



The **Something to Crow About** **RICHMOND ROOSTER** September 2016

Sandra J. Holbrook

January 18, 1947 ~ August 4, 2016

Sandra J. Holbrook, 69, of Richmond, N.H. passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family and friends.



She was born January 18, 1947, the daughter of Richard K. and Dorothy (Bolton) Holbrook in Greenfield, Massachusetts. She graduated in 1965 from Hinsdale (NH) High School and Pierce College for Women in 1967, with a medical associates degree. She was employed for forty-three years at the National Grange Mutual Insurance in various capacities including personnel, training and development, and the legal department. Sandy retired in 2011.

An avid equestrian, Sandy was involved in Miracles in Motion from its inception. She was on the Board of Directors for the New Hampshire Horse Council and a member of Monadnock Happy Trails. Other involvements included Richmond Library trustee, Richmond Agricultural Commission, Richmond Historical Society, and staff recorder and photographer for the local Richmond Rooster.

She enjoyed outdoor activities including kayaking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and swimming.

Also noted for her outdoor flower gardens, she was proud of her landscaping and her photography.

Sandy is survived by three siblings: Judy Hulbert and her husband, Alan, of Pennsylvania; Donna J. Holbrook of Florida; and Rick Holbrook and his wife, Ginny, of California. Also seven nieces and nephews: Michele Messick of Connecticut; Robin Rosen of Pennsylvania; Keith Hurlburt of Pennsylvania; Eric Hurlburt of Ohio; Christine Holbrook of Vermont; Eric Holbrook of Colorado; and Christina Melton of California; and fifteen great nieces and nephews, plus many wonderful friends and neighbors.

Kidder Funeral Home at 1 Parker Avenue in Northfield, Massachusetts is handling the arrangements. There are no calling hours. Sandy will be buried with her parents in Hinsdale.

There will be a Memorial Service/Celebration of Life for long time resident and volunteer for All-Things-Richmond, Sandy Holbrook. The service will be held at 11:00 am at the Richmond Community Methodist Church on Saturday September 17, 2016. Immediately following the service, there will be a reception at the Veterans Memorial Hall. All are welcome.

Donations in her memory may be made to your favorite charity, or perform a random act of kindness.

Notes from the Selectmen

Update on Town Summer Projects

Planting at the Town Hall, which was originally scheduled to begin in June and then delayed by the drought, finally began in mid-August. The two tall columnar evergreens framing the building are Norway spruce cultivars, *picea abies cupressina* – a hardy tree that should grow quickly and remain trouble free, retaining the narrow columnar form as it grows. The perennials in these front beds are donated from private gardens – drought free varieties that will mature nicely. There will be some plant additions and substitutions as the weather cools into next Spring. Prepping, planting, and maintenance

nance, thus far, have been done with donated plants and labor and a small amount of funding from the Heritage Commission.

Plantings at the Tramp House and the Police Station are expected to go in the ground this fall.

Our thanks to the Richmond Highway Department and the Richmond Heritage Commission, and especially to the many volunteers who have worked on this project – Carol Jameson, Sandy Laughner, Bob and Jan Weekes, Bonnie McCarthy, Peter Mulhall, Mallary Reece, and Susan Roney. Our thanks also to Marc Hudson, the “Inspired Garden” out of Westmoreland NH, and to Bay State Perennials in Whately, Massachusetts who contributed plants and labor at little or no cost.

Painting on most of the exterior of Town Hall and the Veterans Hall has been completed – with two sides remaining to be scheduled for next year. The sign identifying the Town Hall is now up on Route 32.

Repaving on Sandy Pond Road and Tully Brook Road should have begun by the time you read this. Weather and budget permitting, work will begin on redoing the Veterans Hall parking lot this fall.

Sale of Tax-Deeded Properties

The Selectmen are inventorying town-owned properties, and putting some tax-deeded lots up for sale. Tax-deeded properties are those which the tax collector has deeded to the town because of non-payment of taxes – taxes must be at least three years overdue before the property is deeded to the town. Under state law, the prior owner retains a right of redemption for an additional three years after the property is tax-deeded, so most towns typically wait until the end of the three-year period before offering the property for sale to the public. Sale is by sealed bid after the property is advertised for sale in a local newspaper and on the town website. There is a minimum bid requirement, typically, far below market value for similar properties; the sale is by quit-claim deed from the town – no warranties as to title or condition. Please check the town website or call us at 239-4232 for additional information. It is an opportune time for buyers to pick up property at a good price: the town gets the property back on the tax roll.



Sylvia M. VanBrocklin

August 10, 1923 – August 16, 2016

Sylvia M. VanBrocklin, 93, of Richmond passed away on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at Applewood Nursing Home in Winchester.

Born in Westport August 10, 1923, the daughter of Sadie A. (Phillips) and Albert L. Plummer, Sylvia married Robert H. VanBrocklin on March 6, 1940 and remained married for over 70 wonderful years before Robert's death in 2010.

Sylvia appreciated a strong sense of community and stayed heavily involved in her town. She had been a member of the Richmond United Methodist Church since 1946. She had also held the position as the Richmond Cemetery Sexton and was the Richmond Supervisor of the Checklist. In addition, Sylvia was an active member of the Richmond Fire Department Auxiliary.

Over the years, she worked caring for others, giving them the ability to stay in their own homes. During World War II, she had been employed by Perkins Machine in Keene.

Sylvia found beauty in nature. She especially liked rhododendrons, watching birds, and tending to her garden. More than anything, Sylvia loved family and the time she spent with them.

She is survived by her two sons, Bruce VanBrocklin and his wife, LaDonna, of Falmouth, Kentucky, and Hugh VanBrocklin and his wife, Alison, of Richmond; one brother, Robert Plummer of Westport; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Lori Thoin and

her husband, Jon, and their daughter, Larissa, of Marlborough; Julie Craig and her husband, Ken, and their children Nathan, Stephen, and Hannah, of North Tonawanda, New York; Andrew VanBrocklin and his wife, Kelly, and their children; Hunter and Madison, of Alfred, Maine; Emily Royal and her husband, Jason, of Winchendon, Massachusetts, and Laura VanBrocklin and Jon Fowler of Denver, Colorado.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Robert H. VanBrocklin, and great-grandson, Gavin Robert VanBrocklin.

Services for Mrs. VanBrocklin were held at the Richmond Community United Methodist Church, 11 Fitzwilliam Road, Richmond, Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016, at 11 am. The burial followed in the Earl Howard Cemetery in Richmond.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Sylvia M. VanBrocklin's name to the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, 321 Port Road, Wells, Maine, 04090. Fletcher Funeral Home and Cremation Services handled the arrangements. www.FletcherFuneralHome.com

Dates to Remember

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Sept. 5 – CLOSED for Labor Day

Sept. 9 – Last day to register to vote with Town Clerk

Sept. 13 – State Primary Election

See you at the polls!

Sept. 30 – Transfer Station stickers expire.

Purchase new ones at the Town Clerk's office, or at the Winchester Transfer Station, or at the Winchester Town Clerk's office, \$20.00 for the first one, and \$1.00 for additional stickers for same household.

Voting at the State Primary

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The State Primary Election will be September 13, 2016,

at the Veterans Hall from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

If you are not yet registered to vote, you may do so at the Supervisors of the Checklist session to be held on September 6, 2016, from 7:00 to 7:30 pm at the Veterans Hall or on Election Day.

Voters registered as Undeclared may receive either a Democrat or Republican ballot on Election Day by stating their party preference to the check-in clerks. Voters wishing to return to Undeclared status should go to the Supervisors of the Checklist table after voting. Voters registered as Republican or Democrat will only be given the ballot of the party to which they are affiliated.

If you are not able to come to the polls on Election Day, contact the Town Clerk's office to obtain an absentee ballot. After the voter has marked the ballot and properly sealed it in the envelopes provided, the absentee ballot can be returned in one of three ways:

- Personally returned to the Town Clerk's office by the voter, no later than 5:00 pm on September 12th.
- If the absentee ballot is mailed back, it must be received no later than 5:00 pm on September 13th.
- The absentee ballot may also be delivered by the voter's parent, spouse, child, or sibling no later than 5:00 pm on September 13th. If delivered prior to or on September 12th, the person should hand the ballot directly to the Town Clerk or the Deputy Town Clerk during regular business hours. If the ballot is delivered on Election Day (and no later than 5:00 pm), it should be given to the Town Clerk at the polling place. Please be certain to bring a government-issued photo ID if you are one of these four qualified people delivering an absentee ballot for a voter.

You can view your status as a registered voter in Richmond, your party affiliation, or the status of your absentee ballot by going to <http://sos.nh.gov/>. Click on "Voter Information Look-up" and follow the instructions. Please call 239-6202 if you have any questions.

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Pipeline related news

John Boccalini

In Favor of Rate Payers

The Massachusetts Supreme Court has ruled that the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU), incorrectly determined that it had the authority to approve contracts by electric utilities for gas capacity for electric generation. Hearings in Massachusetts have been suspended. This decision relates to the Spectra-Algonquin Access Northeast Project at issue in New Hampshire in Case #16-241 (Eversource is seeking approval in that case). We would expect that the Access Northeast Project will be cancelled in its current form, and that the New Hampshire proceedings will be withdrawn. Good news. Stay tuned.

Refund

The town of Richmond will receive a refund check in the amount of \$2,176.00 from the Law Firm of Burns & Levenson LLP (B&L) as a result of the Kinder Morgan withdrawal of its application to build the Northeast Direct (NED) pipeline. The town's pipeline legal fund was budgeted for \$12,650.00 and only half of that (\$6,325.00) was paid out as a retainer to the law firm. The refund is the unspent portion of that retainer.

Richmond Four Corner Survey

Richmond Community Development Association
A little over two years ago a survey of Richmond residents showed an overwhelming majority of residents felt the importance of having a general store as well as a gas station in town. The Four Corners' property is finally clear of all contamination and the buildings have been removed, leaving a clear vacant lot, ready for redevelopment.

The RCDA is developing a local marketing plan to encourage and support local interest in owning and op-

erating a general store and gas station. The Board of Selectmen and RCDA are developing plans to provide incentives for a new business owner, including pricing of the property, tax incentives, and support for securing business loans and professional training.

Part of the requirements in securing a grant to develop the property further is to conduct an economic feasibility study and an architectural and engineering plan, which is now in progress.

In considering the economic feasibility of the project for a new business owner in our community, we are asking for your help by completing a short survey. The survey can be found online at the Town Hall or Town Library. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KGZSR7B>

Please share your thoughts, opinions, comments and suggestions with us, thank you.

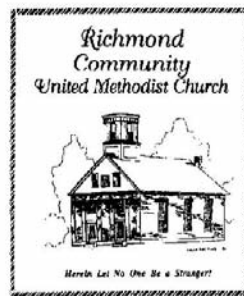
June Update

Jim McConnell – State Representative
Cheshire 12 – Richmond & Swanzey

The legislature is shut down for August. After Labor Day, legislative activity will resume with committees conducting Interim Studies and the early window to submit Legislative Service Requests (LSRs) for drafting legislation for the 2017 Session.

In my view, the most important Interim Study is the Ways & Means Committee's consideration of whether

Welcome to the Richmond Community Church



Pastor Arnold Johnson

Sunday Worship Services
9:00 a.m.

*We are a celebrational and compassionate people.
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - VOTER ID LAW
RSA 659:13

[effective September 1, 2015]

EXPLANATORY DOCUMENT (RSA 652:26)
PROOF OF VOTER IDENTITY INSTRUCTIONS (RSA 658:29-a)

What type of ID will I need to vote?

- Driver's license issued by any state or federal government;
- Non-driver ID card issued by NH DMV or motor vehicle agency of another state;
- Photo ID card for "voting identification only" issued by NH DMV (RSA 260:21);
- United States armed services identification card;
- United States passport or passcard;
- NH student ID card (see more information below);
- A photo ID not mentioned above, but determined to be legitimate by the moderator, supervisors of the checklist, or clerk of a town, ward or city. If any person authorized to challenge a voter does so under this provision, the voter shall be required to fill out a challenged voter affidavit before obtaining a ballot.
- Verification of the voter's identity by a moderator or supervisor of the checklist or clerk of a town, ward or city (not a ballot clerk). If any person authorized to challenge a voter does so under this provision, the voter shall be required to fill out a challenged voter affidavit before obtaining a ballot.

An acceptable photo ID must have an expiration date or date of issuance. The ID will remain valid 5 years beyond the expiration date unless the voter is 65 or older in which case an acceptable photo ID may be used without regard to expiration date. The name on the ID shall substantially conform to the name on the checklist.

More on student ID cards:

Acceptable student photo ID cards must be issued by:

- A college, university, or career school approved or licensed to operate in New Hampshire
- A public high school in New Hampshire
- A non-public high school in New Hampshire accredited by a private school accrediting agency that is recognized by the NH Department of Education
- Dartmouth College
- A college or university operated by the university system of New Hampshire or the community college system of New Hampshire

Beginning in 2014 all colleges or universities operated by the university system or community college system of New Hampshire must include the date of issuance on the student ID card. Student ID cards without a date of issuance will be accepted until September 1, 2018. Each August the Commissioner of the Department of Education will provide to the Secretary of State a list of all approved, licensed, and accredited schools from which a student ID is acceptable.

What if I do not have an approved photo ID?

Any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be permitted to vote after executing a challenged voter affidavit. In addition, the voter shall have their photograph taken by the moderator or assistant moderator, which shall be attached to the challenged voter affidavit. If the voter objects to the photograph requirement because of religious beliefs, the voter may execute an affidavit of religious exemption that will be attached to the challenged voter affidavit instead of the photograph. A voter who does not have an approved photo ID may obtain a free photo ID for voting purposes only by presenting a voucher from their town/city clerk or the Secretary of State to any NH DMV office that issues identification.

Is there any post-election action required by me after I vote without an approved photo ID?

If you filled out a challenged voter affidavit in order to vote on Election Day, you will receive a verification letter from the Secretary of State requesting confirmation that you voted in the election. If you do not respond in writing to the Secretary of State within 90 days of the date it was mailed, the Attorney General will conduct an investigation to determine whether fraudulent voting occurred.

Where can I get more information?

Your town or city clerk or the Secretary of State.
Secretary of State: Website: www.sos.nh.gov elections@sos.nh.gov

August, 2015

PROHIBITED ACTS

RSA 659:34 Wrongful Voting: Penalties for Voter Fraud. I. A person is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 if such person:

(a) When registering to vote; when obtaining an official ballot; when casting a vote by official ballot; or when applying for a photo identification card for voting purposes, purposely or knowingly makes a false material statement regarding his or her qualifications as a voter to an election officer or submits a voter registration form, an election day registration affidavit, a qualified voter affidavit, a domicile affidavit, a challenged voter affidavit, an affidavit of religious exemption, an identification card voucher, or an absentee registration affidavit containing false material information regarding his or her qualifications as a voter;

(b) Votes more than once for any office or measure;

(c) Applies for a ballot in a name other than his or her own;

(d) Applies for a ballot in his or her own name after he or she has voted once;

(e) Votes for any office or measure at an election if such person is not qualified to vote as provided in RSA 654; or

(f) Gives a false name or answer if under examination as to his or her qualifications as a voter before the supervisors of the checklist or moderator; or

(g) Presents falsified proof of identity at any election.

II. A person is guilty of a class B felony, if, at any election, such person purposely or knowingly commits an act specified in subparagraph I(b) or I(e). A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if, at any election, such person purposely or knowingly commits any of the other acts listed in paragraph I, and, if the act involved the use of false proof of identity or voting using the name of another person, the person shall be sentenced to a mandatory sentence in the county correctional facility of not less than 30 days for a first offense under this section, 90 days for a second offense under this section, and 180 days for a third or subsequent offense under this section.

III. The attorney general is authorized to impose a civil penalty under paragraph I.

(a) The attorney general may impose a civil penalty by providing written notice to the person:

(1) Setting forth the date, facts, and nature of each act or omission which makes the person liable to pay a civil penalty;

(2) Specifically identifying the particular provision or provisions of the law involved in each violation; and

(3) Advising the person of each penalty that the attorney general imposes and its amount.

(b) The written notice shall be served in hand or sent by registered or certified mail to the last known address of such person. The person shall have 30 days to pay any civil penalty assessed under this section to the secretary of state for deposit into the general fund.

IV. The decision of the attorney general to impose a civil penalty may be appealed to superior court. An appeal must be filed within 30 days of the date on which the person received it.

V. The attorney general is authorized to institute a civil action to collect a penalty imposed pursuant to this section. The attorney general shall have the exclusive power to compromise, mitigate, or remit such civil penalties.



ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
Richmond
Republican
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
September 13, 2016

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To Vote: Fill in the oval to the right of your choice. For each office, vote for not more than the number of candidates stated in the sentence: "Vote for not more than ____." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.

To Vote by Write-in: To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space. Fill in the oval to the right of the "write-in" space.

For Governor Vote for not more than 1	For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1	For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1
Jeanie Forrester <input type="radio"/>	Dave Wheeler <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>
Ted Gatsas <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1
Jonathan Lavoie <input type="radio"/>	For State Senator Vote for not more than 1	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>
Chris Sununu <input type="radio"/>	Andy Sanborn <input type="radio"/>	For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1
Frank Edelblut <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>
WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	For State Representatives Cheshire District 12 Vote for not more than 2	For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1
For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1	Jim McConnell <input type="radio"/>	Susan J. Castor <input type="radio"/>
Jim Rubens <input type="radio"/>	Richard Sainsbury <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>
Tom Alciere <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1
Kelly Ayotte <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	Joseph H. Cartwright <input type="radio"/>
Gerard Beloin <input type="radio"/>	For State Representative Cheshire District 15 Vote for not more than 1	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>
Stanley Michael Emanuel <input type="radio"/>	Stephen K. Malone <input type="radio"/>	For Delegate to the State Convention Vote for not more than 1
WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1	For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	
Andy Martin <input type="radio"/>	Earl D. Nelson <input type="radio"/>	
Jay Mercer <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	
Casey Newell <input type="radio"/>		
Eric P. Estevez <input type="radio"/>		
Jack B. Flanagan <input type="radio"/>		
Walter W. Kelly <input type="radio"/>		
Jim Lawrence <input type="radio"/>		
WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>		



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
Richmond
Democratic
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
September 13, 2016**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To Vote: Fill in the oval to the right of your choice. For each office, vote for not more than the number of candidates stated in the sentence: "Vote for not more than ____." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.

To Vote by Write-in: To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space. Fill in the oval to the right of the "write-in" space.

For Governor Vote for not more than 1	For State Senator Vote for not more than 1	For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1
Mark Connolly <input type="radio"/>	Lee C. Nyquist <input type="radio"/>	D. Chris McLaughlin <input type="radio"/>
Derek Dextraze <input type="radio"/>	Jeanne Dietsch <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>
Ian Freeman <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1
Steve Marchand <input type="radio"/>	For State Representatives Cheshire District 12 Vote for not more than 2	John G. Wozmak <input type="radio"/>
Colin Van Ostern <input type="radio"/>		WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>
WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>		
For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1	Barry Faulkner <input type="radio"/>	For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1
Maggie Hassan <input type="radio"/>	Miguel Picanco <input type="radio"/>	Anna Z. Tilton <input type="radio"/>
WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1	For State Representative Cheshire District 15 Vote for not more than 1	For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1
Ann McLane Kuster <input type="radio"/>	Bruce L. Tatro <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>
WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1
For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1	For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	Stillman D. Rogers <input type="radio"/>
Dan Weeks <input type="radio"/>	Eli Rivera <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>
WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/>	

or not electric ratepayers should be prohibited from paying for the construction of high pressure gas pipelines – a result of a bill I prepared in the last session.

I will also take advantage of the opportunity to file a number of early LSRs to ensure that, assuming I'm re-elected, I won't have to compete for drafting attorneys' attention with newly elected legislators any more than necessary during the November LSR period.

Unlike the legislature, the County Delegation has been active. The Maplewood Subcommittee, which has spent the last eighteen months considering the future of the County's Nursing Home, finished its deliberations and forwarded two options to the Delegation Executive Committee. The first, which I favor, would expand and refurbish the existing Maplewood Nursing Home in Westmoreland. The second, which would close Maplewood and move the Nursing Home to Keene, would be a hybrid model incorporating some of the so-called Green House concepts. The most important consideration for me is that Maplewood continue to provide care for the county's 150 medically neediest patients: those a private nursing home operator cannot afford to care for. I was a member of the Maplewood Subcommittee and am a member of the County Executive Committee.

I can be reached at 903-3878, which is my cell phone. I have decided it is much more efficient to use my cell phone as I'm frequently away from my desk and I'd rather take a call than return one. My personal email is mcc@mindspring.com Please use my personal 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.

Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

Back to School August 25 and Restart of America Reads
School restarted on Thursday August 25, 2016. On August 26, 2016 I will have started my ninth year of *America Reads* at Mount Caesar; my eighth year with Ms. Nancy Frazier. I know you have been asked before, but if you have a hour or two a week to help the kids with reading, call Allison Riley, the local *America Reads* coordinator, at 283 1686. You will receive full training in October. It is a rewarding experience for me.

Monadnock Education Matters

Monadnock School Newsletter was sent to your house

on August 15. It shows new features of the district, as well as the new hires, including more about Dr. Woods, the new Director of Student Services.

Dr. Catherine Woods was hired as our new Director of Student Services to replace Mr. Kenneth. Dr. Woods comes to us from SAU 29 (Keene and other surrounding towns) with ten years of experience. Let's wish her luck filling a large pair of shoes.

\$510,000 Teacher's Insurance Pool; Some of it Hijacked

In spite of requests from the Select Boards of Fitzwilliam, Richmond, Swanzey, and Troy, your school board voted to give about \$230,000 to the teachers by paying 100% of their entire health insurance. Wait, that's not all! The district paid the teachers income tax deduction, plus the teachers' Social Security/Medicare (FICA) for that insurance income. Whatever happened to No Means NO? The voters denied a raise last March 2016, but your board gave them \$230,000 anyway. The following board members voted NO: Jim Carney of Richmond, Phyllis Peterson, and Win Wright of Fitzwilliam. The following Board Members voted YES: Karen Wheeler of Gilsum, Nick Mosher of Roxbury, Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas, Bob Mitchel, Joe Smith, Eric Stanley of Swanzey, and Scott Peters of Troy.

The Olympic athlete has to pay their own taxes (and FICA) on the gold and silver medals. Perhaps you will find a time to pay those YES votes back someday. When it comes time to vote next March 2017, let's remember that our teachers did get a raise, after all.

Isn't it wonderful how our lawyer, Mr. O'Shaughnessy, gets us into these situations and that these items even come up? How about the half-paid lunch for support staff employees who are out – not working; yet another blunder by our lawyer. But our school board keeps hiring him. Only at Monadnock!

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

Dean's List

Neil Moriarty

Ms. Hannah Bush was named to the Dean's List at University of New Hampshire Durham. Congratulations, Hannah!

\$	WANTED TO BUY			\$
\$	Toys	Vintage Photographs and Clothing	Tools	\$
\$	Pottery	Blue Decorated Stoneware	Old Radios	\$
\$	Frames	Musical Instruments	Old Telephones	\$
\$	Cameras		Old Electric Fans	\$
	Danny Wahl	We are currently looking to purchase many different items, including but not limited to these items	603-239-7200	

Richmond Ride Share Program

As a result of the Red Cross's termination of their transportation program for medical visits, the Community Volunteer Transportation Company (CVTC) has expanded its services to serve thirty-one towns in the Monadnock Region, including Richmond.

The CVTC's volunteer drivers provide "no-fee" transportation for those who do not have access to transportation because of age, ability, economic situation, or other limiting circumstances. Our trips include non-emergency medical and social service appointments, as well as trips to the grocery store and the pharmacy.

The service is free as a result of funding from individuals; towns; businesses; the Federal Transit Administration through NH DOT; the NH Charitable Foundation's A. Eland and Hazel N. Goyette Memorial Fund; Charlotte and Alpheus White Fund; Everett and Margaret H. Clement Family Fund; Monadnock Challenge Fund; Bean Family Foundation; Roy A. Hunt Foundation; the Kingsbury Fund; and the Monadnock United Way.

Call toll free 1-877-428-2882, ext. 5 to register for rides, or to find out how to become a volunteer driver. Why not carpool? Monadnock Rideshare, our online Rideboard helps people create carpools to work, for errands, sporting or cultural events, and even getting the kids off to school. Click here to find out how to post a ride offer or request.

<https://www.cvtc-nh.org/rideshare.html>

The CVTC Volunteer Driver Program is developing driver networks in all of our towns in cooperation with the American Red Cross and the Disabled American Veterans. We are looking to enroll more volunteer drivers to get people where they need to go, and identify those who can provide rides in their own vehicles, or those who would like to be trained to drive small wheelchair accessible vans and buses.

If you have some time, now-and-then, to give someone a ride, we'd enjoy hearing from you.

Let us answer your questions about mileage reimbursement, training, insurance, and how easy it is to sign up for trips online or over the phone. Our drivers choose the rides that work with their schedules.

For more information on becoming a CVTC volunteer driver, please call toll-free: 1-877-428-2882, ext. 5.

Richmond Holiday Fair

Alison Van Brocklin

We are pleased to announce that the Annual Richmond Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at the Veterans Hall, Route 32, Richmond, NH. Shopping hours are from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, with luncheon served from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm.

The Holiday Fair is sponsored by the Richmond Community Church. It provides local artisans an opportunity to present handcrafted treasures, and shoppers a unique beginning to the holiday season. If you are interested in renting a space, please call Alison at 239-4494. Shalom.

Eggs

Sandee Auvil and Noah Raymond

Noah and I have chicken and duck eggs for sale. Currently, we have eleven hens, and two ducks who are laying eggs daily, so we have an abundance of farm fresh eggs. We have been raising chickens for years, but only recently brought ducks into our flock. The chickens and ducks get along swimmingly!

We are selling the farm fresh eggs for \$3.00 a dozen. They are raised with love, and we treat them kindly. They, in turn, reward us each day with eggs. Call or email us at sandee.auvil@gmail.com if you would like to purchase eggs. We do sell them year round, but the supply of eggs is not as abundant, due to molting

(feather loss) and the cold temps. But I am told that a duck will lay an egg a day year round!

We can also be reached at 239-6446.

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Trees are an important part of our community-helping beautify the neighborhoods we call home. But did you know that trees are the leading cause of power outages?

Every year, tree limbs, branches, and roots come in contact with the thousands of miles of distribution lines which can damage equipment and cause public safety hazards.

Eversource's Vegetation Management program is a thoughtful plan that balances the needs of our customers and communities. Their goal is to ensure safe, reliable electric service, with minimal service interruptions, while ensuring the proper growth of trees around power lines.

This program is run by certified arborists and other professionals with vast experience in arboriculture. Qualified line clearance contractors are also employed by Eversource, some companies with decades of experience in New England.

Eversource continuously monitors wires and equipment, and they periodically trim around the lines providing electric service to your neighborhood.

They also track performance of different parts of our infrastructure, making note and prioritizing tree trimming in areas that routinely experience outages due to trees. When crews trim along a circuit, clearance is determined based on common growth rates of the trees of New England.

Eversource's practices also meet the standards of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), and the American National Standard Institute (ANSI).

Plant Trees in the Proper Zone

When planting trees on your property, make sure to plant the right tree in the right place. The height of a mature tree helps determine how far from roadside power lines it should be planted.

The Plan Before You Plant brochure has more information about which types of trees are low-to-tall growing, and how far from power lines they should be planted.

<https://www.eversource.com/Content>.

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Catlette's Soliloquy

To go outside Or to remain within
That is the question
Whether 'tis better for a cat to suffer
The cuffs and buffets of inclement weather
That Nature rains on those who roam abroad
Or take a nap upon a scrap of carpet
And by so dozing melt the solid hours
That clog the clock's bright gears with sullen time
And stall the dinner bell.
To sit To stare
Outdoors and by a stare to seem to state
A wish to venture forth without delay
Then when the portals opened up to stand
As if transformed by doubt.
To prowl to sleep
To choose not knowing when we may once more
Our readmittance gain: aye there's the hairball
For if paw were shaped to turn a knob
Or work a lock or slip a window-catch
And going out and coming in were made
As simple as the breaking of a bowl
What cat would bear the household's petty plagues
The cook's well-practiced kicks the butler's broom
The infant's careless pokes the tickled ears
The trampled tail and all the daily shocks
That fur is heir to when of his own free will
He might his exodus or entrance make
With a mere mitten?
Who would foxes fear
Or strays trespassing from a nearby wood
But that the dread of our unheeded cries
And scratches at a barricaded door
No claw can open up dispels our nerve
And makes us rather bear our human's faults
Than run away to unguessed miseries?
Thus caution doth make housecats of us all
And thus the bristling hair of resolution
Is softened by the palest brush of thought
And since our choices hinge on weighty things
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Library News

Paul Dobbs

Early-Literacy Story Time and Home-Schooling Families' Meeting

The Library's weekly program of Early-Literacy Story Time will start again on Wednesday, September 14 at 10:00 am.

At 11:00 am on Wednesdays, the Library will welcome families of home-schooled children for a learning activity and a parents' discussion group. Snacks for everyone, with coffee and tea for adults, will be served. The Library aims to build up resources to support the interests and needs of children, who are both in and out of school, as well as books and magazines for parents who want to support their children's learning.

Second Annual Agricultural Fair

Debra Potts

Our Lady of Good Remedy Herbs Judith La Plume
Red Mill Pottery Rosti Eismont - Pottery (demo)
Jarondie Farm Fresh Eggs & more!
Porkepine Swamp Farm Raising Meat Rabbits
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Amy Barker Shire Sunshine Preserves (Jams & Jellies)
Mad Bear Forge & Homestead Black Smith (demo)
Seth & Mallary Reece

Country Crafts Quilts (Terri O'Rorke)
Gannon Paracord Patty Jones - Leashes
ECHO Action & Roaring Brook Affinity Group
Little Farmhouse Flowers Linda D'Arco

Last Saturday, August 20th, The Richmond Agricultural Commission hosted their Second Annual Agricultural Fair at the Rich-

mond Pavilion. Eleven vendors participated and had a steady flow of community members throughout the day.

Rosti Eismont of Red Mill Pottery showed his skill creating beautiful pieces in front of an eager crowd. He also had plenty of beautiful work for sale!

Seth, Mallary and Mila Reece of MadBear Forge & Homestead had a variety of country favorites like home-grown tomatoes, pickles in a jar and baked goods. Seth, a talented blacksmith, performed live demo's while making one of a kind pieces, dinnerware, and jewelry.

There were rabbits, flowers, quilters, and artists, fresh jams, jellies, as well as environmental education and all natural herbal medicines! What fair is complete without activities for kids? These included corn painting, milking the cow, and planting seeds!

We would like to thank all who participated in making this day possible and look forward to growing this event each year. Special thanks to our community for your continued support.



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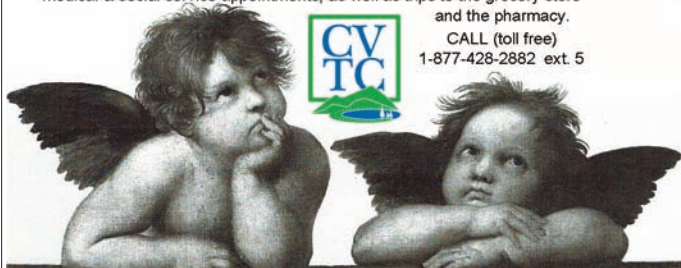
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7 PM – ? for public concerns)

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