



First Mobile Food Pantry

Outdoor Photos by Alan Conklin

Indoor Photos by Pam Bielunis

Richmond's first mobile food pantry event went off without a hitch. Town Welfare Administrator, Pam Bielunis, thanks those who supported the event by registering. Pam reports that 45 people signed up, a number considered by Kate Leversee of the Community Kitchen to be a "healthy turnout", sufficient for a return visit to Richmond's Veterans' Hall in six months.



Organizing Food



Volunteers Man Tables



Welcoming Smiles

Curtain Acknowledgments

Lenny Solomon

The restoration of Richmond's antique theatrical drapes began on July 8th and was completed July 28th. The schedule had to be extended due to the torrential rains which inundated the area. The work was performed by four individuals from Curtains Without Borders, a non-profit organization based in Vermont. Working with acrylic paints and pencils, significantly worn areas were repainted and touched up to make the images as consistent as possible while maintaining their aged patina. Some areas had to be patched and sewn as well.



Carolyn Frisa & Johanna Pinney Conserve Rustic Interior Drapes

Several volunteers helped with this effort. Once the supporting wooden frames were fabricated and painted, the drapes were hung on the front and back walls of the Vets' Hall by David Bryan and Nick Saginario from Fine Carpentry, L.L.C. and Matt DeGrosky from Monadnock Shutter & Shade in Keene. Other volunteers included: Alan Conklin and Richmond Historical Society ("RHS") members Bonnie McCarthy, Fran Heap, and Sue Perry. This project, which was initiated by the Richmond Historical Society, was partially supported by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. The RHS also thanks the Richmond Selectmen for their support.

Due to their fragile nature, the drapes will normally be rolled up except for appropriate town events. To arrange a private showing, email Lenny Solomon at lenny@solomonband.com to schedule a mutually agreeable date.

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TRUE BREW REVIEW A Munich Dunkel from Elm City Brewing Company Kevin Ellis



Munich Dunkel
5% ABV

This year for my birthday, Jane took me out to Elm City Brewing Company to celebrate. Per usual, there was a wait, but it's always worth it for this place. The food is always tasty, and the beer is always solid. There's something on tap for everyone, whether they're a light beer drinking person or a more adventurous beer fan. I wasn't feeling particularly adventurous that evening, so I went with a more classic style, a Munich Dunkel. This style comes from Bavaria where Benedictine monks first brewed it in the 1200s. A dunkel is a simple lager recipe, consisting of mostly Munich malt with a little bit of pilsner malt and occasionally, some crystal and roasted malts to help with color and flavor. However, it is not uncommon for this beer to use 100% Munich malt. The hops and yeast strain used are traditionally German varieties.

Our beers came rather quickly after ordering, and the dunkel looked perfect! The head was nice and tight with small white bubbles, and the color was exactly what it was supposed to be: a caramel-colored and brilliantly clear beer with garnet tints on the edges when the light hit it at the right angle.

Up front, the aroma was full of toasty malt sweetness, almost like when you first smell your bread crust from the oven. Delving a little deeper, you get some nuttiness and toffee scents which were very pleasant. The presence of hops was there, as well as some light spicy and floral scents which came through nicely.

After the first sip, the word that came to mind was "fresh." This brew is clean and crisp, with many things going on that you can't capture within the first few sips. It brings you on a journey of flavors throughout the lifespan of your pint. At first, you get the malts. Initially, it's the toastiness, but then, comes the other flavors: some sweet caramel and nutty flavors and then, a dash

of chocolate hidden in there. Hops are also part of this flavor voyage. Their presence isn't as dominant as the malts, but, without them, it would be a pretty boring party. The hops bring a supporting element of spiciness and floral flavors to help round out this delicious decoction.

Overall, I was very impressed. It fits the style perfectly and was very enjoyable from the first sip to the last. I feel this brewery has a good understanding of how to brew the classic styles, as I have yet to be disappointed after ordering a glass or two. I give this beer an 8.5 out of 10.

A little about the brewery: Elm City Brewing Company has been opened for over 20 years and is the longest running brewery in Cheshire County. It has a lovely indoor seating area for the restaurant, a large bar and outdoor patio which is a treat to sit at on a nice sunny day. The brewery has a full food menu and a friendly staff. And, the beers are always rotating, so you'll be able to explore something new almost every time you visit. The brewery is best known for its Keene Kolsch, Peachy Keene and C Monster, but the brewery makes a large assortment of brews, including barleywines, stouts, wheat beers, lagers, brown ales and more! For a good meal and excellent beer, I suggest you check out Elm City Brewing the next time you're in Keene.

Cheers!

Dirt Road Speed Limit

Sandra Auvil

I have been a Richmond resident for 34 years and I would not want to live anywhere else. I do want to voice my concern about the speed of drivers on Whipple Hill Road, which is a narrow dirt road with plenty of blind corners.

I understand we often are in a hurry to get to our destination, but going faster than the speed limit puts us all at risk.

I looked up the RSA (Revised Statutes Annotated) concerning dirt roads and want to share one for those unaware or needing a reminder:

RSA: 265:60 Basic Rule and Maximum Limits

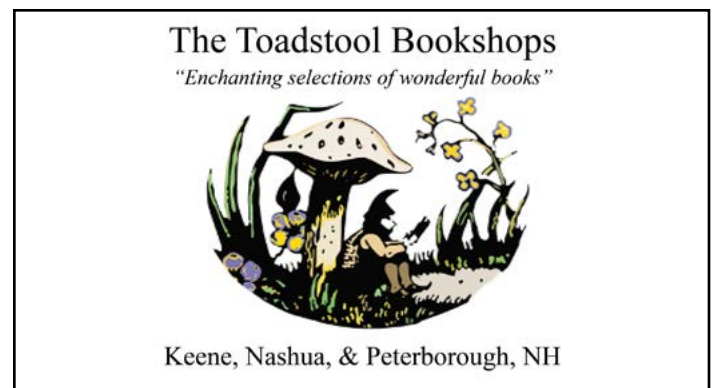
No person shall drive a vehicle on a way at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle, or other conveyance on or entering the way in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.

In researching the speed limit for dirt roads, I found the speed limit to be 20 MPH! The speed limit on the paved portion of Whipple Hill Road is 30 MPH. I know some folks are not traveling the speed limit. I would also like to mention that some folks tend to travel down the middle of the road and do not stay on their side of the road. I know the road is narrow, but it is a two-way street. There are courteous folks who do pull over and show respect for others coming the other way in the narrow areas. I would like to ask of those in a hurry for more consideration of others. There are areas of the road where only one side has room to pull a car over safely without bottoming out.

I want to share a couple of examples where speed and not yielding to the other driver caused cars to go off the road. One example is when my husband was driving up Whipple Hill Road and was forced to pull over into a ditch in order to avoid a head on collision with someone speeding around a sharp corner. It took him hours to get his car pulled out of the ditch. Another example was when a car flipped over going around a sharp corner where Whipple Hill and Upper Pudding Hill Road meet. The driver was disoriented and needed to be taken to the hospital. Fortunately, there wasn't another driver involved in the crash! Speeding and not realizing how sharp the corner was could have caused more damage, not to mention harm to anyone else who could have been walking or driving by at the same time.



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Written and Submitted by Sr. Mary Joseph

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From a friend on Athol Road



Richmond's Got Talent!

Friday, September 1, 2023 – 5 PM to 7 PM

Lenny Solomon with Suzen Joyce Perry (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at Trumpet Art Gallery, 8 Grove St., Peterborough, NH
Sunday, September 10, 2023 – 2 PM to 5 PM

Lenny Solomon with Suzen Joyce Perry (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at Outlaw Brewing, 215 Scotland Rd., Winchester, NH
Sunday, September 17, 2023 – 3 PM to 5:30 PM

Lenny Solomon with Suzen Joyce Perry (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at DublinArts & Muse Gallery, 1459 Main St., Dublin, NH
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Moles, Voles, and Other Pests Karen O'Brien

I have been gardening for a long time – over 50 years. I started my first garden when I was ten or so. My dad let me have a corner of the yard to plant some herbs. I don't remember what I planted, but I don't think anything did really well. I was used to my dad planting the tomatoes, cukes, and other vegetables, and I wanted to do the same. Our tomato plants came from Spag's in Shrewsbury. Spag's gave out 25 free tomato plants to anyone waiting in line; the other plants were either purchased or grown from seed. My dad had grown up on a farm, so he was doing what came naturally to him. I never really paid much attention to the growing, weeding, or watering that came with a garden.



Mole

It wasn't until I was out on my own that I had a "real" garden and I haven't looked back. I read a lot of garden magazines, from Organic Gardening to Herb Quarterly



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to Harrowsmith and more. I devoured the articles and realized I could grow more than what I found in garden centers. I also realized I had a knack for growing from seed. My cousin Brenda was married to a garden devotee, Bill. Bill grew lots of things, including blueberries, tomatoes and other veggies, and lots of flowers. He also started alpine strawberries from seed. I never realized how easy it was to do, until he explained that the hardest part was separating out the seedlings. They are incredibly small, and you almost need tweezers to pot them up. So, of course, I had to grow them. I loved them as they are much sweeter than regular strawberries and do not put out runners, so they make the perfect edging for beds.

Fast forward to this year: I started the strawberries last year, and they did not produce much. This year, though, they have taken off, and I pick maybe a cup each day. They are both white and red; the whitish ones are ignored by birds, and I find them sweeter than the red ones. Fortunately, no pests seem to be bothering them. However, that isn't the case with the rest of the garden, as this year seems to be the Year of the Pests.

It started slowly. One or two tomato plants were cut off right at ground level. Oh, no! Could it be cutworms? I have never had this problem, but cutworms will encircle a seedling and cut the stem right off. So, I started investigating and figuring out what critter could be destroying my young plants. The first thing I did was to place a garden marker on each side of the stem. Cutworms cannot cut the plant unless they encircle it completely. I also placed netting around the tomato cages to deter any pests.



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But, each day, I would find one or two plants cut and laying on the beds. So, I figured it must be something else.

I had a problem a couple of years ago with voles and chipmunks eating my seedlings in my cold frame over the winter. To solve this problem, the cold frames had to be lined on the bottom with hardware cloth – 1/8" to keep out even the littlest vole. It certainly helped, and I thought my problems with voles were over. But, I guess they just moved on and decided my tomatoes were fair game this year.

Voles eat plants, or roots of plants, and they are



Vole

voracious. They are fairly small, so they can get through a very tiny hole. During the winter, they create tunnels under the snow and make their way to their "buffet," which happens to be my garden. This year, I declared war and tried many things which are supposed to suppress voles. I'm not sure which worked. I'm really glad I had so many extra plants, because I think I lost and replaced 30 tomato plants. It is said that pinwheels can be effective deterrents, as they make a rumbling noise that voles don't like. There are special solar stakes which run and create vibrations. So, I bought six pinwheels and, at least, they looked pretty in the garden. I also read that voles don't like stony ground, so I bought a couple of bags of pea gravel and

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put that both in the holes of the plants I had to replace as well as around the stems. This did not seem to do much, either. Two other ideas I investigated were coffee grounds and Epsom salts; these also feed the plants. I even sprayed the plants after each rain (which was often!) with ghost pepper spray. It bothered my eyes and hands, but the voles didn't seem to be bothered. Voles eat bulbs, roots, grass, leaves, and all types of plant foliage and even the bark from trees and shrubs. They love to find a location which provides plenty of cover to create their home. Because of this, they often live in or near brush piles, wood piles and high-grass or weedy areas.

What really did the trick, as much as anything else, was using good rat traps. I caught a few voles, and also some chipmunks and mice. Unfortunately, I also caught a snake (he had a crimp in him, but he slithered out when I opened the trap) and a couple of wrens. I can't figure out why they got in the trap, but I guess it's collateral damage. Natural predators, such as owls, hawks, and snakes, can help with a vole infestation, as well as cats and some dogs (Jack Russells, for example). Keep brush piles and garden debris away from your garden and mow that high grass. Voles like to hide in these areas.

So, my garden, which is totally fenced, was a battlefield this year. The porcupine climbed the fence and ate the broccoli that was not under row covers. If they can't see the plants, I guess they don't realize they are there. I had a big battle with them last year. Suffice it to say that a shotgun is the best defense for porkies. Chipmunks are best gotten with a 22 (if you're a good shot!).

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I do have moles in my yard. They create mounds of dirt which can be unsightly, but they don't wreak havoc on plants like voles. Moles eat "meat" like grubs and other insects (think Japanese beetles) and can actually



Porcupine

help aerate the soil with their tunnels. So, I've learned to coexist with them. Castor oil is said to be effective for banishing moles from your yard. Of course, my Great Aunt Nell in Albany kept a sharp pitchfork around and used to jab it into the tunnel to try and stab the moles as she saw them move through. She was a good shot.

Do you have any solutions to critter problems? I'm open to suggestions for next year!

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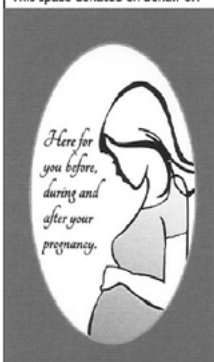
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Per- and Poly- fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) are a name for many different, but related, man-made chemicals. They are the byproduct of fire deterrents and nonstick and waterproof substances. They are referred to collectively as the "forever chemical" by scientists because they don't break down in the human body. They are a known carcinogen and, since 2015, have stopped being produced. In addition to cancer, PFAS have been linked to fertility, immune system and hormone issues. Through ingestion or inhalation, these chemicals gradually increase in bloodstreams, kidneys and liver.

PFAS have been used by manufacturers in consumer and industrial products since the 1950s. Aqueous Film Forming Foam, or "AFFF", is a fire suppressant used to fight flammable liquid fires. It contains water and other chemicals, including ethylene and

propylene glycol, used to extend the life of the foam. Firefighters use AFFF to put out fires that are difficult to fight with just water, especially those involving flammable liquids, such as petroleum. Firefighting training facilities and emergency vehicles, military facilities, and ships and shore facilities are some of the places AFFF is used. Not surprisingly, toxic chemicals in some AFFF solutions are thought to increase the risk of serious health issues, such as cancer.

In September 2019, New Hampshire's legislature banned firefighting foams (SB 257), containing PFAS chemicals, as more and more evidence linked the popular fire suppressant to higher cancer rates among firefighters and to drinking water contamination. However, there was no efficient or safe way to get rid of them, which meant fire departments in NH were still holding these banned chemicals in their fire stations.

Enter Revive Environmental out of Ohio. NH is now the first state to contract with Revive Environmental for its new "PFAS Annihilator" technology. Through this new contract, the state is expected to remove and dispose of 10,000 gallons of AFFF through a takeback program with municipal fire departments.

This new technology will use high temperatures and pressure, breaking down the PFAS molecules into smaller and safer byproducts. Expected results are destroyed PFAS in contaminated wastewater, landfill leachate* and AFFF. The state will then receive a "certificate of annihilation" from the company. *[*Leachate: a product or solution formed by leaching, especially a solution containing contaminants picked up through the leaching of soil.]*

The Dept. of Environmental Services ("DES") has been working with the NH Fire Marshal's Office and fire departments to bring about combined pickup sites in each county. From these locations, a waste management service called "Heritage-Crystal Clean" will bring the AFFF to Revive's PFAS Annihilator mobile technology at a facility in Wyoming, Michigan. Funding for the State's \$668,258 contract with Revive will come from two DES funds: Hazardous Waste Cleanup and Emerging Contaminants Funds.

Revive Environmental looks forward to NH being the first of other states they contract with, as the federal PFAS limits are currently in the works by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA").

Way to go, New Hampshire, first in the nation again! This time to safely get rid of "forever chemicals."

For more information on PFAS or to order a test for your household, click here: [PFAS Testing New Hampshire | PFAS in NH Water | NH Tap](#)

Blueberry Gingerbread

Terri O'Rorke



Ingredients

1/2 C. butter, softened
1 C. sugar
1 egg
2 C. flour
1/2 tsp. each, ground ginger & salt
1 tsp. each, cinnamon & baking soda
1 C. each, buttermilk & blueberries
3 Tbsp. molasses
3 Tbsp. sugar

Directions

Cream the butter and cup of sugar, add egg, mixing well. Dissolve the baking soda in the buttermilk, adding to the creamed mixture. Add the dry ingredients, blending well. Add the molasses and blueberries, stirring until mixed together. Pour batter into a 9" greased and floured square pan*. Sprinkle the remaining sugar over the top. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 - 60 mins. **If preferred, two small loaf pans could be used instead.*

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A New Tool to Help Keep the Voter Checklist Current Pam Bielunis, Chair, Supervisors of the Checklist

There is something new to assist the Supervisors' maintenance of an up-to-date Voter Checklist. The United States Postal Service ("USPS") keeps records of individuals who report a PERMANENT move/change of address in the USPS National Change of Address System ("NCOA"). The Secretary of State's Office is now receiving data from the NCOA. By law, at least once per year, the Secretary of State will provide information about all individuals who have processed a permanent move with USPS to the Supervisors of the Checklist in each city or town.

Upon receiving this information, the Supervisors will process the removal of the individuals who have moved out of their town from their voter checklist. Recently, we received the NCOA information for Richmond. We have processed the removal of approximately 40 individuals who have permanent address changes in the USPS system.



Veterans' Benefits

**Pam Bielunis,
Richmond Welfare Administrator**

I am trying to compile a list of Richmond veterans and their spouses. If you are a veteran or the spouse, please contact me with your information at (603) 239-6498 or pjb327@msn.com. Periodically, I receive information about benefits for veterans and would like to be able to share them. Here are two current benefits:
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Library News Wendy O'Brien

Library Calendar for September

Anytime: StoryWalk @ Amidon Park - *Bats at the Library* by Brian Lies

Wednesdays, 10 AM: Storytime

Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon: Drop-in Knitting Circle

Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 6 PM: NH Big Read - *The Bear*

Tuesday, Sept. 26th, 6 PM: LEGO Club

Saturday, Sept. 30th, 10 AM: NH Big Read - Family Hike with the Conservation Commission, Bennett Town Forest

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Oct. 14th, Noon to 2 PM: Partial Solar Eclipse Party at Amidon Park



NH Big Read: Book & Family Hike

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 Mt. Monadnock and 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 at the Library.

Then, join us on a family natural history hike with the Conservation Commission on Saturday, September 30th at 10 AM in the Bennett Town Forest. The Bennett Town Forest is 1.6 miles down Route 32 South from the Four Corners. Look for the "Harry Bennett Town Forest" sign on the right. The two-mile round-trip hike to a group of three cellar holes is on an old town road on mostly level terrain; it is expected that the hike should take around 2.5 hours. Accommodations can be made for those who might have difficulty walking to the historic site. Participants should bring their own water, snacks, insect repellent, and good walking shoes.

New Titles

Out of Nowhere, Sandra Brown

After Death, Dean Koontz

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store, James McBride

Tom Lake, Ann Patchett

Somebody's Fool, Richard Russo

Happiness, Danielle Steel



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Tara Surprise Renée Murphy

Tara was last seen Wednesday, August 16th, and this post was meant as a way to reach out to see if anyone had seen her. However, Saturday night, as I was just about to finish up the final edits of the *Rooster*, Tara came home.

She is incredibly skinny, but in all other ways healthy. It is really a welcome surprise as I had believed, after being out for that long, she had lost a battle with a larger animal. While I have no idea where she was or how she found her way home, I received a bit of advice I found useful:

1. Put a litter box and some of your personal things outside so they recognize the house.
2. Post a notice on the Facebook page Richmond Grumblings and the Monadnock Humane Societies website:
<https://tenthousandeyes.org/>
3. Call for your cat outside every day;
4. Use a tracking device if you let your cat out - understanding that poor GPS and cellular service in our area make the trackers unreliable.
5. Keep your cat indoors!

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Solution to Puzzle #3 on Page 4

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Belated Correction

Fran Heap, Editor

The March 2022 edition contained two errors, which I would like to correct now that I am aware of them:

- On Pg. 1, the article “2022 MS-636 Proposed Budget Summary” referred to “DeLuzio Ambulance”. The correct spelling is “DiLuzio Ambulance”.
- On Pg. 19, the article “Setback, Smetback” used the term “variance” several times when it should have used the term “special exception”, instead. My sincere apologies!



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