the motion and killed the bill. Once we have better testing and filtration systems, the level of MTBE should be zero, and while I stuck with it as long as I could, it was obvious the point was made and that .5 was a currently practical level that is easily tested and achieved. While I'd like to have had the courtesy of a vote on the bill as amended, it wasn't going to be easy to prevail over the Department of Environmental Service's objections.

The second bill directed the University of New Hampshire system to conduct an unscientific paperwork study of the effects of prolonged human consumption of, and exposure, to MTBE. The study would have involved matching up the state cancer epidemiologist's record of cancer cases against the locations of the 200 most significant MTBE discharges in the state. This would have been the first MTBE study, of any sort, in humans. Unhappily, the University system didn't see fit to task its public health school to assign a couple of graduate students to the project and opposed the bill. I found their suggestion that similar studies have cost billions disingenuous. This bill also died in committee.

Needless to say, while I took a beating in Round 1, I feel strongly about this subject and will continue pressing the issue.

I'm taking every opportunity to oppose the proposed Kinder Morgan Pipeline. Beyond corresponding with FERC, I am working to expand the number of legislators willing to take a strong stand in opposition. On March 24, I arranged a room in the Legislative Office Building for NH Pipeline Awareness to host a science fair-style information session. It was busy all afternoon. This was an excellent event that allowed our experts to speak one-on-one with Senators and Representatives to make our case and give them the information they need to speak confidently against the Pipeline. I'm also scheduling an information session for NH Pipeline Awareness with the Science, Technology, and Energy Committee.

Now that the legislative session is slowing down, I've begun to accept speaking engagements. The first is to address the Henniker Rotary Club on May 14 about both the Kinder-Morgan Pipeline and MTBE.

Call me at 357-7150 or email mcc@mindspring.com. My legislative email is inundated from both out of state interest groups and individuals, and I want to make sure that you, my constituents, can reach me when you want to and not get lost in the shuffle.

May Update

James W. McConnell – State Representative

Cheshire 12 – Richmond & Swanzy

The House sessions are slowing down considerably as the House and Senate have finished sending their bills to the other body. In the House, most of the Senate's bills have been considered and deemed either Inexpedient to Legislate (killed) or passed, some with amendments. Our schedule is such that the Speaker has indicated the full House will meet only two or three more times before the end of the legislative year June 30th.

The Senate receives more bills from the House than the House receives from the Senate, so at this time of the year their schedule becomes considerably more crowded.

Bills which survive consideration in both houses in identical form are sent to the Governor for consideration. Bills which have been amended will be considered in Conference Committees if requested by the originating body. Bills coming from Conference Committees will be voted on again in both houses and, if passed, sent to the Governor for consideration.

If the Legislature is in session, the Governor has five days to sign, veto or allow the law to go into effect without her signature. If vetoed, she returns it to the originating body with a veto message. To overturn the Governor's veto, a two-third roll-call vote must support the bill's passage. If the Legislature has adjourned, the Governor may exercise a "pocket veto" by not signing the bill in five days, excluding Sundays and holidays.

While the Legislative Calendar is coming to a close, the County Delegation's Maplewood Committee's schedule remains very active. The Committee has been either meeting or going to visit nursing homes every Friday. The meetings, open to the public, are at 10:00 on the second floor of the Old Court House in Keene.

I have made it a point to attend every meeting and have visited every nursing home on our schedule.

Maplewood, our current nursing home, has 150 beds and anything we build to replace it will be limited to 150 beds. Maplewood, which has an excellent reputation and achieves excellent results, accepts what are generally described as the most medically challenging patients. These patients are generally unprofitable for "for profit" nursing homes and are the County's responsibility. Their numbers can only grow as the population ages.

Should Maplewood be deemed uneconomically repairable, I continue to believe that any facility we build should be designed with the medically neediest members of our community in mind.

I continue to work to defeat Kinder Morgan's Northeast Energy Direct Pipeline, both in Concord and throughout the state. The end of the legislative calendar will permit me to devote more time to this project.

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Town Clerk's Office

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

It is early May as I write this article. Even as I look out my window in search of those spring showers that fail to appear, flowers and trees are blossoming nonetheless. And, though it seems just a few weeks ago that we bemoaned the fact that it was still winter-cold, spring has indeed arrived. And by the time you read this article, it will be summer!

I would like to remind everyone that June 30 is the deadline to mail the DP-8, Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief form. You may qualify for tax relief from the State if you were single and earned \$20,000 or less or were married and earned \$40,000 or less in 2014. Forms are available at the Town Hall and the State website www.revenue.nh.gov. The forms must be postmarked by June 30.

Dog News. If you have not yet licensed your dog, you will be charged late fees effective June 1. If you licensed your dog in the Town of Richmond last year, you can either come to the office or renew the license online. If you have added a dog to your family, you will need to come to the office to license your dog. To license a new dog, please bring the Rabies Vaccination Certificate with you. Let me know if you no longer have your dog so I can update my files.

Please feel free to contact either my deputy, Jennifer Thompson, or me if you have any questions. Our contact information can be found in *The Rooster* and online at the Town of Richmond website, <http://www.richmond.nh.gov>. The office phone number is 239-6202.

Library News

Wendy O'Brien

Community Coffee Hour at the Library

Drop by for coffee, tea, and goodies on Saturday, June 6 anytime between 10:30 and 11:30. Chat with your neighbors and see what your local library has to offer! Thanks go to Elaine Moriarty for hosting our May coffee hour.

Early Literacy Welcoming Wednesdays for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers will continue through June 10 at 10:00 am. The full program will resume in the fall. Join Elaine and Wendy for books, music, finger-plays, crafts, play-time, snacks, learning and laughs! The following themes will be offered:

June 3 – Revisiting Our Alphabet

June 10 – Frogs & Turtles

Early Literacy Workshop for Parents

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We are pleased to have Diane Wood, a Richmond resident, a former Literacy and Special Education Teacher, the Elementary Language Arts Coordinator and an Adjunct Instructor at The University at Albany and The College of St. Rose, lending her expertise to our Early Literacy Program. Diane will present a workshop for parents on June 10 at 10:00 on how they can help their children develop basic reading skills through their children's speech and language development. She will provide parents with a list of activities they can do at home. This workshop will be held at the same time as story hour, so bring your kids and learn about the importance of reading at an early age.

Summer Reading – Every Hero Has a Story

Your children are invited to join this summer's reading program, "Every Hero Has a Story" at the RPL. This summer's theme focuses on superheroes – and not only those in costume!



This year we will all be heroes by collecting non-perishable food for the Richmond Food Pantry throughout the summer. We will add a star to our Pantry Poster for each item donated. Come help us create a starry sky!

In addition to our traditional T-shirt contest, we will have a writing contest for different age categories on the topic: "Who My Hero Is and Why." Entries are due by July 15. A fun prize will be awarded to the best entry in each age group.

On Friday, June 19 at 1:00 pm we will kick-off summer at the Pavilion behind the Library with a Super Tie-Dye Party. Bring a shirt to tie-dye and save room for hot dogs and ice cream! Thanks to the Richmond Recreation Committee for co-sponsoring this event.

Join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 for:

June 17: "Super Hero Stories" Create your own superhero!

June 24: "The Hero in Every One of Us"

Draw self-portraits with artist Susan Wyatt.

Stay tuned for July and August events!



Selected new additions to the collection:

Adult Fiction

Aunt Dimity and the Summer King, Nancy Atherton

Memory Man, David Baldacci

Broken Bonds, Karen Harper

The Bone Tree, Greg Iles

Art Forger, Barbara A. Shapiro

Adult Non-Fiction

Gardeners A-Z Guide to Growing Organic Food, Tanya Deckle Cobb

The Richmond Public Library now has a new email address. Please update your address books to our new address: richmondlibrary@wivalley.net

Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

Superintendent – SAU 93

By the time you read this the school board will have appointed a new superintendent for the Monadnock Regional School District. Many thanks to my Superintendent Search Committee of which I served as chair. The Team consisted of: Pat Bauries, school board member [SBM]; Kim Bohannon, public member and Keene State College Asst. Professor; Jane (Jennie) Calnan, teacher at Monadnock; Linda Kalloger, principal MRSD; Troy Kennett, Director of Student Service MRSD; Audrey Salzmann, principal MRSD; Betty Tatro, SBM; and Win Wright, SBM; and myself (as public member).

It is with some risk that I highlight two members that deserve acknowledgment – Kim Bohannon for her talented writing skills and creativity, and Audrey Salzmann for her leadership and attention to detail. These two ladies deserve recognition. Additionally, we received very good support from Dayle Nelson of SAU 93.

Our committee has been criticized for going too slow, and less than a month later for going too fast. Ah, the makeup of the Monadnock School Board!

Our committee put in some heavy hours looking at more than 30 candidates. We were also introduced to new interview techniques that will serve the district well hiring many members in the future.

If you have thoughts or questions, contact me at: 239-4031; cmoriarty@ne.rr.com; or 782 Old Homestead Hwy Richmond. Jim Carnie will help with district items at 239- 4948.

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Middle and High School 3rd Quarter Honors Are Awarded

Neil Moriarty

Richmond young adults below received the Honors Award for the Monadnock Regional Middle/High School for the third grading period – nice job!!!

Melody Ayotte Grade 7
Nathan Bosque Grade 12
Chloe Busick Grade 12
Janaina Camuso Grade 11
Daniel Heise Grade 9
Ethan Hughes Grade 10
Whitney Maynard Grade 7
Marilyn Monson Grade 12
Madison Pearsall Grade 9
Cassidy Purrington Grade 7
Eliza Randall Grade 12
Lydia Randall Grade 10
Breanne Swanson Grade 9
Ashlyn Tomer Grade 9

Cost Per Pupil Analysis – 2013/2014

We are the second highest cost in the region and \$2,500 above the state average.

Where	Elementary	Middle	High	Total
State Average	\$14,200	\$13,321	\$14,109	\$14,001
Monad.Region	\$16,374	\$16,372	\$16,993	\$16,568
Keene	\$17,132	\$13,065	\$14,594	\$15,223
Jaffrey-Rindge	\$13,268	\$14,010	\$14,652	\$13,850
Winchester	\$14,917.	na	na	\$14,917
Contoocook				
Valley	\$18,064	\$15,891	\$16,333	\$16,806
Fall Mtn Region	\$15,468	na	\$15,866	\$15,599

Source NH Dept. of Education

Transforming Our Library Fundraising Campaign

The RPL Trustees

The Library Trustees are pleased to announce the beginning of the “Transforming Our Library” fundraising campaign. For many years, the Richmond Public Library has been a local source of information and education. Now, the Library hosts the only locally available source of free 24-hour Wi-Fi access.

We offer innovative programming for both children and adults. Displays of historic materials and artwork are changed every few months. The Library has now become the center of our small community and we’re proud of all that has been accomplished.

But to meet these changing needs, the interior of our 1850’s building needs to change as well. We do not have enough electrical outlets for people to plug in their devices to access free Wi-Fi. There are often people waiting in line to access the two public computer stations. The number of children participating in the Library’s programming has grown to the point that

activities now spill into the main reading room. Recognizing these problems and planning for future growth, we’re seeking funds to renovate the interior of the Library. Plans include re-organizing shelves to create additional space, installation of a new floor in the Children’s Room that will stand up to years of wear and tear, and the creation of additional computer stations and work areas with a greater number of electrical outlets.

We are very excited about this opportunity to update this historic building to meet modern-day needs. Donations are welcome, and can either be dropped off at the Library or mailed to 19 Winchester Road. Come join your neighbors in transforming our Library!

Boyd Ellis Goodell

January 19, 1939 – April 20, 2015



Boyd Ellis Goodell, 76, of Richmond, died Monday morning, April 20, 2015, at the Applewood Care & Rehabilitation Center in Winchester following a period of declining health.

He was born in Swanzeey on January 19, 1939, the son of Maurice L. and Elizabeth (Utter) Goodell, Sr. He attended area schools, graduating with the KHS Class of 1956. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy serving as a radioman for 4 years, traveling overseas to many ports. During this time he married his sweetheart, Ruth McLellan. Together, they had 4 children and opened their home, and cared for many foster children.

After his honorable discharge he returned to the Monadnock Region and worked locally for many different trucking companies for over 30 years, doing both day-trip and long-haul trucking. Later, he was the owner and operator of a local Roto-Rooter business for nearly 10 years and an office supply business for 3 years.

He later married the love of his life, Pamela R Hadley (Moore) of Claremont, in a ceremony on June 1, 1985 in Keene. They had 29 years of wonderful married life together raising another daughter also during this time.

Boyd was a member of the Local Loyal Order of Moose Lodge # 478, was on the Richmond Rescue Squad, and had been a Deacon at the Sturtevant Chapel in Keene. Recently, he attended the Richmond Community United Methodist Church.

He volunteered at the Keene Community Kitchen, was a part of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, was an area Little League coach and played softball in the local Keene Seniors League.

Boyd was a real nature lover. Whether walks in the woods, wandering the beaches of Maine, watching the birds and wildlife, boating, or working in his flower gardens, he truly enjoyed the outdoors. He had a strong liking of Ritz Crackers, and could eat them with anything, including his next favorite, ice cream. He loved to travel with his wife. They had been to many countries including England, Sicily, Ireland, Mexico, Canada, and the Caribbean Islands, as well as many states in the US.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 30 years, Pamela R.

Goodell of Richmond; his children: Boyd E. Goodell, II and his wife Karen of PA; Joey Goodell and his wife, Michelle of Swanzey; Todd Goodell and his wife, Jody of Swanzey; Bonnie Morang of Keene, and Kimberly Touya and her husband, Stephane of NY; 10 grandchildren: Andrea Ingerson, Timothy Goodell, Jeff Cavanaugh, Joshua Goodell, Jennifer Goodell, Tyler Goodell, Jacob Goodell, Christopher McGarry, Chad McGarry and Gianna Touya; seven great grandchildren; his siblings: Malcolm Goodell and his wife, Martha of CA; Joan Whitcomb of SC; Maura Williams and her husband, Rex of MO; Peter Goodell of FL, and Daniel Goodell and his wife, Nancy of TN, as well as several nieces, nephews, grand nieces, and cousins.

A Celebration of Boyd's life was held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 11:00 at the Richmond Community United Methodist Church. There was an hour of visitation just prior to the service from 10 – 11 am at the church. Burial will take place privately at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made in Boyd E. Goodell's name to the New Hampshire/Massachusetts Alzheimer's Association to: "Giving Care 24/7" (www.alz.org/manh/), 166 S River Rd #210, Bedford, NH 03110.

Richmond Historical Society

Sandy Holbrook

First, we want to thank everyone for supporting the Richmond Historical Society in so many ways – through your membership, your generous monetary donations, your continuing support of programs we offer, and for responding to requests to help on various projects. Thank you very much.

Our involvement in the TD Bank Affinity program has been successful, and we appreciate everyone's support in this program. What is the Affinity program? Through its charitable community service, TD Bank deposits into our account each year monies earned through its Affinity program. This happens because people like you request TD Bank to support the RHS based on your new and existing accounts with TD Bank. This does not cost you, the customer, anything. However, if you are opening up a new account, TD Bank will deposit money into your account, as well for mentioning the RHS and the Affinity program. It's a win/win situation for everyone. Again, thank you for making this work for us.

Upcoming Events

Mystery Tour – We will be hosting our first of (hopefully) many walking tours on July 19. The first mystery tour will be a leisurely 30+ minutes along Monument Road to a historical spot many of you may not have visited or known about. We hope you and your family will take away some interesting tidbits during this excursion. Meeting place and time will be available closer to the date. Fun for the entire family.

Picnic – On August 1, we invite you to another picnic on the "Rock," commonly referred to as "**The Fillian Erratic Rock**" located on Rte. 32 just beyond the Fish Hatchery Road. Pack your favorite lunch and enjoy a fun day with friends and neighbors. There's a bit of history to be learned at this site as well.

If you have a particular site of interest you wish to explore for future tours, please let us know. Contact Jerry Mills (239-8807), John Lewis (392-2016), Sandy Holbrook (239-4628) or Norma Thibodeau (239-4598).

The Veterans Memorial Park has been spruced up just in time for Memorial Day thanks to Hank and Nancy Lescynski, Jerry Mills, and Sandy Holbrook. Special thanks to Hank for keeping the park grounds mowed throughout the summer. We invite you to visit the park and enjoy the serenity it offers. Maybe some of the names on the Monument are names you recognize in your own ancestry. Check it out.

Last, but not least, if you have forgotten to renew your membership, it's not too late. If you are new in town and would like to become a member, please send your individual (\$10) or family (\$15) membership to Sandy Holbrook, 237 Athol Road, Richmond, 03470. Thank you.

Town of Richmond vs. Kinder-Morgan

Elaine Moriarty

The evening of April 27 was a chance to finally hear from the corporation and its brand of rhetoric.

It was an evening to make the Town PROUD, both residents and non residents, eloquently presented questions and concerns with a great deal of intelligence and research, all in a calm, collective manner. Even the youngest teenage speaker received applause for his presentation. I do hope he received an A+ on his school project regarding his feelings and concerns about the pipeline and its potential impact on all of our lives.

The Kinder-Morgan people appeared to skirt around with their answers. What they probably thought would be a "cake-



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walk” through this rural town found them running into an infamous New England stone wall.

We can Never Give Up. We have to continue to support the NO PIPELINE in our town or anywhere in NH and hope for the best outcome. Amen.

Kinder-Morgan Video

John Boccalini

The recent Kinder Morgan Q&A Meeting on April 27, 2015 is now available online at the Town of Richmond’s Website on the News page for pipeline. It is also on You Tube at www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&video_id=MFT_-LKykVc.

Fire Alert!

Buzz Shaw

Just wanted to pass along the fire danger warning to *The Rooster* readers. There are no outdoor fire permits being issued. Our wild land fire crew spent yesterday afternoon/evening in Troy extinguishing a two-acre+ blaze. Until we have good green-up, things are very scary unless wet. Even after all the bushes and plants are living again, we still have to deal with the remnants of last year but fire spread is slowed.

Here is a chart which decodes the fire prediction values. Of course Channel 9 weather does a good job too! A red flag means windy in addition to very dry conditions.

Hazard Rating	FFMC FINE FUEL MOISTURE CODE	DMC DUFF MOISTURE CODE	DC DROUGHT CODE	ISI INITIAL SPREAD INDEX	BUI BUILD-UP INDEX	FWI FIRE WEATHER INDEX	HFI HEAD FIRE INTENSITY
Low	0-76	0-21	0-79	0-1.5	0-24	0-4.5	1-2
Moderate	77-84	22-27	80-189	2-4	25-40	4.5-10.5	3
High	85-88	22-40	190-229	5-8	41-60	10.5-18.5	4
Very High	89-91	41-60	300-424	9-15	61-89	18.5-29.5	5
Extreme	92 +	61 +	425 +	16 +	90 +	29.5 +	6

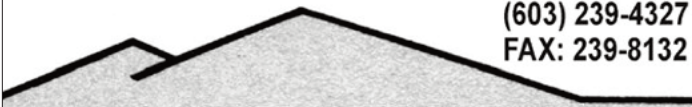
RCUMC

Pastor Arnie Johnson

Another wonderful month in the books at the Richmond Community United Methodist Church, a month with a service of honoring our mothers, both biological and those with a mother’s heart. The service on May 10 was well attended with all the ladies, including our younger ladies, receiving a rose.

We continue our Bible Study on Tuesday evenings which follows the TV series “A.D., the Bible Continues,” seen on NBC at 9 pm on Sunday evenings. All are welcome to participate!

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Upcoming events: July 18 – a celebration of Holy Matrimony at the Church; August – the ever popular Weiner Wednesdays drive-through each Wednesday evening from 5 to 7 pm (weather permitting); August 30 – outdoor service in the Richmond Pavilion in conjunction with the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department Chicken BBQ; September 5 – the always popular RCUMC Yard Sale, and the return of the Kempter family on September 9 which will be held at the West Rindge United Methodist Church near the junction of Routes 119 and 202. We are co-sponsoring the event. More info: www.thekempters.com.

Another future event is the Annual Holiday Fair on November 14. More details will come in future articles.

We are so fortunate to be able to help our friends and neighbors here in Richmond by being a spiritual resource to the community and a physical resource to those in need by sponsoring the Food Pantry at the Town Hall. Donations of nourishing non-perishable foods are accepted.

Come join us any Sunday at 9 am at 11 Fitzwilliam Road in Richmond, just east of the Four-Corners (Rts. 32 & 119). And, join us on FaceBook at our Group Page, Richmond Community United Methodist Church, and “Like” us. Feel free to contribute. Further communications: 603-239-7369 and richmondcommunityumc@gmail.com.

Camp Takodah

Linda DuBois

Camp Takodah had a great turnout for its clean-up day on May 7. It was a bad winter and there was a lot of cleaning up to do. The spring season at camp is now in full swing. School groups are coming in and have been swimming in the nice cold, refreshing Cass pond. Cabins are being prepared and this month campers will be all over camp. It seems like only yesterday that we said goodbye to the last campers in August, and yet here we are again, looking forward to the first group at the end of the month. Before camp started, there were over 100 staff members for their week and a half training which went well. Our Annual meeting will be in June. Reach me at linda@cheshireymca.org. We hope everyone enjoys the warmer summer weather.

Container Gardening

Judith M. Graves

Glorious May allowed me to prepare containers for what is ahead. By the end of May, they will be filled and ready for sum-



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mer pleasure. We still don't have a garden here, as we are still waiting for our house to be built. However, we do have many ½ barrels and large planters, along with two small plots that Dave has turned over by hand to allow for some vegetables that will go in Memorial Day weekend.

Containers are great on your back, saving the bending over. They are small enough to enjoy an entire plot to weed and clip for bouquets. As usual, mine contain herbs, which are my favorite plants to grow and use. One container has basil and parsley. One parsley is curly to add to the plates to make them pretty, and the Italian parsley is for cooking. (Chew on a leaf of Parsley. It cleans the breath and has Vitamins A and C, too.

Basil is a must for anything you cook with tomato. I love to gather a small handful of a variety of herbs in the morning, put it in a small glass of water on the counter, and clip a little when I cook. Chives are one herb that I use daily in several dishes, as well. They grow in the center of a container along with thyme which grows around it. Chives have a slight onion flavor and scent. Chop in chives for anything that needs an onion taste, over cottage cheese, in a salad, in sauces, etc.

There is a container of rosemary which to me is an herb that has so many uses. Clip the leaves in tiny pieces and add to all your dishes in moderation (rosemary is a strong herb). Add a sprig inside the cavity of a chicken and use the strong stems for kabobs. Love Rosemary! Use a little at first of any herb and see how you like the taste. The idea of adding herbs is to enhance the flavor not to mask it.

Those are some of the most common herbs, but one that is amazing to have in your garden is lovage. Lovage can grow to 6 feet tall and one plant is enough in the back of the garden. I left my lovage plant in my Richmond garden. I miss it a lot and it isn't easy to find this plant. If you find it in a nursery, let me know. It has a celery taste and scent so anything you like celery in – here it is. Add the leaves to soups and salads. Chop the stems in tuna fish or chicken sandwiches, and when the season leaves the stems hollow, clip and use as lovage straws in a cold glass of V-8 juice. Wonderful and refreshing!

I also plant containers of edible flowers like pansy, nasturtiums, violets, and more. I'm sure you can find a list of edible flowers on the web and in books from your library. Be sure that you eat ones that add flavor and nutrition and are truly edible.

And, of course, I have several containers of flowers that I can clip for a bouquet to bring to a friend or hostess, and to fill

the many vases I have in our home. This year I have zinnias (my dad's favorites), cone flowers, cottage mix, pansies, and lilies. When I get to the nursery, I will make a decision of how to fill 4 more containers. I like to leave room for a plant or two or three that surprises me in the greenhouse. That way I come home so excited to plant something new to see what happens.

The secret to all summer's color and growth is to really pay strict attention to your plants in the entire month of June. That means water, fertilizer, and pruning. I understand that plants like to be talked to as well. If you spend time each day in June tending to the plants, you'll have easy maintenance for the entire summer with great growth and prolific plants. Don't neglect them, and you'll be so blessed with beautiful blooms, herbs, and vegetables. Happy Gardening!

Ladybug

Jean Tandy


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the words I write
bright red carapace
struggles over stones
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people of whitefish
of great northern waters
tiny sheltering carapace of life
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as long as Earth continues . . .
but these stones
found on sands of northern waters
were born only once
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Komen 3Day for the Cure


Betsy Pearsall

Twenty-eight weeks... 194 Days... That's the time I have left before I step off on my TENTH Komen 3Day for the Cure! Wow... Ten years and \$27,622.00 ago, this journey started! Nine different cities and hundreds of new friends along the way. It's been quite a journey. I am going back to San Diego, and

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will be joined by my teammates, "The Sistahood of the Travelin' Ta-tas," a team made up of friends I've made along the way, and this year for the first time, family, from across the country. My daughter Meghann will be joining us, working on the Camp Services Support Crew for this year's walk!!

Recently, a prospective employer asked me to name my three greatest accomplishments in life. Number One was raising two beautiful human beings to be happy, productive adults. Number Two was fostering a successful marriage. Number Three was taking on and completing the challenge of that first Komen 3Day in 2006. When my good friend Diane offered me the opportunity to take part, I jumped at the chance. To push myself beyond my comfort zone and achieve something I never dreamed of was exhilarating for me.

One thing I have never had doubts about was the support my family and friends have shown me over the years. Perfect strangers have now become friends. My shoes have carried the names of your loved ones for more miles than I care to count. With your help, the 5-year survival rate for someone diagnosed with breast cancer in its early stages has risen to 99%. With your help, thousands of free mammograms have been provided to women who may not otherwise have been screened. With your help, Komen is supporting 407 active research grants in 35 states and 14 countries.

Yet, here I am again, asking your support for yet another walk, another year of fundraising. One-in-eight women in the US will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime, and for men, that's one in 100. Every 19 seconds, somewhere in the world a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer. Every 60 seconds, someone in the world dies of breast cancer. Together we can help move these numbers in the other direction.

Please take a moment to support my efforts, financially if possible, or with your thoughts and prayers. You can make your

donation online, at www.the3day.org/goto/betsynh or you can send your check, payable to the Susan G Komen 3Day, with a donation form found at the link provided. If you wish, you can send your check, payable to either the Susan G Komen 3Day, or to me, at 20 Old Homestead Highway, Richmond, NH 03470. I will see that it is deposited into my 3Day account and send you your receipt. Again this year an "Angel," who has asked to remain anonymous, has challenged me raise a minimum of \$3000 by July 1. If I can do this, this "Angel" will provide me with funding to pay for my airfare, and two nights' lodging in San Diego. As in the past, all monies raised go directly to Susan G Komen. Any expenses incurred come out of my own pocket.

Thank you again for supporting me all these years! I could never do this without you! Remember to send me the names of your loved ones so that I can honor them by taking them with me on this journey, step by step. Your thoughts, prayers, and kind words carry me forward. Together, we will find a cure! In lightness and in love.

Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rorke

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

Martin Luther King
1929-1968

Strategies for Success in Family Business

Michelle Connor

While family owned businesses face the same challenges as all businesses, studies show that three underlying causes of failure for family businesses are 1) unresolved conflict both inside and outside the business, 2) failed leadership of the business, and 3) a lack of shared and defined goals on a personal, family, and business level. Critical aspects of building a strong foundation for a successful family business are:

Build Communication with all the family members: Excellent communication is essential to the success of any business, as well as to the strength of any family. Such communication is harder to establish in a family business because of the emotive factors and the roles of the business partners that exist outside of the business.

I suggest that you begin with a Team Meeting Rhythm.



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Meet on a regularly scheduled basis with a defined agenda and a disciplined process for follow up after each meeting. Place items on your agenda that will generate discussion about the profitability of the business. Allow all attendees to express their ideas freely and learn how to objectively communicate with each other. The agenda should include key issues such as expense items and marketing strategies. Discussing specific expenses and revenues that impact the bottom line is important and can change a culture from one based on emotive factors to one focused on the goals and measurements that determine the success or failure of your business.

Who should facilitate the meetings? Maybe not you! Who is the best at setting an agenda, encouraging open dialogue, keeping track of the time, being the scribe, and sending out the meeting notes and agenda for the next meeting? You are now on the road to creating a culture that encourages open communication which focuses on profitability – a key step towards improving how your business operates.

A well-defined reporting structure – a chain of command: It is important to objectively identify who is best qualified and suited to the right positions in your business. The “patriarch” or founder may or may not be the best suited to manage the business on a daily basis. What is the optimum organizational structure for your business and what are the gaps in your current structure? Do you have job descriptions that identify the key responsibilities for each position and the skills required to execute the job functions or have you molded jobs around family members to accommodate them? Many family businesses want to help out family members but fail to define for them the expectations and requirements of the job. In a Family Owned Business the most challenging step may be to insist on a culture of accountability. Mom or Dad may be the boss of the household but may not be the right one to be president of the company.

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A documented Strategic Plan for business growth and orderly succession: As you are improving objective communication and determining the organizational structure also develop a Strategic Plan that will define your short and long term business goals and will get everyone on the same page so the road-map for success is clear. The Strategic Plan should include an analysis of the weekly, monthly, and quarterly Key Performance Indicators that will measure how your business is progressing towards the goals. These vital signs should be the basis of your agenda as family members transition to a team of business professionals with a common goal of success.

As in any business, the most successful exit strategies are the result of careful and disciplined planning. As you are building your team and growing your business, an integral part of working on your business is to plan for future succession and exit strategies. In a family business these issues should be addressed as part of your overall Strategic Plan.

Family Fun Days with the Richmond Agricultural Commission

Well it's now officially spring and time to put all of our plans into action. The Richmond Agricultural Commission has a lot planned for this season. Our events are intended to promote a love of agriculture for adults and children alike, while at the same time providing educational inspiration to the community.

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Events Schedule

The following dates are tentative:

June 7, Children's Agricultural Fair

A fun day of planting and getting your hands dirty!

Noon – 3 pm. The Richmond Pavilion. (located behind the town library). Light refreshments will be served.

July 18, Annual Garden Tour

Local gardens including vegetable, floral, herbs etc.

Noon – 3 pm. Meeting place and times to be announced.

August 15, Ag Art

Agriculturally inspired arts and crafts for the whole family.

Noon – 3 pm. The Richmond Pavilion. (Behind library). Light refreshments will be served.

September 19, Family Farm Day

Windswept Mountains View Christmas Tree Farm.

A Christmas tree demonstration and more! Hosted by Sue and Jeff Taylor. Light refreshments will be served.

To sign up for any of these events or participate, please email Deb Potts at richmondnhac@gmail.com. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

New Quilt for Richmond

Terri O'Rorke

Coming soon! A "Town in the Forest Community Quilt." Local quilters are in the process of creating a new twenty-first century community town quilt. More details in the July issue!

Troy Bicentennial Celebration Update

Lynn Smith

The July 24/25 2015 celebration is coming together and suddenly it feels right around the corner. Friday night barbeque and concert, check; Saturday morning road races, check; Saturday morning parade, check; Saturday fun and games on the common, the depot, and sand dam, check, check, and double check!

Speaking of fundraisers – there are still t-shirts and license plates and boulevard banners to be had. Contact the committee by email troynh200@gmail.com

Crafters who are interested in participating in the Saturday fair, please contact the committee for an application form. There is no space rental fee for Troy residents, and no yard sale items are allowed. There is a \$20 per space fee for non-residents.

Forms are available at www.troynh200.com and on Facebook, at the Gay-Kimball library, Troy town clerk's office, or request one by emailing troynh200@gmail.com. For information, call Kathy Marrotte at 603-242-7731.

It will be a busy day and the scheduled entertainment will attract many folks from the region and beyond. What a great place to showcase your talents!

Troy Bicentennial Road Race

Saturday July 25. Registration at 8 am. Race starts at 8:30 am. Two events are scheduled: a 5K along Troy roads for the more serious runners, route to be published soon; and a one-mile walk/run for kids and adults (4 laps around the Common). Cost for the 5K is \$5 per entrant, and a \$2 fee for the one-mile. The first 50 entry forms received will receive t-shirts, and there will be prizes and trophies at the end of the races.

Forms will be available April 15 at the Troy Town Clerk's office and online at the Troy Bicentennial Facebook and website (www.troynh200.com). For information please call Dennis Poirier at 603-242-7967. Mail entry forms to 24 Cranberry Hill, Troy, NH 03465.

Out and About

John Boccalini

Tues. June 2, 7:30 pm: Dave Eggar Quartet with Amber Rubarth. A mixture of classic, jazz, tango and original arrangements. Bass Hall, 19 Grove St. P'borough. \$15/\$12 members, seniors, students

Thurs. June 4, 10 am: Pirate School! (Kindergarten –3) Colonial Theater, Keene \$7.50

Thurs. June 4, 7:30 pm: "All My Sons" by Arthur Miller (rehearsed reading) with desserts. A presentation by the Edge Ensemble. Hebert on Hall – Keene Public Library Annex, 76 Winter St., Keene. \$12/15

Fri. June 5, 7:30 pm: "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams (rehearsed reading) with desserts. A presentation by the Edge Ensemble. Heberton Hall – Keene Public Library Annex, 76 Winter St., Keene. \$12

Fri. June 5, 7pm: Joe Crookston Deb's Chesham House Concerts, Harrisville. Advance tickets only call 603-827-2905.

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Sat, June 6, 7:– 9:30 pm: Tara Greenblatt Band. Sumner Knight Chapel in Woodlawn Cemetery, 0 Chapel Drive, Keene. \$10 donation

Sun. June 7, Noon – 3pm: Children's Agricultural Fair. The Richmond Pavilion (behind the town library). Light refreshments will be served.

Sat. June 13, 8 am – 1 pm: Keene Household Hazardous Waste Collection day located adjacent to the Keene Recycling Center, 55 Old Summit Road, Keene.

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Sun. Jun 14, 2 pm: Wedding Vow Renewal Service: Please call the office at 603-899-3300 to register. NH Justice of the Peace, Patricia Trow Parent officiating. Cathedral of the Pines, 10 Hale Hill Rd., Rindge

Wed. June 17, 8 am – 1 pm: Keene Household Hazardous Waste Collection day located adjacent to the Keene Recycling Center, 55 Old Summit Road, Keene.

Wed. June 17 to Sunday, June 28: – RED, a Tony award winning play by John Logan.

– 7:30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings

– 8 pm Friday and Saturday evenings

– 4 pm Sunday afternoons

Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Rd., Peterborough

Fri. June 19, 1 pm: Summer Reading Kick-off at the Town Pavilion, Richmond

Fri. June 19, 7:30 pm: Susie Burke and David, their own blend of contemporary, traditional, and original folk and acoustic music. Bass Hall, 19 Grove St. Peterborough. \$15/\$12 members, seniors, students

Sat. June 20, 8 am – 1 pm: Keene Household Hazardous Waste Collection day located adjacent to the Keene Recycling Center, 55 Old Summit Road, Keene.

Sat. June 20, 8 pm: Lucinda Williams (rock-folk-blues-country music). Colonial Theater, Keene \$39/46/55

Sat. June 20, 26, 27: *The Jungle Book* by Joseph Robinette. P'borough Players, 55 Hadley Rd., P'borough

Sat. June 20, Two seatings, noon and 7 pm: Irish, Italian lunch and Dinner Theater. Unitarian Universalist Church, 69 Washington St., Keene. Luncheon: \$20/adults; \$15/over 65 and 12 and under. Dinner: \$30/adults; \$25/over 65 and youth 12-16.

Sat. – Sun. June 27 – 28, 8 am – 6 pm: Gilsum Rock Sweep and Mineral Show. 640 Route 10 in Gilsum. Free

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June 6, Music by Ben Cosgrove. Amazing piano, original compositions. 7-10 pm. No cover

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Saturday Lunch: 11-2, Dinner, Pub, and Pizza 4 pm –11 pm

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Music at Brunch (B) - Sunday 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Dinner (D) – Friday beginning at 6 pm

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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. 9:30 pm: Open Mic Night. Harlow's Pub. P'borough

Thurs. 8 pm: Bluegrass Jam Harlow's Pub. P'borough

Wed. 7 – 9 pm: Open-Mic Night At The Fitzwilliam Inn.

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

Two Points of View on an Unsolved Mystery

Frank Behrens



A most fascinating 2-DVD set has appeared on the Acorn Media label, "The Mystery of Lord Lucan" (2013). In 1974, Lord Lucan, a self-described professional gambler, told a close knot of his rich friends that he had just saved his wife Veronica from being murdered by a person unknown, who had just killed their children's nanny. The wife claimed that Lucan was responsible for both crimes, having mistaken the nanny for his wife in the dark basement. The next day, a car Lucan had borrowed showed up in Newhaven and he was never seen again.

The story is dramatized – and there is no question in the script that Lucan was an out and out villain – in a series of flash-

backs. It is all beautifully acted by Rory Kinnear (Lucan), Catherine McCormack (Veronica), Gemma Jones (Lucan's mother), and a solid cast of secondary characters. The rich have never been shown in a worse light in any film I can recall: utterly arrogant, indignant that their unearned income is being so heavily taxed, and willing to close ranks around any of their class no matter what crimes have been committed.


One of them complains that judges don't understand people who don't have to work for a living. Lucan is a prime example of a human who considers himself superior to almost all others and is therefore not bound to follow any of the rules. Since the rich make the laws, it would seem that they are also exempt from obeying them.

Christopher Eccleston plays the most detestable of them all, John Aspinall, who runs a private gambling club and cheerfully advises Lucan to do what must be done to gain control over his beloved children. To watch him is to hate him.

The second disc holds "The Trial of Lord Lucan" (1994). With Julian Wadham as Lucan and Lynsey Baxter as Veronica, it begins with the attempted murder and has the police catch up with Lucan in Newhaven. The rest has flashbacks of scenes redone in the later dramatization and is devoted to the (imaginary) trial in the tradition of "Andersonville."

Wadham is remarkable in simply sitting still and registering no emotion whatsoever – except for one moment in which a friend gives damaging evidence. Here the stars are Sir Charles Moore (Robin Ellis) for the Defense and Sir James Hallows (James Faulkner) for the Prosecution.

The characters who played important secondary roles in the 2013 drama are not as prominent here; but the assumption is that the viewer has seen the "Lord Lucan" before watching "The Trial." Grab this set.

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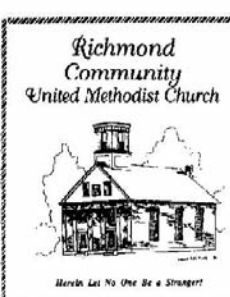
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Mon. 9 AM – 12 NOON, 1 – 4 PM, 6 – 8 PM

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

Thurs. 4 PM – 7 PM, Sat. 10 AM – 2 PM

Police (Non Emergency): 239-6007

Fire/Rescue (Non Emergency): 239-4466

Fire Warden: Ed Atkins, 239-6337

Selectmen – 239-4232

Town Clerk – 239-6202

Tax Collector – 239-6106

Road Agent: Mark Beal – 903-2184

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