



Container Gardening

Judith M. Graves

(continued from last month)

Pansy

When you serve your next gingerbread or dessert that has whipped cream on it, sit a small pansy on top instead of a cherry. It is edible, pretty, and means happy thoughts! I like to dry pansies face down on a paper towel, and when dried they can be added to a card with the wishes. Or even candy them by being sure they are insect free and with a tiny paint brush, brushing with beaten egg whites, sprinkle with fine granulated sugar and allow to dry on wax paper. Place them in a baggie to use as a topper on cupcakes, decoration for a cake, or on ice cream. Easy and a special treat.

Drinks

A sprig of fresh-picked mint or lemon balm in your frosty pitcher of iced tea is pleasant to look at as well as adding flavor. While you are picking mint, add sprigs to your fresh water bird baths. The sun lets the flavor of mint into the bath water and the birds enjoy a drink as well as a minty bath. Float some borage flowers in your glass or punch bowl as well.

Finnish/Norwegian Dish

Take a cucumber and cut it in half lengthwise, scoop out the seeds and fill with a mixture of cream cheese, dill, chives, and chervil. These cucumber boats are also great to fill with tuna salad, chicken salad, or egg salad, and set on a bed of lettuce, add sliced tomatoes for color. Nice summer lunch or healthy snack.

Leaves

The leaves of many herbs add interesting flavor to salads as well as meats and soups. Leaves like basil (especially with tomato dishes), borage, dandelion, bee balm, young shoots of Good King Henry, parsley, French sorrel, chives, dill, and nasturtium are just a few. Don't forget that any edible herb has an edible flower. (folklore has it that if you add a bee balm leaf to your wallet it will attract money)

Herb Butter

Basic recipe: Soften ¼ lb. butter and add 1 tablespoon fresh herbs chopped fine, or 1 teaspoon of dried herb, and a squeeze of lemon. Fry eggs in herb butter, use on sandwiches, hot biscuits, cooked vegetables, hot cooked meats, fish, spaghetti, etc. Good herbs to try are rosemary with spinach, tarragon for peas, marjoram, thyme, parsley with fish, mint for carrots, dill on summer squash. Have fun and try combinations and you will find your favorites.

Pick out the herbs you think your family would enjoy the most. Each year the annuals will need to be planted for the growing season's pleasure. Then in the fall you will clip them and freeze them for

winter dishes. The annuals that I get every year for our gardens are curly parsley, Italian parsley, rosemary, and basil. Then check on the perennials that may not have made it through the winter like lovage, thyme, oregano, chives, and lavender. The only lavenders that will winter over (or not) in our area are Munsted Lavender or Lady Lavender, but most likely they won't make it.

Add fresh soil, peat, and eggshells that you saved and crushed, and refresh your containers before adding plants. Keep moist, but not soaking wet, and be careful of how much direct sunlight you give until the roots establish; then your herbs will love full sun. Set containers on the porch, steps, deck, and wherever you want to be able to harvest easily, plus enjoy the hummingbirds, butterflies and bees. I have containers of pansy out on the front porch ledge and every morning while I have coffee out there the humming birds come, one foot from me, and suck the nectar out of the pansies. What a country treat for sure.

A rule of thumb: 1 tablespoon fresh herbs = 1 teaspoon dried concentrated herbs. Happy Container Gardening!

Notes from Town Hall

Selectboard

Happy Fourth of July! The Richmond Town Park, beach and recreation committees invite you to participate in the many summer activities they've planned for your enjoyment. Other community and local area organizations have exciting plans for your summer pleasure too. In these hard economic times, it is wonderful to have such a variety of free and fun events to choose from right in our own town.

Richmond Roads: On June 9, twenty residents met with Mark Beal, Richmond's new road agent. Six Richmond roads were represented, including Taylor Hill Road, Lang Road, Fay Martin Road, Whipple Hill Road, Turnpike Road and Morgan Road.

We met in the twilight of the Veteran's Hall, without electricity that stormy Thursday night, to discuss the work accomplished in the eight weeks Beal has been on staff. Mark reported that his first priority was to improve travel conditions on several of the roughest roads, including filling potholes and smoothing washboard. In his first week major work was necessary on Martin Cook road to address a serious washout by repairing a stone culvert and grading and ditching the road. Quaker Lane was repaired, graded and ditched. A new culvert was replaced on Turnpike Road. A culvert on Fay Martin Road was also cleared. Cross Road was repaired and Whipple Hill Road was completely graded and ditched, and a culvert replaced. He reported that 60% of the culverts on Whipple Hill were plugged and he will continue working to help Mother Nature clear them now that the ditches are cleaned. He said Whipple Hill, one of the steepest roads

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in town, was in the worst condition and needed the most attention.

Beal plans to grade and ditch Lang and Taylor roads by the end of June. When asked about other plans for ditching, Beal responded he would "ditch all day long, until the money runs out." But money is finite and so he is doing the steepest roads first, ditching, grading and clearing water bars and culverts. Preventing water from running down road beds is the biggest challenge and a priority. He also plans to have the paved roads swept, removing accumulated sand and salt, which negatively affects asphalt and is an environmental hazard. Swept debris will be taken offsite for disposal.

Asked about widening Lang Road, Beal said scenic road regulations and town right-of-way issues arise, in addition to having funding for that work. This road, among others, will be part of the long term plan for road repair and replacement. He said all the gravel roads in town need to have 6 to 8 inches of gravel added to them to enable proper grading and ditching, and is part of the long term plan too. He added that his plan is to get caught up with deferred maintenance and then

move on to long term planning and larger projects.

Asked where debris from ditches is taken, Beal said to save the expense of trucking it, he looks for the closest appropriate spot for disposal. He would like to take it to the town shed to reclaim the dirt, but it costs money to truck it all there.

Beal confirmed that if there is an emergency road problem, residents can call him on his cell phone at 603-903-2184 any time. However, if the problem is a tree on power lines, it is best to call 911 or PSNH. He cannot handle downed power lines.

He would like to see more use of the town truck, especially in the winter when it could be used for plowing town property. He would like to purchase a sander for spot sanding as necessary. Beal said the Town

of Richmond rents Holman Contracting equipment for a very low price. Fuel costs are included in the rental price. Beal has also been working at the highway shed, clearing and cleaning the area. Please give Mark a shout out when you see him next! Great work, Mark.

Land Use Assistant: The Selectmen would like to welcome Kim Mattson, Land Use Assistant, to the town staff. Several candidates for this posted position were interviewed by members of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment. The boards chose their most qualified candidate and the Board of Selectmen conducted the final interview. Mattson will be working up to 30 hours a month, providing support services to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment and customer service to applicants. The position was budgeted in the joint budget of these two boards passed at the town meeting 2011. This is not a new position but one that integrates the secretarial services of the two boards under one umbrella, with the goal of relieving much of the administrative burden from board volunteers for meeting the ever more complex legal procedural requirements for these two boards.

Richmond Public Library: The Board of Selectmen accepted an estimate for materials and labor from Lloyd Condon to complete

work on the Richmond Public Library. The work entails repair/replace-ment of roof rafters on the front section of the library, and re-roofing the section. This work was begun years ago and halted when funds were not available. Materials will be purchased by the town and Mr. Condon will provide the labor. This year the budget for government buildings will be tapped to complete this long planned repair.

Customer Service: Please remember to make an appointment if you'd like to meet with the Selectmen. This process is new to all of us, and we are still working out the bugs! Our goal is to serve you well and in a timely manner; we don't want you to have to wait, if possible. However, we are still working on timing – some issues take longer than anticipated to resolve, but we're getting better at estimating and an

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Anyone who needs assistance with the Low and Moderate Income Homeowner's Property Tax Relief form, please call Roberta Fraser, Selectmen's Assistant, at 239-4232 and I will help you.

Thank you,
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appointment helps us prepare for a speedier resolution. Of course, you may drop in anytime to be heard, but without an appointment, meeting time is not certain and resolution may take longer.

Volunteers and Community events: We would like to thank the many talented volunteers who planned and performed in the highly praised Dessert Theatre presented in June, benefiting the Food Pantry in Bob Van Brocklin's memory. Hard on the heels of the successful Community Supper in May, the Dessert Theater was attended by more than 100 people who enjoyed a variety of performances. Both events were free.

Thank you to all Richmond's volunteers, whether you serve on a municipal board, commission, committee, or special project in the community, your dedication to the town and to its residents is appreciated and valued.

If you have ideas (big and small) or skills (information technology, filing, painting) you'd like to share, or access to furnishings (smaller desks or tables, filing cabinets, bookcases, carpet), please don't hesitate to contact us at 239-4232.

Richmond Library
Wendy O'Brien

Storytimes
Wednesdays with Wendy will continue at 10 a.m. Come join us for story times focusing on tales and fables from around the world with snacks and crafts.

Reading with Kodah
Kodah, a pet therapy dog from Monadnock Therapy Pets, and his handler Kate Simington will be visiting the RPL on Saturday, July 16 at 11a.m. Kodah loves being read to by children just learning to read or who wish to be more confident in their reading. Drop by for a pat and a story—no reservations required.

Summer Reading
Get ready, get set, go! It's time for summer reading around the globe at the RPL with the theme "One World, Many Stories." There's

still time to sign up! Just drop on by. On Saturday, July 9 , 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Veterans' Hall, join us for "International Children's Day," with Elaine Moriarty and friends (see article elsewhere in the Rooster). Then on Saturday, August 6, p.m. at the Veterans' Hall, we will conclude the summer reading program with a presentation by Terry Reeves from the Mariposa Museum in Peterborough. She is offering a wonderful program with folk art, clothing, toys, games, and stories from around the world. We will also have a sundae bar with lots of yummy toppings. Reading certificates and gift certificates to Toadstool Bookshop will be presented to those children completing the program. Come join us!

Updates From...
Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

A new motor vehicle license plate is now available and can be purchased at the town clerk's office. It is called the "NH State Parks" license plate. The annual cost is \$85, in addition to the one-time, new plate \$8 fee. With this plate, you, your vehicle and all passengers in the vehicle gain free admission to many of the State Parks. This applies only to day-use. This does not apply to metered parking, camping, the Cannon Mountain Aerial tramway, the Flume Gorge, or the Mt. Washington Auto Road. The proceeds for the plate go to the costs to operate the NH State Parks. This plate is currently for passenger vehicles only. It is also available as a vanity plate, a Conservation (Moose) Plate or a vanity-Conservation plate. All usual fees apply.

The State of NH Dept. of Safety recently instituted a new business practice. We are required to ask anyone who is doing motor vehicle work to present his or her ID. If you are titling and/or registering your vehicle, we will be asking for your driver's license. This applies even if you are NOT the owner but are doing any motor vehicle business for someone else. If you choose not to comply with this request, we have been instructed to write on the State's copy of the title application or registration "Refused." If you have no ID readily available, we will be writ-

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As yet another layer of formality is added to your visit to the town clerk's office, I so much appreciate everyone's patience and understanding. While I am obligated to conduct business according to the laws and regulations of the State of NH, I am also focused on making your visits here as friendly and efficient as possible. As I now enter my seventh year working in this office, one of the things that I most enjoy is getting to know the people who live in town. And so, despite the window that may separate us, although we will ask for your driver's license (even when we personally know you!), none of that changes who we are. You and I, we are the same people as before that window was installed. We are neighbors who share the same town.

The office will be closed on July 4th for Independence Day. Please keep in mind that the office is regularly closed on Tuesday. This means that, for the week of July 4 through the 8, the office will be open for two days only - Wednesday 9-noon and 1-5 p.m., and Thursday 9-noon. Remember - when in doubt as to what you need to bring, call the office (239-6202). We are here to help you!

**Lost and Found
Found at the Vets Hall
after the Dessert Theater**

1. A National Guard baseball cap
 2. A Case Logic camera case
- Call 239-6696 for details.

**Supper and Service Auction
Alison VanBrocklin**

Eat, bid, and be merry! On Saturday, July 16, the 18th annual Super Summer Salad Supper and Service Auction will take place at the Richmond Veterans Hall, 105 Old Homestead Highway. The meal is always delicious, and the auction always a crowd pleaser. Come enjoy the fun!

Food is homemade and consists of a large variety of summer salads, rolls, and brownies a la mode for dessert. Dinner is served from 5-6:30 p.m., and the auction starts at 6:00 p.m. Prices are \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children.

John Pappas, from Knotty Pine Antiques in West Swanzey, has volunteered to be the auctioneer. Auction items have been obtained from numerous local businesses as well as from among the talents and services offered by local residents.

Who will be the top bidder for homemade candy turtles? You won't want to miss coconut cream pies from Sunflowers Restaurant and Catering! You may get a bargain on gift certificates to local eateries and



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stores, or bid on three hours of housekeeping or handyman work, and many other donated items and services.

If you have items you would like to donate, please call Alison at 239-4494. Proceeds benefit the Richmond Community United Methodist Church (affectionately known as the Old Brick Church).

**EMT-B Course
Terri O'Rorke**

Beginning in September, if there is enough interest, an EMT-B course will be available on Monday nights from 6-10 p.m. It will be held at the Fitzwilliam Depot. There is also the chance that scholarships may be available. There needs to be at least 10 people but no more than 16 people before this course will be able to proceed. If you have any questions about the course or have some interest in becoming a vital part of your community, please feel free to call Terri O'Rorke 239-4595 or Buzz Shaw 239-4238. Please let us know by the beginning of July. Thank you in advance for your interest.

**Children's Day Update
Elaine Moriarty**

July 9, at the Veteran's Hall, the Richmond Library will be having a fun experience for those children enrolled in summer reading. Our artist Evie will be creating masks with the children, our language teacher Marie will teach a French song and dance Sur le Pont d'Avignon along with counting to ten in Italian and French, and with an Italian song Fra Martino. She will also teach a little Spanish for a game we will play. Gabrielle Connell will perform Irish step dancing for our entertainment. Fred Goldberg will be speaking on his travels in Kenya, Africa and displaying bead work done by the native people (Maasai). Eli Richardson will teach you to count to ten in Chinese and his mom Gao Ping will speak about growing up in China. Wendy will assist with Penny Pal returns and there will be games and a piñata with Elaine, and an international lunch by the library crew. Don't miss out on the fun.



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**Save This Date
Bonnie McCarthy**

Once again it is time for the Richmond Fire Department and Rescue Squad to host its annual chicken barbecue fundraiser and **SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2011** is the day. The Richmond Public Library will host its annual book sale and Chinese Auction for a variety of generous gift certificates and handcrafted goodie baskets. Who knows what else might go on during this fun filled day of local Richmond camaraderie? Plan to join your neighbors by marking your calendar today. Stay tuned for more information!

**Clarification
Neil Moriarty**

To make it perfectly clear to all parties I, Neil Moriarty (Richmond Budget Committee Member for Monadnock Regional School District [MRSD]), was/is solely responsible for the entire content of Things from the District March 2011. I in no way report to Richard Thackston (school MRSD Board Chairman) or Wayne Lechluder (chairman of the MRSD Budget Committee); nor do I check with them on articles I put in the Rooster.

**Tip Of The Month
Michelle Connor**

Creating Customers - Client Conversion

As Jeffrey Gitomer says from the Little Red Book of Selling; "If they like you, and they believe you, and they trust you, and they have confidence in you...then they MAY buy from you."

Every business has a sales funnel no matter the industry, and the process of moving your prospects down that funnel should be systematic and structured. The Sales Conversion process in some instances can be a long process of constant follow up. Follow up is key to closing a sale and creating a new customer relationship. How it is done will be critical to your success. Ultimately the most successful sales person does not focus on the sale but on the relationship. Create a relationship based environment from your very first point of contact.

Sales are about relationships, added value services and educating your prospects. It's not about clever lines or getting a signed contract...that's a short sided view, business owners should be concentrating on long term customer relationships.

Business owners should stay in front of prospects without being considered a nuisance. Be a resource for your leads! Share information with them, send articles that you know will be of interest to them, offer them contact information of individuals that would be great strategic partners. Create a system that tracks how many times you have "touched" your lead and what type of information you are sharing with

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them. Think about "touching" your prospects 33 times per year - create a systematic drip marketing campaign that will do this for you. A drip marketing campaign can consist of newsletters, email blasts, articles of interest, check in notes or phone calls. These are all ways that you can stay in front of your leads with information that would interest them.

Be a resource and create a fantastic customer experience, focus on a long term relationship not a short term sale! So get those systems in place and start creating those Customers!

**Out and About
John Boccalini**

Fri., July 1, 5-9 p.m. First Friday - Downtown Peterborough
7:30-10:00 p.m. Parish Hall Open Stage, Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Main Street, Peterborough. Performers show up 6:30 p.m. and sign-up at entrance for a performance slot, or email and sign-up by contacting jackkidmusic@gmail.com.

Fri., July 1, 7-8 p.m. The Nelson Town Band at the Potash Bowl, Rte. 32, Swanzey

July 1, 2, 7-9, 7 p.m. July 10 1:30 p.m. RENT, all tickets \$15 - Show Rated R! Community House of Marlborough, 160 Main St, Marlborough, NH, 603-283-7538 for tickets.

Sat., July 2, 6-10 p.m. Peterborough Fireworks Celebration: Display by Atlas Pyrotechnics. Live Music. Concession Sales. \$15 per carload, Walk-in \$3 per person. ConVal High Athletic Fields, Route 202, Peterborough

Sat., July 2, 8:30 p.m. - Folksoul Band, Fitzwilliam Inn
Mon., Jul. 4 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. 4 mile run/walk family event - Keene Community Event. Raffles. Awards. Snacks and water for all participants. Cost: \$20 Railroad Square and Main St. Thom Little 603-357-7567.

Mon., July 4, 7-9 p.m. The Folksoul Band. Common in Rindge, free.

Thurs., July 7, 7:30 p.m. The Choir of St Catharine's College, Cambridge: The English Renaissance, Meetinghouse Jaffrey Center.

July 7, 7- 10, Hillsborough Balloon Festival and Fair www.balloonfestival.org/

Fri., July 8, 7:30 p.m. W. A. Mozart: String Quartet in C, K. 465. "Dissonance" Charles Koechlin: Quintet for flute, harp and string trio, Op. 156. To a Child Dancing in the Wind. Harrisville Community Church, Harrisville.

Fri., July 1, 7-8 p.m. The Westmoreland Town Band at the Potash Bowl, Rte. 32, Swanzey.

Sat., July 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. International Children's Day, Veterans' Hall, Richmond

Sat. July 9, 9-11 a.m. /1-4 p.m. Introduction to Backyard Organic Farming/ Making Delicious Soft Cheeses. Dancing Dog

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Sat., July 9, 7:30 p.m. Essential Concerti, J. S. Bach: Handel: Selected arias Tchaikovsky: Peterborough Town House, Peterborough

Sun., July 10, 4 p.m. W. A. Mozart, Koechlin: Quintet for flute, harp and string trio, Op. 156. To a Child Dancing in the Wind. Unitarian Church, Wilton Center

Tues., July 12, 7:30 p.m. Nicholas Kitchen plays Bach Jaffrey Center Meetinghouse

Wednesday, July 13 7:30 p.m. Max Reger: W. A. Mozart: Theme and Variations for flute and String Quartet, Op 80 Hancock Community Church

Thursday July 14, 7 p.m. The Modern Rebirth of the Camino. A professor and his students prepare for a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela & the 2011 Camino Walk/Study Abroad Students of Franklin Pierce University. Cathedral of the Pines, 10 Hale Hill Road, Rindge. Phone: (603) 899-3300

Friday July 15, 7 p.m. Evan Cary-Flamenco Guitar. Cathedral of the Pines, 10 Hale Hill Road, Rindge.

Fri., July 15, 9:30 p.m. The Two Man Gentlemen Band - Harlow's Pub: 3 School St., Peterborough.

Sat. July 16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fitzwilliam Annual Antiques Show on the historic Fitzwilliam, NH Town Common.

Sat., July 16, 5 p.m. Supper and Service Auction. Veterans Hall, Richmond. Eat, bid, and be merry.

Sat., July 16, 7:30 p.m. Chamber Masterpieces by Debussy, Beethoven and Brewbaker. Borromeo String Quartet. Peterborough Town House

Sun., July 17, 12 p.m. Military Family Appreciation Day: Cathedral of the Pines, 10 Hale Hill Road, Rindge 899-3300

Mon., Jul. 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 22nd Annual Franklin Pierce Golf Tournament, Keene Country Club, Keene, NH. Contact: Tyler Bishop 899-1173

Thurs. July 21, 7-9 p.m. Tattoo in Fitzwilliam on the Common July 21

Fri., July 22, 7:30 p.m. Mozart: String Quartet in d minor, K. 421 Béla Bartók: Contrasts for clarinet, violin, and piano. Carl Maria von Weber: Quintet in B-flat, Op. 34 Franklin Pierce University, Rindge

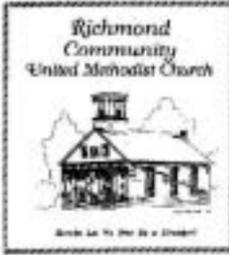
Fri., July 22, 7:30 p.m. Aureole Trio: Selection of Celtic melodies. Unitarian Church, Walpole

July 23 & 24, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Yard Sale for a Cure. 79 Winchester Road, Richmond, NH

Sat., Jul. 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. A Taste of Hancock: A Kitchen Tour & Culinary Fair. Main Street, Hancock Cost: \$20 in advance and \$25 day of event, Contact: Diane Loomis 603-525-4192

Sat., July 23, 7:30 p.m. Setting Emily: Dickinson's poetry in

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Sun., July 24, 4 p.m. Chamber Masterpieces: Chiara Quartet. Jaffrey Center Meetinghouse, Jaffrey Center

Thurs., July 28, 7 p.m. Monkey: A journey to the West by storyteller Sebastian Lockwood. Cathedral of the Pines, 10 Hale Hill Road, Rindge. 899-3300.

Thurs., July 28, 7:30 p.m. Elizabethan songs for voice and guitar. Franklin Pierce University, Rindge.

Fri., July 29, 7:30 p.m. W. A. Mozart: String Quartet in E-flat, K. 428, Andrew Earle Simpson: Six Mosaics of Ancient Rome. Felix Mendelssohn: String Quintet in A, Op. 18. Temple Community Church

Sat., July 30, 7:30 p.m. Walpole Valley Farms 7th Annual Outdoor Movie Night, Walpole. Sit on hay bales (or bring your own blanket or chair) (603)756-2855. Walpolevalleyfarms.com.

Sat., July 30, 7:30 p.m. Vox Americana, Peterborough Town House.

Sun., July 31, 4:00 p.m. Emily and New England: Hermit Thrush at Morn, at Eve, Op. 92, Nos. 1 & 2. By the Still Waters, Theme and Variations on a Balkan Melody. Aaron Copland: Poems of Emily Dickinson; Cat and Mouse for piano and more. Peterborough Town House

Ongoing

Every Day

Mon.-Sat. 8 p.m. Sun 4 p.m. Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough. 924-7585 Tickets: Sat \$42, Otherwise \$40

July 1-July 3 - "Last Train to Nibroc"

July 6-17 - "Oh, Coward!"

July 20-31 - "Ancestral Voices: A Family Story"

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

Every Friday, Saturday 10:30-11:30 a.m. Stuart Little: A Second Company Play for Children and Their Families. Cost: \$10 Adults, \$8 Children. 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough

Sundays at SunFlowers 5-8 p.m. No cover charge. Tips always appreciated. Reservations recommended

Sun July 10 - Walt Sayre, piano

Sun July 17 - Our own Chaz Beaulieu and Marybeth Hallinan, flute, piano & vocals

Sun July 24 - Danny Solomon, Bob Arpin & Judy Blake

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July 22: Tom Wessels on The Foundational Principles of Sustainability.

July 29: Gary Hirshberg on Inventing a Win-Win-Win-Win Future.

Relay for Life Russ Provost

Notes

Began by walking nine miles Friday afternoon before Relay.

Began walking at Relay at 6:30 p.m. Friday and quit at 4:30 a.m. on Saturday. My feet were very sore and I did not want to do any serious damage. So I stopped and bought two Egg McMuffins, ate them on the way home, and hopped into bed around 5:30 thinking that was the end for me until Monday.

Wrong! I could not sleep so I got up at 10:30 a.m. and had a huge ice cream sundae. I felt better so I decided to go back to the track to watch the closing ceremony. I got there around 11:30 a.m. and started walking, and walking and walking. The ceremony was over, the tents had come down, everyone had left, except me. I did the math in my head, 9 miles before the relay, 34 miles at the Relay, so I only had time to do 7 miles. Well, I walked 9 for good measure and made my goal of

walking 50 miles in 24 hours.

But the story is not about me. I was just one among hundreds at the Relay. The story is about the survivors, the caregivers, the loved ones who have been lost, the ordinary people willing to give their time and their money to try to find a cure. The story is about Nancy who walked with me for two hours during the night. She has just recovered from breast cancer and is in training for the three day, 60 mile walk for cancer awareness. The story is about Kathy, my team captain. She is also a breast cancer survivor. She walked 16 miles this night. The story is about Joe who is about my age and has lost two brothers to cancer. Everyone there has a story.

I encourage everyone to join in next year. Walk, donate, come and watch the opening ceremony where the survivors and caregivers open the Relay by walking the first lap. Come by at 9 p.m. when all the lights are turned off and the luminaries are lighted for those who have passed. Come by for the closing ceremonies on Saturday.

Announcement Honorable Richard J. Dwinell

To the Voters of Richmond and Fitzwilliam, Greetings from Concord, I will be starting a column in the Richmond Rooster starting in August. In the meantime I can be reached at 585-9225 or emailed at R.Dwinell@myfairpoint.net. Sincerely, Hon Richard J. Dwinell.

Yard Sale Betsy Pearsall

What: Betsy's 2011 Yard Sale for a Cure
Where: 79 Winchester Road, Richmond, NH
When: July 23 & 24, 2011. 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. each day, Rain or Shine!

Why: For the past five years, I have walked in the "Susan G Komen 3Day for the Cure" Breast Cancer walks in Seattle, Boston, Washington, DC, Dallas and San Diego. This November 9, 10 and 11, I will be walking in Phoenix, AZ. On July 23rd & 24th I will be holding my Fundraising Yard Sale. This is the only organized community event that I use for my fundraising.

I would greatly appreciate your support. Please stop by to say hello and browse through the yard sale! Come early for a cup of coffee and a doughnut! All monies raised through this effort will go directly toward my minimum fundraising goal of \$2300. This is the amount I must raise in order to participate in the walk. I am gratefully accepting any and all donations of

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I look forward to seeing you all there! If you would like more information please feel free to contact me at 239-7478 or parallax@ne.rr.com . If you would care to donate directly to my efforts, please go to my website at www.the3day.org/goto/bet-synh.

A Royal Fish R.G. Wyman

I celebrated my eightieth birthday in 2008 with a 28-inch keeper bass. Time flies, and today, May 11, 2011, after scanning the sports pages and the obituaries, I study fishing reports, often watching the Canal regulars land trophy striped bass.

It has been 60 years since my dad purchased a World War II Jeep for \$500 and we began making the "Beach Buggy Memories" that I wrote about in the July 1998 issue of On The Water. My surf fishing days have become fond memories of camaraderie, sunsets, sunrises, and fish caught and lost.

Last year I quit stumbling on canal rocks and stopped a 60-year smoking habit. In July, my son Steve caught two stripers over 50 pounds each. While my dreams of angling success escalated, backaches and prostate problems persisted. With my fishing limited to playing "go fish" with the grandchildren, I was invited to join the "Do Nothing Club," a Wareham fraternity of senior anglers.

Should I give my gear to Steve? Twenty years ago, Steve and I forged many salt marsh guzzles, stepping on fiddler crabs to reach a distant point to catch, and often release, 30-inch bass and blues. For how many more years will I be able to enjoy a challenging walk and a treasured hobby? Steve's garage resembles a well-stocked tackle shop; I'll keep the gear for now.

This morning I poured my wife's hot coffee into a thermos and, as an afterthought, put a freshwater spinning outfit and a Creek Chub popping plug into my Subaru before heading over to the Royal Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Buzzards Bay. The Center is an institution for the elderly and patients recovering from surgery. Here, in a building overlooking Buttermilk Bay, my wife is receiving TLC from a staff of dedicated medical professionals.

From a former surf enthusiast, now in a wheelchair: "Don't waste your time, pal!"

"Ain't no fish in Buttermilk Bay," a maintenance worker states, but he wishes me good luck.

I hobble across the manicured lawn on the west side of the rehab center and down a flight of stairs to a sandy beach bordering a quaint harbor. A patch of eelgrass catches my eye. Without question, the brisk walk, refreshing salt air, and the prospect of a keeper bass is therapy.

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In 1996, Margie was the Activity Director of the Year at a New Hampshire nursing home, so she understands how a busy philosophy and faith breeds happiness. Looking up the stairs to the Manor, I think how lucky I am to be at the water's edge.

Two unsuccessful casts, and I am enjoying the moment, without much thought of catching. The third cast sails out. Pop, stop, pop... and EXPLOSION!? It's a good bass, and line zings from the Penn reel, the excitement bringing a rush of memories.

Proud as a peacock, I strut across the polished floors to display a wiggling 10-pound striper. Eyes pop. My wife's roommate's daughter will bring her rod and tackle box in the morning. The maintenance man and chef plan to try their luck too. I hope that Margie and Steve will join me down by the eelgrass.

A Quote Russ Provost

"If you don't tell the whole story, it is the same as lying"
— Ben Franklin

Dessert Theater John Boccalini

A full house showed up on June 4, to see the Bob VanBrocklin Memorial Dessert Theater at the Veterans' Hall. The entertainment was excellent, the audience was truly responsive and the dessert was delicious. For an event to be such a success has to be a tribute to all those involved from the planning through the final clean up of Vet's Hall.

Thanks to my co-directors/producers Pam Goodell and Arlene Jarvis for the many hours involved with organizing such an event and to our sponsors Richmond Fire Department, Richmond Police Department, Richmond Recreational Committee, Richmond Community United Methodist Church, The Richmond Rooster and The Richmond Selectboard.

Thanks to everybody else involved with the entertainment (with some order of appearance) Emily Royal (VanBrocklin), Pam Goodell, Marie Knowlton, Pastor Shinh Ahn, Sukhyang Kim, Julie Ahn,

Jiyoung Ahn, Victoria Kamas, Lois Ray, Alison VanBrocklin, Hugh VanBrocklin, Ruth Cushing, Carol Flanders, Dana Flanders & Heidi Flanders, Jennifer Porter (Flanders), Kimberly Touya (Hadley), Nikki Schultz-Price, Walden Whitham, Janet Boccalini, John Boccalini, Christine Bryan, Cecilia Bryan, Arlene Jarvis, Wesley Vaughan, Susan Vaughan, Annette Tokunaga, Beverly Hart, Donna Black, Cookie Remick, Pastor DeLine, Stephen Bryan, Lucia Bosonetto, Michelle Goodell, Sister Maria Philomena, Sister Mary Peter, Sister Marie Therese, Clara LaPlume, Vicki Provost, Marcus Beauregard and Peter Majoy.

Also thanks to the keepers of the light and the sound as well as those who helped with the setup and cleanup: Brian Vaughan, Jason Royal, Rebecca Baker, Boyd Goodell, Donald Ray, Teresa Majoy, Chris Jackson and to B&J Sound and Lighting.

And thanks to all those who packed in the Vet's Hall and donated goodies to the Richmond Food Bank as well as the desserts that fed our bellies and the great response to all the entertainment.

I have had a few people ask me if I know who made the fudgsicle cake and would like the recipe. If you have any idea who made this fabulous dessert let me know. Many people were taking pictures during the Dessert Theater and The Rooster would like to include photos of the event in our next issue. If you have any photos you would like to be included please contact me at 239-6696. Thank you.

Quotable Quote Terri O'Rorke

"A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong gives it a superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a formidable outcry in defense of the custom."
Thomas Paine, "Common Sense"

Citizenship Questions Neil Moriarty

1. What do the stars on the USA flag mean?
2. How many states are there in the Union?
3. What is the 4th of July?
4. What country did we fight during the Revolutionary War?
5. Who was the first President of the United States?
6. Who is the President of the United States today?
7. Who is the Vice-President of the United States today?
8. Who elects the President of the United States?
9. Who becomes the President of the United States if the President should die?
10. For how long do we elect the President?

1. One for each state in the union
2. 50
3. Independence day
4. Great Britain (England)
5. George Washington
6. Barack Obama
7. Joseph Biden
8. The electoral college (USA citizens elect the electoral college)
9. The vice- president
10. Four years

Antiques Show & Sale Rick Hoyt

On Saturday, July 16, 2011 the Fitzwilliam Historical Society will hold its Annual Antiques Show on the historic Fitzwilliam, NH Town Common. This highly anticipated event features antiques dealers from many states. Come and see the wonderful, high end antiques in a lovely country setting. Enjoy strolling through 50 booths brimming with unique pieces for your home. The show and sale runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine; admission \$6. Refreshments will be available.

A special exhibit, Boys and Their Toys, will be presented in the Amos J. Blake House Museum during this time. Admission to the museum is free and conducted by trained docents. It is located on Rt. 119, west of Rt. 12. All proceeds benefit the Amos J. Blake House Museum and the work of the Fitzwilliam Historical Society.

Goofy Side of Baseball Frank Behrens

A&E has issued two new DVDs that concentrate first on the great moments—and then on the goofy moments—of baseball, both of which will please fans of the game.

"Prime 9, MLB Heroics" contains what some producers consider the all-time best examples in nine categories: home runs, unbreakable feats, hitting seasons, World Series, all-star moments, comebacks, pitching, regular season catches, and plays at the plate.

To give only one example, the first section begins with an explanation of how the nine best homeruns were selected: the situation at the moment, the outcome, and the dramatic element. The first example is from the 1976 World Series in which, at the bottom of the 9th, the Yankees were desperate for a run that would give them the game and the series. Chris Chambliss came to bat and put one over the wall. Yes, that seems to meet qualifications.

Considering that this disc runs 3 hrs., 34 min., I doubt if any fan will feel cheated, although there are bound to be many "How could they leave out...!" shouts of indignation.

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A companion DVD is titled "MLB Bloopers Doubleheader." It divides its 125-minute running time between two features: "Baseball's Best Bloopers" and "The Funny Side of Baseball." The first starts with an outfielder, his back to the far wall of the playing area, waiting to catch a ball coming his way. Somehow, it bounces off his head, rises and falls just over the fence. A home run...and a very embarrassed outfielder.

The second feature about "The Funny Side of Baseball" is often difficult to distinguish from the Bloopers one. It consists mostly of intentional high jinx on the playing field during games, practice, and in-between moments. One can suppose there are clowns in all fields who don't mind making fools of themselves, so why not baseball?

We know how important it is to some celebrities to establish a sort of persona when seen in public, so such behavior is understandable. On the other hand, a lot of this could have been staged strictly for the cameras. Who can tell? It is all in good fun.

Well, when one remembers that baseball started out as a kids' game, perhaps pushing pies into teammates' faces isn't as aberrant as all that!

An Alliteration Appreciation
Teresa Majoy

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Thank you to the directors, sponsors, volunteers and performers for a memorable and moving evening.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Date: 16 May 2011, 7:00 p.m.

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

Steven Gallagher addressed the board with an application for a building permit to erect a shed on M211-L028. Building permit # 2011-005 was approved.

Steve Boscarino, tax collector, and Lloyd Condon, citizen, addressed the board regarding Mr. Condon's tax bill. His first issue tax bill had an amount due of \$11.47 when the second issue bill was received. Mr. Condon had his receipt from Steve stamped paid and dis-

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puted whether he still owed the \$11.47. The Board looked into it and decided he does still owe it.

JC made a motion to go into non-public session per 91-A:3 II (c) Lori seconded it. Roll call vote: Lori- Aye, JC -Aye, Sandra- Aye. Motion carried. Entered at 7:35 p.m. Public session was reconvened at 7:55 p.m. Minutes have been sealed.

The Board informed the tax collector that they would be signing the deed waiver that he has given them. Lori made a motion to sign the deed waiver for M412-L023 for six months. JC seconded it. Motion carried.

Sandra made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Lori seconded it. Lori- Aye, JC -Aye, Sandra- Aye. Motion carried. Entered at 8:00 p.m. Public session reconvened at 8:20 p.m. Minutes are not sealed.

Sandra made a motion to appoint Kandace Mattson as part-time Land Use Assistant from May 16, 2011 to May 16, 2014. Lori seconded it. Discussion: JC would like to know why the position is now called Land Use Assistant and not secretary. Sandra explained that it is because they will be working for both the Planning Board and the ZBA and that position was created with input from Dick Drew and Sandy Perry. Motion carried with JC abstaining. Kandace was given the Oath of Office by Sandra.



Photo taken at the public information meeting. Elmer Arbogast (L) of Arbogast Energy Audits, with Sandra Gillis, Chair of the Selectboard, and Peter Majoy, Chair of The Volunteer Energy Committee.

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Marcus Beauregard addressed the board with a quote for the cost to install horse shoe pits at the park pavilion and to replace the basketball hoops and paint the back boards with oil base paint. The total estimate for the project is \$848.77. Since the project is within the budget of what the park committee has, the board instructed Marcus to continue with what he is planning.

Alex Hoar addressed the board regarding a building permit. He has a camp on Fay Martin Rd. and he would like to demolish the current cabin and then build a new one in another spot. Mr. Hoar brought detailed maps and pictures and presented a slide show to prove that he has a lot of record and that the turn around that was created by a previous road agent is actually part of the Class 5 road. The board discussed the road and the application and they will approve the application using the zoning ordinance #904. Mr. Hoar is planning on building his cabin on sonic tubes and will have to change his plans. Mr. Hoar will return next week with more information and to get the building permit.

Sandra made a motion to accept the settlement recommendation of Dave Marazoff, Cross Country appraiser, for Rotaan, BTLA case # 25097-09PT. Lori seconded it. Motion carried.

Sandra made a motion to adjourn after the minutes are read and approved. Lori seconded it. Motion carried. There being no other business to come before the board, the board adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Date: 23 May 2011, 7:00 p.m.

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

Norma Thibideau addressed the board and requested town property to use for an archive building.

Dale Randall addressed the board requesting a building permit for a deck. She will return next week with further information.

Alex Hoar once again addressed the Board requesting a building permit for M412L011. He has a camp on Fay Martin Rd. and he would like to demolish the current cabin and then build a new one in another spot. Mr. Hoar returned this week with more information about his plan for the camp and to get the building permit. Mr. Hoar was issued building permit #2011-006.

Neal Moriarty and Jim Carney addressed the board and asked about the school payments that are due to the school district. Roberta explained the breakdown of the payments and that one is being sent this week for over \$550,000.00. Better communication between the school and the town will alleviate any problems in the future.

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John Bocalini addressed the board and commended the roads. He also asked about a property that he has heard is putting in a septic system without a building permit. The board will look into it.

Cheryl Tarbox addressed the board and asked for a copy of her plot plan and septic design. The board gave her the property map and looked for her septic design but there is not one in her property record file.

The board discussed money available for building renovations. There is a plan that the board has to renovate the Selectmen's office. There is a discussion regarding the intent of the building capital reserve fund and whether it can be used to renovate the office. JC does not think it can be used for that purpose, it was created for a new municipal building. Sandra disagreed and a discussion ensued. Lori made a motion to get pricing to renovate the Selectmen's office and public areas and to put a warrant article on next March's ballot to raise and appropriate the funds to do the renovation. JC seconded it. Discussion: The board discussed the plan and then Sandra called for the vote. Motion carried with one abstention. Lori will create the scope of work for the RFP.

Wes Vaughn addressed the board and was sworn in for the Agricultural Commission. He also explained that he will install a back-up system to Roberta's computer. He also asked about the broadband that is coming to town and he would like to connect to

it. The board will keep him informed of the progress. Wes also commended the condition of the roads.

Sandra explained that Bev is currently integrating the current use files in with the property record files.

The board discussed the state bridge aid application and the bridge that needs to be replaced on Fay Martin Rd. The board signed the state bridge aid construction application.

Barbara Richardson sent a letter to the board commending the road conditions. She also asked why the unpaid property tax list is not listed in the town report. The board responded that she may attain a list from the tax collector. The board then discussed different ways to collect unpaid taxes.

The board will inspect the police department for ways to utilize the space.

The board signed the tax warrant in the amount of \$1,273,071.00.

There being no other business to come before the board, the board adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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