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Final PAPER Issue of *The Rooster*

John Boccalini

The September 2006 issue of *The Richmond Rooster* had a similar lead title “*Richmond Rooster* Final Issue” written by Marie Knowlton, publisher.

The reasons that have led to our current situation are the same as they were nine years ago. Our current operating budget is the same as it was nine years ago with printing and postage expenses making up for almost all of the cost. Our staff is, and always has been, entirely volunteers, and I wish to thank each one of them who have helped over all these years.

Each issue has been distributed free to all our residents and our advertisers have paid for *most* of the cost of operations. Over the course of the last two years, the number of advertisers has dwindled, but the loss of revenue, as a result of the loss of ads, has been supplemented by anonymous donors. Our advertisers base has now dwindled to levels that are no longer able to support a paper version of *The Rooster*; nor do we have the assets to continue another issue.

As a result, this is the last paper issue of *The Richmond Rooster*. *The Rooster* will continue to be published monthly as it has been for the last

twenty-four plus years, but it will now be distributed as an online version only which can be printed if you so desire. For those who do not have access to the internet, there will be a link to it at the Richmond Public Library to view. There will be no cost to view *The Rooster* online and if you are a subscriber without access, the online version can be sent to a library convenient to you.

As subscribers to the online version already know, notification includes the availability of new issues, newsworthy events concerning the town and event reminders. All of this is available **only** if we have an email address to forward a notification to. New issues will be posted online at therichmond-rooster.org around the first of each month. if you don't want to send your email address.

If you must read a paper copy, one will be available at the Richmond Public Library. If we get enough funding, paper copies may come back.

Again, thanks to all of you who have contributed your time and talent to this important resource for our town. And don't forget to send an email address so we can place you on our mailing list to keep up on the latest town news.

Town Clerk's Office

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

September 7 CLOSED for Labor Day
September 30 Transfer Stickers Expire – 2015-2016
Stickers now available at the Town Clerk's office and at
The Town of Winchester Transfer Station.

Tax Collector's Change

Steve Boscarino

Effective Wednesday, September 2, 2015, the Tax Collector's office will be changing office hours from 2 pm – 5 pm to 9 am – 12 noon. These hours will correspond both with the Town Clerk and Selectmens' office hours.

Library News

Wendy O'Brien

Summer Reading Program Success!

We are pleased to report that kids throughout Richmond had a great time with the "Every Hero Has a Story" theme. We had lots of fun with weekly programming on Wednesdays with our very own local super heroes-Chief Brendan Bosquet, Sandee Auvil with Noah's service dog Reba, and Lt. Melanie Ellis from the Fire Department. Local residents gave generous amounts of food for the Town Food Pantry. We hope that everyone had fun and that we helped to keep reading skills sharp for the start of school this fall.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped make this program such a success: the Richmond Parks and Recreation Committee, Melody Ayotte, Hayden, Olivia and Patty Budzik, Elaine Moriarty, Trish Newton, Cassidy and Kaitlin Trudeau, Susan Wyatt, and all the wonderful parents who stepped in to help.

Used Book Sale and Raffle

At the time of writing, we are eagerly awaiting our Book Sale and Raffle on Sunday, August 30th. But we would like to take a moment to thank the donors to our raffle so far: Colonial Theatre, Toadstool Bookshop, Windswept Mountains View Christmas Tree Farm, Terri O'Rourke, Jan Weekes, and Bonnie McCarthy. Thank you so very much!

New Hours!

At the July Board Meeting, the Trustees voted to increase our "open hours" to the public. We will now open at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Drop by and say hello!

Saturday Coffee Hour

Now that the crisp days of fall are coming, we are pleased to once again offer our first-Saturday-of-the-month coffee hour. Drop by for coffee, tea, and goodies on Saturday, September 5th anytime between 10:30 and 11:30 am. Chat with neighbors and see what the local library has to offer!

New After School Program – Donations Needed!

We are pleased to announce that we'll be starting an after-school program for elementary aged students in mid-September. We'll be offering different programs throughout the fall including Lego Challenges and Make-it-and-Take-it Crafts. Do you have some extra Legos or craft materials hanging around? We'd love to have them! Feel free to drop them off at the Library, or we can pick them up. Just give us a call.

Fire House News

Lt. Melanie Ellis

The Richmond Fire Department wants to thank Melissa Pearsall for all her hard work on helping to put together the Annual Chicken BBQ. Also, the Department would like to thank Donna Brewer and Peter Kimball for their help preparing the chicken and to everyone else that made the BBQ a success. It was a great day.

The Fire Dept will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs on October 17 for the Little Monadnock Family Trails Power Sports Flea Market at Shir-Roy campground. Please stop by to support the Fire Department and take a look at the treasures to help support the LMFT.

As summer turns to fall, making sure your heating devices and/or systems are in good working order is very important. Many things can go wrong with heating equipment during the spring and summer months. Verify that everything you need to keep your home warm throughout fall and winter is in good working order before you experience the first cold snap of the season.

Have your central heating system cleaned and serviced before the cold hits to make sure it is functioning properly. Make sure that you have a sufficient quantity of fully functioning carbon monoxide detectors installed in your home. If you heat with a fire place, have your chimney inspected each year to make sure it is safe and hire a chimney sweep to clean your chimney every fall.

Update on the Library Renovation Project

Library Board of Trustees

The Library began soliciting donations from Richmond residents for the "Transforming Our Library" fundraising campaign in May. Our goal is to revitalize, and in one case, transform the three major rooms of the Library. First and foremost, our Librarian Wendy O'Brien and the Trustees want to thank all the people who donated to this renovation effort. Your support and generosity has truly overwhelmed us. Check the Library page on the Town website to see a listing of all the people who have made a donation to the renovation project.

Thanks to the generosity of the supporters of the Library, we're able to fully fund our first project, which made substantial improvements to the Children's Room. A new floor was installed and a new area rug was put down. In the next month or so we'll give the room a new coat of paint while, of course, preserving and protecting the beautiful murals of African wildlife.

We will then turn our attention to the Edith Atkins Room in the rear of the Library. Here we will create a more open space conducive to computer work and community activities. Our last project will be to liven up the



Main Reading Room. Preliminary plans have centered on ideas for refinishing the floor, improved lighting, and new furniture.

Donations are still welcome as we complete plans for these renovations. Your gift can be dropped off at the Library or mailed to 19 Winchester Road. Come join your neighbors in transforming your Library!

Richmond Thanks You – Melody

Elaine Moriarty

Summer of 2015, a mother suggests that her 13-year old daughter find some work to do.

Ultimately, after an interview with Richmond's librarian Wendy O'Brien, Melody Ayotte started volunteering at the library; thus began her summer of cataloging and checking out books. Additionally, she assisted with the children's summer *Super Hero Program*. By organizing crafts and activities, Melody brought delight to the younger children with games.

Volunteering holds high esteem in my heart and to experience a young lady making and sticking to a commitment deserves a huge THANK YOU.

Melody, you are truly appreciated, and by setting a great example for other young people, you surely made your family and Richmond proud!

The America Reads Program is Looking for New Volunteers!

Did you know that the percentage of children who read well has not improved substantially for more than twenty-five years? Thirty-eight percent of 4th graders read below basic level. Would you like to help change this statistic and improve a child's life in the Monadnock region?

If you can commit at least one hour a week, you can help a child who is falling behind in reading. Monadnock RSVP's America Reads program will provide you with the training you'll need, and they will match you with a child in your community to read with at their school.

If you are interested in joining the America Reads Volunteer Program, you will be asked to attend one of the two training classes for new volunteers. Prior to the training classes, volunteers will complete an interview and application process. All volunteers also undergo criminal background and reference checks.

Fall trainings will take place:

Peterborough: Monday, October 5 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Keene: Tuesday, October 13 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

A quick call or email is all it takes to get the process started. To find out more about *America Reads*, contact the Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center at 603-357-6893 or send an email to rsvp@mfs.org. Monadnock RSVP is a program of Monadnock Family Services, a Monadnock United Way Agency.

Community Quilt

Terri O'Rorke

The Richmond Quilters met on August 6 to discuss the progress of the Town's community quilt. One idea is to put the blocks into banners, but it all depends upon the amount of signatures we're able to gather. Five blocks were already sewn together, complete with signatures. That night we welcomed into our midst Louise Nolan who is interested in helping with this project. She went home with quite a few blank muslin pieces ready to be signed.

The quilters would still like to incorporate pictures of the Town's historical buildings and are still looking for an Epson printer to make it possible. If you have one or know someone who does, please contact one of the quilters.

There is plenty of muslin fabric at the library, Selectmen and Town Clerk's offices. Please take a moment to sign one. You can also stop at Diana Gallagher's shop on Fitzwilliam Road, "Pickering Farm," to leave a signature.

Her shop is open Thursday through Sunday from 10-5. If you would like to join us for our September meeting, please call:

Terri O'Rorke	239-4595
Elaine Laities	239-6575
Sue Taylor	239-4005
Diana Gallagher	239-7550
Janice Roy	239-6015

Four Corners Redevelopment News

RCDA

As you read on the front page of the August 8, *Keene Sentinel*, the Board of Selectmen and the Richmond Community Development Association (RCDA) are overseeing round two of the Four Corners Area clean-up this fall and the redevelopment phase. You'll recall that last summer the underground gas storage tank and more than 965 tons of contaminated soil were removed from the Four Corners store property. The former owner signed documents and with the Town's endorsement, the site qualified for Brownfields funding provided by the Southwest Region Planning Commission's Brownfields Program, which included funds from DES and MTBE funds from EPA.

At that time, the interior of the store was assessed for hazardous materials, which were found. The round two cleanup will remove these materials and the contaminated soil beneath the store. The project is funded by a Capital Region Development Council grant, with a 20% match from the Town (funds approved at the 2015 Town Meeting), primarily in in-kind materials and services. DES and EPA funds are involved with this clean-up as well. Work will begin late summer and is to be completed in October. The hazardous materials will be removed from the store, which includes asbestos containing materials, lead-based paint, and universal waste, including batteries, bulbs, pesticides, mercury-containing equipment, cathode-ray tubes, and antifreeze. Once the store is free of hazardous materials, it will be demolished and the contaminated soil underneath the store will be removed.

In July, a public hearing was held to discuss the Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives and Reme-

dial Action Plan for the public to comment on and consider three alternatives for the property cleanup and redevelopment. Remedial alternatives were based on evaluation of seven criteria to meet the following goals: remove the residual mass of petroleum-impacted soil and the potential for human contact; minimize the potential for vapor intrusion into current and future site buildings and for inhalation of petroleum-impacted soil vapor; reduce or remove the source of petroleum-contaminated ground water at the site and potential for ingestion of petroleum-contaminated ground water; minimize the potential for human exposure to hazardous building materials; and reduce the toxicity, mobility, and volume of Hazardous Building Materials. Based on the seven criteria, the recommended option with the highest evaluation score that met the above goals was recommended. It is also the least expensive option. It involves removing hazardous materials from the store and demolition of the store to allow for removal of contaminated soils under the store.

All of this work was undertaken in response to input from two Community Forums held in 2014, and a Community-wide survey also conducted in 2014. A Four Corners Area redevelopment plan was created based on community input regarding how the town would like to see the property redeveloped.

Dixie Gurian, who could not attend the Forum, wrote a letter that reflected almost exactly, what the people who did attend said. I quote "The store used to provide a space where people overlapped as they bought groceries or gas, bought their fishing or hunting licenses, grabbed a roast chicken for supper or ice cream for the kids, and a newspaper. It provided a sense of community as you saw someone you hadn't seen for a while, caught up on what was happening and went on your way. My vote, were I to have one, would be for the property to continue as a store, a general store that offered some of the same things as in the past, but also newer things too. I see the store as being something other than just a place to pick up milk and gas. There could be monthly displays of artwork on the walls, handmade soaps, breads, cards, photographs. It could provide a "local" section in the store for things made in Rich-



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mond. This may be a time to let our imaginations fly – looking at the past, the present and the future to how a general store on our Four Corners could be a viable, ongoing benefit to the owners and the town.”

This letter eloquently states the goals of the Town and the Richmond Community Development Association as we embark on the next phase of clean up and planning for the redevelopment of the property as a general store and gas station.

People who attended the Forums and completed the community survey expressed the following:

1. In the 2014 survey, out of 109 respondents from Richmond, the percentage of respondents that indicated the following features and ideals are important to preserve in order for the Four Corners to remain a special place: rural feel (92%), historic properties (84%), small businesses (83%), community gathering places, such as the pavilion and Veteran’s Hall (82%), local government (76%), places for recreation such as playgrounds or ball fields (73%), open spaces (72%).

2. In the same survey, the percentage of respondents that indicated the following new features would be important to create in order to keep the Four Corner’s Area a special place in the future: a general store (92%); a gas station (80%); improve safety for walking and biking (75%); a place for youth activities (63%); a sit-down restaurant (60%); a place for senior activities (59%); more jobs (57%); a place for entertainment (50%).

Concern has also been expressed that once the store and gas station are built under private ownership, which is the only real feasible option, how can it be protected from unwanted change if/when it changes hands; and also how can we safeguard the four corners neighborhood as the Town center. The RCDA is looking to collaborate with the Richmond Heritage Commission for ways to protect this special four corners neighborhood area and we also welcome your thoughts on this issue. You can contact the RCDA through the Town website by using the Contact Us feature, or by writing us at RCDA, 36 Honey Hill Road, Richmond, NH 03470.

The Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives and the Remedial Action Plan are available on the Town website at www.Richmond.nh.gov for your consideration if you missed the presentation.

See Anything New?

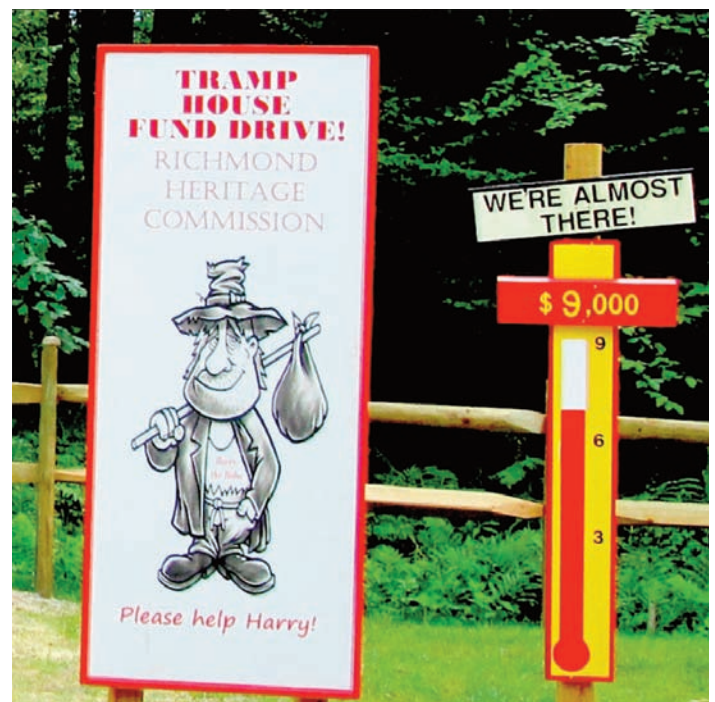
Bob Weekes

Last February and March, the Richmond Heritage Commission gave two presentations of “The Changing Face of Richmond” at the Vets Hall, utilizing archived photographs to chronicle the changes that have occurred in the



general area of our Four Corners. A central point of the presentation was that while change is inevitable in any town, with community support change can definitely be for the better.

In the last month alone, residents have seen evidence



of that. New plantings now grace the recently restored Town Well, Pump and Memorial Watering Trough in front of the Town Hall. Even more landscaping improvements to our historic sites are being planned as funding can be found. Restoration of the historic Richmond Tramp House inside a new mini-park across from the Library is well underway and will be much further along than this photo shows by the time this issue of the Rooster is published.

These changes are being noticed and demonstrate that our Town cares about the face it shows to those who live within or pass through our borders. And we hope another point will not be overlooked, that being that the Heritage Commission’s work is being directed, supported and conducted by volunteers who are contributing their time, energy and funds for one reason only, to make Richmond an



even more attractive community in which to live. It's been heartwarming to see how neighbors have joined with the Heritage Commission in what is becoming a town-wide collaboration. If you'd like to help us, we'd love to hear from you. We hope our work, preserving and properly presenting Richmond's rich history, will help bring this Town together, building community pride and property values. We hope you'll agree, that's change for the better!

Tramp House Restoration

Marie Knowlton

I am so happy to be able to contribute to the restoration of the TRAMP HOUSE. It has been a long time coming and I so appreciate all the folks who have worked so hard to make this happen.

As the former publisher and a founder of *The Richmond Rooster*, I ran a fantastic article titled "The Tramp House" written by Biff Mahoney in April 1992. It is online and I hope you get a chance to read it. The article made such an impact on me that I ran it again in October 2009 with a picture by Paul Clipper.

Did you know that the original building cost the town \$65.25 to build? This and other fun facts can be found in the Tramp House article.

I commend the members of the Richmond Heritage Commission for taking on this rewarding task to preserve this integral piece of Richmond History.

If you haven't already been moved by this phenomi-



nal restoration, please research the history and consider a donation to The Town of Richmond Heritage Commission 105 Old Homestead Highway, Richmond NH 03470.

August Update

Jim McConnell – State Representative

With neither the Legislature nor the County Delegation meeting since my last report, this will be a shorter update than most.

The bulk of my work in the past few weeks has been opposing the pipeline. I spoke before two Scoping Hearings that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) conducted, emphasizing what, to me, are the obvious points:

First, that the blasting required to install the pipeline will pose an immediate significant risk to the environment – wetlands, rivers, lakes and wells on which so many in Southern New Hampshire depend, and that the danger of a spill threatens to contaminate the aquifers on which almost everyone depends.

Second, that the pipeline is an export pipeline and that the contracts claimed are not only suspect, but much too small to justify a thirty-inch pipeline. Exports on the scale intended threaten to increase the cost of electricity by



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increasing the cost of natural gas. Over fifty percent of the New England grid's electricity is generated by natural gas. Fearing precisely this outcome, the Industrial Energy Consumers of America filed a motion, unsuccessfully, with the Department of Energy to block the issuing of export permits to Canada, on which this pipeline's exports depend.

Finally, I made the point that, in light of the "TBDs" (To Be Determined) throughout Kinder Morgan's submissions, the Scoping Hearings shouldn't be held at all. In two separate letters, dated April 2 and May 15, I argued that Scoping Hearings should not be held until "TBDs" were far less in evidence. In my view, both FERC and our federal representatives share the blame for allowing Kinder Morgan to "run out the clock" and reach the point where Scoping Hearings, a necessary step in the approval process, were held.

It's worth noting that Massachusetts blocked the portion of the pipeline that has been rerouted to New Hampshire with the solid opposition of their Governor and federal officials. The same cannot be said of Governor Hassan, Senators Ayotte and Shaheen, and Congresswoman Custer – none of whom have expressed opposition to the pipeline.

In addition, I filed a written statement with the Public Utility Commission and later attended their hearing in which the State's Office of Consumer Advocate made it clear that they opposed the proposed contract between Liberty Utilities and Kinder Morgan's Tennessee Gas Transmission. Failure to approve this contract would be a significant problem for the proposed pipeline as this is, by far, their largest contract.

This month the County Delegation Executive Committee meets, followed a week later by a meeting of the full Delegation. Among the business to be addressed is a vote to authorize the refinancing of the 2007 Jail Bonds and approval of an engineering contract to determine the cost of the various options to either repair or replace the Maplewood Nursing Home.

Call 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.

Notes From the Beach

Parks and Recreation Commission

The weather this summer has been very pleasant. I know many residents and friends have enjoyed swimming, playing, making sand castles, picking blueberries, and chatting together at Cass Pond. Sadly, the summer season is coming to an end. Children will head back to school and the beach will be closing down mid-September after Labor Day. The ropes will be taken in, the tables covered, and the port-a-potties removed. Meanwhile, the Parks and Recreation Commission will be taking steps toward stopping the erosion problem at the beach for next year.

Richmond Community UMC News


Pastor Arnie Johnson

Another busy August at the Richmond Community UMC has come to an end with our very successful Weiner Wednesdays offering. Our thanks to all who came through our Drive-Through to partake of our Hot Dogs and accouterments. The news of this great event has reached far and wide even bringing a 105-year young hot dog eater from Lyndborough to sample our wares. A good time was had by all!

September 5 brings our always fun and successful Yard Sale. We give thanks to all who donate their treasures that they no longer need, giving us a chance to pass them on to new owners who will continue to enjoy them. The Yard Sale is open for business from 8 am to 2 pm. Come, browse, select, and pay what you think the item is worth. The only items with specific prices are the food goods. Come early and often!

September 9, once again, brings the wonderful and musically gifted Kempter Family from Slapout, AL. They have had the honor of serving many a Sunday morning parishioner, Homecoming celebrations galore, and plenty

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of good ole fashioned Sunday Night Singings – even the Bluegrass and BBQ Festival in Dollywood, as well as cross-country trips to beautiful Colorado, South Carolina, Minnesota, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, and throughout New England! The Kempters have also had many appearances on television – even “Absolutely Alabama!” RCUMC will be co-hosting as they perform at our sister church, the West Rindge UMC, located near the intersection of Route 202 and Mountain Road (just north of the intersection of Route 119 and 202). The performance will start at 6:30 pm. I’m sure that those who were at their performance last year at our church would agree that the Kempter Family has been blessed with musical gifts that surpass all expectations. You can get information on them at www.thekempters.com and on www.youtube.com. If you like their music, they’ll have CDs and DVDs for sale at the performance. There is no admission fee, just a love offering. Come and be blessed!

We welcome all to join us in worship every Sunday at 9 am year-round, weather permitting. Also, please support our Food Pantry ministry that helps those in need. It is located at the Town Hall on Old Homestead Hwy. (Route 32). You will find us at 11 Fitzwilliam Rd. (Route 119) just east of the junction of Routes 32 and 119. Just look for the Old Brick Church with the white steeple. We hope and pray that we will see you soon!

Third Annual Family Farm Day

Sandy Holbrook, RHS and RAC

We had such a favorable response to last year’s Richmond Family Farm Day that we’re really excited about this year’s event. The Third Annual Family Farm Day will be September 19, 1 to 5 pm at the Windswept Mountains View Christmas Tree Farm (home of Susan and Jeff Taylor), 323 Fitzwilliam Road on Rte. 119 in Richmond.

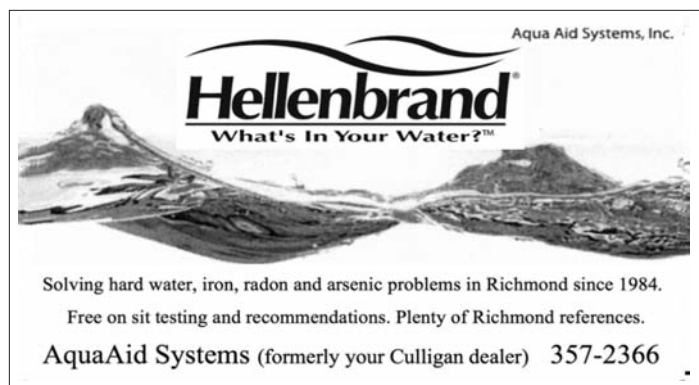
Tucked away in our rural landscape are folks with many talents or expertise, and this year’s guest speakers represent the finest of gems found in Richmond. Judith LaPlume has always been fascinated with how people lived before modern technology which ultimately lead her

family to homesteading. When one of her children had a reaction to drugs for asthma, Judith decided there had to be a better way to manage her family’s health. She started creating her own teas in lieu of store brands and eventually created her own home remedies. Her most popular remedy is Green Gold, which I personally can attest to. For 35 years, Judith has been making her own salves and tinctures as a sustenance hobby. Indigenous herbs are her favorite, and she will be sharing with us the smorgasbord of plants found right in our own backyards that are a healthy alternative.

Our second speaker, born in Dolsach, Austria, Rostislav “Rosti” Eismont’s came to this country as a DP (displaced person) after living in a refugee camp for five years. His education has included an apprenticeship with John Glick (Plumtree Pottery) through a Louis Comfort Tiffany grant, art schools on both coasts, as well as on-the-job professional experience in NYC and Washington DC. As art director for a number of national publications, as ceramics professor at SUNY, as adjunct professor of graphic design and advertising at Keene State, Rosti has attempted to pursue, explore, develop, and understand what it means to have an artist’s temperament. As AD of *The Studio Potter* magazine, he created a one-of-a-kind publication for the international ceramic community. He has received awards for design and art direction and has exhibited his paintings and pottery throughout his career. We know Rosti through Eismont Design Studio in North Swanzey where, together with his partner Jeani, he continues to design print materials and design and build websites. Rosti will introduce us to the process of making functional pottery.

For younger members of families (and older ones too), the RHS will talk about what recreations were like for kids growing up in the 1800s compared to today’s digital recreation. Participation in games is certainly encouraged. Please join us for a fun-filled afternoon.

There will be the infamous wagon tour up through the apple orchard and Christmas trees with the spectacular view spanning over four states and seven ski areas. In



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addition to the wagon ride, the Taylors are opening up the orchard for apple picking. And, of course, the day would not be complete without the annual plant swap. Don't forget the refreshments.

Save this date for an outing the entire family will enjoy! If you are new in town, this is a great way to introduce yourself!!

Richmond Family Farm Day is made possible through the combined efforts of the Richmond Agricultural Commission, Richmond Conservation Commission and the Richmond Historical Society. Please show your support and join us for a fun and informative day. For more information, contact Sandy Holbrook 239-4628. Thank you.

Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

There are two false rumors being spread within the district. To correct them, I simply filed freedom of information requests – below are the results.

False Comments on Excessive Budget Reductions

You may have heard or read comments from a couple of board members (not Mr. Carnie) that the 2014-2015 budget was cut too much causing problems at the middle/high school – this could not be more untrue. Over the last six years we have had the following surplus:

2009 surplus = \$1,323,283, 2010 = \$156,945, 2011 surplus = \$724,682, 2012 surplus = \$1,762,577, 2013 surplus = \$921,529, 2014 surplus = 1,909,209. That is in six years we have been over taxed \$6,484,405 – with an average yearly surplus of \$1,080,734.

While the existing staff should have been able to handle it, never the less, there was plenty of money to hire staff. We did not have a special warrant or an authorization to exceed the budget in 2010 (the year we exceeded the budget), so there is no excuse for not providing the adequate JUSTIFIED staff.

False Comments on the Rise in the Number of Kids Receiving Free or Reduced Lunch (Abbr. to FRL)*

Again, you may have heard or read comments from a couple of board members (not Mr. Carnie) that the number of

kids that are receiving FRL is on the increase at Monadnock – this is not true! I could list the actual yearly figures here (if you want them, email me at cmoriarty@ne.rr.com), but we dropped FRL 3% between 2013 to 2014; and 5% less FRL in the last five years. One thing that is increasing is the amount not paid by those families/kids for their share of the reduced lunch. The amount annually is not a big deal in a \$33 million annual budget; however, some children are gaming the system before they even get out of high school. In the past there was a policy that forced the kids to pay their fair share, or not participate in any extra curricular activities or graduate. Let's be clear here – no kid was ever deprived of a graduation – the money owed was paid. However, just as soon as the FRL pay policy was deleted, the amount paid by the district (that's you and me) jumped from \$16,000 to \$24,000 owed by FEWER KIDS. It's time to put the pay-your-fair-share FRL policy back in place.

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

*There is a program for families to receive free or reduced lunch if they meet the requirements for low income. They must pay the reduced amount for their lunch. All short falls must be paid by the district.

The Stories Houses Tell

John A. Lewis

Mr. John W. Herrick, born in Royalston, Massachusetts in 1817, traveled northward some twelve miles to establish his fortune in the Town of Richmond, NH in Cheshire County at the age of twenty-seven. Within three years of his relocation in 1846, he purchased for \$325 from Mr. George Naromore, "a certain tract or piece of land...containing thirty-four acres with the buildings thereon"... (The John W. Herrick Place, now 49 Athol Road, Richmond) just south of the Four Corners bounded easterly by the dirt road running south from Keene, NH through Roy-

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alston and then to Athol, MA. Mr. Herrick would take a Miss Maria Hill from his Richmond neighborhood as his bride and establish their home which would be marked neatly on the 1858 Map of Richmond, NH some sixty rods south of the Four Corners. Their modest residence was designed with the simple architectural pretensions of the Greek Revival style; the front fenestration admitting morning Eastern light through a six-paned transom window on the Keene road, and two windows paned 12-over-6 in flank of the front door. The house was connected by passageway to the barn which sheltered a horse and carriage and other livestock as well.

This pleasing Herrick domesticity would be interrupted with the death of his wife at the young age of forty in 1861. With some resilience, he remarried in 1862, finding his bride the widowed Mrs. Juliette Kelton in the City of Keene. Perhaps tiring of the rusticity of Richmond, he undertook a divestiture of his Richmond holdings, carving from his thirty-four acres “a certain tract of land with the buildings thereon of three acres more or less, 60 rods south of the Four Corners,” realizing in the 1864 sale to Lewis Fisher for \$425, a handsome appreciation of real estate value. That John W. Herrick House and the three-acre parcel which surrounds it has been deeded unaltered in its form and boundaries for more than 140 years.

The Herrick household was kept in Keene at 31 Roxbury Street. Mr. Herrick engaged in various city trades.

The Keene City Directories listed him in 1871 as a Route agent of the Ashuelot Railroad, a Justice of the Peace in 1873, a Deputy Sheriff in 1876, and then in 1877, in a remarkable personal elevation, Proprietor of the Prospect House in Chesterfield, NH.

Something in the bustling urban Keene environment, the opportunities afforded by railroad access, and perhaps the aspirations of his new bride gave lift to his entrepreneurial spirit which turned to the shores of Spofford Lake in Chesterfield, NH. On this nearly unspoiled lake, knowing the commercial attractions of a summer resort hotel, he built, and in 1873 opened the Prospect House, a large four-story building which could accommodate 75 visitors, enticed from as far away as New York City, where the Prospect House maintained an office. Guests would travel by train to Keene and then reach the Prospect House by stagecoach, to engage in the genteel disports of billiards, croquet, swings, and bowling, and the more vigorous activities of bathing, rowing, sailing, hiking, and fishing for black bass and pike.

In time, the guests would also be treated to scenic tours of the lake in the Prospect House’s steamboat the “Enterprise,” which Herrick built on the shores of the lake with business partners who contracted Boston builders and which was launched on the bicentennial date of 3 July 1876 to the strains of “Off She Goes.”

John W. Herrick would manage the Prospect House

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until his death in 1879, leaving his wife a widow behind in Keene as he would be buried in the South Cemetery in Richmond under a headstone which read John W. Herrick, Esq. The Esquire provided just the right note of distinction reflecting his entrepreneurial bent. His homestead in Richmond, NH remains still, with the minor exception of an enclosed front porch, unchanged, sited on the Athol Road on the same "tract of three acres more or less."

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Animaterra Award

Russ Provost

Vicki Provost and Janet Boccacini performed on stage at KSC. They are members of Animaterra Women's Chorus which was one of the recipients of the Ruth and James Ewing Arts Award, recognizing excellence in the Visual and Performing Arts in the Monadnock Region.



A Heartfelt Ascent

Peter Majoy

Twenty years ago, Russ Provost watched his son compete in a triathlon on Cape Cod. In the triathlon, Rick Hoyt, a quadriplegic, was pushed in a wheelchair by his dad Dick Hoyt, who over time entered various duathlons, triathlons, and marathons, as well as a 3735 mile 45-day cross country run. For Russ, this became the background collection of incredibly challenging events that spurred him

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on to many running and cycling events in his own life which, in time, led him to the August 2, 2015 Sunrise Ascent on Mt. Washington.

As Dick Hoyt did for his son, this was an opportunity for Russ to join Team Bella which would share in the pushing and pulling of a trail rider on which lay 9th grader Bella, a paraplegic who had done the ascent for five years. In preparing for this event, Russ placed three bags of wood pellets in his mother's old wheel chair pushing it up and down his driveway. In addition, Russ raised \$500 for this cause.

This eight-mile gradual ascension on Mt. Washington's Auto Road was a fund raiser sponsored by New England Disabled Sports (www.nedisabledsports.org). NEDS is a non profit organization headquartered in Lincoln, NH and is nationally recognized as one of the premier adaptive sports programs in the country. It offers both summer and winter adaptive sports for both recreational and competitive athletes who need adaptive instruction.

And so, at 4 am when August 2 arrived dressed in almost perfect weather for this challenging push/pull of wonderful Bella up Mt. Washington, Russ met his nineteen teammates who called themselves "mules." The whole team began the process of exchanging push/pull positions on the steep eight miles up to the summit. The race started below the tree line under a dark moonlit sky. Eventually rising above the tree line, the teams were painted by the sunrise accompanying gusty winds. The cloudless sky offered a fifty-mile view in all directions.

In four hours they arrived at the summit. They passed other teams of adaptive athletes like Bella, others in wheelchairs, and some in specially modified tricycles. Cheers emerged for all. Pictures were taken, and what Russ had so energetically prepared for came true, filling him with thankfulness and the realization that this experience was one of the highlights of his life. Charles Dickens once said that "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of it for another." Russ has made these words a reality and hopes to make this a yearly event and raise even more money next year.

Richmond Yard and Bake Sale

Alison VanBrocklin

Mark your calendar for the Annual Yard and Bake Sale at the Old Brick Church, 11 Fitzwilliam Road, Richmond, on Saturday, September 5. The sale starts at 8:00 am and continues until 2:00 pm. Come early for the best bargains! All proceeds benefit the ministries of the Richmond Community United Methodist Church.

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Out and About

John Bocalini

Wed. Sept. 2. Richmond Tax Collector's office will be changing office hours from 2 – 5 pm to 9 am – 12 noon.

Sat. Sept. 5, 8 am to 2 pm. Annual Yard Sale, Richmond Community United Methodist Church, 11 Fitzwilliam Rd. on Rt. 119, Richmond.

Mon. Sept. 7, Town Clerk's office CLOSED for Labor Day

Sat. Sept. 19, 1 – 5 pm. Third Annual Family Farm Day at Windswept Mountains View Christmas Tree Farm (home of Susan and Jeff Taylor), 323 Fitzwilliam Road, on Rt. 119, Richmond.

Wed. Sept. 30, Transfer Stickers Expire 2015-2016 Stickers now available at the Town Clerk's office and at the Town of Winchester Transfer Station.

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Sun. Sept. 6 Brunch – tbd

Fri. Sept. 11 Dinner – Ted Mann, guitar

Sun. Sept. 13 Brunch – Judy Blake and Ken Hamshaw, vocals and guitar

Fri. Sept. 18 Dinner – Mike Wakefield, sax

Sun. Sept. 20 Brunch – Lefty Blue, guitar & vocals

Fri. Sept. 25 Dinner – Diane Ammons, piano & vocals

Sun. Sept. 27 Brunch – Mike Wakefield, sax

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Ongoing:

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Sun. Noon – 2 pm. Music with Brunch. Waterhouse Restaurant, Depot Square, P'borough

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

Tues 7:30 pm. Celtic Music. Harlow's Pub. P'borough

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

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

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

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

"Lovejoy" Series Comes to an End!

Frank Behrens

And thus ends a most delightful British comedy/mystery series! The ten episodes that comprise "Lovejoy, Series 6" in a set of three Acorn Media DVDs are just as enjoyable as all that went before them. And the final one, "Last Tango in Lavenham," gives the series as a whole an ending filled with plot twists, each of which defies expectation—right up to the last frame.

Lovejoy (Ian McShane), as you must know by now, is an antiques dealer with the rare talent of being a

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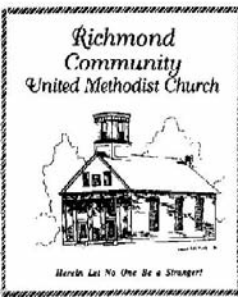
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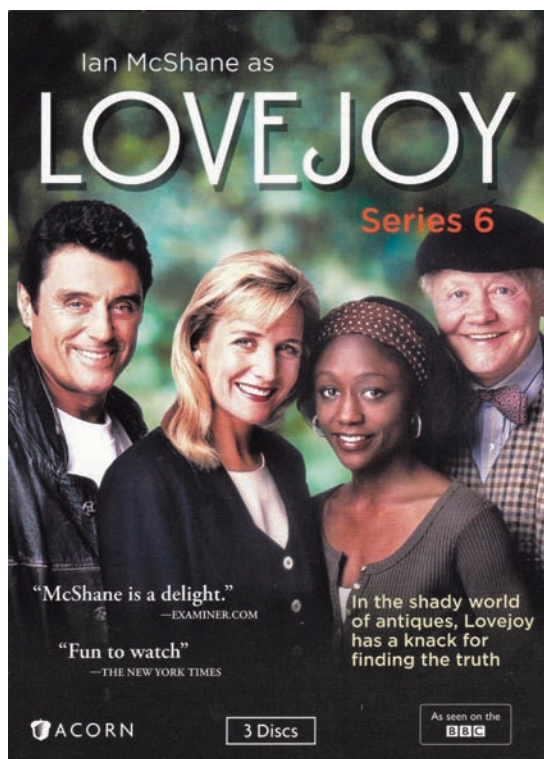
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“divvy,” one who can tell a fake from a genuine antique at a glance. He is also an example of the trickster of myth – right there in the company of Loki, Scaramouche, and Bugs Bunny – who is never averse to skirting what is legal in the trade to bring the Bad Guys to book.

After the departure of two major characters in a past series, the charming Lady Jane (Phyllis Logan) and the bumbling Eric (Chris Jury), Lovejoy took on the pert and intelligent young Beth (Diane Parish) and became involved professionally and emotionally with the auctioneer Charlotte (Caroline Langrishe). Happily, his never quite sober assistant Tinker Dill (Dudley Sutton) remained with him to supply more humor to the proceedings.

Hints of how this last season was to end come early when Tinker announces he wants to run a pub and Beth announces she is looking for better things. As the sixth series goes on, Lovejoy is considering at least the possibility of marrying Charlotte, who also has plans that include her moving to the United States. One crisis after the other...until that final episode.

I do miss the character Charlie Gimbert, Lovejoy's comic-villainous rival antique dealer and all around pain in the neck; but the appearance in one episode of his equally crooked father, delightfully played by John Bardon, nearly makes up for the son's absence. The reappearance of Lady Jane in “Last Tango in Lavenham” and the cameo reappearance of Eric add to the charm and even sadness of the end of a most unusual and popular series.



I cannot help repeating how alike most police and mystery series are and how much depends on the personality of the leading actor. The best example is John Nettles in the origi-

nal “Midsomer Murders” series, who was simply a likable person. Then came all those half shaven misfits with all sorts of personal baggage to slow down the plots.

Well, Lovejoy was not only likable but the world of antiques dealing added to the viewers' interest. He will be missed.

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Pipeline Letter

The Richmond Board of Selectmen sent several letters, to FERC (cc KM), and Kuster, Hassan, Shaheen, Ayotte, Sanborn protesting the proposed reroute. They are posted on the town website under News.

Re: Town of Richmond NH Opposes Proposed Reroute of the NED Pipeline through Richmon residential area, in place of original plan to go through vacant logging land

At a recent meeting of our Board of Selectmen of Richmond, NH, several residents of Richmond living on Scott Mountain Rd came to tell us that they had been visited by agents of Kinder Morgan and given a map with a proposed change to their original pipeline route. We attach a copy of this map showing the proposed reroute.

Kinder Morgan's original route through this section of Richmond went through unoccupied forestland. Kinder Morgan's proposed reroute now goes through and close to homes of Richmond residents. Two of the homes impacted by the reroute are very historic, one a well-documented, pre-revolutionary house that has been authentically restored to its 18th century period by the owner who lives there, and the other the former home and studio of an early Richmond artist, the house dating to 1782. A third is the residence of a family with several young children. In addition, the proposed reroute follows Turnpike Road, itself quite historic as it was the first east-west road through Richmond (actually a turnpike whose toll gate site is located within the "incineration zone" of the proposed pipeline reroute) laid out in the 1730s.

In addition, this reroute moves the pipeline to within 400-800 feet of State Highway 119 for over one-half of a mile. Route 119 is the only main artery that connects Richmond with towns to the west (Winchester, Hinsdale and Brattleboro). In addition, Route 119 is a major route from Richmond to the nearest hospital in Keene. In the event of an accident along this proposed reroute, westerly traffic from the town of Richmond would be completely cut-off. [Note: the originally proposed pipeline route simply crossed Route 119 in one place before heading north into unoccupied forestland before joining the power lines. By following Turnpike and Scott Mountain Roads, the reroute now impacts the homes of the Richmond residents discussed earlier.

One resident landowner on the newly proposed route asked the Kinder Morgan representative the reason for the proposed change, since it now would impact residences whereas before it did not. The Kinder Morgan representative said the new proposal avoids impacting "the walking

trails on Scott Mtn." This makes no sense at all as the land is currently posted "no trespassing" and, in any event, is no more "public walking trails" than are the many old abandoned former logging roads that crisscross privately held forestland. Such trails are not maintained or publicized, nor do they have any signage.

Later, in a telephone conversation with the Chair of our Board, another Kinder Morgan representative gave another reason, stating that the new proposal was negotiated between Kinder Morgan and the landowner of the uninhabited land through which the pipeline originally had been proposed to traverse. This is extremely disturbing to hear – that a private land owner can negotiate with Kinder Morgan to reroute a pipeline through residences and emergency exit routes instead of unoccupied logging land. Further, the landowner of the unoccupied logging land is a private limited liability corporation owned by out-of-state individuals.

All of the affected residents stated emphatically at our Board meeting that they do not want the pipeline to be on or near their property.

Can you please follow up with Kinder Morgan about this? Impacting homes and a major artery instead of unoccupied forestland makes no sense. This proposed reroute is clearly against the public interest.

In addition, we must add that despite Kinder Morgan's statements that they would be in steady advance communications with our town Board of Selectmen over their plans, they continue to fail to do so. After being informed directly by Kinder Morgan representatives, our residents came to their Board of Selectmen for verification. However the Select Board had been told absolutely nothing by Kinder Morgan.

The town of Richmond, at its March 2015 town meeting, voted overwhelmingly to oppose the NED pipeline, and that opposition continues with strength and vehemence. But proposals such as this new reroute throw gasoline on the flames.

Thank you for your attention,
Board of Selectmen, Town of Richmond NH,
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