



The following article is a reprint from the April 1992 edition of the Richmond Rooster. The story was written by Brian "Biff" Mahoney, a former Rooster staff member. Biff owned a home on Athol Road and housed a printing shop there until moving it to a space on Old Homestead Highway. The Rooster was printed by Biff for several years until he moved south to be near his son. Biff contributed many interesting articles, which were printed monthly in the Rooster. Many of those articles are still relevant today. Marie Knowlton, Publisher

### The Tramp House Biff Mahoney (April 1992)

It measures only 10 by 12 feet, has one door and a single window. For those who have ever wondered about the little gray building with white trim, down across from the library, it was built to provide overnight shelter for tramps.

It is known as the "Tramp House" and was erected in 1914 by William Hopkins, at a cost to the town of \$65.25. Lumber was sawn by Leason Martin, and Robinson & Brith.

The last town expenditure for tramps was in 1945, when William W. Hinds was reimbursed "\$6.00 (for) care of tramps." 1933, the height of the depression, was the most expensive year, costing Richmond \$86.30.

Tramps first appeared en masse in the early 1870s, a product of the depression following the Civil War. Prior to building the Tramp House, residents were paid 75 cents for keeping a tramp overnight. The 1878 Town Report shows \$12.00 paid out to Hiram Sprague and \$6.00 to Edson Starkey for "keeping tramps." (That figures out to 24 tramps).

The depression of 1893 contributed significantly to the incidence of tramps. Foraging far afield over the growing network of railroads, their number increased rapidly. At the height of the great depression, estimates reached well over 1,000,000 homeless transients nationwide.

Tramps were viewed as lazy, good-for-nothing people, without fixed homes, who wandered about supporting themselves by begging or doing odd jobs. But, the true tramp repre-

sented withdrawal from structure and embodied the periods of economic insecurity – 83 percent taking to the road because of financial circumstances.

Although economics was mainly responsible for the impetus of tramps, a change in transportation brought about their demise. Trains became more guarded and traveled faster, making hopping dangerous. The affordable automobile came into widespread use, providing convenience and self-contained lodging for tramps. As long as he could get gas money he no longer had to tramp or jump trains.

Furnishings in the Tramp House were simple; only a bed, a chair, a stand, a wood stove and a kerosene lantern. It was not constructed either for comfort or convenience. But it was all it was intended to be: a place for the homeless to sleep with a limited degree of privacy.

I don't know when the last tramp bedded down in the Tramp House, but when I first moved to Richmond in 1969, it was still being used on occasion by walking tramps.

For many years the Tramp House was carried on the town books as the official police station, even though it was never used as such.

In 1974, members of the "Chapel of St. Charles the Martyr," the local Episcopal parish under the lay leadership of Dick Webber, gathered each week in the Tramp House for Sunday services. After being found vandalized,

it was abandoned, and since has not been used and has fallen into disrepair.

It is my understanding that early in the 1990s the State of New Hampshire mandated towns to provide care and lodging for tramps. Rather than continue to put them up in private homes many towns opted to build a tramp house.

Richmond is one of the few towns to still have a tramp house. While our tramp house is in need of repair, it is not gone by and should be treated with historic value. Quite possibly it could be relocated to behind the firehouse, restored and put to some good use, maybe as a playhouse, or storage for the ball-field. If the town is not interested in keeping it up then we should consider letting others enjoy its history by offering it to Shelburne Village Museum to typify homeless America.



The Tramp House in modern times (P. Clipper photo)

**Richmond Public Library**  
*Wendy O'Brien*

**Story Hours**

It's October and the fields are full of pumpkins! On Saturday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m., Gwyn will lead a Halloween story hour. Come for a hour of enjoyable stories, a craft, and a snack.

New in November will be a book group for elementary aged children. We will be reading "Frindle" by Andrew Clements. Extra copies will be available at the library for pick up starting Saturday, October 10th. The discussion will be led by Wendy on Saturday, November 14th at 11:00 a.m. in the non-fiction room, while the younger children can attend regular story hour with Gwyn in the children's room.

**Book Sale and Silent Auction**

We had another fabulous year with the book sale and silent auction, raising \$600 for new circulation furniture and books. But we couldn't have done it without the help of volunteers! A huge thank you goes out to Patty Budzik and her family who organized the book sale room throughout the year and helped to set up; Marie Juhlin who helped set up the day before; Bonnie McCarthy and Tracey Tryba, who helped to set up on the morning of the sale; and to Zack Zahaykevitz and Steve and Susan Wyatt who helped clean up. A big thank you also goes to Tracey who solicited so many of the wonderful prizes for the silent auction.

Thanks also go to the area businesses and individuals who donated items for the silent auction: The Colonial Theatre, Tasteful Affairs Bakery, The Works, Panera Bread, Prime Roast, Hannaford Supermarkets, Stonewall Farm, Shir Roy Campground, Antoinette Gesner, Marie Juhlin, Bonnie McCarthy, Terri O'Rorke and Dolores Keane. Thank you!

**Bake Sale**

It's not too early to look ahead to our next major fundraising event—the Library Bake Sale! We will be holding an informational meeting on Saturday, October 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the library for anyone who would like to help out with set up, sales during the day, or take down. Bakers are also welcome to attend! The bake sale will take place on Saturday, November 14th at the Holiday Fair sponsored by the Richmond Community United Methodist Church at the Veterans' Hall.

**New (to us!) Circulation Furniture**

We are pleased to announce that after a year of fundraising, we have achieved our goal of obtaining some used circulation furniture from the Hudson Library. The Hudson Library was very generous, and thanks go out to everyone who assisted in making this dream a reality! Special thanks go to Evelyn Huston, who got the ball rolling and donated funds, items for the yard sale, and other materials for sale. All profits went

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towards the purchase and moving of the furniture. Stop by and see your new Library!

**Free Family Movie Night**  
*Pam Goodell*

Come join the ever-increasing numbers at the free family movies at the Richmond Community United Methodist Church, Route 119, center of Richmond. "Escape to Witch Mountain," an action-packed Disney movie, will be shown on Friday, October 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn and drinks also provided at no charge. The public is invited.

**Town Clerk's Office**

October 12, 2008  
CLOSED for Columbus Day

**Restaurant Reviews**

*Adam Majewski*

As a relatively new citizen of New Hampshire (I've made it through three winters), I have noticed a variety of differences in how things are done here versus the places I used to live. One difference I have found to be a disappointment is how New Hampshire handles making the results of health inspections of restaurants known to the general public. When I lived in Ohio and North Carolina, restaurants were required to post the results of their inspections at the entrance. These results included an overall grade of A to F, making it easy to assess how sanitary the establishment was. I found that most restaurants got A's. This was mainly because posting results motivated the establishment to put in that extra effort in keep the facilities clean.

Unfortunately, New Hampshire does not require restaurants to clearly post the results of their health inspections. I find that I am disappointed that I can not easily determine how sanitary the restaurants I visit are. To try to alleviate this deficiency slightly, I have begun a web site (<http://restaurantreview.tripod.com>) where I review the restaurants I patronize on atmosphere, taste of the food, and cleanliness. I would greatly appreciate it if some of you would look at my web site and provide me

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with constructive criticism on how useful and clear the information is. Currently, there are only five restaurants reviewed, but I will slowly be adding more as time goes by. Thanks!

**Notice of Change**  
*Pam Goodell*

Beginning on Sunday October 4, 2009, worship services at the Richmond Community United Methodist Church will start at 9:00 a.m. (rather than the current 8:45 a.m.) Hopefully the later start will be more convenient for people. We are a welcoming church and all are invited.

Before the service there will be a time of fellowship and snacks at 8:30 a.m. for those who wish to attend, and singing of hymns at 8:45 a.m. Please feel free to join us in friendship and in making a joyful noise.

**New Auto Service In Town**  
*Marie Knowlton*

Frank's Service recently opened at 79 Winchester Road in Richmond. Frank Rice is not a stranger to most residents in the region. Frank was born and brought up in Winchester, graduated from Thayer High School and attended NH Technical Automotive classes in Portsmouth. Frank moved to Richmond in 1968 and always lived in the same house. Frank owned and operated Frank's Texaco in Winchester for over 45 years. Frank specializes in motor vehicle inspections, oil change, general repairs and key duplication. Frank Rice is a master at locks and making keys. Frank married longtime resident Jane Jillson on May 3, 2008 and continues to live and work in Richmond.

**Oktoberfest Evening**  
*Pam Goodell*

The Richmond Community United Methodist Church will sponsor an Oktoberfest Evening on Saturday, October 10, at the Veterans' Hall, Rte. 32 in Richmond. The event will feature an authentic German menu

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A highlight of the event will be the happy music of Bavaria and other parts of Germany. Al Brogdon of Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, will be featured. He plays the long wooden Alphorn, originally used in the Alps to signal from one mountain to another by a series of melodies similar to bugle calls. Al lived in Germany in his younger years, where he fell under the spell of the happy folk music of that country. The audience will be invited to sing along with the music, to schunkle (rock back and forth in time to the music), and to join in the happy times. They say that it will be impossible to be glum at the Richmond Oktoberfest.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served from 6-7 p.m., and music and dancing will continue until 9 p.m. Cost: \$15 p.p. and, space permitting, \$18 at the door. Advance reservations are strongly recommended, as seating is limited. Tickets are on sale and table reservations will be honored by calling George Blais (352-3007) or Lois Ray (585-6691). Proceeds will benefit the Richmond Community United Methodist Church. The public is invited to attend what promises to be a fun-filled evening. COME JOIN THE FUN!

**Food Pantry**  
*Hugh VanBrocklin*

Donations of non-perishable food are welcomed and appreciated at the Richmond Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is an outreach of the Richmond Community UM Church. It is supported through an annual FEMA grant, and private contributions of food and monetary gifts. The Food Pantry is housed at the Richmond Town Hall, is open during town hall business hours, and is offered to members of our community who need some help in meeting the needs of their families. As in the past, holiday food baskets (usually delivered in the week before Thanksgiving and again the week before Christmas) will be available in cooperation with the Keene

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### Happy Halloween! Tina Thayer

Come have a ghoulish time at the Richmond Kid's Halloween Party on Saturday October 31. The witching hour is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Veterans Hall. Pizza and snacks served at 11:30 until they are gone! Come in your costume, play some games, and do some crafts. It's sure to be a SCREAM!!!

### Holiday Fair Alison VanBrocklin

Each year someone comments (with surprise!) about the quality of merchandise found at the Richmond Holiday Fair. It is a wonderful place to begin the shopping season! November 14, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., is the date for the annual Holiday Fair. Please come to the Richmond Veterans Hall and enjoy a unique craft fair featuring talented local artisans who offer a variety of hand-crafted gifts and confections. We are very pleased that many of our vendors return each year, bringing with them favorite one-of-a-kind items as well as original new creations. The Friends of the Library can be counted on to present an array of tempting home-baked goodies.

The Holiday Fair is sponsored by the Richmond Community UM Church. There will be a candy table, and members and friends of the church will put on a sandwich, corn chowder and chili lunch from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.. For further information, please call Alison (239-4494).

### Pam Goodell Honored Pam Goodell

The following resolution for honorary membership in the New Hampshire City and Town Clerks Association was signed by NHCTCA president, Kathy Seavers:

Whereas: Pamela Goodell served as Town Clerk of Richmond from 1991 to 2008;

And Whereas: Pamela served this Association as Monadnock Region Co-Chair from 1991-1995 and served as Secretary from 1995-1996, and on the Manuals Committee for several years; and Whereas: Honorary membership in the New Hampshire City and Town Clerks' Association is reserved for those individuals who through their service to their community and their peers have demonstrated those ideas of leadership which bonds us together as a professional Association; therefore be it Resolved: That the status of Honorary Member in the New Hampshire City & Town Clerks' Association be bestowed upon Pamela Goodell this ninth day of September 2009; be it further Resolved: That a copy of this

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Resolution, properly embossed and signed, be presented to Pamela Goodell in recognition and appreciation of all her efforts on behalf of the Association and her community.

### The Truth Russ Provost

I hate beating a dead horse, but I can not allow Mr. Bosonetto to get away with his distortions of the truth. As I stated two months ago, I designed, bought, and handed out free of charge the "We Support the Richmond 12" signs. I am not a member of the RPC. Only a handful of the 30 signs that are displayed throughout our town are in front of RPC members' homes. The rest of the signs are either in front of homes of people who are actually being sued by the SBC, or who are sympathetic to our hard working town volunteers.

I hope as many people as possible will attend the trial of the SBC v The Richmond 12. The full details of the trial will be posted on sbcwatch.blogspot.com.

### Richmond's Elder Passes Cournoyer Funeral Home

Brother Francis Maluf, M.I.C.M., (July 19, 1913 – September 5, 2009) Founding member of the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Superior of Saint Benedict Center in Richmond, New Hampshire, philosopher, college professor, and published author died on Saturday, September 5, at the age of 96.

Fakhri Boutros Maluf (his name before entering religion) was born in the town of Mashrah, Lebanon, about thirty miles from Beirut, in 1913. His father, Boutros Maluf, was an educational pioneer in Lebanon, and young Fakhri was educated at a school for poor children run out of the Maluf home. He would later teach there.

Fakhri graduated from the American University of Beirut with a Bachelor's Degree in mathematics. From 1934 to 1939, he taught physics at that same University. In addition to his academic career, Fakhri was also involved in Lebanese statecraft, being the philosopher, and later president, of the Syrian National Party. He was, during this time, a friend, disciple, and associate of Dr. Charles Malik, the noted Lebanese philoso-

pher and diplomat.

In 1939, he moved to the United States to attend the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he received first an M.A. and, in 1942, a Ph.D. in philosophy. He then undertook post-doctoral studies at Harvard University and Saint Bonaventure University.

From 1942 to 1945, Dr. Maluf taught mathematics and science at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts. From 1945 to 1949, he taught philosophy, theology, and mathematics at Boston College. In 1942, the young professor met Father Leonard Feeney, S.J., and soon became involved in the activities of Saint Benedict Center, a Catholic center operating in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dr. Maluf married Mary Healy, of Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1943. In 1949, Dr. Maluf became one of the pioneer members of Father Leonard Feeney's religious order, the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As has happened in rare cases in the Church's history, by mutual consent, both Dr. Maluf and Mrs. Maluf took religious vows and lived separately in the monastery and convent, where they were known respectively as Brother Francis and Sister Mary Bernadette. Both participated in the publishing and missionary work of the fledgling congregation.

For the rest of his life, until overtaken by illness while in his 90s, Brother Francis taught Sacred Scripture, philosophy, theology, science, and mathematics at various levels. For almost twenty years he was the Superior of Saint Benedict Center in Richmond, New Hampshire, teaching in the Center's high school, overseeing the Saint Augustine Institute of Catholic Studies, and the Center's publishing apostolate. He authored four published books of poetry and philosophy, published scores of articles on various Catholic subjects, and gave thousands of lectures, many of which were taped and professionally produced. He has also left to posterity many notes for future volumes.

Besides his philosophical and poetical wisdom, Brother Francis was well known for his memory. He memorized all four Gospels, being able to recite the entirety of Matthew, Luke, and John each in Latin, and Saint Mark in Greek. He could name all the popes from Saint Peter to the present, and had numerous other lists of persons, dates, and facts equally at his command. But he was best known as a teacher.

On July 19, 2009, Brother Francis marked his 96th birthday. Although his Order is of the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, Brother Francis is a Melkite Rite (Byzantine) Catholic.

Brother Francis is survived by Sister Mary Bernadette Maluf, M.I.C.M., of Richmond, NH; by his children, Mariam Maluf of Leominster, MA., Peter Maluf, of Worcester, MA., Leonard Maluf, of



Brother Francis Maluf, 7/19/13—9/5/09

### Requiescant in Pace Eleonore Villarubia

Last March at the town meeting, Brother Francis Maluf received the Richmond town cane as the oldest resident of our town. On Saturday, September 5, 2009, Brother Francis slipped quietly out of this life and into the next at his home at St. Augustine's Priory. "He died as he had lived – very considerably, not inconveniencing anyone," according Brother Andre Marie, Prior and now Superior of St. Benedict Center.

Brother Francis' many accomplishments were outlined in the April issue of the Rooster. This writer only recently discovered that at the beginning of World War II, one of his duties as a physics and mathematics teacher was to instruct

young military officers in the art and science of astronomical navigation. He was a true Renaissance man.

Brother Francis' funeral was held at St. Margaret Mary Church in Keene with Fr. Daniel Lamothe celebrating a sung Traditional Rite High Mass, accompanied by a full mixed choir of twenty-five voices. There were clergy from far and wide, as well as hundreds of relatives friends from all over the United States and Canada in attendance to honor this humble and holy patriarch. Brother is buried in the monastery graveyard.

### Who is Next? By Brother Francis Maluf, MICM

It need not be the one expecting to depart.  
The one with ailing lungs or failing heart.  
Not always one engaged in a bloody strife  
Or one embracing danger in a venturesome life.  
It could be you or I, by night or day  
It's often one with plans for a good long stay.  
For even angels do but guess at best  
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**Because We Believe**  
*Pete Majoy*

When I listen to Andrea Bocelli's "Because We Believe," I resonate deeply to it, especially the lines, "Like stars across the sky we were born to shine. All of us here because we believe." My experience, mirrored for me in Bocelli's lyrics, points to the absolute necessity for a compassionate democracy that honors the worth, dignity and inherent goodness of all people who "were born to shine."

That "we were born to shine" is a universal message that feeds the vision of life on planet earth that is loving, compassionate, healthy and safe. As such, it must be an under-girding principle of our world, locally-regionally-globally. A government that turns a blind eye to climate change, to health care, to intolerance, and to economic injustice is a government not interested in the idea that "we were born to shine."



Grace Moore on her 90th.

If you believe that "we were born to shine", go to [www.350.org](http://www.350.org) and/or read Early Spring: An Ecologist and Her Children Wake to a Warming World by Amy Seidl to understand what we must do to temper and reverse local-regional-global environmental disaster. Ms. Seidl lives in Huntington, Vermont.

If you believe that "we were born to shine," read about Dr. Joseph Manley who, for serious health reasons, was forced to give up his medical practice, suddenly finding himself without health insurance ([www.truthout.org/082309Z?print](http://www.truthout.org/082309Z?print)). Then, ask yourself, how can the richest country in the world refuse health care to any of its citizens if it believes "we were born to shine"?

If you believe that "we were born to shine," then read Sara Robinson's 7 Ways We Can Fight Back Against the Rising Fascist Threat. Intolerance is on the rise, hate crimes continue, many local town meetings have been torn asunder by citizens connected to propaganda-based organizations, and media outlets that have misinformation junkies spouting corporate financed lies. Go to [www.alternet.org/module/print-version/141929](http://www.alternet.org/module/print-version/141929). A compassionate democracy cannot look the other way.

Democracy cyclically faces itself in order to survive from generation to generation. The test of its potential to survive is whether or not it retains the vision that brought it about.

When its citizens keep alive what is necessary to support the dream that "we were born to shine," democracy becomes our starlight, and because we believe in that moment of wisdom, that innate goodness and freedom we all possess, we pass through the many dark nights of fear,

hopelessness, and uncertainty about the survival of our democratic ideals. Together, inter-dependent and self reliant, we again rise to the occasion smiling, maybe even misty eyed, that we have preserved a democracy that knows how much "we were born to shine."

**90th Birthday!**  
*Pam Goodell*

Congratulations to Grace Moore of Claremont, NH on her 90th birthday. Grace is the mother of Pam Goodell of Richmond and Brian Moore of Fitchburg, MA. She was born in Dedham, MA on October 12, 1919 and grew up in Oakdale, MA. She married Harry Moore on October 4, 1941 and has been happily married for 68 years. They have lived in Claremont for the past 65 years.

Grace was very active with her children when they were youngsters, visiting their school classrooms, being a Cub Scout den mother and encouraging their involvement in whatever interested them. Family is of utmost importance to her, and she has been the cornerstone of family activities. Her one wish for her 90th was to have yet another family gathering. Over seventy family members (including three grandchildren and three great grandchildren) and friends have been invited to a party given by her son and daughter in her honor.

**This Month's RSA**  
*Terri O'Rorke*

674:33Powers of Zoning Board of Adjustment

I. The zoning board of adjustment shall have the power to: a. Hear and decide appeals if it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of any zoning ordinance adopted pursuant to RSA 674:16; and b. Authorize upon appeal in specific cases such variance from the terms of the zoning ordinance as will not be contrary to the public interest, if, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship and so that the spirit of the ordinance shall be observed and substantial justice done. II. In exercising its powers under paragraph I, the zoning board of adjustment may reverse or affirm, wholly or in part, or may modify the order, requirement, decision or determination appealed from and may make such order or decision as ought to be made and to that end, shall have all the powers of the administrative official from whom the appeal is taken. III. The concurring vote of three members of the board shall be necessary to reverse any action of the administrative official or to decide in favor of the applicant on any matter on which it is required to pass. IV.

A local zoning ordinance may provide that the zoning board of adjustment, in appropriate cases and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards, make special exceptions to the terms of the ordinance. All special exceptions shall be made in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the zoning ordinance and shall be in accordance with the general or specific rules contained in the ordinance. V. Notwithstanding subparagraph I(b), any zoning board of adjustment may grant a variance from the terms of a zoning ordinance without finding a hardship arising from the condition of a premises subject to the ordinance, when reasonable accommodations are necessary to allow a person or persons with a recognized physical disability to reside in or regularly use the premises, provided that: a. Any variance granted under this paragraph shall be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the zoning ordinance. b. In granting any variance pursuant to this paragraph, the zoning board of adjustment may provide, in a finding included in the variance, that the variance shall survive only so long as the particular person has a continuing need to use the premises.

**Help For The CYMCA**  
*Chris Holman*

We are looking for passionate supporters of Cheshire YMCA programs who are willing to help with Phonathon calling next week! A number of leaders have already jumped forward to help with this very important work, but need more callers to make this as successful as it can possibly be! We need you!

It's a great opportunity to get together, find out what's going on, catch up with friends, and touch base with other Cheshire YMCA's supporters. Every year that I've called, I've had at least one special call with someone who recalls and shares their personal experience. This makes me glad to be a part of the work that our Cheshire YMCA accomplishes touching the lives of so many—kids and adult volunteers—in a very positive way.

We are calling from the Savings Bank of Walpole, Marlboro Street in Keene, all three nights next week: October 6, 7, and 8. Sign up when you can help, by e-mailing Susan Staley at: [suzstaley@gmail.com](mailto:suzstaley@gmail.com), or call Susan at (603) 924-2924.

We hope to see you, or hear from you soon!

**Thank You**  
*Terri O'Rorke*

On Sunday, Sept. 6, the Rural Preservation Committee held their second annual "Cow Plop" behind the fire station. This year's winner was Becky Thomas! But it could not have happened without the help of the fire department for allowing us to have this event during their barbecue. Also, thank you to Bob Van Brocklin for making sure that the grass was freshly mowed and to Butch Nelson and his helpers for laying out the grid! Thank you to everyone who took and sold tickets. And we

could not forget to mention the cows themselves. Thank you to Lynn & Megan Adams for supplying the bovine beauties! See ya'll next year.

**Lucy Still Gets Laughs**  
**in Her Third Series**  
*Frank Behrens*

HERE'S LUCY After "I Love Lucy" had reached a legendary status and went into syndication, it was followed by "The Lucy Show," which wasn't quite as funny but still boasted the best female comic in the business. When that show filmed enough episodes for syndication, it was dropped and Lucille Ball had to make a decision. She made it and the first season of the result, "Here's Lucy," can now be seen in a boxed set of 4 DVDs from MPI.

All 24 episodes that were filmed from September 1968 to March 1969 have the basic premise of Lucille Carter working at an employment agency for her brother-in-law (played by the seemingly tireless Gale Gordon) and raising her two children, who happened to be played by Ball's own Lucie and Desi Jr. (I wonder if they had to audition.)

The plots revolve, as did those of the two earlier series, around Lucy's trying to accomplish this or that and making a great mess of it, although things seem to turn out okay at the end. Now and then, the writers used some imagination, as in the sixth episode, which is a spoof on "Mission Impossible;" but for the most part, things are fairly mundane and predictable.

Along the way, Lucy runs into guest stars who either play themselves (Carol Burnett, Jack Benny, Eva Gabor) or characters such as Wally Cox's safecracker in the 15th episode.

I found myself laughing at Gale Gordon more than at Lucy. His character never changes—and to me he will always be Principal Conklin of "Our Miss Brooks." The two Arnaz children are pretty much without talent, but they read their lines and do their best. Yes, one does miss Fred and Ethel!

Each episode is given a short introduction by a member of the cast, and there is some bonus material that gives the background of the show and other information and home movies of variable interest. But there are lots of laughs, a good deal of clowning that is occasionally funny, and enough twists to keep one's interest throughout the entire collection.

BRUCE LEE Even those not interested in martial arts films will enjoy watching how a single personality could influence so many areas of culture. "How Bruce Lee Changed the World" is on a 94-minute DVD from The History Channel and concentrates on exactly what the title promises.

Intelligently organized, it starts with a brief look at Bruce Lee's reputation today, then his beginnings, and then his influence on such provinces as Chinese national pride, martial arts films, martial arts schools, body building, popular music, and even video games and comic books. And that is by no means a

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Lee is the stuff of which legends are made. He invented his own version of martial combat, joined it to a philosophy (or at least a series of epigrams that might or might not withstand the scrutiny of semantic investigation), refused to compromise, and died young. No matter what one thinks of any of the above, Lee comes across in this documentary as a really likable person.

I enjoyed this HC offering and can recommend it as "very good of kind." However, I will scream the next time I hear "...and the world was never the same again."

**Hello  
Betsy Pearsall**

Can you believe that we're only NINE weeks out from the Dallas/Ft Worth 2009 walk?! Where did the summer go? Here in NH it rained, A LOT! And when it wasn't rainy it was incredibly hot, at least for New Hampshire! Time flew by, and now it's September. The weather is more cooperative, and you have all continued to be so very generous, both financially and spiritually.

When I started out this walking season, I mentioned that my personal goal was to blow on by the minimum of \$2300 and at least match the \$3000 that we raised last year. Well, as of last night, we are \$135 shy of that mark. And we still have nine weeks to go! I cannot express with words how grateful I am to each and every one of you for your kind words of encouragement and support over the past six months. Over the past four years, we have raised over \$10,000! You and me! WOW! Again this year, I have made more friends, continued to encourage (and recruit!) new walkers and strengthen relationships with walkers I have met over the past years. In Dallas this year, I will be walking with Amy and Jean, who I met last year in DC because of Mary, who I met on-line, who met them in San Francisco! What a small world!

This year's walk will be more challenging than years in the past, but not in a negative way. According to the rumors on the 3Day message boards, we will be walking in some areas of the DFW Metro area that are not necessarily the nicest of neighborhoods. I personally am looking forward to this. To quote another

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er walker, "Breast cancer is not a white woman's disease, it is not a rich woman's disease." Statistics show that women of color and low income women are at more risk than other segments of the population due to lack of awareness and access to affordable screenings. By taking this walk to the neighborhoods where we can raise awareness and spread the word, we will be reaching women and men who may not otherwise have the opportunity. What a fantastic challenge! This is why we walk! Happy trails!

**If I May  
Terri O'Rorke**

Several townspeople and I recently attended the public hearing of July 28 and the subsequent required site walk on Prospect Hill Rd. There were no words of complaint or accusation on the taped record of these separate events. The ZBA minutes by the TEMPORARY board also reflect the civil manner in which both meetings were conducted.

**It's Not True  
Just Because You Say So!  
John Boccalini**

Mr. Bosonetto, you have crossed a line in your article in the September 2009 Richmond Rooster. Nicolas, you are obviously not happy with a decision made by the Zoning Board, but you end your article with a reckless and unfounded verbal rumination on groups of people who had absolutely nothing to do with the Board's final decision. Some individuals may have expressed their concerns about your request, which is the reason for public meetings.

You said, "So if you don't want any trouble from the town, you better make a financial contribution to the Religious Persecution Committee (RPC)." I am a

member of and major contributor to the RPC. You have NO idea who I am or who the members of the RPC are, to make these false and malign-

**Poetry by Marc Doucette  
Grade 6**

"Hello,"  
With a loud sound,  
Like the bark of a hound.  
The sound is so familiar,  
My friend.

Feelings,  
Inside of me.  
Like birds singing to me,  
Giving me a wonderful joy. Laughter.

Scary,  
As a monster,  
Like a dying engine.  
It is like fear waiting to strike!  
Airplane.

Frightful.  
He's really bad,  
Like an angry big hound.  
Can make me feel like I'm nothing.  
Bad boy.

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**Quotable Quotes  
Terri O'Rorke**

"Courage! What makes a king out of a slave? Courage! What makes the flag on the mast to wave? Courage! What makes the elephant charge his tusk in the misty mist or the dusky dusk? Courage!"  
 The Cowardly Lion from "The Wizard of Oz"

**To CJ the DJ  
Kim Mattson**

The Rural Preservation Committee would like to thank Chris Holman and staff for their music and entertainment. CJ the DJ and staff donated their Saturday afternoon to help make our day a success at the Brown Baggin'. The Brown Baggin' 2009 turned into being truly the most successful of all the years. Chris's staff played music to suit all fancies and requests were welcome. I would recommend Chris for any occasion and encourage you to think of CJ the DJ. His information is located in the Richmond Rooster on a monthly basis. Thank you.

**Oatmeal Cake  
Lisa Vasilak**

1-1/2 cups boiling water, 1-1/2 cups flour, 1 cup raw oatmeal, 1 tsp. Cinnamon, 2 sticks of butter, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1 cup brown sugar, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 cup white sugar, 1 tsp. vanilla, 2 eggs.

Use an 8 x 8 or 9 x 9 pan. 350 degree oven. Pour hot water over oatmeal. Let stand 20 minutes. Cream sugars and butter. Beat in eggs. Add dry ingredients all at once. Add vanilla. Beat well. Add oatmeal mixture. Beat. Bake for 1 hour, check for doneness. Optional - may sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar.

**Hazardous Waste Program  
Russ Provost**

The Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule for Richmond residents is as follows: Sat, Sep 26; Sat, Oct 3; Wed, Oct 7; Sat, Oct 17. The collection hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Keene Recycling Center, located off of Route 12 heading from Keene towards Walpole. There is a 10 gallon maximum limit. For more information call 352-5739.

ing allegations and baseless accusations of religious persecution about us. An apology would be appreciated.

You also state that. "If you are a Richmond 12 supporter you're above the law; and if not, you are beneath it." I am also a Richmond 12 supporter along with about 150 or more other Richmond residents (see Richmond Rooster December 2008). If you have the audacity to state that giving support to these people is an illegal act you are misguided and misdirected about the law. If there are individuals in either of these groups you deem worthy of the inflammatory words, name them. Your uses of words are manipulative and incite hate that is marked by flagrant indiscriminatio and is based on unfounded ignorance of the truth. Your words provoke the worst kind of hatred. You are out of control! In your opening paragraph you mention you have been accused of petty theft, yet never mention who accused you of such a crime. If this is true, name these accusers. To quote your article with slight alterations: "It is a sad day for America when a 'group' is labeled 'above the law' for simply having 'supported a group for following the law'." "But it doesn't stop at smears and baseless accusations" and for the rest of the article: The town's zoning laws have changed by the democratic process since the 1980's. Newer laws prevail and you knew that when you bought your property. Building permits have longevity. Replacing a less than 1000 square foot manufactured home with a permanent home that is three to four times larger, to a different place on the same parcel of land that already has a permanent house and three other manufactured homes and is located on a private road does appear to violate the master plan.

The ZBA's denial does not seem quite that ludicrous to me. I know of at least six supporters of the Richmond 12 who live around one mile or less from your manufactured housing park, that showed up to meetings. (As if it matters how close a concerned law-abiding Richmond citizen lives near to you.) What was your intent in writing this scathing article? You should have titled it "Support Nicolas Bosonetto Or Else!"

**36th Annual Craft Fair  
Terri O'Rorke**

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**How Do We Define Richmond  
Kim Mattson & Jean Tandy**

**AGRICULTURAL?** The science, art or occupation concerned with cultivating land, raising crops, and feeding, breeding and raising livestock; farming.

**RURAL?** Pertaining to, or characteristic of the country; country life or country people; rustic; rural tranquility.

**COMMUNITY?** A community, fellowship, common: the common possession or enjoyment; a society of people having common rights, living under the same laws and regulations; living together in the same environment.

However we may define this place we have chosen to make our home, we share two common elements of daily life: WATER and the AIR WE BREATHE. And however independent we may think ourselves as being, we each are inter-dependent and responsible for the QUALITY of the way we use air and water.

Do definitions change as land uses change? Some residents still grow traditional gardens, others create unforgettably beautiful garden designs that stretch the meaning of traditional.

Our children are involved in projects to show the cows, llamas, sheep, cats or dogs they care for as members of 4-H, pony, equestrian or kennel clubs. These activities may seem to stretch the meaning of tradition, but they are 21st century activities that belong in an agricultural/rural setting. They are a natural product of changes in how we live.

As a community we need to find ways to prepare for the by-products of change because, as this is being written, change is happening in Richmond.

What has the Rural Preservation Committee offered as assistance to our overworked Planning and Zoning Boards in working with current local change? RPC members have shaped an amendment, titled "Livestock Facilities" to be added to our Residential District Ordinance if it passes at 2010 Town Meeting. The research used from the amendment comes from UNH, the NH Horse Council and NH Dept. of Agriculture: Markets and Foods. The amendment is both positive and educational. By assuring proper manure storage/removal, fencing techniques, and using Best Management Practices (BMP) for providing proper shelters and proper disposal of animal carcasses, both animal owners and neighbors are protected.

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A small section of the amendment informs about general pet waste, commercial kennels, breeding facilities and pet day care. The intent of this amendment is to aid in positive communal efforts, to protect our shared surface/sub-surface waters, air quality and animal safety. We all have a stake in making this amendment work toward friendly understanding between neighbors as we move forward into the 21st century. RPC members have invested four weeks of volunteer research time on this project and hope you will attend our Planning Board's three public hearings, when announced, for questions and public discussion. The Planning Board is working to present their three public hearings in order to move forward with their ballot in March of 2010. We ask ALL of you to please support all of the amendments and move our town forward.

**VEC Fast Fact  
Victoria Provost**

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**Selectmen Minutes**

**Date: 3 Aug 2009** Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan

Read mail and signed checks. Bob Van Brocklin came in to discuss the town fire hydrants that he mowed and the mowing schedule he plans to follow. He also discussed trimming the embankment. Bev will check with Darold to do the trimming.

The Selectmen signed off on Building Permit 2009-013 for Map/Lot 201-064. Sandy Perry came in to discuss ZBA records, possibly being stored here in the Town Hall. Presently, she is custodian of them. The Selectmen will get a two drawer file cabinet and place it in the foyer. She also discussed a couple of clean-up issues in back of the Fire Department. Bev will email Mike Pearsall. Kim Mattson came in about Sandy Pond Road regarding condition left by loggers last year. Bev will email Dana. The Selectmen signed off on abatement #1028, Map/ Lot 201-061 and abatement #1029 Map/ lot 415-007. The Board received a letter of resignation from Moderator Bill Watt. It is the responsibility of

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the Supervisors of the Checklist to appoint a successor per RSA 669:62. The Board will contact Melissa Herman. The Board wrote a letter to map 412 lot 022 regarding a blocked culvert. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

**Date: 10 August 2009** Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan.

Read mail and signed checks. The Board received three applications for Zoning Compliance Officer as a result of the ad in the paper last month. The Board invited two candidates in for an interview this evening. The Board voted unanimously to extend an offer to one of those candidates. Doug Bersaw came in to discuss Building Permit 2009-004. Needs the Fire Dept. to come in to inspect. Bev gave him Buzz Shaw's phone number. We signed a raffle permit for the Richmond Fire Department, #2009-003 for the fire department. JC reported to the board that he went on an inspection of 405-095 on August 6th to view the installation of the foundation for building permit #2009-011. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**Date: 17 August 2009** Attending: Sean McElhiney and Wes Vaughan

Read mail and signed checks. Jennifer Marques came in with a timber cut application for Map/lot 407-026. Russ Provost was in and dropped off a pledge form from "Litter-free New Hampshire." Mr. Provost will organize this community-wide clean-up and the town will receive two blight-resistant American Elm trees and 800 daffodil bulbs. The selectmen signed the form. The Selectmen signed pistol permit #338503 and a reissue on pistol permit #338490. Andy Wood, Chief of

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Police, came in to inform the board that he has taken a full-time position as Chief of Police in Hancock, NH and to ensure the board the stability of the Richmond Police Department will remain intact. He also discussed Labor Day weekend police coverage. Rescue Squad Captain Terri O'Rourke came in to discuss road signs. Diluzio Ambulance and a paramedic from Keene had trouble finding Greenwoods Road while responding to a call for a cardiac issue. Terri also followed up on her visit with the Selectmen on July 28 regarding missing signs. The selectmen assured Terri that the signs are currently in the process of being replaced by the road agent. Sandy Perry came in as a Historical Society member to discuss putting lights around the flag pole at the Civil War Memorial. It is a requirement in order to leave the flag out at all times. It also adds an extra level security to the Veteran's Hall, and we honor all veterans this way. The selectmen asked Sandy to check with Peter Majoy of the Voluntary Energy Committee for energy efficient alternatives to the quotes she has in hand. The selectmen unanimously agreed to allow the historical society to have the lights hooked up to the power supply at the Veteran's Hall and set it up on a timer. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**DATE: 24 Aug 2009** Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan

Read mail and signed checks. Pistol Permit 338504 was signed by the Selectmen. Jim Shultz came in at the request of the Selectmen. The

Board offered him the Zoning Compliance Officer position, which he accepted. The selectmen signed an appointment form for a three year term. Sandy Perry came in on ZBA business and requested the Board go into nonpublic session to discuss a legal matter. The Selectmen went into

executive session at 7:38 per RSA 91A:III (e). The Selectmen exited nonpublic session at 8:30 p.m. Wes made a motion to seal the minutes. Sean seconded. All were in favor. Norwood Keeney was in to renew his building permit for one year for Map 412 Lot 024. Kathy McWhirk came in to discuss the culvert at the end of her driveway and road issues. The Board sent an email to Dana Taylor, Road Agent. The Board wrote a letter to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration in support of the Broadband Opportunities Technology Program to provide internet access and infrastructure to those most in need. The Board signed an Intent to Cut for Map 407 Lot 026. The Board signed a building permit for a house on Map 408 Lot 030. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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