

AUGUST 2014

Notes from the Selectmen's Office

Town Building Repairs Continue. This month construction is scheduled to begin on the Fire Department roof replacement and on insulating the library attic and basement. This building has suffered for years with a damp and dirty basement storage area. Over the years, various treatments have been tried but the proposed repairs will make the space useable and much more energy efficient. The attic, too, leaks heat and is dirty and pest ridden. However, insulating the attic, making the building more energy efficient, will increase the snow load on the roof. Engineering is necessary to insure the roof can support the increased load. Repairs to historic buildings are always fraught with unknowns, and thanks to you all, the money to do these repairs is available to do the job right. Your support of preserving Richmond's historic buildings is an essential step in rebuilding pride in our historic rural community.

Fay Martin Road Improvements. The Highway Department will begin preliminary work on Fay Martin Road this month. We thank the property owners for granting the easements necessary to make this project successful. You recall that this road must be upgraded by January 29, 2016 per the court order in the settlement with St. Benedict Center. This project will benefit all who live on the road, making the road safer and easier to travel. Quantum Construction is engineering the road plans, and the Highway Department crew will implement them. The first phase will be cutting trees along the slopes to improve line of sight and drainage patterns, and assist with snow melt in the winter. This phase may have already begun by the time you read this.

Two New Town Commissions. The Selectmen thank those who volunteered to serve on the two new Commissions created

at Town Meeting 2014. The Parks and Recreation Commission has held several organizing meetings and is full of fun ideas and realistic plans to expand recreational opportunities for Richmond residents. We hope you plan to participate in the programs and support the events they have planned for all of us to enjoy. And remember, Commission members can't do it all – they need your help, too!

In July, the Selectmen appointed volunteers to the Heritage Commission and they began meeting immediately. Based on results of the survey conducted at the Community Conversation forum last month, it is clear that preserving Richmond's historic places is a priority for residents. We hope you will support the work of this new Commission as they plan and prioritize for the coming year.

Town Custodian. We thank Jonathan Beal for signing on to become the town custodian. Working with the highway department, which has taken on several custodial responsibilities, Jonathan is well prepared to take on this additional role. He will be 'on call' for the Selectmen, to do minor but necessary maintenance in municipal buildings to keep them in good working order now that good working order is being achieved!

Litigation Update. The town was granted a permanent injunction against a local land owner, requiring the landowner get a building permit before doing extensive site work in connection with construction. The landowner was also required to pay the town's attorney fees. Residents are reminded to get the necessary permits before beginning building projects. Richmond's zoning regulations are available on the town's website. You can also call or stop by at the Selectmen's office to ask what you should do before starting a project.

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We'd like to remind you that you can access town information at anytime by going to www.richmond.nh.gov. You'll find a calendar of events and meetings, minutes of meetings, links to local sites, a list of local business owners, frequently asked questions, applications for many of the projects the state or town require to be permitted, and timely notifications of any changes you may need to know. Our thanks to our town administrator, Heidi Wood, for her work to redo and improve the website, and for keeping it up to date.

From the Town Clerk's Office

Annette Tokunaga

It has been several months since I began mailing Renewal Notice letters. For those of you who have not yet received this letter, you can expect to receive one during the month prior to the month that your vehicle registration will expire. The Renewal Notice letter contains instructions on how to do your renewal three different ways: online; by mail; and in person. Thus far, the response has been noticeable. The feedback has been positive. And so I would like to thank those of you who have taken advantage of these new services. I continue to strive to be a better town clerk for all of you, the residents of Richmond.

We are well into summer and beach stickers are available at the Town Clerk's office. There is no fee and no expiration date for these stickers. Only residents/property owners of Richmond are issued beach stickers. Because each sticker is assigned a specific license plate number, please have your vehicle registration or license plate number available when you come to get a beach sticker.

The office will be closed Monday, September 1, Labor Day. As always, please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns. Both Larry and I are happy to help.

State Primary Election

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The NH State Primary Election will be held on September 9, 2014, at the Veteran's Hall from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Those who are not yet registered to vote may do so:

- Until August 28 at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.
- At the Supervisors of the Checklist meeting on September 2 from 7:00 7:30 pm at the Veterans Hall.
- Or on the day of the election during polling hours at the Veteran's Hall.

For those who are not able to come to the polls on September 9, 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 the NH Secretary of State's website, http://sos.nh.gov/. Go to "Elections Division," click on "Election Forms," and on "State Election."

The absentee ballot can be personally returned to the Town Clerk's office, and only by the voter, by September 8. If the absentee ballot is mailed back, it must be received no later than 5:00 pm on September 9.

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.

Fire House News

Lt. Melanie Ellis

A reminder to mark your calendars for the Annual Richmond Fire Dept. Chicken BBQ which will be held on August 24. The activities will start at 12 pm and tickets can be purchased for the BBQ for \$8.00. Tickets will be sold for a wood raffle, a picnic table and more. Come join us for an afternoon of food, fun and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

In July, the Richmond Fire Department had an Auto Extrication training. At this training, the firefighters and EMTs learned techniques on how to properly and efficiently get a patient out of motor vehicle after a crash. The members of the Richmond Fire Department would like to thank Scrap-It in Marlborough for the cars, Mark and Jon Beal for helping to get the cars to where we needed them to be and to the Pratt's for letting us use their property for training. It was a great day!

Library News

Wendy O'Brien

Summer Reading: Fizz Boom Read!

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another great summer reading season. As of July 5, we have thirty-six children participating and they have already read for 2,775 minutes with 6 weeks to go! Fantastic job everyone!

We are offering the following programs for all ages on Wednesdays at 10:00:

Aug. 6: "Tanagram Stories:" Listen to stories told with tanagrams and make up your own!

Aug. 13: "Let It Snow!" with Wrap-up Party: Learn how each snowflake is different and celebrate the end of summer reading with ice cream and reading certificates for everyone. Also, come to find out who won the T-shirts for reading the most in their age group!

Crime Scene Techniques for Tweens and Young Adults

On Saturday, August 2 at Noon, we are offering a new program, "Forensics: Crime Scene Techniques," with our very own Richmond Police Department. We will start with yummy pizza and then will learn about crime scene techniques from one of our friendly officers. Later we will make plaster casts of footprints and have a "Forensic Feast" of gross snacks for dessert. Come join us and see our revised Young Adult collection (and pick up summer reading books for school too!).

Used Book Sale and Raffle

We are continuing to take donations of gently used books and DVDs for our annual Richmond Day book sale and raffle on

Sunday, August 24, at 9 am. After you have finished eating yummy BBQ at the Fire Station, come see our History Wall and used book sale! Book donations can be dropped off during library hours or contact us and we'll come to you for pick-up!

Storytimes

Wednesdays with Wendy will resume in mid-August, after we finish our summer reading program. We have scheduled stories and crafts with the following themes:

August 20: Back to School

August 27: People Who Help Us (Labor Day)

New additions to the collection:

Adult Fiction

Tom Clancy's Op Center: Out of the Ashes, Dick Couch

Ghost Ship, Clive Cussler

Top Secret Twenty-One, Janet Evanovich

Live to See Tomorrow, Iris Johansen

Bad Dirt: Wyoming Stories 2, Annie Proulx

Shadow Spell, Nora Roberts Field of Prey, John Sandford

Adult Nonfiction

Tangled Webs, James B. Stewart

Young Adult

City of Lost Souls & City of Heavenly Fire, Cassandra Clare Kids

The World According to Humphrey, Betty G. Birney *The Monkey Goes Bananas*, C. P. Bloom

Kingdom Keepers: Disney After Dark, Ridley Pearson

Is there an item that you wish we had? We have access to thousands of books, audio books, and DVDs through the state's interlibrary loan network. Call us at 239-6164 or email richmondlibrary@wivalley.net to request an item.

Get Out!

Bob Weekes

Looking for pleasant nearby outdoor hikes that can be enjoyed with kids and doggies on a summer's day? You're probably familiar with the regulars: Little Monadnock from Rhododendron State Park, Mount Caesar from the NW corner of the old Mount Caesar Cemetery next to the Potash Bowl in Center Swanzey, Royalston Falls from its trailhead on Route 32 just

south of the Massachusetts line, and Mt. Wantastiquet from the trailhead behind the old Wal-Mart location in Georges Field in Hinsdale. But have you tried the Widow Gage Town Trails from the Fitzwilliam Conservation Commission's trailhead on Rhododendron Road just east of its intersection with Old Troy Road? Trail maps at the kiosk will direct you to an easy 1.6 mile series of looped forest paths that will take you past some of the most beautiful and solidly built stone walls in Cheshire County (not rubble walls but wide and properly-constructed inverted V-walls built in a fashion that causes their weight to press inward so boulders are not dislodged by a century or two of frost heaves).

Most follow straight lines, bordering the Old Troy Road or following property lines of early settlers who farmed this area. And some walls are beautifully curved, evidence that the land was once cleared for pasturing sheep. The trail winds past a large and well preserved cellar hole of the Whitcomb House. And if you don't see any of its resident woodchoppers when you arrive at Beaver Pond, you can't miss the trees that are impressive examples of their works-in-progress. Our Golden Retrievers enjoyed the romp, cooling off in the pond before returning to the trailhead.

Or, if you are in the mood for a flat walk with water views, turn north at the entrance to Rhododendron State Park and continue straight ahead on the Class 5 road to Rockwood Pond. Park at the dam and walk SE on the B&M Rail Trail, taking in views of the pond and Mt. Monadnock. If you enjoy cycling (hybrids rather than road bikes recommended), this rail trail is scenic and well maintained all the way from Keene through Troy and Fitzwilliam to the Massachusetts border in Winchendon. Visit two states without using fossil fuels!

Parks and Recreation Commission

Susan Harrington

This year the Parks and Recreation Commission will be sponsoring the Second Annual Horseshoe Tournament at the Fire Department's BBQ on August 24 at 1 p.m. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place winners. There will be a \$5.00 fee to compete in the tournament, all proceeds will benefit the Parks and Recreation Commission. Please bring your own horseshoes. Hope to see you there!



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Congratulations!

Candi Hagar

Tyler Merchant, son of Candi Hagar and Gary Parrott, and grandson of Chip and Barbie Hagar graduated with two degrees from NHTI on May 23rd. One in Manufacturing Engineering and one in Mechanical Engineering. He was on the Dean's list in all but one semester.

Monadnock Graduates from Richmond Recognized for Their Performance

Neil Moriarty

June 2014 saw Monadnock graduate seventeen Richmond students that will move on to bigger things. As previously reported Cameron Barth and Spencer Heise were recognized for being in the top ten graduates; additionally both received a MRHS Diplomas of Distinction:

Name	State of NH Scholar
Cameron Barth	X
Courtney Casavant	X
Lily Cummings	X
Joseph Davis	
Abigail Gill	
Christopher Gouws	
Desiree Hadley	
Spencer Heise	X
Maria Juarez	
Mason LaClair	
Sears Liebherr	
Dustin Maynard	
Bernadette O'Brien	X
Royce Pelkey III	
Dominique Russell	X
Cody Smith	
Michael Traverse	

Graduation Awards

Cameron Barth

Daniel E. Stockwell Scholarship; Elks Scholarship; Seth Clark Memorial Scholarship; US Army Reserve Scholar-Athlete Award, Destination Imagination Recognition; Excellence in Theater Arts Award; Soucy Scholarship; Law and Safety Pathway Award; Student Government Recognition; National Honor Society Recognition; Citizenship Award; Interact Member Recognition Award

Desiree Hadley

Key Club Recognition Award

Spencer Heise

Newby Drogue Aviation Scholarship; Markem Industrial Technology Award; National Honor Society Recognition; Leadership Award; Interact Member Recognition Award

Maria Juarez

Family and Consumer Science Award; Stephen Shaw Memorial Award

Richmond Honor Roll

Neil Moriarty

2013 – 2014 Honor Roll for the school year for the Monadnock Regional School District. The elementary schools use the trimester system; the middle and high schools use the traditional four semester system. Congratulations to our students.

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Name	Grade	Honor	School		
Melody Ayottte		Honors	Cutler		
Cameron John Barth	12	Honors	High		
Veronica Anne Boscarino	8	Honors	Middle		
Olivia Megan Budzik	7	Honors	Middle		
Chloe Shay Busick	11	Honors	High		
Calvin Burdick		Honors	Cutler		
Francisco Joel Camuso	9	Honors	High		
Madison Verna					
Sage Daniels	10	Honors	High		
Aderyn Daugherty		Honors	Cutler		
Joe French		April Award	Emerson		
Joe French		High Honors	Emerson		
Spencer Blair Heise	12	Honors	High		
Alexis Heather Marie Hillock	10	Honors	High		
Ethan Peter Hughes	9	High Honors	High		
Molly Jeanette Hulett	7	High Honors	Middle		
Annika Jayne		Honors	Cutler		
Andrew Jette		May Award	Emerson		
Mason Skylar LaClair	12	Honors	High		
Ivy Love		Honors	Cutler		
Antonio James Mastrogiovanni	8	Honors	Middle		
Andrew Pearsall		Honors	Emerson		
Andrew Pearsall		May Award	Emerson		
Madison Dianne Pearsall	8	Honors	Middle		
Caelan Purrington		Honors	Cutler		
Eliza Fannie Randal	11	Honors	High		
Lydia Hannah Randall	9	Honors	High		
Eli Richardson		April Award	Emerson		
Dylan Rowland		Honors	Cutler		
Alex Royce		Honors	Emerson		
Breanne Lynn Swanson	8	High Honors	Middle		
Alicia ChristinaThayer	8	High Honors	Middle		
Emma Tolman		May Award	Emerson		
Emma Tolman		June Award	Emerson		
Anthony Tomer		Honors	Cutler		
Ashlyn Ann Tomer	9	Honors	High		
Bridget Van Valzah		Honors	Cutler		
Walker Hammond Wilbur	7	Honors	Middle		
Liam Yeston		Honors	Cutler		

Summary Report

The Richmond Community Development Association (RCDA) sponsored a Four Corners Future Community Conversation meeting on June 21 at 9:00 a.m. in the Veteran's Memorial Hall in Richmond, New Hampshire. The event officially ended at 11 a.m., but many people stayed to participate after the meeting. There were approximately 75 meeting attendees at the event.

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Most were year-round residents, with a few seasonal residents in attendance. Senior citizens and middle-aged working adults comprised the greatest number of participants. The owner of the former Four Corners store was present.

With the support of the RCDA, the Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC) facilitated the event and took notes at the meeting. Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. (FHI), a consultant contracted by SWRPC through the Environmental Protection Agency's Technical Assistance Brownfields Program (TAB), attended the meeting to make observations and record notes to assist the RCDA and the SWRPC with their planning process for the Four Corners area.

The goal of the meeting was to gather input from the public on potential opportunities for the site of the former Richmond Four Corners Store, as well as the surrounding vicinity. By gathering this input, the Four Corners Steering Committee (composed of the RCDA Committee but including participation by a member of the Richmond Selectmen and a member of the Planning Board) plans to develop a Vision for the Four Corners Area along with an Action Plan. The Action Plan is proposed to contain objectives and strategies to help the Richmond community move toward its 4 Corner's Area Vision. After developing a draft Vision and Action Plan, the group intends to share these materials with the community in another Community Conversation forum in the fall of 2014. The Vision and Action Plan is expected to serve as a basis for informing future RCDA activities, and is intended to be used to help inform Richmond's next Master Plan. The SWRPC will facilitate the planning process, but all Vision and Action Plan content will come from the Four Corners Steering Committee and Richmond residents participating through the community conversation processes.

The event was guided by the following agenda:

- 1. Why are we here?
- 2. Is Richmond Four Corners a community center?
- 3. What is Richmond and Four Corners today?
- 4. What's happening at the Four Corner's Store?
- 5. Community Impressions about Four Corners
- 6. Small Group Tabletop Exercises
- 7. Report Out
- 8. Next Steps

RCDA member and Selectwoman Sandra Gillis began with introductions by providing attendees with background about the RCDA's interest and concern about the status of the closed Four Corner's Store and its interest in better understanding community public opinion about what the community would like to see in the Four Corner's area.

J. B. Mack of the SWRPC followed Ms. Gillis' introduction with an interactive discussion about whether the Richmond 4 Corners is a community center. Many people noted that historically a number of community activities were sited in the 4 Corners area including places to pick up/drop off mail, places of worship, schools, libraries, places to eat, drink and get lodging, etc.

Following this discussion Mr. Mack gave a presentation on basic trends and information about Richmond's population, housing, transportation, land use and local economy. Following the presentation, Mr. Mack gave an update on the Four Corners Store and its involvement in the SWRPC, Brownfields Assessment Program and NH Department of Environmental Services' MTBE Remediation/Clean up Program.

Following the presentations, Henry Underwood of the SWRPC facilitated the "Community Impressions" part of the agenda by providing preliminary results of an in-door survey





that event participants filled out upon entering the event. Two questions were asked of attendees about what was most important to preserve in the Four Corners Area and what was most

Following the "Community Impressions" portion of the meeting, event attendees were broken up into five small groups to discuss five topics:

- The 4 Corner's Store
- Town-owned Land
- Businesses and Services
- Transportation and Getting Around
- Housing and Lodging

Each group had a facilitator and note taker. SWRPC staff and RCDA members served as group facilitators. A map of the 4 Corners area was provided showing parcel boundaries, town owned land, and other information. Groups were encouraged to go through a list of prompting questions and write down findings on where there was consensus on the five topics. Following the small group discussions, group leaders announced the major findings of the group in which there was consensus and reported that information out to the larger group.

At the conclusion of the meeting, J. B. Mack announced that the 4 Corners Steering Committee would examine the feedback and information taken at the meeting, looking for ways to incorporate this information.

Community Survey

The Richmond Community Development Association wants your opinion too! If you were not able to attend the Community Conversation Forum sponsored by the RCDA this past June, when community development and the future of the Four Corners area were discussed, we'd like to offer you the opportunity to complete the survey completed by attendees. This survey can be found at all the Town Hall offices, and the Library, Police Department and Fire Department. You may complete the survey and return it to any of these sites. If you prefer to download the

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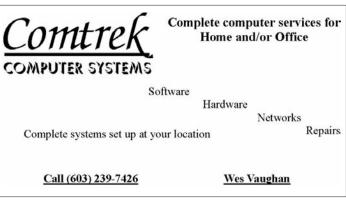
survey or complete it online, find the link to the survey on the *Richmond Rooster* website at www.therichmondrooster.org or at the Town website at www.richmond.nh.gov entitled *Four Corners Area Survey*. You can also email your results to rcdanh@gmail.com or therichmondrooster@yahoo.com.

Another Ballou

Bob Weekes

The Rooster has carried a number of articles through the years about the Ballous, one of Richmond's earliest and largest families. Four branches of the family lived in Richmond, settling across an area known then as "Ballou Dale." It ran northerly





from Devil Stair Hill on upper Monument Road, through "Gaskill's Haven," as Harold Dickenson named it, up today's lower Fish Hatchery Road and yesterday's upper Benson Hill Road up by Grassy Hill.

All of the Richmond Ballous were descended from Maturin (or Matteaurian) Ballou, who arrived in Providence from England around 1640 and was a contemporary of Roger Williams. One of his descendants, yet another Maturin, moved to Richmond from Rhode Island around 1768 and became our town's first minister, preaching the Baptist faith. Three years later his son, Hosea was born. Hosea grew up in Richmond (his house and barn stood next to the house where E. Allen Holbrook lives today) He founded the Unitarian Universalist Church, making him one of Richmond's best known historic personages.

You may have read that cousin, James Ballou Jr. and his daughter, Eliza, lived on the old Kings Highway (Quaker Lane) and were the grandfather and mother of President James J. Garfield. But this story is about another Maturin Ballou, one of Hosea's sons. Although born after his father left town, this particular Maturin went on to achieve fame in his own right.

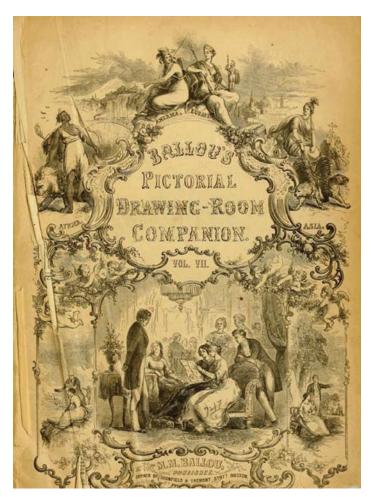
Maturin Murray Ballou was born in Boston in 1820, the youngest of nine children of Hosea Ballou and Ruth Washburn. He attended English High School and passed the entrance exam to Harvard College, but did not attend. Instead, at age 18, he began writing for the *Olive Branch*, a weekly paper published in Boston. He married Mary Anne Roberts in 1839.

A few years hence, he published a weekly newspaper, the *Bay State Democrat*, and authored a series of "dime novels" which were widely popular and started him on the road to prosperity. Even more success from his writing was still to come.

In 1851, Ballou and Frederick Gleason, a Boston publisher, established the weekly paper, *Gleason's Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion*, a paper promising to offer "the best American authors, and the cream of the domestic and foreign news; the whole well-spiced with wit and humor." Compared to competing publications whose layouts were simply massed columns of type, this paper was filled with illustrations by excellent artists such as Winslow Homer which provided a much more pleasant layout for reading. With Ballou as editor, it was an immediate success. When Gleason left three years later, Ballou bought out his interest and changed the name to *Ballou's Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion*, and more success followed.

By 1855 he had added still another paper, *Ballou's Dollar Monthly Magazine*, changing its name simply to *Ballou's*





Monthly Magazine eleven years later when its success allowed him to raise its price to \$1.50! His tenure with the magazine lasted for thirty years before selling it in 1886.

In 1867, Maturin's fortunes enabled him to build the St. James Hotel on Franklin Square in Boston. The hotel had 400 rooms and was described as "the largest family hotel in the city and one of the most expensively furnished." And having built a reputation for journalism, in 1872 he joined forces with a group of Boston businessmen desiring to start a new newspaper in Boston. As a founder and its first editor, the first issue was published, initially called *Maturin Ballou's Globe*, costing fourcents. It shortly thereafter became today's *Boston Globe*.

And finally, after leaving the *Globe*, Ballou traveled the world and continued his writings about travel to India, Cuba, the Pacific Islands, Alaska, Australia and New Zealand. He died on March 27, 1895 at age 75, doing what he loved best, writing

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about travel while on a trip with his wife in Cairo, Egypt, and is buried in Boston.

But, wind the clock back to 1853 when, at age 33, he found time to author a book that I am pleased to have in my own collection of Richmond-related artifacts. It is an original copy of his book entitled, *Biography of Rev. Hosea Ballou*. I thought *Richmond Rooster* readers might like to read what Maturin wrote about his father's birth:

"Hosea Ballou was born April 30th, 1771, in the town of Richmond, New Hampshire, a small village situated in the county of Cheshire, in the southern part of the state; at that time little more than an uncleared wilderness. The site of his birthplace is now a most attractive and lovely valley, scooped out from the rough hills and mountains of the Granite State, and known as Ballou's Dale; surrounded by the most romantic scenery, the beauties of which he used to dwell upon in after years, and to sing their praise in verse. The neighboring country is of a bold and rugged character, and is to this day but thinly settled. It was here that he first drew breath in an humble cottage-home among the hills."

That was Richmond more than 200 years ago! And that is also Richmond today! Fortunately for us, and if we take good care, some things never change.

Summer Chores

Judith M. Graves

Instead of the usual paint the house, mow the lawn, build a new garden, or roof the house, I decided I wanted some different chores since we moved into a house that is for the summer. We call it our 'Summer House,' as I told you last issue, and we are finding all sorts of new summer chores.

For one, I have spent quite some time just working on setting up Holiday Craft Fairs for myself to introduce the 'Sachets by Judith' line in November and December that I created while packing to move in Richmond last winter.

I am so excited to actually get them out to see what the public thinks. So I will let you know my schedule next month.

Right now if you get to pick up the *Economizer* paper that is free in many places, find my ad on page 11. By the way, if you are interested in putting in an ad of your own, call me and I will lead you to the best advertising for the dollar anywhere. Or email me at jgraves19@myfairpoint.net.

Okay, so the fair schedule is one thing that I set for a summer chore for myself. I'm also tending some container gardens

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in our yard. Oh boy, nothing like container gardens that are so easy and fun to grow in. Thinking this may be the way to continue growing what we eat and flowers to enjoy.

I realize that summer can be a disruptive season. There are so many things to fill the days with activities and often too much heat. Summer moves to the soundtrack of outdoor living, lawn to mow, birds in full voice to enjoy, laughter, and carefree children off from school.

Where spring brought a frenzy of cleaning, organizing, and garden planting for many, ours was full of packing, moving, settling into a new adventure and place; and now we can welcome the summer more than ever. We are less concerned now with housework and have more time to enjoy our new space, visit with family and friends, and dream about what life has ahead.

I learned a long time ago that looking ahead to the future, one day at a time, is the way to go. Memories of the past are wonderful to cherish, but dwelling in the past is not growing and learning. Regrets, things that we would like to change, and wishing we had done things that we didn't do are truly a waste of precious time. Pick yourself up, dust yourself off and start from today. Think there is a song lyric something like that!!!

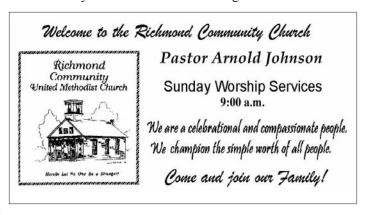
We are discovering new plants here at our 'summer house.' A white rose appeared under the dining area window. I had my scissors in-hand to get a bloom for the rose bowl and oh yes, some long stems for the vase to set in the center of the table.

Lilies are starting to appear and we had lots of lilacs, quince flowers, and periwinkle in flower. Not as many flowers as I left behind in Richmond, however, but know the new folks will be surprised, as one by one, they appear. I will get the chance to start all over again and I am already putting plans on paper.

One thing we miss is feeding the birds year round, but didn't want to start until we were in a more permanent place. We do have a lot of bird songs at dawn and see many cardinals, robins, phoebe's etc. Oh, a nest of phoebe's were nestled into the tractor, so until the babies left, Dave couldn't use the tractor. They rule the roost for sure.

We caught a fisher cat and I walked within four feet of a fawn, so wildlife is around us even though we are in the city. We are actually on the rural end of Keene and have lots of trees, stonewalls, wildlife, and yet the city is close by. Best of both worlds for sure.

I enjoy the saying 'Do what you love, and love what you do' and always remember 'the best things in life are free.' Go



Warrant Article 58 passed at the Town Meeting in March, 2014.

Please study. "To see if the Town will vote, within the framework of the Master Plan, Section II, Energy, to join the transition town movement by becoming committed as best possible to energy and resource conservation such as community gardens, ridesharing, recycling, the use of renewable energy, and direct the Voluntary Energy Committee to establish the process in an advisory role only." Volunteer Energy Com. (VEC)

out and find décor for all you do in the yard and surroundings. I am not one that stores a lot and can fill a bowl with finds from the yard. I call that shopping in "God's mall' and it changes with the seasons. So, until I write again, like the English, I now 'do very little...slowly.' Enjoy the summer.

Recipe

Jonathan Bloom

Due to popular demand, we are sharing this recipe, which we found in the cookbook that came with the original Cuisinart food processor in the 1970s. We normally make it in a 9-inch round springform pan or a deep pie dish and cut it into wedges, but it can also be made in a 9-inch square pan and cut into bars. If you don't have a food processor, you can easily adapt the recipe to make it by hand.

Sue Weinstein's German Apple Cake

1 cup sugar

1 cup all-purpose flour

4 tblsp butter, cut into 4 pieces

1 tsp baking powder

1 tsp vanilla

1 large egg

4 large apples

Topping

3 tblsp sugar

3 tblsp melted butter

1 tsp cinnamon

1 large egg

Preheat over to 350°.

Add all the cake ingredients except apples to the bowl of a food processor and pulse with the metal blade until the mixture resembles cornmeal. Spread mixture in bottom of a buttered 9-in springform pan.

Peel, quarter, and seed apples. Using a slicing disk, slice

apples and arrange in layers on top of crumb mixture. Bake for 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine sugar, butter, cinnamon and egg in bowl of food processor with metal blade (no need to wash it). Process until mixture is smooth and sugar dissolves.

Spoon mixture over apples and bake 25-30 minutes until top is firm.

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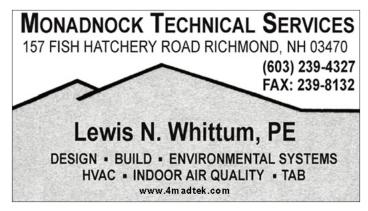
July was a wonderful month which began with the celebration of our country's birthday. We also had a wonderful group of people stop by one evening for a "tasting-good time," tasting five different kinds of beef hot dogs and two different kinds of turkey dogs in preparation for our "Wiener Wednesdays" in August. I don't have the full results of the "tasting," but we will be providing the best of the bunch.

For those who have not heard about "Wiener Wednesdays," the Church is hosting a night out for the cook. Come to the Richmond Community Church any Wednesday in August between 5 and 7 p.m. and place your order for a quality hotdog (beef or turkey) of your choice which will include condiments, chips, soda/water, and a brownie. The prices are reasonable.

On Sunday, August 24, at 10 a.m., we'll be holding our Third Annual Outdoor Service in the pavilion behind the Fire Department. Back by popular request, the Middle River Gospel Band will minister to all in a service sharing God's Word through word and song. After the service, stay and support the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department as they once again serve up their famous chicken BBQ with all the trimmings! The BBQ starts serving at 12 noon. Plan to attend both events, and bring a friend to support both endeavors!

September brings Dan Schall to provide a musical ministry for us all on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Another special night with the Kempters, a gospel-music family from Alabama, who will minister in word and song is scheduled on October 16 at 6:30 p.m. Expect to be fully blessed





by both of these artists as they perform. By the way, we are planning a Pot Luck dinner at 5 p.m. prior to the Kempter's performance. Come, eat, and enjoy the Kempter family.

Planning is already underway for the very popular Holiday Fair. More about that in the months to come.

Don't forget the Church-sponsored Food Pantry in the Town Hall on Route 32 is open during Town Hall hours. It is there for all who have a need. We also accept non-perishable foods to be included in the Pantry.

Come visit us any Sunday at 9 a.m. at The Brick Church, just east of the junction of Routes 32 & 119 in Richmond. You will bless us, and we pray that what you hear and experience will bless you.

Holiday Fair

Betsy Pearsall

It's finally here!! Summer! Temps in the mid to high 80s, lots of sun and great walking weather! I've been racking up the training miles; usually fifteen during the workweek and longer walks on the weekends. Lately, I've been able to get in an average of thirty on the weekends. I enjoy meeting and chatting with my neighbors as I walk the many training miles. If I keep to my schedule, I will log over 425 miles preparing myself for walking 60 miles over three days.

What am I training for, you may ask? This year I am walking in my ninth Susan G Komen for the Cure 3Day Walk. I will be walking in the twin cities of Minneapolis/St Paul, Minnesota, on the weekend of August 22, 23 and 24th.

So, it's time to bring everyone up to date. In case I haven't told you lately, you all ROCK!!! This year, we rocketed right past the minimum of \$2300 and are soaring toward my personal goal of \$3000!! We have redeemed over \$190 worth of bottles and cans. I am truly blessed that you are all in my life!!

At every 3Day Event, we have a post office where we can receive mail from our supporters. You can make my long, hard days on the road more cheerful by sending me a card or note of support and encouragement! Here's the address:

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Reach out to me at any time if you have any questions or want to chat about this wondrous journey we are on together. Email: parallax@ne.rr.com; snail mail: Betsy Pearsall, 20 Old Homestead Highway, Richmond, NH 03470, or telephone me at 603.239.7478. If you know me, you know I love to talk about this adventure!!

Bless you for your support, generosity and friendship. My life is so much richer for having you in it! Peace to you all.

Award

Brendan Bosquet received an award from NECUSA Northeast College and University Security Association.

As supervisor, he was on duty the day when a fellow employee was killed by a downed electrical line. Brendan and three other officers from the Department of Campus Safety at Keene State College were also honored by our peers. This was a great honor, but a loss for Keene State College. That day they lost a friend and coworker Nathan, "Nate," DeMond from Fitzwilliam, NH.

Smart Goals and the Not-so-Smart Goals!

Michelle Connor

What is a SMART Goal?

- Specific target a specific area
- Measurable select an indicator of progress.
- Assignable specify who will do it.
- Realistic state what results can realistically be achieved.
- Time-related specify when the results will be reached. Here's a very simple example of a not so SMART goal... "We will increase sales."

This is actually a good goal but is it a SMART one? How can we change this goal to meet the SMART criteria? "We'll increase sales by 25% with the sales team hitting the goal by third quarter." Now we have a specific, measurable, assigned, realistic goal with a timeline.

This may be specific to the sales team, but the entire organization needs to be on-board to make this goal happen! Now it's the business owner's responsibility to communicate



effectively what needs to be accomplished to meet the goal. Setting the goal, creating the target is step one. The more clear management is, the more likely the goal will be achieved. Makes sense right? Well, all too often the business owner will set their sights on a goal and forget to let the team know what is expected...*Not so smart*.

Third Annual Children's Beach Party

Sponsored by Parks, Recreation and Beach Committee Elaine Moriarty

Save the Date: Saturday August 16, 2014. Richmond Town Beach 10 AM – 12 NOON

Games, Prizes, Snacks

Alternative: The Pavilion behind the Library

Out and About

John Boccalini

Wed. July 30 – Aug 3, 8 a.m. – 9 pm. Cheshire Fair. Cheshire Fair Grounds, Swanzey. \$6 Adult, \$4 Child.

Fri. Aug. 1, 6 pm. Project Shakespeare presents: "As you Like It" and "Taming of the Shrew." Cathedral of the Pines, 10 Hale Hill Rd., Rindge. \$7 / \$5

Fri. Aug. 1, 6 pm. Music in Depot Park, Rich Greenblatt vibraphonist, Drama Hobbs, guitar; Wayne Roberts, bass; Tim Gilmore, drums. Depot Park, Peterborough. (In case of rain, at Twelve Pine, 11 School St. Peterboro.) FREE

Fri. Aug. 1, 8 pm. Amos Fortune Forum. Dayton Duncan: "Seed of the Future: Yosemite and the National Park Idea." Jaffrey Center Meeting House. FREE

Fri. Aug. 1 – Sun. Aug. 3, Tues. 7 pm. Wed. Sat. 8 pm., Sun. 4 pm. The Granite State. A comedy by Charles Morey. 55 Hadley Rd., Peterborough. \$39/37.

Sat. Aug. 2, 5 pm. Project Shakespeare presents "The Comedy of Errors." Depot Park, P'borough. (Rain location: Monadnock Center for History and Culture.) FREE.

Sat. Aug. 2, 6 pm. Project Shakespeare presents "Hamlet" Cathedral of the Pines, 10 Hale Hill Rd., Rindge. \$7/\$5

Sat. Aug. 2, 7 pm. – Wade Hayes in Concert. Cheshire Fair Grounds, Swanzey. \$20

Sun. Aug. 3, 11 am. Monadnock Summer Lyceum. Dr. Bernd Heinrich. Nature: A Panacea to Our Problems? Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Main St., P'borough. Free, donations accepted.

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Sun. Aug. 3, 3 pm. Music of Aaron Copeland & Lukas Foss. Peterborough Town House, 1 Grove St, Peterborough. \$25

Mon. Aug. 4, 6 pm. Project Shakespeare presents "Hamlet." Oribe Barn, 310 Main St. Jaffrey. \$15/10

Wed. Aug. 6, - Sun. Aug. 17, Tues. 7 pm., Wed. Sat. 8 pm., Sun. 4 pm. The Circle: A comedy of manners by Somerset Maugham, 55 Hadley Rd., P'borough. \$39/37.

Thurs. Aug. 7, 7 pm. "Best in Show." Park Theater Film Series, Cutler Bldg. 33 Main St., Jaffrey. Free

Fri. Aug. 8, 6 pm. Music in Depot Park, John Kordalewski. Depot Park, P'borough. (In case of rain, at Twelve Pine, 11 School St. P'borough.) FREE

Fri. Aug. 8, 8 pm. Amos Fortune Forum. Jane A. Difley. "The Forest Society: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow in New Hampshire's Forests." Jaffrey Center Meeting House. Free

Fri. Aug. 8, 6:30 pm. Rindge Meeting House Open Mic. 6 Payson Hill Rd. Rindge. Donation \$5.

Sat. Aug 9, 7:30 pm. Monadnock Music: Britten – Curlew River. All Saints Church (51 Concord St, P'borough. FREE

Thurs. Aug. 14, 7 pm. - "The African Queen," Park Theater Film Series, Cutler Bldg. 33 Main St., Jaffrey. Free

Fri. Aug. 15, 8 pm. Amos Fortune Forum. Kristen Gresh: "She Who Tells a Story: Women Photographers from Iran and the Arab World." Jaffrey Center Meeting House. Free

Sat. Aug. 16, 10 am. – Noon. Third Annual Children's Beach Party. Games, prizes, snacks. Richmond Town Beach. Rain Alternative: The pavilion behind the Library.

Sat. Aug 16, 3 pm. Festival of Fireworks. Cheshire Fairgrounds, Rt. 12, Swanzey.

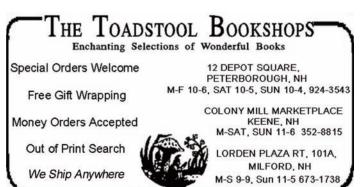
Sat. Aug 16, 6:30 pm. Sumner Knight Series. Jean Rohe. Sumner Knight Chapel, Westlawn Cemetery, Chapel Dr., Keene Sat. Aug. 16, 7:30 pm. John Adams Chamber Music. Peterborough Town House, 1 Grove St, P'borough. \$25

Sun. Aug. 17, 11 am. Monadnock Summer Lyceum. Dr. Lori Alvord: From Navajo Healing Ceremonies to Twenty-first Century Medicine. Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Main St., P'borough. Free, donations accepted.

Tues. Aug. 19, 7 pm. Celtic Music Night. Harlow's Pub, P'borough.

Wed. Aug. 20, – Sun. Aug. 31, Tues. 7 pm., Wed. Sat. 8 pm., Sun. 4 pm. The Voysey Inheritance. A dark comedy by Harley Granville-Barker, 55 Hadley Rd., P'borough. \$39/37.

Thurs. Aug 21, 7 pm. "Love, Actually," Park Theater Film



Series, Cutler Bldg. 33 Main St., Jaffrey. Free

Fri. Aug. 22, 8 pm. Amos Fortune Forum. Dayton Lawrence Lessig: "Achieving Equal Citizenship: The Struggle to Restore our Republic." Jaffrey Center Meeting House. Free.

Aug. 23, 26, 29, 30 at 2 pm. – Aug. 25, 7pm. – "Little Women." 55 Hadley Rd., P'borough. \$10/8

Sun. Aug. 24, 11 am. Monadnock Summer Lyceum. Dr. Lois Lowry: One Writer's Journey. P'borough Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Main St., P'borough. Free, donations accepted.

RICHMOND DAY - AUGUST 24

9 am. The Annual Richmond Day book sale and raffle at the Richmond Town Library.

10 am. Third Annual Outdoor Service in the pavilion behind the Fire Department.

12 noon. Annual Richmond Fire Dept. Chicken BBQ. Tickets may be purchased at the BBQ for \$8.00. Tickets will be sold for a wood raffle, a picnic table, and more. Pavilion behind the Fire Department.

1 pm. The Second Annual Horseshoe Tournament at the Fire Department's BBQ. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place winners. \$5.00 fee to compete. All proceeds benefit the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Richmond Library

Sat Aug. 2, Crime Scene Techniques for Tweens and Young Adults

Wed. Aug. 6, 10 am. "Tanagram Stories"

Wed. Aug. 13, 10 am. "Let It Snow!" with Wrap-up Party Sun. Aug 24, Richmond Day, Annual Used Book Sale and Raffle

Fitzwilliam Inn

Every Wednesday, 7 p.m. Open Mic.

Sat. Aug. 2, 8:30 – 11, Music by Tattoo. \$5 cover

Fri. Aug. 8, 8:30 – 11, Sonja Heller and Ling. \$5 cover

Sat. Aug 16, 8:30 – 11, Bird Mancini. \$5 cover

Sat. Aug. 23, 8:30 – 11, Melanie and the Blue Shots. \$5 cover

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Fri. Aug 1, Dinner – Diane Ammons, piano and vocal.

Sun Aug 3 Brunch – Judy Blake & Ken Hamshaw, vocals and guitar

Fri Aug 8, Dinner – The Grumbling Rustics

Sun Aug 10, Brunch - Bob Arpin, guitar

Fri Aug 15, Dinner – Mike Wakefield, jazz

Sun Aug 17, Brunch – Michael Blake, guitar

Fri Aug 22, Dinner – TBA

Sun Aug 24, Brunch – TBA

Fri Aug 29, Dinner – Alan Perlman, solo jazz piano

Sun Aug 31, Brunch – Mike Wakefield, jazz

Ongoing:

Mon. 8 pm. Contra Dancing, Nelson Town Hall, Variety of callers and musicians. Donation: \$3. Nelson

Wed. 9:30 pm. Open Mic. Harlow's Pub, P'borough

"Thief of Bagdad"

Frank Behrens

Doug Fairbanks Hams it Up in Silent "Thief of Bagdad" As part of the Cohen Film Collection series, the 1924 "The Thief of Bagdad" has been released on a 149-minute DVD.

Those familiar with the 1940 version with Sabu will smile when they recognize many of the elements in that version as they watch the 1924 version. It is directed by Raoul Walsh.

Douglas Fairbanks is the thief who falls in love with a Princess (Julanne Johnston), who in turn has to choose between three fairly revolting suitors. He is assisted by the comedian Snitz Edwards as the Evil Associate. Edwards, by the way, was an ex-jockey who appeared with Buster Keaton in several shorts.

I can only assume that the broad overacting displayed by Fairbanks in the early sequences was designed to be a spoof of heroes in other silent films. To show amazement, his arms are thrown back. To show bravado, one arm is thrown back and the other held gracefully upward. He smells food and makes broad sweeping motions around his tummy. He sees a jewel and scratches his palm. Even his grief later on is overdone; but perhaps showing grief was not his thing.

A Japanese actor, billed as Sojin (So-Jin-Hayakama) plays the Mongol Prince with glacial evil – but I must admit I miss Conrad Veidt as Jafar in the 1940 film. And who can resist Anna May Wong as one of the Princess's handmaidens but also a spy for Sojin? (Young Myrna Loy would inherit her roles. John-



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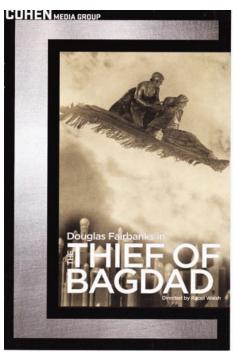


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ston's acting is, oh dear...adequate.

What also makes this film so enjoyable are the supersized sets that Fairbanks wanted to be "magnificently impressive" but also to maintain "the idea of unreality." Art Designer William Cameron Menzies delivers the goods. Fairbanks navigates the Valley of Monsters with ease, since he

has no trouble slaying the papier- mâché beasts. Getting through the Fire is almost too realistic for comfort (both the viewer's and the Thief's).

The original tinted sequences have been preserved and I was most impressed by the music used in this edition. A specialist in creating scores for silent films, Carl Davis drew upon Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherazade," "Tale of the Tsar Saltan," "Coq d'or," and "Sadko" (plus a few bars of his own) in a very clever way to heighten the action. Other copies of this film use far less effective scores.

There is an excellent booklet giving a good deal of background information about the film and several still shots as a bonus.

Poetry

"Let us remember . . . that in the end we go to poetry for one reason, so that we might more fully inhabit our lives and the world in which we live them, and that if we more fully inhabit these things, we might be less apt to destroy both."

Christian Wiman, Editor

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A rule of thumb is that a cord of hardwood (128 cubic feet) weighing two tons will produce 1,000 to 2,000 pounds of paper. To arrive at the number of trees needed for a ton, imagine a tree that has an average 8-inch diameter trunk to a usable height of about 45 feet. Apply the simple $\pi r2$ formula to get the cross-sectional area and multiply it by the height. We discover that this tree contains roughly ten cubic feet of wood. So it would take about eight of these trees to produce between 1,000 and 2,000 pounds of paper. Since a typical 500-sheet packet of the paper weighs 5 pounds, that's 10,000 to 20,000 sheets per tree.

The most effective way to shock your colleagues is 1) to address the volume of paper unnecessarily used in the first place, and 2) note the vast amount that gets wasted instead of recycled.

Warwick Pipeline Awareness "Walk Across the Commonwealth"

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On July 7, 2014, Kinder Morgan TN Gas Pipeline Company was in Warwick, MA and surveyed the public roadways. They are proceeding with their plans to run their pipeline through the town of Warwick and MANY surrounding towns.

This "Proposed Project" started at 2.7 billion dollars and is now nearing 4 Billion Dollars! They plan to impose a Tariff on our electric bills so WE will be paying for this, not them.

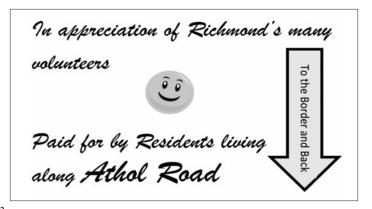
On Tuesday July 15, 2014, the town of Warwick participated in the "Walk Across the Commonwealth" Rolling March to bring awareness to this "Proposed Pipeline" issue.

Richmond residents should be aware that Kinder Morgan TN Gas Pipeline Company attempted to convince our Richmond, NH residents to allow us to give them rights to cut through our home properties and conservation forests and water resources by eminent domain with their pipeline in 1977–78.

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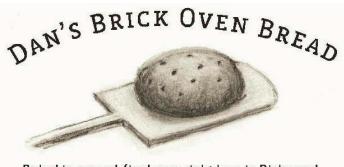
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