



Jed Butterfield: Advocate for Kids

Peter Majoy

SAU 93 has a new principal for the Monadnock Regional Middle-High School. From the get-go, Jed Butterfield's major role is to be an advocate for kids, and throughout his three year contract, he will remain steadfastly committed to this sense of purpose at the heart of education.

Mr. Butterfield comes from Ohio and has lived in the town of Richmond since 1994. His wife, Kate, has been a music teacher in Keene. They raised three daughters who graduated from Monadnock Regional High School.

His educational experience in Ohio included several degrees along with Comprehensive Science Certification, with which he could teach any of the sciences. His last job in Ohio was as the assistant principle in the Reynoldsburg High School that was affiliated with Ted Sizer's Coalition of Essential Schools and was declared by then Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander to be an "A+ Break the Mold School" for all it did to help students learn through team teaching, heterogeneous grouping, portfolios, exhibitions, personalized learning, and senior projects.

After moving here, he became principal of Thayer High School in Winchester. His desire to get back to teaching, his first passion in education, brought him to Monadnock Regional High School as Science Department Chairperson/Teacher. After being selected as the new principal of Monadnock Middle-High School, he received many e-mails and cards from students who were thrilled by the School Board's selection of him.

There are challenges ahead that Mr. Butterfield is highly focused on as part of his overall goal of advocating for kids. The first is the uniting of the Middle School and the High School and developing an interconnection between all students making it easier for them to transition from one year to the next. The second is to provide some stability of school culture necessary for the development of trusting relationships, very important in establishing a system of accountability. The third is a dynamic effort at reform that is personal, challenging, and rigorous. The fourth is to express a commitment to the taxpaying community by being careful in spending that is also balanced by the idea that education is an investment in the future and it does cost. Both the students and the community deserve the best that can be provided in their schools.

Mr. Butterfield reminds us that this will be the 50th anniversary of the Monadnock Regional School District, and a homecoming is already being planned which will be a major contribution to the restoration of "Husky Pride." Within this circle of

pride, Mr. Butterfield will be meeting with folk in the different sending towns to listen to them comment and ask questions about their school. His commitment to students is unmistakable, and he refers to the notion of "referent power," the power others give you that helps build community from the inside out. "Husky Pride" will be reinforced by Mr. Butterfield's reputation among the students and his "fire in the belly" drive for meaningful reform and doing things better by being deeply rooted in Coalition of Essential Schools principles of education that he has practiced at both teaching and administrative levels in his career.



Mr. Butterfield will help establish partnerships with kids, families, and the community and by such a relationship there will be a shared voice about what is going on. He hopes that all of this will maximize student potential by providing them a wider range of experiences, giving them the opportunity for making more informed choices and a greater chance to eventually embrace work that they love, a fundamental quality of life ingredient.

Our best wishes go out to Mr. Butterfield as well as our thankfulness that his vision for education is personal, challenging, accountable, and empowering of a school as a community of motivated and hard working people.

Notes from the Selectmen's Office Selectboard

Zoning Ordinance Review. By the time you read this article, members of the Select Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and interested public, will have met with planning consultant Carol Ogilvie to discuss the Richmond zoning ordinances. As you may recall, funds were appropriated at the 2011 Town Meeting "...for the purpose of contracting with an expert planning professional to review the Town of Richmond Zoning Ordinances to insure compliance with state and federal law..." Ms. Ogilvie was engaged to review Richmond's zoning ordinances and other town regulations and make recommendations that will guide the town in making necessary changes to insure the legality and integrity of our zoning ordinances. Her recommendations will also include strategies for incorporating the goals of the master plan in future regulations, procedures and zoning.

State Bridge Aid. Nancy Mayville, Municipal Highways Engineer, Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance, NH Department of Transportation, will discuss the process, proce-

dures, requirements and timelines for successfully applying for state bridge aid in a public information meeting in late July. The state is now funding applications for projects in 2019 and 2020. But Richmond can't wait that long; the town must replace the Fay Martin Bridge before that date.

If Richmond is approved for state aid, the town will be reimbursed for up to 80% of the cost to design and construct the bridge, costing the town less than if it's done without state aid. The state requires a town to appropriate funds to cover their cost of the project, but the state may not be able to provide aid before 2019-20. While the town has appropriated funds for this purpose, and the town will share the cost with the Saint Benedict's Center as part of the court decision, the town may have to bond bridge construction in the interim, depending on the final cost of the bridge. As this project moves forward, we will keep you informed.

Building Permits. The building permit process has been assigned to the Zoning Compliance Officer, Matt Drew. Mr. Drew is training to take over this process in the fall. If you are planning to construct any structure for which a building permit is necessary, please call Roberta Fraser in the Selectmen's

Office to receive an application and to make an appointment with Mr. Drew. He will work with you to complete the application, make any necessary inspections, confirm measurements and present the application to the Selectmen for a decision. The office number is 239-4232.

Summer Fun. We hope you are planning to attend some of the many exciting community events being held this summer for your enjoyment! We thank the many organizations and volunteers who work tirelessly to bring fun and a sense of community spirit to Richmond.

From the Town Clerk's Office Annette Tokunaga

Effective July 1, 2011, the state fees to register motor vehicles returned to their pre-August 1, 2009 levels. You will no longer be paying the surcharge of \$30 or more per vehicle. Motorcycle fees are \$15/year instead of \$25/year (plus \$1 for the Safety Fund). Trailer fees have also gone back to the levels of two years ago. And finally, the fee to transfer a license plate from one vehicle to another is \$10 rather than \$25.

Transfer station (dump) stickers expire September 30, 2011. I sometimes get the new stickers in August and can sell them as soon as I receive them from the Town of Winchester. You can also purchase the stickers directly at the transfer station in Winchester. You will have to present to the attendant the registration for the vehicle that you wish to haul your trash in. Your registration will verify that you are a resident/property owner in Richmond. The cost of the first sticker is \$20. The cost for each additional sticker for one household for that same 12-month period is \$1. Once you purchase your first sticker from either the transfer station or from my office, you will need to purchase any additional sticker at the same place.

Beach stickers are available at the town clerk's office. There is no fee and no expiration date for these stickers. Only residents/property owners of Richmond and guests accompanied by residents/property owners are allowed to use the Town Beach. Any resident/property owner going to the Town Beach should have a beach sticker displayed in the windshield of his/her vehicle. Because each sticker is assigned a specific license plate number, please have your vehicle registration or license plate number available when you come to get a beach sticker.

The office will be closed on September 5 for Labor Day. Because the office is regularly closed on Tuesdays, we will be open for only two days during the week of September 5 through 8 - Wednesday from 9-noon and 1-5, and Thursday from 9-noon.

Library News Wendy O'Brien

PLEASE NOTE: THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED IN THE AFTERNOON ON SAT., AUGUST 6 FOR THE SUMMER READING WRAP-UP PARTY AT THE VETS' HALL.

Storytimes

Wednesdays with Wendy continue at 10 a.m. throughout the summer in conjunction with our summer reading program. Come enjoy themed stories, a craft, and a small snack.

Summer Reading

A fun wrap up party with a presentation by Terry Reeves from the Mariposa Museum in Peterborough will be held on August 6, from 1-2 p.m. at the Veterans' Hall. She is offering a wonderful program with folk art, clothing, toys, games, and stories from around the world. We will also have a sundae bar with lots of yummy toppings. Reading certificates and gift certificates to Toadstool Bookshop will be presented to those children completing the program. We have had a great summer and are so pleased to have seen so many new and old faces over the summer months!

International Children's Day

A big thank you goes to all who helped make International Children's Day such a success. Our biggest thanks go to Elaine

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Moriarty who organized the entire day, as well as making so many yummy treats from around the world and a piñata that refused to be broken! Thanks also go to Evelyn Porgorzelski, Fred Goldberg, Gao Ping, and Marie Juhlin. We had a great time and learned many new things.

Reading with Kodah

We have tentatively planned a visit with Kodah and Louie for August 13 at 11:00 a.m. Please drop by or call the library to confirm the date and time. Kodah and Louie are volunteers for Monadnock Therapy Pets. They offer gentle listening ears for children just learning to read or who wish to be more confident in their reading. Come by for a story or just a pat-no reservations needed!

Upcoming Book Sale

It's once again time for our annual Book Sale and Silent Auction on Richmond Day, Sunday, August 27. Stop by and see our great selection of used books (organized into categories this year!), as well as our outstanding prizes for the Silent Auction. All proceeds from the Book Sale and the Silent Auction will be used for book purchases. Have books to donate? We are currently seeking books for the sale. Feel free to drop them off when the library is open, or we can come to you! Just give us a call at 239-6164.

Interlibrary Loan

Due to budget cuts at the state level, the invaluable van service which provides our library with books from around the state has been reduced. Please allow for an extra week for delivery when requesting interlibrary loan materials.

WIRELESS INTERNET, AS ALWAYS, IS ON 24/7.

Greetings from Concord Representative Richard J. Dwinell

Presently the house is trying to vote on HB 474, better known as the Right to Work Bill. The house passed HB 474 and it was passed on to the Senate who also passed the bill. It was then vetoed by Governor Lynch. Speaker Bill O'Brien hasn't brought the bill back to the house to override the Governor's veto. Both parties

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have been waiting patiently to vote again on the bill.

It seems that speaker O'Brien wants to override the Governor's veto, but to be successful he needs a 2/3 majority vote. Both union and non-union workers have been lobbying their views on the bill for the past couple of months while the bill languishes due to the speaker's inaction. Hopefully HB 474 will be voted on during the next legislative session.

I voted against the bill for the reason I don't feel the bill will attract new businesses into NH. States with Right to Work laws have a higher unemployment rate than we do here in NH and make less take home money than workers here in NH. My philosophy is that if it isn't broken don't fix it.

Things From the District - July 2011 Neil Moriarty

The MRSD boys track team won NH Division III and the girls team captured third place in the same division. In art, Sarah Robinson copped a Top 10 Best of Show Award at the Mt. Wachusett Community College Regional Exhibition of High School Art. Paintings by Krista Ciaccio and Sarah Hautanen also were recognized with Honorable Mention awards at the same event.

Speaking of awards, 10 adults graduated from MRSD's adult education program. Although none lived in Richmond, this can be an excellent program if you have not graduated high school. If you are not yet 21 years old, it would be free; if you are older (in New London Conn., my home town, a person graduated high school at age 50 this year) perhaps some scholarship money could be found if you can not afford to pay. If you need a high school diploma, please take advantage of this program.

The Good MRSD Budget News - Health Insurance employee premium for Fiscal Year (FY) has been reduced from a projection of 14.3% to a 5.3% increase, or an estimated \$410,000 less cost. The \$410,000 is only about 70% of the \$580,000 we would have saved had we changed health insur-

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ance carriers – but it is better than the alternative.

A significant change in SPED (Special Education) support policy will start in September 2011 – by hiring one (1) qualified teacher(s) to replace three (3) para- professionals. The exchange of highly qualified teachers for para-professional staff in the area of SPED resulted in \$310,000 reduction in wages and benefits for the current fiscal year beginning in September. Additional savings in this area are projected for FY 2012 –2013.

The budget committee asked the school board to clarify what the operating budget would be for the next fiscal year (FY) 2011-2012. Combining the new SPED practice above, the reduction in insurance premiums, along with an added \$918,000 of operating budget that the school board did not request – calls for the school board to step in and provide direction on the budget.

As always if you have comments, or suggestions, feel free to contact Jim Carnie 239-4948, or Neil Moriarty 239-4031.

**Things From the District
August 2011
Neil Moriarty**

The school district lost a great asset in Mr. Richard Bauries who passed away on June 20th. Dick will be missed —keeping the district away from the “Tricks and Traps” as he called them. As Mr. Bauries was a district budget committee member, Swanzey will have to appoint a replacement for the current year.

On a lighter note Special Awards End of School Year June 2011 High School – Ms. Megan Butterfield was salutatorian of the MRHS class of 2011. Other awards for Megan included: Daniel E. Stockwell Scholarship, Excellence in Theater Arts Award, The Soucy Scholarship, The DAR Reward, President’s Award for Educational Excellence. Other Richmond Award winners: Keith Atkins, Zachary Hulett, Samantha Jackson, Khristina Juarez, Shane Laplante, Brittany Mountford, Kyle Santerre, Anthony Scobi, and Bethany Traverse. Middle School - Eliza Randall and Cleo Busick both obtained all “A’s” in their two years at middle school. Emerson - Andrew Royce received the Citizenship Award. Congratulations to all.

We have a new Director of Student Services, Troy Kennett. Other than he advocates keeping children off of an Individual Education Plan if we can, and continually assess those children on IEP, I have no background information on him as of press time.

The district is looking at adapting 10 goals for operating our district. These goals are on the district website (SAU 93 or MRSD

NH in Google will get you there). One goal is to be at (or near) the state’s average cost pupil – Mr Bruce Barlow, spokesperson of the Goals committee and MRSD board member, said that this should be obtained in about five years. Today the state’s average cost per pupil (figures are for 2009-2010 latest available data) is \$12,214; while Monadnock is at \$15,908 – we have a way to go. Improvements in the budget have been made: layoffs of teachers due to lack of enrollment, the teacher for para-professionals (one teacher for three paras) in Special Education. All three unions are coming up for contracts this year – this might be an area we can get some cost improvements.

Separately, Ms. Karen Craig announced a Literacy Plan (separate from 10 goals). The Literacy plan calls for the District to improve the number of students that can read proficiently from our current 73% to 85% in three years. The plan has checkpoints to measure improvements. While I congratulate Ms. Craig for her effort, I have strongly opposed the social promotion used in our district for children that cannot read. Our nonreaders continually get promoted year after year. This is not my quote, I heard it from Dave Mousette (principal Northern schools): “Up to the third grade kids learn to read; from fourth grade on they read to learn.” Well, we still teach how to read in the high school. Our Literacy Plan will continue to use social promotion – let’s hope it works.

As always, if you have comments or suggestions, feel free to contact Jim Carnie 239-4948, or Neil Moriarty 239-4031.

**Phone Directory Corrections
John Boccalini**

Please note the following corrections in your copy of the Richmond Phone Directory. If you notice any other corrections that need attention please let me know.

- Page 7 - Villirubia, Will and Eleonore
- Page 4 - JB Engine Repair - 239-8483
- Last page
- All Brand Appliance Repair - 239-6349
- Dental Health Works - 358-6624

**Richmond Roads
Jean Tandy**

As July moves too quickly into August, and while orange daylilies still light up our freshly graveled town roads, Whipple Hill Road once again drives like a road. Heavy rains now actually drain into ditches dug and leaf rot has been cleared. Channels now opened are paths for rushing storm waters to pour down slope into Roaring Brook and on to the Ashuelot. Tons of gravel, now more

controlled, are more cost-efficient (think taxes), because of work here, and on other town roads being upgraded and revived as we speak. Many thanks to Mark Beal and his remarkable road crew for Richmond’s road revival.

Summer rains followed by sizzling sun have encouraged bumper crops of ferns and garden produce. Now that Richmond’s Agriculture Commission is a reality, RPC invites all interested farmers, gardeners, and deckpot gardeners (on decks,) to bring fresh or canned or baked produce, for sale, to our “5th RPC Annual Brown Baggin” Event on August 13, 2011. This community event will happen at the Richmond Town Pavilion from 3 to 8 p.m. with a live “Friendly Town Sound” band, up from Orange, MA. And of course food, and art and much more!

Events will include a quilt raffle, local business events, crafts, RPC Richmond calendars, games, local farm produce, garden herbs, silent auctions, bicycle rodeo, and much more.

Look for a full program in this issue of the Rooster.

Please JOIN us with friends, neighbors, and children for a few hours of rural, country FUN on August 13.

**Yard & Bake Sale
Alison VanBrocklin**

Mark your calendar for the Annual Yard & Bake Sale at the Old Brick Church, 11 Fitzwilliam Road, Richmond, on Saturday, September 3,. The sale starts at 8 a.m. and continues until 2 p.m.. Come early for the best bargains! All proceeds to benefit the ministries of the Richmond Community United Methodist Church.

Donations to the sale are welcomed, and pick-up can be arranged. Please call Alison at 239-4494 for more information.

**Summer Job Income
Bill Patnode**

Many students do odd jobs over the summer to make extra cash. Earnings received from self-employment, including jobs like baby-sitting and lawn mowing, are also subject to income tax laws. In addition, if you have net earnings of \$400 or more from this “self-employment” endeavor, you will also have to pay self-employment tax-even if your income tax is “0.” If you work for someone else, be leery of compensation received in cash, even if you are told that it is “paid under the table.” For payments of \$600 or more, your employer must file a document (IRS FORM 1099 MISC) with the IRS to legally claim the payment as a business expense. The IRS can use this form to trace payments back to you. For additional information contact Bill Patnode. This service is provided at no cost to students.

**Letter to the Editor
Richard J. Dwinell**

In response to Mr. Russ Provost editorial in the June Rooster issue concerning HB 156-FN-A (Cigarette Tax Reduction Act). Having owned and operated Bottoms Up Discount Beverage Store, on Route 12 in Fitzwilliam, NH for the past 23 years, I have seen the impact of tobacco taxes upon the revenue generated by the sales of cigarettes. Most people that buy cigarettes at NH border stores don’t purchase one carton at a time. By lowering the price by \$1.00, this will entice more non residents to come here to purchase their cigarettes along with other items. In the long run NH will be gaining more revenue than they lose from the tax reduction. By lowering the cigarette tax it becomes an incentive to travel to NH and purchase other items which generates revenue to the state.

Sincerely,
Representative Richard J. Dwinell
Representing District Cheshire #5, Fitzwilliam & Richmond

**Aram
Terri O’Rorke**

Last month a young man’s life was tragically taken from him. In addition to his parents and sister he left behind innumerable friends and treasured memories for all of them. Among Aram’s many talents was cooking; his mother, Dixie, has graciously given permission to the Rooster to reprint his recipe for chili. Thank you.

Aram’s Chili

- 51oz. can diced tomatoes
 - 4 cans kidney beans
 - 1 1/2 lbs. ground beef (not lean)
 - 1 1/2 lbs. chuck steak, grilled then cut into small pieces
 - 1 hunk of salt pork
 - 1 tsp. cinnamon
 - 2 Tbsp. cumin
 - 2 Tbsp. basil
 - 1 1/2 tsp. salt
 - oregano
 - 4 bay leaves
 - 1 Tbsp. very hot cayenne pepper (Gomarlo’s has it)
 - 2 jalapeno peppers
 - 1 habanero pepper
 - 1 each, green, yellow & red pepper
 - 2 lg. onions
 - 1 clove elephant garlic, (or 4 small)
- Saute meats (pork first) & then the onion & garlic. Add everything else & cook slowly ‘til it is done! A good sized slow cooker or dutch oven is recommended.

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AdviCoach News
Michelle Conner

The award winning Connor Team of AdviCoach welcomes the addition of a new coach to their team, Rod Watkins. Rod is based in Milford, NH. and has recently joined their team after completing the rigorous training at the Franchise Source Brands International University located in Southbury CT.

He has over twenty years of experience in marketing, business planning and operations. He co-founded two business consulting firms and has worked with clients across a broad range of industries. Rod has worked as a senior business planner for a multi-billion dollar electronics company and prepared numerous market research, planning, and business communications projects. He graduated with honors from the University of Colorado with a major in business. Ann and Michelle Connor, your local AdviCoaches are excited to have Rod join their team.

Disingenuous Criticism Hurts Everyone
Sandy Perry

Every municipality depends on its citizen volunteers, elected and appointed, to function for the good of all in their community. That kind of volunteerism is often a challenge. It takes your spare time, rearranges your personal life and may be aggravating and frustrating. It is also necessary, rewarding and dutifully satisfying.

Giving yourself to evening meetings, innumerable work sessions and Saturday seminars, thoughtfully addressing constructive criticism, and always being in the learning curve are just a small part of the job you've volunteered to do. Most people you serve recognize and appreciate your good intentions and conscientious work, realizing that our volunteers are honest, diligent neighbors, respectful of differing points of view.

Sincere criticism and reflective debate is easily differentiated from the vitriolic faultfinding of the few. One person embellishing stories and inventing "facts" can appear to be a hundred, while posing in the anonymity of pseudonyms and aliases. Our community has such people in our midst accusing many volunteers and elected officials at various times of being biased, self-serving, unfair, ignorant and corrupt. Volunteers and elected officials can never please "the few" but are agreeable to the majority most of the time.

Disingenuous criticism can be easily dismissed, save one harmful component; discouraging good people from becoming the volunteers that are needed to guide our town. New Hampshire communities have a rich history of citizen participation. Good people need to continue to accept this challenge and become involved insuring that honest and effective service to the community will be carried forward.

Perfection belongs in an idealist's dictionary. The reality is we have a lot of good neighbors who care about this community and moving it forward to the betterment of all.

Respectfully your neighbor,
Sandy Perry

Out and About
John Boccalini

Wed., Aug., 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Jaffrey Civic Center, 40 Main St., Jaffrey. Residents will be asked to join in on community conversations regarding the future use of the Cheshire County Farm and former jail building in Westmoreland, NH. Under the new circumstances County officials are working to determine the best long-term uses for this property and they are looking for community input. Walpole Creamery ice cream will be served at all events.

Wed., Aug., 3 7:30 p.m. Olivier Messiaen: Theme and Variations for violin and piano, Gabriel Faure: Sonata for violin and piano in A Major, Op.13 Paul Brantley: Syrinx-Double for flute and piano, Franz Schubert: Fantasie for violin and piano, D. 934, Milford, Town Hall.

Wed., Aug., 3 6:30 p.m., Met Live: Don Carlo Colonial Theatre, Keene, \$19 (\$17 Met/Colonial members; \$15 students).

Aug., 3-7, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Cheshire Fair. From animals to zucchini, fairgoers find something for every family member – Horse Pulling for Dad – Country Music for Mom – Carnival Rides for the Kids – and a Demolition Derby for the whole family. www.cheshirefair.com.

Thurs., Aug., 4, 7:30 p.m. W.A. Mozart: Quartet in C major for flute and strings, K 285b, Paul Brantley: Two Songs (Dickinson premiere), Alfred Schnittke: Hymn No. 2 for cello and double bass, L. van Beethoven: String trio in c minor, Op. 9 No. 3. All Saints' Church, Peterborough.

Thurs., Aug., 4, 7:30 p.m. Antonin Dvorak: Terzetto, Op. 77 for two violins and viola, Ingolf Dahl: Concerto a Tre for clarinet, violin, and cello, W.A. Mozart: String Quartet in G major, K. 387, Congregational Church, Washington.

Friday, Aug., 5, 7:30 p.m. W.A. Mozart: String Quartet in G



THE CLOSURE AND CLEANUP OF VERMONT YANKEE
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AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTION
2. PANEL PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION
3. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

PANELISTS

DEB KATZ is the Executive Director of the Citizens Awareness Network (CAN) www.nukebusters.org.

CHRIS WILLIAMS, a Hancock Vt. Resident, is Vermont Organizer for the Citizens Awareness Network, an active member of the Vermont Yankee Decommissioning Alliance and board member of the Nuclear Information and Resource Service.

MARVIN RESNIKOFF is Senior Associate at Radioactive Waste Management Associates and is an international consultant on radioactive waste management issues. He has co-authored four books on radioactive waste problems.

CONCERNS

HOW WILL VERMONT YANKEE BE CLOSED?

WHAT WILL CLEAN-UP LOOK LIKE?

WHAT ROLE CAN CITIZENS PLAY?

EFFECT ON EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMY, AND SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY?

WHAT ABOUT THE ENTERGY LAWSUIT?

NOTE: While the western end of the Town of Richmond is within the 10 mile radius of the Vermont Yankee Evacuation Zone, the Town of Richmond chose to have the rest of the town considered part of that zone too. The difference between the two is the manner with which they will be dealt with should the need for evacuation arise.

Refreshments will be served. Any questions, call Pete Majoy at (603) 239-6058 or e-mail at ptmjoy@gmail.com.

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Fri., Aug., 5, 5-9:00 p.m. First Friday - Downtown Peterborough: Downtown Peterborough shops and restaurants extend their hours, offer special deals and provide entertainment! Peterborough.

Aug., 5, Fri., 7:30-10:00 p.m. Parish Hall Open Stage: Parish Hall, Peterborough.

Sat., Aug., 6, 7:30 p.m. Richard Wagner: Siegfried Idyll for chamber ensemble. Gustav Mahler: Das Lied von der Erde (arr. Keelan). Peterborough Town House.

Sunday, Aug., 7, 4:00 p.m. Maurice Ravel: Sonata for violin and cello. György Kurtág: Scenes from a Novel, Op. 19, for soprano, violin, bass, and cimbalom Johannes Brahms: String Sextet No. 2 in G, Op. 36. Jaffrey Center Meetinghouse.

Aug. 6, 7, 13 and 14, 5 p.m. Shakespeare in the Park, "As You Like It." Depot Square, 11 School Street, Peterborough. Free admission.

Thurs. Aug., 11, 7 p.m. Public forum on closure and cleanup of Vermont Yankee. Richmond Vets Hall.

Thurs., Aug., 11, 7:30 p.m. William Grant Still: Four Indigenous Portraits for flute and string quartet, Yu-Hui Chang: Binge Delirium for solo percussion, W. A. Mozart: String Quartet in B-flat, K. 458, Congregational Church, Nelson.

Fri., Aug., 12, 7:30 p.m. W. A. Mozart: String Quartet in B-flat, K. 458, Yu-Hui Chang: Binge Delirium for solo percussion, Bryan Christian: Airs no Oceans keep. Mendelssohn: String Quintet, Op 87 in B-flat, Emmanuel Church, Dublin.

Fri., Aug., 12, 7:00 p.m. Monadnock Chorus Chamber Singers Concert: Selection of classical pieces and oldies. Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge.

Saturday Aug., 13, 9:30 a.m., Monadnock Challenge Series Sprint Triathlon: .4 mile swim; 15.4 mile bike; run 5K. For detailed information on the course visit the website (www.monadnockchallenge.com/). There is a cap of 250 people for this event.

Saturday Aug., 13, 4 p.m., Brown Baggin' Music, croquet and horseshoe competitions, community yard sale, auctions, bicycle rodeo and organized games for children are planned. Richmond Pavillion, Richmond.

Saturday, Aug., 13, 7:30 p.m. William Grant Still: Four Indigenous Portraits for flute and string quartet, Alberto Ginastera: Impresiones de la Puna for flute and string quartet, Yu-Hui Chang: Binge Delirium for solo percussion Mendelssohn: String Quintet, Op 87 in B-flat. First Church in Jaffrey Center.

Sunday, Aug., 14, 5 p.m. Chamber Masterpieces IV, J.S. Bach: Cantata BWV 51, Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen! Thomas Ades: Five Elliot Landscapes, Op. 1, Franz Schubert: String Quintet in C with two cellos, D. 956. Peterborough Town House.

Sat., Aug., 20, 2 - 3:30 p.m. Mon., Aug., 22, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Tue., Aug., 23, Fri., Aug., 26 and Sat., Aug., 27 2 - 3:30 p.m. Puss in Boots: A Second Company Musical for Children and Their Families by Kathleen Menino; music and lyrics by Ellen Mandel. Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough.

Fri., Aug., 19, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Village Harmony Concert. Folk & sacred songs from Caucasus Georgia, Corsica, South Africa, American shape-note and gospel music. Cost: free will donation: Suggested 10/5 seniors/students. Rindge Congregational Church. annethomasjazz@gmail.com.

Thurs., Aug., 25, 6 p.m. a presentation by Nancy Mayville, discussing the process, requirements and timeline for obtaining and using State Bridge Aid for Municipally-Managed Projects. Veterans' Hall Richmond.

Thurs., Aug., 25, 7 p.m. Songs of Old New Hampshire by Jeff Warner. New Hampshire Humanities Council, Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge NH, 03461.

Wed., Aug., 31- Sat., Sep. 03, 8 - 10 p.m. "Measure for Measure" by William. Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough.

Ongoing
Every day except Monday from Wed., Aug. 3 to Sun., Aug. 14, 8 p.m. Wed. - Sat., 4 p.m. Sun., Arms and the Man: "Arms and the Man," a wartime romance by George Bernard Shaw. Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough.

Every day except Monday from Wed., Aug. 17 to Sunday, Aug., 28, 8 p.m. Wed. - Sat., 4 p.m. Sun. "Dr. Knock" is a comedic take on health care reform, as topical today as it was in 1923 when it was written by Jules Romains. Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough.

Every Thurs., Fri., Sat. 11am-4 p.m Wyman Tavern Museum, 339 Main St., Keene. A beautifully restored Revolutionary War-era period house museum. Admission is \$3 per person, free for Historical Society of Cheshire County members.

Sundays at SunFlowers No cover charge. Tips always appreciated. Reservations recommended

Every Monday Contra Dancing 8 p.m Variety of excellent callers and musicians. Donation: \$3 Town: Nelson, NH Town Hall

Every Tuesday Tuesday Night Pizza & Karaoke 8-11: p.m Cj the DJ Ed's Crossroads Pizza & Subs, Crossroads of Routes 12 & 119 Fitzwilliam, NH

Every Wednesday, 9:30-11 p.m Open Mic Night - Acoustic only please. Harlow's Pub

Every Thursday 7:00-10:00 p.m Open Mic Night. Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam, NH. Come sing, play, read a poem, or listen by the fire in the Tavern.

Richmond Public Library Please refer to the Library News column in this month's Rooster issue.

Amos Fortune Forum - Fridays 8-9 p.m. The Amos Fortune Forum lectures are in the Meeting House in Jaffrey Center with time for questions after the talk. Receptions follow, with refreshments, across the street. There is no charge for admission.

Aug., 5 Sabrina Travernise - Leading New York Times journalist. Reported for many years from Russia, Turkey, Lebanon, Iraq and Palestine. Articles have included "Who are the Taliban?" (2009), and "A Fragile Turning Point" (2010). Currently on assignment in the US. A recent article is "Reporting While Female" (2/19/11).

Aug., 12 Lewis M. Feldstein - Co-Author with Robert Putnam of "Better Together: Restoring the American Community" (2003). Co-Chaired with Putnam the Saguaro Seminar "Civic Engagement in America." Retired in 2010 after 24 years as head of the NH Charitable Foundation.

Aug., 19 Eliza Griswold - Author of "The Tenth Parallel: Dispatches from the Fault Line Between Christianity and Islam" (2010) and "Wideawake Field: Poems" (2008). As an award-winning investigative journalist has focused on conflict, human rights, and religion.

The Sustainability Project P.O. Box 311, 26 Emerson Brook Drive, Gilsum, NH 03448, (603) 352-1887. See below:

Sun, Aug., 7 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Community Day in the Emerson Brook Forest.

Sat. Aug., 20 4-9 p.m. Nearer to Nature Open House in the Emerson Brook Forest.

Tues. Aug., 23 6:30 - 8 p.m. MCGSSI meeting

Sun. Aug 28 3-6 p.m. Mushrooms in the Garden and Beyond with Dave Wichland, Emerson Brook Forest.

A Conversation

Kim Mattson

What does the future hold for the Cheshire County Farm and former jail? On Wednesday, August 13, at the Jaffrey Civic Center, 40 Main St., Jaffrey, Cheshire County residents will be asked to join in on community conversations regarding the future use of the Cheshire County Farm and former jail building in Westmoreland, NH. For the past 146 years the county-owned farm has been county run and supported by the rehabilitative work of inmates from the on-site House of Corrections, which moved off site this past year. Under the new circumstances county officials are working to

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determine the best long-term uses for this property and they are looking for community input.

For more information on the project visit the Cheshire County Conservation District website, www.cheshireconservation.org.

Fifth Annual Brown Baggin'

Kim Mattson & Jean Tandy

RPC's Fifth Annual Brown Baggin' will be offered to our neighbors on Sat. Aug. 13 from 3-8 p.m. at the Richmond Pavilion (for another year with a little upgrade.) Croquet and horseshoe competitions, community yard sale, auctions, bicycle rodeo and organized games for children are planned.

Friendly Town Band will play starting at 4:00 p.m. They are a wonderful band offering old time mellow music. Many of you enjoyed them last year, so come and listen to their 'brassy talent' free of charge.

Croquet Competition will offer neighborly fun, located in the field behind the fire dept. Entry fee will be \$5.00/person; a 50/50 payback will be given to the top three places.

Horseshoe Competition, organized by Hank Hallas & Marcus Beauregard, our new Director of the Park, will have new horseshoe pits installed by the Pavilion. Friendly competition will take place in the new pits. Entry fee: \$5.00/person with a 50/50 payback to the top three places..

Community Yard Sale will be open to the public, so bring your items and a table. Your only cost for space will be your useful donation to our silent auction table.

Richmond Artists Exhibit - water colors, oils, acrylics, drawings and more from area artists.

Local Produce and Home Baked Foods Neighborly Competition for Youth offering old time games, Sack race, egg toss, egg and spoon race, tug of war, There is no charge to participate in any of these 4 games. The top three winners of each game will receive a prize. Face Painting and Tug o'War!

And YES, food will be available, by vendors Todd and Kathy Tremblay. As always, food will be served up in a brown bag to keep with our tradition.

And we will have a Community Bonfire - weather permitting! This will be a wonderful family event. We urge you all to attend.

For entry information for the croquet or horseshoe competition, or to 'join us' with your yard sale items, or other business items, please call 239-6606 or 239-4595. Artists please call 239-6024. Vendor space available, please call 239-8005 for details.



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Outdoor Living Room
Judith M. Graves

Here in Richmond, we love to expand our living to the outside in the warm summer New Hampshire months. The garden becomes an extension of our homes. Whether you have a patio to set up comfortable furniture among containers of flowers and herbs, or a deck where an umbrella can pop up and shade the afternoon sun with the birds singing and water flowing, or a porch where you can wile away the hours in a rocking chair; we love to go outside of our homes.

Ever notice how much better food tastes when you eat outside? It just feels like you are spoiling yourself or you are visiting at a resort vacation home. We love the outdoors!

When was the last time you hosted a brunch, or sat under a tree to write in your journal, or watched the lightening bugs at night? It seems that when we have leisure time we are pushing a lawn mower or weeding the gardens, but rarely actually use our back yards for more than work. Doesn't matter the size of your yard because any lot can become a year-round pleasure spot for your family and friends. We need to stop and actually enjoy what it is that we work so hard to make look nice.

Make a room outdoors by putting up a simple picket fence or plant a hedge, or like I do place rows of potted plants and window boxes to define a space. This will make an intimate atmosphere and one everyone will just melt into. An umbrella is always a good ceiling from the hot sun, or near a shade tree may do the trick, or having a gazebo is another idea. Outdoor rooms can be just as comfortable and beautifully decorated as the interior of your home. A brick terrace, or simple weathered chairs clustered under the elm tree, the key is to create inviting spaces that beckon you to enjoy your own garden.

Stack up some old clay pots, or set some baskets near-by to gather some flowers for the inside table, or to pick up some vegetables on your way in for dinner. Whatever you choose to do it

can make a living room under the sky for your pleasure. When you have a garden to walk through and look at, double the pleasure by adding a place to sit down and you will tend to stay awhile. The perfect place to relax in the evening or host dinners by candlelight.

Furnishing such an outdoor living room is where your individual taste will come in. Comfortable seating is the first thing to think of. It could be a glider, a hammock, or stuffed chairs with pillows, or some outdoor wicker pieces, a chaise lounge that serves as a daybed in one corner, a nearby fountain gurgling in an urn to provide soothing background sounds. Anchor your outdoor living room with brick floor, pavers, a bed of crushed sand and rocks, just sit up on the lawn, or just lay a rug down. You can be as fussy or as casual as you want to be. A weathered table to set garden items of interest on catches the eye and feels like you are in a garden room. I like to set my watering can where I can fill it with an armful of daisies gathered from a walk down the lane, or place sunflowers in.

A garden without paths must of necessity be admired from a distance. Add passageways, however, and it becomes a gateway to the many marvels of nature. Regardless of the hour, a stroll through the garden presents a host of discoveries. And, just as the inside of our homes it needs hallways, and paths that link the outdoor living space.

Set up a bistro table outside on the grass, flank it with some containers pots and you have a lovely outdoor space. Add what you like to your own personal outdoor living space. Flower boxes to attract the hummingbirds, bird houses to bring in the birds, feeders with assorted feeds to entice many kinds of birds to flock to your feeders, and you will have a perfect outdoor living space. Candles, tiki lights, detail ornaments that catch the eye, clay pots filled with geraniums, a scarecrow in the garden, water feature, wit and whimsy, will all make it your own special space. Stop and sit a spell. It is your outdoor living room after all, listen to nature, shh-hhhhhhh, the fairies are sleeping under the thyme leaves!

Crescent J. Peirce
August 29, 1964 - June 1, 2011
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Crescent J. Peirce, 46, of Northfield, MA died Wednesday morning at her residence following a period of declining health.

She was born on August 29, 1964, in Nashua, NH, the daughter of David and Judith (Kauppi) Graves. Her family moved to Richmond during her childhood years. She then graduated from Monadnock Regional High School in 1982 and attended Keene State College.

On July 9, 1983, she married Todd Peirce in Richmond. Crescent went on to found Randallene Morgans, dedicated to



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breeding and training Lippitt Morgan horses. In addition, she also bred Chocolate Labrador Retrievers.

Crescent fulfilled her childhood dreams and shared the fruits of her labors with countless young horse crazed girls over the years. She also made many families happy with the beautiful Chocolate Lab puppies that she has produced. When you think of Crescent you can't help but to smile and remember the joy and the zeal for life that she brought to this world.

She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Todd Peirce of Northfield, MA; their three sons Ross David, Trey Allen and Chase Ty Peirce, all of Northfield, MA; her father and mother, David and Judith Graves of Richmond, NH; her brother, Cory Graves, and wife Pamela of Keene; her nephew Brandon, and niece Ashley "Marie" Graves, also of Keene. Her grandmother Gloria E. Johnson of Richmond, her aunt and uncle Guy and Jane Waldron of Massachusetts, grand nieces, and several cousins. Crescent's brother Craig Graves died earlier.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any donations be utilized to do something fun with your own families.

Aram H. Gurian
July 29, 1982 - June 19, 2011
Printed from Fletcher Funeral Home

Aram H. Gurian, 28, of 680 Old Homestead Highway, Richmond, died Sunday afternoon at his home following a tragic accident.

He was born in Hanover, NH., July 29, 1982, the son of Michael Gurian and Dixie Gurian, and has resided in Richmond for all of his life.

Aram was a 2001 graduate of Monadnock Regional High School, had an eclectic group of interests from drama to sports and developed friendships there with students and teachers that meant everything to him. He was Valadictorian of his graduating class at Landmark College in 2004 where he played the bagpipes for ceremonial events.

He earned his living as a self employed craftsman, specializing in remodeling, restoration and painting homes and businesses. He was the owner of Valhalla Construction and Remodeling and part owner of 3G Property Management LLC.

Aram enjoyed playing pool every Wednesday night with a regular group of friends, and was a dedicated Aikido enthusiast, also working at attaining his third queue. He loved to fish, play the bagpipes, cook, randomly break into song, and write techno music. There truly wasn't much that he could not do; you didn't need google.com if Aram was in the room.

He was an inventor at heart and loved a good project – an artist at everything he touched. He shared his joy of life with everyone regardless of age – adults and children, sometimes teaching them to catch, clean and cook a fish or swing a hammer.

Beloved by many, he brought fun and joviality to his friends and relationships. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. Heck, he'd probably just buy you a new one. A bright light was truly extinguished when he died. Lincoln said that it's not the years in your life that count but the life in your years. In Aram's short time on earth, he put a lot of life in those 28 years.

Survivors include: his mother Dixie Gurian of Richmond; his father Michael Gurian of Bremerton, WA., his sister Zerene H. Gurian of Seattle WA.,his stepfather Cameron Tease, his step-mother Ellen Reichart of Bremerton, WA., his stepsister Kellie Irish of San Francisco, CA., his stepbrothers: Riley Piska and Brendon Piska, both of Port Townsend WA., two aunts: Barbara Weiss and Dale Graham; as well as several cousins and his beloved adopted family in Richmond, Lois and Tony Camuso and their nine children.

A scholarship fund has been started in Aram's memory.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Aram Gurian Scholarship Fund (at Monadnock Regional High School) c/o The Savings Bank of Walpole, 84 Marlboro Street, Keene, NH. 03431.

Harry William Moore

Harry William Moore, 95, of Barton Street, Claremont, NH, died Saturday afternoon, July 2, 2011 at his home.

He was born in Shrewsbury, MA on February 15, 1916, the son of Frank B. and Lucy (Knight) Moore and had resided in Claremont most of his life.

Harry graduated from Fitchburg Teachers College in Fitchburg, MA in 1939, received his Masters Degree from Columbia University in New York in 1945 and received several grants for study from the National Science Foundation.

He taught at the Stevens School for Boys for one year in Swansea, MA; two years in Ludlow, VT; nineteen years at Stevens High School in Claremont; three years in Hanover, NH and fifteen years at Clarkstown School District in West Nyack, NY and retired in 1981.

He was a very active member of the United Methodist Church of Claremont where he was Sunday School Superintendent, chairman of the Men's Club and worked many church suppers.

He was a Past Master of Hiram Lodge #9 of Free & Accepted Masons receiving his 50 year pin in 2005; Past High Priest of




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Webb Chapter #6; Past member of Columbian Council #2 Royal & Select Masters; Past member of Sullivan-Hugh Da Payens Commandry #6 Knights Templar and Past Dad Advisor of Local Demolay 1960 thru 1962.

He worked at Claremont's Ward 2, first as a ballot clerk and then as assistant moderator.

Mr. Moore enjoyed people and was known for his sense of humor and would enjoy the comments he would get from wearing his "Old Geezer" cap. He and his wife of 69 years would meet friends most every morning at McDonald's.

The surviving family includes his wife, Grace Ruth (Goodale) Moore of Claremont, whom he married on October 4, 1941 in Gardner, MA; one son, Brian W. Moore of Fitchburg, MA; one daughter, Pamela Goodell of Richmond, NH; two granddaughters, Jennifer Moore and Kimberly Touya; one grandson, Gregory Moore; three great-granddaughters, Lief Temple, Haydee Temple and Gianna Touya.

The family suggest that donations may be made in his memory to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

To view an online memorial, send a message of condolence or for more information visit, www.stringerfh.com.

Quotable Quote
Terri O'Rorke

"Men are respectable only as they respect."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Citizenship Questions
Neil Moriarty

1. What is the Constitution?
2. Can the Constitution be changed?
3. What do we call a change to the Constitution?
4. How many changes or amendments are there to the Constitution?
5. How many branches are there in our government?
6. What are the three branches of our government?
7. What is the legislative branch of our government?
8. Who makes the laws in the United States?
9. What is Congress?
10. What are the duties of Congress?

- Answers**
1. The supreme law of the land
 2. Yes (did you cheat and look forward here?)
 3. An amendment

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4. 27
5. 3
6. Legislative, Executive, and Judiciary
7. Congress
8. Congress
9. The Senate and the House of Representatives
10. To make laws

Relay for Life

Reprint (Steve Hooper—The Keene Sentinel)

Relay for Life: Cancer and Community

For each of us, the chance of dealing with some form of cancer in our lifetime is between 20-30%. The probability, therefore, of confronting cancer in one's family, among one's friends, and in one's neighborhood is 100%.

There are heroes amongst us: those who suffer from terminal cancer, those who suffer from cancer and survive, those friends and relatives who reach out to those with cancer and give of their heart and soul to help them including those like Russ Provost who dedicate moments of their life to raise awareness and money for cancer research and a cure.



Russ Provost at Relay for Life (Photo by Michael Moore)

Russ is one of many heroes within our communities who has dedicated himself to a deeply felt commitment to his brothers and sisters across this region. Most recently, he outwardly expressed this inner contract he has made with others by walking 52 miles in 24 hours as part of the Ode to Joy cancer awareness team's effort to raise money for the American Cancer Society

at the Relay for Life held at the Monadnock Regional High School track in Swanzey.

The schedule Russ held to was incredible. He began his quest to walk 50 miles in 24 hours by walking 9 miles at home in Richmond. He then drove to the Monadnock High School track to be there for the official start of the 2011 Relay for Life at 6:30pm on Friday, June 3. From the beginning, he walked non-stop through the night before great pain and tenderness in his feet forced him to stop at 4:30 on Saturday morning.

After some food and sleep, Russ returned to the Relay at 11:30am and finished his 50 mile goal in a day. Russ has a history of similar accomplishments: (a) Last year he walked 27 miles for the Relay; (b) two years ago, he walked 16 miles for the Relay; (c) when he turned 50, he rode his bike 3000 miles from San Diego, Ca. to Charlestown, S.C. in an effort to raise money for the Light

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House Charter School on Cape Cod; (d) at age 45, he rode his bike 1800 miles in three weeks from Maine to Florida for the United Way of Cape Cod; (e) in his late 30's and early 40's, Russ rode his bike in over ten 100 mile events to help raise money for MS.

After retiring as Postmaster in Orleans, Ma., Russ promised to attend the funerals of former employees. Since then, he has returned to Cape Cod to be present at the funerals of five of them. Four of the five died of cancer, and one of them was a dear friend, a former Marine who was always in perfect condition but died of breast cancer.

Vickie, his wife, has a very close friend, Lorraine, whom she has tended and cared for during her 8 year struggle with cancer that went into remission for five years but returned with a vengeance three years ago and has required intense chemo and radiation treatments at Dana Farber allowing her to continue living in a reasonably comfortable manner with the brief remaining time she has to live. The Provosts have been very generous in their shared quest to help others.

Kathy Rymes, this year's team captain of the Ode to Joy relay team, was walking in the Relay at the same time as Russ in the middle of the night. As they walked, she told him her very moving story as a breast cancer survivor. As Russ shared with me a thank-you note he received from Kathy, his eyes filled with tears and it was very clear how deeply touched he was by the note as well as the experience of being a part of the Relay for Life. Russ also walked both with Nancy who was also a breast cancer survivor and Joe, a man his age, who lost two brothers to cancer.

Kathy considers Russ a hero, but Russ says it's not just about him and that his charitable work is nothing compared to folks who have to endure their fight against cancer. Russ asks us all to consider giving what we can to help this great cause. You can do so by going on-line to www.joysnetwork.org/relayforlife2011.htm. You can also send a check to the American Cancer Society.

Thank you Russ for all you have given in word and deed to help find a cure for cancer.

Poirot Novels on DVD
Frank Behrans

Consider: Agatha Christie wrote about 35-40 mystery novels featuring Hercule Poirot. (It is difficult to count them quickly because several of them are known by both British and American titles.) David Suchet began his portrayals of the Belgian sleuth in television adaptations of 36 of the short stories and then went on to film several of the novels.

They were all great fun, especially with the presence of Captain Hastings (Hugh Fraser), Chief Inspector Japp (Philip

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Jackson), and the excellent Miss Lemon (Pauline Moran). After a few years, new episodes began to appear without that wonderful trio; and a more serious tone was adopted. The removal of the fun continued until Poirot was plagued with religious conflicts at the end of "Murder on the Orient Express," to me the lowest point in the entire series.

Now things are back on track with "Poirot 6," issued by Acorn Media in a boxed set of three DVDs. A sparkle (not quite a full spark) of humor has returned as a much older (and, alas, increasingly overweight) Suchet takes on three more cases that more or less follow the original novels.

"Three Act Tragedy" (known as "Murder in Three Acts" when filmed with Peter Ustinov as Poirot) concerns two poisonings at two social affairs with the same guests and a shadowy butler who vanishes after the second killing. This version gives us a chance to see Martin Shaw in a role other than that of George Gently, whose mysteries are also on Acorn Media DVDs.

"The Clocks" takes place as Great Britain is preparing for the Blitz. A young secretary is framed (or is she?) for a murder that slowly proves to be tied up with other crimes in that jigsaw-puzzle way in which Christie excelled.

"Hallowe'en Party" starts with a child being drowned in an apple-ducking tub during a Hallowe'en party. Lots of red herrings, a strange gardener, plenty of suspects, and a really good plot to hold the viewer's attention throughout. Although Christie's super-ego Ariadne Oliver (Zoe Wanamaker) shows up, she seems to have little to do except suffer from a bad cold.

That makes 29 Poirot novels done and just a few left to do. Keep them coming as long as David Suchet is willing and able to do them.

Selectmen's Minutes

June 13, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Attending: Lori Scanlan, JC Boudreau
Read mail and signed checks.

Chris Bush addressed the Board with questions about his building permit application. He will come back after answering his own questions and Roberta will help him complete the application.

Bruce Farlow and Win Wright, both representatives from the Monadnock School Board, addressed the Board regarding the Monadnock School district. Mr. Farlow informed the Board that SAU 38 is being disbanded and SAU 93 is being formed. He then explained how the budget passed this past March and then he explained about special education. Mr. Farlow is excited about Jed Butterfield being hired as the Monadnock High School principal. There will be approximately 9000 man hours spent this coming summer redoing

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upgrading the school. Mr. Farlow then handed out a document stating the ten long range goals of the Monadnock School district. After further discussion, Mr. Farlow thanked the Board and will return in the fall.

Matt Drew addressed the Board and had a brief discussion about his position as the Zoning/compliance officer. He would like to continue and may take on more duties, possibly including working with the building permits. He will come to the June 27th meeting to discuss the position with the full board.

Bill Sullivan addressed the Board with a request for an intent to cut. He had his map with him that shows where the access road is. His intent to cut for M408-L75 was approved.

Peter Majoy addressed the Board and asked the Board permission to display a sign stating "VT Yankee Evacuation Zone" in front of either the CD building or the Veteran's hall. He explained why he would like to display it, so people are informed of the evacuation zone. JC is not in favor of the sign in front of a town building. Lori liked the sign but is not in favor of it on town property either. She would like to think about it some more.

Peter also informed the Board that he will be revitalizing the volunteer energy committee. He also informed the Board that the Master plan implementation committee will be attending a meeting soon and discussing the Master plan.

Bruce Currier addressed the Board and asked about the status of his property in current use. His property is in current use, he would like reimbursement from previous years' tax bills since his property should have been in current use and was not. The Board explained to him that he should have filed an abatement in the previous years.

Lori had Luv-it Electric and Lawrence Electric come in on Friday and look at the electrical project for the town building renovation project.

Lori has been gathering State approved contractors for the bridge on Fay Martin Rd.

Emergency lighting in the Veteran's hall did not work during the recent electrical outage. Roberta will set up a maintenance schedule for each building.

The Board needs to appoint an alternate BOS ex-officio member to the planning board. Lori will do it when Sandra is here to vote on it.

Someone needs to mow the park area. JC explained that Bob Van Brocklin did it for years and then his son Hugh took over in his place. Roberta will ask Hugh if he is interested in continuing

the mowing.

Approved intent to cut for M402-L039.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

June 20 2011 7:00 p.m.

Attending: Lori Scanlan, Sandra Gillis

Read mail and signed checks.

The Board has scheduled a meeting with Nancy Mayville from the Department of Transportation on July 25th to discuss State Bridge Aid.

Steve Boscarino, tax collector, addressed the Board and discussed the amount of outstanding taxes there are and that he will be tax liening for 2010 soon.

The Board and Steve discussed his budget and how well he is doing and that he is on track percentage wise.

Steve Brewster addressed the Board with an application for a building permit. Previously he was denied the building permit and he appealed to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. His appeal was approved and he has returned for the building permit. The Board approved his building permit to erect a shed on M405-L128.

Sandra made a motion to reappoint Matt Drew as Zoning compliance officer with a term that expires March 31, 2014. Lori seconded it. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the abatements and will make decisions next week.

Sandra made a motion that the Board sign the letter of engagement for Vachon & Clukay for the 2010 audit and the MS-5 compilation. Lori seconded it. Motion carried.

Lori discussed the procedure of approving timber cut applications. Lori would like the road agent to see all timber cuts and approve them as

to what roads are being used before the Board approves them.

Approved timber cut application for M407-L05 and M415-L1,2,3.

Sandra made a motion to amend the May 23, 2011 minutes to say " John Bocalini was in to discuss the status of paving the Saint Benedict's parking lot, mentioned in the Selectmen's minutes dated May 2, 2011. He wanted to know if the town had any regulation regarding the paving of a parking lot, or if engineering was needed or if the state regulated paving. His concern regards additional water runoff additional paving may cause." Lori seconded it. Motion carried.

Sandra made a motion to approve the minutes for public infor-

mation meeting on June 9th, meet the road agent. Lori seconded it. Motion carried.

Sandra asked about the billing of the internet charge to the police department. There is a wire going to the CD building for the usage of the internet. Roberta explained that 25% of the internet bill is reimbursed from the Vt Yankee RERP grant for emergency management.

The Board discussed the planned renovation of the Townhall. Lori has had computer and electrical contractors' in to look at different aspects of the renovations.

Sandra made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Lori seconded it. Lori- Aye, Sandra- Aye. Motion carried. 8:40 p.m.

Public session was reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

Minutes have been sealed.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned.

June 27 2011 6:00 p.m.

Attending: Lori Scanlan, Sandra Gillis, JC Boudreau

Read mail and signed checks.

Gary Robarge, owner of Avatar Assessing, met with the Board and discussed the services that his company offers.

Matt Drew, Zoning/Compliance officer, addressed the Board and discussed the aspects of his job and what he will be doing going forward. Matt will be learning the building permit procedure and will be making sure the building permit information is completed before the Selectmen review it. Matt will also be doing additional inspections for the building permits. The procedure was discussed and Matt will be informed the next time a permit is applied for.

Stephen Bryan observed the meeting to earn his Boy Scout citizenship badge. He asked who is in charge of the baseball field behind the fire station and who maintains it. JC gave him Marcus Beauregard's phone number so he can discuss the plans that the park committee has for the property.

JC made a motion to grant the requested abatement to M408-L053 in a taxable value amount of \$28,800.00. Lori seconded it. Motion carried.

JC made a motion to grant the requested abatement to M405-L026 in a taxable value amount of \$1550.00. Lori seconded it. Motion carried.

JC made a motion to grant the requested abatement to M405-L113 in a taxable value amount of \$36,700.00. Lori seconded it. Motion carried 2-1.

Stephen Budzik addressed the Board regarding his abatement for M408-L053. The Board approved the abatement reducing the value from \$274,360.00 to an assessed value of \$245,560.00. Mr. Budzik does not agree with the new assessment. The Board informed him that he may appeal to the Board of Tax and Land appeals.

Lori made a motion to grant the requested abatement for M414-L015 based on the recommendations of Cross Country, decreasing the property value by \$ 17,430.00. Sandra seconded it. Motion carried 2-1.

Lori made a motion to grant the requested abatement for M405-L24-1 based on the recommendations of Cross Country, decreasing the property value by \$ 3090.00. Sandra seconded it. Motion carried.

Lori made a motion to deny the requested abatement for M405-L121. Sandra seconded it. Motion carried.

Lori made a motion to grant the requested abatement for M409-L049 based on the recommendations of Cross Country, decreasing the property value by \$6040.00. JC seconded it. Motion carried.

Intent to cut for M408-077 and M408-086 was discussed but not approved because the taxes have not been paid for M408-086. Bev will call the property owner.

The Board has scheduled a meeting with Nancy

Mayville from the Department of Transportation on July 25th to discuss State Bridge Aid. It will be held at the Veteran's Hall at 6:00pm.

The Board has tentatively scheduled a meeting on July 21 with Carol Ogilvie, Consultant, to meet with the Planning Board, ZBA and Board of Selectmen. It will be held at 7:00p, in the Veteran's hall.

The Board will ask Lynne Adams to join the Town safety committee.

Mark Beal, Road agent, and John Holman, contractor, have been discussing filling a tank at the highway garage with fuel purchased from the State, which gives the town a discount.

The Board discussed the Certificate of Occupancy procedure. The procedure currently in place is sufficient, as long as licensed contractors sign off on their parts of it.

Sandra made a motion for Non-Public session per 91-A:3 II (e) Sandra seconded it. Non- public was entered at 9:10pm. Public session was reconvened at 9:18pm. The minutes were sealed.

The Board discussed the proposal from Norma Thibodeau for an archives building. They will invite the library and the archive committee to meet with the Board.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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