



The

Richmond Rooster

Something to Crow About

October 2022

Rescue on Mount Monadnock Neil Bennett

After descending about one hundred yards from Mount Monadnock's peak, my mom, Maully Shah, called out to my girlfriend, Jane Markovitz, and me to turn around for a picture. As we did, we saw a man behind her lose his footing, fall down a slick rock face, and connect headfirst with a sharp boulder 10 feet below!

June 30th had started off as an ordinary day on Mount Monadnock's White Dot Trail, marked by breathtaking views of Southwest New Hampshire and the Boston skyline, premature excitement from false peaks, and summit entertainment provided by the hundreds of tadpoles packed into small puddles. However, our descent was unlike any of my other 14 trips down the mountain.

When we reached the man, there was blood all over the rocks from a gash on the back of his head, and he feared potential paralysis due to acute pain in his neck. My mom, a pediatric cardiologist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, bandaged the wound with supplies from his first aid kit and fashioned a makeshift cervical spine brace from his backpack and extra T-shirts.

After placing a 911 call, the waiting game began. We conversed at length with the man, learning that his name was Gary Cohen and that he was an experienced hiker from Boston

who always carried a GPS and had carefully reviewed a trail map before setting off. It became clear to me that truly anyone can find oneself in Gary's situation, regardless of skill level and preparedness.

Two park rangers, Greta and Ken, reached us about 45 minutes later, after hiking



Neil and Ranger Ken set up litter.

from distant sections of the mountain. By that time, we had also been joined by two other hikers, a nurse practitioner and a psychiatric nurse. Given the severity of Gary's injuries and considerations from his medical history, it was decided that he would need to be airlifted from the mountain. However, we would still need to transport him to the helicopter's landing zone, roughly a mile away.

Ranger Ken and I retrieved a litter, medical supplies, and a belay kit from an off-trail cache a quarter mile



A ranger prepares belay lines



Ranger Ken (left). Neil with red backpack, followed by his mother, Maully, and Ranger Greta, in front of Gary's stretcher.

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down the mountain. Using a thermal blanket, the group hoisted Gary onto the litter and prepared to carry him, but a major problem remained. By this time, there were 11 of us, far short of the eighteen typically needed to move an individual this distance. We requested the help of other hikers, but most were either unable or unwilling to assist.

Given the urgency of the situation, we set off, with six people carrying the litter at a time, while others helped guide and carried the numerous backpacks and first aid kits. We carried Gary through difficult terrain, including steep hills, dense vegetation, and loose rocks. In certain areas, we were able to attach the litter to ropes and belay hooks and carefully slide it downhill. Along the way, we were met by local volunteer first responders, New Hampshire Fish and Game Officers, and other hikers who assisted with the rescue. The group bonded along the way, cracking jokes and telling stories of our previous trips up the mountain, making the nearly five-hour hike substantially easier. Gary's gratitude and sense of humor were greatly appreciated by everyone involved.



Gary gives thumbs-up while rescuers wait for helicopter

By mid-afternoon, we reached the landing zone and waited with great anticipation as the helicopter circled above. Due to the wind and uneven terrain, it took several attempts for the chopper to touch down, and we all erupted with cheers when it finally landed. Lifting Gary into the back of the helicopter was certainly a



Helicopter loaded while kids watch

bittersweet moment. I was relieved to know that he would be alright and proud of our efforts, but also sad to say goodbye to him and the rest of the rescue team, whom I had gotten to know quite well throughout the day.

To anyone who may find themselves in a similar predicament, New Hampshire has Good Samaritan Laws that protect those rendering emergency care from any liability. Regardless of your experience, you can always make a contribution in the event a hiker is injured.

Editor's Note: Rooster readers will be pleased to know the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Author Neil Bennett, a college student, is the son of Shaun Bennett, a frequent writer for this publication. Neil has provided links to exciting video clips of the arduous stretcher journey and the struggle of the helicopter to make a safe landing on Mount Monadnock:



Neil Bennett

Videos of Rescue

- Part of hike to landing zone:
<https://tinyurl.com/3u6ymjzx>
- Helicopter unable to land:
<https://tinyurl.com/yc2apeyc>
- Heading to the helicopter:
<https://tinyurl.com/mv9msa5u>

FIREHOUSE NEWS **National Fire Prevention Week** **100 Years Old**

**Ren Doyle, Spokesperson,
Richmond Fire Department**

October is here already! This year has flown. It's already been a few weeks since our chicken BBQ, and we would like to thank everyone who came out for your continued support. Save the date for our annual pie sale: November 19, 9 AM – noon. Let us help take care of dessert for that big family meal! If interested in donating a pie (or any kind of delectable family size dessert), reach out to Erin at (603) 757-3494. More details to follow.



October 9th through 15th is National Fire Prevention Week. This is the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week. Keep an eye out on Facebook for details about Keene's annual parade.

Richmond FD usually has a truck or two in the parade (which includes trucks from almost every fire department in Cheshire County and our nearby neighbors across the river.) Our local Monadnock Regional High School band also marches in the parade and they love an audience.

The theme for this year is "Today's home burns faster than ever" and, with modern day construction and furnishings, this is very true. Good time to remind residents of some safety tips as we approach the time we start warming our houses:

- Check your smoke/CO detectors to make sure they're working;
- Change the batteries when you change your clocks next month;
- Keep fire places, furnaces and space heaters clear of combustibles (especially curtains);
- Clean chimneys, stove pipes and dryer vents. Best to have them cleaned by professionals;
- Have an emergency plan (including two ways out) and make sure every member of the family knows it by practicing occasionally.

As always, we thank you for the opportunity to serve the community. We're always looking for more members and we wish everyone a happy and safe fall season! Go Huskies!

**News from Magzalea Farm and
Sanctuary of Fitzwilliam**
**Mandy & Silas Exel,
Contacts for the Charity**

Back in the early spring, our only well, only source of water, had some costly issues. We were able to get it resolved quickly, but we came to the realization that we

needed to add a second water source immediately. We as humans can find alternative water sources, but the residents absolutely cannot. They require hundreds of gallons of water a day. So, this spring we had a 405' drilled well installed down by the barn, dedicated solely to the residents. Our plan was to next install water lines and frost-free hydrants to help get water to everyone, especially in the winter months. Well, after having the water tested for everything possible, the water tested high in uranium, in the new well. Yes, that's right - uranium. This is not as well known in the area as radon or lead and, sure enough, when we pulled our original water test for the existing well, it didn't test for uranium. This is also a PSA for those with wells. We had the original well water tested, and thankfully it came in way below the acceptable limit! Whew! So, now we need to have a special filtration system installed for the barn well. Oi! It's been a rollercoaster! We will be doing routine water testing before and while in use for the residents.

So far, we have been able to personally donate the money to this project without relying on precious donations from our sanctuary family. But, this has definitely left us financially strapped. For this, we have been closed to any new residents (unless an absolute emergency). We, the people that run the sanctuary, take on any financial needs personally when the sanctuary does not have the funds. We will never let the residents down. They must always come first. Donations are down as it's been a tough time for so many. We understand. Unfortunately, it has also resulted in even more surrender requests. *On that note, please let us know if you are able to add to your family, and we will add you to our adopter list. We try to help healthy, adoptable companions find homes in times of need.*

Our next challenge, this darn drought!! Hay prices had already gone up due to fuel, fertilizer and baling supplies cost increases. Now, second and third cut yields will be impacted because of lack of rain. Prices will likely continue to increase, and the hay we need to feed everyone through to next spring will be harder to find. It's just been a tough season. For everyone, not just us. Yet, another reason we need to be cautious on any new residents. The current sanctuary residents have to be our priority. It's so hard on us, emotionally, when we can't help. Again, let's hope for better days to come.

[Editor's Note: To assist this nearby 501(c)(3) rescue for misfit farm animals, please note Magzalea is running a Flower Power fundraiser until October 15th. Buy spring bulbs and you help animals at the same time; bulbs can be bought at this website: <https://tinyurl.com/mua>

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Harvest Festival at the Richmond Farmers' Market

Liz Ehrman

The October 9th Harvest Festival at the Market offers an opportunity to create your very own herb vinegar. Join a workshop offered by Barbara Rogers and Karen O'Brien and walk away with your own bottle to enjoy at home. The Herb Vinegar Workshop will take place from noon to 3 PM at Richmond Four Corners. Supplies are limited: first come; first served. \$5 per bottle.

A noteworthy addition to Sunday afternoons at the Market is Dancing Goat olive oil from single variety, extra virgin, hand-picked, cold-pressed Kouraniki olives grown on ancient trees on family estates and imported to Richmond by Dan's Bread.

You might enjoy blending Dancing Goat olive oil with your own herb vinegar or pairing it with brick oven bread and homemade goat cheese from the Market.

For more information about the Richmond Farmers' Market or the Herb Vinegar Workshop, contact Karen at: greenwomangarden@gmail.com

Richmond's Got Talent!

[Editor's Note: Readers, this event schedule assists Richmond residents possessing a special talent or enthusiasm to share. Performers, musicians, artists, hobbyists and the like, submit your event information no later than the 10th of the month before your event, and we will add you to our Richmond's Got Talent schedule.]

Sunday, October 2 & 9, 2022 – 12:15 PM to 1:30 PM

Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at the Richmond Farmers' Market at Four Corners (intersection of Rtes. 32 & 119), weather permitting.

Sunday, October 24, 2022 – 2 PM to 5 PM

Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at Outlaw Brewing, 215 Scotland Rd., Winchester.

Richmond Holiday Fair

We are looking forward to the 2022 Holiday Fair. This year, it is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th, at the Veterans' Hall in Richmond. Shopping hours are from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM on the day of the fair. Luncheon will be available from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The Holiday Fair is sponsored by the Richmond Community Church. It provides local artisans an

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opportunity to present handcrafted treasures, and shoppers a unique beginning to the holiday season. If you would like to participate as a vendor in a traditional craft fair, please contact Alison at (603) 239-4494 for more information or to reserve your space.

The Richmond Historical Society Wants You!

Are you interested in Richmond's history? Would you like to meet and work with others fascinated by the past right here in Town? The Richmond Historical Society would like to invite you to become a member! Right now, the Society is actively working to restore access to the Town Pound, has filed for a grant to restore the theater curtains to their former glory in the Veterans' Hall, recently held a tramp reenactment at the Tramp House, and is planning a variety of programs for the coming year. We would like to invite you to the next meeting on October 6th at 1:30 PM at the Library. For more information or a membership form, contact Treasurer, Suzen Perry, at (603) 392-2006 or at natureigns@gmail.com.

Richmond Food Pantry Alison & Hugh VanBrocklin

Many thanks to the volunteers who keep the Food Pantry operating! If you have been into the town hall recently, you may have noticed some empty shelves at times. With rising food prices, the pantry has been used heavily over the summer months. If you would like to help, monetary gifts (checks) can be made out to the Richmond Food Pantry and sent c/o Hugh VanBrocklin, 30 Granite Hill Road, Richmond. If you would like to bring food directly to the Food Pantry, please call (603) 239-4494, and we will meet you at the town hall. Keep in mind we can only accept non-perishable foods which are not past the expiration date. *Thank you for your interest in serving our community!*
[Editor's Note: For tax purposes, the Richmond Food Pantry is an outreach of the Richmond Community Church, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.]

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Apple-Cheddar Soup with Bacon Terri O'Rorke

Ingredients

3 slices bacon
1 small onion, chopped
2 medium apples, peeled and chopped
1 medium potato, peeled and chopped
3 cups low-sodium chicken broth
1 1/2 cups unsweetened apple juice
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
2 cups shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese (about 8 ounces)
2 slices rye bread, toasted
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
Chopped fresh chives, for topping

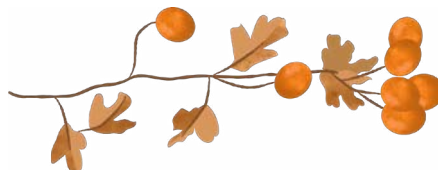
Directions

Cook the bacon in a large pot over medium heat until crisp, four to five minutes per side. Transfer to paper towels to drain; let cool slightly, then roughly chop. Pour out all but two tablespoons of the drippings from the pot.

Increase the heat under the pot to medium high. Add the onion, apples and potato and cook, stirring frequently, until the apples are soft, about eight minutes. Add the chicken broth, apple juice, 3/4 teaspoon salt, and pepper to taste. Bring to a simmer and cook until the potato is soft, 10 to 12 minutes. Stir in all but two tablespoons of the cheddar until melted. Working in batches, transfer the soup to a blender and puree. Return to the pot and season with salt and pepper.

Meanwhile, preheat the broiler. Spread the bread with the mustard and sprinkle with the reserved two tablespoons cheese. Broil until the cheese melts, about 30 seconds, then cut into one-inch squares. Ladle the soup into bowls and top with the bacon, chives, cheese croutons and more pepper. Serves four.

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What About Nuclear Energy?

Susan Opal,

Richmond Energy Committee

Alan Conklin, husband of the *Rooster's* editor, asked if fusion nuclear power is shaping up to be a good idea for future clean fuel. Right now, we are using fission atomic power plants and are developing fusion nuclear energy. Fusion is the exact opposite chemical action from what we are now using. Fission is fracturing molecules; fusion is fusing molecules. Yes, finally, we have real progress. Fusion has some unimaginable

qualities: almost no radioactive waste, very safe, nearly free power, and capable of being an endless supply of the energy of the earth. There is some possibility that nuclear fusion will finally be our newest form of energy. How soon will we use fusion atomic energy has been asked for 90 years, and always nuclear scientists say the answer is still 30 years away. But, now, the world may finally see a breakthrough. Some research universities are having real progress with quantum phenomena, superconductivity, plasma mapping, and many other very high-tech breakthroughs. The projected test prototype for continuous operation is five more years.

The new fission nuclear plants, called Small Modulator Reactors ("SMRs"), are now beginning to be used. They are more efficient and, therefore, do not leave as high an amount of nuclear waste, but, still, there is no answer for the nuclear waste we have now. I think we'll be stuck with these second-generation SMRs until then. These SMRs can be moved into position to replace all the existing nuclear plants which are soon to be "decommissioned". Our nuclear plants now are beginning to leak and need to be replaced.

Every country in the world has used our oceans at some point to dispose of their nuclear waste already. Without a real answer to the radioactive waste, we need to keep looking for a better answer and we may soon have one: FUSION!

The Richmond Energy Committee was started in 2007 by a small group of renewable energy enthusiasts interested in networking and learning about sustainable building and applications. If you are interested in joining us, please email us at: susanopalwyatt@gmail.com.

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“Terry” Tidbits Terry L. Davis

[Editor's Note: We asked Terry Davis, our new Deputy Town Clerk, to share some fun facts about himself with our readers.]



- Born in Keene;
- Lived in Virginia and Maryland from Age 2 to 7;
- Moved back to Keene until 10 years of age;
- Lived in Athol, MA through the remainder of my school years and left when I was 19;
- Met my wife Rose at 20 years of age (was married in 1977);
- Rose and I have two children: a boy and a girl;
- Lived in Gardner, MA until 1999, when we bought a 1760 Colonial Farmhouse in Rindge, NH (old French Farm);
- Moved to Oahu, HI after many trips there;
- Moved to Maui, HI, before we left in 2019 to live in New Hampshire to be closer to our grandchildren;
- Have had many types of jobs: everything from manufacturing to landscaping / tree work to computer engineer / management (retired from Xerox Corp. in 2014);
- I probably have too many interests, but my passion has been photography for the past 45 years;
- I also enjoy landscaping (manual labor), being creative in my workshop, playing the drums (love music and have a vinyl album collection) and mountain biking;
- But, most of all, I love being with my grandchildren and family!

WELCOME TO RICHMOND, TERRY!

Library News Wendy O'Brien

Library Calendar for October

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

Every Wednesday 10 AM: Storytime

Special Events

Tuesday, October 11th, 6 PM: Book Group, *Olive Again*

Thursday, October 20th, 6 PM: *Black Bear Happenings*, a presentation by New Hampshire Fish and Game Save the Date

Thursday, November 10th, 6 PM: Book discussion with independent scholar Carrie Brown, sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities



Black Bear Happenings in New Hampshire

Ever seen a bear in the wild? Are there any in Richmond? Please join us for a fun and informative presentation by Rich Masters, a NH Fish and Game environmental educator. We'll have a look at the natural history of this beautiful and powerful animal, learn about some current research and conservation efforts, and share stories of personal bear encounters. Bring your curiosity to the RPL on Thursday, October 20th at 6 PM.

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Book Club

On October 11th at 6 PM, we will discuss *Olive Again* by Elizabeth Strout. We had read the first book, *Olive Kitteridge*, last year and wanted to see what happened in the Town of Crosby in Maine. Copies are available at the Library.

New Titles

Rules at the School by the Sea, Jenny Colgan
Deer Creek Drive, Beverly Lowry
Overkill, Sandra Brown
West With Giraffes, Lynda Rutledge
Night of the Living Rez, Morgan Talty
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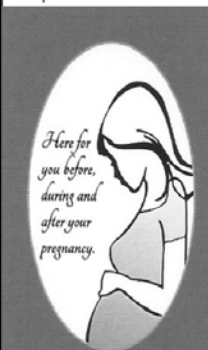
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Town Administration

Selectmen: William Daniels, Doug Bersaw,
Andrew Wallace

Selectmen Meeting at Town Hall – Mon. 5:30 P.M.
*Public is welcome to attend. Please call 239-4232 for an
appointment if you have an item for the agenda.*

Town Administrator: Susan Harrington
Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Thompson

Mon. 9 AM – Noon, 3 PM – 5:30 PM
Wed. 9 AM – 1 PM
Thurs. 9 AM – Noon

*For town business outside of the above hours,
please call 239-4232 for a Monday evening appointment.*

Town Clerk: Karen O'Brien

Deputy Town Clerk: Terry Davis

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

*For Tues. appointments (5 PM, 5:30 PM, 6 PM),
call 239-6202 or email the clerk.*

Tax Collector: Steve Boscarino

Deputy Tax Collector: Mary Rogers

Mon. 6 PM – 8 PM, Wed. 9 AM – 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 PM
Sat. 8 AM – 5 PM

Town Library: Wendy O'Brien, Librarian, 239-6164.

Tues. 3 PM – 7 PM, Wed. 9 AM – Noon
Thurs. 3 PM – 7 PM, Sat. 10 AM – 2 PM

Police (Non Emergency): 355-2000

Fire/Rescue (Non Emergency): 239-4466

Fire Warden: Ed Atkins

Fire Permit: Buzz Shaw, 239-4238

Selectmen – 239-4232

Town Clerk – 239-6202

Tax Collector – 239-6106

Road Agent: Elton "Buddy" Blood, II – 400-3629

Building Maint.: James Nolan, 239-3353

Zoning Compliance Officer: Richard Drew

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