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Brink’s Robbery

The Crime of the Century

“Moonshine, the Brink’s Job, and the NH Connection

You will want to be at the museum on **Monday, May 14th at 7:00PM** as Mark Stevens presents a program entitled “Moonshine, the Brink’s Job and the NH Connection”. What connection does New Hampshire, a farm in Canterbury previously owned by Dottie McKoan and the Chichester Historical Society have with the multimillion dollar Brink’s robbery? Plan to be with us Monday night when Mark Stevens will fill in all the details of this amazing crime. At the time it was considered the Crime of the Century; the largest robbery in the history of the United States at that time. All eleven members of the gang were finally arrested and the location of the robbery is now a parking garage. Don’t miss this fun and interesting program. We’ll have refreshments and there is plenty of free parking. Bring a friend.
Thunder Bridge

Thunder Bridge has made the May 2018 edition of New Hampshire Magazine. There is a wonderful two page article by Marshall Hudson entitled Thundering Bridge which features our own Thunder Bridge. The article has pictures of the bridge and the bill of sale order from the Town of Chichester for the purchase of the bridge. The article gives a very interesting history of the bridge along with excerpts from Walter Langmaid’s diary describing work on the bridge in 1887. The article relates an anecdote about how a 6 ton school bus plus the children crossed a bridge with a 6 ton load limit. The article has many other little-known facts about the bridge. Get a copy of the magazine and see how they solved the problem. Plan to visit the bridge for our annual picnic on Monday, July 9 at 6:30PM. Bring you lunch and a lawn chair and we’ll provide the lemonade and watermelon for dessert.

A Collaborative Effort Centered Around the Suncook River

A meeting was held on Monday night May 7 at the Chichester Historical Society to see if there was interest among the towns on the Suncook River in presenting a series of programs with the river as the theme. Invitations were sent out to the Historical Societies in Barnstead, Pittsfield, Epsom, Pembroke Allenstown and Friends of the Suncook River. Representatives from Pittsfield, Chichester, Pembroke and Allenstown attended the meeting. Many ideas were shared among the participants and it was tentatively agreed that the series of programs would be done in 2019. Participants will be putting together suggested activities and a program will be developed. We will keep you posted as plans are developed.
Memorial Day

Please plan to attend the Memorial Day observance at the Grange Hall on Wednesday, May 30 at 6:30PM. As part of the program Paul Sanborn will talk about the experiences of Henry Sanborn who was a Civil War Veteran from Chichester. On display will be many artifacts from the Chichester Historical Society that relate to Henry Sanborn’s participation in the War. The Chichester Historical Society joins with the Grange in presenting this annual Memorial Day observance.