



The **Something to Crow About** RICHMOND ROOSTER

October 2018

News From the Selectboard

Carol Jameson

Susan Harrington Promoted to Town Administrator

Susan Harrington, formerly the Assistant to the Selectmen, has been promoted to Town Administrator. Anyone who contacts the Selectmen's office knows Susan as the friendly, positive voice who answers questions and directs people to the resources needed to resolve their issues. But Susan is much more having taken on increased responsibility over this past year or two in her work for the town.

Susan had to step-in suddenly, with no notice or special training, when our former Town Administrator Heidi Wood became ill. Susan has been mastering the reporting required by the NH Department of Revenue Administration: the town budget process, internal financial reporting, accounts receivable and accounts payable, the application process for tax credits, exemptions and abatements; timber tax reporting; vendor relationships; employee practices and policies – to name just a few of Susan's responsibilities. Selectmen come and go. A good Town Administrator such as Susan is invaluable in providing continuity.

Looking for an Administrative Assistant for the Board of Selectmen

We are looking for an Administrative Assistant to provide administrative support to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen for 10-15 hours per week. The work involves acquiring an understanding of municipal organizations, procedures and programs, and then interacting with the public and town departments on municipal issues based on the knowledge learned in the job. Good people skills, a cool head, and an interest in being trained in municipal matters is required. The applicant must be comfortable with computers and normal office software, and he or she will be expected to learn accounts payable and payroll procedures, and software over time and with training. The position reports to the Town Administrator. Please contact Susan Harrington

at: susan.harrington.richmond@gmail.com if you are interested, or call our office at: 239-4232.

Vacancy in Position of Selectman

Speaking of Selectmen coming and going, Kathryn McWhirk has had to resign as Selectman for personal reasons. Kathy, who had been a Selectman before, stepped in when Chris Daugherty resigned. We thank Kathy for staying to fill the gap as long as she was able. We are looking for a replacement now, and until we find someone, the Board will consist of two Selectmen – Chair Carol Jameson and Bill Daniels. Please contact our office if you are interested in serving.

Selectmen Positions Open in March 2019

There will be two seats on the Selectboard available this March. One is a two-year term, filling the remainder of the term left vacant by Chris Daugherty, and the other a three-year term, upon the expiration of the term currently held by Carol Jameson. Please think of serving. If you can be impartial and fair, you can do a great service to your town and your neighbors.

Legal Actions by or Against the Town

Periodically, the town is sued and becomes a defendant in a legal action. Sometimes the town has to initiate legal actions as a plaintiff. In the past, we have not generally reported on pending legal actions, even though most of the material is public record. We now plan to report on these matters periodically, informing townspeople of the fact and status of legal actions, whether the town is a plaintiff or a defendant. The court papers are public information and can be obtained from the court or from the town in compliance with the right-to-know law.

Lauren Craig Shearer vs. Town of Richmond et al, Superior Court Cheshire County, Docket No. 213-2018-CV 00114. Town's motion to dismiss pending as of September 10, 2018.

Cease and Desist Order dated June 22, 2018 for

Zoning Violations at 37 Whipple Hill Rd, Map409/Lot 38, withdrawn, resident complied.

Cease and Desist Order dated August 22, 2018 for Zoning Violations at 255 Athol Rd, Map 411/Lot 30, pending as of September 10, 2018, resident working with Selectboard.

Cease and Desist Order dated August 22, 2018 for Zoning Violations at 120 Whipple Hill Rd, Map 409/Lot 29, and Toad Hollow Road, Map 409, Lot 30, pending as of September 10, 2018.

Cease and Desist Order dated August 30, 2018 for Zoning Violations at 424 Whipple Hill Road, Map 410/Lot 40, pending as of September 10, 2018.

Reminder – No campaign signs on Town property

This includes Four Corners, the Vet's Hall, and Town Hall, and any other Town owned parcels. The signs will be confiscated and stored for a short time at the Selectmen's office at Town Hall if you want to get them back. See RSA 664:17.

Enforcement of Zoning Against Properties with Junkyards or 'Junky' Yards

Board of Selectmen

Having junk on your property violates our town zoning and state statutes. At the request of many residents in several parts of town, the Selectboard has started enforcement actions against residents who accumulate junk on their property.

The Selectboard first will send a letter to the resident, giving them 30 days in which to clean out the junk. If the resident comes to our office with a reasonable plan that takes a little longer, we will listen and work with the resident. If the resident does not respond, or if the response is uncooperative, we will then turn the matter over to the town lawyer. Usually this means that we obtain a court order – a *Cease and Desist*. The property owner will now have to come into court if they cannot comply with the court's order to clean-up the property. Steep fines can follow, and the town may clean-up the property, the expense of which is charged to the resident and becomes a lien on the property.

To date, the Selectboard has recently sent out about eight letters to property owners and has four *Cease and Desist* orders issued as of September 1, 2018. One resident has complied with the *Cease and Desist* order and cleaned up the property. Another is working with us

after receiving our letter. The other *Cease and Desist* orders are still pending at the time of this article.

Junk in our yards hurts a town in several ways. It lowers property values and can even make it impossible to sell certain lots. It can pollute the environment and produce a health hazard from rodents and the like. That which is one person's livelihood or precious item can be an eyesore to your neighbor or a serious clean-up problem to our town. Legal actions to enforce zoning against a resident with junk in the yard is expensive. Be a good neighbor and a responsible citizen – clean up your yard or put your junk in a building.

Dates to Remember

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Oct. 8, 2018 CLOSED for Columbus Day

Oct. 25, 2018 Last day to submit voting registration forms with Town Clerk for the General Election

Nov. 6, 2018 General Election Day. Polling hours:
8 am – 7 pm at the Veteran's Hall

Primary Election Results

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The NH State Primary Election on September 11, 2018, saw a 31% voter turnout. The previous two NH State Primary Elections saw a 23 and 22% turnout. Of the 247 votes cast this year, 116 were Republican, 129 were Democratic and 2 were Libertarian. This was the first primary in about two decades when there were ballots for three parties. The results for this year's State Primary Election are posted at the Town Hall, the Veterans Hall and on the Town website.

The General Election will be held on November 6, 2018 at the Veterans Hall from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm. You may submit voter registration forms with the town clerk through October 25. You may also register to vote at the Supervisors Session on October 27 from 7:00 – 7:30 pm at the Veterans Hall. Finally, you may register to vote on Election Day. If you need an absentee ballot, the application is available at the Town Clerk's office, on the town website, and at the NH Secretary of State's website, <http://sos.nh.gov>, on the Elections page.

Your questions are always welcome!

Library News

Wendy Obrien

Every Saturday, 10:30, Knitting Circle

Every Wednesday, 10:00, Story Hour




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SPECIAL EVENTS

Sat. October 6, 10:30-11:30, Community Coffee Hour

Tues. October 9, 7:00, NEW! Book Club Organizational Meeting

Thurs. October 11, 5:00, Teen Pizza Night

New Book Club Starting

Are you interested in joining a book group starting from the ground up? The RPL will be holding an informal organizational meeting on Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00 pm for a new book group. We plan to be a casual club, meeting monthly at the Library and focusing on a variety of book genres. Can't make this meeting? Let Wendy know and she will contact you with the November date and book title. During the week of October 15th, copies of the book for the November meeting will be available for everyone at the Library. Come join us! library@richmondnh.us or 603-239-6164.

New Titles

Pieces of Her, Karin Slaughter

Swift Vengeance, T. Jefferson Parker

Walking Shadows, Faye Kellerman

Next Year in Havana, Chanel Cleeton

Just in Time, Marie Bostwick

The Death of Truth, Michiko Katutani

The Richmond Town Beach and The Obnoxious Canadian Geese

Elaine Moriarty

Thirty-four years ago we moved to Richmond. I was delighted to learn of our beautiful town beach, as I've been swimming for the majority of my life.

Summer was slow to arrive this year and little did we know of the depressing, impending disaster to be caused by the waterfowl who call Cass Pond their home. Over the years we've seen beaches all around us with advisories or closures from ecoli or cyano-bacteria. In all my years in Richmond, this is the first time I have ever seen an advisory posted here.

When the geese and mallards started defecating on our beach, a group of regular beach goers cleaned it up constantly. Somehow our efforts to stem a potential problem failed. Were the waterfowl outwitting us?

Research and conversations among us led to try to find a solution. The N.H. Department of Environmental Services was monitoring the water, and the ecoli count began to increase. This led to an advisory being posted.

Waterfowl frequent a beach due to food source. They can defecate up to 28 times a day relative to where they eat. The excrement is loaded with bacteria (ecoli) and can wash into the swimming area. This can cause a health threat to swimmers.



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Please do not feed them. Dogs are another source of the problem – burying their feces in the sand where children dig and uncover it. Bacteria in the sand can also wash into the water.

Cynobacteria is another problem which we were most thankful was not our issue. It is a bloom of blue-green globs that float on the water. This can cause serious illness to humans. If you see this, call N.H. DES at 603-419-9229.

Beach Advisories: The DES tests waters in the summer months. When testing exceeds the State standards, advisories (yellow signs) are posted. The sign states that the water is contaminated along with a list of potential health risks – ecoli, rashes, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Thus, all the residents who frequent the beach are left with no place to swim. Such a disappointment for children and adults alike.

It's obvious we have to find a solution before next summer. If anyone is savvy on ways or proven deterrents to prevent the geese and mallard problem, please inform Karen Daugherty at 603-239-8236.

I wish to thank the regular beach goers who took it upon themselves who tried to prevent the problem: Sally, Dixie, Alice, Walden, and others I'm unaware of. Karen Daugherty also stepped up to the plate, listened and put into effect additional measures to stem the problem. She spent a lot of time in daily monitoring.

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A huge thank you to all involved in caring so we can have a safe and enjoyable beach.

The Falls Road from Richmond to Royalston

Jon Hill and Carol Jameson

What a grand road this must have been back in the day! It is a wide, wide road with solid stone walls on both sides and lined with huge old sugar maples spaced evenly apart. There are many cellar holes and stone walls, some of which mark lanes, garden plots or corrals, property lines or field divisions. You can feel the presence of the past life that once inhabited this part of our town in the southeast corner of Richmond. This is a wonderful walk with many things to see, another Richmond gem.

This is a loop hike of about 2½ miles on discontinued roads and unnamed old lanes, with an elevation change of about 200 feet. We began our walk heading south on the Falls Road, which we accessed from Greenroads Road. Drive to the end of Greenwoods Road, past the turnoffs on the left, for two discontinued roads (each of which is worth a hike in its own right), past a large wooden house on the left. This is the Richmond end of the Falls Road, a town road that was discontinued more than a century ago. We parked about ¼ mile past the house where an unnamed lane branches



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Stone marking state line on the Falls Rd.



Above: The Falls Road in Royalston, maple trees planted to shade the road.

Upper right: Close up of sugar maples on the Falls Rd.



Signs marking the Massachusetts State Forest, off the unnamed lane when you cross from NH into MA.

to the left off of the Falls Road. There is a cellar hole there on the right side of the Falls Road across from the turn-off on the left.

We started our walk on an unnamed lane to the left. Although the Falls Road is shown on old maps, this lane does not, even though the maps show a house which could only have been accessed from this lane. This lane soon crossed Hunting Brook with a large wetland on the left above the lane. We briefly explored a well-used trail on the left that headed north into this wetland where we discovered a large pond and startled a great blue heron. That trail continued north, a hike for another day, so we backtracked to continue our walk to Royalston heading south and east on the unnamed lane.

We soon heard rushing water from Tully Brook as we came upon a triangular common where the lane forked left and right. We took the right fork, after briefly checking out the left fork. The left fork looks to run along the west side of Tully Brook. There were remnants of a stone structure that once crossed the brook, either a mill, dam, or bridge. Dick Drew says that there were numerous mills on Tully Brook in the 1800s. This was likely one of them, yet another hike for another day.

We backtracked to the unnamed lane and, continuing south, soon came to a marvelous cellar hole on the right – large and deep. This homestead had another cellar hole across the road that was likely the barn with a

stone ramp that would have accessed the upper level of the barn. There is an astonishing number of stone walls here. It must have been quite a farm. This was a perfect lunch spot, with a breeze that kept mosquitoes at bay.

Continuing south, we soon crossed the state line into Massachusetts which was marked by a stone wall and signs for the Massachusetts State Forest on the south side of the wall. There was no stone marking the MA/NH state line at this border like there are on major old discontinued roads such as the Falls Road and Parker Road.

The lane continued south, a steady but gentle downhill grade. Tully Brook was visible to the left beneath us, with cascades and pools – quite pretty. It moves much faster here than it does on the Richmond side. There are some campsites on the left side of the lane above Tully Brook that look like lovely places to stay – level peaceful areas with fire rings, the sound of the brook, and swimming and fishing spots below. The campsites look like they are no longer maintained but may still get some use. The last time Jon walked this loop, he met a family with a tent on one of the sites, and a man fishing for trout in Tully Brook. The fisherman said that he does catch some trout there.

The unnamed lane ends here in a T intersection with the Falls Road at the junction of Hunting Brook to the west and Tully Brook to the east. This unnamed lane



The unnamed lane.



Washout at culvert on Falls Road over Tully Brook.


begins and ends on the Falls Road, possibly because the Falls Road has a ninety-degree bend between this intersection and where we started our walk from the Falls Road in Richmond.

We turned right at the T intersection onto the Falls Road in Royalston, recrossing Hunting Brook. There had been heavy rains earlier and beavers had plugged the large culverts around both brooks, diverting the water onto the Falls Road, totally removing a road culvert at Tully Brook. The Falls Road became very rocky here, steeply ascending a long steep hill for at least a quarter of a mile. We passed a large, perfectly-formed, active wasp nest on the right. Further up the road, a single symmetric and striking fungus on a large maple. Chicken of the Woods? If you can identify it in the picture on the opposite page, please let us know. There were several large hickory trees and nuts on the ground.

The road soon flattened and turned north at a 90° angle. At the bend in the road, there is an opening in the forest on the left, just as you come to a sign marking an access trail to Royalston Falls. There is a cellar hole on the left just before the sign. An 1870 map of Royalston marks this as the homestead of S. Whipple.

Continuing north, the Falls Road is wide and beautiful, lined with solid stone walls and large sugar maples planted long ago to shade the road. There are two more cellar holes on the left in Massachusetts before we reached the New Hampshire state line. According to the 1870 Royalston map, these were the homesteads of Gibson and Mrs. L. Pains.

The state line here is marked by a stone post. Walking from Massachusetts back into New Hampshire, we were soon back where we had parked on the Falls Road. We continued a very short way north past where we had



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Tully Brook in Royalston north of where it joins Hunting Brook



Fungus on the maple on the south end of the Falls Rd in Massachusetts.



Fungal growths on a tree near Tully Brook in Richmond.

parked to revisit the *Stairways to Heaven* that we had seen on an earlier walk on the right side of the road. These are three or four sets of cement steps placed randomly around a flat site where day lilies and a sugar maple had been planted long ago. It doesn't look like a cellar hole and it

isn't marked on the Richmond 1858 and 1870 maps, but there must have been a dwelling of some kind at some time at this site.

The Falls Road is on Richmond maps dated 1858 and 1877, and a Royalston, MA map dated 1870. All




Wasp nest on the Falls Road.

of them show several homesteads on the Falls Road. Whipples lived on both the NH and MA sides of the road – there was an S. Whipple in Royalston in 1870 and an R. Whipple in Richmond in 1858. By the time the 1877 map was drawn, the R. Whipple house had changed ownership. It was then in the name of H.O.

Curtiss. This is the large deep cellar hole described above where we stopped for lunch. We will write more about Russell Whipple and Henry O. Curtiss in a later issue of *The Rooster*.

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The myriad of stone walls near the marvelous cellar hole on the unnamed lane in Richmond where we stopped for lunch.

Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

- i. If you have a problem that you can't seem to solve – try calling 211, which will put you in touch with a host of resources that provide assistance.
- ii. This document represents the opinion of Neil Moriarty, and may not represent the opinions of the Monadnock Regional School District school board.
- iii. **Our Cass Pond** – Thanks to the efforts of many, especially Karen Daugherty, the problem of contamination of the water was corrected.

1. A Visit to New Kindergarten Kids at Their Home – A Great Idea! In an effort to reassure the children, Missy Saurez, principal of Mt Caesar, her Administrative Assistant, and four Mt Caesar kindergarten teachers, visited each child at their home. That was 77 visits, eight here in Richmond. Each child received a tee shirt that matched in color to their new teachers tee shirt. That shirt was worn on opening day. **A Real great idea!**

2. I Saved the Public Right to Partition an Agenda Item. Many of you helped (in 2005,) to create the ability of the public to partition an item onto the agenda at Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD). There was an attempt to delete that capability in the August meeting – I convinced the board to keep that capability. 25 signatures were required to partition an item onto the agenda.

3. Using Credit Cards* for “Everyday” Payments at MRSD. As mentioned last month, we don't have the capability to use credit cards at MRSD for anything but food for kids food services. Ms. Witte has asked that the question of using credit cards for other items, i.e., donations, football tickets, etc., be discussed in the Finance committee.

4. Changing School Start Times – Any Thoughts? Keene is considering changing the start times (later start) at their High School (might include their Elemen-

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tary also). It is not clear whether or not that would include the Career School (CCC). Changing that would have a direct impact on MRSD students that attend CCC. Do you, as parent, have any thoughts on changing the Middle/High school start times to be one hour later? Please let me know if you have thoughts.

Thanks for reading my article. If you have suggestions, comments, or news you wish me to include, contact me at: cmoriarty@ne.rr.com, 603-239-4031, or 782 Old Homestead Hwy, Richmond NH 03470.

* when I say credit cards, I am including debit cards.

Getting to Know Your Advertisers

Bonnie McCarthy

The Richmond Public Library (RPL) hosts the open-to-the-public Community Coffee Hour from 10:30-11:30. Because of the holiday weekend, I missed the first Saturday of September. So, I did not expect to be greeted by coffee and Elaine Moriarty's amazing baked treats on the second Saturday of the month. I expected to find friends in the Knitting Circle, which meets every Saturday, but finding Elaine's chocolate Kailua cake and Swedish Melt-Away cookies was a fantastic surprise. Yum! Do yourselves a favor and check out the Community Coffee Hour the first Saturday of each month to see and taste what I'm talking about. RPL is a cornucopia of welcome togetherness.

The Richmond Public Library was originally Richmond School House #6, and the building was left vacant when the school closed. In the early 1960s, Edith Atkins, the town librarian, floated the idea of moving the town library from the town hall building to the vacant school building. *See the accompanying photograph showing moving day when town volunteers actually accomplished Edith's dream.* In 1976-77 volunteers again stepped up to the task and moved a beach house from Cass Pond to the library. Volunteers at-

tached this cottage to the west side of RPL, and it was christened the Edith Atkins Room. A third addition called the Children's Room was built on-site in the early 1980s with contributions from RPL supporters and at no cost to the town. This addition marked the first time RPL had water, bathroom facilities, and became handicap accessible. Edith Atkins was librarian for 30 years. Her tenure was followed by shorter term librarians until Diane Jacobson served for 11 years.

When the Jacobson's sold the 4Corner Store in 2004, the RPL Board of Trustees wisely hired Wendy O'Brien, who has a Masters Degree in History and Archival Science. RPL is also the conservator of the Richmond town archives, and Wendy is the town Archivist, but that is a topic for another article.



Wendy has been, and continues to be, the soul of RPL. During her tenure such programs as the aforementioned Community Coffee Hour and the Knitting Circle have thrived. Currently there is discussion about introduc-

ing a Book Club on Tuesdays. If you are interested, please contact Wendy.

Every Wednesday at 10:00am is Storytime and all ages are invited. The second Thursday of the month at 5:00pm is Teen Pizza Night with free pizza and activities. From June through mid-August, Wendy oversees the Summer Reading Program for Young Adults and Children. The library stocks over 9,000 items including books, audio books, magazines, and DVDs.

If you can't find what you are looking for in the stacks at RPL, you have free access to the NH Inter-library loan system and the NH downloadable books consortium. To accommodate the Internet Age, RPL remodeled the Edith Atkins Room to provide space for public-use desktop computers and extra electrical out-



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lets for laptop users. Free 24-hour Wi-Fi access is available both inside RPL and in the parking lot when the library is closed. For genealogy aficionados there is free access to the databases of both Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest. The newest addition to the community services provided by the Richmond Pubic Library is a Community Bulletin Board located in the garden to the left of the front door.

When my mouth was not full of Elaine's baked goods, I asked three of the RPL volunteers, who are also members of the Knitting Circle, to tell me what the library has meant to them over the years. Trish Newton expressed that it is a great meeting place for people to come together and said, "It is the heart of the community for people of all ages." Elaine Moriarty has been a library volunteer for at least 30 years in just about every capacity imaginable. She said, "I am honored that the annual Volunteer of the Year Award is given in my name." Sandee Auvil said, "My son Noah and I have been volunteers for about 15 years in the spirit of community service. We cannot think of a better way to spend our volunteer time." We were sitting in the main room of the library in front of the History Wall, which has a new exhibit every two-three months. It is currently honoring those Richmond residents who served in the Civil War and is an exhibit well worth seeing. So, whether you are looking to feed your intellect, spend time with friends, join/start a group of like-minded


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community members, or want to try some excellent baked goods on the first Saturday of the month, you will always be welcome at RPL. On your first or next visit, be sure to tell Wendy that you "Read it in *The Rooster*."

September Update

Representative Jim McConnell

Cheshire 12 - Richmond & Swanzey

September is a busy month for Representatives as their Legislative Service Requests (LSRs), which are requests that bills be drafted, must be submitted during a two week filing period in September. As this is an election year, there will be a second filing period following the election to allow newly elected Representatives an opportunity to submit bills. Returning Representatives, who may already have submitted bills, may submit additional bills at that time.

In previous updates, I have outlined a number of the bills I will be submitting. In my *October Update* I will include a description of the LSRs I have submitted, their LSR numbers and instructions for accessing the text of each LSR. I expect to submit additional LSRs after the election as I am still researching proposed bills and don't expect to send my final concepts to Legislative Research in time to get a response before the September filing period closes.

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Japanese Beetles and Your Garden – There May be a Better Way

Neil Moriarty

Ms. Jameson's article on gardens brought back some fond memories of my youth. First, I am not a gardener – Elaine does that at our house. Secondly, I do know about getting rid of Japanese beetles – at least our way; and we did not bother the bees. Back in New London, Connecticut when I was a kid, we did rid our garden, especially our grapevine of beetles.

Grapevines were important in our neighborhood. My mom made jelly, and our Lebanese neighbors used the leaves for various meals from their vine – that made the leaves more important to them to get rid of beetles. We had two methods, neither bothered the bees. First we had two 12-inch diameter round traps with kerosene in them. The beetles just went in and never came out. When my POP (grandfather) thought there were too many beetles, we would get a coffee can with about an inch of kerosene in it, and go around the garden, and

with a small stick, knock the beetles into the can. As beetles are slow, there is no picking, just knock them in the can. With three of us doing it (POP, me, and my brother), we got rid of a lot of beetles in short order.

I am not sure how my POP disposed of the dead beetles in kerosene. That was way beyond my scope as an eight-year old – unfortunately, in those days, it probably was not environmentally friendly.

As Ms. Jameson said, I see beetles here in NH too, but no where near as many as in Connecticut. Next summer, get a little kerosene in a coffee can, and a small stick (about the size of a tongue depressor) and go after them. Burn the kerosene (and the beetles) at the end of summer. The bees will never know any thing about it!

Parks and Recreation

Karen Daugherty

We had a great time at the Summer Reading Wrap-up and Back to School Party. Kids stocked up on school supplies and snacks. There were several stations throughout the library for children to visit and explore.

The Agricultural Fair was going on at the same time, so all participants could choose to play outside, have a bite to eat, participate in the library games, or browse, converse, and buy at the fair. We hope to collaborate again next year! We hope you enjoyed the Har-



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vest Festival at the end of September. Be sure to take advantage of the nice weather while you can, whether it be playing a game at Amidon Park, raking the leaves off your lawn, taking a walk with your best friend (four-legged ones included), or just sitting outside in the sun



and counting your blessings. Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- Dec. 15: Movie Time at Camp Takodah, at 1pm for *The Polar Express*, goodies, and drinks!
- Jan. 2019: We will host a Winter Event
- Feb. 2019: Movie Time at Camp Takodah
- Apr. 2019: Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Spr. 2019: Town Roadside Clean-up
- Jun. 2019: Annual Summer Picnic & Tie Dye party

The East Wing Gallery

Jean Tandy

Raymond LaFontaine Fine Art Center
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50th Anniversary of the Art Department

An Exhibition of Work by the founder of the art program & original art faculty

Jean Tandy - John Pacheco - Gene Cauthen

October 11 – November 8

Reception: Friday, October 26 at 3:30-6:00 p.m.

Background: Watercolor by Jean Tandy. In 1968, she founded the Art Department.

The Art program offers an Associate degree in art and a Liberal Arts degree with an art concentration and has exceptional student transfer success. Courses in drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, interdisciplinary electives in photo, video, graphic design, animation, and numerous introductory art courses are offered. The program has an active Art Club, East Wing Art Gallery, student exhibitions, service learning and volunteer opportunities. The Art Dept. offers summer credit courses, an art program for youth and teens, and collaborative programs with schools and the community.



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Annual Richmond Holiday Fair

Alison VanBrocklin

We are looking ahead to the Annual Holiday Fair this year scheduled for Saturday, November 10 at the Veterans Hall in Richmond. Shopping hours are from 9:00 am – 2:00pm, with lunch served from 11:00 to 1:00pm.

The Holiday Fair is sponsored by the Richmond Community Church. It provides local artisans the

opportunity to present handcrafted treasures, and shoppers a unique beginning to the holiday season. If you would like to join other local artisans in a traditional craft fair, contact Alison at 239-4494 for information.

Agricultural Commission Craft Bazaar

Lisa Hedenberg

The Richmond Agricultural Commission held its 4th Annual Craft Bazaar on August 18. The event was held on Rte 119 in the field behind the fire station. Food and drink were provided free of charge for anyone brave enough to come out in the rain. Yes, it did rain, it rained a lot. A raffle was held and all proceeds were donated to the Monadnock Humane Society.

Another Bazaar will be held on Sunday, Oct. 7 from



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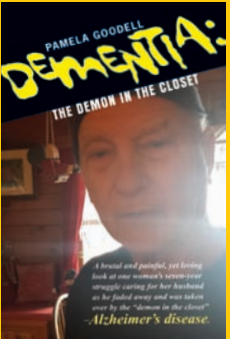
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Pepper Jax

Deb Coll

It all started with a Facebook post from my cousin



Patty. She is the founder and executive director of North Star Foundation. She breeds assistance dogs, also does therapy work and so much more. (Check out North Star Foundation on Facebook). She had a six-month old poodle that did not suit her therapy program, so she put out a post asking if anyone was interested in acquiring this poodle. The next thing I knew she was making a date to drop off the dog – oops, time to tell my husband Bill!

All went well with the exchange, but his issues soon became apparent. I had a few weeks to see if he would be a good fit with us and my other dog Kit Carson (a shetland sheepdog). After a few days, I invited Vickie, my excellent dog sitter, over for a meet and greet since I was going on our planned summer vacation soon. Pepper was terrified of Vic, barking non-stop and backing away. He had what I call stranger/danger issues. I started socializing him as much as possible, taking him to Keene and having positive interactions with everyone I could find (this involved an enormous amount of hot dogs)! He learned that people weren't so scary, since they all happened to have his favorite snack.

Now it was time for the big meet-and-greet with my granddaughter Mia. Pepper is a standard poodle, so he was nearly the same weight as her (50 pounds). Both of them were a little tentative at first, but by the end of that visit, she was completely attached. He passed my requirements – Bill, Mia, Kit, and I were in love. He's now our poodle, and I've started taking him to puppy classes. No turning back now.

Walking for the Animals

Monadnock Humane Society

This year, **The Walk for Animals** takes place at the MHS location in Swanzey!

Monadnock Humane Society (MHS) is pleased to announce that its 30th Annual Walk for Animals will take place on Saturday, October 13, from 10am to 2pm, rain or shine. This year the Walk returns to its original location at the MHS Swanzey location, after five years at the Keene Dillant-Hopkins Airport – a venue that was made possible by the kind support of the City of Keene and the Town of Swanzey.

The Walk for Animals is a crowd funding event. In the weeks leading up to it, animal lovers in the community ask family, friends, coworkers, colleagues – everyone they know – to sponsor them. On Saturday, October 13, everyone walks a maximum of three miles on recently-renovated trails that wind through beautiful fields and wooded areas on the MHS property. Handicapped-accessible routes are also available, and walkers may choose whatever distance they prefer (with or without a leashed dog).

Immediately following the Walk, there is a celebration party. The party reaches full swing at noon, with prizes to the top individual and team fundraisers and a tote bag for each Walker to fill with goodies and coupons from many local businesses. In addition, Walkers who raise over \$30 will receive a beautiful Walk for Animals T-shirt that features “Bu,” this year's Walk mascot (design done by MHS staffer, Carol Laughner, and T-shirts printed by The Mountain as a gift to MHS). There also will be a fantastic Brown Bag raffle that includes many wonderful items donated by local businesses and individuals, as well as a drawing for a two-week camping session at Camp Takodah in Richmond, New Hampshire (donated by Camp Takodah!).

Music during the event will be provided by Jack the DJ; and a sister team of photographers, Heather and Jennifer Samperisi, will be on hand to take professional Halloween pet portraits. The Walk also includes a vendor village, a meet-and-greet with therapy pet teams, dog training demonstrations, contests (including a Pet Halloween Costume Contest – with or without a human), “Adopt a Plush Toy Pet,” and many other fun things to do. Food trucks will be at MHS selling tasty lunches for walkers and their guests, including Pit Stop BBQ (cash only), Little Zoe's Pizza, and Farm Fresh Café (with vegan/vegetarian options).

Fundraising can be done online at www.mhswalkforanimals.com, and brochures can be picked up at the MHS Adoption Center in Swanzey. People may participate as individual walkers, or they can form a team (a minimum of 3 is required). The public is welcome to join the fun, even if they decide not to Walk. If you would like to support the Walk for Animals, please visit our Walk for Animals online giving page – www.mhswalkforanimals.com. All money raised from this event goes directly to the care of the animals at MHS.

Special Walk For Animals Raffle: From September 22 and up to/at the Walk, you can enter a raffle to win a Hiking Package. Raffle tickets available at MHS and on the day of the Walk. The cost is \$5 each or 3 for \$10. You don't have to be present to win.

MHS 30th Annual Walk for Animals Event Details:

When: Saturday, October 13 (rain or shine)
Hours: 10am – 1 pm
Schedule: 9am to 9:45am. Check in/registration; pre-Walk activities
The Walk for Animals: 10am to noon
Food trucks, raffle, activities: Noon to 1pm.
Location: Monadnock Humane Society
101 W. Swanzey Road, Swanzey, NH 03446
Details: Free Admission. Parking available.

For more information on the 30th Annual Walk for Animals, and for a list of our business sponsors, please visit our website: www.monadnockhumanesociety.org. Follow us on Facebook for our most current information. Special thanks to our Top Dog sponsor, One-Stop Country Pet Supply of Keene, and to all of our sponsors for their contributions!

Monadnock Humane Society is a private, nonprofit



organization that serves the Monadnock region, covering 44 cities and towns and approximately 140,000 residents. MHS cares for an average of 1,400 animals each year with a staff of 28 and the help of 240 volunteers. Their mission is to strengthen the animal-human bond by promoting and providing for the well-being of animals. MHS receives no state or federal funding, and is not affiliated with any other humane society, agency, or organization. Rather, It is supported solely by the generosity of its community.

Jaffrey Civic Center Seeking Artists

Regina Vorce

The Jaffrey Civic Center is looking to support and promote artists in the area by providing visibility and publicity to a select artist each month. The initiative will include a picture and bio/artist statement of the artist and images of their work on the Jaffrey Civic Center website, exposure on our Facebook page and inclusion in our electronic monthly newsletter. In addition, artists can enter both of our Annual Fall and Spring public art exhibits at no charge. This is a great way for new or established artists to gain exposure and visibility. Artists will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The fee is \$100 for a year and our first Artist Spotlight will begin in October 2018. To apply for the Artist Spotlight or for more information about the initiative, please contact the center at 532-6527. **The deadline to apply is Friday, October 19th, 2018.**

The Jaffrey Civic Center is located at 40 Main Street, Jaffrey, NH. Parking in rear. We are a designated 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to art, education and civic activities. Hours: Monday through Friday, 10–12 noon, 1 to 5pm and Saturday, 10–2. Free admission. For information, call 603-532-6527, email info@jaffreycivic-center.com, or www.jaffreyciviccenter.com, or “Like” us on Facebook.



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Eight exceptional artists with diverse media will be exhibiting their work in four Swanzey studios this year. Kenny Greatbatch will be demonstrating and exhibiting his creative wood turning pieces in his studio at 98 Forest Ave. in W. Swanzey along with guest artist, wood carver Wayne Miller. At Jeanne Maguire Thieme's Pipe Dream Studio, 30 Hale Hill Rd. in Swanzey, along with Thieme's water media paintings, Gill Truslow will exhibit her luminous pastels and guest artist Meg Kupiec will demonstrate her basket making and chair caning talents. Robert Yantiss will be opening his studio in Swanzey at 122 Talbot Hill Rd. to display his etchings. New to the tour this year Jeani Eismont will be exhibiting her watercolors from her six-month trip on the tall ship Picton-Castle, and Rosti Eismont, painter and potter will be showing his paintings and demonstrating pottery throwing on a Leach wheel. Jeani and Rosti's Eismont Design Studio Gallery is located at 50 Monadnock Highway (rt.12) in North Swanzey. All work will be for sale. Swanzey is a destination for sure!


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Apple Cranberry Cobbler

Terri O'Rorke

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.

Filling:

5 apples, peeled, and chopped
 1 cup cranberries
 1/4 cup each, sugar, and brown sugar
 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
 1/8 tsp ground nutmeg
 2 tsps cornstarch
 pinch of salt
 juice of 1 lemon
 8 Tbsps. butter

Topping:

3/4 cup milk
 1 cup flour

1/2 cup sugar
 2 tsps. baking soda
 2 pinches of salt

In a large bowl, toss together all filling ingredients except butter. In a separate bowl, whisk topping ingredients. Place butter in a 9" pie dish. Place in oven until melted then remove and fill with fruit mixture. Pour topping over the filling. Bake for one hour until juices are bubbling and cobbler is golden.

Serves 8, 340 calories per serving.

A wonderful dessert to welcome in fall!

Note To The Editor

Dana Westover of Richmond

Just wanted to thank Jean Tandy for including the wonderful poem from Chief Seattle at a time when we desperately need wisdom like his to face the future. Thanks to all for keeping *The Rooster* going, too! -

Ledge Season

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August leaves . . .
 all that remains
 of summer dreams

edge of steep road . . .
 September drops
 a lone red leaf

a thin wild turkey . . .teeters . . .
 along high gnarled branch
 a feather floats down . . .

driving up hill slow
 rain washed gravel slides loose
 a black bear leaps from ditch

jugs of sweet water
 wait for my hummingbirds . . .
 as yellow jackets cluster . . .

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