

OCTOBER 2015

THE WEB OF LIFE

Chief Seattle

The following words are excerpted from a letter attributed to Chief Seattle of the Dwamish Indian tribe in what is now the State of Washington. The letter is thought to have been written in response to the request of President Franklin Pierce that the tribe sell its land to the United States government in 1854.

The idea is strange to us.

If we do not own the freshness of the air and the sparkle of the water, how can you buy them?

Every part of this earth is sacred to my people Every shining pine needle, every shore, every mist in the dark woods, every clearing, and every humming insect is holy in the memory and experience of my people. The sap which courses through the trees carries the memories of my people.

This shining water that lives in the streams and rivers is not just water but the blood of our ancestors. If we sell the land, you must remember that it is sacred, and you teach your children that it is sacred and that each reflection in the clear water of the lakes tells of events and memories in the life of my people.

Water's murmur is the voice of my father's father. The rivers are our brothers, they quench our thirst. You must remember . . .that the rivers are our brothers, and yours, and henceforth give the rivers the kindness you would give any brother.

Our dead never forget this beautiful earth, for it is the mother of the red man. We are part of the earth, and it is part of us. The perfumed flowers are our sisters; the deer, the horse, the great eagle, these are our brothers. The rocky crests, the juices of the meadows, the body heat of the pony, and man – all belong to the same family.

We know that the white man does not understand our ways. One portion of the land is the same to him as the next, for he is a stranger who comes in the night and takes from the

land whatever he needs. The earth is not his brother but his enemy, and when conquered, he moves on. He treats his mother, the earth, and his brother, the sky as things to be bought, plundered, sold like sheep or bright beads. His appetite will devour the earth and leave behind only a desert.

There is no quiet place in the white man's cities. No place to hear the unfurling of leaves in spring or the rustle of an insect's wings. The clatter only seems to insult their ears. And what is there to life if a man cannot hear the lonely cry of the whippoorwill or the arguments of the frogs around the pond at night? The Indian prefers the soft sound of the wind darting over the face of the pond, and the smell of the wind itself, cleansed by a mid-day rain, or scented with the pinion pine.

The air is precious to the red man, for all things share the same breath . . . the beast, the tree, the man . . . they all share the same breath

But if we sell you our land, you must remember that the air is precious to us, that the air shares its spirit with all the life it supports. The wind that gave our grandfather his first breath, also receives his last sigh, and the wind must also give our children the spirit of life. And if we sell you our land, you must keep it apart and sacred, as a place where even the white man can go to taste the wind that is sweetened by the meadow's flowers.

So we will consider your offer to buy our land. If we decide to accept, I will make one condition: the white man must treat the beasts of the land as his brothers.

I do not understand how the smoking iron horse can be more important than the buffalo that we kill only to stay alive. What is a man without the beasts? If all the beasts were gone, men would die from great loneliness of the spirit. For whatever happens to the beasts, soon happens to man. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the earth, befalls the sons of the earth. Man did not weave the web of life, he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself.

Where is the thicket? Gone. Where is the eagle? Gone. And what is it to say goodbye to the swift pony and the hunt? It is the end of living, even though our life may

somehow linger. When the last red man has vanished from the earth and his memory is only the shadow of a cloud across the prairie, those shores and forests will still hold the spirit of my people, for they love this earth as the newborn loves its mother's heartbeat.

The spirit of these words speak to us a mere 161 years after they were written by Chief Seattle. His words have great meaning for us in the Twenty-first century. We are merely a strand in the web of life. Contributed by Jean Tandy, Whipple Hill Road, Richmond, NH 9-10-2015.

FERC, the Pipeline and the Hopper

John Boccalini

By the time you read this, the last of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Scoping Meetings concerning the Kinder Morgan (KM)/Tennessee Gas Pipeline (TGP) Northeast Direct (NED) pipeline should be done and the deadline to send comments about the pipeline is extended to Oct.16, 2015.

The TGP proposed pipeline crosses the border from Winchester into Richmond approximately 600 ft. below the power line then travels in a northeasterly direction 725 ft. until it meets up below the power line and turns in an easterly direction.

Wildlife

From the border with Winchester, it travels approximately one and a half miles through what NH Fish and Game considers Highest Ranked Wildlife Habitat by Ecological Condition in NH first Wildlife Action Plan. It crosses another Highest Ranked Wildlife Habitat by Ecological Condition just east of Fish Hatchery Road for another mile and a half. The Wildlife Action Plan which was mandated and funded by the federal government through the State Wildlife Grants program provides NH decision-makers with tools for restoring and maintaining critical habitats and populations of the State's species and management concern. The pipeline will clear-cut a continuous swath of land 125 – 150 feet wide by 32,500 feet long and will divide these critical habitats.

See opposite page for pipeline route in Richmond.

Water

From its eastern border to the western border of Richmond the proposed pipeline passes over a series of vernal and permanent ponds and streams, as well as the major aquifer that services Richmond, Swanzey and Keene.

The entire watershed of Richmond feeds the Connecticut River via either the Ashuelot or Miller River watersheds. Prior to reaching the Connecticut River the area disrupted by the construction of the pipeline include

local recreational ponds including Sandy Pond (within 1000 ft. of pipeline), Cass Pond, and Larry's Pond, as well as Sprague Brook, which is classified as an Outstanding riparian and riverine wetland complex.

Construction crosses over the following running bodies of water:

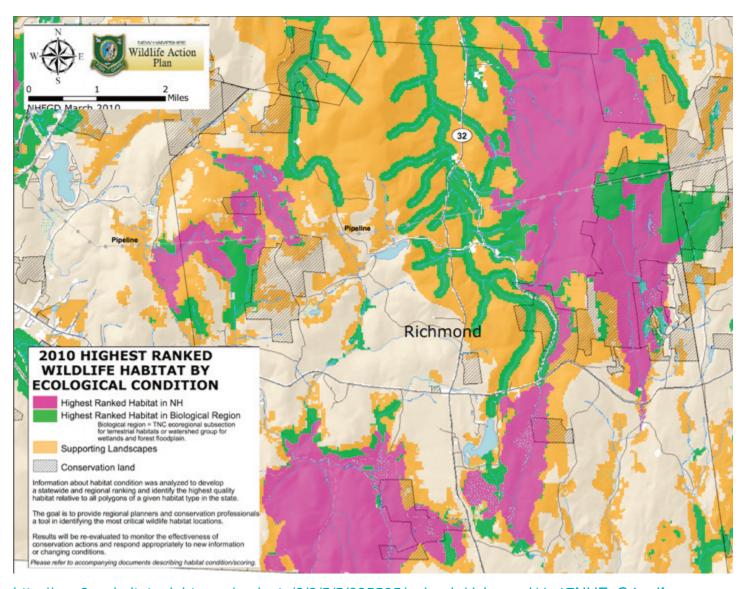
- Brickyard Brook which directly feeds Roaring Brook which supports cold water fish assemblage, including wild brook trout and cask, and is considered a high quality tributary.
- Tilsey Brook which is a major direct feed into Roaring Brook classified as a High Quality Tributary.
- Rice and Falls Brooks (Martin Brook) Good Quality
 Water. Both support wild trout and slimy sculpin. Both
 brooks are designated by NH Fish and Game as Wild
 Trout Water.
- All of Richmond residents water supply comes from wells or springs. Construction puts 19 residential wells within a ¼ mile buffer zone at risk.

Land

Richmond is located in the Appalachian Mountains and the terrain is rough with a series of hills and valleys consisting of many granite ledges and steep slopes. The pipeline will follow these peaks and valleys and dynamite will be needed to construct a trench for the pipeline taking a toll on the vernal pool streams, wetlands, springs, and wells, and foundations of houses in close proximity. The pipeline is currently proposed to cross two protected conservation lands in the western portion of town including the Quint Preserve and Goss Wood (2,100 ft.) and some 5000 ft. of protected state conservation land, Rhododendron State Park in the eastern portion of town.

Economic

Any savings of this project will be nullified in the increased tariffs and delivery charges to utility payers. The effect of the pipeline construction will take a toll on state and town roads and will be paid by all of us in our property taxes. The properties of homes and properties in the



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The pipeline will clear-cut a continuous swath of land 125 – 150 feet wide by 32,500 feet long and will divide these critical habitats.

vicinity of the pipeline will become devalued, which will in turn increase the tax burden on properties further away from the pipeline. There will be little to no benefit to our town from the pipeline, it is just passing through town. There may be increased need for our Police and Fire Department to purchase additional equipment for safety reasons increasing our tax burden.

Residences close to the pipeline may see increased costs for insurance as well.

Eminent Domain

If FERC grants a permit to KM to construct the pipeline, they can take State, Town and privately owned land to bury the pipe. The threat of eminent domain to implement this project raises serious apprehensions as expressed by the Congressional delegation in their letter to The Honorable Gregory H. Friedman Inspector General (IG) U.S. Department of Energy. The NH Municipal Pipeline Coalition also shared their concerns with the IG, given that the New Hampshire Constitution specifies protections in: Article 12-a. —Power to Take Property Limited: No part of a person's property shall be taken by eminent domain and transferred, directly or indirectly, to another person if the taking is for the purpose of private development or other private use of the property.

Fracking

Ultimately, the pipeline supports the practice of fracking, which is as destructive to our land, water and air, as well as hazardous to the health and wellbeing of all animal (including human) life, as any cataclysmic activity that man has ever produced.

Master Plan, Town Ordinances & Conservation Lands

Richmond has worked hard in developing a Master Plan and various Town Ordinances to guide our future and protect our citizens, wildlife, wetlands, forest, and environment (air and water). Conservation Lands are developed to also protect the above. This is one of the great legacies of our Town, as well as many New Hampshire towns. It is part of our history and heritage. FERC granting a permit for the pipeline takes all those protections, as well as the Clean Water/Clean Air Act, other people, and environmental protection laws, and throws them in the hopper.

Town Clerk's Office

Annette Tokunaga

Do you take your household trash to the transfer station in Winchester? If you have a purple-colored sticker on your windshield, it expired on September 30. New stickers can be purchased at the Richmond Town Clerk's office and at the Winchester Transfer Station. The cost of the first sticker is \$20.00. Additional stickers for the same household cost \$1.00 per vehicle. When you purchase your sticker, please bring the registration for the vehicle that you will be transporting your trash in, as the stickers are assigned by license plate number.

Please note that the office will be closed Monday, October 12, in recognition of Columbus Day. Wishing everyone a splendid Fall!

Richmond Public Library News

Janice Weekes

Many of you are aware that our beloved Librarian, Wendy, is leaving the library for a new position at Franklin Pierce University this month. We have been fortunate to have her as our Library Director for eleven years. Wendy always listened to our requests and assisted us in finding a book or information that we needed. Although a resident of neighboring Fitzwilliam, Wendy quickly became a fixture in the Richmond community with her cheerful demeanor and willingness to help in any situation. During her tenure the town has enjoyed significant improvements and innovations in library services. We will miss her dearly.

In the interim, we are fortunate to have Susan Wyatt filling in for Wendy. Susan has lived in Richmond for twelve years and has volunteered at the library for many years. She accepted the Assistant Librarian position six months ago. We appreciate Susan for stepping in as Interim Librarian at this transition time as we begin our search for a new librarian

Our book sale and raffle on August 30 was a success raising \$491.00. We appreciate all of the donations received during this important fundraiser and thank all of the volunteers who assisted during this event.

Early Literacy

Elaine Moriarty

Wednesdays – 10:00 am at the library

Oct. 7 – Apples

Oct. 14 – Leaves

Oct. 21 – Squirrels

Oct. 28 – Halloween

Thank You Wendy O'Brien Richmond Will Miss You

Elaine and Neil Moriarty

Wednesday, September 2, 2015 was Wendy's last day at our library culminating eleven years of service to Richmond . Ms. O'Brien's degree in Library Science was a true asset to us. I know you join us in thanking Wendy for her service and wish her the very best at her new position

at Franklin Pierce College. GOOD LUCK, WENDY THANKS AGAIN!

Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

Richmond Student Inspires Change at Emerson***

Richmond's Gabby Schmidt made a presentation to the Monadnock Finance Committee that resulted in a drinking water* change at Fitzwilliam's Emerson. Gabby saw the problem of poor tasting water, found a suitable filtering system, and with the aide of her teacher Nicole Dunham, developed a professional "Sales" presentation to the committee. She and her younger sister proceeded to pass out a copy of her presentation (in color and appeared to be done in PowerPoint**) complete with a survey of fellow students, to everyone in attendance. This sixth grader stood before the group like a true professional, and presented her case. Her presentation resulted in a change at Emerson for drinking water that gets good quality tasting water without resorting to bottled water (bottled water results in a huge environmental problem in the disposable bottles.) Great Job Gabby!

School Board Re-institutes Stronger Policy for Non-payment for Lunch

Our School Board put the stronger policy on non-payment for lunch and breakfast back in place. Non payment will give the child a basic lunch, but the child will not be allowed to participate in the graduation exercises. A person from Richmond has offered to pay for someone's lunch – a very nice gesture. No one will go hungry with this policy.

The District has made many changes in Principals and Security Officer:

District Hires Principal for Troy and Fitzwilliam Mr. Kevin Stone assumes the duties of principal at both Troy and Fitzwilliam (Emerson). Ms. Audrey Salzmann, the prior principal there, has moved to the principal of Cutler school (due to resignation by the past principal).

District Hires Assist. Principal (AP) for Middle/High School Ms. Lisa Spencer returns to Monadnock as our Assistant Principal after a year as principal in the Winchester district. Ms. Spencer served as AP of Monadnock High from 2008 to 2014; plus five years teaching at our high school.

District Hires Security Officer

A retired New York City Detective has been hired as a Security Officer for our District. As Security Officer, Mr. Frank J Tarries, who resides in Swanzey with his family since 2002, will not carry a weapon, and will not be a Swanzey Police officer – thus he cannot arrest anyone.

His pay will be \$43,000, which is below what we paid before, and well below the cost of a Swanzey police officer (as determined by Swanzey Selectmen). Mr. Tarries comes to us with 20 years experience in New York City. He can also work on items over and above Swanzey schools and issues than we use Swanzey Police officers.

Opening Day School Population Declines Again

The total number of students declined (opening day figures are subject to change – final number is developed on October 1, 2015) from 1,818 last year to 1,800 this year. Gilsum remained flat at 46; Troy, because it opened a pre-K program, increased; all other schools declined. Had Troy not opened that pre-K program, the decline would have been to 1,777, or 2%.

- * There was no issue with the safety of the water which is tested monthly by the district.
- ** Microsoft's presentation software
- *** I attended the Finance Comm. meeting and am commenting on her presentation firsthand. Having done a few presentations in my day, I gave her some written comments however, she didn't need any help from me.

Any thoughts or comments will be appreciated, 239 4031, cmoriarty@ne.rr.com; or 782 Old Homestead Hwy. Jim Carnie will also help with district questions at 239 4948.





September Update

Jim McConnell – State Representative Cheshire 12 – Richmond & Swanzey

Over the past few weeks, there's been little if any progress in resolving the budget issue in Concord. I continue to believe that the Governor made a serious mistake in vetoing the budget. The House will meet on September 16 to attempt to override the Governor's vetoes of bills, which includes the budget, originating in the House. Assuming we succeed, those bills will be sent to the Senate and viceversa.

The window to introduce bills for the upcoming year opened on September 2 and will close on September 18 at 4 pm. In order to coordinate the bills relating to the pipeline, I chaired a meeting with legislators in Mason on August 20 to discuss the bills we needed to introduce, and determine who would be responsible for filing and sponsoring them. We hope this will both maximize and prevent duplication of our efforts, while ensuring that we don't miss anything. Initial indications suggest that the time was well spent.

I have introduced fifteen bills if you include the House Resolution. Seven of these are pipeline bills. To ensure that they have the best possible chance of passing, I will be having other Representatives sponsor some of them. In those cases, I will be a co-sponsor. My plan is to testify on each pipeline bill.

One of the bills I've filed seeks a New Hampshire House Resolution, calling on the US Senate and House to consider a Contribution Reform Amendment. The Contribution Reform Amendment is a proposed federal amendment I have spent a number of years thinking about, and which I have written.

If adopted, the FOR SALE sign over the Congress will be taken down.

Contribution Reform Amendment

No campaign contributions may be made to any federal primary or general election campaign unless the donor, at the time of said contribution, is eligible to vote in that election.

Organizations or individuals located outside the federal jurisdiction holding a given election may not engage in paid advertising by any means of communication, and may not provide paid personnel, or volunteers ineligible to vote in the election whose expenses are reimbursed. These organizations may, however, notify their membership of their endorsement or opinions of candidates by any non-public means of communication without restriction. State or Regional affiliates of such organizations whose area of responsibility includes the federal jurisdiction

holding the election, may publicly endorse and provide non-financial support to federal candidates. An individual's donated time under this amendment will not be considered a contribution.

Nothing in this amendment may restrict the offering of opinions on the merits of individual candidates, political issues, or any other matter bearing upon a campaign by any publicly accessible news organization or forum, or restrict the offering of opinions by members of the general public.

Among the other bills I've filed are the following:

- A bill to establish an Alternate Cemetery Trustee. This ensures that a vacancy can be immediately filled by someone knowledgeable about the office.
- A bill ensuring that an Election Recount, once begun, will always be completed. Currently, whoever calls for a recount of votes controls the process and can stop the recount at any time. For instance, when he or she sees that they are losing.
- A bill which bars the levying of any tax or fee on New Hampshire residents for construction of a natural gas pipeline that connects with a liquefied natural gas export terminal.
- A bill to establish an exemption from Business Profits and Business Enterprise taxes for any qualifying manufacturing business that starts up, or relocates from out-of-State, in either Coos, Grafton, Sullivan or Cheshire counties. Existing NH businesses would get the same break, but only if employees in the qualifying location are additional employees, who are not creating a reduction of staff at the current NH location. In order to qualify for the tax exemptions, a business would need to employ a minimum of fifteen manufacturing employees. Management, sales, secretarial, maintenance and other employees would not count towards the fifteen required employees. Failure to maintain the fifteen requirement would void the tax exemptions.

New Hampshire's 8.5% Business Profits Tax is simply not competitive. South Dakota, Wyoming, Nevada and Texas all have zero Business Profits Tax and zero Business Enterprise Tax. Those four states also enjoy lower costs across the board, as well as rail transportation to the West Coast, and to Eastern Pennsylvania, where there are warehouses that can supply customers from the tip of Maine to Northern Florida within 24 hours. If you call by 5 pm, a truck from a Pennsylvania warehouse can deliver your goods on the next business day. New Hampshire

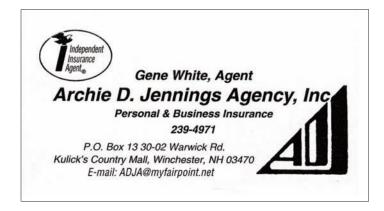
needs manufacturers, and a business tax structure that will bring them here.

- An amendement that replaces the word "may" with the word "shall." This one word change relates to the existing bill dealing with certificates of sites and facilities issued by the state's site evaluation committee.
- -A bill establishing a minimum requirement for insurance and bonding for pipelines or laterals.
- A bill to add a new Royalty Section regarding property used for utilities and pipelines.
- A bill regarding Pipeline Capacity Contracts, adding new requirements to the Public Utility Commission's consideration of proposed contracts.
- A bill requiring that new construction of underground pipelines and storage vessels be below the frost line.
- A bill establishing noise level limitations for permanent stationary machinery.
- -A bill that ends New Hampshire's status as a Quick-Take state. Current New Hampshire law allows a party exercising Eminent Domain to proceed after notifying a landowner, but before reaching final agreement with the landowner. There will be at least two bills submitted to end Quick-Take in New Hampshire, as there are two laws dealing with Eminent Domain in this state. One, which the Majority Leader had someone else working on to address another aspect of the law, deals with utilities including pipelines. It made sense to address Quick-Take in that same bill, so I submitted the Quick-Take material and language for use in that bill. The bill I am sponsoring ends Quick-Take in the other cases.

- A bill requiring Regional Planning Commissions to provide an Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement, along with a detailed summary of all grants received, including the Terms and Conditions of each grant that the Regional Planning Commission or any related government entity has entered into in connection with said grant.
- A bill amending our current New Hampshire laws governing the acquisition of New Hampshire lands by the United States.
- A bill providing for a moratorium on all federal land acquisitions until a review of the current federal landholding's impact on the State, cities, towns and citizens of New Hampshire.

In August, the County Delegation Executive Committee met to consider proposals to refinance the County Jail Bonds, and to fund a study of the options for either expanding and rebuilding Maplewood Nursing Home or building a new facility of another design. Both proposals were approved by the Executive Committee, and later approved by the full Delegation. Savings from the refinancing will be close to \$900,000 over the remainder of the life of the bonds. The Maplewood study, to be conducted by EGA Architects of Newburyport, MA HYPERLINK "http://www.ega.net" www.ega.net and completed by October 1st, will provide an apples-to-apples comparison of the costs of the various options. Once we receive EGA's report, we will be holding public hearings around the county to respond to questions and share opinions on the matter. As the Sub-Committee is frequently divided, the public hearings should be interesting!

Reach me at 357-7150 or mcc@mindspring.com. Please use this email as my legislative email is inundated 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.







A Letter in Remembrance of Tramps

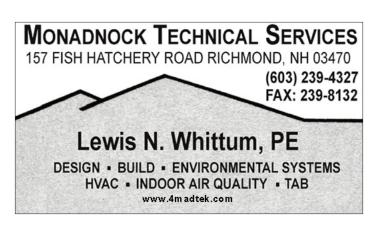
Alice Stinson Collar

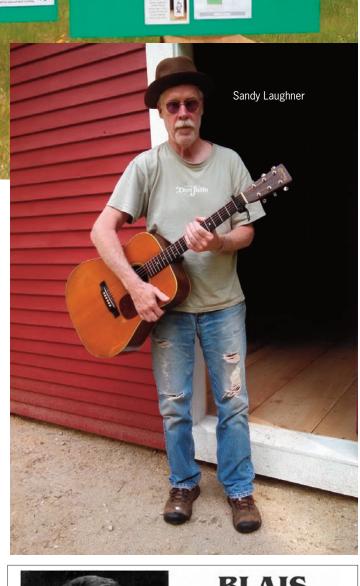
Hi Neighbors,

It's me, Alice Stinson (now Coller), who grew up in Richmond back in the 1930s and 1940s. I remember your tramp house and some of your visits in what was then called "Red Hollow" back then.

You'd knock on our door asking for food of any kind. My mom Ruby Stinson would quietly latch the screen door on a Martin Mill House (owned later by Charlie and Judy Gilman) and tell you to sit down on the porch and she'd go and fix you a good size plate of food and any "goodies" she might have baked. Apple pie and lemon pie were specialties of hers. Or it might have been homemade bread, doughnuts or brownies. Then she would send you on your way.

So please accept my check in remembrance of you for the Tramp House Fund Drive.







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Continuing the Tramp House Saga

Bonnie McCarthy

In the September issue of *The Rooster*, Bob Weekes wrote an article about changes for the better in our little forest town, namely the newly landscaped Town Well Pump and Memorial Watering Trough in front of the town hall and the progress in restoring the historic Richmond Tramp House. We did not receive the Moose Plate Grant from the State of New Hampshire, but we were blessed with amazing town-wide collaboration in a fund-raising effort of both monetary donations and "in kind" materials and labor.



My fellow Richmond residents, this is Volunteerism with a capital V and "thank you" is an understatement.

The photos accompanying this article show the Tramp House on *Rooster* deadline day (9/15/15), as well as some from our open house at the Fire Department barbecue on August 30, replete with our own Sandy Laughner acting the part of a tramp and singing songs from the era. All of us can be proud of our community spirit as your Richmond Heritage Commission (RHC) continues to make the Changing Face of Richmond one of historical significance and beauty.

I am writing this article as Treasurer of the RHC and I can gleefully announce that as of September 15, 2015,

Richmond residents, their friends and family, and corporate sponsors have donated a total of \$7,758 toward the restoration of our little red Tramp House. When we add the \$611 raised by the Terri O'Rorke Quilt Raffle, the total monies raised SO FAR for the restoration of the Richmond Tramp House are \$8,569. And this figure does not count the untold materials and volunteer time donated as in-kind gifts from community members and sponsors. We are slightly less than \$500 from our \$9000 goal and would welcome any further donations to put Harry the Hobo's fund-drive thermometer over the top. There is still a need to furnish the Tramp House and landscape the mini-park.

And speaking of the Terri O'Rorke Quilt Raffle... drum roll please...the winner is...Maureen Blackledge. Congratulations Maureen on winning a quilt worth \$225.

NOMOROBO

Neil Moriarty

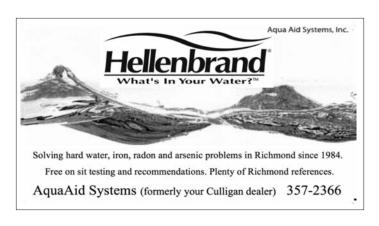
Might be worth a FREE try.

Were you able to see what this said: No Mo(re) Robo(tic calls)? It does exactly what it says, blocks robo calls. I read about this APP(application) for your phone in *Consumer Reports* magazine. The list of phone companies it supports is quite large.

We have it installed and it works. When you get a robo call it rings once then goes away. If the call has a name related to it, i.e., John Doe,* the call comes through. This software will not eliminate what I call annoying calls. I still receive calls from my drug supplier far too often.

Installing this software is a little complicated. When I went to the NOMOROBO website, I could not get the site's list of acceptable phone companies to work – it was simply frozen. I called Time Warner (technical support) to see if, in fact, NOMOROBO would work. The tech guy said, yes, (it works with Time Warner) and he was completely familiar (and in favor of) with NOMOROBO. He stayed on the line and walked me through the entire setup.

Briefly, you enter sign up data, release it, you need to get your phone company (at least I did) to confirm who







you are, then get NOMOROBO to set it up by repeating your set up data. Having the tech guy on the phone really sped up the process.

Oh, by the way, this is FREE software!!! You can buy other similar products. Unfortunately, I did not write down the month of Consumer Reports (you can read Consumer Reports at the library) it was in.

We are very pleased with the results of NOMOROBO, you might like it too. If you don't, you can turn it off.

* We have caller ID installed on our TV; the name and number appear on the screen when a call comes in.

Four Corners Store News

RCDA

The Selectmen recently reviewed the bids for the Four Corners Store Hazardous Materials Abatement and Demolition Project. On September 16, they signed the document awarding the bid for TMC Environmental.

The project will be paid for by a Brownfields Cleanup Funds subgrant obtained through the CRDC and will be used for abatement of the hazardous substances and demolition of the closed store. The project should begin by the beginning of October and take a week to complete.

When the demolition is completed, the NH DES has indicated that methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE) settlement funds can be used to excavate and dispose of impacted soils. This excavation project should follow promptly and take about a week to complete.

Fun in the Sun

Karen Daugherty

The Richmond Beach Party was a hit with lots of games, swimming, refreshments, and fun! Participants broke into two teams and battled for first place. Games included digging for treasure; a water relay; greased watermelon in the pond (a favorite for all); ball-in-a-shovel relay; and ball toss. Everyone walked away with smiles and prizes. A special thanks to Melody Ayotte who helped organize and run the games, and to Elaine Moriarty for making cupcakes!

Editor's Note

John Boccalini

A "thank you" to Deb Carroll for helping as Advertising Manager in our period of turmoil. She will be leaving in that capacity, so we are in need of somebody to replace her. Is there anybody out there. Call 239-6696

A special "thank you" to Wendy O'Brien for all she has done for the library and her contributions to *The Rooster*.

Letter to FERC

Shaun Bennett

The plan to construct a gas pipeline through Richmond, NH is flawed. It has not been widely presented and few of the land owners along its wide corridor have been notified of the proposal, possibly to limit the criticism it deserves. I am one of those un-notified land owners, with

property along the shore of Sandy Pond and along Bullock and Lang Roads in Richmond (Map 405, lots 20, 22, 25).

Sandy Pond is a rare, valuable, vulnerable water body. It is pristine because its watershed is undisturbed save for Sandy Pond Rd. and a transmission line that is the proposed pipeline's path. The Lake's shoreline is undeveloped, with almost no buildings, and no year-round residences. Undisturbed water bodies are very uncommon in Southern NH. This is a precious natural resource.

The Pond is unusually deep, 15 meters (50 ft), providing a large hypolimnion region and a longer "residence time" for water (and any contaminants) than in the typically shallower lakes of the region which "flush" more rapidly. The Lake's fauna includes fish, water birds (e.g., kingfishers, great blue herons, ducks, and geese), raptors (e.g., osprey) and nighthawks, reptiles (turtles and snakes), amphibia (breeding green frogs, bull frogs, american toads, spring peepers, and the densest population of eastern spotted newts ever reported in the scientific literature, as well as red-backed salamanders and two-lined salamanders). Mammals include occasional beavers and otters, and a substantial bat population (a threatened group that could be adversely affected). Historically, the brooks of Sandy Pond had an annual run of alewives that reproduce upstream of the proposed pipeline. The run's status is uncertain, at best it is endangered and disturbances in the watershed and streams could cause its extinction.

Trucks will damage roads on the western shoreline and along the northern shore. Pipeline construction will

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require many large, heavy vehicles over a long period with consequent degradation as these few roads provide the only access to long stretches of the pipeline route. Repairs will introduce sediments and noxious chemical agents from repair vehicles and from the needed new pavement. Assignment of the repair's cost is an additional issue

Most of Sandy Pond's watershed is to the north. There is virtually no runoff coming from the east or west. The southern watershed limit is a hundred meters or so from the shoreline with this zone constituting less than 10 % of the watershed and contributing a correspondingly small proportion of water.

In other words, nearly all water entering the Pond comes from the area impacted by the pipeline. Actions affecting water quality in this zone have a maximum effect on the quality of Sandy Pond and its ecosystem. The wide margins of the corridor insure that it will affect nearly all of the watershed.

The most obvious impacts, forest clearing, and excavation of soil and bedrock leading to erosion are damaging. More devastating will be herbicidal control of vegetation. Construction and maintenance of a pipeline corridor using chemical vegetation control will be disastrous to Sandy Pond, regardless of the toxicity of the chemical agents used.

The most common herbicide uses glyphosate, determined by the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer to be a likely human car-





cinogen. The children's summer camp Wiyaka has used the Pond for swimming, boating, and, in the past, even drinking water. Introduction of a harmful chemical would be irresponsible in the extreme.

Herbicides are, by definition, toxic. They kill plants. (Some herbicides may be less toxic to humans.) Sandy Pond is comprised of an ecosystem based on plants at its most basic trophic level. Any herbicide that enters the Pond will inevitably have a deleterious effect on plant life. The prolonged residence time of water (and substances in it such as herbicides) in Sandy Pond insures maximum negative effect.

There is a more insidious effect of herbicide use in a watershed: Research conducted in the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest in northern New Hampshire under the US Forest Service and collaborating universities including the University of New Hampshire, Dartmouth, Cornell, Yale and others over six decades shows the essential role of living plants in retaining plant nutrients within terrestrial ecosystems like the Sandy Pond watershed. Research led by Professors Gene Likens and F. Herbert Bormann, including contributions from dozens of others, show that when a forested ecosystem is cut and prevented from re-growing through the use of herbicides, enormous amounts of nutrient materials are dissolved in rain water and lost from the ecosystem in runoff. The runoff water may appear normal, but the dissolved content may exceed acceptable levels for potable water.

Plant nutrients that sustain terrestrial ecosystems' growth can be thought of as fertilizers. Large amounts entering an aquatic ecosystem will fertilize it as well. Increased growth of aquatic plants including undesirable and noxious species result. Organisms at higher trophic levels – plankton, invertebrates and fish – will be adversely affected by the disruption of the plants on which they depend. The biomass will eventually die and may overwhelm the ecosystem's capacity to decompose it aerobically, resulting in foul anaerobic decomposition. Aquatic organisms that normally obtain oxygen from water can no longer do so, and they die as well. Note that





this chain of events is unrelated to which herbicide is used and how expertly it is applied.

Could this happen in Sandy Pond? Initially, vegetation on the transmission line that is the pipeline's path through the watershed was controlled by herbicide. This caused growths of a previously absent vascular plant know as bladderwort or Utricularia in the Pond. The plants grew in large mats at the water surface (up to several square meters in area and half a meter thick). They were unpleasant and potentially dangerous to swimmers who could become entangled. After a few years during which this plant growth increased, the maintenance of the transmission line was changed to mechanical vegetation control and the Utricularia disappeared.

To summarize, Sandy Pond is a rare and threatened



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habitat: a deep, undeveloped, pristine aquatic ecosystem. The Pond supports wildlife populations including threatened organisms, as well as public recreation and a children's summer camp. The planned pipeline will pass through the watershed that is critical to Sandy Pond's health and will inevitably have an adverse impact on the Pond. Herbicidal control of vegetation will dramatically exacerbate the harm done by the pipeline regardless of the type of herbicide and the care with which it is applied.

It can only be concluded that routing the pipeline through the Sandy Pond watershed is the result of ignorance and/or a lack of concern.

Community Quilt

Terri O'Rorke

The Richmond Quilters met again to check the status of our quilt project. Elaine and Janice were able to get quite a few signatures at the Annual Fireman's BarBQ. These muslin pieces will be incorporated into finished blocks. So far, we're quite happy with the progress. Please remember to stop by the library or the town clerk's office and sign a piece of muslin fabric. We'll continue to gather signatures until the beginning of 2016, then move on to the next phase of putting the blocks together.

Janice asked the library if they could find a binder with old post cards depicting various parts of town. These post cards could be scanned onto fabric and used in the town quilt. We are hoping for success at the library as these post cards would be interesting to view whether we use any of them or not. Janice has already scanned pic-

tures of the Town Hall and Veteran's Hall onto fabric, which will add visual interest to this quilt.

Moving along to some of the finished blocks themselves, we decided there was some ripping and re-sewing in someone's future. Never a happy undertaking. For all signatures to be read right-side-up, one entire row has to be redone. That means about a dozen blocks!

Would you like to join us? As they say, many hands make the job light! Contact; Janice 239-6015, Diana 239-7550, Sue 239-4005, Elaine 239-6575, or Terri 239-4595.

Richmond Holiday Fair

Allison VanBrocklin

Plans are in place for the Annual Richmond Holiday Fair! For a small town, we have some exceptionally talented folks and this is an opportunity to share those talents with the community. The Holiday Fair will be held at the Richmond Veterans Hall on Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We expect many returning artisans from the area, and others interested in reserving a space, are encouraged to call Alison at 239-4494 as soon as possible. This event is sponsored by, and proceeds support the ministries of the Richmond Community United Methodist Church.

Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rorke

"We can't solve our problems with the same level of thinking that created them." — Albert Einstein 1879-1955



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Look Outside of Your Comfort Zone When Exploring Business Ownership

Michelle Connor

For many experienced professionals, finding a job in today's economy can be very tough. Business owners, of both large and small companies, are often focused on the bottom line more so than hiring new talent. Therefore, entrepreneurship has become a more viable option for many. The term, "forced entrepreneurship" is becoming a new trend.

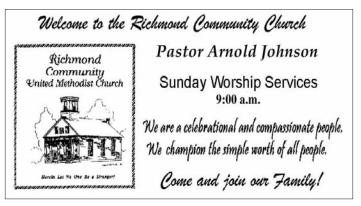
When considering whether to invest in a business, look outside of your comfort zone. In other words, it might be time to learn about something that's in an industry or business sector from which you have no prior experience. This might strike you as insane, but consider the insanity of doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. Many people are short changing themselves and they have more transferable skills than they might realize.

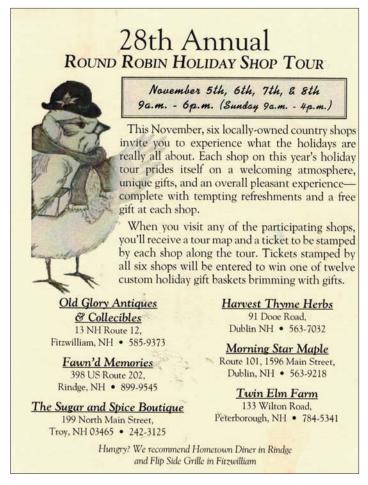
It's amazing what can happen when people think outside of the box and take the time to research other options available to them. Try to identify what you want your life to look like several years down the line. People who are currently in a career transition should spend a little time researching business ownership, specifically franchise opportunities. Although it might seem as if the economy is a dark cloud hovering over successful career options these days, business ownership can be the silver lining that gives people more control over their future and financial security. The days of retiring with a large pension from one corporation after working there for many years are long gone in this 'New Career Economy.'

An American Musical Masterpiece

Frank Behrens

If you are to purchase only one more DVD this year, make it "Show Boat" on the EuroArts label! Having seen, but forgotten the details of the telecast of this monumental musical by the Paper Mill Playhouse many years ago, I had only the two film versions to go by and the complete



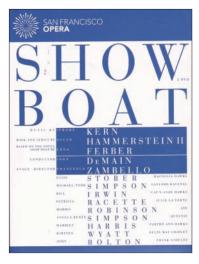


EMI recording on CDs.

It is said that when the opening night performance ended in 1927, the audience was stunned. But after reading the reviews, the public lined up to see this totally new concept in musicals that had a serious plot, race relations, racial epithets never spoken in a Broadway musical before, plus a hero who deserts his family.

But now the San Francisco Opera has videoed its recent production of "Show Boat," with lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II and music by Jerome Kern. This is the video closest to the original 1927 version, except for some (welcome) cutting in the dialogue. As conductor John De-Main explains in a brief interview, the original dialogue revealed too much of what the following song would do. And he reinstated two songs that I have never heard ex-





cept on the CD set.

Yes, most of us can name "Ol' Man River." "Bill," "Can't Help Dat Man of Lovin' Mine," "You Are Love." "Make Believe," even "Life Upon the Stage." Wicked But you'll be as surprised as I was with songs that are never included in "highlight" recordings nor done in the films.

The cast is a strong one with Heidi Stober (Magnolia), Michael Todd Simpson (Gaylord), Bill Irwin (Captain Andy), Morris Robinson (Joe), Angela Renee (Queenie), Kirsten Wyatt (Ellie May), and John Bolton (Frank). A special treat is Patricia Racette, seen on the Metropolitan Opera Stage, as Julie. Harriet Harris, in the speaking part of Parthy, is too shrill in her dialogue; and Wyatt's squeaky voice becomes tiresome at times.

The scenery is not meant to be realistic and this helps the many scene changes considerably. The choreography under Michele Lynch is fabulous, the chorus work under Ian Robertson is excellent, and the entire production is a credit to director Francesca Zambello. My only real complaint is that Gaylord does not get a single gray hair over all the years. Oh, well.

Good for EuroArts for giving subtitles to both lyrics and dialogue. The entire 144 minutes of the production are on a single DVD, while a second disc holds a tiny 33 minutes of interviews. But for once, they are worthwhile. After all, "Show Boat" is not your run-of-the-mill musical.

Out and About

John Boccalini

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Mon. Oct. 5, 6 pm. Met Live in HD: Il Trovatore. Colonial Theatre, Keene. \$25.

Thurs. Oct. 8, 8 pm. Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain. Colonial Theatre, Keene. \$49.

Fri. Oct. 9, 7:30 pm. Frost Heaves presents Yankee comedy: Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road. \$18.

Sat, October 10, 8 pm. Jandee Lee Porter Ban. Mole Hill Theatre, 789 Gilsum Mine Road, East Alstead. \$10. BYOB.

October 10, 8 pm. Arlo Guthrie: Alice's Restaurant 50th Anniversary. Colonial Theatre, Keene. \$56.

Sat. Oct. 10 & 17 at 2 pm. Frost Heaves presents Yankee comedy: Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road. \$18.

Sun. Oct. 17, 1 pm. Met Live in HD: Il Otello. Colonial Theatre, Keene. \$25.

Oct. 18, 3:00 pm. Potted Potter: The Unauthorized Harry Experience. Colonial Theatre, Keene. \$49.

Mon. Oct. 19, 7 pm. Caesar: The Man from Venus. (New Hampshire Humanities Council) Fitzwilliam Town Library, 11 Templeton Tpk., Fitzwilliam.



Wed. Oct. 21, 7 pm. Discovering New England Stone Walls. (New Hampshire Humanities Council) Cutler School, 31 S. Winchester St., Swanzey.

Oct. 23, 8 pm. Stayin' Alive: One Night of The Bee Gees. Colonial Theatre, Keene. \$38.

Sat. Oct. 24, 10 am. – 8 pm. Monadnock Pumpkin Festival. Cheshire Fairgrounds, 247 Monadnock Hwy. Swanzey

Oct. 30, 8 pm, Last Comic Standing: LIVE TOUR. Colonial Theatre, Keene. \$55.

Oct. 31, 12 pm Met Live in HD: Tannhauser. Colonial Theatre, Keene. \$25.

Fitzwilliam Inn

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October Events:

Oct. 3, 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Medium Bonnie Page. \$20 light snacks provided. Reservations strongly suggested.

Oct. 3, 7 to 10 pm, Banish Misfortune: Traditional Irish Music. \$7. Reservations strongly suggested.

Oct. 10, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, Moonstone: Beautiful Harmonies. No cover.

Oct. 17, 7:30 to 10 pm, Off The Cuff: Semi-Acoustic Jams. \$5 Cover.



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Fri. Oct 9, (D) – Diane Ammons, piano and vocals Sun. Oct 11, (B) – Ted Mann, guitar

No cover – Tips appreciated – Reservations recommended!

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Tues 7:30 pm. Celtic Music. Harlow's Pub, P'borough **Wed. 7 to 9 pm. Open-Mic Night.** Fitzwilliam Inn.

Wed. 3 to 6 pm. Farmers Market, Peterborough 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





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