



### Megan Adams: A Wonderful Teen Agri-Talent Peter W. Majoy

When Megan Adams was two years old, her loving and caring parents, Lynn and Chip, guided her safely to her first ride on a pony. Since then, Megan's world has been filled with animals, 4-H club, and most recently a successful competition at the Big E in Springfield, Mass.

By the time Megan was four years old, she had already expressed her wish to have a black and white cow. At eight years old, Megan was encouraged by a neighbor, Chelsea Kruse, 4 years older than she who is now attending Morrisville State College in New York, to join 4-H. Within the spirit and guidance of 4-H where she was also helped by Brenda Kelly of Kelly View Farm in Winchester, Megan was able to learn how to train a young cow and enter it into the world of competition. In fact, because of her tireless efforts and ability to face a challenge, she caught a pig at the 2009 Cheshire Fair pig scramble.

This year, guided by family, friends and 4-H, Megan was able to attend and compete in more shows and raise more money for 4-H than ever before. The list of her successes show-

ing her one-and-a-half year old Holstein would fill a page. Among these successes were ribbons won at the Guilford Fair in Vermont, the Cheshire Fair here in Swanzey, N.H., the Deerfield Farmers Day in Vermont, the 4-H Quiz Bowl, and the Strolling of the Heifers in Brattleboro.



However, all of this most recently led to Megan's amazing performance at the Big E in Springfield, MA, where she finished in first place in two events and by doing so became one of the top five competitors in New England. In fact, one of the judges at the Big E complimented Megan for the calm, self-assured manner with which she showed her Holstein. Megan's self confidence has emerged as one of the most important traits in her raising and showing her cows in recent years.

Megan does have dreams and goals to continue her involvement with raising and training animals, especially cows. She wants to win the Big E championship for her Holstein. She sees herself encouraging others to get involved in agriculture. She wants to attend a college where she can learn how to continue her connection with animals and the world of agriculture.

Meanwhile, Megan is a 9th grader at Monadnock Regional High School, plays the flute in their marching band, and also spins wool. Her wool display at the Cheshire Fair won her the Commissioner's Award for Excellence in Agricultural Promotion.

The Town of Richmond is proud to have within its midst such a talented, motivated, and successful young lady whose focus on animals and agriculture is extremely important and must continue to be encouraged by us all. And, as John Muir said, "Any glimpse into the life of an animal quickens our own and makes it so much larger and better in every way." Thank you, Megan!



**Notes from the Selectmen's Office  
Selectboard**

**Assessing Services.** Last month the Selectmen made the decision to change the town's assessing services providers for several reasons. For many years, the town has been served by four separate firms providing assessing, tax billing and collecting, mapping and software and support. Bringing these separate services into one integrated management system will save money and time, improving efficiency and accuracy in reporting.

The last complete property revaluation was conducted in 2009, with the next scheduled for 2014. The Selectmen felt it might be time to do a revaluation in 2012 rather than wait another two years to insure our valuations are appropriate, given economic realities.

To accomplish these twin goals of increasing efficiency and immediate revaluation, a contract has been signed with Avitar Associates to install new assessing and tax billing and collecting software and conduct a complete revaluation in 2012.

Avitar Associates software is used by many other assessing contractors. The company has an excellent reputation, serving more than 140 of the 230 municipalities in the state, including neighboring towns of Fitzwilliam and Winchester.

**Town Hall Renovation.** The Selectmen's Office and public spaces in the Town Hall have been refurbished, and we want to thank the volunteers and local contractors who helped make this renovation possible: Lloyd Condon, construction, and Matt Remick, electrician, and volunteers Sandy and Roger Perry, John Boccalini, Terri O'Rorke, Lori

Scanlan and her guest Lorelee Martin, and Sandra Gillis. We thank Bev and Roberta, Annette and Pam and Steve and Denise, all of whom worked through the construction, painting, carpeting and moving phases with patience and grace. We thank you too for your endurance and for visiting, appreciating the work and squeezing into the Selectmen's meetings during this period without complaint.

November will be a busy month. November 14 is the first day to accept petitions to amend the zoning ordinance for consideration at the 2012 Town Meeting, with December 14 being the last day to accept petitions. The tax rate should be set this month with tax bills mailed in December. Budget hearings will be held soon after. Please watch for public notices regarding these events.

**Serving Our Community.** As you know, we have several openings for volunteers on committees, including Recreation and Parks, but there will be openings in March for elected and appointed positions as well. January 25, 2012 is the first day for candidates to file a declaration of candidacy with the town clerk. This filing period ends on February 3, 2012. If you are interested in volunteering for an appointed position, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 239-4232. We hope you'll consider serving your community as an elected official and as a volunteer, and we thank the several dozens of volunteers who already serve the town in so many ways.

**Town Clerk's Office  
Dates to Remember  
Annette Tokunaga**

Nov. 23 & 24, 2011 CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break

**Volunteer needed  
Richmond Planning Board Alternate  
Kim Mattson**

Richmond Planning Board is seeking a resident of our town who would be interested in an alternate position on the Planning Board. An Alternate is expected to attend all meetings and to stand ready to serve whenever a regular planning board member is unable to attend. This is a wonderful way to "try" a seat on the Planning board.

This alternate position will have to be filled until March of 2012 when a ballot vote takes place. At that time the person chosen to serve as an alternate may choose to continue in that seat. Please, contact Kim Mattson at the Town Hall 239-4232, and leave a message.



**Gene White, Agent**  
**Archie D. Jennings Agency, Inc.**  
Personal & Business Insurance  
239-4971  
P.O. Box 13 30-02 Warwick Rd.  
Kulick's Country Mall, Winchester, NH 03470  
E-mail: ADJA@myfairpoint.net



**\$ \$ \$ WANTED TO BUY \$ \$ \$**

Toys Pottery Frames Cameras	Vintage Photographs and Clothing Blue Decorated Stoneware Musical Instruments	Tools Old Radios Old Telephones Old Electric Fans
<b>DANNY WAHL</b>	We are currently looking to purchase many different items, including but not limited to these items	<b>603-239-7200</b>

**Richmond Holiday Fair  
Pam Goodell**

The annual Richmond Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12. Many area residents start their holiday season with a trip to the Holiday Fair. We have returning artisans who will present a variety of wares including stained glass creations, equestrian paintings, glassware, country collectibles, scented soaps and candles, hand-knit and crocheted treasures, photography, caned chairs, beaded jewelry, maple syrup, and quilted wall hangings & gifts. Friends of the Richmond Library will sponsor a bake sale of homemade delectables.

The Holiday Fair is sponsored by the Richmond Community United Methodist Church. The luncheon menu includes corn chowder, chili and freshly made sandwiches. Church members will also offer a table of seasonal crafts, plants and homemade candies. We hope you will join us for this unique shopping experience! For further information, please call Alison at 239-4494. (At the time of this writing there are still a few spaces available to rent, please call if you are interested.)

**2011 Survey  
Richmond Agricultural Commission**

During the March 2011 Town Meeting, Richmond voters passed a warrant article to establish an Agricultural Commission for the Town of Richmond. This committee has no regulatory function; its purpose is to encourage and promote agriculture in the Town of Richmond. Residents were invited to an informational meeting in June. Those who agreed to serve on the Agricultural Commission and were sworn in are: Heather Canfield, Sandy Holbrook (alternate), Claire Jahnky, Theresa Majoy, Rachel Olney, Jeff Taylor (Alternate) and Wes Vaughan.

In order to serve Richmond in a meaningful and productive way, we seek your input and ask that you complete the following survey and submit it to Chairperson Theresa

Majoy. We are interested in hearing from people involved in horticulture (flowers, shrubs/trees, vegetables); livestock (sheep, cows, alpacas, horses, donkeys, llamas, goats); fowl (chickens, ducks, turkeys); beekeepers; woodlot owners (firewood or logging); fruit growers (blueberries, raspberries, apples); herb growers; canines (breeding, hunting, training); hay crops, etc. If we have omitted a specialty, please add it to the list.

1. Are you or a member of your family involved in some type of agricultural endeavor?
2. If yes, please list below the area of interest.
3. Is your involvement as a hobby or as a commercial venture?
4. Where do you go to seek advice or information?
5. Would you be willing to share with others skills, talents, expertise, etc. you have acquired over the years?
6. Would you be willing to help work on a community project sponsored through the Richmond Agricultural Commission?
7. What suggestions would you offer to the Agricultural Commission that would benefit the Town of Richmond?
8. Do you belong to any organizations or clubs as a result of your agricultural involvement?

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

I hope you all tried the Kahn Academy – if you didn't please give it a try at [www.khanacademy.org/](http://www.khanacademy.org/). Your kids will thank you for it.

MRSD's Sarah Robinson made the cover of the Sentinel (10/09/11) for her artwork on "Saving the Amazon Rain Forest." Her unique approach artwork is on display at the Fitzwilliam Inn.

**It's Four (4) Minutes between Classes.** Although our children already know this, the administration revised the time between classes (at MRHS) from 3 minutes back to 4 minutes. The class president

32 Monadnock Hwy., Rt. 12 South  
Keene, New Hampshire 03431  
OFFICE: 603.352.1972 x207  
CELL: 603.313.2008  
FAX: 603.352.0545  
E-MAIL: fblais@worldpath.net

**Fred Blais**  
Principal Broker

**BLAIS & ASSOCIATES**  
REALTORS

www.blaisrealty.com







**FRANK'S SERVICE**

79 Winchester Rd  
Richmond NH 03470  
603-239-4941

**Inspection, Oil Change, General Repair**  
M - F 8:30 - 3:00  
Saturday by Appt.  
**Keys Made**

**ED'S CROSSROADS  
PIZZA & SUBS**

**TUESDAY SPECIAL**

Two 12" 1-Topping Pizzas **\$14.99**  
FREE 2-Liter Soda  
Add a 3rd Pizza for **\$4.99!**  
DINE IN, CARRY OUT & DELIVERY

**WEDNESDAY IS WING DAY!**

**40¢** Your Choice of 7 Flavors  
+tax Hot • BBQ • Roasted Garlic • Mild  
Cranberry Chipotle • Honey Mustard • Teriyaki  
DINE IN & CARRY OUT ONLY

**OPEN TUESDAY-SUNDAY**  
Delivery: Fitzwilliam, Troy & Rindge  
**603.585.7077**  
In The Crossroads Complex  
Jct. of Rts. 12 & 119 • Fitzwilliam, NH

described this as "better than a Christmas present." This shows that adults do listen to children's concerns.

**September's MRSD Homecoming Weekend** saw the 7th and 8th graders included in the festivities for the first time. Although the football team lost the game, it seems that the team and administrators are all on the same page now. Several people applauded the football players on their courteous approach in supporting their coach.

**Summer School** Although in my mind the MRHS had poor attendance, all the high school students did pass the course(s) taken. Wouldn't it be advantageous to offer some high level course in the summer to give some higher level kids a chance to take a course that would not normally be offered? Such a course would cost almost nothing (we own the building, health insurance is already paid, etc.). The lower grades summer school did not go as well - some kids improved and some kids went backwards. Going backwards does not make sense. Given any kid is failing in the elementary school, and we continue to use social promotion within MRSD, shouldn't summer school be mandatory for promotion?

**Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-2011** Ms. Jane Fortson, business manager, reported that MRSD saved about \$600,000 last year - this money will be used to offset taxes in your December 2011 property tax bill.

**FY 2012-2013** The administration presented the School Board with some ideas on meeting the 4% reduction (requested by your budget committee) in budget for FY 2012 -2013. It was pointed out that they don't necessarily applaud the items presented; nor did it meet entirely the 4% reduction. Never the less, it's a very good start.

**Special Education (SPED) to be in Richmond** Troy Kennett, our new SPED director, presented to the school board a proposal for Camp Takodah to provide SPED to some of our children - in conjunction with our own MRSD SPED staff. The children selected would normally be leaving the district to receive their education. This will provide local education, using MRSD requirements, with less travel time. Troy also emphasized that these kids will receive trade education. There is a significant cost savings with this proposal (more on that later). Nice piece of work with thinking outside the box.

**95 days to Deliberative Session** For all to turn out and stop things like \$918,000 being added to the budget - that no one asked for. If you have concerns, questions, or comments, please feel free to contact me at 239-4031. Jim Carnie will be glad to address any district concerns you have also, at 239-4948.

## Richmond School Days

Bob Weekes

A year ago I interviewed Dick Dickenson about his memories of attending one of Richmond's one-room schoolhouses, School #6, which now is our Town Library. While I was in the library a few days ago, I came across *Walking Back in Time*, 50 historical sketches of neighboring Winchester, NH, written by former Richmond resident, Edith Atkins. Thumbing through it I found her essay, excerpted below and edited for length, on her experiences in that same school, almost 100 years ago. Readers might like to know that her book is available for purchase at our library.

### The Old District School The Backbone of Early New England Education

My grandfather bought one of the first automobiles to be owned in Richmond, a 1912 Buick. We lived a little over two miles from Richmond Four Corners and adequate means of transportation in all seasons was a must. Cars had to be left in the garage during the winter months in those days because of the depth of the snow. The horse drawn sleigh was in use from Thanksgiving until mid-March, when the high-wheeled buggy replaced the sleigh. Sometimes the buggy wheels would go into the mud almost to the hubs. So, it was by these several means of transportation that I was transported to the District School at the Four Corners.

When we rode in the sleigh, I was wrapped in a heavy cloak over my winter coat with hot freestones at my feet, and a buffalo robe over all. The horse had a string of bells attached to the harness, so a brisk trot created quite a jingle. Those who lived a mile or under had to walk. Once in a while, a boy would jump onto our back runner and ride in. In areas where there were several children, someone on that road was hired to transport.

Our No. 6 was a one-room school usually housing from 25 to 30 pupils, grades 1 to 8. In the anteroom, we hung up our coats and put our lunch boxes on the shelf beside the water tank which had to be filled periodically from the well up the road.

School began at nine with attendance call and a prayer. Several hymns were sung and then, if we were behaving rather well, the teacher read a chapter or two from some story. The schedule was organized so that all classes recited at some time during the day. When a class was up front reciting, the rest of us were supposed to be studying. However, one ear was usually listening to the recitation. What interesting things the upper grades were talking about



Richmond School #6, now the Town Library. (Photo courtesy of Historical Society of Cheshire County)

- people in far away countries, the interesting history of our own country and some scientific subjects that didn't sound too great to me. We also knew that when our turn came to recite that others were listening to us and occasionally there was a giggle from an older pupil when we made the wrong answer.

In each right hand corner of our desks was an inkwell. This was always a source of trouble. If it didn't spill or leak, you were lucky. If a girl in the seat ahead had long hair or curls, the boy behind never could resist the temptation to dunk the curls in the ink. He usually got caught! Punishment was lawful then and rarely a day went by without one or another pupil standing in the corner with his back to the school for a period of time or had to keep his head down on the desk for awhile. This type of punishment was mild but effective. The shamefaced pupil was submissive and quiet for a while. It was the older and more bold boys who were occasionally taken to the woodshed and trounced about that put fear into the rest of the school for awhile.

The ever popular spitball was flying around then too. I remember one day the School Superintendent paid a visit. One never knew when he was coming. This day he was very quietly walking in the door just as an older boy three seats behind me threw a spitball. It took the Superintendent about six strides to reach the boy. He dragged him down the aisle into the cloakroom. After a sound trouncing, the boy was sent home. We were all on our best behavior after that for a long time. Looking back, I have nothing but compassion for teachers of that time.

Many boys, and girls too, were physically large. When

they got out of hand, and many times they did, it was all the teacher could do to keep control. However, many exceptional teachers were available in those days and deserve nothing but praise if they survived unscathed.

As I mentioned earlier, we brought our lunches to school. On the warmer days we ate in groups outside on the wall or on a large rock nearby. On stormy days we stayed inside and played organized games after lunch. In winter months, the teacher saw to it that we had something hot to supplement our own lunch. It might be hot cocoa, hot mashed potato or rice. The older girls took turns helping prepare and serve. It was cooked on top of the old schoolhouse stove which was kept fired by some of the older boys.

We were like one big happy family - the older ones looked out for the younger. The younger children learned from the older ones and bad habits were quickly weeded out. We knew what was going on in each others' homes and the community. The District School became a part of the community on occasion. On Memorial Day we brought



The Richmond Grange, now Veterans Hall. (Photo courtesy of Ernest Perry)

flowers and marched to the nearby cemeteries to place flowers and flags upon veterans' graves. At Christmas there was always a party at the school to which parents and town officials came. And in June, graduation exercises were held at Grange hall, now the Veterans' Hall, for the eighth graders who were leaving us behind to go on to high school or to work. At this time there were only three district schools in existence and one by one, these were abandoned and pupils were transported to larger schools in surrounding towns.

In retrospect, I love and respect the old District School. The closeness to each other and to the community gave us a good background to make us good citizens of our community and our country. We learned the three R's and all else required in those days.

**Richard P. Drew LLC**  
Licensed Land Surveyor

Lot Staking      Subdivisions  
Boundary Plans

266 Tully Brook Road, Richmond, NH 03470  
Phone: (603) 239-4701      Fax: (603) 239-7412  
Email: rdrew@dishmail.net

**LANDMARK COUNTRY LAND** LLC

**RICK LEWIS**  
- PRINCIPAL BROKER  
RICK@LANDMARKLAND.COM  
WWW.LANDMARKLAND.COM

PO Box 331  
221 MAIN STREET  
SECOND FLOOR  
CHARLESTOWN, NH 03603

Phone: (603) 826-4603  
Cell: (603) 355-0720  
Fax: (603) 826-4174

"YOUR NEW HAMPSHIRE LAND EXPERTS"

Proudly Serving Richmond Since 1972

**Cushing & Sons**

Drilling and Pump Services  
24 Hour Pump Repair

631 Rt. 12 N  
Keene, NH 03431  
fax 603-357-8572  
res. 603-358-0104

ph 800-831-8883  
603-352-8866

TIMBERWOLF      EXMARK

**GARY'S POWER EQUIPMENT**  
Gary Rokes

MAILING: 60 FOREST LAKE ROAD  
PHYSICAL: 9 WARWICK ROAD  
WINCHESTER, NH 03470  
PHONE/FAX (603) 239-4953 (800) 499-4953  
email: garyspower@comcast.net

ECHO      STIHL

**Greetings from Concord  
Representative Richard J. Dwinell**

My August newsletter was about SB 129, the Voter Identification Law. As of the week ending September 10 the NH Senate was unable to override Governor Lynch's veto. New versions of the Voter ID law will be presented to the house in our January session.

On September 14 the House voted to override the governor's veto on HB88 by a vote of 251 to 111. The NH self defense bill will become law in 60 days. This bill gives law abiding citizens the right to protect themselves from criminal life threatening actions. This bill extends this protection to wherever a person may be during their daily routines, whereas before you could only defend yourself in your home or place of business without fear of criminal prosecution.

Certain NH police chiefs and sheriffs have been quoted as saying that this law will allow criminals to avoid prosecution. Any person can still be charged for committing criminal actions. This includes carrying firearms illegally. Federal law already prevents those under 21 years of age from buying handguns and handgun ammo. Also previously convicted felons are prevented from owning any firearms and ammo.

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

**20 Years Ago  
Richmond Recollection  
By Cris Dell**

With Thanksgiving approaching I recall the days of yesteryear, hereabouts, when some neighbors would actually raise turkeys for the precise purpose of doing them in, for commercial reasons; and it always seemed to me like a part of reality I didn't care to know too much about.

There are some secrets that are better kept secret, and I never felt the same about these turkey-raisers after I found out what they were up to, and actually saw them in the act of doing, on occasion. When I protested that matter to my mother, she said something about "life is real, life is earnest." But that didn't really fill the bill.

After several Thanksgivings here my father was offered a job in Washington D.C., and we moved away to live in

Washington nine months of the year, returning to Richmond only in the summertime. So I tend to identify Thanksgiving more with Washington than with Richmond.

And Washington had its own Thanksgiving traditions, some of which were rather remarkable. There were a lot of older folks living there who had grown up in rural areas before coming to the city, and they held on to a lot of their country ways — some of which became especially apparent at Thanksgiving time.

These people believed in starting the holiday season by going out and buying a live turkey and bringing him home on the streetcar. But it so happens that the average turkey is no fool. He knows that when he finds himself on a streetcar he's in trouble, and it's time to escape. So it was not unusual, in November, for Washington streetcar riders to experience the excitement of an escaping turkey, leaping and flapping his way from one end of the vehicle to the other, over the heads and shoulders of the crowd, with the distressed turkey-owner in hot pursuit and the other passengers taking sides, some cheering on the turkey, some the owner, and calling out encouragement to their favorite as the drama exploded all around them.

In looking back upon it, it was one of the few respects in which life in Washington was a little more spectacular than life in Richmond, but that was only because we didn't have streetcars in Richmond.

If we did, I suspect our turkeys could have performed with equal enthusiasm in tribute to the holiday season.

**Letters to the Editor  
One person's point of view  
Sandra Gillis**

Aware of the growing protests about the intrusiveness of government in general, I am writing about local government in particular, and the role and responsibility of the citizen therein. I will not take your time to read the lists of things governments provide that we would be hard pressed to do without, as individuals and as a municipality. This is about individuals' participation in a democracy.

In New Hampshire, local governments cannot take action without prior enabling legislation from the state embodied in the RSAs (state laws). New Hampshire is NOT a home rule state, meaning the local government cannot make an ordinance or regulation absent an RSA allowing it.

A check and balance system, built into the relationship between the legislative body (town meeting) and the governing body (select board), prevents either body from act-

ing against the will or best interest of the majority of citizens. For instance, although the selectmen have the authority to spend town funds, funds are spent only if the legislative body has appropriated them for that purpose.

Under RSA 41:8, in addition to a host of statutory duties, the select board's duty is to "manage the prudential affairs of the town." The select board is the executive, managerial and administrative body that does what is necessary to carry out the wishes of the citizenry as expressed by their votes at town meeting. The selectmen are not general agents of the town and have no broad authority to act with the full power of the town. Based on state law, the legislative body (town meeting) can authorize the creation of zoning ordinances, and that body also authorizes the planning board to create subdivisions and conduct site plan reviews, develop the master plan, capital improvement plan, driveway regulations, and propose ordinances, among many other responsibilities.

The select board is charged by the state with enforcement of state laws, local ordinances, rules and regulations. However, the select board does not have any authority to grant relief from these ordinances, rules or regulations. The planning board has the authority to waive its own site plan and subdivision regulations, but generally, the Zoning Board of Adjustment is the body that grants relief from burdensome ordinances, according to a strict set of criteria. The criteria are strict, because granting relief flies in the face of what the citizens have voted as the regulations of the town. It is a very serious matter to grant relief from a voter approved ordinance.

Of particular importance for citizens, both the select board and planning board memberships are elected by the voters, among other elected officials. Zoning ordinances are voted on by the citizens and a majority of voters must approve any ordinance before it becomes effective. The planning board is charged by RSA 675:3 with the responsibility of bringing forth proposals of ordinances or amendments for the voters to decide. The planning board is charged with holding public hearings on all such proposals prior to town meeting, to gather input from the citizens. Citizens can, on their own, bring forth petitions for new ordinances or to repeal existing ordinances. The select board can also propose amendments to ordinances. However, no proposed or petitioned ordinance or amendment gets to the ballot without at least one public hearing conducted by the planning board. Such hearings offer citizens the opportunity to give input to change or modify any proposed ordinance or amendment.

Once an ordinance is approved, or official elected, we all must live with the decisions, at least until the next town meeting or election. Public hearings, informational public

meetings and candidates' night are all designed to actively solicit input from residents. It is up to us to do our part in making the decisions that define our town. Never forget, the power to change town government and its regulations is in the hands of the voter.

Sandra Gillis, resident and voter

**Bulbs and Cleanup  
Russ Provost**

The first week of October brought the arrival of 400 daffodil bulbs for our Spring roadside cleanup. Sue Marsden and John Bocalini planted most of the bulbs in the newly cleared area in front of the cemetery at the Town Hall. Sandra and Roger Perry planted the remaining bulbs by the new Town Forest sign on Route 32.

While they were playing, a small group of us did a quick cleanup on Rt. 119 and Rt. 32 South.

**Hello Folks,  
Jeff & Sue Taylor**

Just a reminder the Windswept Tree Farm will be opening in October at 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. through Thanksgiving weekend for early tagging, apples and pumpkins.

We will be tagging through Thanksgiving weekend. No early tagging after Sunday November 27th. But we will then be open Saturday and Sundays for choosing a tree and pickup of pre-tagged trees. Any questions, please call: 603-239-4005

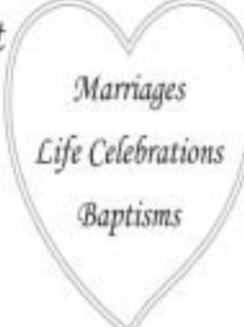
Thank You,  
Jeff & Sue Taylor

**To Steal or Not to Steal  
Terri O'Rorke**

Recently, there have been a number of sightings at the town library of several different vehicles accessing the town's free WIFI for their own personal computers. While this is a wonderful and generous service for the town residents, especially those with the dreaded and slow "dial-up" service, using the library's electricity does cross an ethical line. These sightings occur when the library is closed, which means the computer users are plugged in to the outside electrical outlet at the library. Makes one wonder how often and how long this has been going on at taxpayer expense. Upon inquiring, I have learned that other residents in town have seen cars from two or three different states (Mass., Ct.) again using this generous service.

The following is New Hampshire State Law. Let's

*Ceremonies from the Heart*



Rev. Bonnie McCarthy, D. Div.  
Richmond, NH 603-239-4088  
[www.ceremoniesfromtheheart.ws](http://www.ceremoniesfromtheheart.ws)

**HOLMAN CONTRACTING**

Call for a free quote today ...

**JOHN HOLMAN**  
[www.HolmanLandscapeMaterials.com](http://www.HolmanLandscapeMaterials.com)

**Three New Services**

- Tree Trimming
- Wood Chipping
- Stump Grinding

**40 YEARS EXPERIENCE**  
Roads, Driveways, Site Prep, Septic Installation, Site Excavations, Trucking, Material Processing & Sales

242-3660  
585-9600

**C&L DISPOSAL LLC**

**Residential Trash Pick-up**  
Roll Off Container Rentals  
Rototilling & Driveways

Our Business is "Picking Up"

(603) 239-6486

Chip & Lynn Adams  
171 Fitzwilliam Road  
Richmond, NH 03470

<https://sites.google.com/site/sbctimeline/>

**Who, What, Where, When, Why & How**

Discover the Chronology of the SBC Inc.  
in the Town of Richmond

hope that the Selectmen, Library Trustees and the Richmond Police Department work together to end this "Theft of Services."

TITLE LXII  
CRIMINAL CODE  
CHAPTER 637  
THEFT

Section 637:8

637:8 Theft of Services. –

I. A person commits theft if he obtains services which he knows are available only for compensation by deception, threat, force, or any other means designed to avoid the due payment therefor. "Deception" has the same meaning as in RSA 637:4, II, and "threat" the same meaning as in RSA 637:5, II.

II. A person commits theft if, having control over the disposition of services of another, to which he knows he is not entitled, he diverts such services to his own benefit or to the benefit of another who he knows is not entitled thereto.

III. As used in this section, "services" includes, but is not necessarily limited to, labor, professional service, public utility and transportation services, restaurant, hotel, motel, tourist cabin, rooming house and like accommodations, the supplying of equipment, tools, vehicles, or trailers for temporary use, telephone or telegraph service, gas, electricity, water or steam, admission to entertainment, exhibitions, sporting events or other events for which a charge is made.

IV. This section shall not apply to the attachment of private equipment to residential telephone lines unless the telephone company can prove that the attached equipment will cause direct harm to the telephone system. Attached equipment which is registered with the public utilities commission shall not require a protective interconnecting device. If the telephone company cites this section in its directories or other customer informational material, said company shall duplicate the entire section verbatim therein.

Source. 1971, 518:1. 1977, 175:1, eff. Aug. 7, 1977.

## Golf Course Proposal

**Russ Provost**

The Richmond Board of Adjustment has approved a proposal by Robert Van Valzah to build a nine hole golf course on his property in North Richmond. The regulation course will cover most of the 40 plus acres. It is planned to be 3000 yards in length and to consist of two par five holes, two par three holes, and five par four holes. The lower level of the present house will initially be used as a club house with parking for 50 cars behind the house. Plans could later include a new club house with traditional Country Club features.

(The Richmond Community Newsletter, August 1974)

## Welsh/Coll Marriage

**John Boccalini**

Theresa Ellen Welsh and Jacob Ernest Coll married September 24th at the Immaculate Conception Church in Troy. Father Paul Boudreau performed the ceremony.



Theresa Ellen Welsh and Jacob Ernest Coll.

The bride's parents are Dennis and Sheila Welsh of DuBois, PA, and Amy Jo and Art Cable of Newfane, VT. The groom's parents are Debra and William Coll of Richmond, NH.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Bobbi Jalava, sister of the bride, was Maid of Honor. Jedediah Muzzey was Best Man. Bride attendants were Katrina Coll, sister of groom, Kristen Masino, cousin of the groom. Groomsmen were Travis Muzzey, Michael Burns. Elise Jalava was flower girl. A reception was held at The Grand View Inn in Jaffrey, NH.

## Delete

**Bob Weekes**

We know that the internet is a constant source of "entertainment," much of it sent to us in emails by well meaning friends who believe that what they find entertaining...will also be entertaining to us! When such subjects go viral, we are bombarded from multiple sources. We accept these messages without comment, wonder at the senders' assumptions that WE enjoy receiving them, and hit the delete button. Perhaps you will feel the same about the following article, which I am similarly foisting on Richmond Rooster readers. [HIT DELETE IF YOU DECIDE NOT TO CONTINUE]

The subject is parapsydokians, defined as "figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part." Parapsydokians are frequently used in a humorous situation. "Where there's a will, there's a lawyer," is a type of parapsydokian. Hoping that a few of you haven't logged off yet, here are some that have been making the rounds.

1. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
2. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
3. I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.
4. Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, "In case of emergency, notify \_\_\_," I put "DOCTOR."
5. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
6. Hospitality is making your guests feel at home even when you wish they were.
7. I didn't say it was your fault; I said I was blaming you.

8. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
9. Evening News is where they begin with "Good Evening" and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
10. Marriage is an institution. But who wants to live in an institution?

11. I still miss my ex. But my aim is getting better.

12. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

Obviously I've "researched" this entire article. Still I will add a few more that I've used myself, I must confess, without attribution.

1. You have an innate grasp of the obvious.
  2. I will drink no wine before it's time. It's time.
  3. I've had a wonderful evening. But this wasn't it (Groucho Marx).
  4. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana (also Groucho).
  5. A modest man, who has much to be modest about (Winston Churchill).
  6. She looks like she was poured into her clothes, and forgot to say 'when.'
  7. I like to sing, and I like to drink Scotch. Most people would rather hear me drink Scotch (George Burns).
- Finally, the word "parapsydokian" is a wonderful addition to your vocabulary, the kind one loves to drop into polite conversation just to see what happens. Why? Wordsmiths tend to be sesquipedalian, which means they have a fondness for big words. But I know that isn't everyone's bag. In fact I debated long and hard over whether I should even write this article for Rooster Readers. Why? Because I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

## Correction and Puzzler

**Bob Weekes**

In last month's living history story about the Perry Family in Richmond, I incorrectly identified Allen Holbrook's beautiful cape on Fish Hatchery Road as the former home of Hosea Ballou, the founder of the Universalist Unitarian Church. Although this is a commonly held belief, the former Ballou house actually stood next door, just a few yards north of Allen's house. That original Ballou house, according to Allen, was destroyed by fire between 1771 and 1780. The original Ballou barn, built in 1771, still exists, however, and is now part of Allen's home site.

Now here's one for Rooster sleuths. The Historical Society of Cheshire County recently received an inquiry about this photo, also identified as "Old Homestead of



Hosea Ballou." Does anyone know where this house was or is? Note the circa. 1916 Model T Ford at the left that tells us the house still stood into the early 20th century. If anyone has any information on the whereabouts of this house or its history, please contact me at 239-6533.

## The Connor Team Does it Again!

**Michelle Connor**

The NH. Team of AdviCoach, Ann Connor and Michelle Connor take home top awards again this year. The 12th Annual Conference of Franchise Source Brands International was recently held in Ft. Lauderdale FL. where Ann and Michelle were awarded the AdviCoach Top Performers Award along with the Outstanding Contributions Award which honors the AdviCoach that consistently gives back to their local community. They have done this by offering complimentary coaching to Cheshire County business owners and entrepreneurs at the Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Peterborough Chamber and Hannah Grimes to name a few of the organizations where this team donates their time.

The Connor team also received the Crystal Award from Women Empowered By Business (WEBB) for their contributions to women's organizations and women owned businesses through-out New England. At this conference, Michelle was also named Chairman of the WEBB Executive Board. The pair has been an award winning business coaching team since they started their practice here in NH. in 2008.

Ann and Michelle appreciate all of the support and confidence of the entrepreneurs, business owners and organizations that have encouraged the pair to achieve their dreams!

## Out and About

**John Boccalini**

Fri, Nov. 4 thru Dec. 1, **Jean Tandy Watercolors** exhibit. The Works, Brattleboro, VT.

Fri. Nov. 4, 5-9 p.m. **First Friday** - Downtown Peterborough:

Fri. Nov. 4, 8 p.m. **Masters of Illusion - Live!** Colonial Theater, Keene.

Fri. Nov. 4, 9 p.m. **Dave & The Daddy-O's**, Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

Sat. Nov. 5, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. **11th Annual Empty Bowls** The Keene Community Kitchen

Sat. Nov. 5, 12 p.m. **MetLive in HD: Siegfried**. Colonial Theater, Keene.

Sun Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m., **Brunch with Draa Hobbs**, guitar, Sunflowers, Jaffrey, Reservations recommended

Sun Nov. 6, 6 - 8 p.m., **Dinner with Jane Miller**, guitar & vocal, Sunflowers, Jaffrey Reservations recommended

Tues. Nov. 8, 7 p.m. **Warren Miller: Like There's No Tomorrow**. Colonial Theater, Keene.

Wed. Nov. 9, 7 p.m. **Kristallnacht Remembrance**. Colonial Theater, Keene.

Thurs. Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. **Lily Tomlin**. Colonial Theater, Keene.

Fri. Nov. 11, 10:45 a.m. **Veteran's Day**

**Observance And Flag Ceremony:** Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge

Fri. Nov. 11, 9 a.m.—3 p.m. **All Family Farm Day:** The Inn at East Hill Farm, Troy.

Fri. Nov. 11, 8 p.m.. **DJ MR FROST** Fitzwilliam Inn

Fri.-Sat., Nov. 11—12, 7:30 p.m. **The Owl & the Pussycat,** The Edge Ensemble Theatre Company Heberton Hall, 72 Winter St., Keene.

Sat. Nov. 12, 9 a.m.—2 p.m. **Holiday Fair** at the Richmond Veterans Hall, Route 32, Richmond. Luncheon served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 12, 10 a.m.—2 p.m. **Tales Told in a Tent,** Mariposa Museum, 26 Main St. Peterborough.

Sat. Nov. 12, 8 p.m. . **Tattoo.** Fitzwilliam Inn

Sat. Nov. 12, 8 p.m. **The Machine performs Pink Floyd,** Colonial Theater, Keene.

Sat., Nov. 12, 8 p.m. **Miss Tess & the Bon Ton Parade,** Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

Sun Nov. 13, 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m., **Brunch with Bob Arpin,** guitar, Sunflowers, Jaffrey, Reservations recommended

Sun Nov. 13, 6—8 p.m., **Dinner with Walt Sayre,** piano, Sunflowers, Jaffrey, Reservations recommended

Sun. Nov. 13, 7 p.m. **Sarah Lee Guthrie/Johnny Irion with special guest Winterpills,** Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

Wed.-Sat. Nov. 16—19, 7:30 p.m. **The Owl & the Pussycat,** The Edge Ensemble Theatre Company Heberton Hall, 72 Winter St., Keene.

Wed.-Sat. Nov. 16—19, 8 p.m. **Unexpected Tenderness,** Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough

Fri. Nov. 18, 5 a.m.—8 p.m. **11th Annual Thanksgiving Farm Fare,** Stonewall Farm, Keene.

Fri. Nov. 18 7:30 p.m. **Raylynmor Opera presents The Pirates of Penzance,** Colonial Theater, Keene.

Sat. Nov. 19 Sat., 9 a.m.—3 p.m. **11th Annual Thanksgiving Farm Fare,** Stonewall Farm, Keene.

Sat. Nov. 19, 10—2 p.m. **Tales Told in a Tent,** Mariposa Museum, 26 Main St. Peterborough.

Sat. Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m. **Silk Road from the Air,** Mariposa Museum, 26 Main St. Peterborough.

Sat. Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m. **Raylynmor Opera presents The Pirates of Penzance,** Colonial Theater, Keene.

Sat. Nov. 19, 8 p.m. **Bradford Bog People,** Fitzwilliam Inn

Sun Nov. 20, 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m., **Brunch with Bob Pettegrew,** piano, Sunflowers, Jaffrey, Reservations recommended

Sun. Nov. 20, 2 p.m. **Unexpected Tenderness,** Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough

Sun. Nov. 20, 2 p.m. **Raylynmor Opera presents The Pirates of Penzance**

Sun Nov. 20, 6 p.m., **Dinner with Judy, Bob & Danny,** vocal, guitar & piano, Sunflowers, Jaffrey, Reservations recommended

Sat., Nov. 26, 1 p.m. **MetLive in HD: Satyagraha,** Colonial Theater, Keene.

Sat., Nov. 26, 8 p.m. **Dave Galante,** Fitzwilliam Inn

Sun Nov. 27, 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m., **Brunch with Bob Arpin,** guitar, Sunflowers, Jaffrey, Reservations recommended

Sun Nov 27, 6—8 p.m., **Dinner with Scott Mullett & Draa Hobbs,** sax, flute & guitar, Sunflowers, Jaffrey, Reservations recommended

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

Every Tuesday 8—11 p.m. **Tuesday Night Pizza & Karaoke with CJ the DJ.** Ed's Crossroads Pizza & Subs Routes 12 & 119 Fitzwilliam.,

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

Every Thursday 7–10 p.m. **Open Mic Night.** Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam.

Every Thursday 8 p.m.—1 a.m. **CJ the DJ Grumpy** Don's Sports Bar and Restaurant in Hillsboro.

**Got Questions? Get Answers.**

**CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR WOMEN & MEN**

Getting tested for HIV and other STDs is fast, easy, and painless.

**603-352-6898**

**Planned Parenthood®** of Northern New England

8 Middle Street, KEENE

**Celebrate Autumn**

*Judith M. Graves*

It was the first of September that I noticed the maples starting to change color. The edges of Sandy Pond are just marvelous as I take a picnic lunch with the dogs and sit overlooking the pond from the boat landing. It is one of the most peaceful and gorgeous ponds in all of New Hampshire, and so unspoiled.

Ah, many a tale their color tells as gradually from week to week the character of each tree comes out, and it admires itself reflected in the smooth mirror of the pond.

Autumn's here with the reds, oranges, browns and yellows of fall. This is when God stages His grand finale to spring and summer with a new fireworks display to tide us over during the long winter months ahead. There is a lot to explore and do in these autumnal places so come on!!! Let's go!!

Out in this fresh crisp air I clip back the last of the frost bitten flowers and herbs. Earlier the herb containers were all clipped for drying, and I have a large dryer just filled ready to eventually be put into containers for the winter dishes. I have saved small jars for just this purpose. The scents are awesome as they sit on the sideboard drying.

The daylight hours wane now and temperatures dip, and the plants lose their leaves to conserve energy and water. Walk through the woods during autumn and see how your senses perk and build awareness of the life processes at work around us. The blue of the sky is visible through leafless trees, crunchy colorful leaves carpet the ground underfoot. There are the age old questions that we ask and children always want to know the answers too. Like Why do leaves turn color? Where do the colors come from? Why do leaves fall off trees? Where do leaves go after they fall on the ground? It is fun to maybe make up a family story about the adventures of a leaf that lives all summer high up in the forest on a tree limb and then changes color and falls to the ground. Fantasy is fine and fun, plus it is a good way for everyone to use his or her imagination. When you get back home look up the real answers to learn the answers to the many questions.

Making up a leaf collection has always been something that I enjoy doing every year. On the walks gather as many different kinds of leaves, and colors as you can find. When home lay these leaves in a book between waxed paper to dry flat. Use a marker on the wax paper to identify the leaf so you won't forget what it was when it is dry. Children like to make a scrapbook of the different kinds of leaves and identify them as to the tree they came from; just a fun fall project for children. It is like a scavenger hunt and can turn into a great game, and they never realize that they were out-

doors getting the fresh air. End the day with a picnic outside bundled in a jacket and sipping hot cocoa.

There is a nice book called 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert that is about the adventures of autumn leaves as the wind blows them over the landscape. The author includes accurate and identified photocopies of actual leaves which adds to the fun to identify leaves.

It is fun to send in a card a special colorful leaf to someone who may live where the four seasons don't come. I had a friend Bette who each year I would send down a bunch of dried leaves to her in South Carolina. She once lived in NH and missed the change of seasons. Every year she would look forward to the leaves coming in the mail. I like also to use the pressed leaves as coasters under glasses and to scatter over the table in the fall. There are many ways to use these leaves. If you have a color copier, copy them. Later you can make things like greeting cards or framed art with your leaf pictures.

Don't forget to rake up large piles of leaves and it doesn't need to be a chore. Have the whole family make the pile, they even have small rakes for the little ones. See how much fun it is to play in a pile of leaves as everyone gets to jump in the pile and toss them at each other. The crunchy sound and earthy scent is bound to remind adults of being a kid, and for the children a memory that will last a life time. Don't forget the cameras. A romp in the leaves is probably a good thing for all of us. Just pretend you are a kid and join in.

This is the time to make a journal of your plants while you still remember where they are for another year. Maybe this is the time to decide if plants need to be moved in the spring, what did and didn't do well in the spot, which plants you will need to replace, etc.

Make an apple wreath! Fall just is not fall without apples. Choose medium size firm apples with great color. Don't peel or core them, just slice them into 1/4 to 1/3-inch slices. Fill a large bowl with cool water and add about one teaspoon of lemon juice. Put the apple slices into the bowl and let them soak for about 10 minutes. Lemon juice will keep the slices from turning brown. While they are soaking, spray baking sheets with a little oil or line with parchment paper. Take the slices out of the water, with paper towel pat dry, and spread single layer on the baking sheet and put into a 200 degree preheated oven for about 3-4 hours until they are leathery. String the slices on a wire (can be a coat hanger wire formed in a circle), put on slices through the hole in the core. You will need about a dozen apples slices to fill the coat hanger. Fit the wire to the amount of apple slices you have. When done make a hanger and decorate with a ribbon or raffia. I use wreath wire and turn the ends into a hanger when all the

Periwinkle Cottage Studios (formerly Lamb & Thyme) is offering

**HERB OF THE MONTH CLUB**

Each month you will receive a package of herbs, folklore, history, gift ideas, growing tips, newsletter, and recipes to go with the Herb Of The Month. Gift you will be proud to give or receive!!!

**GREAT IDEA FOR A GIFT AND GET ONE FOR YOURSELF!!!!**

Want a personal message? We'll include it with the first month and let them know how long they will receive your gift. Think the holidays ahead for this great new idea for a gift!

*Judith M. Graves*

**ORDER TODAY**

<u>Make check out to:</u>	12 months \$48.00 (\$4.00 a month)
Judith M. Graves	6 months \$27.00 (\$4.50 a month)
	3 months \$15.00 (\$5.00 a month)
<u>Send Check to:</u>	
Periwinkle Cottage	Shipping: (Add to your order)
230 Bullock Road	\$ 1.00 to \$15.00 ----- \$4.00
Richmond, NH 03470	\$ 15.01 to \$30.00 ----- \$7.00
	\$ 30.00 to \$50.00 --- \$13.00
603-239-8005	\$ 50.01 and up ----- \$17.00

**Comtrek** Complete computer services for Home and/or Office

**COMPUTER SYSTEMS**

Software Hardware Networks Repairs

Complete systems set up at your location

Call (603) 239-7426 **Wes Vaughan**

Family Owned & Operated for over 50 Years

**Hrazier & Son Furniture**

233 Old Homestead Highway (Rte. 32, just south of the Airport) Swanzey, New Hampshire

LA-Z-BOY

1-800-494-3876 • 1-603-352-0337

New Hours: Mon-Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5, Sun 12-5

The Connor Team Business Owners and Business Coaches

**AdviCoach**

Business Advisors Making Your Success A Reality

CALL FOR YOUR CONFIDENTIAL COMPLIMENTARY COACHING SESSION

**EVERY CHAMPION HAS A COACH!**

Richmond, NH. Office: 603-239-3693 Call: 603-930-0009 Fax: 866-270-4594

aconnor@advicoach.com  
www.advicoach.com/connor  
www.advicoach.com/mconnor

apples are on. It is a great little gift for a hostess, and to hang one on your own wall or in the windows. Simple and a fun project for everyone no matter the age.

Well, I'm off now to get into the garden to cut down the corn stalks to attach to the front porch. Enjoy and Celebrate Autumn!!

### Composers Conduct Their Own Music

Frank Behrens

Now that the epic Guild Light Music series The Golden Age of Light Music has about 80 CDs, I find it more and more difficult to praise this series without repeating myself. So lately I have been making gentle fun of how hard pressed they must be not only to come up with so many titles but how to arrange the material so that each disc has some sort of unifying theme.

If all the selections are by the same composer, there is little problem. A title like "Animal Antics" clearly announces that each selection will have something to do with teddy bears having a picnic or the like. So when I received copies of "The Composer Conducts" Volumes 1 and 2, I had no idea what would be on it but I got the idea of the basic tie-in.

There are 26 selections in V. 1, five of which are in stereo; and the years of the recordings are from 1951 to 1960. To my knowledge, I have never heard a single one of them, except for the Leroy Anderson "The Phantom Regiment." The timings range from 2:01 minutes ("Montana Round-up") to 7:04 ("Symphony in Jazz, 1st Movement"). Each is a little musical portrait of its subject, be it "Jet Journey," "Puppets on Parade," or "Sports Arena."

I note with interest that several new orchestras appear on this disc, while many of the orchestras that dominated the older Guild CDs are absent.

The 22 selections in V. 2 include music from films, both British and American, such as "Things to Come," "Pinky," and "The League of Gentlemen." Few of the other selections will sound at all familiar: "Dawn Fantasy," "Salute the Soldier," "Amethyst March," "Naval Occasion," "The Dancing Years," and so on.

However, familiar or not, both Volumes of "The



Composer Conducts" are filled with music that is at the least interesting and at the most highly enjoyable. And because most of these selections appear in no other version, one cannot fairly judge the old adage that a composer is the worst conductor of his own music.

Still, this recent Guild disc is as much a delight as all that have gone before!

### Emigration Test Questions for November 2011

Neil Moriarty

The following questions are from the 100 questions asked of emigrants to the USA when they apply for citizenship. We are now about half way through; therefore, I am going to insert some of my own that you might find interesting.

1. Who was Martin Luther King, Jr.?
2. Who presides over your local government?
3. According to the Constitution, a person must meet certain requirements in order to be eligible to become President. Name one of these requirements.
4. Why are there 100 Senators in the Senate?
5. Who selects the Supreme Court justices (watch the wording here)?
6. How many Supreme Court justices are there?
7. Why did the Pilgrims come to America?
8. What is the head executive of a state government called?
9. What is the head executive of a city government called?
10. Can you name a recent president that was not elected president, nor elected vice president?

#### Answers

1. A civil rights leader
2. Your Selectmen
3. Must be a natural born citizen of the United States; Must be at least 35 years old by the time he/she will serve; Must have lived in the United States for at least 14 years
4. 2 from each state
5. Appointed by the President
6. 9
7. For religious freedom
8. Governor
9. Mayor, some cities have City Managers— in those cities the Mayor becomes the ceremonial leader
10. Gerald Ford (was appointed vice-president and became president when Nixon resigned)

#### Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rorke

"Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."

Romans 13: 8-10

### Selectmen's Minutes

Date: 19 September 2011 Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Sandra made a motion to enter non-public per 91-A 3 II (e) JC seconded it. Roll call vote and all said Aye. Motion carried. Entered at 7:13 p.m. Reconvened at 9:03 p.m. Sandra made a motion to seal the minutes. Lori seconded. Motion carried.

Police Chief Brendan Bosquet addressed the Board and gave them an update of how his first week as Chief went. He was very busy. Due to a tip he was able to solve a crime in Richmond and three that happened in Winchester. He also responded to an accident and assisted the State Police with a call and many other administrative duties. Chief Bosquet and the Board discussed the pay rate for Lt. Wood and himself. He is compiling rates from different towns and will have an answer by next week. He is also trying to schedule more patrols on weekends. JC is setting up an email for Brendan to use.

Sandra discussed getting a debit card that will only be used to charge Ring Central bills for the Police station. Roberta will get information about opening a checking account to use just for this service and the Board will discuss it next week.

The Board will work on the CIP next week and will also start discussing budgets.

The Board discussed the report from the State indicating that the bridge on Toad Hollow Road, #066-078, needs to be closed. The Board would like the road agent to handle this and Roberta will contact him.

The Cross Country contract has a termination clause in it that either side can terminate with fifteen days notice. Sandra has talked to Jeff Earles, owner of Cross Country and discussed what it will cost to terminate. Mr. Earles said that he will only charge for whatever work has been performed between now and termination. Sandra has compiled a cost comparison for what is being paid for now and what Avitar will cost. Going forward with Avitar Assessing services will cost \$19,300.00 a year for five years. Avitar will conduct a complete reevaluation in 2012 and install software for assessing and tax collecting and provide mapping services for a cost of \$44,800.00. Changing to Avitar will enable the town to network tax collecting and assessing programs, saving time and

money for the town. Sandra made a motion to terminate the contract with Cross Country and contract with Avitar Associates for assessing services. Lori seconded it. Motion carried.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Date: 09/26/11 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attending: JC Boudreau, Sandra Gillis  
Read mail.

John Boccalini addressed the Board and discussed Fay Martin Road and a problem area on the road. John also discussed the article in the Richmond Eagle that stated that Mr. Alex Hoar did not have adequate road frontage for his building permit and John would like to know if that is true. The Board examined the building permit and stated that the building permit was issued according to zoning regulation definition #1618 articles 315 (road frontage) and article 402.1 (frontage and yard requirement). John also referenced another article in the Eagle in regards to tax free fuel at the highway barn and who is using the fuel. Sandra explained that the town rents equipment from a contractor and it comes fueled and when the town uses it then it is filled with tax free fuel.

John also discussed the article regarding the school payments and the indication that the town may have to borrow money.

The Board holds a conference call with Heather Baker-Harrison regarding taxes owed on the Irene Baker property and what her plan is to pay them. Ms. Harrison will send the Board a request for a payment plan.

Marcus Beauragard addressed the Board and informed them that he is ordering sports equipment from the same place that the Keene Parks & Recreation department orders from. Marcus has decided that he does not want to be reappointed as the health officer for the town. The Board thanked him for his service and they will discuss a replacement. Marcus also discussed how much he enjoys being on the park committee and the plans that he has for the park and the budget that he will be asking for. Marcus would like the cemetery committee to take on the duties of mowing the lawns at the park since they have all the equipment. The Board will take this under advisement.

Sandra informed JC that he was in contact with PSNH regarding the poles being installed on Greenwood Rd. and he asked them to move the poles back from the road further. She also informed him that Mark Beal, road agent, is looking into purchasing a spreader. JC would like to present any equipment purchase at town meeting and have it

**Winchester Learning Center**  
A United Way Agency  
*Building the future ... one step at a time*  
**HIGH QUALITY CHILD CARE FROM 12 MONTHS THROUGH PRE-K YEARS**  
[www.TheWinchesterLearningCenter.org](http://www.TheWinchesterLearningCenter.org)  
5 Michigan Street • Winchester, NH 03470 • (603) 239-7347

**PRINT SHOP**  
We offer full service copies and full color printing. All at affordable prices.

NCR Forms	Placemats
Checks	Stationery
Continuous Forms	(Raised Printing Now available)
Raffle Tickets	Newsletters
Books	Postcards
Catalogs	Newspaper Inserts
	Business Cards

60 West Street • Keene, NH 03431 Full graphic design available.  
(603) 352-1234 Ext. 1500 We will customize any product for you  
printshop@keenesentinel.com

Welcome to the Richmond Community Church  
Richmond Community United Methodist Church  
Pastor Arnold Johnson  
Sunday Worship Services  
9:00 a.m.  
*We are a celebrational and compassionate people.  
We champion the simple worth of all people.  
Come and join our Family!*

**WILLIAM B. PATNODE, EA, MBA, ABA**  
TAX ACCOUNTANT  
BUSINESS ACCOUNTANT  
40BARRUS ROAD  
RICHMOND, NH 03470  
(603) 239-6972  
wpatnode@earthlink.net  
LICENSED TO REPRESENT TAXPAYERS BEFORE THE IRS

voted on, that has been the practice in the past. Renting equipment would be okay.

Sandra has created a fuel use policy for the Board to consider.

Avitar contracts are ready to be signed. Sandra has written a letter to Cross Country informing them that the town will no longer be in need of their services. JC does not want to sign the Avitar contract until there is a written confirmation from Cross Country that the whole amount from the signed contract with them will not have to be paid.

There is a request from Tri-State Trail Riders Organization for the riders to travel on town roads during a race on October 2nd. Sandra made a motion to grant permission for the Tri-State Trail Riders Organization to cross into the Town of Richmond on class V and VI roads as necessary on October 2. JC seconded it. Motion carried.

Sandra made a motion to enter non-public session per 91-A :3 II (e) JC seconded it. Roll call vote taken and all say Aye. Entered at 9:18 p.m. Reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

**Date: 10/03/11 Time: 7:00 p.m.**

Attending: JC Boudreau, Sandra Gillis, Lori Scanlan Signed checks and read mail.

Mark Beal, road agent, addressed the Board and discussed various road issues. He has plans for what needs to be done on various roads. The Board discussed allowing Mark to remove trees and branches as needed and Sandra read the RSA regarding the removal of trees. Mark will decide what roads need tree removal and come back to the Board or the Planning board. Mark would like to rent/lease a sander to use on the highway truck. He would use it to plow the town buildings instead of putting them out to bid. He would also like to rent/lease a yolk rake. The Board discussed the rental/lease of the rake and sander. Mark will contact E.W. Sleeper and see if he can rent the sander for \$300.00 a month and to see how much renting the yolk rake will be.

Dan Connell addressed the Board and asked Lori and Sandra why they were concerned about taxpayers of the town using the outside outlet and wi-fi at the library. Lori explained that it may not just be residents of Richmond. Sandra explained that it is up to the library to deal with the usage of the outlet and wi-fi. Former Chief Wood stated at that meeting that it was a theft of services. Dan asked if there was a way to monitor who used it would the Board be okay with it? The Board discussed this and decided it

**Advertise in the Rooster?**  
**Contact Peter at**  
**239-6058**

is up to the library to decide how to enforce the usage.

Fire Chief Mike Pearsall addressed the Board and asked about the purchasing policy and what the limit is. The fire department would like to reseal and stripe the asphalt at the fire station. He has tried to get bids and only has Stripe-it interested in it. He will get back to the Board.

Doug Bersaw addressed the Board and gave them a request for sealed and non- sealed non-public minutes.

John Noonan, from SVE Associates, addressed the Board regarding construction that Camp Takodah would like to construct at the camp. They would like to build cabins on cement piers. He understands that they need to go to the Planning board for a site plan review. He would like to submit a building permit next week for the cabins so the Board of Selectmen can deny it because they are being built on cement piers and then an appeal for a variance can be filed with the ZBA. This would potentially save a month in time so construction can start if the variance is issued. There is discussion regarding the process. JC would like them to go to the Planning board for site plan review before the Selectmen make a decision on the building permit. Mr. Noonan will contact the land use assistant and try to address the Planning board tomorrow evening.

Intents to cut for M403-L007 and M407-L046 were approved.

Mr. James Carnie addressed the Board and discussed RSA 91:A. He feels that the minutes are not reflecting accurately what happens at the meetings. Mr. Carnie would like to know what Kim Mattson addressed the Board about on August 22, 2011. She started in public session and then the Board went into non-public and Mr. Carnie would like to know what it was about. Sandra asked him to give a right- to- know request regarding the minutes. Mr. Carnie would like the answer as to why the Board went into non-public with Kim Mattson in writing.

Mr. Carnie also would like to know who decided that a copy of requested information is 25 cents a page. The

Board does not know and Jim states that the town can only charge what the actual cost is to produce the document.

Mr. Carnie would like to see the roll call vote under non-public reflected in the public minutes. He also states that the sealing of minutes needs to have a roll call vote. Sandra will look into Mr. Carnie's requests and get back to him.

Brad Grinstead addressed the Board and asked what the policy is before something is put out for bid. Brad had requested copies of invoices to John Holman Contracting and a lot of them were for \$7000.00-\$8000.00. Brad also would like to know who covers the insurance when the road agent operates the rented equipment. Sandra explained that the company that the town is renting from covers the insurance.

The August 22, 2011 minutes stated "Kim Mattson addressed the Board and Lori made a motion to enter non-public per 91-A 3 II (c). Sandra seconded it. Motion carried. Entered at 7:35 p.m. Reconvened at 7:55

p.m. Sandra made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. Lori seconded it. Motion carried." The minutes should have reflected what the Board went into the non-public session for. JC made a motion to amend the August 22, 2011 minutes to reflect that Kim Mattson addressed the Board with concerns about her role as land use assistant and her job description and her level of participation in the discussion at planning board meetings and then the Board went into non- public session. Lori seconded it. Motion carried. JC called Mr. Carnie and read him the motion.

The Board has received the 2012 County tax bill. The amount is \$333,904.00, an 11% increase from last year.

The Board discussed the fuel policy last week and continued discussing it tonight. Lori would like the policy to reflect who is going to pay for the fuel on rental equipment. There is a discussion about whether the equipment comes with fuel or not and who uses the fuel at the highway garage. Lori would like to take some time on this policy and the Board will discuss it again next week.

Sandra updated Lori about the Irene Baker property and that the granddaughter is getting back to the Board

regarding a payment plan.

The Board has received an order from the NH Board of Tax and Land Appeals regarding docket No.: 25490-110S, ( Bruce Carrier). The BTLA, per RSA 71-B:16 II, has opened an investigation into the treatment of all parcels enrolled into current use in the town. There are various documents requested from the town and the DRA regarding current use parcels. The town has ten days to gather the documents and to respond to the BTLA. Roberta spoke with Cyndy Brown, Review Appraiser and has asked for more time due to the renovation in the Selectmen's office. Ms. Brown has approved more time and will be meeting with Roberta next week.

Sandra made a motion that the Board of Selectmen nominate Lori Scanlan as Health Officer for the Town of Richmond. JC seconded it. Motion carried.

The Board discussed that the department budgets are due October 17 and the Board will work on a CIP next week.

The Board discussed receiving an estimate for stabilizing the north wall,

repair/replace the sill and the floor joist and evaluate the structural members of the roof. Lori and JC will check with different companies.

Sandra has compose a letter to Jeff Earls, owner of Cross Country, informing his company that their services are no longer needed as of November 1, 2011. The Board signed the letter and Sandra will verify with Avitar that they can start as of November 1st before she sends out the letter. The Board discussed and signed the revaluation contracts and general assessing and software with Avitar. The town will require a bond from Avitar for the revaluation. Lori had a question about the contract and what happens after April 1st, how much it is going to cost. Sandra will get that information.

Sandra made a motion to enter non-public per 91-A 3 II (e) Lori seconded it. Roll call vote Sandra-Aye-Lori-Aye- JC-Aye Motion carried. Entered at 10:15 p.m. Reconvened at 11:00 p.m. Sandra made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. Lori seconded it. Roll call vote- Sandra-Aye Lori-Aye- JC-Aye. Motion carried.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

**THE TOADSTOOL BOOKSHOPS**  
 Enchanting Selections of Wonderful Books

Special Orders Welcome		12 DEPOT SQUARE, PETERBOROUGH, NH M-F 10-6, SAT 10-5, SUN 10-4, 924-3543
Free Gift Wrapping		COLONY MILL MARKETPLACE, KEENE, NH M-SAT 10-9, SUN 11-6, 352-8815
Mail Orders Accepted		LORDEN PLAZA, RT.101A, MILFORD, NH M-S 9-9, SUN 11-5, 673-1738
Out of Print Search Service		
We Ship Anywhere		

**Hair Fur Good Groom-Inn**  
*"where furry friends leave feeling fine"*

natural organic REIKI **PET GROOMING** dogs cats BOARDING  
 (603) 239-7511 10+ yrs. exp.  
 40 Bullock Rd RICHMOND NH, 03470

 **Park Place**  
 VETERINARY HOSPITAL  
 Your Partner in Pet Health

Celebrating 20 Years!

Mon - Wed 9am - 5pm Thurs 9am - 7pm Sat. 9am - Noon	Winifred Morenz, DVM Kathy Reilly, DVM Carla Folkert, DVM
---	---

92 Old Homestead Highway North Swanzey, NH 03431 603-357-4049 www.parkplacevet.com

**MONADNOCK TECHNICAL SERVICES**  
 157 FISH HATCHERY ROAD RICHMOND, NH 03470  
 (603) 239-4327  
 FAX: 239-8132

**Lewis N. Whittum, PE**  
 DESIGN • BUILD • ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS  
 HVAC • INDOOR AIR QUALITY • TAB  
 www.4madtek.com

 **Patch's Kindred K9**  
 PET GROOMING  
 Boarding, DayCare, Supplies  
**603-585-6881**  
 FREE NAIL-CLIPPING NOVEMBER 5, 9 AM - NOON

**Town Business Hours**

**Board of Selectmen:** J.C. Boudreau,  
Sandra Gillis, Lori Scanlan

- Mon. 7:00 —? p.m.

**Selectmen's Assistant:** Roberta Frasier

**Town Secretary:** Beverly Hart

- Mon. 10 a.m. — Noon, 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
- Wed. 8 a.m. — 12 noon, 1:00 p.m.- 5 p.m.
- Thurs. 8 a.m. —12 noon, 1:00 p.m.— 4 p.m.

**Town Clerk:** Annette Tokunaga

Deputy: Pamela Goodell

- Mon. 9 a.m. —Noon, 1 —4 p.m., 6 —8 p.m.
- Wed. 9 a.m. —Noon, 1 —5 p.m.
- Thurs. 9 a.m. —Noon

**Tax Collector:** Steve Boscarino

- Mon. 7 p.m. —8 p.m.
- Wed. 2 p.m. —4 p.m.

**Planning Board:** Richard Drew, Chairperson

- Meetings held at Civil Defense Building  
1st & 3rd Tues of the Month —7:30 p.m.

**Transfer Station & Recycling Facility**

- Tues. 8 a.m. —4 p.m.
- Thurs. 8 a.m. —7 p.m.
- Sat. 8 a.m. —5 p.m.

**Town Library:** Wendy O'Brien, Librarian

- Tues. 4:30 p.m. —8 p.m.
- Wed. 9:00 a.m. —12 p.m.
- Thurs. 4:30 —7 p.m.
- Sat. 10 a.m. —2 p.m.

**Fire Warden:** Ed Atkins

**EMERGENCY: POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE ■ 9-1-1**

- Selectmen —239-4232
- Town Clerk —239-6202
- Tax Collector —239-6106

Visit town on-line: <http://richmond.nh.us.gov>

**Richmond Rooster Staff**

■ Publisher: Marie Knowlton

■ Editor: John Boccalini

■ Design/Production: Paul Clipper

■ Proofreaders: Jean Tandy, Bob Weekes,  
Kathleen Bersaw

■ Advertising Manager: Peter Majoy

■ Treasurer: Deb Coll

■ Distribution: Melissa Herman; Denise Crowl

■ Contributors: Frank Behrens, Bob Weekes,

Terri O'Rorke, Bonnie McCarthy, Russ Provost,

Neil Moriarty, Elaine Moriarty, Wendy O'Brien,

Melanie Ellis, Kim Mattson, Jean Tandy, Marie

Pace Juhlin, Pam Goodell, Judith Graves

**Advertising Rates**

■ Contact: Peter 239-6058

■ Business cards (up to 3.5" x2") \$12/month or  
\$132/year, 1/4 page: \$30/month—\$330/year  
Larger ads available.

**Subscription Rates**

■ Yearly: \$15 —Town Residents: FREE

■ Stories printed are presented as fiction  
and are not intended to be considered as  
being historically accurate as to their con-  
tent. Public notices, committee reports, arti-  
cles, press releases, and letters to the editor  
are usually printed as received.

**Deadline is the 10th of each month.**

The Richmond Rooster welcomes comments and  
article contributions.

**E-mail [therichmondrooster@yahoo.com](mailto:therichmondrooster@yahoo.com)**

Thanks to the 4 Corners Store for their support

Join Rooster Chat:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/therichmondrooster>

**SEE THE ROOSTER ONLINE**

**<http://therichmondrooster.org>**

*The Richmond Rooster*

59 Bullock Road  
Richmond, NH 03470

**BULK RATE  
US POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT NO. 35  
WINCHESTER, NH 03470**

**OCCUPANT  
CARRIER ROUTE PRESORT  
RICHMOND, NH 03470**