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Selectman, Bill Daniels Injured in a Fall. Pam Bielunis

On Saturday, July 11, 2020, Bill Daniels sustained serious injuries from a 12 foot fall onto a concrete floor. He has a fractured pelvis, fractured 5 ribs, fractured vertebrae, head contusion and bladder contusion. He had surgery Monday (7/13) to stabilize his pelvis, and that went well. He is stable, but has a long road to recovery. Presently, he is at DHMC in Lebanon, NH, but will be transferred to Farnum Rehab at Cheshire Medical Center soon. Please send cards or letters to their home at 55 Greenwoods Rd. Richmond, NH 03470. We will update you when he moves to Keene. Anyone who would like to donate gas cards, gift cards, cash, food, their time/skills, etc., can contact Pam Bielunis at 603-239-6498 or pjb327@msn.com Please keep the Daniels Family in your thoughts and prayers.

AUGUST AGRICULTURE

Karen O'Brien
Fairest of the months!
Ripe summer's queen
This hey-day of the year
With robes that gleam
with sunny sheen
Sweet August doth appear.
—R. Combe Miller

SOMETIME this month I will notice, or more accurately, feel, a change in the air. It will be a hint of fall weather, just a whisper, really, but it will foreshadow what is to come. The garden is growing and an abundant harvest is at hand. The cucumbers, beans, and summer squash are numerous, and the tomatoes are starting to come in. The early vegetables, like kale, broccoli, and spinach, are just a memory, and I am reminded of the passing of the year. Having a garden helps one keep in tune with the seasons, and be more connected to our agrarian roots. Also, this month will have the Richmond Agriculture Commission celebrating with its August Festival. Held this year August 22 at the Pavilion (behind the Fire Station), it promises to be an agricultural delight as we acknowledge local famrers, crafters, and





contribute to the community. Mark your calendars and stop by to say "Hi!" I'll be there demonstrating how to use some of your herbs and harvest creatively, particularly pressed flower bookmarks. Easy to do, and you can make one for yourself or a friend.

August, for me, is the month of tomatoes. This is the time when tomatoes really come into their own, bursting upon the scene, ripening quickly and offering up an endless supply of juicy bounty. This year, I tried over 10 varieties of heirloom tomatoes with varying degrees of success. With 2 plants of almost every one of these varieities, I should have plenty of tomatoes to enjoy and share.

The seed companies, and most gardening books, tell you to plant your tomato seeds 6-8 weeks before the last frost date for your area. For me, that would mean starting in late March or early April, since frost can occur up until the end of May here. However, since I want to be able to have beautiful, big plants to offer for sale, and also since I can't wait to plant, I usually start my plants in February. This gives me an excuse to play in the dirt, and think of summer. One important thing to do when planting tomatoes, especially so early, is to continually "pot up" or replant the tomatoes in increasingly larger size pots as they grow. This encourages the plants to develop a better root system and results in a stronger, more vibrant plant. Each time they are repotted the stem is buried, the plants grow thick and sturdy.

I prefer heirloom tomatoes to any of the hybrids, ever since I grew my first tomatoes over twenty-five years ago. As long as you can deal with fruit that may not be perfect, heirlooms are by far preferable to modern hybrids in terms of taste, texture, and variety. Heirlooms can suffer from cracking, cat-facing, and other tomato defects, as well as fusarium wilt and other dis-

LUCILLE'S TOMATO SOUP

5-6 cups ripe, cut up different kind tomatoes (bite size)

1/2 seedless cucmber, chopped

1/2 cup sweet onion, finely chopped

2 cans low sodium beef broth

1/4 cup red wine vinegar

4-5 lovage stems, leaves, finely chopped (or celery)

15+ garlic chive leaves, chopped

20+ basil leaves, chopped

8 salad burnet leaves

Mix the tomatoes, cucumber and onion in a large, non-reactive bowl. Add the broth, vinegar, and herbs, and mix well. Refrigerate overnight to blend flavors.

eases. But for the home gardener, it's worth it to try them, as they can be just plain fun, as well as absolutely delicious. You can also have tomatoes in many different colors – red, orange, pink, purple, green, cream, and multi-colored – and so they can be a visual delight, too.

So what to do with all the tomatoes when you have more than you can eat? My friend, Lucille Dressler, from The Herb Society, concocted the following delightful, refreshing tomato soup. She wanted to use up tomatoes from her garden, and she came up with a winning combination. I love gazpacho, but it always seems like a lot of work. This recipe is super easy, and with the addition of some more herbs, it is now a favorite of mine. It is a cold soup, so you want to make some now and enjoy the harvest.

The last two weeks I have been alternating between working in the garden and putting up the harvest. Cucumbers need to be pickled, beans need to be frozen for later use, and squash needs to be shared. I am unable to keep the plants in bounds – they spill over their beds into the paths. Most of the weeds are in control – there is simply not any space for them to take hold!

Though I feel a sense of urgency – fall is coming – I am also beginning to make peace with the fact that I will not accomplish all that I had set my mind to do. It is a pleasure to gather the elderberries before the birds do, and to think of creative ways to use the glut of veggies. The next month will find me harvesting heavily, and giving thanks for the bountiful feast.

AGRICULTURAL FAIR

Karen O'Brien

The Richmond Agriculture Commission is celebrating agriculture in the area by holding its annual Agriculture Fair, Saturday, August 22, from 10 to 3 pm at the Pavilion behind the Fire Station. The Commission has held fairs, demonstrations, and tours of area farms since its beginnings in 2011 in order to showcase agriculture and encourage citizen participation. The Commission's mission statement says:

The purpose of the Agriculture Commission is to protect and sustain agricultural lands, preserve the Town's rural character, provide a voice for farmers, and encourage agricultural-based businesses. New Hampshire farmers serve as stewards of land and water resources, and provide habitat for native plants and animals. The Agriculture Commission has no regulatory authority or enforcement powers. It serves as an information bridge between the farmers and the non-farming public.

Never has farming or gardening been so popular, at least in recent times. The threat of scarcity of food has driven many to try their hand at growing food crops, rather than rely on the grocery store. It is a little bit of a throwback to the times when everyone had a garden of some kind, to supplement their food source. During



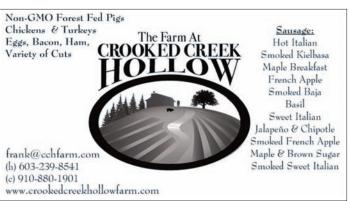
World War II, folks were encouraged to plant Victory Gardens. According to Wikipedia, these gardens would:

...reduce pressure on the public food supply. Besides indirectly aiding the war effort, these gardens were also considered a civil "morale booster" in that gardeners could feel empowered by their contribution of labor and rewarded by the produce grown. This made victory gardens a part of daily life on the home front.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Home_front https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_effort

Stop by and support those who are involved in farms and home businesses. There will be 15+ vendors, with all sorts of products for purchase. The Richmond Library will be having a book sale, and the Fire Station





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may also be participating. If you have questions about growing fruits or vegetables, there will be people to help answer your queries. There will also be people knowledgeable about livestock, so if you think chickens or other critters might be in your future, you will have a chance to find out whether or not that would be a good fit for you. And of course, there will be opportunities to purchase delicious produce, maple syrup, home baked goods, and other delights. Free hot dogs will be available from 12-2, so you can have a quick lunch as you peruse the tables. Come and enjoy the day with us!

Town Clerk's Calendar

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The NH State Primary Election will be held on September 8, 2020, at the Veteran's Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The NH Secretary of State explains that "You may register and vote by absentee (by mail) if:

- You are ill due to COVID-19, or caring for someone with COVID-19/symptoms; or
- You are concerned that registering or voting in person will expose you or others to COVID-19."

For a full explanation, please see the "COVID-19 Related Registration and Voting Instructions" printed in this issue.

People who are not yet registered to vote may:

- complete voter registration forms at the Town Clerk's office up until August 31,
- request absentee voter registration forms and instructions from the Town Clerk,
- register to vote at the Supervisors of the Checklist meeting on September 1 from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Veterans Hall,
- or register to vote on Election Day during polling hours at the Veteran's Hall.

For those who wish to vote by mail, absentee ballots will be available to those qualified to receive them. All requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and signed by the voter. For your convenience, the request form is printed in the July and August issues of *The Richmond Rooster*.

If you would like to know your status as a registered voter in Richmond, your party affiliation, or the status of your absentee ballot, you can view this information at https://sos.nh.gov/. Click "Voter Information Look-

up" and follow the instructions.

I encourage people who are not yet registered to vote in Richmond and/or who plan on voting absentee to start the process now! Please call 239-6202 or email richmondtownclerk@yahoo.com with your questions or concerns.

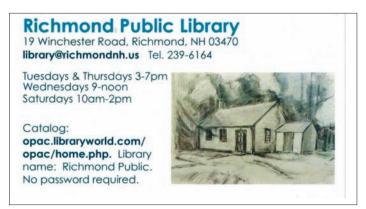
To the Voting Community of Richmond, NH

Walden Whitham, Town Moderator

It seems like another time and place when many of us gathered on March 14th for our Town Meeting, just days before the Governor put forth the stay at home orders and series of closures that are now cautiously starting to reopen. As of this writing, to my knowledge, Richmond has been fortunate to have so far escaped with not even a single case of Covid 19. Apparently there may be some advantage to the social distancing life style many of us in town have practiced for years.

That being said, we do have two elections coming up this year. The State Primary is scheduled for September 8, 2020, and the National Election will be held on November 3, 2020. None of us has a crystal ball, and the only prediction I feel confident making is that things will either be better or worse. As your Moderator, I certainly hope that things are better, but it is imperative that we do all that we can to insure the safest environment for all voters as well as our election officials.

Fortunately there are many people who are working toward this goal. There will likely be further guidelines put forth by the State for communities of varying sizes. Until then we are making plans to move forward incorporating many of the tools we have become accustomed to using already. For our elections, these would include: **Social Distancing:** The maximum number of persons allowed at any time into the building will be established. Six-foot line spacing will be maintained, possibly extending into the parking lot at peak times. I am



confident that Richmond residents will still have to wait only minutes to vote as opposed to hours in many other communities.

Masks will be strongly recommended. If you do not have one, one will be provided. Remember masks protect others, even more than yourself. Many voters in our town as well as elections workers, are in high risk categories. We ask you to not put them at additional risk and participate in using a mask for the voting process.

There will be hand sanitizer stations provided to protect you and the workers.

Plexiglass screens will be protecting both you and workers at the various stations.

We suggest you bring your own pencil, although of course, they will be provided.

Voting booths will be sanitized regularly.

I would like to thank Rick Lewis for being proactive in this venture, and working to help coordinate safety features, as well as designing and building the Plexiglas barriers. The provision of the barriers has been supported and approved by the Selectmen.

Even though we are doing all we can to provide the safest environment for the voting process, I understand how some people, particularly those in higher risk categories, will want to make use of absentee ballots. This process will be fully explained by our Town Clerk, Annette Tokunaga.

Although there is a small possibility that the Town may be able to acquire a vote counting machine by the elections, we must assume we still will be needing our vote counting teams, as well as other election workers. Since many of our workers are seniors or have high risk factors, and may have to decline participation, I am putting out an appeal to anyone who may be willing to assist in this process to step forward and call me at 239-4652 or email at walden12@live.com to discuss what is entailed in ensuring our voting process may continue.

RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Library News

Wendy O"Brien

We are open to the public by appointment! Please call us at 239-6164 or email us at library@richmondnh.us to make an appointment. Please note that masks are required inside the building. We still offer a delivery option for those who would prefer not to come into the Library. Contact us to arrange a drop-off time.

Knitting Circle, Saturdays in August, 10:30 a.m. at the Pavilion. New and experienced knitters, as well as other hand-crafters are welcome (proper social distancing!).

Summer Reading 2020

"Imagine Your Story" continues in August-come join us at the Pavilion on Wednesdays at 10:00 for fun tales like you've never seen them before!

August 5: John Henry is an important part of African American heritage. Hear the story retold by Julius Lester. We'll work to make our own tunnel for the RPL train!

August 12: This week we will celebrate Native American stories, many of which are still told today. We'll learn about *Raven in the Pacific Northwest, Boy from the Southwest*, and make some traditional crafts from the Northeast.

Cancellations In the interest of safety, unfortunately we have had to cancel the Library's participation in both the kids' Summer Wrap-Up Party and the Richmond Day Book Sale and Raffle. Stay tuned for virtual programming for adults and kids beginning in September, as well as news about our new "Sale Shed."

New Titles

Summer at Lake Haven, RaeAnne Thayne 28 Summers, Elin Hilderbrand Longing for Yesterday, Debbie Macomber

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Editors' Comments

Jeani Eismont and John Boccalini

As we near the primaries and elections in September and November, we will be screening our advertisements and articles for negative commentaries, name-calling, and the like.

Instead of negative and conflict-based stories and ads that are feeding hostility and anger, especially in our political arena, *The Rooster* will only accept positive comments, articles, and ads.

In respect to the submitters of the rejected submissions, we will be in contact with them to try to remedy the rejection. Thank you

I am Running for Re-election!

Debora Pignatelli

I announce my plan to seek re-election to the Executive Council. If successful, this would be my sixth two-year term, following 10 years in the Senate and 5 years in the House.

In my 10 years on the Council, I have seen it take on a larger role in New Hampshire politics. Council District 5 consists of 32 towns from Hudson to Peterborough to Swanzey and the City of Nashua.

The Executive Council plays an important Constitutional role in New Hampshire government. It has to approve all state contracts exceeding \$10,000. Its work has avoided a lot of controversy in awarding thousands of state contracts annually. Rarely, if ever, do we hear of any controversy in the awarding of contracts totaling hundreds of millions of dollars. The Council helps foster clean government.

The Council is critical in making sure that highly-qualified people are nominated to all of our courts throughout the state including our Supreme Court, our 11 Superior Courts, and our 32 Circuit Courts (District, Probate, and Family). Our Supreme Court will rule on important legal issues that will set standards for the decades to follow.

As Councilors, we also confirm leaders of state agencies. These include the Attorney General and the leaders of our Departments of Education, of Health and Human Services, Labor, of Employment Security of Environmental Services, of Safety (State Police), and many more. The leaders we choose must carry out the important duties of these agencies consistent with our goals and values.

In addition, the Executive Council confirms nominations to state boards and commissions. These include the Board of Education, the Board of Medicine, and numerous others. The Council rules on all pardons and commutations of criminal convictions. It confirms the Poet Laureate. And, it does so much more.

The Executive Council sets the toll rates on our turnpike system. I am very pleased to report that since 2004, I have worked to eliminate the exit 11 tollbooths in Merrimack – the only NH community unfairly hemmed in by tollbooths. My efforts finally bore fruit in January, with the help of the other Councilors.

One of the essential duties of the Executive Council, as I see it, is to help constituents in their interactions with the various state agencies. A good deal of my time is spent helping small businesses and individual citizens in resolving a whole myriad of issues with State government. The work does not make the headlines.

It is all important work, and I am happy to have the chance to continue doing it. Thank you so much for your past support, and I welcome your help again.

www.debpignatelli.com

Sly Karasinski for New Hampshire House

Sylvester R. Karasinski

Sylvester R. Karasinski of Swanzey announces his candidacy for the New Hampshire House of Representatives to serve the Towns of Richmond & Swanzey. He is running to represent your interests as residents of Cheshire District 12.

Karasinski cites the recent votes by the incumbents to increase taxes and regulations that will stymie our economic recovery. Now, as we emerge from this Covid 19 crisis, we need to support our business & industry, creating the opportunities to succeed in the future. He promises "to support Governor Sununu and work with him on the budget" as opposed to the reckless spending and draconian taxes proffered by the democrats. We must do better.

The House shortsighted refusal of \$46 Million in Federal funding of NH Charter Schools is keeping our children from educational opportunities. Karasinski will support the Police and stand with them, knowing that they are the only thing standing between our fam-

ilies and anarchy. We will have public safety.

In thirty-one years in Cheshire County, Karasinski has been actively serving the public as a Volunteer Fire-fighter, Emergency Medical Technician, American Red Cross Emergency Services at the Fair, Water Superintendent, Water Commissioner, Assistant Moderator, Fire Chief, Fish & Game Wildlife Docent Educator, Justice of the Peace, and is currently serving his second term on the Swanzey Board of Selectmen.

His initial foray into elected office has seen the successful implementation of several projects that had long been identified needs. Town infrastructure, bridges, dams, roads, and buildings have seen major improvements, all while keeping taxes in check. Perhaps the State Legislature could learn from Swanzey. Public/Private partnerships and "outside the box" solutions give the tax-payer the most "bang for the buck". Investments in infrastructure create a better future.

With experiences ranging from being a commercial fisherman, to stay at home Dad, owning a small business, and working in the healthcare system, all give him a unique perspective on the issues that concern us all. He is proud to be pro-life, a member of the NRA, and life-long Republican.

Sly and Anne Karasinski married in 1989 and lived in West Swanzey, moving to East Alstead and Marlow, before returning to North Swanzey in 1994. They have two grown children, Ben & Briana, and his mother Sylvia in Keene.

Thank You for your support, together we will do better.

June 10, 2020 Council Meeting

Debora Pignatelli

I hope you are all feeling well and staying safe. As always, please feel free to contact me with your thoughts, questions, and suggestions.

Here are notes of items I think of interest to Council District 5. Items may have a link to documents with more information.

Authorized the Bureau of Highway Maintenance, Well Section, to enter into a contract with Skillings & Sons Inc., Amherst, NH, for a 6-inch drilled well and pump on the property of Judi Lacroix, Weare, NH, in the amount of \$20,515. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Highway Funds. **VOTE: 5-0**

Authorized the Bureau of Transportation Systems

Management & Operations to enter into a contract with R&R Communications Inc., Swanzey, NH, for the purpose of providing statewide service and repairs to the Department's land mobile radio system, on the basis of a single bid of \$161,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2022. 81.9% Highway, 15.2% Turnpike, 1.2% General, 1.7% Other Funds. **VOTE: 5-0**

Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with L&D Safety Marking Corp., Barre, VT, for pavement marking, on the basis of a low bid of \$208,870.75. Effective upon G&C approval through November 6, 2020. 100% Other Funds (Betterment). **VOTE: 5-0** This contract includes the NH lOlA corridor Milford to Merrimack

Authorized, under the Community Development Block Grant program, to award a grant to the County of Hillsborough, Goffstown, NH, in the amount of \$500,000 to support the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter Inc., renovation project for the property situated at 35 Spring Street, Nashua, NH. Effective June 10, 2020 through December 31, 2021. 100% Federal Funds. **VOTE: 5-0**

FAILED the Division of Health Professions to enter into a contract with Parkdale Aftercare LLC, Chesterton, IN, to manage and administer the professionals' health program for fiscal year 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$425,000. Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. 100% Agency Funds. VOTE: 0-5 The proposed vendor for this contract, Parkdale, is an out-of-state company to take over for an in-state vendor who's work has been exemplary. The members of the Council would like to continue with the current contractor and re-negotiate a fair contract for them to continue. We Councilors heard from many people about the negatives of switching contractors.

Authorized the Bureau of Adult Education to enter into a contract with the vendors as detailed in letter dated May 1, 2020, to provide adult education and literacy programs as defined under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$6,043,655.87. Effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023. 38% Federal, 62% General Funds. VOTE: 5-0 This contract would give the Nashua Adult Learning Center a \$150,000 cut in funding. They run a very lean and efficient operation at the ALC and I objected to this cut. The students are the ones who will suffer with longer wait times to attend classes, fewer classes and a range of negative outcomes. I expressed

my disappointment and my hope that the future funding, perhaps in August, will even out some of what I see is a mistake by our Department of Education.

The Council confirmed the following individuals to Boards and Commissions

Dana Call; Accounting Services Director Department of Administrative Services

Scott M. Krauchunas; to the Board of Optometry

Charles M. Arlinghaus; Canterbury, NH Commissioner of Administrative Services

Tiffany J. Grade; Lakes Management Advisory Committee

Kevin H. Smith; Pease Development Authority Board of Directors

Steven Workman; state Coordinating Council for Community Transportation for NH

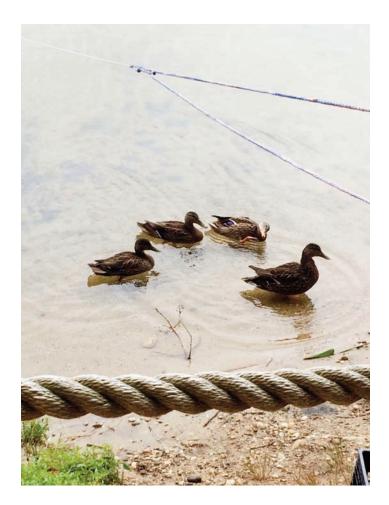
Kate Cassady; State Board of Education.

There was another nominee from the Governor, Ryan Terrell, to sit on the State Board of Education. He is from Nashua. I spoke with him and watched an introductory video he produced. I determined that he is not in any way qualified to sit on this very important Board which is making some critical decisions about education. He has no experience or even interest in education as far as I could see. Further, he has said some very derogatory things about Democrats, how he thinks they want to further enslave people of color on welfare to keep their votes. He seemed to have an adversarial attitude which is not what the Board of Education needs. We need qualified people who can work collaboratively on this board

Parks and Recreation

Karen Daugherty

I hope everyone is continuing to enjoy this summer season. The pond has been a little quieter this year without the familiar happy sounds of children laughing and splashing across the way at Takodah. We have seen the ducks and geese on a regular basis. Please help us to keep the water clean by not feeding them. The port-opotties at the beach and park will remain in place while the weather is warm. We have postponed Ladies Game Night for the time being. We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming Summer Wrap-up. Please join us Saturday, August 15th at 11am at the pavilion. We will have shirts to tie dye, hot dogs and drinks, and school supplies for the upcoming school year!



August 15, 2020, at 11a.m. Summer Wrap-up 11a.m. at the Pavilion

September, 2020, Harvest Festival and Potluck December, 2020, Movie Time at Takodah January, 2021, Winter Event February, 2021, Movie Time at Takodah

After decades as an Educator, Butterfield Turns a New Page

by Olivia Belinger

Reprinted by permission of *The Keene Sentinel* After nearly 40 years as an educator, James "Jed" Butterfield retired as a science teacher with the Monadnock Regional School District this spring.

And as he reflects on his career, he said being a good teacher really boils down to one thing — connecting with students.

"My philosophy in education is to make kids be in a larger perspective than themselves, and to prepare them to pursue their hopes and dreams and goals," said Butterfield, 59, of Richmond.

This idea stemmed from his undergraduate years at Heidelberg University in Ohio, where the upstate New York native was involved in the residential life program as a resident assistant.

Learning how to build a relationship with others while simultaneously helping them is what drove him to pursue a career in teaching.

Butterfield was always interested in science, especially biology, with his father, Jim, being a pharmaceutical researcher and his mother, Joan, a nurse. But finding a career in science was a struggle at first, as he found his work in the research laboratory on campus unfulfilling.

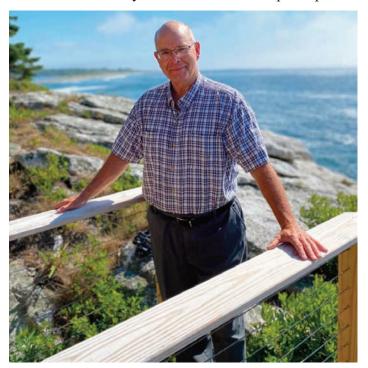
"I enjoyed it, but I didn't want to spend the rest of my life doing that," he said. Butterfield said he has also always loved learning, and has fond memories of his high school years.

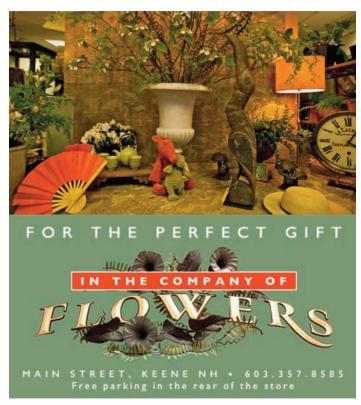
Once he got to college, teaching fit the bill, leading him to double major in comprehensive science education. He also earned a Master of Education Administration from The Ohio State University.

And once he got his own classroom, he pulled from what he learned in his college years. "Kids have strengths and weaknesses," he said, "and I always try to maximize each individual kid's potential for whom they are and what they want to do."

'A great run'

Before coming to New Hampshire in 1994, Butterfield worked at three schools in Ohio: as a science teacher at Brecksville Broadview Heights High School for one year, a science teacher at Ridgedale High School for nine years and assistant principal at





Reynoldsburg High School for three years.

Then he moved to the Granite State to become the principal of Thayer High School in Winchester, which has since closed. He heard about the school through his membership in the national Coalition of Essential Schools – an organization that aims to equip educators with the skills needed to assist all students.

"It was a chance to come to New England and be closer to family, while working in a small single-town school with many innovative initiatives going on," he said. "We loved the region and that was a big factor."

Butterfield – a father of three daughters, all of whom he taught in school – then joined the Huskies at Monadnock Regional Middle/High School in 1999 as the head of the school's science department.

For three years – from 2011 to 2014 – Butterfield also took on the role of principal at the school before going back to teaching for the remainder of his career.





"I anticipated that I would finish my career in a principal role ... [but] it got to the point where I thought that I would be better for the kids back in the classroom," he said.

That instinct rings true for Troy Chaput, a former student of Butterfield's, who described him as one of the greatest influences in his life.

Chaput, 31, was in Butterfield's anatomy and physiology class, which sparked his initial interest in going to nursing school.

The Swanzey resident recalled having to shadow someone in the medical field for a class assignment, and was placed with a pharmacist.

"Mr. Butterfield asked me how it went, and I shared with him that it was terrible," Chaput said. "He took the extra time and allowed me the extra time of shadowing someone else ... [it] spoke volumes to his teaching, overall love for his profession and to me as a student." Now, Chaput is a registered nurse – in a clinical information technology role – for the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health system.

"He showed me respect, despite the fact that I was a challenging student," he said. "I strongly believe that if it wasn't for him, my life would not have gone down the road it did."

Butterfield mentioned Chaput in his interview with *The Sentinel*, saying he "represents what I feel good about in teaching."

While his impacts on students are his fondest memories, he said one of the more memorable points of his career was the end of it, when a good chunk of the school year was upended by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lesson plans were thrown out, and he said the past few months of the school year were focused on just keeping his students engaged the best he could. And while he said technology is a wonderful tool, it doesn't offer the human connection he and his students need to excel.

"I always had the course curriculum, objectives and outcomes in mind, but really [COVID-19] mostly interrupted my hidden agenda of maximizing student potential," he said. "It's really hard to do that on a computer."

The pandemic also left Butterfield without a sense of closure in his retirement, since he couldn't say goodbye to colleagues and students face-to-face.

After all, it was this sense of community – felt in and out of the classroom – that kept him and his wife, Kate, in the Monadnock Region for the bulk of his career. And Husky pride, specifically, was something he took to heart.

"The culture is one I have appreciated," he said. "It's a medium-sized school, where you got to know the kids and the families and the community. I really took pride in connecting with the community as a teacher and principal."

And as he adjusts to his new reality of retirement, he said the plan is to take what he's learned from Monadnock with him while he indulges in "classic New Hampshire things," like hiking, fishing and woodworking. "There are other things I wanted to do in my life," he said. "I had a great run, a great career as a teacher and it's time to move on."

Ms. Cassidy Purrington Graduates in Top Ten

Neil Moriarty

Cassidy Purrington was in the top 10 at Monadnock Regional School District Senior class. She plans on attending Wentworth Institute of Technology (Boston) in the

fall. I know you all join me in congratulating her and wishing her the best in the future.

Monadnock Graduates 2020

Neil Moriarty

Makaleigh Lutz
Cassidy Purrington
Dominick Thornton
Congratulations and good luck in your futures.

2019 Fire Dept Annual Bar B Q

Marie Knowlton

The Richmond Rooster has been around for nearly 30 years. The Richmond Fire Department cookout has been going for so much longer. In years past, Richmond would begin the day with a magnificent local parade. Various organizations, clubs and town departments would participate along with fire trucks in the march up Route 32 to the Fire Department field.

During the day, the Richmond fire trucks would be on display and offer demonstrations. The highlight of the day was always Fire Department members working diligently over hot coals for hours and hours creating a spectacular chicken dinner for all who attended.

On August 25, 2019, folks in attendance were given the delightful opportunity to participate in a surprise event honoring longtime **Fire Chief Leland B. Robbins**. With testimonials and smiles a dedication plaque was unveiled designating "25 Engine 3" to the memory of Chief Robbins honoring his years of service. A great tribute to a longtime volunteer who gave so much of his life to the Town of Richmond.



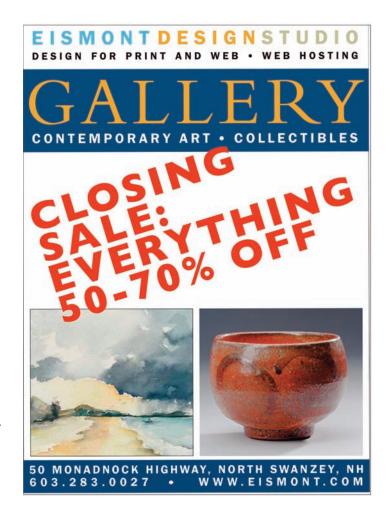
Chief Leland B Robbins RFD 1963 - 1998

Chief Robbins served the Town of Richmond for many years. His hard work, honest opinions, and relentless dedication helped to make the Richmond Fire Department what it is today.

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Designated "25 Engine 3", this engine will, no doubt, serve the People of Richmond with the same faithfulness as Chief Robbins.

Your Brothers and Sisters of the Richmond Fire Departme 8/25/2019





COVID-19 RELATED REGISTRATION AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Registering to vote and voting in person at 2020 elections may pose a health risk to some due to the COVID-19 health emergency. You may register and vote by absentee (by mail) if:

- You are ill due to COVID-19, or caring for someone with COVID-19/symptoms; or
- You are concerned that registering or voting in person will expose you or others to COVID-19.

The term "disability" in the election law extends to these circumstances. Even if you do not consider yourself a person with disability in other circumstances, this term applies for registering to vote and voting in 2020. The opportunity to register and vote absentee due to disability from COVID-19 will apply in 2020, regardless of the future development of the public health crisis. You must sign the "disability" affidavit on the forms for absentee registration and absentee voting.

REGISTERING ABSENTEE (BY MAIL)

You may request absentee voter registration forms and instructions from your clerk before requesting an absentee ballot. Supervisors of the Checklist must review and approve your application. They are required to meet on a date 6 to 13 days before the September 8, 2020 primary and again before the November 3, 2020 general election. Unless the supervisors hold voluntary sessions before then, the supervisors will review your application at that meeting. You are registered to vote when the supervisors approve the application.

If you request an absentee ballot and are not registered, the clerk will send you both your absentee ballot and your absentee voter registration forms and instructions.

VOTING ABSENTEE (BY MAIL)

Request your absentee ballot from your town/city clerk as early as possible. An Absentee Ballot Application can be downloaded from: http://sos.nh.gov/ElecForms2.aspx See below for how to obtain your Clerk's contact information.

If you are returning your completed absentee ballot by US Mail, the clerk must receive it by 5:00 p.m. on election day. To increase the likelihood the absentee ballot arrives on time and assist with an expected high volume of absentee ballots, we recommend mailing it at least two weeks before the election. After 5 days, check the Voter Information lookup, Absentee Ballot link, to see if your clerk has received the ballot. Contact your clerk if your ballot has not been received. You may also deliver it to the clerk's office in-person or by a delivery agent until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election. A delivery agent may deliver it to the clerk at the polling place until 5 p.m. on election day. Family members, nursing home and elder care facility administrators, and a person assisting a voter with a disability who signs the absentee ballot affidavit (limited to delivering ballots for 4 voters) may be a delivery agent. See RSA 657:17: http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/LXIII/657/657-17.htm

Find your clerk's contact information, your party membership status, or the status of your absentee ballot request here: http://sos.nh.gov/



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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Application for State Election Absentee Ballot-RSA 657:4

Absence (Excluding Absence Due to Residence Outside the United States), Religious Observance, Concern for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), and Disability

	2020 COVID-19 Application					
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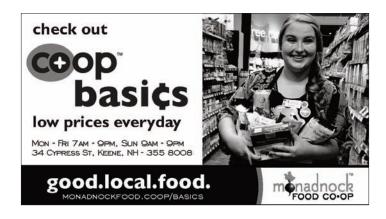
















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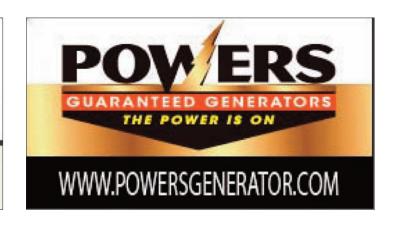


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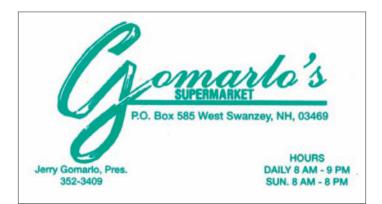
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Camp Takodah News Richmond Community Events

Ryan Reed

Knowing that local families are more limited on travel this summer, Camp Takodah is excited to offer you the chance to enjoy the beautiful outdoors close to home. And, as we are unable to run our regular summer camp program this year, Takodah is happy to offer Richmond residents these programs completely FREE of charge!

We invite you to join us for a Richmond Community Day and free swim lessons:

Richmond Community Day, August 12, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at Camp Takodah. Register Now!

Trained Takodah staff/lifeguards will provide the following options: swimming, canoeing, rock climbing, archery, and tie-dye t-shirts. You're also welcome to activities such as sports and hiking. We encourage you to bring a picnic lunch for your family, as we're not able to provide food or drinks.

You're invited to FREE Red Cross swimming lessons at Camp Takodah. Swim lessons are open to Richmond residents ages 5+. Classes will be held in light rain, but in the event of severe rain or thunder, lessons will be canceled. Richmond Swim Lessons, August 10-14, 2020, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. (please be on time) Camp Takodah. Register!



July 13, 2020 Selectmen Meeting

Selectmen

Selectmen present: Douglas Bersaw, Andrew Wallace

Selectmen absent: William Daniels Non-Board member: Susan Harrington

Meeting opened at 5:30 pm

Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd; the Board voted to approve the manifest dated July 13, 2020 for payroll/accounts payable in the amount of \$ 3,612.39 for the week of July 3, 2020-July 9, 2020.

It is with great regret that our Welfare Administrator Carol Jameson has resigned effective August 13, 2020. We would like to thank Carol for her years of service to the town.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to approve Intent to Cut for Map 407 Lot 001 and Map 408 Lot 094 Sub 001.

Letter from the State of NH Department of Environmental Services: Notice of Acceptance of permit application for subsurface disposal service for Map 407 Lot 074. Read.

Letter from Avitar Associates of New England received stating that Mark Stetson will be retiring effective December 31, 2020. Mark will be missed.

Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd; Board approved Pistol Permit # R698919.

Board reviewed Executive, General Government/ General Buildings, Highway, and Welfare budgets.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board signed State of N.H. Department of Revenue Administration form stating we will not be using the PA-28-Inventory of Taxable Property form in 2021.

Appointments:

Road Agent Buddy Blood met with the Board to provide an update. Buddy has been finished the Scott Mt. Road Bridge, filled the potholes on Ponds Wood Road. He will be working on Taylor Hill Road this week. Tully Brook Road Bridge and Whipple Hill Road Bridge over Roaring Brook were discussed as well.

Supervisors of the Checklist Pam Bielunis met with the Board regarding Wi-Fi at the Veteran's Memorial Hall for elections. Harrington to follow up with WiValley.

Mr. Barfield met with the Board to express concern about excessive gunshots heard from property. Mr. Barfield showed the Board some archeological artifacts.

Phone Call Appointment

The Board contacted Mr. Donald Coller at Mr. Coller's request. He would like to discuss the no-trespassing signs that were improperly posted to the Stinson Family Trust property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Susan Harrington

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Wed. 9 AM - 1 PM

Thurs. 9 AM - 12 NOON (unless posted)

Public is welcome to attend. Please call for an appointment if you have an item for the agenda.

Town Administrator: Susan Harrington
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Deputy Town Clerk: Martine Imon

Mon. 9 am - 12 noon, 1 - 4 pm, 6 - 8 pm Wed. 9 - 12 noon, 1 - 4 pm, Thurs. 9 am - 12 noon

Tax Collector: Steve Boscarino

Deputy Tax Collector: Ann Dea Whippen

Mon. 6 PM - 8 PM, Wed. 9 AM - 12 NOON

Planning Board:

Meetings held at Veterans Hall. 1st Tues. of the month – 7:30 PM and 3rd Tues. if needed

Transfer Station and Recycling Facility: 239-8136

Tues. 8 AM - 4 PM, Thurs. 8 AM - 7 PMSat. 8 AM - 5 PM

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