

### Welcome to Richmond, Baby Sean Goodale Pam Goodell

What a joy it was to hear from my uncle that he had just been made a great-grandfather again; this time by a baby boy, AND, imagine my delight when I was told he was born RIGHT HERE IN RICHMOND!



It seems that my cousin Glenn's son, Patrick Goodale, and his wife, Jessica Maki, were on their way to the Monadnock Birthing Center in Swanzey from their home in Petersham, MA. As they got closer to Richmond, Baby Sean Elwood Goodale decided he was ready to see the world – NOW! Shortly after midnight on September 22, 2021, a 911 call brought Jess and Pat the help they needed in the form of Richmond Fire Captain Spencer Heise who led them to the Richmond Fire Station. There, in the parking lot, Baby Sean made his grand entrance. Assistance was also given by firefighters, Trevor Heise and Rob Skrocki, of Richmond, and Tracey Jess and Jeremiah Lapinsky of Fitzwilliam. Thank you to all of you for helping to deliver a healthy, nine pound, eight ounce Baby Sean.

I can't help but feel a special affinity to my newborn little cousin who chose my town of Richmond to be born in. Welcome to Sean Elwood Goodale with hugs and kisses and congratulations to Jess and Pat!

# FIREHOUSE NEWS A Most Rewarding Call Ren Doyle, RFD Spokesperson

When the siren goes off at any time of the day or night, the members of the Richmond Fire Department never know what we're getting called to. The morning of September 22nd was no exception. That Wednesday morning, around 1:00 AM, an expecting couple were on their way to the hospital, as the mother was in labor, and their baby boy was on his way into the world. But he wasn't waiting to get to the hospital, so the parents pulled over on Athol Road and called 911.

Captain Spencer Heise and his brother, Firefighter Trevor Heise, responded from their home on Athol Road and had the couple follow them to the Richmond fire station. There, they met Lieutenant Robert Skrocki and were soon after joined by our neighbors from the east, Firefighter Jeremiah Lapinsky and EMT Tracey Jess, who arrived with Fitzwilliam's ambulance. While awaiting the responding Diluzio ambulance, the team assisted in the delivery of a healthy baby boy, Sean. Mother and son were transported to the Cheshire Medical Center by Diluzio and Fitzwilliam ambulances. The Richmond Fire Department is proud of everyone involved in the early morning call and congratulate the family on their newest addition!

It's not often that we're called to help bring a new life into the world. The responding crew members say it was one of the most rewarding calls they have responded to. We don't do this work for the rewards; we don't do it for the glory; and, we certainly don't do it for the pay. We love our community and our neighboring communities and we serve everyone with pride. We're always welcoming new members and enjoy getting to know members of our community. So, if you happen to see us around the station, out training with our members or junior fire department members, stop and say, "hello." Even if it's just a wave or a beep of the horn driving by, we appreciate and thank you for the support.

The return of the annual Weekend Before Labor Day BBQ was a huge success; thanks to every person who attended.

### **Richmond Historical Society**

Richmond, NH The Town and The Forest, 250+ years of living and growing together

### Attack of the Chickadees Shaun Bennett

It was a late October day, and the kid, about 10 years old, had never been near my house before. He was scared because he was being "attacked" - by chickadees! The birds were flying around him and seemed to be trying to land right on him. The situation was far more dangerous for the birds than the child. A single swat, and it would have been all over for the birds which weigh in at about a third of an ounce, roughly equivalent to three pennies.

What was going on? Our resident (year-round, non-migratory) birds depend on different food sources at different times of the year. When it is cold, and there are no insects flying about, they eat seeds and search for bugs which are trying to over-winter under bark and in crevices. The seemingly ferocious attack-chickadees which frightened the young fellow were actually remembering that last year, about this time, I was a good food source, and that, if they landed on my shoulder, I would produce sunflower seeds from my pocket. Unfortunately, these birds reacted to all humans around my place in the same way, regardless of whether the people were the same ones who had seeds last year. Once the young man understood what was going on, he found the situation quite entertaining.

If you want to feed chickadees by hand, all it takes is a bird feeder, sunflower seeds, tolerance for cold hands, and patience. Here's how:

1. Establish a feeder in a convenient place (see below) and get your birds accustomed to feeding there on a regular basis;

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2. On a cold morning when you have 15 or 20 minutes, remove the feeder and stand quite still in the same place with sunflower seeds on your palm. There will be a period of near misses when birds approach the seeds and then panic, flying off to safety without landing, but, eventually, one will succeed in getting a seed, and the others, having witnessed its success, will start to land, too. After a few days of this, the birds will come right to you, without hesitation, whether you are at the feeder place or not. And, if you are really patient, the much more timid nuthatches which often hang out with the chickadees may come to hand as well.



But, please be careful and avoid enticing the birds into dangerous situations like the one I described at the outset. If there are lots of potentially bird-averse people coming and going from your house, you may be putting the little guys at risk. I have a dog which would like nothing more than administering a fatal chickadee chomp, and I'm sure I don't need to explain about cats.

# From a friend on Athol Road

### Richmond Holiday Fair Alison VanBrocklin

The 2021 Richmond Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at the Veterans' Hall, 150 Old Homestead Highway (Route 32), Richmond, NH. Shopping hours are from 9 AM – 2 PM. The Fair is sponsored by the Richmond Community Church. Enjoy a hearty take-out lunch in our Holly Café from 11 AM – 1 PM, featuring corn chowder, New England clam chowder, chili, and sandwiches. Outdoor seating will be available (weather permitting!) The Church will also offer a bake sale, and all community members are invited to drop off their contributions the morning of the fair.

Start your holiday season with a trip to the Holiday Fair! We have local artisans presenting a variety of quality hand-crafted gifts and confections, including stained glass ornaments, gnomes, wood crafts, hand-knit and crocheted treasures, traditional German baking, jewelry, maple syrup, quilted items, & a variety of seasonal gifts.

We hope you will join us for this unique shopping experience! For further information, please call Alison at (603) 239-4494. (At the time of this writing there are still a couple of spaces available to rent, please call if you are interested.)

We will be observing COVID precautions and request that all vendors and patrons wear masks.



Helena Blais at the Holiday Fair, offering her traditional German treats!

### **Books by Barbara and Tim Rogers**

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### Parks and Recreation Karen Daugherty

We recently had our Harvest Festival alongside the Farmer's Market in town. There was chowder, chili, dessert, and hot chocolate. Kids enjoyed the lawn games, tattoos, and a lollipop game. Our next event is the Talent Show on December 4th, 2021. Registration forms need to be handed in by November 13th. Rehearsal is November 20th at 7 PM at the Veteran's Hall. There is still time to sign up in the library!



On another note, Blair, Karen, and Maureen will be stepping down from Parks and Recreation at the end of this year. We are looking for new members. If you're interested, please send an email to: richmond.recreation.commission@gmail.com.

<u>Saturday, November 20, 2021</u> Talent Show Rehearsal at the Veteran's Hall, 7-9 PM

**December 4, 2021** Talent Show at the Veteran's Hall, 7-9 PM

February 2022 Winter Event

**April 2022** Easter Egg Hunt

May 2022 Roadside Clean-up

<u>June 2022</u> Summer Reading Kick-Off/Tie Dye Party <u>August 2022</u> Summer Reading Wrap-up/Back to

School Party Summer Reading Wrap-up/Back to

October 2022 Harvest Festival



### **Pictures from Harvest Festival**





### **Food Pantry and Holiday Food Boxes Hugh VanBrocklin**

The Richmond Food Pantry has been providing support for families in our community since it was started by the Richmond Community UM Church Youth Group in 1988. The shelves are located at the Town Hall, and are available whenever the Town Hall is open. There are no forms to fill out and no eligibility requirements to meet for those who are in need of food. We are fortunate to receive continued support through the Richmond Community Church and private individuals with monetary and food donations. Some residents designate their United Way contribution to the Richmond Food Pantry. We also have received generous support through the Scouting for Food Program and the Women's Christian Temperance Union in Brattleboro, VT.

If a holiday food box for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas would be helpful to your family, please call Hugh at (603) 239-4494. Thanks for all your support!



A Friend On Granite Hill Road



### **Town Clerk Tidbits** Karen O'Brien

The Town Clerk's hours, starting October 4th, will now be Tuesdays, 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM for walk-ins. The office will also be open for appointments on Tuesday, with times of 5 PM, 5:30 PM, and 6 PM. The office will close at 6:30 PM on Tuesdays. We will no longer be open on Mondays.

Hours for Wednesday will be 9 AM - Noon and 1 PM - 4 PM. On Thursdays, we will be open 8 AM - Noon. Appointments need to be made for marriage licenses and those will occur just before or after hours due to the time necessary to fill out and process the license.

To contact Karen O'Brien, Town Clerk:

Phone: 603-239-6202

Email: obrienrichmondclerk@gmail.com



### Richmond's Summer/Fall School Athletes **Neil Moriarty**

- Sadie Daugherty
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- Isabel Prigge
- Nicole Braley
- Andrew Naso
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### **Library News** Wendy O'Brien

### **Library calendar for November:**

Every Saturday, 10:00 AM – Noon: Drop-in Knitting Circle

Every Wednesday, 10:00 AM: Storytime

**Special Events** 

Tues., Nov. 9, 6:00 PM: Book Group, Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe

Thurs., Nov. 11: CLOSED for Veterans Day

Tues., Nov. 16, 6:00 PM: "History Beneath Our Feet,"

presentation by Dominic Geraci

Thurs., Nov. 18, 6:00 PM: 3D Printer Tech Night Thurs., Nov. 25: CLOSED for Thanksgiving Day

### History Beneath Our Feet: Metal Detecting in **Richmond and New Hampshire**

Join us for an exciting evening with local metal detecting enthusiast, Dominic Geraci! Dominic has found amazing artifacts all around New Hampshire and especially from Martin Cook Road in Richmond. He will lead an informal discussion and have available for view objects dating from King Phillip's War (1675-1678) through the Civil War. Refreshments will be served.





Richmond Public Library 19 Winchester Road, Richmond, NH 03470 library@richmondnh.us Tel. 239-6164

Tuesdays & Thursdays 3-7pm Wednesdays 9-noon Saturdays 10am-2pm

Catalog:

opac.libraryworld.com/ opac/home.php. Library name: Richmond Public. No password required.



#### The Book Shed and Nook

Our outside Book Shed is full of used books and is available for browsing in good weather whenever the Library is open. Our indoor Book Nook features the latest donations of different genres and a new selection of kid's books each week.

Nov. 1: Novels and History

Nov. 8: Science Fiction and Biography Nov. 15 & 22: Mysteries and Romance Nov. 29: Arts & Crafts, Pets, and Sports

#### **Book Club**

Join us on November 9th at 6:00 PM to discuss Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe, by Heather Webber:

Nestled in the mountain shadows of Alabama lies the little town of Wicklow. It is here that Anna Kate has returned to bury her beloved Granny Zee, owner of the Blackbird Café. It was supposed to be a quick trip to close the café and settle her grandmother's estate, but despite her best intentions to avoid forming ties or even getting to know her father's side of the family, Anna Kate finds herself inexplicably drawn to the quirky Southern town her mother ran away from so many years ago, and the mysterious blackbird pie everybody can't stop talking about.— GoodReads.com

Copies are available at the Library.

### **New Titles**

Cloud Cuckoo Land, Anthony Doerr Apples Never Fall, Liane Moriarty Mother May I, Joshilyn Jackson The Magician, Colm Tóibín





The Richmond Heritage Commission (2014-2021), founded and mentored by Bob Weekes, thanks the town residents and many friends for their generous support.



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### NOTICE OF HEARING ON HIGHWAY LAYOUT PETITION

The public hearing shall be held by the Board of Selectmen to hear all evidence regarding a Petition to Lay Out Highway submitted to the Selectmen on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021. Said Petition to Lay Out Highway was submitted to the Selectmen by:

### Lauren C. Shearer, Petitioner

and requests that a highway be laid out at the following location:

Over the southernmost portion of Bowker Road in Richmond, New Hampshire, more particularly that portion as it extends approximately 1300+ feet northeasterly from the intersection of Whipple Hill Road.

The Veteran's Memorial Hall will be open one-half hour prior to the time of the hearing for inspection of the plans submitted by the Petitioner by any interested persons.

Interested landowners, local officials and highway users are welcome and will be given an opportunity to express their opinions or offer information relative to the request for highway lay out. The Board of Selectmen will decide if there is an occasion to lay out this new Class V Highway not financed in whole or part with federal and highway funds.

Given our hands this 18 day of Och, 2021.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

[Editor's Note:

Please review the enclosed public notice. The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Richmond has granted a petition for a public hearing to Mr. Lauren Shearer, regarding his request that the Town lay a highway over a portion of discontinued Bowker Road, which was originally laid in at 49.5 feet wide (three rods). Mr.

Shearer was granted a 16 foot wide right-of-way on Bowker Road.

The public hearing will take place at 7 PM on Wednesday, November 17th at the Veterans' Hall; doors will open at 6:30 PM.

Thank you.]

[Editor's Note: At Thanksgiving, we count our blessings. Amongst them at the Rooster are: Deb Coll, Carol Jameson, Jeani Eismont, and Pam Goodell. Please read these messages of appreciation from our former Editor and current Consultant, John Boccalini, and current President of the Richmond Rooster's Board of Directors, Marie Knowlton.]

A message from John Boccalini and Marie Knowlton The Rooster's biggest asset has been its staff, the people who have volunteered their time, ideas, talents and their willingness to do what it takes to get things done. We lost some of those assets this month, and, hopefully, it's not the last we hear from them...

### Pam Goodell

Pam has been a Rooster volunteer from its beginning issues (1991), contributing articles as town clerk to keep our readers informed about the news of her office as Town Clerk and important dates for federal, state and local elections, town meetings, important deadlines etc. She also contributed articles and stories for our readers throughout our history. She was instrumental in organizing and helping the Rooster with its Dessert Theater presentations, which featured our residents showing their various talents. Over all those years, Pam has served as one of our proofreaders from June 2017 to Oct 2021. Thank you, Pam!

### Carol Jameson

Carol has been with the Rooster since our 1st annual meeting as a NH non-profit in July 2014. She served as an adviser to the Board of Directors since then. She became the director of advertising for the December 2017 issue and was instrumental, along with Bonnie McCarthy, in reviving and restoring The Richmond Rooster printed edition, delivered to the mailboxes of all Richmond residents after a two year hiatus as only an online version. Carol was a regular contributor of articles over the years and has coauthored with Jonathan Hill, Nature Walks and Hikes in Richmond, NH and Neighboring Towns, with all the proceeds from sales benefitting the Richmond Rooster. Carol, thank you!

### Jeani Eismont

Words cannot express our appreciation to have had Jeani Eismont on the Rooster staff for 10 amazing years. Jeani donated 10 years of her professional and expert design career as a volunteer to the Richmond Rooster. The complete professional look of the Richmond Rooster is due to the meticulous work of this talented artist. Through the years, there was a printed copy, an online copy and, now, both exist thanks to the work Jeani provided. Jeani served as Designer, Co-Editor, President of the Richmond Rooster Board of Directors,



and still serves as a current Board member. Thank you, Jeani, for pulling the Rooster forward for a full decade; you are a very important piece of Richmond's history.

#### Deb Coll

It is with sadness and appreciation that we announce the resignation of Richmond Rooster Treasurer, Deb Coll. Deb is a good friend, who reluctantly took over as Treasurer in 2011 after much pleading, when Janel Swanson gave up the position.

Deb has served the Rooster for 10 years as Volunteer Treasurer. In the earlier years, she was responsible for keeping track of all the advertisers' renewal dates, billing the advertisers, paying the Rooster's bills, balancing the checkbook, providing financial reports, and verifying the correct ads were in the monthly paper. She was expert in these tasks.

The focus of the Treasurer is to maintain the financial stability of the paper. Through the years, the Rooster has seen its share of funding flow and drought. The paper was online during the drought and, only recently, was recreated and revamped to add back the fantastic printed copy, as well.

Deb has turned over her responsibilities to Renée Bochman, a name you will recognize. Renée had already taken over the important positions of Design/Production/Co-Publisher. Deb says that Renée is a natural and will have no trouble being a great Treasurer, as well.

Thank you, Deb, for all the years and time you have committed to our great paper. You are the best! And, thank you, Renée, for keeping the Richmond Rooster alive and well and ahead of the pack in local news!



### PUMPKIN-SWIRL BROWNIES Terri O'Rorke

8 Tbsp. butter (1 stick) plus more for pan

6 oz. bittersweet chocolate

2 C. flour

1 tsp. baking powder

1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper

1/2 tsp. salt

1 3/4 C. sugar

4 large eggs

1 Tbsp. vanilla extract

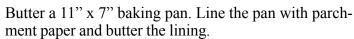
1 1/4 C. solid pack pumpkin

1/4 C. vegetable oil

1 tsp. ground cinnamon

1/4 tsp. nutmeg

1/2 C. chopped nuts (your choice)



Melt chocolate and butter in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water, occasionally stirring until smooth.

Whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt in a bowl; set aside. In a separate bowl, mix together sugar, eggs and vanilla, beating until well mixed.

Divide batter into two bowls (about 2 cups per bowl). Stir chocolate mixture into one bowl. In the other bowl, stir in pumpkin, oil, cinnamon and nutmeg. Transfer half the chocolate batter to prepared pan, smoothing the batter. Top with half the pumpkin batter. Repeat with remaining chocolate, then pumpkin batter.

With a small spatula or butter knife, gently swirl the two batters to create a marbled effect. Sprinkle with nuts.

Bake in a pre-heated 350 degree oven for about 40-45 minutes.

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING, RICHMOND!





### **Beyond the Lake**

Posted Wednesday, October 13, 2021 to: https://www.monadnockconservancy.org/news/post/ beyond-the-lake

A small yet highly developable property along North Road in Alstead, New Hampshire, is now conserved. It's less than half a mile from Lake Warren, an anchor for the East Alstead community where many boat, fish, swim, or simply enjoy its scenic beauty. The lake's waters come from several tributaries, the most important of which is Hale Brook.

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### **Protect a Watershed**

Hale Brook runs through the conservation land. To truly protect a watershed, it's not just the shorelands that need to be protected, but also the waterways and wetlands, woodlands and fields upstream. Ann De Lancey understands this. It's why she purchased this 5.6-acre lot and worked with the Conservancy to conserve it, adding it to an existing 54.7-acre conservation easement that she and her late husband donated in 2009.

"In general, anytime we can expand our existing conservation land, it's worth doing. This small lot is very developable and has frontage not only on Hale Brook, but also on a small tributary of Hale Brook," said Anne McBride, land protection director for the Conservancy. Preserve Water Quality



"By conserving this land, we are ensuring a buffer for these waterways and, therefore, for Lake Warren," Anne continued.

Buffers preserve wildlife habitat and protect groundwater and surface water quality. They also help slow the movement of stormwater runoff, reducing the erosion of soil and lessening the impacts of downstream floods. If land use along a stream were to change significantly, the benefits buffers provide could be lost. Conserving the land, then, ensures that Hale Brook stays healthy and so does Lake Warren.



### **Monadnock Humane Society Receives Support to Purchase a New Van**

Carol Laughner, Marketing Communications Manager



SWANZEY, NH - Monadnock Humane Society (MHS) has received generous donations and support from the community. Subaru of Keene, another business, and two important donors - Dale Moore and Debora Haskel - have made it possible for MHS to purchase a new van. The former van was not safe to drive and did not pass inspection. In August, it was determined that it needed to be replaced and MHS had less than a month to find and purchase a new vehicle.

Kathy Collinsworth, MHS Executive Director, explained that, "The first challenge was to find a van. We reached out to our friends at Fenton Family Dealerships for help. The MHS vehicle is critical to carrying out our mission as we use it for helping the community with animal cruelty investigations, picking up/delivering pet food to those in need, transporting pets to MHS from our other shelter partners, and in so many other ways. We needed to find a van as soon as possible, and Fenton Family Dealerships responded quickly to let us know they would be glad to help."

Emily Kerylow, MHS Shelter Operations Director, also added that, "With the appointment of our new Humane Agent, Beth Doyle, we anticipate an



increase in need for this van. Beth will need a safe, reliable vehicle for animal cruelty/neglect investigations, and helping the community with animal care in general."

Bill Fenton, President of Fenton Family Dealerships, began the search immediately and was able to find the perfect van in New York, making arrangements for one of their drivers to bring it back to the area. In addition to helping in this way, Bill offered to purchase and install a divider between the front and back of the vehicle, bringing down the cost to MHS. Bill said that, "We were very lucky to find a van like this in the current market."

Collinsworth reached out to several donors for funding to purchase the vehicle. Dale Moore and Debora Haskel agreed to help, stating that, "When we learned the MHS van would not pass inspection and was suddenly un-drivable, we wanted to help resolve this crisis as quickly as possible. Since MHS serves much of southern New Hampshire, mobility is essential to their community support mission. We consider it a privilege that, as individuals, we could be part of the solution and continue to support the vital work of MHS." MHS also reached out to another business that gave additional funding. These gifts combined completely covered the cost of purchasing a new van.

Collinsworth said, "We are so grateful to Fenton Family Dealerships, Dale and Debora, and other community support for making this possible. Having a safe vehicle for our staff to drive is so important, and serving the community is at the heart of our mission. This new van helps to make all of this possible!"



### The 33rd Annual Walk for Animals was a great success!

Carol Laughner, Marketing Communications Manager

We hit our goal of \$47K, and a fun time was had by all! Many thanks to the volunteers, everyone who contributed with donations, in-kind services, raffle items and gifts. Our very special thanks to the Walk Committee – everyone worked so hard and was so devoted to the success of the event. If you would like to view a gallery of photos taken by event photographer Heather Smith of Paw Prints Pet Photography, a link is below. Digital downloads are free: https://pawprintspetphotographybyheather.

pixieset.com/mhs2021-walkforanimals/

Note that we will be posting the winners of the contests on our facebook page next week!

### **November Narration** Karen O'Brien

A beautiful and happy girl, With step as light as summer air. Eyes glad with smiles, and brow of pearl, Shadowed by many a careless curl Of unconfined and flowing hair: A seeming child in everything, Save thoughtful brow and ripening charms, As Nature wears the smile of Spring When sinking into Summer's arms. Years have passed on, and left their trace, Of graver care and deeper thought; And unto me the calm, cold face Of woman's pensive beauty brought. More wide, perchance, for blame than praise, The school-boy's humble name has flown: Thine, in the green and quiet ways Of unobtrusive goodness known. Yet hath thy spirit left on me An impress time has not worn out, And something of myself in thee, A shadow from the past, I see, Lingering, even yet, thy way about; Not wholly can the heart unlearn That lesson of its better hours, Not vet has Time's dull footstep worn To common dust that path of flowers. Thus, while at times before our eves The shadows melt, and fall apart, And, smiling through them, round us lies The warm light of our morning skies,--The Indian Summer of the heart! *In secret sympathies of mind,* In founts of feeling which retain Their pure, fresh flow, we may yet find Our early dreams not wholly vain. from "Memories" by John Greenleaf Whittier (1841)

Indian Summer conjures up thoughts of unseasonably warm and delightful autumn days. As in the excerpts of the poem above from John Greenleaf Whittier, we recall the earlier joys and pleasant hours of spring and summer, while knowing that change is imminent. The fleeting illusion of summer foreshadows the coming of dreary and dark days.

This "weather singularity", a climactic event recurring at the same time each year, has been noted in other countries and earlier times. In the U.K., St. Martin's Summer is associated with the date of November 11th and is celebrated still in rural areas by bonfires, roasting chestnuts and wine. St. Luke's Summer on October 18th is a similar event, with both noting the coming winter season and time of waning light and increasing

cold. In Russia and some other Slavic countries, it is referred to as "Old Ladies' Summer." Bulgarians call it "Gypsy Summer", perhaps a reference to the "stealing away" of summer or a cruel trick or illusion.

Whatever it has been called, this meteorological occurrence tends to appear in areas where there is a wide variation of temperature between summer and winter, i.e., the northern parts of the world. True Indian Summer only appears after a frost, usually a killing frost, and temperatures must climb above 70 degrees. In "weather speak", a large high pressure area off the coast, usually causing the frost, is then joined by warmer temperatures from the south in a clockwise rotation of wind around the high pressure. This illusion of summer, however enjoyable, is shortlived as the warmer temperatures move offshore.



The first mention of "Indian Summer" in the US was in 1778 by a French-American farmer, St. John de Crevecoeur, in his *Letters from an American Farmer*. A great quote was penned by Thomas DeQuincy in 1855, "An Indian Summer crept stealthily over his closing days" a poignant reminder of man's mortality. The stanzas from "Memories" above also touch on the

passage of time and thoughts of days gone by.

So where does the "Indian" part of Indian Summer come from and why? There are lots of theories, one being that this was the traditional harvest time of squash and corn for native peoples, as they knew the harsher weather was not far behind. Some say it was the hunting season, and a brief period of milder weather may have given hunters an edge in tracking and killing, providing the winter stores of meat to see them through until spring. The animals would be fattened with the plenty of summer and early fall, providing more meat for preserving. Others theorize that it was the time when natives took advantage of dry and sometimes hazy weather to mount



attacks on white men who were increasing in number and invading native lands. Or, some point out, it was a slur on native people, suggesting a type of "Indian giver" something that was given and then taken back. It seems there is no definitive evidence, but, the fact remains we can still count on a few glorious summer-like days before we have to endure the cold winter months ahead.

Stay warm.



### SAVINGS BANK OF WALPOLE NAMES LINDSEY SWETT AS BRANCH MANAGER OF NEW WINCHESTER BRANCH

# Winchester Branch Is Slated to Open in October and Will Be the Bank's Sixth Location

Roxanne Rubell

KEENE, NH - Savings Bank of Walpole is pleased to announce that Lindsey Swett has been named branch manager of the Bank's new Winchester location which is slated to open in October. The Winchester branch will be the Bank's sixth location.

Swett is a longtime SBW employee and has worked at the Bank in various capacities for 17 years. Most recently she served as a universal banker at the Bank's Court Street location. "I am excited to be part of the Winchester branch opening team," she said. "Not only do we look forward to meeting local Winchester residents in person at local events but it's also exciting to have the opportunity to continue to serve our customers and community by opening a sixth branch."

Outside of work, Swett is actively involved in the community. For the past year she has served as treasurer for Cooper's Crossroad, a local nonprofit dedicated to raising awareness about the impact of adverse childhood experiences and trauma through educational platforms.

"We're pleased to recognize and congratulate Lindsey on her new role as branch manager for our Winchester location," said Mark Bodin, President for Savings Bank of Walpole. "As a longtime SBW employee, her dedication to work and community is inspiring. We're grateful for her ongoing commitment to the Bank and look forward to championing her success in leading the Winchester branch team.

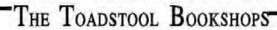
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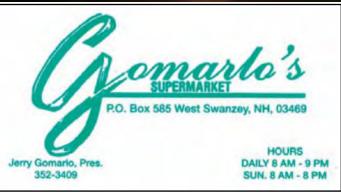
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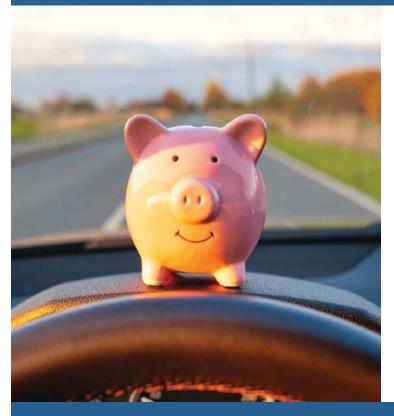




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Thurs. 8 AM – Noon (unless posted)

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**Town Administrator:** Susan Harrington **Administrative Assistant**: Jennifer Thompson

### Town Clerk: Karen O'Brien

Tues. 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM Wed. 9 AM - Noon & 1 PM - 4 PM Thur. 8 AM - Noon

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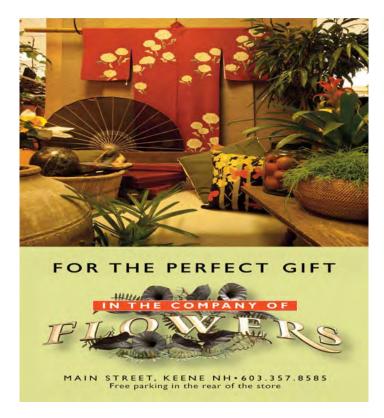
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