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Cycling Through Heart and Sole

About Russ Provost by Peter Majoy

I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die discover that I had not lived.

— Henry David Thoreau

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Russ (L) and his riding partner, Doug Uhl, from Washington state.

in Richmond, NH. Russ Provost has been cycling through heart and sole for many years and his story is inspiring.

Forty-five years ago, Russ enlisted in the Navy and volunteered to be a research subject at the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute in Pensacola, FL. The focus of the experiment was motion sickness which negatively impacted Russ. He had to spend thirteen months recovering in Chelsea Naval Hospital in Chelsea, MA. Under the surface of all he had been undertaking, Russ was diagnosed with congestive heart failure in 1992. Were it not for the modern medicine, along with diet and exercise, Russ would probably have passed on.

From birth, the soles of Russ's feet were meant to make contact with bike pedals from his first tricycle which he received before his first birthday. At five, when his family moved from their farm in Chester to Portsmouth, NH, Russ rode his first two-wheeler, a bright red Schwinn. Then came the JC Higgins 3-speed

Dealing with congestive heart failure and its accompanying medications did not change Russ's goal of putting the soles of his feet on the pedals of his bike and successfully finishing a recent marathon trip along Route 66. In fact, dealing with a genetic heart imperfection has not weakened his heartfelt commitment to the world around him. His courage, a word based on the French word, *coeur*, meaning heart, has entrenched both he and his wife, Victoria in the hearts and souls of his neighbors and friends

after moving to Manchester. Since then, it's been sole-to-the-pedal cycling wherever he went. This included pleasure rides, commuting to work, 50 to 100-mile charity rides, and eventually the challenge of long distance cycling.

At 45, Russ cycled 1700 miles from Portland, ME, to Orlando, FL, to raise money for The United Way. As a member of a small group of cyclists, he pedaled across America 3000 miles in three weeks from San Diego, CA. to Charleston, SC, raising money for the Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School. At 60, he rode the West Coast from Seattle to San Francisco with his son, Damen.

This past April Russ finished the 1400 mile, 17-day trek along the famous Route 66. He was part of a group of cyclists from the USA, Canada, and Switzerland. The trip began at the

pier in Santa Monica, CA and ended at the halfway point in Amarillo, TX. There were many challenging moments, always made worse because of the intense heat, which hovered between 110-120 degrees. Considering his major heart problems, climbing to high altitudes really pushed Russ's body to the limit.

Russ's wife, Victoria, also shares his enchantment with bicycling challenges. She was one of the first women to cycle over Vail Pass in Colorado. Vicki rode 500 miles with Russ on his journey from Maine to Florida. She was the sponsorship manager for the USPS cycling team traveling across the USA, touring China, and several times with the team in the Tour de France. Vicki has been the one supporting Russ's heart-felt passion to embrace cycling in the past as well as in the present.

Russ's life of cycling through heart and sole is an expression of a deep commitment to the basic truths of life. To Russ, the world around us contains tension-creating experiences, often in the form of mass media's constant babble. Russ says it is not worth being driven by this chatter. He often turns to music that dissipates the tension and brings into one's experience the "loose-as-a-goose" moment which allows him to put things into the larger context of perspective and truth. Russ says that the only person you can change is yourself. It means not being self-

ish, but being good to yourself. He says that if God created us, he would want us to be good to ourselves, the earth, and to others. Furthermore, Russ avers that we must pay attention to our mind and body, to life itself, and we need to avoid the obsessiveness that destroys creativity.

So, what's next for Russ? As for "cycling through heart," Russ recently spent two Thursdays and Fridays at Mass. General Hospital allowing his body to be experimented on providing necessary data which improves the treatment of heart conditions. Much of it was very difficult and tiring.

As for "cycling through sole," biking, climbing and hiking continue almost daily. Russ climbed Mt. Monadnock six times this year and Mt. Washington once last year. He hopes to climb the remaining forty, 4000-foot mountains in New Hampshire by his 70th birthday, which is in four years.

Aldous Huxley said, "There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that is your own self." If there is anyone I know who best mirrors Huxley's wisdom, it is Russ Provost. Thank you, Russ, for being an irreplaceable member of our very special community, the Town of Richmond, NH.

Notes from the Selectmen's Office

The Select Board is developing an analysis/evaluation tool for rating town-owned properties to determine best use of these properties. Many are tax-deeded properties and are off the tax rolls. Others are held as conservation and/or recreation lands, or as land for possible future municipal use. To our knowledge a comprehensive evaluation of each property has not been conducted to determine how best to use the land now or in the future. Our aim is to be prepared to do an objective best use analysis of each property prior to making any decision about disposition of the property.

In July Quantum Construction Consultants held a public information meeting on the bridge construction plans. In compliance with NH DOT municipal-managed bridge project regulations, the public was invited to review the plans and provide input prior to finalization of the plans. With that phase completed and the wetlands permit at DES for review, the plans can be finalized and the bidding process begun.

Thank you for your patience during this entire process – I'm sure you've heard more about bridge replacement and fund-

ing than you ever wanted or expected! Updates will continue to come however, and you are invited to attend the Selectmen's meetings to ask questions or research the latest development.

By the time you read this, our new website will/should be functional – the development process has taken much longer than we expected, and we apologize for that. The website will be under construction for awhile, but hopefully up and running so you have contact information and breaking news, agendas and minutes available at minimum. The bells and whistles will have to wait until the basics are working well.

We hope to put together the perambulation team this month – please contact the Selectmen's office (239-4232) if you are interested in hiking Town boundaries this fall.

Recent Election Law Changes

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Earlier this summer the NH State Legislature succeeded in overriding Governor Lynch's vetoes and passed several bills that affect election laws. One of these is what is often referred to as the Voter ID Bill, pertinent to presenting photo identification in order to vote in person. Another bill made some changes to the voter registration laws. One of the changes requires the voter to comply with all NH laws relating to residency, including "requiring a driver to register a motor vehicle and apply for a New Hampshire's driver's license within 60 days of becoming a resident."

As of the writing of this article, the changes to NH election laws were forwarded to the US Department of Justice for Expedited Preclearance, as required by the Federal Voting Rights Act. I will provide updates when information is received. Due to the deadline restrictions of The Richmond Rooster and the possibility that any decision by the Justice Department may not

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be made until late summer, I may not be able to publish the most current information prior to the September State Primary Election. Please feel free to call me at 239-6202 if you don't see an article in the September issue.

State Primary Election

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The NH State Primary Election will be held on September 11, 2012, at the Veteran's Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. People who are not yet registered to vote may do so until August 30th at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours, at the Supervisors of the Checklist meeting on September 4th from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Civil Defense Building, or on the day of the election during polling hours at the Veteran's Hall.

For those who will not be able to come to the polls on September 11th, absentee ballots will be available to those qualified to receive them. All requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and signed by the voter. Request forms are available at the Town Clerk's office and at <http://sos.nh.gov/>, the NH Secretary of State's website. Go to "Elections Division," click on "Election Forms," and on "State Primary Election."

The absentee ballot can be personally returned to the Town Clerk's office, and only by the voter, by September 10. If the absentee ballot is mailed back, it must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 11.

If you would like to know your status as a registered voter in Richmond, your party affiliation, or the status of your absentee ballot, you can view this information at <http://sos.nh.gov/>. Click on "Voter Information Look-up" located in the upper right hand corner of the screen and follow the instructions. Please call 239-6202 if you have any questions regarding obtaining an absentee ballot.

From The Tax Collector

Important And Exciting News! It's Here!

You now have the ability to view and pay your property taxes online at <http://www.richmond.nhtaxkiosk.com>. Costs to online taxpayers will be 2.95% for those who pay by debit or credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, and Discover). For those who pay by ACH/Electronic Check, a fee of \$0.40 will be charged.

You can access detailed balance, payment, and assessment information, twenty-four hours a day by visiting us online at <http://www.richmond.nhtaxkiosk.com>. For further information,

visit Steve or Denise at the Tax Collector's office or call us at 603 239-6106.

Richmond Library News

Wendy O'Brien

Calling All Dreamers for the Dream Big Summer Reading Program!

Readers of all ages are exploring the magic of the night this summer as the RPL presents "Dream Big – Read!" during our summer reading program. Throughout July every week there will be a story hour for all ages at **10 a.m. on Wednesdays**, a make-and-take craft, and nocturnal animal quiz questions. The child who submits the most correct quiz answers will win a gift certificate to Toadstool Bookshops!

Each time you return to the RPL during the program, be sure to let a staff member know number of minutes your child has read during the week so that we may mark your child's reading log. We will be awarding summer reading T-shirts to the children who read for the most time in each age group. All participants will receive a special reading certificate at the end of the program.

We will be celebrating a great summer of reading with a PJ party on **Tuesday, August 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the RPL**. Come in your PJ's and enjoy games, milk and cookies, and the awarding of prizes and reading certificates. Even Wendy will be in her PJs!

Young Adult Summer Reading Program – Own the Night!

Join us on Tuesday, August 7, at 6:30 p.m. to share ghost stories and have some pizza! We have had a great summer of programs and lots of reading too!

Upcoming Book Sale, Raffle, and Pony Rides

It's once again time for our annual Book Sale and Raffle on Richmond Day, Sunday, August 26, from 9-2 p.m. Stop by and see our great selection of used books (organized into categories this year!), as well as our outstanding prizes for the Raffle. All proceeds from the Book Sale and the Silent Auction will be used for book purchases. Have books to donate? We are currently seeking books for the sale. Feel free to drop them off when the Library is open, or we can come to you! Just give us a call at 239-6164. We are also pleased that Fairfield South Farm will once again be offering free pony rides (time TBA). The day promises to be lots of fun, so please stop by!

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Things and Thoughts from the District August 2012

Neil Moriarty

Note the title change. Periodically, over these many years, I get challenged on inserting my opinion within this article. When I was asked to do a piece on the school district it was to include opinion – with that in mind, I accepted the idea of writing for *The Rooster*. Everything I put in here is based on fact – given that you may want to check on the facts, call SAU 93. For example, my opinion brought you the Student Honors, sorted by student's name [rather than (prime sort) school/grade]; moreover, it includes all schools where Richmond kids are educated. Now if you care, you can find your neighbor's child on the Honors list. Additionally and hopefully, the new title should head off most of these calls – as always, I certainly welcome comments and suggestions.

The district welcomes Dr. Leo P. Corriveau, our new SAU 93 Superintendent. Corriveau, 62, has 36 years in education, was Superintendent of the Mascenic Regional School District (serving Greenville and New Ipswich), and was a former assistant principal at Monadnock Regional High School (1970s and 1980s.) Leo is familiar with Monadnock as well as the New Hampshire education process.

Major Renovations are in full swing at the High School. Over this summer about \$3 million will be put into renovations of the 50-year old high/middle school. This is combination of three years of \$1-million-plus warrants that you, the voters, have authorized for the betterment of the facility. Many changes will be external (i.e., parking lot repair). You will finally be able to visibly appreciate, at least partially, your money at work. The new windows and window treatments are not just cosmetic; they are an important part of the electric and heat reduction effort. The various changes to our school buildings that result in real savings, might be worth a separate article in the future.

Summer Teacher Training. Seventy-five teachers have signed up for summer training at their own expense (unpaid). The district is providing the cost of the course and the speakers. School administrators (year round employees) will also participate. It shows that some people are interested in improving their skills without compensation.

If you have comments, please call me at 239 4031, or email me at cmoriarty@ne.rr.com; or call Jim Carnie at 239 4948.

Supreme Court - Final Opinion

John Boccalini

On October 20, 2009, Nicholas Bosonetto filed a petition against the Town of Richmond in reference to the Town's denial to grant him a building permit. On June 3, 2010, the Superior Court dismissed the statutory appeal of the ZBA decision "for lack of subject matter jurisdiction." On January 21, 2011, the Court filed its final decision. In his 24-page opinion, Judge Arnold stated that Bosonetto's motion for summary judgment is "denied" and "the petition is hereby DISMISSED on its entirety."

The Court also rejected Mr. Bosonetto's request for double attorneys fees and costs because municipal officials acted in bad faith, as well as in retribution for "belonging to a church that rejects the political agenda advocated by many of Richmond's crop of town officials" The Court found this claim to be totally speculative and unsupported. In the Courts closing statement, the Judge concluded: "on one issue, however, we agree with Bosonetto: 'This matter should not be in Court.'"

Mr. Bosonetto continued the case with an appeal of the Superior Court's decision to the Supreme Court. On June 29, 2012, the Supreme Court rendered its opinion and concurred that the Superior Court, got it right and would not overturn its decision. He recently asked the Supreme Court for reconsideration of this ruling.

Mr. Bosonetto has also appealed another related case to the Supreme Court, which was dismissed on Jan. 24, 2012, by a Superior Court stating that "he lacks standing to bring the present action." A subsequent order by the court on Mar. 20, 2012 found "the facts alleged in the amended petition do not support the allegations and inferences that Bosonetto claims of religious discrimination." And that his "assertion of discrimination based on political affiliation also lacks sufficient support."

Since 2009, Bosonetto's lawsuits have cost the town \$25,834.72 (and counting) for defending the town from lawsuits that apparently had no merit. It should be noted that Mr. Bosonetto has had little problem criticizing many town residents, as well as the Town government, for costing the taxpayers money when pursuing cases that the court felt had merit.

The aforementioned Court Orders can be viewed in their entirety in *The Richmond Rooster* at therichmondrooster.org.



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Volunteers in the Archives...

Sandy Holbrook

There are many folks in town that wear more than one hat at a time, and probably the most well known is Norma Thibodeau. Norma and her husband, Joe, and [then] two children moved to Richmond in 1972, and for the next 40 years, Norma has been involved on many levels in the community from interim librarian to the Friends of the Library, Selectman, Planning Board, Historical Society, and bicentennial committee. Her volunteerism is most noted, however, with the Richmond Archives dating back 37 ½ years ago. A visit to the Archives located beneath the Edith Atkin's Room of the Library provides full appreciation of Norma's achievements in the collections and work that has been done in and for the Richmond Archives.

How did the Archives get started? Again, let's go back in history. According to the 1972 Town Report, Norma and several individuals interested in saving Richmond's history presented to the Planning Committee (aka the Planning Board) a letter containing thirteen items they deemed important (see pages 69 and 70 of 1972 Town Report). These items are as follows:

- Town's age, the need to save history and to form a Richmond Historical Society.
- A permanent site be provided
- A Directorship be made
- All historical records and materials be preserved for posterity in the basement of the new library addition
- This committee, if and when established, be empowered and responsible for all facets of historical material
- A museum be established
- A suitable place be provided by the Town as a headquarters for the Historical Society so that it would be a benefit for the Town and attract interest
- The Historical Society determine and mark all sites, areas,

buildings, objects of historic interest and significance in Richmond

- Residents be encouraged to restore and identify houses and properties of historic interest
- Encourage outside interest in Richmond's historic renovations
- Invite cooperation, involvement and participation of county, state, and other Societies
- Investigate sites and areas of historic interest that are endangered by private sale or development
- Encourage introduction of native arts and crafts

One of many projects of the Bicentennial Commission in celebration of the 225th birthday of the Town of Richmond was to finish the basement of the Library for the Archives through a \$1,000 federal grant. In 1977, warrant article #34 passed, placing the Archives under the guardianship of the Library Trustees, for funding an archivist librarian "to continue the operation of this repository" (See 1977 Town Report – page 13).

What types of items are in the Archives? Much of the material consists of Town documents no longer needed by Town officials on a daily basis, such as vital statistics of births, deaths, marriages, property owners, meeting records, etc. There have been donations of gifts of town-related materials pertaining to history. Documents, books and periodicals, genealogy of Richmond residents, hundreds and hundreds of photographs, a small amount of artifacts and memorabilia were added to collections. History is being made daily and thus this history has been preserved through newspaper clippings (one of Norma's ongoing endeavors). Over the years with the help of several people, many items were cataloged and placed into binders using acid free paper and sleeves. Climate control is vital to preserving these documents.

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the Archives collections. "Credits for these accomplishments go to many individuals over the years. Some names you may recognize and others you may not, but all have played a very important role in making the Archives a very invaluable asset to the Town. "What has been accomplished would not be possible without the help of Priscilla Longdon, Beatrix & Luke Faust, Ruth Flanders, Sandy Laughner, Randy Frazier, the Library Trustees, the Historical Society of Cheshire County, and many benefactors," exclaims Norma.

Who benefits from the Archives? In addition to being an invaluable asset to the Town as it relates to the various historical collections, the Archives provides local residents as well as out-of-town and out-of-state people with a source of information on missing links in family ancestry. The Town Clerk and the 4-Corners Store often send visitors seeking historical information to Norma. Her research does not stop with the Archives; she also taps into information available at the Cheshire County Historical Society. Norma has done Power Point presentations on historical homes in Richmond, provided displays & exhibits during the Labor Day Firemen's Chicken BBQ, programs on Town history including talks by local residents as well as tours and programs for area elementary school children. Spare time for Norma is scarce, but she does manage to find time to enjoy her family, gardening, doing for others, cooking and most of all relaxing in FL with plenty of reading material (no *Modern Woman*).

What does Norma envision next for the Archives? Let's go back to the thirteen items presented to the Planning Committee in 1972, the second item – "a permanent site be pro-



vided." "We have been fortunate to have the basement of the Library to house our many collections, but we lack space to work, for storage and retrieval, and for necessary equipment such as computer, scanner, copier, etc. The climate control is not suitable as dehumidifiers have to be emptied daily during the non-winter months. Our current location is not handicapped accessible for visitors of the Archives," according to Norma. The Archives has grown to the point that it needs its own building, and this is the next big project Norma's looking at – where collections can be displayed, meetings and programs can be held, visitors can do their own research and the Archivist can "continue the operation of this repository." Norma has a vision, and when it becomes a reality the Archives will provide historical significance to our community, county and state. Thank you, Norma, for all that you have done for Richmond and for being a great visionary.




Internet project speeds up.

Edited Reprint by Kaitlin Mulhere

Keene Sentinel


FastRoads is a collaboration of the N.H. Community Development Finance Authority, the Monadnock Economic Development Corp., and more than 30 communities in the Monadnock and Upper Valley region.

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The FastRoads project will cost about \$7.7 million. Nearly \$5.5 million will be paid for through a federally funded grant from the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

That grant required that N.H. FastRoads match 30 percent of the project's cost.

Of the \$2.2 million raised by N.H. FastRoads, \$1.25 million came from a loan from a partnership of seven community banks.

"The project's timeline was pushed back a couple months partly due to time spent looking for financial support," Monroe said.

FastRoads will develop a "middle mile" network by bringing fiber-optic cable to 220 community anchor institutions, which will include schools, hospitals and municipal buildings down the western side of the state.

FastRoads will not connect individual customers to the Internet through the "middle mile" network. Instead, the company will build an open-source system, then partner with multiple Internet providers to offer services to individuals.

Monroe said "What most businesses need is more bandwidth for a reasonable price."

The project also will build two "last mile" networks in which it will connect about 1,300 homes and businesses to high speed Internet in designated underserved areas of Rindge and Enfield.

After the first phase of the project in the northwestern part of the state, FastRoads will bring the network south through Keene, Swanzey, Fitzwilliam, Richmond and Rindge. That phase is scheduled to be finished in March.

Kaitlin Mulhere can be reached at 352-1234, ext. 1439, kmulhere@keenesentinel.com.

Town Beach Cleanup Day

Elaine Moriarty

An idea sparked by one of the new beach committee members, Sally Morton led to a call for a Town Beach Cleanup Day. As the warm sun arose on Cass Pond, eight dedicated volunteers rose to the occasion.

A few hours from these caring, hard working residents (who surely supported aching muscles the next day) proved we are truly blessed with one of the nicest beaches in the area.

Those who gave so unselfishly of themselves were Sally Morton, Sandy and Patrick Bischof, Russ Provost, John Boccalini, Peter Majoy, Sandy Holbrook and myself (Elaine Mori-



Sally Morton, Sandy and Patrick Bischof



Elaine Moriarty and Russ Provost

arty). The residents of Richmond and its Beach Committee are most grateful, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

The next Saturday brought the finishing touches, and soon the boat ramp will be restored and a picnic table in place.

Looking forward to seeing all those who enjoy fun in the sun, boating, swimming, nature's blueberries, sand castles and children's delightful chatter at the Richmond Town Beach Summer of 2012.

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Peter Majoy, Sandy Holbrook and John Boccalini at beach clean-up.

Richmond Town Beach Vandalism

Elaine Moriarty

AAH! When the phone rings early in the morning on Friday the 13th you can't help but feel it's bad news and it was. Sometime during the night someone decided to use the parking lot and the beach as a vehicle playground, totally disrespecting the Town of Richmond, the beach committee and the volunteers, who in May had spent many hours sprucing up the beach for the upcoming season. Patrick Bischof had spent time realigning the cement barriers and we pulled up weeds, smoothed out the sand, installed new signage and even got the boat ramp fixed. I was heartbroken to hear of a problem. I went down to the



Vandals make huge tire tracks on the beach and displace cement barriers.

beach, spoke with Patrick, placed a second call to our police chief and to Sandra Gillis. She, in turn, called Mark Beal. We soon gathered at the beach and Chief Bousquet and Mark our road agent, assessed the damage. Many of the cement barriers were displaced, huge tire tracks defaced the beach and the parking lot was torn up by numerous rounds of fast turns by the vehicle. If you are the responsible party please turn your self in and be remorseful, because all the beach users love our beach.

Anyone with information about this vandalism, please call the Richmond Police Department at 603-239-6007.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Marie, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your wonderful comment about the Library in the latest *Rooster*. Your comments reflect exactly what the Board of Trustees and I have been striving for. It is so nice to know that it has been recognized by someone on the outside. It made me feel wonderful. Thank you so much! Wendy O'Brien

Bike found

This bike was taken from a male who was arrested on the Richmond/Swanzey Town line in connection with a bank robbery in the area. This is a female mountain bike. If anyone has any information please contact the Richmond Police Department at nhrpd326@yahoo.com or bbosquet@richmond.nh.gov or call 603-239-6007.



Out and About

John Boccalini

Wed, Aug. 1, – Sun, Aug 12, 8 p.m. (Wed.-Sat.), 4 p.m. (Sun.), Peterborough Players, *The Admirable Crichton*: a comedy by J. M. Barrie. 55 Hadley Rd., Peterborough.

Wed, Aug. 1, – Sun, Aug. 5, Cheshire Fair: Enjoy the Midway and heart pounding rides or sit back and watch the many cattle and horse shows.

Thurs. Aug. 2, 7 p.m. The Park Theater, *The African Queen* (1951), starring Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn. Woman's Club, 33 Main St. Jaffrey. FREE.

Thurs Aug 2. 7 p.m. *Sitting Under a Fig Tree*: Maren Tirabassi: Anecdotes of C.W. Lewis, Maya Angelou, and others

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Fri. Aug. 3, 8 p.m. Amos Fortune Series. Robert Weinberg *Cancer: Origins and Treatment of Cancer. Where Are We Headed?* Meetinghouse located in Historic Jaffrey Center, 2 miles west of downtown Jaffrey. FREE

Fri. Aug. 3, 8 – 11 p.m. Annie and Beekeepers and Spirit Family Reunion, Sumner Knight Chapel, N. Lincoln St, Keene.

Sat. Aug. 4, 5 p.m. Actors' Circle Theatre Presents: Shakespeare in the Park – The Tempest. FREE. Depot Square Park (riverside), Peterborough.

Thurs Aug 9, 4 – 7 p.m. Richmond's Mystery Garden Tour. Update in this issue

Fri. Aug. 10, 8 p.m. Amos Fortune Series. Katherine Hoffman *Through the Lens: Alfred Stieglitz and His Fight for the Role of Photography as a Fine Art.* Meetinghouse in Historic Jaffrey Center, 2 miles west of downtown Jaffrey. FREE.

Wed Aug 15, to Sun. Aug. 26, 8 p.m. (Wed. – Sat.), 4 p.m. (Sun.), Peterborough Players present *Laughter: A comedy by Noel Coward.* 55 Hadley Rd. Peterborough.

Thurs. Aug. 16, 7 p.m. The Park Theater Award-Winning Short Films! Woman's Club, 33 Main St. Jaffrey. FREE

Fri. Aug. 17, 7 p.m. Monadnock Chorus Chamber Singers Concert. Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge.

Fri. Aug. 17, 8 p.m. Amos Fortune Series. Philip Gourevitch *Crime Scenes & Aftermaths: Reckoning with Survival after Genocide.* Meetinghouse in Historic Jaffrey Center, 2 miles west of downtown Jaffrey. FREE

Sat. Aug 18, 8:30 p.m. Festival of Fireworks: One of the top firework shows in all of New England. Event is held rain or shine. Jaffrey Airport – Rt. 124, 190 Turnpike Rd., Jaffrey

Sat. Aug 18, to Sat. Aug. 25, Every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 2 p.m. Peterborough Players Little Men: Adapted by Gus Kaikkonen from the book by Louisa May Alcott. 55 Hadley Rd., Peterborough.

Thurs. Aug. 23, 7 p.m. Antoine Saint-Exupery: The Little Prince: Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge.

Thurs. Aug. 23, 7 p.m. The Park Theater, Seven Brides for

Seven Brothers: (1954), Jaffrey Woman's Club, 33 Main St. Jaffrey. FREE

Fri. Aug 24, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Children's Beach Party, Cass Pond, Richmond. See ad this issue.

Sun. Aug. 26, Annual Richmond Day Chicken BBQ. Starts at Noon. Annual Book Sale and Raffle on Richmond Day, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sun. Aug. 26, 10 a.m. Wild Mushroom Foray & Medicinal Mushroom Tea Party. Witchland Woods. 64 High Street Keene, Cost: \$45. Pre-registration required

Thurs. Aug 30, 8 p.m. Peterborough Players, Rounding Third, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough.

Fri. Aug. 31, New Art New Hampshire 2012. Wyman Way Keene State College

Sun. Sept. 1, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Annual Yard & Bake Sale, Old Brick Church, 11 Fitzwilliam Road, Richmond,

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Thursdays, 7 p.m. through Aug 23, **Summer Movie Nights** at the Jaffrey Woman's Club

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Neighborhood Watch

Maureen Blackledge



The Neighborhood Watch meeting which had been scheduled for June 28 had to be postponed to July 12 due to a previous commitment. Kim sent out an email of the change to all who had given her their address. Our apologies to anyone else who came at the originally scheduled time.

So far only six people have expressed a desire to purchase a sign for their roads. Now is the time to contact me if you would also like a 12" by 18" street sign. The cost is \$23.00 plus shipping. The signs are reflective aluminum. Possibly we could meet at the Richmond Pavillion for hot dogs and hamburgers and then drill holes in the signs and get the non rusting nuts, washers and bolts needed to attach them to your street sign posts. Let me know your decision by calling me at 239-6289.

Sandy Holbrook has generously offered to purchase an 18" by 24" sign for the Richmond/Royalston town line at a cost of \$41.25 plus shipping. Would anyone else be willing to sponsor a sign for the Richmond/Fitzwilliam, the Richmond/Winchester or the Richmond/Swanzey town line or the Richmond/Warwick state line?

LOOK, LISTEN, RECORD (license plate numbers) and REPORT (to 911) is written on the sign. This is what Chief Brendan Bosquet has stressed to us.

NO GUNS are advocated either by this committee or the Police. Only the Police have the training and knowledge of the laws and the authority to use firearms.

Our next meeting is scheduled for August 30th at 6 PM at the Veterans Hall.

Women's Crisis Services

Kasey LaFlam

Interested in volunteering with Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention (formerly Women's Crisis Services)? Attend an informational meeting on Monday, August 13th at 6 pm in Keene to learn more about our upcoming training in October. MCVP provides free & confidential support to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Cheshire and Western Hillsborough counties. Call Amy at 352-3782 for more info or to RSVP. We hope to see you there!

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Cigarette Tax

Russ Provost

Thanks to our State Representative pushing a 10-cent per pack reduction in state taxes that only benefited smokers, the state lost 12 million dollars in revenue this past fiscal year.

News from the Richmond Historical Society

Sandy Holbrook

Let's do a Picnic – Judy Graves, what a great idea (see June Richmond Roster for picnic ideas)! For many years, Richmond residents enjoyed an annual picnic at a “glacial erratic” rock located on Rt. 32 just north of the Fish Hatchery Road on the Fillian Tree Farm. Bea Hobbs, daughter of the late George Fillian, has given the Richmond Historical Society permission to host another picnic on the “rock” on Saturday August 18. We recommend meeting at the Pavilion at noon so no one will be left behind. If you know the location, you can meet us there. Bring a lunch and enjoy the magic of the “rock” once again. Fun for all ages!!



Note: Affixed to the rock is a plaque listing eight names of Richmond Patriots who fought in the Revolutionary War. I must confess that I've lived in Richmond for 30 years and had never seen the rock until recently. Please join us on the 18th to enjoy

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another of Richmond's beautiful natural settings. For more picnic information, call Norma Thibodeau at 239-4598 or Sandy Holbrook 239-4628.

Summer Tips

Judith M. Graves

Cut a long branch of roses, like Seven Sisters Roses, and stick it into the spout of a teapot and let it lay across the table. Take the opportunity to go about and cut a bouquet of all sorts of blooms (and even garlic tips) and fill the teapot. Makes the most attractive centerpiece across the center of a table or island.

A pot of basil on the table, a pungent sweet geranium on the windowsill and a bunch of mint hanging at the window or door will help to keep out summer flies.

Gather forty blooms of marigolds, cut an 18" piece of wire. Make a hook at one end of the wire and string on the marigolds above where the stem came off. At the top make a round hook to hang your natural fly strip, hang in doorways to keep away flies. Hang in a shed or barn as well.

Farmers markets and farm stands overflow with fresh vegetables and fruits, as well as cut flowers to carry home. Early beans and peas, pale yellow carrots, and new potatoes start to emerge. These can all be steamed together, dressed with a little butter and every mouthful will taste of the earth and the summer season.

The perfect salad: break lettuce into small pieces, layer in a bowl, top with layer of fresh sliced tomato, wash and tear some fresh basil over the tomato, and then add a layer of thinly

sliced red onion. Repeat the layers until desired bowl is full. Pour your favorite vinaigrette over the top and refrigerate. Lightly toss when ready to serve. Delicious and so pretty!

Earlier in the day cut mozzarella sticks into little balls and marinate in Italian dressing. Place a dish of these mozzarella balls and a dish of croutons near the salad to add the flavors.

Summer calls for simple foods and drinks: a bowl of freshly picked berries, slabs of watermelon, pitchers of ice tea or lemonade.

Grilled corn on the cob is great. Pull the leaves down, but not off, and brush on melted butter, chopped chives, and some cayenne pepper and salt. Pull up the leaves and place cob in foil. Put on the grill to cook, maybe 3-4 minutes a side. This is fabulous!!!

Fresh caught trout rolled in flour and corn meal is tasty, cooked on foil, out on the grill.

Kabobs are grand! I use rosemary sticks when I can, to thread veggies like small onions, cherry tomatoes, chunks of green pepper, and beef cubes. Use kabob sticks. Thread the ingredients on the stick, place it on foil, on the grill, and turn often. This is summer at its best.

Place a long stem daisy in a glass of iced tea. Daisy means innocence and beauty. Cut a strawberry to place on the edge of a glass, add a sprig of mint on top. It all says summer.

Save glass bottles to refill with water and place in refrigerator for cold water. Plastic just isn't good to store water in for a long time, and never freeze water in plastic.

There is a book, *Wheat Belly*, that I found to be the most interesting study. Try it for a great summer read.

Have a wonderful healthy summer. Sit outside in the sun for 10-20 minutes a day to gather natural Vitamin D. Don't forget your sun screen.

To freshen breath and get Vitamin A, chew on a piece of parsley.

Save empty cans to fill with a bouquet to take to a friend or hostess.

Herb teas are the best with fresh herbs, and so take advantage of this now. Take a handful of mint leaves, crush them, and add to a pot of boiling water. Steep 5-10 minutes, enjoy! Any herb makes tea and adds health value. Join the Tea of the Month Club at Periwinkle Cottage and receive a different tea for three or six months. Includes information on herbs, holding tea parties, folklore and much more. Call 239-8005 for information.

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3-Day Walk Update

Betsy Pearsall

Wow! I can't believe that, as I sit here and write this quick note to all my family and friends, there are only 59 days to go until my 3-Day walk in San Francisco! Where has the time gone? Things just move too quickly these days!

So here's a quick update. We are well on our way to our \$3000 goal this year. So far in 2012, we've raised \$2351 together, with several fundraisers on the horizon. Since our first walk in 2006, we've raised over \$20,000 together. My heart sings and my soul soars knowing that you are with me in this endeavor to help find a cure.

And it's that time again, to ask you if you'd consider writing a note of support or sending a card of encouragement (the funnier the better!) to me at my home away from home, the 3-Day Camp! Getting to the Camp post office is the **HIGHLIGHT** of my day. After 20+ miles on the road, a warm dinner and a hot shower, I head right to the post office and search for my mail, find a comfy massage chair and revel in your love and support and ready myself for another day on the road.

Here's the address you can send your cards and letters to:

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Envelopes only, please. No boxes or large packages. Mail must be postmarked no later than August 28 in order to ensure delivery at the 3-Day Camp post office.

Thanks again for all you support. It means more than I can say. If you would like to make a donation, go to my website, www.the3day.org/goto/betsynh, or you can contact me at par-

allax@ne.rr.com, and we can work out an alternative plan. I appreciate so very much, all the kind words, thoughts and wishes that you send my way!

Happy Trails, and keep those cards and letters coming!

Education for Young and Not So Young

Neil Moriarty

The Monadnock District has implemented some exciting programs that reach beyond the day-to-day classroom. Please take advantage if it fits your child's needs. The high school will be in a state of flux over the summer with massive renovations. Call Karen Craig at 603-352-6955 ext. 409, for details.

I. Monadnock Adult Education Program graduated eight young adults in 2012. This program has grown over the three years of its existence with flexible scheduling of classes days and evenings. You need at least a high school diploma to get by in today's world, so if you're lacking please take advantage of this program.

II. Before-and-Afternoon School Program (BASP) will be available at Cutler and Mount Caesar this fall. I assume that some description of the program was sent home with your children in June. This program has been very successful in the Northern Schools and in Troy for a couple of years. Besides homework education assistance, it provides activities, such as archery, and other clubs before and after school from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (actual start and closing times are subject to change). Currently, parents provide transportation to the school (Cutler or Mount Caesar); however, the need for help in this area could be addressed. The district has funded part of the costs – which you approved of in a March 2012 warrant. However, a fee is charged to cover some of the expenses.

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I would like to thank our neighbors, friends and family for making the spaghetti dinner fundraiser such a great success! I would like to thank Sean McElhiney for giving us airtime on the radio station for promoting dinner and CHAPS. I would like to thank Olive Garden, for donating the salads, bread sticks and all the trimmings. They were generous and gracious in donating to the event.

I would like to thank Cookie Remick for her friendship and help with setting up the hall and lending us supplies. Thank you to my sisters; Barbie, Mary Lou and sister-in-law Tina. They were critical in cooking and serving with me. I could not have done it without you ladies! Thank you to Marcia Flynn for helping me plan the event.

Reba will be taking Canine good citizen classes next. If you would like to donate to CHAPS or to follow Noah and Reba's journey, go to www.facebook.com/groups/Noahsjourney/ which is Noah's facebook page.

Thank you,
Sande Auvil

A Music Event

John Bocalini

Annie and Beekeepers and Spirit Family Reunion will be performing on Fri. Aug. 3, from 8-11 p.m. at Sumner Knight Chapel, North Lincoln St, Keene, NH. Annie is the daughter of Vicki and Russ Provost of Richmond, NH and a graduate of Berklee School of Music.

Meet and Greet

Jonathan Bloom and Sheila Blair

On Saturday June 16, Annie Kuster, candidate for the Second Congressional Seat, currently held by Charlie Bass, came to a "meet-and-greet" at the home of Sheila Blair and Jonathan Bloom. Twenty-five residents of Richmond and Fitzwilliam attended, along with a representative from the campaign of Lee Nyquist, candidate for the State Senate. Kuster spoke about her background, growing up in Concord and working as an adoption attorney and public policy advocate in the state. She helped create The Unique College Savings Program to help families save for their children's college education. She spoke eloquently about the problems of aging, Alzheimer's disease and family care. After her remarks, she took questions from several

Richmond residents about such problems as the deficit and how to overcome the political logjam in Washington. She stayed on to chat informally and snack on delicious goodies provided by local volunteers. It's nice to see a candidate pay attention to a small town like Richmond.

Yard & Bake Sale

Alison VanBrocklin

Mark your calendar for the Annual Yard & Bake Sale at the Old Brick Church, 11 Fitzwilliam Road, Richmond, on Saturday, September 1. The sale starts at 8:00 a.m. and continues until 2:00 p.m. Come early for the best bargains! All proceeds will benefit the ministries of the Richmond Community United Methodist Church.

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

Richmond Garden Tour Update

Theresa Majoy

The Richmond Agricultural Commission will host its first Garden Tour on Thursday, August 9, from 4-7 p.m. The gardens open for the public include: Sandy Holbrook's, (Athol Road), Bob and Jan Weekes (Quaker Lane), Tim and Barbara Rogers (Old Homestead Hwy.) Jean Tandy's (Whipple Hill Rd.) and Susan Marsden's (Whipple Hill Rd.). Each garden offers uniquely interesting styles and plants for your enjoyment. If you go to the pavilion on August 9, before and during the tour, you can get a map and description of each garden. You may go to any one garden, or all of them, at any time during the tour hours. Watch for signs and balloons at each street and each participating home. Car-pooling is advised since some homes have limited parking. This event will take place rain or shine. Call Sandy Holbrook 239-4628, Theresa Majoy 239-6058, Heather Canfield 239-8936, Claire Jahnke 239-7098, or e-mail Wes Vaughan at comtrek@gmail.com, for more information.

Children's Beach Party

End of summer Beach Party for children of Richmond

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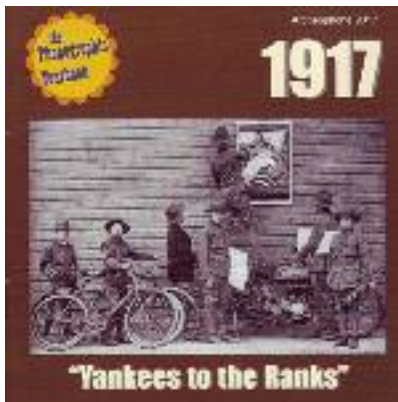
Fill in the names of those currently holding each of the positions.

Then ask yourself...should any of the names be changed?

You must have a process in place to find and hire the right people that share your core values and beliefs. A business will spend three times a worker's salary to train them so it is cost effective to hire and train right the first time!

Some Songs That Got Us Through WW I

Frank Behrens



It would not be fair to say that Archeophone's latest entry to their spectacular *Phonographic Yearbook* series is better than all the others, because that would be disparaging to the others. To say that it is just as good is praise enough, because of the excellence of all the other

CDs that celebrate the hit songs of each featured year.

Their salute to the songs of "1917" is subtitled "Yankees to the Banks," and indeed includes such songs as "Over there," "Good-bye Broadway, Hello France," "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag," and even, "The Star Spangled Banner" with its seldom heard second stanza.

Since love songs are as old (at least) as ancient Egypt, 1917 produced such recordings as "For Me and My Gal," "Till the Clouds Roll By," "Oh Johnny, Oh Johnny, Oh!" and "What Do You Want to Make Those Eyes at Me For?" (Notice the increasing use of slang in early 20th-century lyrics, as in that last title!).

Among the novelty and other songs not concerned with love or the war are "Hush-a-Bye Ma Baby" (The Missouri waltz), "M-I-S-S-I-S-S-I-P-I," "Indiana," and "Livery Stable Blues." A medley from a musical named "Katinka" is played in fox trot mode by the Victor Military Band.

Some of the expressions like "a lucifer to light your fag" might strike us as confusing and certainly misleading. But fear not, a lucifer to the British is simply a match and a fag is a cigarette. You must have a 1917 mind and vocabulary to appreciate some songs from the past – and from Britain to boot!

Several CD collections use current singers. However, you ain't heard nothing yet until you hear these numbers rendered by the top singers of the time: Van and Schenck, Ada Jones, Marion Harris, Nora Bayes, John McCormack, Billy Murray, and Henry Burr. Especially fascinating are the vocal ensembles: the American Quartet, the Peerless Quartet, the Shannon Four, and the Sterling Trio.

As always, the booklet alone is worth the price of the album. It is loaded with background information and pictures about 1917, and then it gives a good deal of information about each of the 25 selections on the CD. Who could ask for anything more!

Other *Phonographic Yearbook* CDs are dedicated to the 1890s (2 volumes), 1906, 1907, 1908, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1920, 1921, 1922. For other Archeophone series, see their website at www.archeophone.com.

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Dean's List

Neil Moriarty

Christopher R O'Brien made the Dean's List for the spring of 2012 at Saint Anselm College in Manchester.

Raymond Miller made the Dean's List for the spring of 2012 at University of New Hampshire.

Alyssa Schmidt graduated from the University of Hartford (West Hartford, CT) while obtaining recognition for being on the Dean's List for the spring of 2012.

Fourth Quarter 2012 Honor Roll – Congratulations!

No honors for Cutler. Monadnock starts honors in the 4th grade. Legend: EM = Emerson, IHM = Immaculate Heart of Mary School, MRHS = Monadnock middle and high school.

First name	Last name	Grade	Honor	School
Martella	Baird	1	Honor Roll	IHM
Damian	Bryan	10	Honor Roll	IHM
Cameron J	Barth	10	Honors	MRHS
Andrew S	Boncal	11	Honors	MRHS
Josh	Boncal	8	Honors	MRHS
Ruben	Bosonetto	3	Perfect attendance	IHM
Antonio	Bosonetto	1	Honorable Mention	IHM
Lucia	Bosonetto	7	Honorable Mention	IHM
Maria	Bosonetto	8	Honor Roll	IHM

Cecilia	Bryan	12	HonorRoll/graduated	IHM magna cum laude
Hannah	Bush	11	High Honors	MRHS
Chloe S	Busick	9	Honors	MRHS
Madison	Daniels	8	Honors	MRHS
Oliver	Fougere	1	Honor Roll	IHM
Mary Grace	Grinstead	2	Honor Roll	IHM
Veronica	Haynes	8	Honorable Mention	IHM
Spencer	Heise	10	Honors	MRHS
Daniel	Heise		High Honor Roll	EM
Anthony	Kearney	3	Honorable Mention	IHM
Haley	Lancey	12	Honors	MRHS
Maria Pilar	LaPlume	1	Honor Roll	IHM
Helena	Martin	1	Honorable Mention	IHM
Brendan	McCann	2	Honorable Mention	IHM
Joseph	McCann	1	Honor Roll	IHM
Tristan	McCann	4	Honorable Mention	IHM
Gerald	Miller		Honor Roll	EM
Collin Robert	Morton	7	Honors	MRHS
Courtney I	Mountford	11	Honors	MRHS
Olivia	Patch	8	Honors	MRHS
Eliza F	Randall	9	Honors	MRHS
Lydia	Randall	7	High Honors	MRHS
Andrew	Royce		Honor Roll	EM
Skyler	Smith		High Honor Roll	EM
Ryan A	Spath	9	Honors	MRHS
Daniel W	Tague	9	Honors	MRHS
Emily	Tague	12	Honors	MRHS
Kirsten	Thayer	8	High Honors	MRHS
Alicia	Thayer		High Honor Roll	EM
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Deputy Clerk: Pamela Goodell

Mon. 9 AM – noon, 1 – 4 PM, 6 – 8 PM

Wed. 9 AM – noon, 1 – 5 PM

Thurs. 9 AM – noon

Tax Collector: Steve Boscarino

Deputy Tax Collector: Denise Nolan

Mon. 7 PM – 8 PM, Wed. 2 PM – 4 PM

Planning Board: Richard Drew, Chairperson

Meetings held at Civil Defense Building

1st & 3rd Tues of the Month – 7:30 PM

Transfer Station & Recycling Facility:

Tues. 8 AM – 4 PM, Thurs. 8 AM – 7 PM

Sat. 8 AM – 5 PM

Town Library: Wendy O'Brien, Librarian

Tues. 4:30 PM – 8 PM, Wed. 9:00 AM – 12 PM

Thurs. 4:30 PM – 7 PM, Sat. 10 AM – 2 PM

Police (Non Emergency): 239-6007

Fire/ Rescue (Non Emergency): 239-4466

Fire Warden: Ed Atkins, 239-6337

Selectmen – 239-4232

Town Clerk – 239-6202

Tax Collector – 239-6106

Road Agent: Mark Beal 903-2184

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