



The **Something to Crow About** RICHMOND ROOSTER

October 2017

Notes from the Selectmen

Logging Town-Owned Land

We will be logging a large lot of town-owned land, to bring in revenue. The parcel is directly behind and next to the South Cemetery on Athol Road. The trees are being marked now, although logging may not happen until 2018. A 200 ft. strip of the parcel adjacent to the cemetery will be clear-cut and added to the current cemetery for future expansion if needed, in case people are dying to get in.

Speaking of cemeteries, did you know that every town maintains a cemetery for its residents? In Richmond plots cost \$50, and if you are a resident at the time of your death, the burial is dirt cheap. Contact the Cemetery Trustees if you want additional information.

Reduced Cost for Building Permits

Susan Harrington, our Administrative Assistant, did a study for us on the cost of Building Permits in comparable and near-by towns. We discovered that our charges for large structures are much higher than is the norm, so we lowered the cost of building permits. The biggest reduction is in the cost of permits for new home construction (now \$200 instead of .25 per square foot), and for additions and accessory buildings such as barns, garages, sheds, etc (no charge for structures of 100 square feet or less, and a flat fee of \$50 for 101-200 square feet, \$100 for 201 square feet and up, as compared to the former fee of .25 per square foot). We also set-up a procedure to speed up the process for approval of a building permit.

If you are building anything on your property or tearing anything down, please come to the Selectmen's office to find out if you need a permit, and apply for one if you do. It isn't expensive, it doesn't take much time to get an approval, and it is always far better to know that you are building according to our zoning requirements, rather than having to tear down or correct a nonconforming structure. Also check our zoning ordinances in advance – you will find the rules there on

setbacks, wetland distances, etc. Remember, too, that driveway construction also requires a permit – the Road Agent has to approve it if you are on a town road and the NH DOT if you are on a state road. Either way, the town has to know that your driveway complies with applicable requirements.

Town-wide Reassessment

We completed the town-wide reassessment in September. Overall, the total valuation of all properties increased by 5.6% over the last assessment in 2012. Consistent with what commonly happens in a reassessment – approximately one third of the values increased; about one third decreased, and about one third stayed the same. Of the approximately 1,000 properties that were assessed, there were 34 property owners that requested an appointment with Avitar, our assessing firm, to discuss the reassessment. The impact of an owner's new property assessment cannot be known until the tax rate is established in late October or November.

Trouble Posting to Website

We were unable to post information to the Town website for a few weeks in late August/September. We apologize for the gap in posting. We post minutes and notices on the notice board outside Town Hall or at the Vet's Hall if the information is not on the website, or if the website is down.

The Selectmen meet every Monday at 5:30 at Town Hall. Meetings are public. If you have an issue or question you would like to bring to us, please call ahead to make an appointment so we are sure to fit you in on the agenda for that meeting.

Town Clerk's Office

Annette Tokunaga

Transfer station stickers are now available at the Town Clerk's office. The first sticker costs \$20 and any additional sticker for the same household is \$1. Please have

your vehicle registration or license plate number with you when you purchase a sticker, as each sticker is assigned by vehicle. You can also purchase the stickers at the transfer station and at the Town Clerk's office in Winchester. You will need to present your vehicle registration to verify that you are a Richmond resident.

Please read the NH Division of Motor Vehicles Press Release in this issue. There will be some closures in October at the DMV in Keene and all other NH locations. My office is usually closed Friday and Tuesday and will be closed that particular Monday, October 9, in observance of Columbus Day. Plan accordingly.

Starting October 1, the placement of vehicle inspection stickers will change from the center of the windshield to the lower, driver's side corner of the windshield. This change was made to accommodate technology that is built into some newer vehicles in the center of the windshield. In addition, the sticker itself will now look different. It will have both the month and year of expiration. Motorcycles and some other vehicles will continue to use the current inspection sticker.

Please contact me if you have any questions. For accurate information about office hours, closures, and town clerk-related information, visit the official Town of Richmond website at <http://www.richmond.nh.gov>.

Richmond Library

Wendy OBrien

Calendar for October

Wed. Oct. 4, 10:00, Storytime: *Down on the Farm*

Thurs. Oct 5, 5:00, Teen Pizza Night

Sat. Oct. 7, 10:30-11:30, Community Coffee Hour, Knitting Circle

Wed. Oct. 11, 10:00, Storytime: *Sailing Away*

Sat. Oct. 14, 10:30, Knitting Circle

Tues. Oct. 17, 7:00, Book Signing: Pam Goodell and her new book, *Dementia: The Demon in the Closet*.

Wed. Oct. 18, 10:00, Storytime: *Three Billy Goats Gruff*

Thurs. Oct 19, 5:00, Teen Pizza Night

Sat. Oct. 21, 10:30, Knitting Circle

Mon. Oct. 23, 9:30, Board of Trustees Meeting

Wed. Oct. 25, 10:00, Storytime: Halloween

Sat. Oct. 28, 10:30, Knitting Circle

New Program-Teen Pizza Night at the Library

Come to the RPL and enjoy pizza, board games, and meet other teens from around the region. If you wish,

bring along your favorite book to share with the group. We will be meeting every other Thursday at 5:00 pm beginning on Oct. 5th. Come join us!

New Adult Fiction

Y is For Yesterday, Sue Grafton

Seeing Red, Sandra Brown

Legacy of Spies, John Le Carre

Map of the Heart, Susan Wiggs

New DVDs

Game of Thrones, Seasons 5-6

A Place to Call Home, Seasons 1-4

Hunt for the Wilderpeople

Hacksaw Ridge

New Audio Books

The Family Lawyer, James Patterson

Enigma, Catherine Coulter

We also have access to thousands of items through the NH interlibrary loan program, as well as eBooks and audiobooks through the *Overdrive* app. We are bigger than we look. Come check us out!

September 2017 Update

Jim McConnell – State Representative

Cheshire 12 – Richmond and Swanzy

The filing period for Representatives to file Legislative Service Requests (LSRs) which are requests that drafting attorneys draft bills, is from September 6 to September 22. As this is written, I have filed five LSRs and anticipate filing perhaps five more. I will also be co-sponsoring a number of other bills.

Two of the LSRs I've submitted increase transparency. The first requires that House hearings, work sessions, executive sessions (those meetings where votes determining a bill's fate are held) and Committees of Conference are digitally recorded and available on the General Court website. Currently, the Senate records their sessions, but the House does not. The second creates a Register of Executive Orders which requires the Governor's office to provide the Secretary of State with copies of any Executive Orders, within 72 hours of signing, for posting on an internet accessible Register. The Register is intended to include previous Governors' Executive Orders as well, but some are hard to find and a complete record may not be possible.

One of my LSRs makes explicit the use of deadly force in the event of sexual assault by anyone physically aiding or abetting the person committing the offense. There have been a number of cases in Europe where a group of men form a circle around a woman and a rapist to create a barrier preventing anyone from coming to the woman's aid.

Another of my LSRs makes appropriations for costs involved in controlling Invasive Aquatic Species in our lakes, rivers and streams. The state currently spends \$1.2 million annually in an attempt to hold the line on Invasive Aquatics. The state's program is commendably thrifty as it relies on Lake Associations and conservation groups to actually do the work required, while New Hampshire provides the equipment and matching funds for college students' summer jobs inspecting boats entering our waters. This program is under the supervision of one office with one employee. The estimated cost over a five-year period to largely, but not completely – which is impossible, eliminate the problem is \$19.5 million. Less the \$6 million we would spend over the five years at the current rate, the additional costs are \$13.5 million.

Finally, I have submitted an LSR to penalize polluters (corporate and individual) for the cost of containment, cleanup, and remediation of water, air, and soil pollution. In addition, a charge of 50% of that total amount would be payable to the State's General Fund. New Hampshire has the unhappy reputation of having lax environmental regulations which has resulted in some companies moving here solely to escape regulation in other states. Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics, the source of significant perfluorinated chemical (PFA) pollution in the towns of Merrimack and Litchfield, moved to New Hampshire from Vermont. Recently disclosed documents indicate the move was largely to avoid Vermont's more stringent environmental regulations. While it is important that New Hampshire attract businesses, a business which contaminates our air, land, and water at enormous medical and financial cost, is a business we can do without.

In addition to filing bills, the various House committees are busy dealing with bills which were neither passed nor deemed "Inexpedient to Legislate," but were retained for further work and will receive a committee recommendation by November 1. The only one of my bills which was retained is HB 399, which seeks to reduce the use of pesticides where children play. Com-

mittee hearings are being conducted and I have brought in expert witnesses to help me make my case. Whatever the recommendation, the bill will be considered this winter by the full House.

I can be reached on my cell phone at 903-3878. 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. I want to make sure that you, my constituents, can reach me when you want to and not be lost in the shuffle.

Richmond Rooster Progress

Marie Knowlton

May 9, 1991 – Six people gathered to discuss the possibility of publishing a newsletter specifically for, by, and about Richmond. At that time, town news was exchanged at the now-demolished 4 Corners Store. Folks shopped at the store and talked to Gerry Brewer, Bud, Diane, Paul or Linda Jacobson.

It was agreed that attempting to put a monthly magazine together was a very good idea. Initially we would welcome all articles as long as the author agreed to put their name with their article. Nothing would be printed without a name. It would be free, we would find advertisers, and all money would be put right back into making another issue.

My daughter Chelsie, who was 4-years-old, chose the name. I asked for a word that started with R that involved communication and sound. Rooster was the perfect name.

Computers were just starting to be used in people's homes. John Boccalini and Marie Knowlton both had speedy 386 16Mhz turbos and pin-fed printers to chug out each page. Internet and email did not yet exist. The transfer of floppy disks was the way to go. All materials were dropped off and picked up using a folder at the 4 Corners Store.

In 1991 your town address was either RFD 1 or RFD 2, and each paper was labeled with your name as "Carrier Route." The paper was labeled and folded for mailing at monthly folding parties, usually at Terri and Hugh O'Rourke's house.

Donations came roaring in – Richmond Town Library \$10.00, Friends of the Library \$10.00, and the Richmond Recreation Committee \$10.00. Subscribers were willing to pay \$12.00-a-year for 12 issues, and thanks to efforts by Bonnie McCarthy and Rose Kochman, businesses agreed to advertise.



Volunteers offered to write articles for Seniors, Recipes, Comics, Brownies, Vital Statistics, History, Fitness, Library, Selectmen Office, Youth Group, Calendar of Events, Conservation, and School Board.

The Richmond Rooster has always been a free paper run by volunteers. It would be impossible to list all of the people who spared some time over the years to help publish and distribute the paper for this long. I am grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of *The Richmond Rooster* year after year. It is beyond belief to me, that it is still in operation.

Thank you to volunteers, readers, advertisers, subscribers, authors, contributors and donors and all future participants who shall carry on.

Richmond Recipe Book

Jeani Eismont

The Richmond Recipe Book is moving slowly along, but I have not gotten recipes from **EVERYONE** in Richmond. These recipes should reflect **ALL** of our efforts, not just a few.

If each cook has at least one favorite, please send it to me at 70 Whipple Hill Road, Richmond, NH 03470 or jeani@eismont.com.

We would like to use this as a fundraiser for the 4-Corners development. I have received several desert recipes. How about special salads or soups and stews, meat, chicken, fish, or an appetizer? Let's make this something we ALL participate in and can be proud of.

Richmond Heritage Commission

Bonnie McCarthy

The Richmond Heritage Commission would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to Bob Weekes, who

co-founded the RHC, and has been the driving force in all of our projects since day one. In July, he retired from the commission to spend time with his wife Jan, and to pursue projects in-and-around their beloved homestead, Fox Call Farm. Our newest RHC member is Jerry Mills, who is also president of the Richmond Historical Society and a Trustee of the Richmond Public Library. These connections solidify our ongoing direction to work in concert with other town committees, organizations, and volunteers to achieve our goals.

Now that the fall season is upon us it is time to reflect on the summer accomplishments and gear up for winter projects. The town is continuing to stump-and-grade the site around our historic Veteran's Hall. Landscaping by the RHC and volunteers is planned to begin next spring after "mud season." The repair and restoration of the telephone building has been accomplished by our talented man-of-all-trades Steve LaFlam. Volunteers from the RHC and friends will hopefully have it painted by the reading of this article, weather permitting. Brewer Park, in front of Ed and Melissa Atkins' home, is nearing completion. By the end of next month, we will add landscaping and a sign commemorating longtime resident Gerry Brewer, and recognizing the location as the site of Richmond's original Town Common. Again we would like to thank the extended Brewer family for their donation of funds and volunteer time in helping the RHC complete this labor of love for Gerry. Thanks to the efforts of Susie Roney we are in conversation with the Winchendon (MA) Historical Society to donate Richmond's remaining pail machinery to their display of the History of Pail Making. Volunteers from the RHC will deliver the machinery to Winchendon at a mutually convenient date.

In collaboration with the Richmond Historical Society, we have begun cleaning up the Richmond Town Pound and are working on a plan to make it accessible to the public. A sign describing its significance will be created and erected at that time.

The redesign of the Memorial Park adjacent to the Vet's Hall is another on-going joint project and will continue once the surrounding area has been reclaimed under the auspices of the town. The addition of a monument commemorating those Richmond soldiers who gave their lives during the Civil War is in the planning stages. An historical program presented by Hank Hallas in memory of these brave and loyal Americans is planned for the late spring or early summer of 2018.

The Heritage Commission is deeply grateful to the Town of Richmond and its citizens for the continued support of our many projects to showcase our town's dynamic history. The funds you approve at our annual Town Meeting are essential and the donations of volunteer time and additional financial support are our lifeblood. If you would like to join us in preserving our town history and presenting its face to the world, your tax-deductible check made out to the Richmond Heritage Commission can be sent to the Town of Richmond, 105 Old Homestead Highway, Richmond, NH 03470. All donations are greatly appreciated and will be recognized with a personal note of thanks from the RHC.

Richmond Community United Methodist Church

Pastor Arnie Johnson

September was a difficult and emotional month for RCUMC. Celebrations of Life and Eternal Life were held for George Blais and Allen Holbrook, who both died on the same day, August 13. We had more sorrow this past year which included the deaths of Joe Tonweber and Bill Watt. All four of these gentlemen were pillars of the Richmond community, attending church regularly. They were deeply loved for what they had done for this town throughout their lives and time here. Four finer gentlemen cannot be found elsewhere, and they will be missed by their families and friends.

With sorrow also comes joy, as we once again host the wonderful Gospel-singing family The Kempters, from Slapout, Alabama on Monday, October 23 at 7pm. They were here several years ago on their tour of New England, and were greatly admired for their wonderful arrangements of gospel music and close harmonies. Each member of the family plays a different instrument which enhances the presentation. We hope you won't miss this beautiful performance. Come and be blessed. More information on the group can be found on the Internet at <http://thekempters.com>.

Our Annual Holiday Fair at the Veteran's Hall will be on November 11. It is a wonderful time to pick up some great Christmas gifts, as well as sit down to a tasty light lunch. Y'all come!

I'm also going to throw in a plug for the Greater Keene Pops Choir (since I am a singing member) and their yearly December Concert on December 3 at 3 pm at the Colonial Theater in Keene. There are many new

songs and arrangements this year. Come and enjoy!

Join us every Sunday at 9 am for our worship service in the Old Brick Church at 11 Fitzwilliam Rd. just east of the Four-Corners on Route 119. Come as you are and be blessed. Also, don't forget our sponsored and supported Food Pantry in the Town Hall that is available for those who are less fortunate. We are a caring community helping others.

IHMS News

Prof. Ryan Topping comes to IHMS

Our two graduates, Luke Bednar and Lucia Bosonetto, faculty, and friends of Immaculate Heart of Mary School were honored with a commencement address by Professor Ryan Topping, PhD., of Saint Thomas More College in Merrimack, NH. A native of Saskatoon, Canada, Dr. Topping earned an MA in Philosophy from the University of Manitoba and a Doctorate in Theology from the University of Oxford. He is currently a Fellow at Thomas More. Our speaker has authored several books and has written extensively on Catholic themes and luminaries, from Saint Augustine, to Dante, to G.K. Chesterton.

Dr. Topping peppered his incisive talk with just the right amount of humor to keep a counseling exhortation from being overly admonitory. Presenting his theme of life "as a story," he stressed that the story of one's life can "end well or badly."

Institute of Excellence in Writing Certification

At the beginning of August, four of the teachers of Immaculate Heart of Mary School were able to attend two seminars on "Teaching Writing: Structure and Style." The seminars were taught by IEW's senior educational consultant Linda Mikottis, who did a fantastic job of presenting the methods and materials. Here at IHM, we are excited to put into practice the training we received and to implement this wonderful program in our classrooms. IEW stands for *Institute for Excellence in Writing*, and Andrew Pudewa is the director. Here is a description of their program from their IEW Handbook for Administrators and School Leaders:

Our methodology presents a powerful method of teaching writing, which consists of two main components. Structure and style.

NAPCIS Membership:

We have recently become a member of the National Association of Private Catholic and Independent Schools. This will prove to be a great resource for our school.

Plans for this School Year:

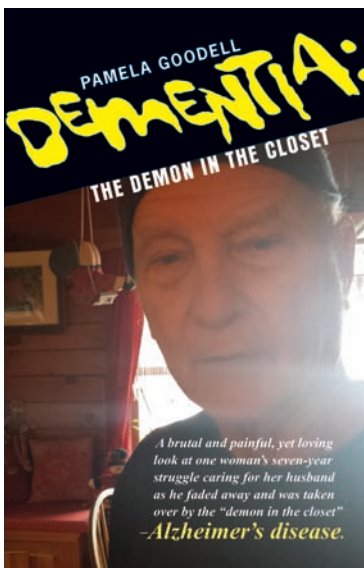
The new school year is almost upon us. We wanted to make sure that we thank you for your continued support of the successful work at IHM School.

Dementia: The Demon in the Closet

Pamela Goodell

My husband Boyd died from Alzheimer's in April of 2015. Six months after his death, I decided to write a book about the seven-year journey we had taken.

The books I had read to that point had not been as helpful as I would have liked. They did not give me enough detail to prepare myself for caring for Boyd. Each one seemed to gloss over the difficulties we were experiencing.



Dementia: The Demon in the Closet, therefore, is detailed, honest, and as true to my feelings and actual happenings as I could make it. In order to help other caregivers, it tells the good, as well as the bad. Its three main themes are caregiving, Boyd, and Alzheimer's. It includes a little background on our life together before dementia,

and then tells of Boyd's early symptoms, diagnosis, and clinical explanations. The middle chapters relate details of the progression of the disease as I expressed them in emails to my family and close friends. I explain that Boyd's behaviors became increasingly agitated and scary, though there were still activities we attempted to do. Chapter 9 details Boyd's final days and the fear I lived with. The last chapter is called "Hints," and gives suggestions to other caregivers on how to try to make the journey less stressful. The Epilogue talks about "purpose in life," and includes short sayings from others that helped me through the rough times.

The book has now been published and is ready for sale. It can be purchased from me by calling 603-239-4790 or emailing me at goodellpr@yahoo.com. There is no charge for shipping anywhere in the US. It can also be purchased through wwwcreatespace.com and through www.amazon.com.

In June I gave a power point presentation on Alzheimer's to 250 elementary school children, and in August I gave an adult version to the employees of Bentley Commons.

I would personally like to invite everyone to the Richmond Library on Tuesday, October 17 at 7pm to hear a power point presentation on Alzheimer's and to have a book signing for my newly published book, *Dementia: The Demon in the Closet*. The presentation details what Alzheimer's is and facts about it. It has a section on the brain, nerve cells, lobes and the functions they each control. It gives details of my husband's symptoms and behaviors. It discusses a book written for children about a grandfather with Alzheimer's. It mentions what people can do to help, and it ends with the "Alzheimer's Request – Do Not Ask Me to Remember" poem. My book is available for purchase at \$24.95. Cash, checks or credit cards are accepted. Hope to see you there.

Monadnock Humane Society Helps Pets Displaced by Hurricane Harvey

Carol Laughner

Swanzy, NH – Monadnock Humane Society, located in Swanzy, NH, announced today that they are working closely with animal welfare organizations in Texas and Louisiana to help the animals who are displaced by the Hurricane Harvey disaster. MHS Director of Operations, Emily Kerylow, has been in close contact with national organizations such as HSUS and ASPCA, as well as our contacts with the southern organizations we work with, to arrange safe transport for the animals who are currently in shelters to come north (which opens up shelter space for pets displaced from the disaster).

"While we are not able to deploy our own staff to help on site, we are able to help open up room for the displaced animals by transporting some of the animals who were already in the shelters up to us," said Kerylow. "We will make it possible for many of these displaced animals in Texas and Louisiana to have a safe haven while their owners are working to get their lives back together and be reunited with them."

Kerylow said that she expects a transport of 40 cats to arrive this week, although with the new weather forecast of another hurricane, it is difficult to predict exactly when they will arrive. "The weather that is now following the devastating Hurricane Harvey is making it dif-

ficult to plan these transports,” she said. “When Harvey arrived in Texas, many of the animals were transported to rescue groups in Florida. Now that Florida is bracing for another storm, they have decided to wait it out before risking the animals’ lives by moving them.”

Kathy Collinsworth, Executive Director for MHS, said that “we are very much looking forward to helping in every way we possibly can. We realize that in doing this, we’ll really be taking on a lot more than we typically manage, but it’s worth it for so many reasons.” Collinsworth said that MHS has been moving towards increasing the adoptable animal populations in the Monadnock region by doing more transports. “We’ve known for a long time that our community would like more adoptable pets, and we had already been working with several national organizations to bring in homeless pets from overpopulated areas,” said Collinsworth. “This is, in a way, moving us in that direction faster.”

The additional population of pets that MHS anticipates coming to the facility over the next few weeks will cause MHS to incur a great deal more costs than what is budgeted. Contributions toward the care of these pets are needed and very much appreciated. To make a donation to help the pets of Hurricane Harvey (and potentially Irma) please go to our website, or send a donation to us at 101 West Swanzey Road, Swanzey, NH 03446. Please be sure to indicate “Hurricane Pets.”

Monadnock Humane Society is a private, nonprofit organization that serves the Monadnock Region, which includes 44 towns. MHS cares for an average of 1,400 animals each year with a staff of 28 and the help of over 700 active volunteers. Its mission is to foster a compassionate community by promoting and providing for the well-being of animals. MHS promises to honor, respect and celebrate the mutually beneficial relationship between people and their pets. MHS receives no state or federal funding, and is not affiliated with any other agency or organization such as the Humane Society of the United States or ASPCA. It is supported solely by the generosity of those in our community.

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Director of Marketing and Development
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Richmond Holiday Fair

Alison VanBrocklin

Plans are in place for the Annual Richmond Holiday Fair! For a small town, we have some exceptionally tal-



ented 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 11 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Holly Café will serve lunch from 11:00am – 1:00 pm. We expect many returning arti-

sans from the area. Anyone interested in reserving a space is encouraged to call Alison as soon as possible at 239-4494. This event is sponsored by, and the proceeds support the ministries of the Richmond Community United Methodist Church.

My Truck

Sean Fitzgerald

Growing up at my family’s Dodge dealership in the 1970s was great. I had access to driving what my friend’s could only dream about. Sure, my friends would ask me about singular words like “Hemi,” and “Wedge,” but there were two certain words I gravitated to – Power Wagon. Or what I knew as 100, 200, and 300. You see, when I walked through the dealership lot looking for something to move, wash, plow with, or just drool over, the higher the number the better. If it was big and tough looking, it was my fix. If it had reflective stripes saying “sno-fiter,” I knew it was something special. But it was the tow truck that was always my favorite. I can still remember when winter came, I would look forward to stepping on the frozen tread marks left in the snow. Seems those tires could hide a child my size. I was so proud of my father, owning that dealership in Salem, NH, and seeing my name in letters was cool, too – Fitzgerald-Hicks Dodge! The first time I was able to plow was the blizzard of 1978. It was so bad that we could walk on the roofs of the vans. We were sure lucky to have those Fisher and Meyer equipped snow plows. In storms like this our family would load up and stay right at the dealership; it had all the amenities. During the blizzard, my Dad took home a black 1978 W300 cab and chassis.

Many years, and a few Dodges of my own later, I

finally was able to locate the holy grail era car, a 1972-1974 Dodge W300. These were the last years of the toughest drive-trains. All steel and iron, gears, huge this and huge that. None of this city truck stuff you see today. Not that there is anything wrong with being able to hold a “girly latte” while you drive, but back then you probably held a beer, and had a gun in the rear window. I don’t condone holding a beer while driving, but times sure have changed. Those were the days when trucks were used strictly for work, and to take abuse, lots of abuse. Parts had names like spicer, dana, new process, and were all made in the good ole USA. None of this “Cheena” stuff for one of the oldest makers of a 4 x 4 Dodge.

So I happened upon mine almost by mistake. I saw an ad on Craigslist for a 1989 Dodge, W350 Cummins diesel. It had a wing plow and I thought that was interesting. Price was right, so I drove and took a look. Rust, rust, and more rust. Nothing surprising on a Chrysler body. But it had the look, 70’s-style tires, steel wheels, and it was big. Something seemed different about this 1989. With my wife whispering “don’t buy it, too much rust” in my ear, I crawled underneath. Dana 70, closed-knuckle front axle? What is that doing under there, should be a open knuckle Dana 60. Drums and not disc., hmmm.... Further inspection revealed a divorced new process 205. I questioned the owner and he said he put that stuff in there taking them from a 1976 military truck. I smelled something foul. I thought, since they didn’t install those drive train components after 1974, only making parts until 1978. So when he failed the few Dodge only questions I asked, I knew he was unaware of what he had. Another benefit was a low mileage all stock 1989 Cummins 12-valve diesel, central hydraulics, a wing plow, and big 9 ft fisher plow. I could work with this, I thought. He drove it from Byfield, MA to Richmond, and I bought it. When he told me the owner’s history, I found it funny that he bought it off the original owner and said it was originally a tow-truck. He said it was purchased from a Dodge dealer in Haverhill, MA off Route 97. Again questions came to mind as the only dealer off 97 in that area was my family’s dealership. You guessed it, this was possibly one of our original tow-trucks that had made it’s way home!

This being a possibility, I began to get it in better shape with the help of my son and wife. Living some of it’s life as a Massachusetts DOT truck-plowing route 95 and 113 had taken it’s toll.

In the Garden

Carol Jameson

What’s that caterpillar on my geraniums – and everywhere else in my yard!

They came in the night, an army of thousands – or so it seemed. Marching across our grass, eating our Japanese maple, dropping onto my shoulders from the oak trees...



According to a Facebook posting on The Caterpillar Lab page, it is the Hickory Tussock caterpillar, *Lophocampa caryae*. They say that it is not a wicked invader from the north, but a common backyard caterpillar that

shows up across the northeast in the summer. Some people get an itchy or unpleasant rash from its secretion, so handle it with gloves.

Late Bloomers – the garden in September

It can be hard to keep the garden looking fresh in late summer. But these late summer blooming flowers do it nicely.

The blue/purple lace at the bottom of the photo is Russian Sage, *perovskia*, a perennial which comes in several different varieties and varying heights. It doesn’t resemble any other sage



– be it the herb or the annual or perennial salvia – but the colloquial name is Russian sage, none the less. It is prized for the silver sheen in its foliage, the light airy texture, and the pretty blue flowers in late summer.

The red is a tall dahlia. Dahlias come up very late, and require good sun. You hardly see the leaf tips poking up from the ground until after the late Spring/early Summer flowers have been and gone. Put them near an early bloomer such as peonies, poppies or larkspur. When the early bloomers get dull or die back, the dahlias can take over the show. They come in all different colors, heights and forms. The tall ones will need to be staked because of the weight of the blossoms, they

are that spectacular. They aren't winter hardy in our climate – you take up the tubers in late fall and store them in a cool dark place, replanting them next Spring. They will come back larger every year as the tubers grow. At some point, as the tubers grow and multiply, you can divide the tubers, and have multiple plants from your original one tuber. You can see how to do it all on You-Tuber. This red dahlia is a plant from a single tuber I planted this Spring.

The pink is a perennial called Turtle Head, or Chalone. This cultivar is Hot Lips. You can see why. It spreads slowly over several years to a delightful, non-invasive larger patch. It is a beauty. Not very showy as a single plant on its own, but beautiful as it forms a modest colony, increasing a little every year. I grow it in dry but well composted soil. Books say that it likes moist sites. We will try it at the Town Hall, where there is a spring and wet clay soil – I'll let you know how it fares.

Alice Morrill Dickinson

Sept. 11, 1919 – Sept 23, 2017

Alice Morrill Dickinson, 98, of Richmond, and a former long time resident of Merrimack, passed away peacefully on September 23 at the Pleasant View Center in Concord, NH.

Alice was born on September 11, 1919 in Manchester, NH to the late Arthur Hamlin and Elizabeth Mae (Colby) Morrill. The family moved to Litchfield,



where Alice attended grammar school. She attended Central High School in Manchester, and graduated from Bates College in Lewiston, ME.

Alice married Richard A. Dickinson in 1953. She was a school teacher in various districts in New Hampshire for forty-two years. She began in Pelham and ended her career in Merrimack. The English Classroom Wing of Merrimack High School is named the Alice M. Dickinson wing in honor of her years of service.

She was a member of the Naumkeag Grange in Litchfield, the Nashua Area Retired Educators Association, the Concord Coach Society, the Litchfield Historical Society, the Litchfield Presbyterian Church, the Assistant Vice President of the Richmond Historical Society, and proud, current holder of the Richmond

Boston Post Cane. She also served as a trustee and docent at the Robert Frost Farm in Derry.

Alice loved spending time with her family, attending family and school reunions, and visiting friends and former students. She had recently attended the Colby family reunion held this summer at Colby College in Waterville, ME. She was the oldest Colby descendant in attendance.

Alice was predeceased by her husband of sixty-three years, Richard Dickinson in 2016, her parents, and her sisters Inez Nelson and Christine Chowning.

She is survived by a sister Candace Hale of Litchfield, NH; nephews John Nelson II and wife Tae, and Jay Alan Hale; nieces Carolyn Marshall and husband Douglas, Pamela Lane and husband Lee, and Heidi Hale Miller and husband Greg; several great nieces, great nephews, and cousins.

Burial was held at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Litchfield. In lieu of flowers, donations in Alice's name may be made to either the Litchfield Historical Society, 168 Charles Bancroft Highway, Litchfield, NH 03052, the Litchfield Community Church, Presbyterian, 259 Charles Bancroft Highway, Litchfield, NH 03052, or the Richmond Historical Society, 390 Athol Road, Richmond, NH 03470.

Gerald Margand

We mourn the loss of Gerald Margand, who passed away on Aug. 25, 2017.

Gerald J. Margand, 92, of Richmond died at Applewood Rehab Center Aug. 25, 2017, following a long illness, with his wife and daughters at his bedside. He was a retired teacher from Long Island who had moved to New Hampshire in 1993.

He leaves his wife of 25 years, Catherine (Cummings) Margand, his daughter, Clare Margand, his daughter, Nina Margand, and his son, Peter Margand, all of Richmond; and his stepson, Paul Cummings of Keene. He lost another son at birth, James Quentin Margand, in 1992. He was predeceased by his first wife of 29 years, Margaret (Carlin) Margand of Centereach, NY, who died in 1986, and leaves behind their children, Paul Margand of New Jersey, John Margand of New York, Mary (Mrs. Mark) Miller of Richmond, Christopher Margand of Washington, DC, Virginia (Mrs. David) Kirby of Virginia, Edward Margand of Virginia and Sister Elias (Meg) OCD of New Jersey; 26 grandchildren and five great-grand-children. His only sister, Lucile

Margand of Queens, NY, predeceased him in 1995.

Gerry was born in New York City, the only son of Gerald F. Margand and Katharine (Regan) Margand, and was raised in the Bronx where he attended Holy Spirit Catholic School and the Bronx High School of Science. After a brief stint in the New York State Guard, he received a Bachelor of Arts from Fordham University in 1947. After another brief stint in the U.S. Merchant Marines, he spent a year in the Jesuit seminary at St. Andrew-on-Hudson before deciding that his vocation was for marriage, as well as for teaching. He met his first wife, Peggy, at Hunter College in New York City where he earned his M.S. degree in education in 1960. He later attended St. John's University in New York City pursuing a Ph.D. in education.

While raising a large family with Peggy, he taught on Long Island for over 30 years at the Connetquot Central School District, principally 5th and 6th grade, until he retired in 1989. After he was widowed, he bought some land in New Hampshire, and decided to build a house and a new family with his second wife, Catherine, whose family were old friends of his when they lived in the Bronx. In his retirement he taught algebra, Latin and literature for a few years for the IHM School at nearby St. Benedict Center in Richmond until arthritis slowed him down. He loved watching John Wayne movies and listening to (and singing baritone) in barbershop harmony, and was ever quick with a joke or a smile. He spent much of his later years reading, writing letters to the editor, and saying many prayers for friends, family and country.

A lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus, and a serious traditional Catholic who attended the Latin mass, Gerry was involved with many pro-life efforts. Very patriotic, he was much concerned about the decaying religious faith of America, and closely followed local and national political issues. He never wavered in his faith, and spent hours in prayer each day. His favorite Latin phrase was "Extra Ecclesiam nulla salus," which he was willing to explain to any and all who would listen. He said many rosaries in pious devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, in Whom he placed his trust when he died.

George R. Blais

George R. Blais, 81, of 65 Swanzey Factory Rd, North Swanzey, NH, and a longtime resident of Richmond, died Sunday August 13, 2017 surrounded by his family

after a long and valiant battle against cancer.

He was born in Lewiston, Maine on August 25, 1935. Son of Joseph and Anne Marie (Gagnon) Blais. He graduated from Lewiston High School in 1954 and East Coast Airo Tech in 1959 as an airplane mechanic. Mr. Blais served 3 ½ years in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II where he used his fluent French language for interpreting services and worked as a heavy equipment mechanic. He spent 3 years in France and later Germany where he met and married his wife Helena Boessenecker. George was honorably discharged at the rank of Corporal E-4.

After leaving military service, George and his wife first moved to Maine near his family and then to Troy NH when he obtained a position for Bowman Flying Service at the Keene Airport as a mechanic and certified government I.A. From 1960-1966.

The Blais Family resided for nearly 40 years in Richmond, NH. They owned and operated the Richmond 4-Corners Store from 1964-1972. During that time, Mr. Blais also worked as an electrician for Arnold Bailey and drove the school bus route for Fitzwilliam and Richmond.

George was proud of his service as a selectman, planning board member, and former fire chief of the fire department for Richmond. Many of his friends fondly referred to him as the "Mayor of Richmond." He was also a charter member of the Fitzwilliam Gap Mountain Lions Club, former member of the Keene Rotary Club, and a member and trustee of the Richmond United Methodist Church.

George secured his real estate license in 1966 and worked for a short time with HKS, Herman Schierioth before opening Blais Real Estate in 1972 and was later joined by his son Fred and daughter Ruth both in 1984. He received the designations of Certified Residential Broker, Certified Residential Specialist, and Senior Real Estate Specialist from the National Association of Realtors. As a long time Realtor, he served as President of the Monadnock Region Board of Realtors in 1978 when he was awarded Realtor of the Year.

George had 50 years of service with the Cheshire County Y.M.C.A. as an Incorporator, Director, and past President. He received the prestigious "Dickinson Award" in 1979 and the "Marty Fisher Award" in 2012. He served as a Senior Directors Consultant; advising the "Y" on real estate including the purchase of the administrative office in North Swanzey in 2005. He was

one of the most active Senior Directors. For many years, George was Master of Ceremonies for Y-annual meetings throughout Cheshire County and at the Craig Dining Hall. His humor and stunts like the "Blues Brothers" reenactment with J.E.F.Craig, earned him legendary status within the association.

George was a handyman who loved to build and repair anything. He really enjoyed working in his wood working shop, and even taught his youngest granddaughter a few tricks of the trade. He was an avid hockey player, serving as captain of the Lewiston High Team and Second Team All Maine Center in 1954. He was also a long time tennis player and member of the Keene Racket Club. George loved sports and spent many days kayaking with friends on ponds and lakes in the Region. He was a dedicated Patriots fan!

George and his wife Helena, enjoyed hosting many foreign exchange students from Europe, Japan, and South America and shared his love for foreign culture with all of his family and friends. He resided in the Monadnock Region since 1960. Survivors include his wife of 60 years Helena, of North Swanzey; daughter Christine (Blais) Ortiz and her husband Luis of Longboat Key, Florida; son Fredrick Blais and his wife Robin of East Swanzey, NH; daughters Ruth (Blais) Thompson and her husband James of Dublin, NH, and Roxanne (Blais) Jack and her husband C.J. of West Swanzey, NH. His five grandchildren include Marissa Ortiz, Kyle Blais, Kali Blais, Scott Thompson, and Grace Jack along with nieces and nephews in the U.S., Canada, and Germany. George is predeceased by his parents Joseph and Anne Marie; sisters Yvette Ellis and Rita Betts, and brothers Yvon and Raymond Blais.


In keeping with George's request there are no calling hours. A service was held at the Richmond Community United Methodist Church on September 1. Burial will be private in the family lot with military honors at a later date in the South Cemetery, Richmond. The family has asked in lieu of flowers that contributions can be made in memory of George R. Blais to: The Cheshire Y.M.C.A campership program, 32 Lake Street, North Swanzey, NH, 03431; the Richmond Fire Department; or the Richmond Community Methodist Church, 11 Fitzwilliam Rd. Richmond, NH, 03470. Services are under the care of Cheshire Family Funeral Chapel and Crematories.

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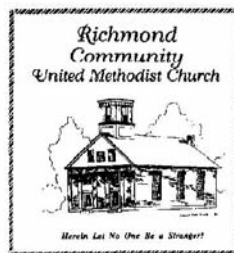
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