



The Something to Crow About RICHMOND ROOSTER

December 2020

SANDY POND II

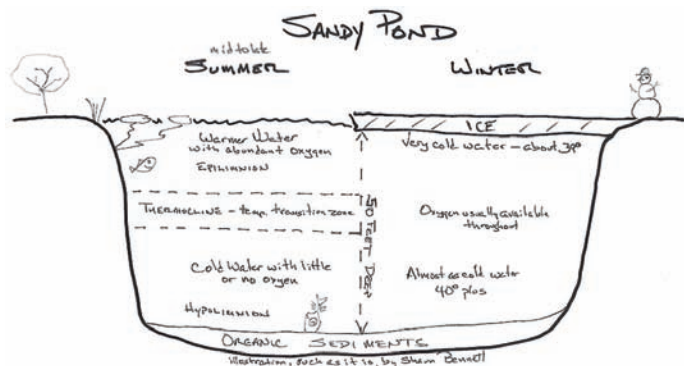
Shaun Bennett

Is Sandy Pond just a deep puddle? It would be easy to see it that way – with a lid of ice in cold weather and open when it's warm, but generally pretty inert. That is far from the case. Actually the pond and other lakes like it in the northern latitudes are quite active, going through large, predictable change cycles throughout the year.

Even though Sandy Pond is comparatively small, the amount of water it holds is impressive, just under 100 million gallons by my calculation (which took me an entire morning and no, I did not use a bucket). If its level rises or falls by 6 inches that's a change of 4 million gallons. Imagine trying to stir a 100 million gallon pot whose contents weigh well over 400,000 tons. One day not long before the first ice of winter appears, this "pot" will get stirred. Sandy Pond's waters will mix from top to bottom. If that sounds like a lot of work, it is. Nevertheless it happens on a regular basis every year. Twice. The sun and gravity make it happen, sometimes with a little help from the wind.

Here's why: Around this time of the year, the water in the upper layers of the Pond gradually become denser (think of it as heavier) than the water underneath. Eventually this arrangement becomes unstable and the "heavier" water at the top sinks to the bottom displacing the deeper water upward with the result that the whole pond mixes top to bottom. Sometimes the wind gives a push that sets it off and other times it just seems to happen on its own. Once in a while it happens so vigorously that it stirs up the bottom and the water appears to be a bit muddy for a day or two which can be a surprise after a whole season of clear water.

The cooler air temperatures and reduced sunlight of the fall and early winter months cause the water near the surface to become denser or "heavier". We all know that many solids as well as certain body parts shrink as they become cold. Most liquids including water expand or contract very little with changes in temperature. But just a little is enough. Water's "shrinkage" (as George



Costanza might call it) on cooling makes it increasingly dense until it reaches about 39 degrees and the pond "turns over" or mixes. (Below 39 degrees water expands just a little as it becomes colder until it freezes into solid ice that is about 10% less dense than liquid water which is why ice floats).

During the summer months a layer of warm (less dense) water heated by the sun and warm breezes forms a stable "lid" over the colder water below and there is circulation only in the warm upper layers that "float" on the colder, denser deeper layers. The oxygen that is required by things living in the Pond comes mainly from the atmosphere. Things that live in the upper layers get oxygen, but the lower layers which are separated from the atmosphere by the warm water "lid" become oxygen-depleted not only because aquatic organisms use up the oxygen, but especially because of the oxygen-consuming decay of all the formerly living organisms, mostly microscopic plants and animals (plankton), that sank into the depths when they died. If you read my previous article, you already know that these deep waters are extremely cold and dark, and now you can see that they also lack oxygen making them pretty much uninhabitable.

The transition from warmer, shallower water to colder, deeper water, a zone that I would call the "thermocline" if I was trying to show off, is pretty abrupt. Back in the 60s, the first time I encountered it I was alone, teaching myself to use SCUBA – no instructor (those were the days!). I was wearing a Speedo and little else (those really were the days!). It was so shocking

(the cold water, not the swimsuit) that I was rendered dizzy. Going suddenly and unexpectedly from a relatively bath-like 70-plus degree water to immersion in waters in the 40s got all my attention and not in a good way. My very next act was to go buy a thick wetsuit complete with gloves, booties, and a hood, a purchase that required a trip to Boston back then. It was the end of my Speedo era – to the relief of many no doubt.

The summer, two-layered condition, is called stratification. Fish and Game personnel whose work calls for clear and understandable communication with the public simply say that these are “two-story” lakes. On the other hand, scientists who study these lakes seem to have an affinity for Latin, leading them to call the top layer the “epilimnion” and the lower one the “hypolimnion” while calling themselves limnologists.

Gold stars to readers who have figured out that after the ice goes out in the spring, the surface waters will warm up from around 32 degrees (newly melted ice)

passing through the densest temperature (39) on the way to becoming the balmy waters that we love to swim in during summer’s heat. At 39 degrees, once again the heaviest water is on the top and the pond mixes another time. Scientists call such ponds and lakes “dimictic” which is a higher priced way of saying they mix twice a year.

Mixing is great for the plants that live in the upper layers and photosynthesize during the warm months, as well as for the wealth of life that either “grazes” on these plants or eats the things that do. The Pond’s bottom is a deep layer of organic material that you could think of as aquatic compost. Circulating water from that zone to the surface brings up nutrients that are essential to the plants living in the upper waters. More about this in my next article. For now we can acknowledge that it’s a great system and the less we interfere with it, the better it works.

DISCOURSE IN DECEMBER

Karen O’Brien

*In the depth of winter, I finally learned there was
in me an invincible summer.*

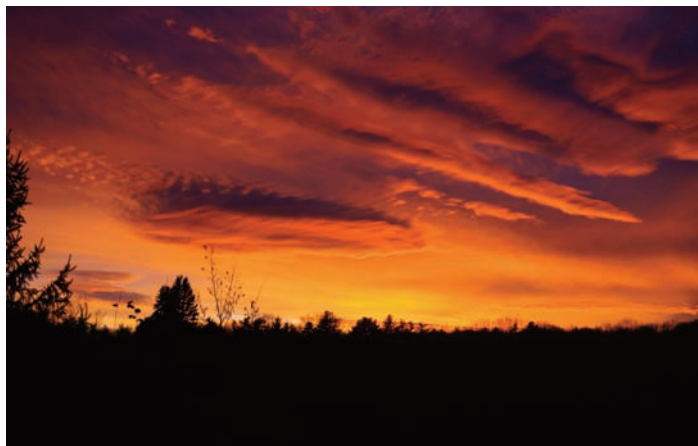
—Albert Camus



December for most of us conjures up thoughts of holidays gatherings, snow, and the real beginning of winter. Some people like the wintry conditions and revel in outdoor activities, while others simply hibernate until the

weather warms again. As a gardener, I look forward to planning for the year ahead, and use the slow time to hopefully get ahead in some garden chores that are always on the back burner (like labelling, garden plans, herbal crafts, etc.).

The Winter Solstice, when the tilt of the earth is farthest from the sun, results in the shortest day of the year for those in the latitudes between the Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn. Solstice literally means “sun” and “stand still”, which certainly seems true as we experience the least amount of daylight in the year. Around the world, people have recognized this as a serious phenomenon, and many cultures have held rituals, festivals, and the



like, in the hopes of ensuring that the sun and the new growing season will return. The months between January and April were often known as the Famine Months, a time when starvation was common and many were not assured of living through the winter. They longed for the warm days again, when the dormant earth would spring back to life.

One of the earliest recorded festivals was that of Saturnalia. In Roman mythology, Saturn ruled during the Golden Age, a time of peace and harmony. He was the god of fertility, especially agriculture, and was often depicted with a sickle. During the feast of Saturnalia, schools were closed, no wars could be waged, master and slave were considered equals, and gifts were exchanged. It was a time of merriment and great fun. Saturn was also associated with the closing of accounts,

which would take place at the end of the year, in order to start fresh for the new year. Saturn's Greek counterpart, Kronus, was similarly depicted, and since kronus was the word for time, we see the image of a man with a sickle become Father Time, saying goodbye to the old year and welcoming the new.

It is interesting to note how many diverse cultures celebrated this critical time of year, and how much the rituals overlap. The Chinese and other East Asians celebrate The Extreme of Winter or DongZhi, a time for family to get together. They make and eat Tangyaun, balls of glutinous rice, which symbolize family unity and prosperity.

The Festival of the Sun marked the Winter Solstice for the Incans. There was a large stone column called Intihuatana, to which priests tried to tie the sun to prevent it from escaping. In India, Makara Sankranti is celebrated. In some areas, kites are flown all day and into the night, celebrating and welcoming the longer days to come.

In Iran, the last day of the Persian year is known as Azar, and the celebration of Yalda, which is the triumph of light over dark, as well as the birthday of the Sun god Mithra. Special foods, such as nuts and pomegranates, are typically consumed as the family often parties until the morning sun.

The Night of Winter is still unofficially observed throughout Kurdistan. The longest night of the year symbolizes the victory of light over darkness and a rebirth of the sun. Large feasts and the giving of sweets to children play a large part in the festivities. All these rituals are designed to give hope that summer will, indeed, come again. The giving of gifts is a common theme – thinking of others and the joy it will bring.

Our current holidays certainly sprang out of many of these traditions. In European countries, and especially the United Kingdom, old rituals such as the Yule log and the Tannenbaum were a way to bring heathen practices into the Christian faith. Yule was the ancient pagan word for the Winter Solstice, and cleaning your home (sweeping out the old year and ushering in the new) was an important practice. Cleansing the home by smudging – burning herbs around the home to increase positive energy and dispel negativity, was equally important.

A newer tradition comes to us from Finland, where they have a practice called 'jolabokaflood' which translates to 'Christmas book flood'. During World War II,



many things were rationed and hard to come by, but books made of paper were not as expensive. Finnish people celebrated by giving one another a book on Christmas eve so everyone can cozy up with a book. I love this idea, and everyone on my Christmas list just may get a book this year!

As we wait for the increase in daylight, we join with others past and present and hope for rebirth in the coming year. The seed catalogs are arriving daily, and planning for a bountiful harvest begins anew. This is a time of transition, and a time to reflect on the past, as well as look to the future. Happy holidays, and peace to all.

Town Clerk's November 2020 Calendar

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The town clerk's office will be closed the week of December 21-25, 2020 for Christmas. Please plan accordingly. Below are the dates that the office will be closed in 2021.

New Year's Day, Fri, Jan 1 (normally closed)

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Mon, Jan 18

Presidents' Day, Mon, Feb 15

Memorial Day, Mon, May 31

Independence Day (observed), Mon, Jul 5

Labor Day, Mon, Sept 6

Columbus Day, Mon, Oct 11

Veterans' Day, Thu, Nov 11

Thanksgiving Break, Wed/Thu, Nov 24, 25

Christmas Break, Fri/Sat, Dec 24, 25 (normally closed)

Pamela Goodell submitted her letter of resignation as Deputy Town Clerk in November of 2020. I cannot express the gratitude that I feel for Pam in being available in the days and weeks leading up to and on the day of the General Election. She knew that I would never

ask this of her, and yet she extended her offering of help. Thank you, Pam, for setting all reason aside while willingly putting yourself in a variety of situations where your health was at risk.

After All These Years

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

For three years. I worked as deputy town clerk under the knowledgeable supervision of Town Clerk, Pamela Goodell. Then, on April 1, 2008, I took the oath of office and became your town clerk. Within that first week, I realized that I loved this work. I still do. I love the challenge, the daily learning, and most of all, serving and getting to know the residents of this town.

But after nearly sixteen years, it is time for me to step down. My term expires March of 2021, and I will not be running for another three-year term. It is time for someone with fresh eyes and a bounty of enthusiasm to be your next town clerk.

For anyone who would like to run for the office of town clerk in the March 2021 Town Election, the filing period to be on the ballot is January 20-29, 2021. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

What Does an Election Look Like?

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The General Election held on November 3rd in Richmond was record-breaking. The people of this town have always been engaged in the election process. Since 1999, voter turnout had never reached 700. This General Election saw 725 ballots cast, 577 people voting in person, 148 people voting absentee. And since 1999, the total number of registered voters had averaged 790. By the close of the polls this year, there were a total of 904 registered voters. People may hold divergent perspectives and conclusions, but on November 3rd, they all held one thing in common – they were highly motivated to vote.

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

President and Vice President:

413 – Donald J. Trump and Michael R. Pence, Rep.

292 – Joseph R. Biden and Kamala D. Harris, Dem.

14 – Jo Jorgensen and Jeremy Cohen, Lib.

Governor:

485 – Chris Sununu, Rep.

198 – Dan Feltes, Dem.

14 – Darryl W. Perry, Lib.

U.S. Senator:

374 – Corky Messner, Rep.

307 – Jeanne Shaheen, Dem.

18 – Justin O'Donnell, Lib.

Representative in Congress:

393 – Steven Negron, Rep.

282 – Ann McLane Kuster, Dem.

23 – Andrew Olding, Lib.

Executive Councilor:

422 – Dave Wheeler, Rep.

258 – Debora B. Pignatelli, Dem.

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State Senator:

414 – Denise Ricciardi, Rep.

273 – Jeanne Dietsch, Dem.

State Representative, Cheshire District 12:

333 – Sly Karasinski, Rep.

336 – Stephen K. Malone, Rep.

245 – Barry Faulkner, Dem.

289 – Jennie Gomarolo, Dem.

State Representative, Cheshire District 15:

411 – Jennifer Rhodes, Rep.

277 – Bruce L. Tatro, Dem.

Sheriff:

148 – Aria DiMezzo, Rep.

365 – Eli Rivera, Dem.

167 – Earl Nelson, Write-In

County Attorney:

412 – D. Chris McLaughlin, Dem

County Treasurer:

387 – Joseph H. Cartwright, Rep.

261 – Charles Weed, Dem.

Register of Deeds:

397 – Anna Z. Tilton, Dem.

Register of Probate:

398 – Jeremy LaPlante, Dem.

Complete results, including write-ins, are available on the Town website, at the Town Hall, and at the Veterans' Memorial Hall.

I would like to thank everyone who participated at the 2020 General Election, whether you worked at the polls, voted, or both. Despite the high in-person voter turnout, despite the record-setting number of absentee ballots that slowed up the in-person voting, despite the tension surrounding this election, November 3rd in Richmond went fairly smoothly. This is in great part due to the commitment, work ethic, patience, and co-operation of many of you who were at the Veterans' Memorial Hall that day. Across the country, emotions ran high in the days leading up to and on Election Day. And yet, those of you here in our little town of Richmond showed what big hearts and sound minds you

have. You went about the business of exercising your right to vote. You worked at the polls, complying with the rules set by our moderator, Walden Whitham.

And this article would not be complete if I didn't acknowledge the time, thought, and energy expended by Walden Whitham in the set-up, staffing, and running of the polls. Thank you, Walden!

The 2020 Town and School Elections

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The Town Election and the Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD) Election will be held on March 9, 2021, at the Veterans' Memorial Hall. The polling hours will be 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

The following Town officers will be elected at that time:

One Cemetery Trustee, 3-year term.

One Library Trustee, 3-year term.

Two Planning Board members, 3-year term each.

One Selectman, 3-year term.

One Town Clerk, 3-year term.

One Trustee of the Trust Funds, 3-year term.

If you would like to run for any of these offices, please come during regular business hours to the town clerk's office during the filing period. The filing period begins January 20, 2021 (Wednesday) and ends January 29, 2021 (Friday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM only). You must be a registered voter with the Town of Richmond in order to file to be on the Town Election ballot.

Please call 239-6202 or stop by the office if you have questions. For inquiries about the School Election, contact the School District office at 352-6955.

Richmond Public Library News

Wendy O'Brien

The Library will be CLOSED on Thurs., Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, and Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve.

Handcrafters Raffle

We had an outpouring of Richmond handicrafts for our raffle, with over 30 items to choose from. Thanks to the following contributors: Roxanne Hubert, Lynn Mason, Bonnie McCarthy, Elaine Moriarty, Rebekah Murphy, Trish Newton, Dale Randall, Barbara Rogers, Mary Taylor, Alison Van Brocklin, Pam Weaver, and Kathleen Whitham. Thanks to all of you who entered and raised funds for new books!

Santa Parade

We are pleased to announce that John A. Lewis has once again loaned his extensive Santa figurine collection for display at the RPL during the month of December. Come see the Library decked out in holiday cheer with a Santa hiding in every corner. We will have an "I Spy" challenge for everyone. Completed challenges win a prize. Make RPL part of your holiday traditions!



The Book Shed

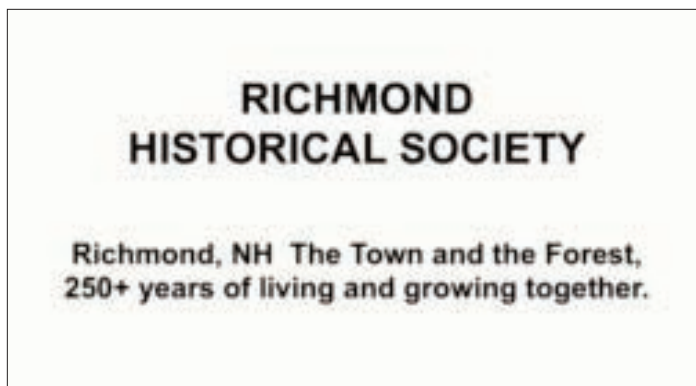
Winter is here, and we are unsure how much longer the "The Book Shed" will be open. It all depends on when the snow flies! Be sure to drop by soon during Library hours and browse our selection of gently used books on all sorts of subjects as well as some great fiction. We would appreciate monetary donations in any amount.

New Titles

A Song for Dark Times, Ian Rankin
Piranesi, Susanna Clarke
The Return, Nicholas Sparks
The Searcher, Tana French
Hideaway, Nora Roberts

Preschool Craft Kits

Different weekly craft kits will be available for pickup for our youngest friends anytime during Library hours.



This month we will have: Dogs, Hanukkah, Christmas for 10, Llama Llama Holiday Drama, and New Year's. Grab a book or two as well. We will have a display for each week.

We are open without an appointment. If you see the green "Go" sign on the door, please come in. If the red "Stop" sign is on the door, please wait until the patron, currently in the library, leaves. Masks are required inside the building. We still offer curbside and delivery options for those who prefer not coming into the Library. Please contact us to arrange a drop-off time.

Food Boxes and Pie Delivery to Richmond

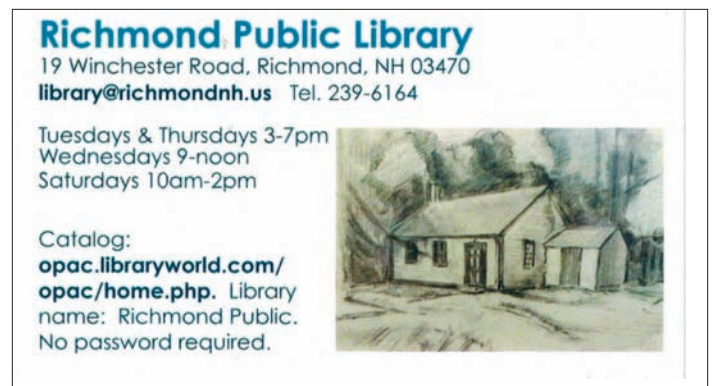
Pam Bielunis

To limit the amount of exposure and offer fresh food items to our residents, I organized this service. I do not get paid nor receive any commissions, etc. There are no delivery fees nor any obligation. Buy once or buy whenever you want to jump in on an order. This was my part to help our residents stay safe and keep our town at zero known COVID cases. Since we lost the 4 Corners store, we have to travel about 15-mile round trip to a store. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. The food boxes/pies also make excellent gifts for a special occasion or the holidays.

For the past six months, residents of Richmond and surrounding towns continue to enjoy fresh fruit, veggie, dairy, etc. delivered from Simos Produce to Richmond's Veterans Hall approximately once every 4-6 weeks. To view box choices, their contents and price, go to their website: <https://simosproduce.com/collections/all>

And now, we can get pies, too! They come from Granny's Pie Factory (family owned and home crafted). They are made, cooked, and frozen. Here is the link to the website: <https://grannyspiefactory.com> (under menu, choices are listed)

The next delivery will be in time for Christmas:



Tuesday, Dec 22, 2020 (orders due Dec 18th).

Payment Options: I pay for the order. Individuals can Venmo or PayPal the funds to me, OR give me cash or a check when they pick up on delivery day. There is also an option to pay directly online, but contact me first for specific instructions to be sure your order gets on the truck to Richmond.

I was appointed as Welfare Administrator in August. At times, we have boxes that are donated. If you know someone who might use a box, please let me know.

Questions? Want to place an order? Please contact Pam Bielunis at pjb327@msn.com or 603-239-6498.

Parks and Recreation

Karen Daugherty

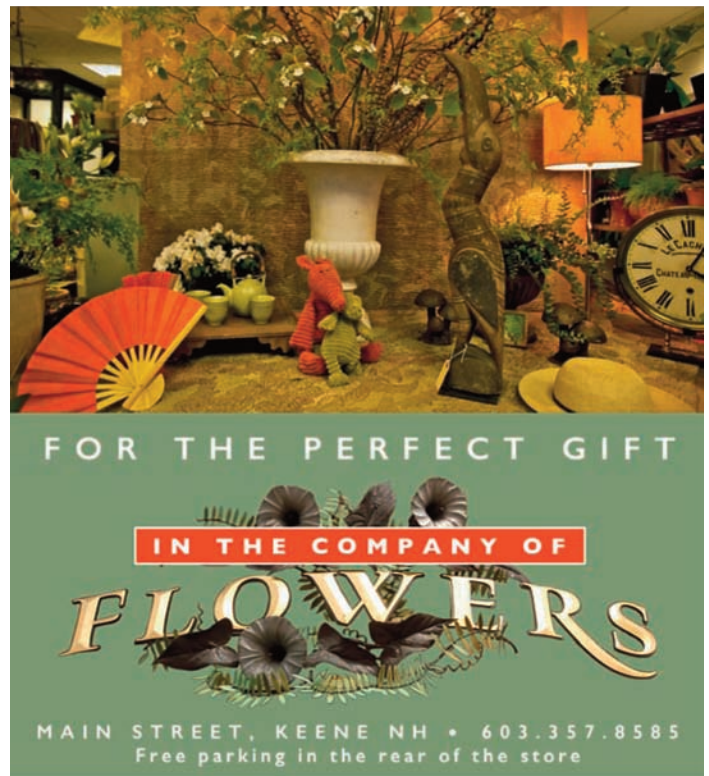
I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the outdoors recently. Even as it begins to get cooler, there are plenty of outdoor options for exercise and adventure including walking, hiking, or biking. There are many trails and walking paths, even locally, that have been promoted in *The Rooster*.

We have decided to cancel our December Movie at Takodah this year, but we have two upcoming events to get you out and about within the town community



this winter. In January, come on down to the Pavilion for the Winter Event. There will be games, food, and a hot chocolate bar! In February we will host a Movie Time at Takodah. We hope to see you there!

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 6 pm, join the commission, or contact the Parks and Recreation Commission by email: richmond.recreation.commission@gmail.com Keep an eye out for these upcoming events:

January 2021 Winter Event

February 2021 Movie Time at Takodah

March 2021 Easter Egg Hunt

Spring 2021 Roadside Clean-up

June 2021 Summer Picnic & Tie Dye Party

Dean Farm Road from Old County Road to Benson Cemetery

Carol Jameson and Jon Hill

This is an interesting walk for history buffs, passing by several cellar holes and old stone walls. Perfect, too, for nature lovers because the area is so remote that you will



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not see or hear cars or other signs of humans, just the sounds and signs of many birds and animals. It is also a perfect walk for bad weather days when the ground is covered in snow (as it will be soon) because it is on an old rutted discontinued road that will be passable on foot most days and good for snowshoeing on others.

The hike begins on Old Colony Road at the turn-off for Dean Farm Road, the same starting point for the hike on the M&M trail that we wrote about last month. Drive down Old County Road for less than one mile. Look for the sign for the Asheulot Brewery (great local beer, open on weekend afternoons) and the large cut granite foundation at the start of Dean Farm Road. Turn left off of Old County at this foundation and you are now on Dean Farm Road. You can park here at the start of Dean Farm Road.

The entire walk is on Dean Farm Road, an old Richmond road that, though discontinued now, was the site of many houses in the 1800s according to the Richmond maps dated 1850, 1858, 1877, and 1892. The stone foundation at the start of the road was the site of Mrs. P. Martin homestead in the late 1800s. Dean Farm Road was discontinued in 1897 ‘from the Lewis A. Ballou place to the Oziel Ballou place’, which suggests that the Martin place was sold to Lewis A. Ballou sometime before 1897.

The road heads north from the Martin cellar hole and circles Grassy Hill, curving left after Grassy Hill to head west over to Benson Cemetery. Back in the day, roads headed off of Dean Farm Road towards Troy at the Fitzwilliam/Troy border, and towards Swanzey close to what is now Activity Road. There are still faint traces of these roads. This network of discontinued roads was part of the snowmobile/ATV trail network maintained for many years by the Little Monadnock Family Trail Association. The trail association has since been dissolved and some of the trails no longer allow motorized traffic.

The entire walk to Benson Cemetery and back from the start of Dean Farm Road is about four or five miles with an elevation change of about 300 feet, most of which begins after the road curves hard to the left (west) about one and a half or so miles into the hike.

Head north on Dean Farm Road from Old County Road. At the first clearing on the road (probably an old log landing), you can see the entrance to the white blazed M&M trail on your right. Continue straight on the road past a second clearing. At the next (third) clear-

ing, we found one cellar hole on the right side of the road just at the north side of the clearing. There should be two cellar holes here – marked as the Fisher and Tolman houses in the 1858 map with one still marked as Mrs. Fisher on the 1877 map. We only found one cellar hole on this trip. Maybe next time, the second one.

Continuing on Dean Farm Road, we soon came to an intersection marked “Junction 25 F”, which was the name given the corner on the Little Monadnock Trail Association maps. We turned left to stay on Dean Farm Road. Soon after the turn, we came upon an old stone culvert under the road and another turn off to the right with a sign, “DEAD END. DO NOT ENTER.” This



must be a remnant from the Trail Association signs, too.

We found our second set of cellar holes here at the intersection of Dean Farm Road and the dead-end road – look to the right as you turn right on the dead-end road. There is a double cellar home immediately at the turn, quite large and well made. There is another cellar hole across from the double cellar hole on the opposite side of the dead-end road, with remnants of what might be a barn setting. Both sets of cellar holes are beautifully situated on nice flat ground that catches the afternoon winter sun, even now with the trees grown up around the house sites. According to the old maps, one



of these foundations must have been the home of Oziel Ballou. According to the *Bassett History of Richmond* published in 1884, the house was first built by James Westcoat, an original settler of Richmond who came from Rehobath, RI. Westcoat sold it to Esek Buffum in 1788 and ‘removed from town’. Buffum lived there

until 1808 when his father died and he returned to his family homestead. Buffum sold it to Anthony Corey (noted as the owner on the 1858 map) who then sold it to O. Ballou who is noted as the owner on the 1877 and 1892 maps.

Dean Farm Road heads downhill here at a steady



grade. It was around this area – or maybe a little before or after, we can't recall – that we came upon another old road running right next to Dean Farm Road, in a gully just to the left, and slightly below the road. Our guess is that this is the original road since it is lined by stone walls on both sides. It probably washed out so badly that it was easier to put a new road right above it than to reconstruct the road in the gully created by the wash out. Jon recalls that most of this part of Richmond was owned by the C.L. Lane Bucket Company in the 1900s and was used for harvesting wood for the manufacture of the buckets. The roads would have been maintained by the company for forest access. Both roads joined together again not too much farther on.

The road crosses a brook soon after the junction of the two parallel lanes. There is a substantial bridge over the brook, probably built by the Little Monadnock Trail Association. Old maps show two cellar holes close to this brook – one on either side of the crossing, although we were not able to find them. Continue on the road for maybe one quarter of a mile after the bridge and you will be at Benson Cemetery, which is visible through the trees to the left at a large clearing.

Benson Cemetery is large and well-kept, with many old gravestones that bear the names of Richmond settlers, many of whom lived in this part of town in the 1800s. Ballous are buried there, including both Oziel Ballou and Lewis Ballou. There is a monument to Maturin Ballou and his wife Lydia Harris Ballou.

We visited the cemetery before turning back to retrace our steps on Dean Farm Road back to the car and Old County Road.

Cranberry Walnut Brunch Cake

Terri O'Rorke


2 C. flour
2 tsps. baking powder
1 C. sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. grated nutmeg
1/2 C. chopped walnuts
3 jumbo eggs
1/2 C. oil
16 oz. can whole berry cranberry sauce

In a large bowl mix dry ingredients and walnuts together. In a medium bowl beat the eggs and oil together. Stir the cranberry sauce until smooth and broken up, then add to the egg mixture, mixing well. Add the liquid mixture to the dry ingredients, mixing with a spoon until smooth. Pour into a greased 9" by 13" baking pan. Top with streusel. Bake at 350 degrees for about 40-45 minutes.

Streusel:

1/4 C. firmly packed brown sugar
1/4 C. quick oats
1/4 C. chopped walnuts
Mix together.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, RICHMOND!!

A decorative border of holly leaves and red berries surrounds the text.

Holiday Fair 2020

The Richmond Holiday Fair is unique, featuring local artisans offering a variety of quality hand-crafted gifts and confections.

After much deliberation we have decided we need to cancel the traditional fair due to pandemic concerns. We will miss seeing everyone!

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Mon. 9 AM – 12 NOON, 1 – 4 PM, 6 – 8 PM

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