



Fortune Smiled on Richmond Fran Heap

Severe thunderstorms and torrential downpours stalled over Cheshire County from July 9th through the morning of July 11th, causing minor power outages, dam and watercourse breaches, and many road closures. Amongst the hardest hit were Winchester, where more than 600 feet of Route 10 collapsed, and Swanzey, where Swanzey Lake swelled over its banks, forcing campers at Pilgrim Pines to evacuate.

At the July 10th Selectmen's Meeting, Road Agent Buddy Blood was happy to report that fixes made to Honey Hill Road, Activity Road, and Cross Road the week before held up during this storm event. Martin Cook Road, known for flooding, had also been spared. The only significant road damage was to Taylor Hill Road, which washed out and cannot be used as a route to Swanzey until it is repaired.



LIFE OUTSIDE THE DOOR Farm Fun in Sutton Stillman Rogers



One of summer's most enjoyable experiences might be a day at Muster Field Farm in North Sutton, N.H. off I-93. Located on Harvey Road, it was the 18th century farm of 22 year-old Matthew Harvey who farmed there from 1722 until his death in the 19th century. Today, the historic farm is an active farm museum, still raising cattle and still raising produce for sale to the public, but also letting the public see, experience, and taste New England farming as it once was.

While Matthew Harvey bought the property in 1722, he did not build his Georgian mansion until 1774, on the eve of the Revolution. For a while, he had a tavern there and served as a Selectman, and, later, as a State legislator, US Congressman.

On most days, the house is open for museum visitors, as are the barns, gardens, and fields of this large museum. A busy schedule of special events is held every year in the spring, fall, summer, and winter. Coming up is the annual Farm Days event, August 26th and 27th, with a celebration of agriculture, farming, and history. Visitors may tour the historic home, barns and fields of the farm, explore the gardens and take advantage of the ice cream making demonstrations, try out a stilt walk (even older people can, if they dare!), take a hayride, see a parade of antique and contemporary farm equipment and watch four to 10 year-olds engage in a toddler tractor pull.

Farm Days is open from 10 AM to 4 PM, rain or shine. The admission for the Farm Days celebration is only \$5 for non-member adults and free for kids under Age 6.

There is also a Roast Beef supper on Saturday 5 PM to 7 PM: \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. Reserve by calling (603) 938-5195 or 1 (603) 568-0157. If you are planning to go on Sunday, the Sunday breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee is from 6:30 AM to 8:30 AM.; it costs about \$5 for adults, free for kids. There are no homestead tours on Sunday.

In October (October 1st this year), Muster Field holds its annual Harvest Day from 10 AM to 3 PM with free admission. This is a chance to see and experience the harvest on the farm, enjoy the work and artistry of artists and craftsmen demonstrations and sales, fresh produce raised on the farm will also be on sale; you probably saw it growing when you went to Farm Days!

In winter, Muster Field Farm does an old time Ice Harvest, when huge blocks of ice are cut from the pond, hauled ashore, and stored in the farm's underground icehouse for use in the summer season. This is a rare chance to experience how meats and other produce were preserved before the refrigerator became common in houses in the 1940s and '50s

In mid to late June, the June Jam brings folk, jazz, blues, and rock to the fields of the farm. The event is usually in the mid-afternoon. Bring your own picnic or chow down on burgers, hot dogs and drinks available there. Entrée fee is about \$15 with younger children free; check the site for details.

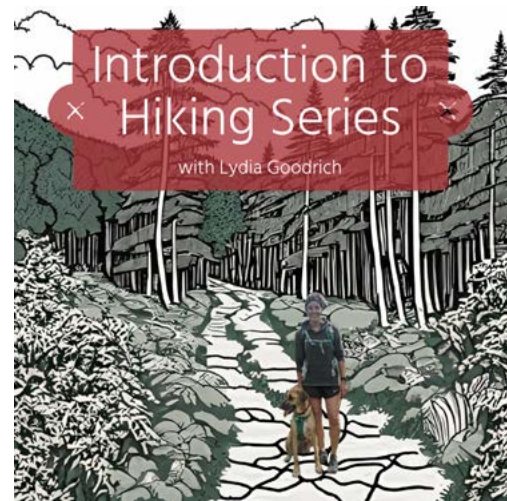
Keep Muster Field Farm on your notepad for other times of the year as well. Check the website for exact days, times and admission cost for these events. The Muster Field Farm website is: www.musterfield.com.



MONADNOCK CONSERVANCY

Monadnock Conservancy Hosting Introduction to Hiking Series for Women, Young Parents, and Young Adults

The learning hikes are open to young families with children ages 10 and up, young adults ages 18-30, and female-identifying persons.



KEENE, NH. – Beginning on July 22nd, the Monadnock Conservancy is offering free and guided hikes to help our community access and enjoy the outdoors. These hikes will be led by Lydia Goodrich, a Care Coordinator for Connected Families NH and an experienced hiker.

A hike will take place on August 12th at Pitcher Mountain from 9 AM – 1 PM, with a rain date of August 13th, and will be focused on young adults, ages 18-30. The next hike, on August 26th at Pitcher Mountain from 9 AM – 1 PM, with a rain date of August 27th, will be for female-identifying persons. These hikes are free to the public. For more information including registration, please visit the Monadnock Conservancy's News and Events page <https://www.monadnockconservancy.org/news/events>.

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Lydia Goodrich, who works as a Care Coordinator for Connected Families NH, will lead these hikes, and help participants learn about how to hike safely, responsibly, and confidently. Lydia is an experienced hiker, having backpacked over 2,000 miles on the Appalachian Trail. She is also passionate about improving access to the outdoors for communities and people who might not have experience or feel comfortable hiking.

The Monadnock Conservancy, founded in 1989, is the only land trust dedicated exclusively to the Monadnock region of southwestern New Hampshire. Serving 39 towns and the City of Keene, its mission is to work with communities and landowners to conserve the natural resources, wild and working lands, rural character, and scenic beauty of the region. Based in Keene, the Conservancy is an accredited organization that has protected more than 23,000 acres of forest, farmland, shoreline, wetlands, wildlife habitat, and recreation trails. For more information, please visit www.MonadnockConservancy.org or call 603-357-0600.

An Act of Restoration

Fran Heap

Photos by Alan Conklin

On July 10th and 11th, a team from Curtains without Borders of Vermont restored two of four historical theatre curtains made by the L.L. Graham Scenic Company of Brooklyn, NY. The curtains originally were a set of five and date back to the turn of the 20th Century, according to Christine Hadsel, Director of Curtains without Borders and author of *Suspended Worlds: Historic Theater Scenery in Northern New England*.

The curtains were made of muslin and coated with a wheat-based sizing and, sometimes, animal hide glue. They served as backdrops to theatrical productions. The two curtains deemed worth restoring are a rustic interior, complete with kitchen pitchers and a straw hat, and the ornate Grand Drape, a water scene with Switzerland's Chillon Castle in the background. Carolyn Frisa, a renowned Vermont paper conservator, and Johanna Pinney, a graduate student intern, painstakingly covered scratches in the painted surfaces.

Christine Hadsel worked with Lenny Solomon to

design and build the mounting frame and rollers so that the curtains could be displayed at the Richmond Veterans' Hall. Believe it or not, the rollers are padded gutter downspouts. Lenny, who secured the large grant required by the Richmond Historical Society to fund the restoration, was not afraid to pick up a hammer and a drill to get the job done. Thanks for everything, Lenny!



Lenny hard at work



Lenny and Christine discuss curtain mounting


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Summer Berry Trifle

Terri O'Rorke

Ingredients

- ¾ cup (8 oz) seedless raspberry jam
- 1 quart (1½ pounds) strawberries, hulled and cut into ¼-inch slices
- 1 pint (12 oz) raspberries
- 1 pint (12 oz) blueberries
- 1½ cups heavy whipping cream, cold
- 16 ounces cream cheese, at room temp.
- 1¾ cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 (7 oz) package crisp lady fingers
- Fresh mint sprig, for garnish (optional)

Directions

- Set aside a few berries for topping the trifle.
- Heat the raspberry jam in a large bowl in the microwave for about 1 min., or until hot and liquidy. Add the fresh berries and toss to coat. Let sit while you prepare the rest of the recipe, stirring occasionally.
- In a large bowl, whip the heavy cream until stiff peaks form. Set aside.
- In another large bowl, beat the softened cream cheese with the powdered sugar until smooth and creamy. Beat in the vanilla, then beat in a third of the whipped cream. Using a large rubber spatula, fold in the rest of the whipped cream until well combined.
- Cover the bottom of a 9-inch (14-cup capacity) trifle dish or glass bowl with a layer of lady fingers (break into pieces as necessary). Follow with ⅓ of the berry-jam mixture (including ⅓ of the juices), then ⅓ of the cream. Alternate, ending with the cream cheese mixture on top; for the last layer of cream, leave a 1-inch border around the edge showing the fruit beneath. Garnish with the reserved whole berries and a fresh mint sprig if using. Refrigerate for at least 8 hours, or overnight, before serving.

Servings: 8-10

Prep Time: 25 Mins.

Total Time: 25 Mins., plus at least 8 hours to chill

From a friend on Athol Road



Savings Bank of Walpole to Host Community Cookouts in Keene, Walpole, and Winchester

Roxanne Rubell

Keene, NH—Savings Bank of Walpole will host a series of three Community Cookouts in Keene, Walpole and Winchester as a way to say thank you to both customers and the community.

The Bank will serve free hot dogs, chips and drinks at each cookout and in Walpole and Winchester, the cookouts will be followed by musical performances.

SBW Community Cookouts Dates:

Keene

Friday, July 28th

11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

84 Marlboro Street

Walpole

Sunday, August 13th

5:30 PM

On the Green in Walpole

(Followed at 6:30 pm by the final show in SBW's Summer Concerts on the Green concert series featuring The Residential Band.)

Winchester

Thursday, August 17th

5:00 PM

The Gazebo in Winchester

(Followed at 6:00 pm by a Concerts on the Common performance featuring Classic Groove.)

“Our Community Cookouts are SBW’s way of thanking our customers, friends, and neighbors in the Monadnock Region,” said Mark Bodin, President of Savings Bank of Walpole. “They’re always terrific family-friendly events. And, following the cookouts in Walpole and Winchester, folks will also be able to enjoy some great music.”



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Contact Information

It is also incumbent upon residents to keep your contact information up to date. There are times when I need to call or email a resident, and it's really difficult if I don't have the most current info. Also, please be sure to set up your message center and clean out old messages that are clogging your inbox! There's nothing more frustrating than trying to call and being unable to leave a message. If you do call the Town Clerk's office, PLEASE leave your phone number. If I can't answer the phone, you can leave a message, and I will get back to you. All contact information is confidential and stays in the office. We do not share any phone numbers or emails, and will only contact you with official business.

DMV Renewals in Person

When renewing in person, bring either the old registration or the notice from EB2Gov detailing your renewals. I CANNOT renew for you without one or the other. If you have lost, misplaced, or otherwise do not have the current registration, you will be required to have a duplicate one printed for an additional cost. If you have a family member living at the same address as you, you can come in to process a renewal for them, provided they write a letter designating that you are named as an alternate. All persons conducting DMV business will be asked to provide their driver's license, which should have your correct address and be unexpired.

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There are a number of plates which were issued years ago and are now peeling and often illegible. Many inspection stations will not issue an inspection sticker if the plate cannot be read. You can come in to order new plate(s). There is no charge, but we need the peeling plate or plates so we can send a photo to the Plate Warehouse as proof. You will need to fill out a DMV form to facilitate the change, and this can be done at any time. Waiting until renewal is best, though. A temporary plate will be issued, and you will receive the newly printed plate by mail.

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Library News Wendy O'Brien

Library Calendar for August

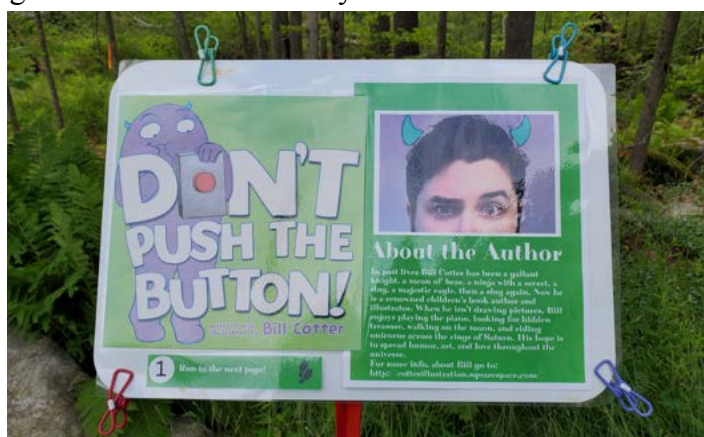
Weekly: Summer Reading Drop-in Craft
Saturdays, 10 AM – Noon: Drop-in Knitting Circle
Tuesday, Aug. 8th, 6 PM: Book Group, *Baker Towers*
Wednesday, Aug. 9th, 6:30 PM: SAU #93 All Together
Ice Cream Social/Summer Reading Wrap-up
Tuesday, Aug. 22nd, 6 PM: LEGO Club
Sunday, Aug. 27th, 10 AM – 3 PM: Richmond Day
Used Book Sale and Raffle

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 6 PM: NH Big Read - *The Bear*
Book Discussion
Saturday, Sept. 30th, 10 AM: NH Big Read - Family
Hike with the Conservation Commission, Bennett
Town Forest

Check out the New StoryWalk®!

Have you noticed something new at Amidon Park behind the firehouse? We recently installed a StoryWalk®, a fun way to read a book and get some outdoor time with your kids! The story starts by the swing set, goes around both edges of the ballfield, and ends by the playground. This month's story is "Don't Push the Button!"



Summer Reading

This month, we are wrapping up our summer reading program with a free ice cream social with our friends at the Gilsum, Mt. Caesar, and Stratton-Free Libraries.

Join us on Wednesday, August 9th at 6:30 PM at the Whitcomb Hall, 17 Main Street, Swanzey. We'll have plenty of ice cream and toppings, as well as lots of fun with our friends from throughout SAU #93.
Richmond Day Used Book Sale and Raffle


We're gearing up for another great day of fun on Richmond Day on Sunday, August 27th! Join us between 10 AM to 3 PM for our annual used book sale and raffle. We have tons of great books and DVDs for you to browse through. After 1 PM, the books are \$5 a bag! [We are taking donations of gently used books for the sale, feel free to drop them off during Library open hours or give us a call and we can come pick them up.]

NH Big Read

During September, for the first time we will be participating in the NH Big Read! With other libraries across the state, we will read *The Bear* by local author Andrew Krivak. Pick up a free copy and join us as we explore the New England landscape through the eyes of a young girl in the far future. We'll discuss the book on Tuesday, September 12th at 6 PM; then, join us on a family hike in the Bennett Town Forest with the Conservation Commission on Saturday, September 30th at 10 AM.

New Titles

Why Fathers Cry at Night, Kwame Alexander
Haven, Emma Donoghue
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The Return of the Tramp Re-Enactors!



"Tramps" Rick Martin & Bill Stroud. Photo by Jay Blain

The Richmond Historical Society invites the public to be transported to when times were hard, and tramps were common. The re-enactors will perform from 11 AM to 3 PM, August 27th, at the Richmond Tramp House on Route 119, opposite the public library.



Richmond's Got Talent!

Sunday, August 6, 2023 – 2 PM to 5 PM

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

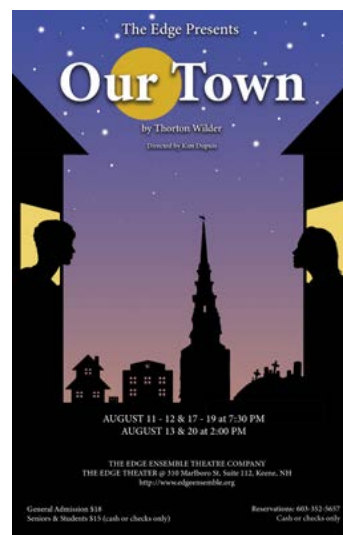
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The Edge Ensemble Theatre Company Presents Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* Catherine Behrens



In August, the Edge Ensemble Theatre Company will present *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, its third show in its new home at 310 Marlboro Street, Suite 112, Keene. Performances will be at 7:30 PM on August 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, 19th and at 2 PM on August 13th and 20th. Kim Dupuis will direct this quintessential New England play set in Grovers Corners, New Hampshire. Where is Grovers Corners, New Hampshire? Many people are under the impression that Peterborough is Grovers Corners, but the Edge has a different idea – the Edge believes it is Keene. Director Dupuis also has another idea about the role of the stage manager.

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It is typically played by a man, but Dupuis has cast a woman, Catherine Behrens. In the cast are a host of favorite local actors, including Tom Bernstock, Cynthia Rodier, Grey Leinau, Rob Gray, Heather Herring, Carin Torp, Noah Carmel, Sienna Johnson, Spencer Garretson, Grace Johnson, Andy Cooke, Peter Eisenstadter, Paige Johnson, Andrew Bosworth, and David Chase. Tristan Shawley is assistant director, stage manager, and sound designer. Mary Kirk is costume designer, Susan Sanders is set and props designer, and David Teubner is lighting designer.

Thornton Wilder conceived *Our Town* in the 1930s in Chicago and worked on it intermittently in various locations, one of which was the MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, NH. The play is about themes that affect every human being: life, love and marriage, and death. It explores the relationship between two young Grovers Corners neighbors, George and Emily, whose childhood friendship blossoms into romance and culminates in marriage. Through this story, Wilder illuminates the value of even the smallest events of our lives.

Our Town was first performed at the McCarter Theatre in Princeton, NJ on January 22, 1938 and subsequently opened on Broadway, receiving the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. It was hailed by Edward Albee as "the greatest American play ever written."

Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$15 for seniors and students. Tickets must be purchased at the door by cash or check. No credit cards at this time. For reservations, call 603-352-5657 or email theedgeensemble@aol.com, or visit the Edge's website at www.edgeensemble.org.

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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: Cheryl Brake

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: Held at Taylor/VanBrocklin Bldg.
1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month - 7:00 PM

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:

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

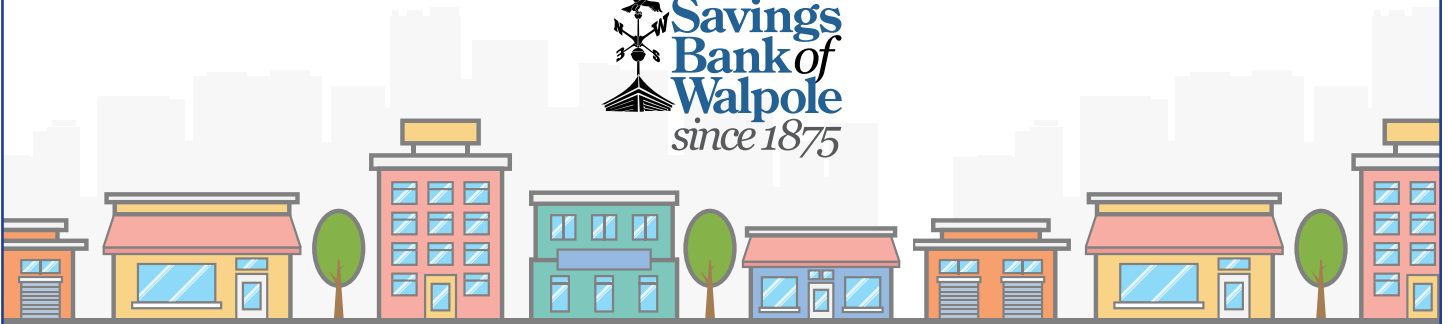
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