



The **Something to Crow About** **December 2018** RICHMOND ROOSTER

News From the Selectboard

Carol Jameson, Doug Bersaw, William Daniels

The Selectmen are looking into the possibility of alternative methods for providing police services to Richmond. We have met with the Officer-in-Charge of the Winchester police and with the County Sheriff to discuss the possibility of contracting for police services from either the Cheshire County Sheriff Department or the Winchester police department. Research is ongoing and there is not enough information yet to evaluate alternatives. The Select Board is looking at alternate arrangements solely to see if the Town can obtain better coverage at a lower cost. If any of these possibilities seem to benefit the town, then the Selectmen will present the possibilities for public input at a Town forum. We will do a *Rooster* blast and notice the Town forum on our website and on our posting board at Town Hall if and when a Town forum is scheduled.

Dates to Remember

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Mon, Dec. 24, 2018 CLOSED for Christmas Eve
Mon, Dec. 31, 2018 Abbreviated hours for New
Years Day:
OPEN: 9-noon, 1-4
CLOSED: 6-8 pm

The Mid-Term General Election

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

November 6, 2018 started out rainy and raw. At one point, the wind was so fierce that the flags in Memorial Park looked to be defying gravity, pulled taut and horizontal on the flag pole. The rain pummeled the building in a seeming solid wall of water. And then it ended as quickly as it had started. Then the rain resumed, steady, unspectacular, and seemingly endless. By the time I drove away from the Veteran's Hall, the rain had stopped and the late night was surprisingly warm.

This year's mid-term General Election saw a high voter turnout in Richmond, with a 64.5% voter turnout,

calculated on 528 voters voting out of 819 registered voters. Looking back as far as the year 2000, no mid-term General Election has exceeded 500 voters voting. The average turnout has been 442.

Following are the results of those on the ballot for the Town of Richmond :

Governor:

293 - Chris Sununu, Rep.

217 - Molly Kelly, Dem.

8 - Jillette Jarvis, Lib.

Representative in Congress:

284 - Steven Negron, Rep.

222 - Ann McLane Kuster, Dem.

13 - Justin O'Donnell, Lib.

Executive Councilor:

281 - Dave Wheeler, Rep.

209 - Debora B. Pignatelli, Dem.

14 - Brian Chabot, Lib.

State Senator:

294 - Dan Hynes, Rep.

217 - Jeanne Dietsch, Dem.

State Representative, Cheshire District 12:

300 - Jim McConnell, Rep.

245 - David A. Pierce, Rep.

177 - Barry Faulkner, Dem.

208 - Jennie Gomarolo, Dem.

State Representative, Cheshire District 15:

271 - Stephen K. Malone, Rep.

227 - Bruce L. Tatro, Dem.

Sheriff:

286 - Earl D. Nelson, Rep.

213 - Eli Rivera, Dem.

10 - Aria DeMezzo Baker, Lib.

County Attorney:

286 - D. Chris McLaughlin, Dem

County Treasurer:

256 - Terry M. Clark, Dem.

68 - Kenneth Kelly III, Lib.

Register of Deeds:

265 - Anna Z. Tilton, Dem.

74 – Darlene Lester, Lib.

Register of Probate:

282 – Jeremy LaPlante, Dem.

County Commissioner:

277 – Joe Cartwright, Rep.

216 – Robert J. Englund, Dem.

Constitutional Amendment Question 1:

388 – Yes

67 – No

Constitutional Amendment Question 2:

394 – Yes

75 – No

Complete results, including write-ins, are available on the Town website and at the Town Clerk's office.

I would like to thank everyone who worked at the polls on Election Day. Laws governing how a person registers to vote, how a person votes and how an election is conducted sometimes change, even in the days leading up to an election. This creates a challenge for everyone, for both those working at the polls and those voting. I encourage anyone who has any questions about the election and/or voting process to contact me. I will always do my best to answer your questions.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who voted on November 6th. One of my greatest joys while working on any election day is witnessing those who live in Richmond participating in government by exercising their constitutional right to vote.

Looking Ahead to March 2019

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

It is a balmy 53° as I write this article in early November. Ladybugs spin in the breeze. Rust-colored leaves still cling to trees. With such weather, it is hard to believe that winter will soon be upon us. And it may be even more difficult to think about the Town Election and Meeting when the parking lot may be muddy or frozen, snow storms are still probable and we all yearn for spring.

The Town Election will be held on March 12, 2019. The following officers will be elected at that time:

One Cemetery Trustee: 3-year term

One Library Trustee: 3-year term

One Library Trustee: 2-year term

Two Planning Board members: 3-year term each

One Selectman: 3-year term

One Selectman: 2-year term

One Trustee of the Trust Funds: 3-year term

If you would like to run for any of these offices, please come to the town clerk's office during the filing period and during regular office hours. The filing period begins January 23, 2019 (Wednesday) and ends February 1, 2019 (Friday, 3:00 – 5:00 pm only). You must be a Richmond resident and a registered voter in order to run for a town office. Please call 239-6202 or stop by the office if you have any questions.

Richmond's Own

Terri O'Rorke



Richmond's very own, uniquely talented Jean Tandy was host for the 50th Anniversary of the Art Department at Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner, Massachusetts. Fifty years ago, Jean, an artist and teacher at the college, founded the Art Department which thrives

to this day. From October 11 to November 8, select works of Jean and two other artists who were also instrumental in the forming of the Art Department, were on display.

I was in attendance, along with many Richmond residents at the reception held on October 26. The exhibition was in honor of the years of dedication and contribution to the world of art. I'm also lucky enough to have an original 'Jean Tandy.'

Library News

Wendy O'Brien

Every Saturday, 10:30, Knitting Circle

Every Wednesday, 10:00, Story Hour

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sat. Dec. 1, 10:30-11:30, Community Coffee Hour

Tues. Dec. 11, 6:00, Book Club: City of Women

Thurs. Dec. 13, 5:00, Teen Pizza Night

Tues. Dec. 25, Closed for Christmas Holiday

Wed. Dec. 26, 10:00, Vacation Snow Party

Book Club

Our December meeting will be on Tuesday, December



11 at 6:00 pm and we will be reading *City of Women* by David R. Gillham. “It is 1943 – the height of the Second World War – and Berlin has essentially become a city of women. In this page-turning novel, David Gillham explores what happens to ordinary people thrust into extraordinary times, and how the choices they make can be the difference between life and death.”– Good Reads. Books available at the Library – come join us!

Vacation Snow Party

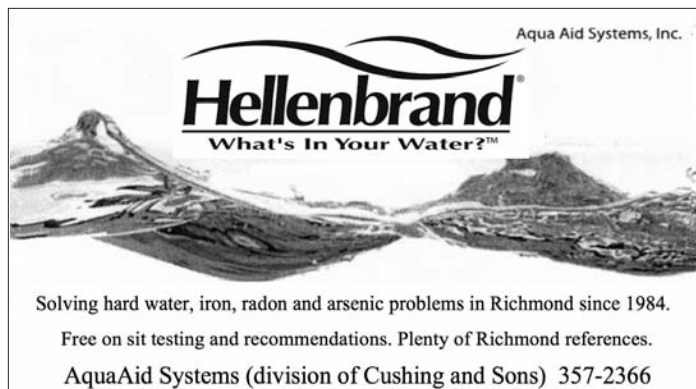
Got the post holiday blues? Bring the family and have a fun morning at the Library! On Wednesday, Dec. 26 at 10:00 we will have games, crafts, and a scavenger hunt. If the weather is nice, go out to the playground to play, and we will have hot cocoa and cookies all ready for you when you come back in!

Richmond Artists' Showcase

In spring 2019, the RPL will be hosting a celebration of local artists' work. We have reached out to various artists, but if we missed you, please let us know! We want to be as inclusive as possible and include many mediums in our exhibit. Watch *The Rooster* for the date and time of our opening reception.

New Titles

Dark Sacred Night, Michael Connelly
The Rain Watcher, Tatiana de Rosnay



These Truths: History of the United States, Jill Lepore
Shadow Tyrants, Clive Cussler
Unsheltered, Barbara Kingsolver
The Reckoning, John Grisham
Every Breath, Nicholas Sparks
Past Tense, Lee Child

Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

i. 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.

- **PASSWORD* for your child – A Neat Safety Item.** Parents, did you see the news item Monday (11/12/18) about a mother that setup a password system for her child? The child was told not to go with anyone who did not say the password that the mother had taught to her child – the child refused to get in a car because the person that asked her to get in, did not know the password. A simple and effective safety system.

* I used Password, the networks are using Code word.

- **Graduating from School this Year? Not planning on College or the Service?**

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3. The Monadnock Regional High School Marching Band has been invited to compete and perform at the 2019 Outback Bowl. You Can Help – Please consider your support! For the Marching Band trip “MRHS Band to the Outback Bowl”!! If you would like to make a contribution, checks can be made to the MRHS Band attention: Rob Skrocki or Anne Clark and dropped off at the High School. You can also contribute through www.gofundme.com.

4. Monadnock High Football Remains Undeclared. Now 11 and 0 with its win in Division III Semi Final. Two Richmond kids are on the team at the Middle school level: Caleb Cashman and Nate Doyle both play football at MRMHS. The championship game is on November 17, 2018.

5. Using Credit Cards for “Everyday” Payments at MRSD. The Finance committee took no action, and frankly, it was not received well. I just thought it would be a good idea – I don’t have a pony in this race.

6. Cross Country(XC) Delaney Swanson finished 4th in her last regular season race – with only one shoe on. She ran in the NH Race of Champions and was the best for Monadnock Team. I don’t know how to score a XC team race, but it appears that Monadnock did not have enough qualified runners to do well. *Also running*



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XC from Richmond this year was Alex Royce.

Thanks for reading my article. If you have suggestions, comments, or news you wish me to include, contact me at: cmoriarty@ne.rr.com, 603-239-4031, or 782 Old Homestead Hwy, Richmond NH 03470.

Richmond Honor Roll

Neil Moriarty

Name	Grade	Honor
Gabriela Bosonetto	12	Honors
Ruben Bosonetto	10	Honors
Cheyenne Burt	9	High Honors
Dylan Cashman	10	Honors
Izaac Cooke	8	Honors
Aderyn Daugherty	9	Honors
Heather Doyle	12	Honors
Oliver Fougere	8	Honors
Ian Gauthier	9	Honors
Nicholas Goodell	9	Honors
Sebastian LaPlume	9	Honors
Laci LeBlanc	8	High Honors
Ivy Love	10	Honors
Peter Margand	12	Honors
Caelan Purrington	9	Honors
Cassidy Purrington	11	High Honors
Alexander Royce	10	Honors
Andrew Royce	12	Honors
Gabrielle Schmidt	9	Honors

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Sarina Stengle	7	High Honors
Sarah Thompson	12	High Honors
Anthony Tomer Jr	10	Honors
Bridget Van Valzah	9	Honors

Note: If your child's name is not here, and it should be, release the name at the school.

Elementary School Awards for October

Neil Moriarty

These are the elementary awards for October 2018. If you think your child's name should be here – you must release the child's name at the school

Name	Grade	Award	School
Brielle Duda		October	Emerson
Caelynn Jette		October	Emerson
Mason Harrington	3	Innovator	Cutler
Logan Macdonald	3	Innovator	Cutler
Wesley McWhirk	4	Reading	Cutler
Tyler Rogers	3	Reading	Cutler
Isabelle Schmidt		October	Emerson

Editor's Note

John Boccalini

The Rooster is now a year into its return to a paper issue of our newsletter. Continuing the paper edition looks bright for continuing for another year. I want to thank all of you who have given us your kind words about its return this year.

This newsletter comes to you as a result of dedication and hard work from all the volunteers involved in its production and the sponsors who keep it free to all town residents. We have a town paper that is admired by other towns and one that Richmond can be proud of.

This month *The Rooster* adds a new article contributor, Karen O'Brien, owner and operator of "The Green Woman's Garden," which is now located in Richmond. Visit her website at karen@greenwomansgarden.com

A list of all our volunteers can be found on the last page of each addition. We are all looking for another successful year in 2019.

New Life for Worn Windshield Wiper Blades Works for Me

Neil Moriarty

Many auto experts recommend new wiper blades every six months. Try this: Get a single sheet of Wet/Dry 240 sandpaper. It will be best to cut into quarter sheets. Wet one piece and rub the part of the wiper blade that touches the windshield. This takes the glaze off the blade. Give the blades a try; repeat if necessary. Put ¼ sheet in your glove compartment or trunk. This trick can be repeated over and over. Worst case is you're out the cost of one sheet of sandpaper (given you don't have other uses for sandpaper).

The Old Whipple Homestead on Tully Brook built by Preserved Whipple and his sons

Jon Hill and Carol Jameson

Part 2 Preserved Whipple

Preserved Whipple, a 49-year-old widower, came to Richmond from Cumberland, Rhode Island in 1794, bringing with him his ten children, the youngest being 2 years old and the eldest 27. He married Olive Ballou of Richmond. Olive, one of eleven children of James Ballou, Sr., was six years younger than Preserved, well




into her 40s when she married. It was her first marriage. The Ballous were a well-regarded family in both Richmond NH and Royalston MA, with numerous relations on both sides of



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the border. Preserved Whipple had distant cousins who had also moved from Cumberland to settle in Richmond as early as 1767, many of whom had settled in the Whipple Hill area.

Preserved and his family first lived in the Benson Road area of Richmond. Later, moving to the Whipple family homestead they built on Tully Brook near the Massachusetts line.



The Whipple Homestead on Tully Brook

The remains of the farm can still be seen in the woods on an unnamed lane off of the Royalston Falls Road. Bassett calls the place “the old Whipple homestead near Tully Brook.” It was an impressive house and farm. The cellar hole is large and well built. Numerous walls indicate terraces, paddocks and gardens, as well as



fields. The barn across the lane was large and had a strong stone ramp leading into the upper story, a ramp which still stands today. The site is level and the soil slightly less rocky than the norm for Richmond. The barn and the house each had their own well. Preserved likely had

help building the farm from his children, five of them being adult sons at the time.

After Preserved’s death in 1813 at age 68, his son Russell inherited the farm. Russell’s step-mother Olive, and his sister Nancy, lived with him until their deaths. Russell had been five years old when he came to Richmond in 1794, Nancy had been nine. Neither Russell nor Nancy ever married.

Other Whipples lived in the Whipple homestead on Tully Brook from time to time – we know about some of them from Bassett. Otis Whipple, born in 1799, grandson of Preserved, son of Otis Whipple, lived there

with his wife Amy for a time until they moved to Fitzwilliam in 1838. They had twelve children born on the Whipple homestead before they moved, and then three more after their move to Fitzwilliam. Another grandson, Silas Whipple Jr., son of Preserved’s son Silas, also lived there for a time before he moved to a farm less than one mile away on the Falls Road in Royalston known as the Luther Ballou farm. This cellar hole is still there, easy to spot since the state border stone is directly across the road from the cellar hole. Later, after Olive and Nancy died, Russell Whipple sold the Whipple Homestead on Tully Brook to Henry O. Curtis and lived there with his nephew Silas Jr. on the Falls Road in Royalston until his death.

In 1843, the farm was assessed to Russell Whipple at 128 acres valued at \$1300, with livestock valued at \$175 (two mature oxen, three mature cows, eleven sheep and seven-and-one-half young livestock). Russell also was assessed on \$325 in savings. This was a sizable homestead for a farmer, above the average valuation for Richmond farmers but not as high as some. Russell paid \$10.50 in taxes – Highway Tax of \$5.09, Town/State/County Tax of \$8.82, and School Tax of \$2.62.

By 1854, the 128 acres were valued at \$2,100, with one horse valued at \$75 and ten cattle valued at \$274. There were no longer any sheep, the herd having been sold or otherwise disposed of between the 1848 and 1849 valuations.

Bassett says this of Russel and Nancy Whipple:

“*Russell Whipple* – His is a name which should not be passed over in silence. His long life was spent almost wholly in town. He was a student, naturally so: he attained superior scholarship unaided by the schools, by a long course of reading and study. He was well-versed in history, mental and moral philosophy, and in the cur-

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rent literature of the day. He mingled but little in public assemblies, and seemed instinctively to dread close contact with the noisy business world. In private discourse his conversational powers were remarkable, his command of language was great,

and the bold figures of speech he used were masterly and impressive. He enjoyed largely the confidence of his fellow-citizens, was repeatedly honored with the higher offices in their gift, which, from a sense of duty rather than from choice, he accepted. He passed away October 25, 1877, aged 88 years, honoured and respected by all that knew him. He never married”



“Nancy Whipple, daughter of Preserved, was a remarkable woman, and if the testimony of those who went to consult her may be relied upon, she had powers quite as wonderful in some respects as are related of spiritual mediums of the present time. She seemed to have inherited the marvelous gifts possessed by her uncle, James Ballou, and was equally successful with him in sat-

isfying many of her ability to tell past and future events. The concurrent testimony of those by whom she was best known is that she was an honest and virtuous woman, and possessed at least large powers of penetration and discernment. She was never married; lived with her mother and brother Russell; d. April 23, 1855, aged 71 years.”

The History of Royalston, MA (page 214) states this about Nancy Whipple:


“Royalston people of the middle of the last century were familiar with Nancy Whipple, a descendant of the Ballou family, whose home was not far from Forbes Falls. She was a remarkable woman and was known far and wide as old ‘Nance Whipple, the fortune teller.’ Rev. Albert Bryant, the poet of Royalston’s Centennial, thus describes her:

*Ho, time is a Goblin, and awful the dance
Whose mazes return not, but always advance,
Through which his gay partners he gleefully whirls,
And to bald, shriveled crones turns the fairest of girls.
So laughed the strange teller of fortunes, Old Nance.*

*She dwelt in a valley far over the hills,
Her two eyes were piercing, her accents were shrill,
Through her town and our town wandered her fame,
Till the sage and the simple, and all ages came
To learn of the future: five dimes was the bill.*

*One day in December the schoolmaster sat
By her wide chimney corner spellbound by her chat,*

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*As she told how a widow with plenty of gold,
With houses, and acres, and beauties untold,
Would be his for the asking – with never a brat.*

*Now fleeter and fleeter the swift moments flew,
The chimney was wide, and fierce the wind blew,
The smoke and the ashes drew out and drew in,
And the schoolmaster fancied the dame was so thin,
That he saw, for a moment, the firelight shine through.*

*The master was eager, the dame's tongue was brisk,
His fortune grew larger and lesser the risk,
Till his locks rose upright and he screamed to behold
Old Nancy together like burnt paper rolled,
And up the vast flue disappear with a whisk.
By the chimney still stands an empty arm chair,
To attest that my story is truthful and fair;*

*What became of the master I never have known,
And, for aught I can tell the merry old crone
Is completing his fortunes up in the air."*

Preserved died in 1813 at aged 68. His widow Olive died in 1845, aged 94. Daughter Nancy died in 1855, aged 71 years. Son Russell died in 1877, age 88. All are buried next to each other in the South Cemetery on Athol Road in Richmond. Their graves are marked and visible today.

Whipple Homestead sold to Henry O. Curtis

The Whipple homestead on Tully Brook was sold to Henry O. Curtis sometime between 1857 and 1870 according to the old Richmond maps, Bassett, and the Richmond tax records.

Henry O. Curtis (sometimes written as Curtiss) was

born in 1841, the son of Jarrel A. Curtis and Caroline, daughter of Eliza Taylor. Henry O. was registered as a voter in 1862. He married Arvilla Mellon in that year. They had their first child, Everett H. in 1867. Henry O. served in the Civil War from September 1864 until June 1865. He was paid \$500 by the Town of Richmond for his Civil War enlistment, secured by a note issued on September 24, 1864 by the Richmond Board of Selectmen:

"For value received, we the subscribers selectmen of the Town of Richmond or our successors in said office on behalf of said town, promise to pay Henry O. Curtis or bearer five hundred dollars on demand with interest annually."

The note was paid by the Town in five installments of \$100 each in January, August, and December of 1865, together with \$4.48 in interest. This is said to be the equivalent of approximately \$9,000 today.

Henry O. Curtis was listed in the tax rolls as a voting resident with no assets from 1862 until 1866, when he was reported (and taxed) as having \$240 in cash. In 1867, Henry O was assessed as having 50 acres valued at \$400, and livestock valued at \$135 (2 horses over 18 month old, and a "Cow, Oxen & other meat stock over 18 months old"). If this assessment reflected the farm on Tully Brook sold by Russell Whipple, then it would not have included the total original acreage of 128 acres held by Russell Whipple. The homestead was held by Henry's widow, Arvila and two of their children, Frank and George H. after Henry's death sometime between 1890 and 1897.

Note: Much of this information is taken from old Richmond and Royalston maps, ancestry web sites, old Richmond town records from the archives, and two books that are available in the Richmond Library: The History of Warwick,, and History of the Town of Richmond, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, From its First Settlement, to 1882 by William Bassett, 1884 (referred to as 'Bas-

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sett'). Out thanks to Wendy O'Brien, Town Archivist and Librarian, for her help. We welcome corrections or additional information. Please send them to The Rooster.

December Delights

Karen O'Brien

Karen O'Brien is the owner of The Green Woman's Garden, 335 Whipple Hill Rd. *She has unusual herb plants, including medicinals and native herbs for sale, runs workshops on various herbal adventures, and occasionally participates at farmers markets and fairs. She also lectures and presents workshops on all aspects of herbs and gardening.*

It is appropriate that the first week in December is *National Cookie Week*, as it is at this time of year that I think about the cookie baking that I will do for the holidays. I love going through old recipes from family and friends, as well as experimenting with new recipes that sound intriguing. Through the years, I have participated in cookie swaps, spent one whole day painstakingly painting icing on butter cookies, taught Girl Scouts how to make gingerbread houses, and generally baked my way through the holidays. Every country, too, has its special seasonal delights, and I enjoyed finding them when I went on a Christmas Market tour a few years ago through France, Germany, and the Netherlands. One example is *Schneeballen*, a confection made of shortcut pastry and sugar. They last for weeks, and just one can be difficult to consume, as it is so big and rich – the size of a softball, actually.

These days my holidays are less hectic, but I still enjoy making cookies. There's something about having the counters filled with flour, sugar, and spices, and the aroma of sweet butter and sugar being blended together. The cookie tins – most adorned with seasonal decorations – are brought out, so that the cookies are kept fresh and crisp for serving over the ensuing days. I love being able to bring a plate of luscious and colorful

cookies to friends as a special holiday treat. I gave up sugar several years ago, and so I don't even eat any cookies. But baking them is still fun, and I have found a few recipes that use dates and other dense fruits as a sugar replacement.


One cookie that I always include is an anise cookie whose recipe was given to my grandmother by her friend, an Italian woman named Phyllis Madonna. The two worked together when they were younger, and the friendship continued through the years. It was Phyllis who taught me how to make squash flower pancakes, and her garden, tended to by her brother, encompassed her whole front yard. They also had grape vines – of course! – and made wine in the basement. After my grandmother passed away, my mom and I continued to visit periodically, and Phyllis, the consummate hostess, always had an interesting goodie to share. It turned out, in a quirk of fate, that I became friendly with Phyllis' niece Donna, with whom I worked as a Girl Scout leader. We became good friends, and I visited Phyllis later after she was transferred from her beloved home to an assisted-living facility. So, making these cookies brings me way back to when I was a little girl, visiting and enjoying a culture a little different from what I was used to experiencing.

Anise Cookies

Makes about 60.

1/2 cup sugar
1/4 lb. unsalted butter, softened
6 eggs
2 teaspoons anise flavoring
5 teaspoons baking powder
1 lb. (3 1/5 cup s) flour

Cream together sugar and butter. Add the anise flavoring and blend well. Sift together the baking powder and



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flour. Add to sugar/butter and mix well. Drop by tablespoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake in pre-heated oven at 350° for 15 to 18 min. When cooled, you can glaze and decorate them. I mix confectioner's sugar with a little water until it is a little runny, but not too much so. Spread onto cookies and sprinkle with colored sugar or nonpareils.

Another cookie I love, because it is so versatile and herb-inspired, is my friend Susan Belsinger's Herbal Butter Cookie, from her book *Not Just Desserts*. I make this often, using whatever herbs I fancy, from sweet Thai basil to rosemary to lemon thyme. They freeze well, too.

Herbal Butter Cookie

Makes about 3-4 dozen

12 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

2/3 cup sugar

1 large egg

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 cups unbleached white flour, sifted

2 to 3 tablespoons minced fresh herbs

Pinch of salt

Cream the butter and sugar. Beat in the egg and the extract. Gradually mix in the flour, and stir in the minced herb and a pinch of salt. The dough will be soft. Divide the dough into two parts. Using plastic wrap to shape the dough, roll each part into a cylinder about 1-1/4 inches in diameter. Chill the rolls for an hour, or place in freezer for 20 min.

Preheat oven to 350° F. Remove the plastic wrap and slice the dough into 1/4-inch rounds. Place the cookies on ungreased baking sheets and bake for about 10 minutes until the cookies are a light golden brown. Remove from baking sheets while they are hot and cool on racks. *Enjoy your holidays, and keep them herbal!*

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Parks and Recreation

Karen Daugherty

We have some upcoming events to get you out and about in town this winter. There are also several other groups and individuals in town offering ongoing activities for young and old.

Our town librarian, Wendy, hosts a wonderful story time every Wednesday starting at 10am.

Our fellow Richmond resident Phyllis Ramsden offers a FREE Strength Training class for ages 50+ (with or without weights) every Monday and Friday at 9:05am-9:45am at the Veteran's Hall. A retired nurse, she welcomes you to join the laughter and fellowship.





If there are any new or extra events or activities that you would like to participate in, please attend one of our meetings every first Tuesday of the month at the Veteran's Hall at 6pm, join the commission, or contact the Parks and Recreation Commission at: richmond.recreation.commission@gmail.com

Dec. 15: *The Polar Express* movie at Camp Takodah at 1pm with goodies and drinks. All are welcome!

Jan. 26: at 11am we will host a Winter Event featuring a hot chocolate bar, open fires to cook s'mores and hot dogs. There will be winter games suitable for

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Feb.: Movie Time at Camp Takodah

Apr.: Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Spring Town Roadside Clean-up

June: Annual Summer Picnic and Tie Dye party

Letter to the Editor

Kath Allen

The gentleman who lives next to the Town Hall gave me his October copy of *The Richmond Rooster* Monday; I was hoping to check with the town clerk for any answers on my mother's family. She was born in Richmond, near the Troy border in 1916, and is buried in the Richmond cemetery below the old Richmond store on Route 32. Her home was in Royalston, MA when she died.

I read Jon Hill and Carol Jameson's article on Falls Road from Richmond to Royalston. They said they would write a later article on Russell Whipple and Henry O. Curtiss.

When I was thirteen we moved to Falls Road in Royalston. The summer I was 14 my father took my mother, brother, and me on a sightseeing trip to Richmond up the road from our home. Just past the sign for the Royalston Falls, on Falls Road, on the left hand side slightly upgrade from the falls parking lot, there was an old inn. It was standing in 1961. We carefully explored

the building. We were able to go up the stairs to the second floor and check out the place. It was empty with no interesting objects or furniture to drool over. However, we could not explore the left hand side downstairs as there was a huge hole in what had been the floor, and the cellar was a large pool. I read that the building had been a stage coach inn stop


When you travel down Falls Road past the old inn space, and past the parking lot for the falls, there were two small bridges, or one bridge and a culvert separated by a short stretch of land along the flat before climbing the hill southward. I was surprised to read that the culvert was washed out. There was a left-hand road off the side of the old road into the woods just before the uphill climb. I never went out there, but my father traveled through there with his old jeep. He found grist stones which were very large and very heavy. He left them in their forest environment! I have wondered what ever happened to the grist stones and if they have long since been covered by woods debris or are an unexpected treasure for a happy wanderer!

Another time we went to see President Garfield's mother's home monument. I tried to get there a few years ago, but the ditch was deep and there was no handy place to park my Jeep so I could walk to the monument. I have been told there is a way off Route 119 to get to the monument. Would you send those directions please?



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Getting to Know Your Advertisers

Bonnie McCarthy

Many of you know Dick Drew from his 15+ years as a member of the Richmond Planning Board and the Richmond Conservation Commission. Some of you may also know him as a Licensed Land Surveyor and the man behind Richard P. Drew LLC. He is originally from Hudson, Massachusetts, yet his ties to Richmond go back to the early 1950s. He and his family moved here permanently in 1998 when they built a home on family land at the end of Tully Brook Road. Dick started his surveying career in 1968 in Massachusetts. In 1994, in anticipation of the eventual move, he became licensed in New Hampshire, starting his own business here in 2000.

Dick is a fourth-generation surveyor, following the footsteps of his great-grandfather, grandfather, and father, although he is the first to be licensed. Becoming a licensed surveyor in New Hampshire is no walk in the woods. Six years of documented surveying experience is required, in addition to passing 16 hours of rigorous testing. The majority of Dick's clients have land in Cheshire and Hillsborough Counties. His basic duty is to measure land and determine boundaries. With these basic duties, he also provides advice for estate planning

for land and property issues; deed research; current-use plans; conservation easements; perambulation services, as required every seven years; and boundary adjustment measurements in the case of a boundary disagreement where a new deed must be written. Deed research often takes him back to locating deeds written in pre-Revolutionary War days. Deeds written before the Civil War, when there were still plenty of surveyors and lawyers in practice, are generally more specific than after the decline in population when property exchange was less exact due to not being actually surveyed.

We briefly discussed his tools of the trade. When he began surveying, the process was manual by the "transit-and-tape" method. That means he actually walked and measured boundaries and hand wrote the measurement in his field book for later recording on the deed. Today, life is mechanized with lasers and total stations, which are devices that measure angles and distances. This data is directly entered into a hand-held computer like the ones you see taking inventory in a supermarket. This information is then downloaded into a PC and can be managed in computer-aided drafting programs as needed.

Dick is a history buff and shared with me the beginnings of the State of New Hampshire and the Town



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of Richmond. New Hampshire was originally laid out in an arc 60 miles from the mouth of the Merrimack River. This meant that Richmond, Winchester, and Hinsdale were part of Massachusetts. Eventually the border of New Hampshire, in what we now know as the tri-state area, was moved to the west shore of the Connecticut River and the three most southwestern towns were adopted. When it came to populating this area, the large landowners divided their holdings into “lots” of 80-120 acres, which settlers could purchase for homesteading and farming. The term “lots” comes from the original practice of drawing the numbered acreage parcels from a hat in a form of a lottery.

I spent a very interesting and informative time with Dick in his lovely home. Dick summed up what he did, “I practice the art of surveying because ‘practice’ makes perfect.” Sometimes we get timely advice from “Reading it in *The Rooster*.”

Annual Autumn Art Exhibit

Regina G. Vorce

The Jaffrey Civic Center final show will run from Friday, November 23 – Wednesday, December 18th. There will be a Reception, open to the public on Saturday, November 24th from 5-7 pm with great food and drink.

Jeani and Rosti Eismont are among the other artists who will be having work in the show.

The Jaffrey Civic Center is located at 40 Main Street, Jaffrey, New Hampshire, next to the Library, parking in rear. Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 am to 12 noon, 1 pm to 5 pm, and Sat 10 to 2 pm.

Admission is free. For more information about us, find our website, www.jaffreyciviccenter.com, call 603-532-6527, e-mail us at info@jaffreyciviccenter.com or “Like” us on Facebook.

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Catlette’s Soliloquy

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That is the question
Whether ‘tis better for a cat to suffer
The cuffs and buffets of inclement weather
That Nature rains on those who roam abroad
Or take a nap upon a scrap of carpet
And so by dozing melt the solid hours
That clog the clock’s bright gears with sullen time
And stall the dinner bell.
To sit To stare
Outdoors and by a stare to seem to state
A wish to venture forth without delay
Then when the portal’s opened up to stand
As if transformed by doubt.
To prowl to sleep
To choose not knowing when we may once more
Our readmittance gain: aye, there’s the hairball
For if paw were shaped to turn a knob
Or work a lock or slip a window-catch
And going out and coming in were made
As simple as the breaking of a bowl
What cat would bear the household’s petty plagues
The cook’s well practiced kicks the butler’s broom
The infant’s careless pokes and tickled ears
The trampled tail and all the daily shocks
That fur is heir to when of his own free will
He might his exodus or entrance make
With a mere mitten?
Who would foxes fear
Or strays trespassing from a nearby wood
But that the dread of our unheeded cries
And scratches at a barricaded door
No claw can open up dispels our nerve
And makes us rather bear our human’s faults
Than run away to unguessed miseries?

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