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May 2018

Meet Your Selectmen

Chris Daugherty, Chair – term expires March 2021(reelected in March for a second term)

Carol Jameson – second term expires March 2019

Bill Daniels – first term expires March 2020

Susan Harrington – Assistant to the Selectmen who has been in our office for two and a half years.



(L to R) Chris Daugherty, Susan Harrington, Bill Daniels, Carol Jameson

We bring a good mix of skills and background to the job. Chris, the Chairman, and his wife Maureen live on Old County Road with their extended family (father, two sons and their wives, and six grandchildren). Chris is retired from a career in engineering and management with major computer/software companies. He has a B.S. in Computer Science from SUNY at Stonybrook. After graduation, Chris and Maureen moved from Long Island to New Hampshire. In 2006, the family purchased 91 acres of property on Old County Road in Richmond. The first to build on the property was Chris and Maureen's oldest son Bryce with his wife Karen and their four children. In 2010, Chris and Maureen built their house with Chris's father Rodman. Most recently, Chris and Maureen's youngest son and wife, Trevor and Katrina, built a house on the property for themselves and their children. Chris is currently involved in two local businesses – Ashuelot Brewing Company (Bryce is the Brewmaster) and Ashuelot Trucking Company. Chris is the Board's representative on the Planning Board in charge of general road issues.

Carol is a retired lawyer from New York. She and her husband Peter Mulhall moved here in 2009 for their retirement. Carol's legal background was primarily in corporate law. Peter, currently a Richmond Library Trustee, was a high school physics teacher and he now has fun teaching physics in the Keene State College CALL program. They have five children and four grandchildren. Carol is also Chair of the Richmond Heritage Commission. She also writes and handles advertising for *The Richmond Rooster*. Her hobbies are hiking and gardening. Carol is the Welfare Administrator for Richmond and oversees legal issues for the Board.

Bill and his wife Jen have lived in town for over 26 years and are lifelong residents of the area. Bill is a retired police officer and was a part time fireman in Swansey for 10+ years. He presently manages a gravel quarry in Marlborough and is well versed in road aggregates and road construction. Bill attended all 12 years of school in the Monadnock school system, attended Hawthorne College, and is a graduate of the 44th N.H. police academy. He has 5 children who have all attended K-12 of the Monadnock school system, and now has five grandchildren in the same system. Bill and Jen own a small farm on Greenwoods Road where they produce maple syrup, apples, peaches, pears, and honey. Bill is the town's representative to the Waste Management board, representing us in the relationship with Winchester for the running of the Transfer Station.

Susan grew up in Fitzwilliam. She and her husband, Steven have lived in Richmond for 16 years. Susan worked for National Grange Mutual in Technical Processing/Quality Control for many years before leaving to be a stay-at-home mom for their two children Erin and Mason. Susan had been a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for five years and has been on the Safety Committee for two years. Susan handles all the office's administrative work. She does the town filings with the NH Department of Revenue Administration, works with the Town assessing firm, handles

relationships with vendors, does payroll, processes Intents-to-Cut for logging, requests for Building Permits and tax cards, in addition to a host of other things. She enjoys getting to know Richmond residents and helping them with their questions.

The Selectmen meet on Mondays at 5:30 until business is done. The public is welcome. Office hours for other business are posted on the town website. Please visit. Susan will be there and can answer questions and help you with your town business. The town website is www.richmond.gov. Our phone number is 239-4232.

News from The Selectboard

Carol Jameson

Our police and firemen ask that we remind residents not to park around the police station or fire department. Please obey the posted signs. Our police and firemen need to be able to respond quickly to emergencies without hindrance from parked cars and pedestrians. If you are visiting Amidon Park, the library, the Firehouse, the Police or Emergency Operations Center, park in the lot at Four Corners or at the few designated parking spots near the library or the Tramp House away from the fire department bays.

We have had a wicked mud season this year. Hopefully, it will be over by the time you read this article. Roads have been posted until further notice from the Road Agent. Our highway department will be very busy this Spring in correcting the frost and thaw damage. Please be patient, but call us or the Road Agent for updates on when you can expect your road to be graded or fixed.

We are still selling the 'two-fer' chairs from the Vet's Hall – a piece of Richmond history. A few are still left at \$25 for a folding, wooden two-seater pair. Please call Pam Bielunis at 239-6498 if you would like to check them out or purchase a set.

Property Tax Relief

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

If you are single and earn \$20,000 or less or are married and earn \$40,000 or less, you may qualify for tax relief from the State of NH. The form (DP-8) can be found at www.revenue.nh.gov. They are also available at the Town Hall for anyone wishing to pick one up. The claim must be postmarked no later than June 30. Please call the clerk's office at 239-6202 for more information.

May Calendar

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

WED, May 23, 2018 CLOSING – Attending Regional Clerk's Meeting
MON, May 28, 2018 CLOSING for Memorial Day
WED, May 31, 2018 Deadline to license dogs to avoid late penalty fees

Library News

Wendy Obrien

Wed. May 2, 10:00 am, Storytime: May Day Baskets
Sat. May 5, 10:30-11:30 am, Community Coffee Hour, Knitting Circle
Wed. May 9, 10:00 am, Storytime: Mother's Day
Thurs. May 10, 5:00 pm, Teen Pizza Night
Sat. May 12, 10:30-11:30 am, Knitting Circle
Wed. May 16, 10:00 am, Storytime: Monkeys!
Sat. May 19, 10:00 am, Cameron Prior, Richmond Police Department, Scamming Presentation
Wed. May 23, 10:00 am, Storytime: Memorial Day
Sat. May 26, 10:30 am, Knitting Circle
Wed. May 30, 10:00 am, Storytime: Trucks, Trucks and More Trucks

Summer Reading: Libraries Rock!

It's hard to believe, but it is almost time again for summer reading. Join us for music making mayhem! Our kickoff, in conjunction with the Richmond Recreation Committee, will be Saturday, June 16 at 11:00. Tie-dye a shirt, eat BBQ, and dance the Macarena!



Each Wednesday at 10:00 AM between June 20 and August 8 we will explore a different style of music through stories and crafts. Some weeks we will welcome special musical guests.

Finally, our wrap-up party on Wednesday, August 15 will feature an air guitar championship. Come show the Town of Richmond that your library rocks!

New Adult Fiction

Varina, Charles Frazier
Fifty Fifty, James Patterson
Alternate Side, Anna Quindlen
The Punishment She Deserves, Elizabeth George
Every Note Played, Lisa Genova
Duel to the Death, J. A. Jance




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New Adult Nonfiction

Strength in Stillness: The power of transcendental meditation, Bob Roth

Heart Berries, Terese Marie Mailhot

DVDs

A Place to Call Home, Season 5 (also seasons 1-4)

RPL Welcomes Cameron Prior, Richmond Police Department

Join us on Saturday, May 19, as we welcome Cameron Prior from the Richmond Police Department. Cameron will present a program on scamming, especially those scams that target our senior population. Refreshments will be available at 10:00 and Cameron will begin his presentation around 10:15. He hopes to have a regular series of presentations at the Library the third Saturday of each month. Welcome Cameron!

Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

My Log says humming birds will be here May 5, – get your feeders out!

If you have a problem that you can't seem to solve – Try calling 211, which will put you in touch with a host of resources that provide assistance.

This document represents the opinion of Neil Moriarty, and may not represent the opinions of the Monadnock Regional School District School Board.

Richmond's Janel Swanson is Now Business Manager for Monadnock Regional School District. Janel graduated from the district, and was at one time the town treasurer (and probably some other jobs for our town). Janel and her daughter now live in Swanzey. Good Luck Janel!

An Ad Hoc committee has formed to look at the best and fairest way for the six towns to create a proper formula for property tax. This committee is completely independent and is not attached to the school board. As I write this, they still need a representative from Richmond. If you are interested in joining the committee, attending a meeting, or simply want more information, there is a Facebook page for the group, "Fair Funding For Monadnock," that may be informative.

The school board is looking at several Elementary School building plans. With \$12 million in repair work* to be done to the existing buildings (does not include Mt Caesar, as that building is up to snuff, or it will be with \$1.4 million being spent on it), I counted six different proposals that were put forward in the last two meetings (before *The Rooster* deadline).

As nothing is in writing, there are too many alternatives to discuss here. I will wait for this to firm up a little. Once down to a couple of alternatives, there are many pros and cons on building construction that will need to be discussed.

Thanks for reading my article. If you have sugges-



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tions, school items you want to distribute, or thoughts, please contact me: cmoriarty@ne.rr.com; 603-239-4031; 782 Old Homestead Hwy in Richmond.

*You can view the repair work documents on the Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD) website. These documents were developed by H L Turner Engineering. To view these studies, go to MRSD home page and slide down to "2017 School Building Assessments and Evaluations." Have a great day!

March Awards

Neil Moriarty

Richmond students receiving awards at our March Awards Assembly were: Connor MacDonald – Math; Eli Dirth – Innovator

Getting to Know Your Advertisers

Bonnie McCarthy

This month I am going to introduce you to a local, third generation family company located in Winchester, NH. Bob's Fuel Company, LLC is dedicated to strong customer service, consistently low pricing, friendly, honest and reliable service, and maintaining personal relationships.

Bob's Fuel was founded by Robert (Bob) Miner, Sr. in partnership with Linwood Patnode, Jr. Bob built the business from the ground up and rapidly secured the trust of the Monadnock region. Bob took great pride in

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his business by delivering oil, performing service work and handling both the business and financial aspects of the company. After over 30 years, Bob decided to retire. However, he is still a member of the Bob's Fuel team. Caitlin Ward, Bob's granddaughter began learning the business in November 2011 in preparation for Bob's retirement. Caitlin now manages and runs the daily operations with the able assistance of her sister Hanna. When Bob first started the business, he gained the trust of friends and family in the Winchester area. The company has now expanded to a 20-mile radius around Winchester, NH – including Massachusetts and Vermont.

These days, everyone is looking for ways to keep as much of their hard-earned money in their pocket as possible. The team at Bob's Fuel can help you do that by being consistently focused on offering the most competitive pricing possible. In the unlikely event that a customer finds that Bob's prices are not the lowest, the company will gladly discuss price matching. To help customers through the tough, cold winters, they offer Budget Plans, Pre-buy (Price Protection) Programs, and Automatic Delivery. They work hand-in-hand with the Fuel Assistance offices in NH, MA, and VT. Most importantly, they offer 24/7 fuel and burner service for emergencies.

While many companies have gone to automated answering systems, Bob's prefers to have a friendly voice



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Bob’s Fuel Company offers many types of fuel including heating oil, kerosene, mixed fuel (kerosene/heating oil blend), off-road diesel and on-road diesel. While they require a minimum of 100 gallons when purchasing heating oil, there is no minimum for diesel fuels. To help customers during the heavy heating season, they offer dyed kerosene at the office in small quantities, such as 5,10 or 15 gallons, for those who cannot afford the 100-gallon minimum. This is one more way the friendly folks at Bob’s go the extra mile for their customers.

At this time Bob’s is offering three types of fuel purchase programs. With the popular *Pre-buy Program*, the customer locks in a pre-season rate to guarantee that the price per gallon will not increase no matter what happens with the market. The customer makes a single up-front payment, specifying the number of gallons they wish to purchase. Once the reserved pre-buy gallons have been delivered in full, any additional gallons will be billed at the current market price per gallon for the remainder of the season. To help customers structure a household budget, they offer a monthly *Budget Program*, which begins in July and ends in April. They begin by estimating the number of gallons that they anticipate the customer will use over the course of a year. Using a conservative price per gallon, they approximate the total annual heating cost to heat the customer’s home. This cost is divided over a 10-month period to arrive at a consistent monthly heating price. For those who wish to pay as they go, Bob’s offers a *Daily Cash Price Program* where the “Cash Price” is always \$.10/gallon lower than the “10 Day” price. When a

customer opts for this program, payment is required on the day of delivery or the next business day.

Bob’s offers 24/7 emergency in-house burner service. From now until July 31, 2018 they are offering a *Spring Cleaning Special* for \$110.00, which is a savings of \$20.00. The team at Bob’s is always looking for new residential and commercial customers who reside in their service area. If you are looking to replace your oil tank, oil-fired furnace or oil-fired boiler, *NH Saves with Oil* is again offering a rebate program in the Spring of 2018. You can apply for a rebate between \$250-\$750 after a new installation with no income restrictions. If you are a commercial customer who uses on road or off road diesel, Bob’s will deliver right to your location. So, with all these programs, why not call (239-6721) or stop in (21 Warwick Road) to Bob’s to meet the friendly faces and see how they can heat your home for less? You’ll be glad you did and be sure to tell them you “Read it in *The Rooster*.”

February Update

Representative Jim McConnell

Cheshire 12 – Richmond and Swanzey

This year’s legislative session appears to be on track to wrap up at the end of May. As a non-budget year, this seems reasonable although I’d have preferred to see some of the bills which were considered very briefly given a fairer chance to be fully vetted and debated.


This year I filed three transparency bills. **HB 1281**, establishing an executive order registry, has passed the House and Senate and is on its way to the Governor for his signature. I submitted this bill to ensure that Governors’ Executive Orders would always be available for public review. In the past, this has not always been the case. **HB 1557**, requiring meetings and sessions of committee hearings of the House of Representatives to be recorded and made available on the Internet, was defeated in the House. I anticipate that with a few



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changes, this bill will fare better next year. I continue to believe that providing access to our committee meetings is important and long overdue. My third transparency bill, **HB 1596**, requiring a report on state government commitments and contingent liabilities, was defeated in the House, where it encountered strong opposition from the Finance Committee. I will probably drop this idea and approach the lack of transparency in the state's budget process with different legislation in the future.

Four of my bills were, broadly speaking, environmental bills. All failed, although I believe all four, once properly amended and perhaps scaled back, could become law at some point. **HB 1745**, making appropriations for costs involved in controlling invasive aquatic species, was submitted with the understanding that the funds were not available in a non-budget year but that it was useful to begin the process a year in advance of the budget bills next year. I believe funds will be available next year, largely as a result of the support demonstrated for the bill this year. **HB 1797**, adding a 50% surcharge to all amounts assessed to persons (which means corporations in addition to people) liable for costs of containment, cleanup, and remediation of water, air and soil pollution, was also defeated but garnered significant support and will be submitted again with at least one change. **HB 1610**, requiring sellers of real property to disclose certain information concerning environmental hazards, was opposed by developers and realtors, among others. While this bill needs substantial work, I believe it is important and will continue to support the concept embodied in the bill. **HB 1737**, relative to the permissible level of *methyl tertiary butyl ether* (MtBE) in drinking water, was defeated but is clearly the direction the state needs to move in. Currently, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Environmental Fact Sheet ARD-EHP-2 states on page 2 that MtBE is somewhere between

"likely to be carcinogenic to humans" and "suggestive evidence of carcinogenic potential." On page three, it states that the state's secondary water standard for MtBE has been set at a level "to help ensure consumer acceptance of the taste and odor of MtBE in drinking water."

In my view, this speaks volumes about the NHDES's lack of commitment to ensuring New Hampshire residents are protected from contaminated water.

HB 1709, relative to physical force in defense of a person, which sought to make explicit the use of physical force against anyone physically aiding or abetting another person who is committing or about to commit kidnapping or a forcible sexual offense, was defeated but had substantial support. This bill will be reintroduced in the next legislature.

I also introduced two resolutions. **HJR 5**, that the New Hampshire House of Representatives and Senate reject hate, bigotry, and violence in all their forms, has passed the House on consent and appears likely to do the same in the Senate. **HR 22**, urging Congress to amend federal law on the issues of civil and criminal liability for providers and users of computer services carrying advertisements offering sex with sex trafficking victims, was defeated but the language we prepared was used in Kentucky where their House of Representatives passed it unanimously. Shortly thereafter Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell scheduled a long delayed vote on the legislation pending in the US Senate which passed overwhelmingly.

I can be reached at 903-3878, which is my cell phone. My personal email is mcc@mindspring.com. Please use my personal email as my legislative email is inundated from both out of state interest groups and individuals and I'd like to make sure that you, my constituents, can reach me when you want to and not get lost in the shuffle.

From My Perspective

Barry Faulkner

State Representative

Cheshire 12 (Swanzey/Richmond)

On March 22, the New Hampshire Legislature passed the "crossover" date. This is the date when the House must act on all bills originating in the House. The bills that pass the House are sent to the Senate for that body to act on, and Senate bills are sent to the House for further action. Sometimes the Speaker of the House and



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the Senate President appoint a conference committee to work out differences between the Senate and House versions. If both bodies agree on a bill, it is sent to the Governor for signature.

To highlight a few of the dozens of bills passed by the House before the crossover deadline:

HB 1822, making certain contraceptives available to women directly from pharmacists, without the need for an individual prescription from their doctors.

HB 628, providing for paid medical and family leave (maternity, care for family members, etc.) through an insurance program supported by participating employers.

HB 1763, providing for increased registration fees for motor vehicles based upon their fuel efficiency: more efficient cars pay a higher fee to make up for the fact that they pay less in gasoline taxes.

The Governor recently vetoed HB 143, which would have given the Parole Board some flexibility to require rehab programs for certain parolees who violate the terms of their parole (by using drugs, for example), instead of sending them back to prison. The bill had extensive hearings in the House and Senate, and passed both bodies on voice votes. Jailing people because they use drugs is an ineffective and cruel way to deal with the drug problem, and the Governor's veto is a step in the wrong direction.

The House Public Works and Highways Committee

has been holding hearings on the Senate bills involving the State's buildings, highways, and other facilities, and we have sent our recommendations to the full House for action. We also had a tour of the recently-completed prison for women in Concord. This is a state-of-the-art prison for women who have been sentenced to terms of more than one year, one that provides a clean, safe, and secure facility for the humane treatment of these women. The women currently incarcerated at Goffstown and other facilities will be moved into the new prison over the next month or two.

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Royalston Falls in Early Spring


Carol Jameson

April was another difficult month – winter just would not break its hold. On a rare warm Saturday, three of us from Richmond (Jon Hill, Louise Nolan, and I) headed out to Royalston Falls thinking that the rushing Spring flow would make the falls flow hard and fast, hopefully with both rapid waters and ice formations around the falls. We were not disappointed.

The Hike

It is a beautiful hike, and one of my favorites. Allow maybe an hour and a half if you do it as a loop hike, or maybe two hours if you go in and back from Greenwood Road, although it took us longer as we were

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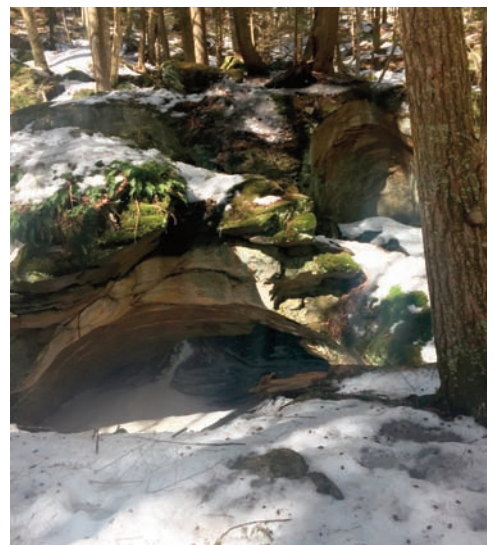


slowed down by ice and slippery trail conditions.

We left from Greenwoods Road, walking south on the white blazed M&M trail. The trailhead is on Greenwoods Road, three quarters of a mile from Route 32, just past a large beaver pond on your right and a pull-out for parking on the left. Park here, and look for the white blazed trail across from the pull-out on the south side of Greenwoods Road. The trail heads south, hugging the beaver pond on the right, home to herons and other water birds. The woods are colder here than in the rest of Richmond. We could feel the lower temperatures. There was considerable snow and ice on the trail – enough for us to put on our microspikes. We saw mature spruce trees, unusual in our area. There were also several hemlock forests – exclusively hemlock without

railing at the point where the trail bears right, next to the top of the gorge, with a beautiful view upstream to the Falls.

There are several options here – continue on the Tully Trail south to Tully Lake, retrace your steps back to Greenwoods Road, or, if you leave one car at the Royalston Falls parking lot on the east side of Route 32 just south over the Richmond line in Royalston (as we did), you can retrace your steps just to the junction with the M&M trail. At the junction, instead of continuing on the M&M trail north the way you came, cross the brook on the footbridge and follow the white blazed M&M trail south and west to the parking lot. There is also a well-kept and interesting old cemetery visible from the parking lot that is worth a visit. The woods along this



Royalston Falls. The footbridge over Falls Brook and an interesting tree. Rock formations carved by the brook.

any white pine or deciduous trees mixed in.

We soon came to Falls Brook, which was full and rushing from the melted snow. The rock formations, both in the forest and along the brook, are interesting and varied – moss covered boulders, curved ledge and ridge, stone arches, and tunneled bridges carved by the brook. The trail follows the Falls Brook, continuing south. A sign marks the state line with Massachusetts. There are ups and downs, but no steep sections.

In about half-to-three-quarters of a mile, (guesstimate), the white-blazed M&M trail crosses the yellow-blazed Tully Trail. There is a footbridge over Falls Brook at the trail junction and an overnight shelter up the hill from the footbridge. Do not cross the bridge but continue south on the yellow-blazed Tully Trail approximately .3 miles to the Falls and the gorge. The brook continues on your right (west). Expect to meet other hikers as you approach the falls. There is a steel cable

part of the M&M trail are not as splendid as those along the route from Greenwoods Road to the footbridge, but still, it is a fine walk in the woods.

About the Metacomet-Monadnock (M&M) Trail

The M&M is a 117 mile trail that starts in Connecticut, traverses Massachusetts, then enters New Hampshire in Richmond before ending at Mt Monadnock. Many parts of the trail have been used as footpaths for generations. It is a tribute to conservationists, and to dedicated private land owners along the trail, that so much has been preserved for public use.

The trail is named for the Indian leader Metacom, and for Mount Monadnock, the northern terminus of the trail. Metacom, also known as “King Philip,” was the son of Massasoit, a Wampanoag sachem (chief) who had been an ally to the colonists and had helped them to settle the area. Metacom led a confederation of local



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Indian tribes in the wars against the colonists – a war known as “King Philip’s War,” after the death of his brother and the general deterioration of relations between the Indians and the colonists. This war ravaged New England for several years beginning in 1675, bringing extensive casualties to both sides. The book *Mayflower* by Nathaniel Philbrook is a fascinating read about this period in local history.

There are several good hikes on the M&M trail that are close to us. To the south, it crosses Mt. Grace in Warwick, with a fire tower at the top. To the north, it crosses Little Monadnock in Fitzwilliam and Gap Mountain in Troy before ascending Mt. Monadnock. Both Little Monadnock and Gap have beautiful views from the top. If you go to the top of Little Monadnock, the best views are not from the actual summit itself. Continue past the summit north on the M&M trail a short distance past the junction with the trail down to Rhododendron Park, and you will come to a perfect picnic spot with panoramic views. Gap is great for blueberry picking in season.

Historical Tours of Richmond for 2018

Jerry Mills

The football season is over, the Lazy Boy is looking for a break, and removing snow and ice isn’t as much fun as it used to be. If you agree with these thoughts, maybe you would consider a walk in the fresh outdoors. A walk that doesn’t require operating a remote, trying to stay awake during another commercial, or landing on very hard surfaces.

So if you can, set aside an hour or two this year and join our group planning to venture outdoors in Richmond to visit the following:

1) On May 2, 2018 at 10 am, assuming mud or snow isn’t a factor, a hike approximately one mile to view the trail on Monument Road off Route 119. Points of interest will include old growth forest dating back

100+ years that guard old cellar holes of early Richmond residents, the high end of Devil’s Stair Hill where canon were pulled on their way to battles to the west, and the Eliza Ballou monument. Eliza was President Garfield’s mother and the monument marks the site of her early years. If the spirit is willing and the legs still work, bring some water, a walking stick if needed, bug spray if the black flies are visiting, and wear a comfortable pair of shoes or boots.

The Richmond Historical Society Presents: Hike to the Eliza Ballou Garfield Monument May 2nd, 10:00 a.m.

This is the first of the series of historical tours. Points of interest will include the old growth forest that guards old cellar holes, the high end of Devil’s Stair Hill and Eliza Ballou’s Memorial Monument.

Weather permitting, meet at 10:00 on Monument Road (off of Route 119) where it narrows down to one lane. Carpooling is advisable. Wear comfortable shoes for the 1 1/2 mile roundtrip hike. Bug spray, long sleeves, and a bottle of water may be helpful. We plan to be back to the starting area at 11:30.

2) A tour of the Quaker Cemetery located behind the Richmond Police station is planned for July. Parking would be at the old Four Corners Store site. The land for the cemetery was donated by Jedediah Buffum and wife Sarah in 1789 to the Quakers “in consideration of love and good will”.

3) In the fall, a tour of the Richmond Town Pound is planned with parking at the Vet’s Hall. The Pound is approximately 200’ north of the Hall and just across Route 32. Pounds were built by the early settlers to impound stray farm animals. A farmer could reclaim the animal by paying a fee to the Pound Keeper for its care and feeding.


For those who would rather hike on their own, the following information is provided:

Monument Road is part of a marked trail system in NH. The trees along the hiking path are clearly painted with 2-3” white dots. If you have access to a TOPO map

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of SE Richmond, you will find that Monument Road intersects with Greenwoods Road. The monument itself is about 3/8 of a mile north of Greenwoods. However, this approach can be wet and is steep at the start. If you choose to hike it from the Route 119 end and park where Monument Road narrows to one lane, the trail is flatter, dryer, but about 3 times longer. The only 90° turn in the trail comes at the crest of a hill where an old logging landing is located. Turn south to head towards the monument. Should you head west at this point you are on Devil's Stair Hill. Although still marked with white dots on the trees every 50ft, the path narrows, becomes steep, and is based on solid rock for several hundred feet. This can be slippery at times, so caution is advised. This section of the trail continues west for 400-500 yards. At that point the markings head you south along a ridge. To continue west at this turning point the path gets very swampy. *A final note:* wildlife abounds in this part of Richmond. While you may be enjoying your hike, coyotes may be watching you. Plan accordingly as this territory is home to creatures that are faster and perhaps hungrier than you.

More info will be forthcoming on hikes to the Quaker Cemetery and the Town Pound. The internet, the Town Library, and USGS maps can help you with additional information to these historic sites.

A Rooster Contest for "Young" Artists

Rooster Staff

Hello "Richmond's Youngest"! *The Richmond Rooster* staff knows most of Richmond's adult generation, now we've heard that RICHMOND'S young people are very talented and smart!

You are inventive and creative. You are writers, visual artists, you make music, and more. A couple of you could be building a space ship in dad's barn. Still, some are good with word play, creating your own stories, poems or shifting words into new meanings.

So, if that's what you like to do, and want to share with the rest of us, *The Rooster* would like to print your ideas and stories. Your passion may be rhyming words into your own twenty-first century poems, songs, stories or into twenty-first century rad ideas, or music. So, if you play with words to make up jokes to make people laugh ...it's a gift!

It is well-known that New Hampshire 'Storytellers' are in the blood of a few chosen ones. "You make people laugh!"

If it's drawing, photography, painting, or sculpture you like to do, share it with us. Not everyone can draw. Not everyone can visualize in 2- or 3-dimensions, or wants to draw in 3-d or sculpt in 2- or 3-dimensions. But an amazing, brilliant sculptor built a stunning horse from snow this winter. Its photo was printed in April's *Richmond Rooster*.

So, all you young artists, photographers, storytellers, poets, jokers in Richmond, please consider sending a photo of one of your own drawings, watercolors, a sculpture, a handmade quilt, something you've created, or send a printed story you've imagined, funny, mysterious, or tell us why you love playing trumpet, drums, or just love music.

Watching TV doesn't count, so please share what you love to build, draw, or write, or play with your own skills and ideas.

To kick start our column we are having a contest. To qualify, all you need to be is under 18 years old, and all you need to do is get it to *The Rooster* by June 25, so we can judge it, and announce the winners in the August edition. If you have any questions, email us at therichmondrooster@yahoo.com, or send your entry to us at the same email address.

Sending an entry indicates that you will allow *The Rooster* to publish it if it chooses. The winner of the contest will receive a gift of \$25.

Parks and Recreation

Karen Daugherty

The annual Richmond Easter Egg Hunt was very well attended this year. Many families came to enjoy the hunt, donuts, hot chocolate, and community gathering! It was great to see some old and new faces from town.



The eggs presented a rainbow of colors throughout the field. What a sight! There was still snow on the ground, but that didn't stop any of the participants from tromping along to collect as many eggs as they could. Hopefully the snow will be gone this month when we prepare the beach and park for the summer.

Spring Roadside Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 5. Trash bags and gloves will be available in the library at least a week before and on May 5 while the library is open. We are part of such a wonderful town with much beauty and history. One person or

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group can't do it alone. Please do your part to maintain the natural beauty. Take time to clean up in front of your house and along your road with your neighbors. You can leave your bags along Route 119 or 32 on May 5 only. Thank you for helping to keep our town clean!

The Annual Summer Reading Kick-off, Tie-Dye, and BBQ is scheduled for June 16 at 11am. This year's theme is "Libraries Rock." Join us for hot dogs, drinks, and fun. Bring a white or light colored T-shirt for all participants, and we'll provide the tie-dye.

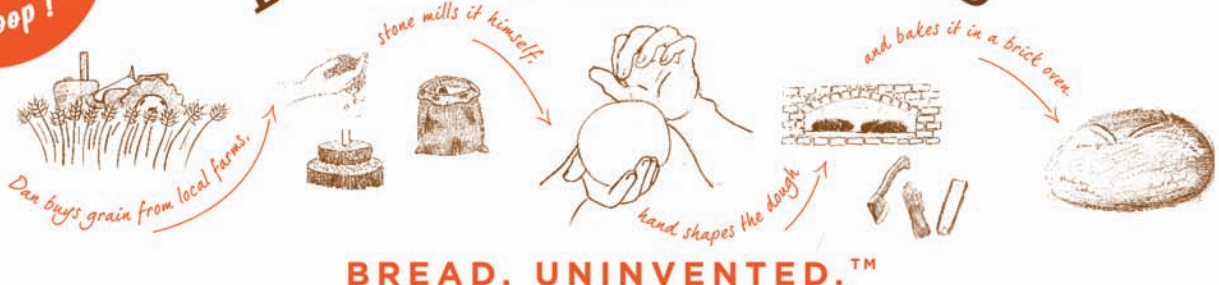
Richmond Beach Party will be sometime in July.

The Harvest Festival is being planned for some time in September. Please keep an eye out in *The Rooster* for a specific date.

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Ten Thousand Eyes (TTE) project

Kathy Collinsworth

It has been nearly six months since we launched TTE (www.tenthousandeyes.org), a website that is designed to help wayfaring pets find their way home. To date, we've had 170 people list their pet on the site, and now have 150 Micro-volunteers signed up. Your role as a Micro-volunteer has contributed greatly to the success of this site.

We are hoping in the upcoming months that even more people will sign up to help, and will spread the word about TTE. If you know of anyone who might also like to help as a Micro-volunteer, or if you know of someone who has lost their pet, we hope you will share the news about TTE. The more who sign up to help or post a listing of their lost pet, the greater the chances of lost pets reuniting with their families.

Thank you, again, for your help, and for helping us promote and provide for the well-being of animals!

RCUMC News

Pastor Arnie Johnson

Happy Easter to all! Yes, I know we all celebrated Easter on April 1, but we continue the celebration during Eastertide. Easter for Christians is not just one day, but rather a 50-day period. The season of Easter, or Eastertide, begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit pouring onto the disciples and the birth of the Church following the ascension of Jesus Christ.

Easter is also more than just an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season for new converts to learn about the faith and prepare for baptism on Easter Sunday. The initial purpose of the 50-day Easter season was to continue the faith formation of new Christians.

This extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what it means when we say Christ is risen.

It's the season we remember our baptisms and how through this sacrament we are, according to the liturgy, "incorporated into Christ's mighty acts of salvation." As "Easter people," we celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church and gifts of the Spirit (Pentecost), and how we are to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

As we continue to celebrate Easter, we also look ahead for activities in the church. Those activities included Teen Challenge ministering to Richmond on April 29. I hope all had a chance to attend and listen to the testimonies of some of the "fallen" individuals and how Christian love brought them back from the dangerous paths they were following. We were all blessed by them!

The month of May brings us a wonderful day of celebration as we pay tribute to all mothers on May 13. We invite all mothers and families to come and be recognized during this special service starting at 10am. Sunday School is provided for the young.

We will be celebrating another special day on the following Sunday, May 20. That special day is Pentecost. The Greek word pentecoste means "fiftieth day." Pentecost is the day on which the Christian church commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and others assembled in Jerusalem. It marks the beginning of the Christian church and the proclamation of its message throughout the world and is often referred to as the birthday of the church.

We invite all to join us any Sunday at 10am. You do not have to be United Methodist to attend. You will be accepted whether you are Christian or not. We practice the scripture in John 13:34 that says, "Love one another." Come and be loved.

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Come Dine With Us an invitation to the Table

Maureen Daugherty

The table is a place to remember the blessing of God. One ancient prayer of the church (based on an even more ancient Hebrew prayer) says, "Blessed are you, O Lord God, King of the Universe, for you give us food to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad.

– Barry D Jones

March and April were very busy cooking months for me. I cook a lot but this was a marathon of cooking: St Patrick's Day, town events, three family birthdays, Easter desserts, and a five-course formal dinner party for nine. As much as I love to cook, I am happy for the bit of reprieve that May brings.

All the Daugherty birthdays have inspired me to share my favorite cake recipe. Many years ago I went on a quest for my idea of the perfect chocolate cake. I tried lots of recipes before I found THE one. I can't remember where the original came from but I did modify it a little to make it my own. (Baking is part science so you need to be careful what changes you make. It's not a good idea to change the leavening agent, fat, or egg amounts excessively or you will completely change the nature of the end product.) This cake has a nice crumb, is moist, moderately dense, and chocolatey.

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11 Tbs soft butter

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3 large eggs

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½ tsp salt

2 tsp baking soda

1 cup plain yogurt (OR sour cream OR buttermilk)

1 cup boiling water

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease two 9-inch cake pans and line the bottoms with parchment or waxed paper then grease the paper. In a large bowl, beat the butter, sugar and eggs on a high-ish mixer speed until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Mix dry ingredient in different bowl. Beat vanilla into egg mixture then add yogurt. Add dry ingredients using the lowest speed. Mix until smooth. Add boiled water all at once and stir well with a rubber spatula. The batter will be pretty thin. Pour into prepared pans and bake in preheated oven for about 35 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean – don't over bake. Remove pans to a rack and cool 10 minutes. Next, remove cake from pans and cool completely before frosting. (Grease a cooling rack to invert the cake onto. When you flip it back, it won't stick to the rack breaking the crust which introduces crumbs to your icing.)



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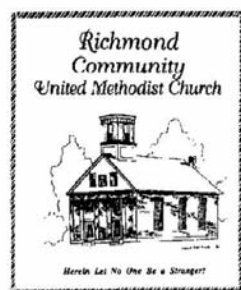
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