



The Something to Crow About RICHMOND ROOSTER

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Pollinators in July

Karen O'Brien

July is here, and the bees and other pollinators are busy fulfilling their mission. There is always a swarm of activity outside in my garden and in the fields, and the air is filled with the soft buzzing and humming as they go about their business. The other day, I must have gotten some small insect (fortunately, not a stinging or biting one) stuck in my hair. I could hear a small whizzing noise in my ear, but I couldn't tell exactly where he was. I unclipped the barrette that keeps my hair out of my way when I am working, and shook my head and fluffed out my hair. He must have gotten out, as the noise stopped. Crisis averted.



Social media, as well as articles in the newspapers and magazines, are all focusing on the plight of the monarch butterfly. Their numbers have become critically low, though with the efforts of many, it appears that they may now be on an upswing. The monarch needs a specific plant – milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca* in our area) – for its young to grow and thrive. They have adapted by eating this bitter plant, which causes predators to leave them alone, as the toxins in the milkweed make the larvae and butterfly a very nasty snack. I have always left almost all of the native milkweed to bloom and flourish in my yard. It is very fragrant, and the bees love it, too. There are too many houses with manicured lawns and no milkweeds, so I try to keep as many on my property as I can. I have added swamp milkweed, *Asclepias incarnata*, with its more delicate pink

blooms, and which enjoys a wetter environment than its cousin. Butterfly weed, *Asclepias tuberosa*, is a good choice for drier areas. It has beautiful orange flowers and adapts nicely to any garden. Transplanting these can be tricky, as they have long taproots. Buy from a reliable source if you can, or try growing them from seed.

There are many types of milkweed, including some very showy ones. It's important to note that some of these do not support the optimal growth of monarch larvae here in the northeast. The larvae are very specific and cannot thrive on the tropical milkweed, or *Asclepias cucurassavica*, as there are issues with a parasite associated with this plant, which can also interfere with the Monarch's reproduction and migration. Stick with the milkweeds native to your area to encourage monarchs and assist their proliferation. For information go to: <https://xerces.org/2018/04/19/tropical-milkweed-a-no-grow>.

When I was quite young, my sister and I found some Monarch larvae and brought them home. Living as we did in the city, there were no milkweeds in our yard. So I went out daily to find milkweed plants (under power lines, in vacant lots) so the larvae could feed on them. They soon spun their cocoons, and one day, they emerged from their pupae stage to become butterflies. It was an awesome experience, as we let them dry their wings and then opened the wire cage protecting them and let them go free.

I make sure that there are lots of plants to attract all kinds of pollinators in my yard, because I don't know what each one wants. Rue, dill, fennel, angelica, sun-





flowers, roses, alliums, cone-flowers, mints – these herbs all are attractive to bees, moths, and butterflies. They may become ragged and stripped of their leaves if the larvae find them, so be sure to plant several to compensate. Butterfly bush (*Bud-*

dleia davidii) is one plant that is often touted as a good plant for attracting butterflies. It does that, surely, as the one I had in my previous garden was often covered with the butterflies which love the nectar. But, this has

proven to be an invasive plant, escaping and competing with native plants. It also does not provide food for caterpillars. Best to avoid this plant or, at least, watch that it



doesn't escape. Some good choices are the Monarda species, such as *Monarda punctata* – dotted mint – and *Monarda citriodora* – lemon mint – which are also very attractive to another pollinator, the hummingbird. Hummers love tubular flowers, but will take on any flower that has a rich supply of nectar. A common weed, Jewelweed, is loved by them, as well as honeysuckles, salvias, and many others.

The best thing is to plant as many native plants, shrubs, trees, and vines as we can. That way, all of the native bees, wasps, and other pollinators will have their choice of plants for nectar and foliage for the larvae. I encourage the removal of invasive plants, such as autumn olive, burning bush, Japanese knot-weed, etc. as they compete with natives and crowd them out. Don't spray, either, if you can help it. Let's sacrifice some of our plants so we can maintain the balance of nature.

Bob Weekes and Richmond History

Carol Jameson

We are very sad to have lost Bob Weekes. What a dynamo he was. How much he loved and studied Richmond history and how much he did to preserve Richmond's heritage. And what a good friend he and his wife, Jan, have been to me and my husband Peter

since we moved here in 2009.

I cannot speak to what Bob had done for Richmond in the early years – though I have heard stories. Unpacking deliveries to the Four Corners store, painting a neighbor's house just to help out, hosting neighborhood get-togethers and events, walking the woods, and knowing all the local spots and the stories about them, painting the library – and much more. But I do know firsthand what Bob did to start-up the Heritage Commission and get us started on the projects that have been so active over the past four or five years.

Bob came to me with the idea for a Heritage Commission. He asked if I would help him form the Commission and chair it. I was a Selectman at the time and though I am very interested in Richmond's history, I could not commit to the work needed to get projects done. No problem, said Bob, he would do the work behind the scenes if I was willing to pitch in as his helper, with the title of Chairman. He did not want to be on the masthead, to have any titles or any recognition – he wanted to actively preserve Richmond's heritage and had several ideas for projects that he wanted to get done. He also had ideas of other Richmond people that would be interested – Sandy Laughner, John Lewis, Bonnie McCarthy, Susan Roney, and Hank Hallas.

And this is how the Heritage Commission was started – the brainchild and work of Bob Weekes. He envisioned and, with us as helpers, saw to completion



projects like the Tramp House and the Four Corner's pocket park at the site of the former Town Common, presentations like the one about the Taverns in the Town that he did a few years back. He got us started on the Civil War monument and the restoration of the Telephone Building (the site of the first telephone exchange in Richmond). He was a magical combination of visionary and workhorse. He had no patience for people that talked about getting things done without pitching in to make them happen. We all benefitted from his energy, enthusiasm and professionalism.

Bob and I also came from a common background – New York City advertising agencies in the era depicted

in the Mad Men TV series. It was my first career, before I became a lawyer, and I was not nearly as successful as Bob had been in his day. But we enjoyed stories of the hard-drinking, free-wheeling flamboyancy of the industry back in the day.

I miss Bob. He was larger than life in many ways and leaves a big void.

Civil War Monument Dedication

Bonnie McCarthy

Sunday, June 9, was a perfect day for an outdoor gathering at Veterans' Memorial Park. Rob Tarbox arrived in the morning to set up a mini-camp display consisting of a Civil War soldier's tent and meager belongings. Members of the 6th New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry



arrived later in the morning for drill practice while RHC and RHS members decorated the Memorial Park with flowers, flags and pictures, and set up the reception inside of the Hall. Right at 2:00 pm Bill Daniels welcomed the crowd with stories about his great, great grandfather who was wounded and captured at Gettysburg. He gave us a brief history lesson and received a good laugh when he promised there would be no test at the end. Bill then introduced Hank Hallas, who read the names of the 77 Richmond soldiers and made special mention of those who served in the 6th New Hampshire Regiment. After each name Jerry Mills rang a bell.

Hank reminded us that this event was also a reded-



ication of the newly refurbished Veterans' Memorial Park. He thanked the members of the RHC and RHS as well as Russ Laplume for his excellent work on reconstructing the stone walls surrounding the park. Hank then turned the program over to the 6th New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. The troops were called to attention and Rob Tarbox presented a memorial wreath. A musket salute was offered, taps was perfectly played by Molly Robinson from Monadnock Regional High School and the flag was raised from half-staff.

The reception inside Veterans' Memorial Hall was highlighted by a sheet cake decorated to honor the Union flag, which was flown during the Civil War showing 34 stars.



There are too many people to thank for the success of this joint endeavor spearheaded by the Richmond Heritage Commission and the Richmond Historical Society. Cleaning memorials and debris from the park was only the beginning. Chipping wood, loading, transporting, unloading, and spreading the chipped wood was a huge undertaking, and we are most grateful for the transportation help from the

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St. Benedict Center. Certainly, none of this could have been accomplished without the financial support of the many town folk, their relatives and friends who made donations to the Civil War project. Special recognition to Karen Lampus of Nevada for her generous donations in honor of her ancestors from the Aldrich, Buffum, and Perry families.

Town Clerk's Calendar

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

I am pleased to announce that Martine Imon began working as Deputy Town Clerk on May 23rd. She is a wonderful addition to my office and to the entire Town Hall. Martine is not only committed to the time and energy that is required for initial and ongoing training. She is warm, friendly, and intelligent. Please welcome her the next time you come to the Town Clerk's office.

And then there was winter. We wished for spring's arrival, maybe as early as February, when we had tired of the bitter cold, snow and long darkness. Instead, rain soaked the earth. And clouds blotted out the sun. For so very long we wished for spring's arrival. And then June arrived. And with it, warmth, sunshine and a promise that we would no longer see thirty-degree nights. With the July publication of *The Richmond Rooster*, we celebrate fresh corn and strawberries, fireworks, and summer vacation.

The Town Clerk's office will be closed Thursday,

July 4th in recognition of Independence Day. Wishing everyone a safe and fun Fourth of July!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Contact information can be found in *The Rooster* and at <http://www.richmond.nh.gov>. The office phone number is 239-6202.

Library News

Wendy O'Brien

Every Saturday, 10:30, Knitting Circle

Every Wednesday, 10:00, Summer Reading Program

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Tues. July 9, 6:00 Book Group, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See

Earth Day Party:

We have some very creative kids in Richmond. Using only recycled materials, the kids answered challenges such as "The world has just run out of candy right before Halloween! Create a machine that can help save trick-or-treating."

Book Club:

"In nineteenth-century China, in a remote Hunan county, a girl named Lily, at the tender age of seven, is paired with a *laotong*, "old same," in an emotional match that will last a lifetime. As time passes, Lily and Snow Flower send messages on fans, compose stories on handkerchiefs, reaching out of isolation to share

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hopes, dreams, and accomplishments. The two find solace, developing a bond keeping their spirits alive. But when a misunderstanding arises, their deep friendship suddenly threatens to tear apart.” —GoodReads.

Join us at 6:00 on Tuesday, July 9 for a lively book discussion. Copies of the book are available here. Sign up in the Library, call 239-6164, or email at library@richmondnh.us to register. 603-239-6164.

New Titles

The Binding, Bridget Collins

Rough Magic: Riding the world's loneliest horse race,
Lara Prior-Palmer

Queen Bee, Dorothea Benton Frank

The Guest Book, Sarah Blake

Kremlin Strike, Dale Brown

The Never Game, Jeffrey Deaver

Resistance Women, Jennifer Chiaverini

Summer Reading Kickoff:

Join us on **Wednesday at 10am** to explore “A Universe of Stories.”

July 3 – Many Moons: Learn about moon phases through Oreo cookies and make moon rocks.

July 10 – How to Catch a Star: Find out why stars twinkle, make star rubbings, and form a galaxy.

July 17 – Blast Off!: Make balloon rockets and cardboard rocket ships

July 24 – Rover Robots: Make 2 types of robots, visit places on the moon, and make a moon landing picture.

July 31 – Use the Force: Use a force (or a ruler!) to attract objects, rescue Lego minifigures, and make galaxy bottles.

Legislative Update

Cheshire 12 – Jennie Gomarlo

This past month the house has been working on Senate bills and voting on them. These are some of the issues

both chambers voted positively on: Additional child protective workers; relief for mental health crisis; various protections regarding health coverage; increased minimum wage and job training; energy efficiency and expanded energy opportunities; protecting voting rights; development phase for the capital corridor rail project; background check loopholes and gun-free school zones; independent redistricting commission; abolishment of the death penalty; support for LCHIP; bail reform; observance of Juneteenth, access to healthy breakfasts for children; and making the Red Tailed Hawk our state hawk!

Yes, it is quite a lot, and that is just a sampling of what has gone on at our capitol. We rely a great deal on the committee reports and recommendations before voting on a bill. I found out this week that some subjects are just too involved to explain in a short amount of time, and with lobbyists spreading misinformation it can be the end of a bill. But, that's the way it works, and if it's a worthy cause, it will come around again.

July and half of August is break time for legislators and time for the staff to catch up with all the paperwork. After that we will meet in subcommittees to work on bills our committee retained that were worth saving but needed more work than time allowed. These will be voted on late in the year.

Reach me at jennie.gomarlo@leg.state.nh.us or 352-9282. Thank you and Happy Spring

May 15, 2019 Council Meeting

Debora Pignatelli

Executive Councilor, NH District 5

At this meeting of the Council, we were asked whether to grant a Pardon Hearing for Pamela Smart. You may remember her case and trial from the early 1990s, when she was convicted and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. I want to let you know how I voted and why. I have heard from a large number of

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people on both sides of this request. Here is what I wrote many who contacted me with their well-thought-out arguments.

“I decided I could not vote to grant Ms. Smart a commutation based on all the information I read. You are correct that the teenagers who were manipulated by Ms. Smart into murdering her husband have been released. But, I had to consider that these individuals were 15 or 16 year old juveniles and under the authority of Ms. Smart, who was an adult. They also cooperated with authorities to solve the crime and did not manipulate witnesses as did Ms. Smart.

The Legislature passed the law mandating life in prison without the possibility of parole for convictions for these ‘solicitation of murder’ crimes. In other words, our legislature concluded that such a crime was more serious than a second-degree murder charge. Although I have questions about mandatory sentences, that is the law of our state, which has been upheld by our Supreme Court as constitutional.

There were no new facts presented in the voluminous information I received from Ms. Smart or the Attorney General’s office or the substantial public input.

Maybe the day will come that a commutation of her ‘life without parole’ sentence should be considered, but it doesn’t seem that time is now. We have many people in state prison serving longer sentences than Ms. Smart has served so far, and their convictions were not for first degree murder. It would be very hard to reconcile a commutation of her sentence for an even more serious crime when others are serving longer sentences for lesser crimes.

Thanks for reaching out to me. Some of the decisions we make aren’t easy, but I try to do the best I can.”

The final vote was 4 against granting a Pardon Hearing and 1 abstention.

The Governor and Executive Council met on May 15. Here are notes of items I think of interest to our Council District 5. Items may have a link to documents with more information.

#15: Authorized to enter into an agreement with The Community Council of Nashua, NH d/b/a Greater Nashua Mental Health Center at Community Council, Nashua, NH, for the development and implementation of an infrastructure to support outpatient treatment options for youth and transitional aged youth with substance use disorder/co-occurring disorder, in an amount not to exceed \$370,604. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

VOTE: Unanimous


#20: Authorized to exercise a renewal option with the City of Nashua, NH (originally approved by G&C on 11-18-16, item #7C), for the provision of transportation services, by increasing the price by \$138,937.92 from \$376,939.20 to an amount not to exceed \$515,877.12, and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020. 43% General, 57% Federal Funds. **VOTE: Unanimous**

#25: Authorized the Bureau of Highway Maintenance, Well Section, to enter into a contract with N.A. Manosh Inc., Morrisville, VT, for a 6-inch drilled well and pump on the property of Don Rogers, Weare, NH, in the amount of \$21,740. Effective upon G&C approval through July 26, 2019. 100% Highway Funds.

VOTE: Unanimous

#36: Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Mitchell Sand & Gravel LLC, Shelburne, MA, for resurfacing of various roadway segments totaling approximately 69 miles in Maintenance District IV in Cheshire, Hillsborough and Sullivan Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$4,955,752.69. Effective upon G&C approval through September 13, 2019. 100% Other Funds (86% Betterment, 14% Agency Income). **VOTE: Unanimous**

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#37A: Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter into an agreement with Nashua Regional Planning Commission, Merrimack, NH, for coordinated transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities, for an amount not to exceed \$152,031. Effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds. **VOTE: Unanimous**

#88: Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Litchfield, for the purchase and installation of equipment for the Emergency Operations Center, for a total amount of \$40,000. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds. **VOTE: Unanimous**

The Governor nominated the following individual from **District Five:** Nicholas K. Duffy of Peterborough, NH to serve as Director of Community Corrections for the Department of Corrections.

June 5, 2019 Council Meeting

Debora Pignatelli

Executive Councilor, NH District 5

The GACIT (Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation) is beginning the process of updating our 10-Year Highway Plan. The GACIT Commission is comprised of us 5 Councilors and the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation. We will be discussing the current 10-Year Highway Plan and holding public hearings around the State in the Fall to update the Plan.

I am looking forward to this process and will be scheduling Hearings throughout District 5. All meetings are open to the public and City and town employees and members of the public are encouraged to give testimony on transportation needs.

I will be advocating to continue efforts to bring commuter rail to Nashua and beyond.

This website gives a glimpse into the process the

GACIT Commission will follow to update the 10-Year Plan. You may find it interesting.

The Governor and Executive Council met on June 5. Here are items of interest for Council District 5. Items may link to documents with more information.

#B. Authorized the Bureau of Planning & Community Assistance to amend the existing contract with the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (originally approved by G&C on 1-24-18, item #11), for a feasibility study to expand the Nashua Transit System beyond Nashua City's limit, by extending the completion date from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020. No Additional Funding. **Vote: 5-0**

#C. Authorized the Bureau of Planning & Community Assistance to amend the existing contract with the Southwest Region Planning Commission, Keene, NH (originally approved by G&C on 2-7-18, item #19), to assess the feasibility of an intermodal transportation center in the Greater Keene area, by extending the completion date from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020. No Additional Funding. **Vote: 5-0**

#41 Authorized the Bureau of Mechanical Services to enter into a contract amendment with Unifirst Corporation, Nashua, NH (originally approved by G&C on 10-31-18, item #40), for providing uniforms to certain employees of the Bureau of Mechanical Services, by increasing the amount by \$2,200 from \$24,099.92 to \$26,299.92. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2020. 5.24% Intra Agency, 25.40% Agency Income, 69.36% Highway Funds. **Vote: 5-0**

#42 Authorized the Bureau of Bridge Design to enter into an agreement with WSP USA Inc., Merrimack, NH, for on-call engineering services for various bridge projects located throughout the State, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. Effective upon G&C approval through December 30, 2022. **Vote: 5-0**

#82 Authorized to enter into a contract with Northeast

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Shoring Installation LLC, Merrimack, NH, for the installation of a Temporary Cofferd Dam at the Department's Lake Winnepesaukee Public Boat Access Area (a.k.a. Downing's Landing), Alton, NH, in the amount of \$60,200. Effective upon G&C approval through December 30, 2019. 75% Federal, 25% Statewide Public Board Access Funds. **Vote: 5-0**

#93 Authorized a loan agreement with Pennichuck Water Works Inc., Merrimack, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$5,500,000 to finance water system improvements. Effective upon G&C approval. 100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund. **Vote: 5-0**

#111 Authorized to enter into grant agreements with Nashua Regional Planning Commission and Lakes Region Planning Commission, totaling \$69,903 to fund Household Hazardous Waste collection projects. Effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. 100% Haz-

ardous Waste Funds. **Vote: 5-0**

#112 Authorized to award an Asset Management grant to the Emerald Lake Village District, Hillsborough, NH, in the amount of \$20,000 to improve public water system management. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2020. 100% Federal Funds. **Vote: 5-0**

#117 Authorized to enter into grant agreements with the City of Laconia and the City of Nashua, totaling \$30,191 to fund exotic aquatic plant control activities. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2019. 100% Lake Restoration Funds. **Vote: 5-0**

#135 Authorized the Bureau of Credentialing to amend an existing contract with Richard J. Farrell, Nashua, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6-7-17, item #113), to provide investigative services regarding complaints of educator misconduct, by increasing the price by \$6,000 from \$129,400 to \$135,400. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2019. 100% Other Funds. **Vote: 5-0**

#173 Authorized the Division of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a construction contract with D.L. King & Associates Inc., Nashua, NH, for the SMR (State Military Reserve) Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection and Entry Control Point Upgrade, located in Concord, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$2,359,000. Effective upon G&C approval through November 29, 2019. 48% Federal, 52% General-Capital Funds. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$97,700 for unanticipated site expenses for the SMR Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection and Entry Control Point Upgrade, bringing the total to \$2,456,700. 46% Federal, 54% General Capital Funds. (3) Further Authorized the amount of \$43,300 for payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$2,500,000. 100% Federal Funds. **Vote: 5-0**

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The following individuals were Nominated by Governor Sununu to serve on State Boards and Commissions
 Martin P. Honigberg, Concord, NH to the New Hampshire Superior Court:

Adam L. Wagner, Dover, NH to the Board of Architects
 Sarah J. Partridge, Keene, NH to the Board of Barbering, Cosmetology and Esthetics

Tracy L. Collins, Rochester, NH and Jeanne F. Donohoe, Keene, NH to the Board of Nursing

Joel R. Tuite, Littleton, NH to the Board of Optometry
 James Beauregard, Bedford, NH to the Board of Psychologists

Serena R. Shomody, Keene, NH to the Board of Registration of Podiatrists

Gordon J. MacDonald, Deering, NH Chief Justice, New Hampshire Supreme Court

Nicole Brassard-Jordan, Manchester, NH, Deputy Commissioner, State Liquor Commission

Kerry LeBlanc, Bedford, NH to the Fire Standards and Training Commission

Peter G. Beeson, Concord, NH to the Medical Review Subcommittee

Bruce R. Burns, Hopkinton, NH to the New Hampshire Health and Education Facilities Authority

Wendy L. Parker, Hillsboro, NH to the New Hampshire Vaccine Association

Marilee Nihan, Bow, NH to the Personnel Appeals Board

James R. Tollner, Nashua, NH to the Police Commission

The following people were confirmed by the Executive Council to serve on State Boards and Commissions:


Betsey L. Patten, Bow, NH to the Assessing Standards Board

John T. Stevens, Gilford, NH and John C. Calhoun, Harrisville, NH to the Community College System of New Hampshire

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Kenneth Merrifield, Franklin, NH as Commissioner, Department of Labor

Nicholas K. Duffy, Peterborough, NH as Director of Community Corrections, Department of Corrections

R. Douglas Proctor, Concord, NH to the State Board of Fire Control, Department of Safety

Frederick T. Bird, Lee, NH and Paul W. DeBow, Plymouth, NH to the Fish and Game Commission

David L. Grosso, New Boston, NH, Executive Director, Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

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Bob Weekes

John Bocalini

My first recollection of meeting Bob was around 1994 when I was researching a book that was being written about Richmond, *The Only Mill in Town*. Bob had written the preface in the book and somehow our conversation managed to inspire me to update the map of the Town of Richmond, which was drafted in 1969.

Little did we know of the close proximity we shared most of our lives. Bob and I were raised on Long Island and lived 2 1/2 miles from each other, we worked in New York City 2 1/2 miles from each other, and yes, we lived 2 1/2 miles from each other in Richmond. My guess would be that we spent 50+ years that close.

Over the 25 years that we actually knew each other, our paths crossed many times, basically involving Richmond in one way or another. He joined *The Rooster* staff as a proof reader and contributor from 2008 until 2017.

I can't say enough about Bob and his passion, endurance, and persistence to get things done and the accomplishments he made. Bob had the desire to bring



Richmond's past into the present, and his legacy will continue to have a very positive effect in the Town of



Richmond. He founded the Heritage Commission, and with it, finished the restorations of the Tramp House, Brewer Park, and the Richmond Town Well. He was instrumental in starting the restoration of the Telephone Building and the

recently completed Civil War Monument. Bob also made several powerpoint presentations which included the "Changing Faces of Richmond" (90 minutes) and other library presentations – "Town History Tales" and "The Richmond Tramp House."



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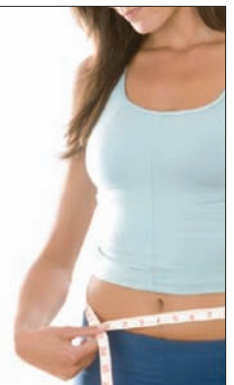
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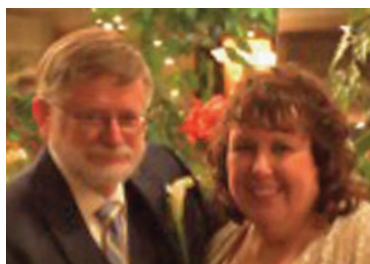
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Bob was a “hands-on” man. He did the grunt work that was needed and knew how to get the job done.

Richmond Community Church News

Alison VanBrocklin



Richmond Community Church is pleased to announce the assignment of Sharon Sargent to serve as our new Pastor beginning July 1, 2019. Currently, she is attending

United Theological Seminary, where studies focus on historic Christian faith, scriptural holiness, and church renewal through the power of the Holy Spirit, Pastor Sharon brings her enthusiasm and love of Jesus Christ and all of God’s children to share with our community. In addition to her seminary studies she is a student of Healing Touch Spiritual Ministries.

Pastor Sharon and her husband Durwood recently moved to the area, residing in Rindge. They are looking forward to becoming involved with the community and reaching out to help serve the needs of the Richmond and Rindge communities. Pastor Sharon will also be serving at West Rindge United Methodist Church.

Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

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. You can ask for detectors for free throughout the year

1. Thanks to Al and Pam Bielunis for the setup of your school board meeting held June 4, at the Vet’s Hall – Thanks also to Doug Bersaw for his attendance, and for the regular town committees for giving up the kitchen for a Tuesday evening.

2. No more Honor Roll for Elementary School kids. I guess the affected parents were told. This school board member had to find out they were eliminated by asking for the Richmond Elementary Honor roll.

3. Court Rules in Favor of School Districts. See Separate article/press release in *The Rooster*.

4. Ended Another America Reads Year. I had a fun year reading with first graders at Mt Caesar school this my 11th year with Ameica Reads. If you have an hour a week, you should sign up with America Reads c/o Pat Dixe at 603-283-1686.

5. Thank You to the School Secretaries Pat Poole, Lisa Fisk, and Sherry Page, plus Tom Cote our AD; They look up the Richmond award winners through out the year.

As always, thank you for reading my article. If you have a suggestion, comments, or items you wish me to cover, contact me at cmoriarty@ne.rr.com, 603-239-4031 or at 782 Old Homestead Hwy, Richmond NH 03470.

Richmond 2019 Graduates

Gabriela Bosonetto – Member National Honor Society
Olivia Budzik

Francisco Camuso

Heather Doyle – Member National Honor Society,
MRHS Diploma of Distinction

Autumn Love

Peter Margand – Member National Honor Society, NH
Scholar, MRHS Top Ten Senior

Andrew Royce – NH Scholar, MRHS Diploma of Distinction

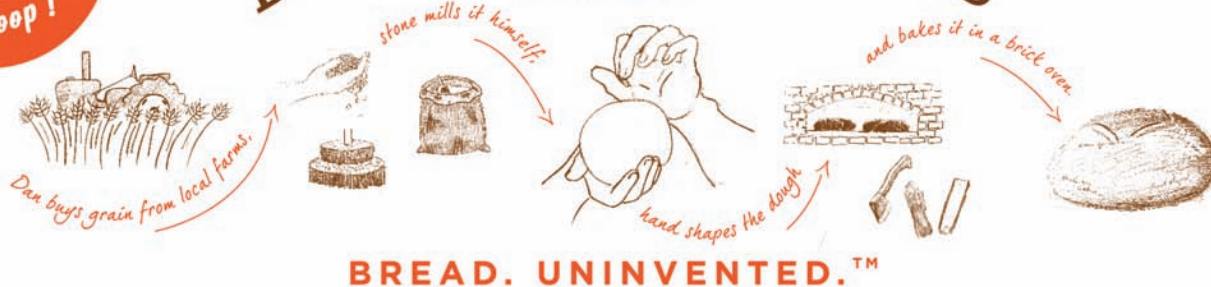
Richmond’s Spring Sports Kids

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berries could be added or substituted for one of the fruits; 1/2 cup of mini chocolate chips could be added to satisfy a sweet tooth.)

Betsy's 3Day Walk

Betsy Pearsall

It's happening again! The only public fundraiser for *Betsy's 3Day Walk for a Cure* will be held on July 13 and 14, 2019, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, rain or shine. The location, as always, is 79 Winchester Road, Richmond, NH. All proceeds will go directly to Betsy's fundraising account for the *Komen for Cure 3Day Walk*.

Each year, since 2006, I have walked 60 miles and raised funds for the Komen for a Cure Foundation. Together we have raised over \$40,000. The money raised goes to education, research, and screenings and treatment. One in eight women and one in 100 men in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetimes.

If you would like to make a donation to my fundraising efforts, please do so. Donations of sale-able goods gratefully accepted, no clothing or large furniture, please. The link to my fundraising webpage is www.the3day.org/goto/betsynh Thank you!!

79 Winchester Road, Richmond, NH 03470

TRAIL MIX

Terri O'Rorke

Now that summer camp is probably in full swing for some of you, here's a quick, easy, and healthy treat to pack or even just to take along on a hike.

TRAIL MIX

- 1 1/4 C whole almonds
- 1 C cashews
- 1 C walnuts
- 1 C pecans
- 3/4 C dried pineapple, cut into small chunks
- 1/2 C raisins or diced dry figs
- 1/2 C pumpkin seeds

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Jeani's Watercolor Class Continues

Regina Vorce

The Jaffrey Civic Center continues the watercolor class lead by Jeani Eismont. The classes are on Mondays from 1 pm to 4 pm. For information: call 603-532-6527 or e-mail: info@jaffreyciviccenter.com.

Custodian Position Available

The Town of Richmond is hiring a Custodian. The cut-off date for applications is July 11. The job description and application can be found at the Selectmen's office or at www.richmondrooster.org.

State Violates Constitution In Underfunding Education

Lisa A. Witte, Superintendent of Schools

The Contoocook Valley School District, in conjunction with the Mascenic, Monadnock, and Winchester School Districts, filed a Complaint in the Cheshire Superior Court laying out how, using the State's own formula and the State's own data, the State's base adequacy funding falls far short of constitutionally sufficient funding for the children of the ConVal, Mascenic, Monadnock, and Winchester School Districts and throughout New Hampshire.

Today we heard back from the Court in a comprehensive 98-page decision. The Court's findings were consistent with our assertion that the present levels of funding for public education in the State of New Hampshire are unconstitutional. The Court specifically held the State's current per-pupil funding levels are "unconstitutional as applied to the Petitioning school districts." In particular, the Court held that the State was unconstitutionally failing to fully-fund transportation costs for all students, unconstitutionally failing to fully-fund facilities, costs, and unconstitutionally failing to fund the costs of teachers at proper teacher student ratios. Additionally, the Court awarded attorneys' fees. The

Court also indicated that any formula design that forced communities to raise dollars to subsidize the State's obligations would be, "ripe for adjudication." The Court also found that the funding formula was "not only unsupported by the legislative record but [is] clearly or demonstratively inadequate according to the Legislature's own definition of an adequate education."

Parks and Recreation

Karen Daugherty

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer! By the time you read this we will have had our annual Summer Reading Kick-off with the library. Pictures to follow in the next issue!

It's been a pleasure to see many neighbors frequenting and enjoying the beach. Please remember not to feed the ducks and geese, and to bring your trash and food home with you from the beach. This keeps the droppings off of our beach and out of our swimming water. Thank you!

On my most recent venture to the beach, I noticed a myriad of blueberry flower blossoms! There should be a plentiful crop when they fruit. They are wonderful for snacking on, or taking a handful home for pancakes. Enjoy the nice weather and these upcoming events:

July 12, 6pm at the Veteran's Hall Ladies Game Night

August 9, 6pm at the Veteran's Hall Ladies Game Night

August 2019, "Back to School" Party

September 2019, Harvest Festival

Robert E. Weekes

Obituary

Bob Weekes (80), of Richmond, NH, passed away peacefully on May 24, 2019 with his family by his side, after a valiant battle with cancer.

Raised in Garden City, NY, Bob married his eighth-grade sweetheart Carol several years after graduating from Garden City High School. He earned his bache-

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lor's degree from Colgate University in 1960, where he led the renowned Colgate 13 men's a cappella singing group. He also established a Colgate family legacy, with six members of his extended clan graduating from the university to date.

Bob enjoyed a successful career on Madison Avenue, working for several top NY advertising firms in positions of increasing responsibility. He started as an assistant account executive at J. Walter Thompson in 1960 and retired as Executive Vice President at Saatchi & Saatchi DFS Compton in 1988. Bob guided the creation of advertising campaigns for brands in diverse categories. He met and exceeded client expectations, and especially enjoyed making new business pitches and landing new accounts.

Upon retirement, Bob moved to a restored 18th-century farmhouse in NH, notable as a childhood home of President Garfield's mother Eliza Ballou Garfield. As Bob's extended family continued to expand, he built a second home on his NH property, with a structural skeleton repurposed from a nearby antique barn.

After Bob's first wife Carol lost her battle with cancer in 1999, Bob married the second love of his life, Jan, in 2006.

Bob was a modern-day Renaissance man, with interests and talents in wide-ranging areas. Bob was happiest when climbing mountains, often in his adopted home state of New Hampshire. He cherished the annual Washington's Birthday climb of Mt. Washington with his close friends and climbing buddies. When not trekking up a trail, Bob enjoyed skiing down other ones.

It was rare to see Bob sitting down unless he was rooting for the Patriots, Bruins and Red Sox on TV. You might have found Bob clearing a new area on his land, skillfully crafting wooden furniture, bicycling, hiking

and kayaking with wife Jan, restoring historical sites in town, editing books, contributing to town newsletters, singing harmony with friends at impromptu gatherings and Colgate 13 reunions, presiding over semi-annual family gatherings, and contributing to non-profit boards. As a leading member of the Richmond Heritage Commission, Bob's historical restoration efforts can be seen throughout the town of Richmond, NH.

Bob's relentless energy was evident on his 70th birthday, which he celebrated by bicycling a 100-mile 'century' ride with his wife, children and their spouses.

Bob's love for his family was closely rivaled by his affection for golden retrievers. He shepherded nine Goldens in his home throughout his life, and passed his canine affection to two successive family generations, who have owned too many furry friends to count!

Bob/Dad, you are in our hearts forever. We raise our glasses to you (Jack Daniels, naturally) and cherish the memories of our times with you!

Bob is survived by his beloved wife Jan Weekes, sister Betty Ulsh, children Jack, Jeff, Betsy, Jenny and Julie, and their respective spouses, Lory, Elizabeth, Ben, Dan and Joe, and grandchildren Alex, Brian, Sarah, Emily, Kelly, David, Justin, Katie, and Logan. Bob was predeceased by his beloved wife Carol Thacher Weekes, parents Alice Elizabeth and Herbert Henry Weekes, and brothers Jack Weekes and Dick Weekes.

A celebration of his life will be planned for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bob's memory to the following organizations:

- * Monadnock Humane Society
- * Appalachian Mountain Club_
- * Historical Society of Cheshire County

All services are under the care of Cheshire Family Funeral Chapel and Crematories, 44 Maple Ave. Keene, NH. 03446. www.cheshirefamilyfh.com

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