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Be a "Rooster Writer"! Summer Writing Contest

Remember, authors, budding or otherwise, we are your town paper, and your written contributions are what make the *Richmond Rooster* unique and special! Submit your entry form with your original writing by July 31, 2022 and you have a shot at winning one of three \$25 gift certificates to Toadstool Bookshops and seeing your winning entry in print!

Rules:

1. The writing must be done by you and only you. No plagiarism [stealing someone else's words]. It can be a creative story, recounting a personal experience, even a new poem, as examples.
2. The writer must be a legal resident of the Town of Richmond, New Hampshire.
3. Entry forms and entries must be legible, complete, and either emailed to therichmondrooster@gmail.com or mailed to *The Richmond Rooster* c/o Fran Heap, Editor at 641 Old Homestead Hwy., Richmond, NH 03470. *The Richmond Rooster* is not responsible for lost entries.
4. Written submissions must be suitable for printing in a family paper.
5. A \$25 gift certificate shall be awarded to the winner in each of the following age groups:
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Written submission up to 550 words
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I have read and understand the rules of this contest as printed on the front page of the July 2022 *Richmond Rooster*.

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**Thank you for participating in the
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[A shout out to Neil Moriarty for his history of reporting school news and events in the Richmond Rooster]

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Nicholas Goodell
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Benjamin Stanley
Bridget Van Valzah

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Aderyn Daugherty - Top 10 Senior, Diploma of Distinction, NH Scholars, National Honor Society

Ian Gauthier - Top 10 Senior, Diploma of Distinction, NH Scholars

Gabrielle Schmidt - Diploma of Distinction, NH Scholars

Bridget Van Valzah - NH Scholars, National Honors Society

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Ian Gauthier - Superintendent Club Recognition Award

Gabrielle Schmidt - Elm City Rotary Scholarship, Interact Member Recognition Award

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From a friend on Athol Road

TRUE BREW REVIEW Outlaw's Cranky Yankee Kevin Ellis



Cranky Yankee by the Outlaw Brewing Company 6.8% ABV NEIPA

I enjoyed this beer on a crisp summer afternoon on a day off from work. Beers just somehow taste better on your days off. We just went to The Outlaw the previous week with some friends, and I was very happy with the selection and quality of beer they had on tap, so I wanted a four pack to bring home and take my time with for a more proper review.

The Cranky Yankee spilled into the glass with a somewhat hazy golden hue and with a nice white, one inch head of frothy deliciousness. After a few moments, the head sunk back down into the beer, and I was ready to dive in for a smell.

The aroma on this one was clean and bright, popping with loads of floral notes. There was also a touch of pine with an underlying sweetness mixed in there.

Finally, I was ready for a swig and was very pleased. The flavor was pretty much what I was



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expecting for this beer. The appearance and aroma kind of gave me a hunch that this one was going to be more of a throwback IPA or West Coast IPA, rather than a New England style IPA. It was reminiscent of hoppy beers a decade ago or so again. The Outlaw brought a more balanced approach to this beer. I was getting tastes of pine, floral, a bit of lemon and grapefruit citrus and lightly toasted bread.

It had a medium to medium-high mouth-feel and was well carbonated giving the beer a nice crisp, clean and drying effect on the tongue.

Overall, I really enjoyed this one even though the style descriptor might be a little off. It was still a well-made IPA with just the right mix of malt to balance out the hop assertiveness. This style of IPA is what got me into drinking hoppy beers for the first time, so I really liked taking that trip back down memory lane and am happy to have three more cans in the fridge! I give this beer a 8 out of 10 and hope you get a chance to enjoy this one, as well!

A little about the brewery: The Outlaw has been around for five years now. Their brewers make a wide selection of beer including stouts, sours, browns, pale ales and much more. They are Richmond's nearest-by brewery and have a great set-up. Outside, there are lots of covered and uncovered picnic tables; yard games, including corn hole; a food truck; and live music. They even have a small, but nice, inside seating area for the colder months. I would highly recommend taking the five to 15 minute ride to check them out and support a local business. Cheers!

Cucumber Watermelon Salad

Terri O'Rorke



Ingredients

- 1 small red onion, halved and sliced into thin half-moons
- 2 tablespoons lime juice or more to taste
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 seedless watermelon, cut into cubes
- 3 baby cucumbers, seeded and cut into cubes
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- ½ cup mint leaves, sliced thinly

Directions

Mix red onion with lime juice in a bowl; set aside to marinate at least 10 minutes. Stir olive oil into mixture.

Toss watermelon, baby cucumbers, and feta cheese together in a large bowl. Pour the red onion mixture over the watermelon mixture; toss to coat. Sprinkle mint over the salad; toss. Serves 10.

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A Richmond Farmers' Market Profile

Lenny Solomon

You know how rumors get started: one person says this, another says that, and pretty soon it's all over the Internet. Sometimes, it's about politics and, sometimes, about celebrities. I even heard one the other day which said the Green Lantern and the Green Woman were an item.

Well, not being one who is easily fooled, and delving into the facts, I found the Green Woman lives right here in Richmond! Putting my fear and trepidation aside, I knocked on her door and demanded some answers. Green Woman categorically denied even knowing the Green Lantern, but she did admit she's been gardening for over forty years. Our Green Woman is none other than Karen O'Brien, our Town Clerk. Karen also owns Green Woman's Garden on Whipple Hill Road and is Chair of the Richmond Agricultural Commission. In that capacity, she's been one of the prime movers in organizing Richmond's Farmers' Market which is held every Sunday from mid-May through early October at Four Corners.

Although born and raised in Worcester, MA, she comes by gardening naturally. Her father owned a farm, and Karen's been absorbing the craft of gardening since she was ten years old. As an adult, she decided to follow her passion and, in 2007, started her gardening business in Mendon, MA, where it stayed, until 2019, when she pulled up stakes and bought a 50 acre herb farm in Richmond.

As a certified Master Gardener, she's actively involved with the Herb Society of America and the International Herb Association and served on the Board of Directors of both organizations. She sells native plants and herbs and offers workshops on the use of herbs and flowers in cooking, decorating, and landscaping. In her spare time, she enjoys nature walks through her woods. Does that sound compulsive? As an old sage once said, "It's not easy being green." If you don't know Karen, come to the Farmers' Market one Sunday and meet our own superhero, Karen O'Brien.

Richmond Yard & Bake Sale

Mark your calendar for the Annual Yard & Bake Sale at the Old Brick Church, 11 Fitzwilliam Road, Richmond, on Saturday, August 27th. The sale starts at 8:00 AM and continues until 2:00 PM. Come early for the best bargains!

All proceeds to benefit the ministries of the Richmond Community United Methodist Church.

Donations to the sale are welcomed, and drop-offs at the church can be arranged after August 1st. Please call Alison at (603) 239-4494 for more information.

Gardening Myths and Mistakes

Karen O'Brien

There are a lot of mistakes made in gardening – Lord knows I've made plenty. That bamboo plant which exploded and was impossible to get rid of (*growing under a sidewalk and coming up on the other side!*); planting mint and trying to contain it (*I dare you to try!*); letting the chickens into the potato patch to eat the potato bugs (*OK; that worked, but they also dug up the potatoes with their scratching!*) and countless other errors of judgment and/or misinformation. I've read lots of books, subscribed to gardening



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magazines, taken classes, learned from others, and tried to learn from my mistakes. It is true that you learn by doing, often by doing it wrong, and then make corrections and chalk it up to learning from your mistakes. However, there are still lots of myths and erroneous information out there, and sometimes you need to do some research and learn the best practices.

One mistake which has been consistently done, especially by landscapers, is the volcano mulch. To make less work for the homeowner, mulch is piled heavily around shrubs and trees, mounded up around the trunks and stems. Looks great, right? No weeds, the mulch holds water, and you think all is right with the world. Well, this is one of the worst things you can do with mulch. Most mulch that you see in plantings is bark mulch, which is OK, mostly. But putting mulch right against the plant trunk actually is harmful.

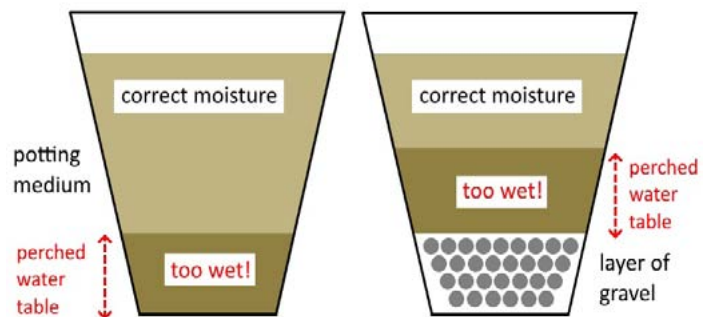


Mulching right up against the trunk of a tree or the stem of a plant creates several problems, such as fungus and mold growth from too much moisture. It also gives unwanted critters such as voles and chipmunks, etc. a place to hide and damage the plant, especially during the winter. The mulch can actually smother the plant. This is because the trunk needs air around it to “breathe”, and the mulch inhibits that. Roots can also grow in the mulch instead of deep in the ground, and, when a dry spell comes, these mulch roots will die, causing stress on the plant. And, it just isn’t mulch which can cause problems. I have a tree that the former owners piled rocks against. When I removed the rocks, the bark on the tree was discolored and pitted, full of insect holes, and the tree probably would have eventually died.

So, best practice? Keep mulch at least two to three inches away from the base of any plant to avoid problems.

Another gardening “tip” espoused by many is to place gravel, rocks, or other materials in the bottom of a planter to allow for drainage. Some people even use Styrofoam so that the pot is lighter. It sounds reasonable, but, in fact, this does not cause good drainage, but something called a “perched water table.” When you water a container plant, or if Mother Nature does, the water should go through the soil and then out through that drainage hole. The plant roots get water, and the excess goes out through the hole. If there are other

The Effect on Perched Water Table in Pots with Gravel Layer



perched water table is water-saturated zone at bottom of pot

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materials in the bottom, the water percolates through the soil and upon hitting a different layer (i.e., that other “stuff”), the water moves sideways and creates a saturated zone instead. Roots can rot or not even take up the water you so carefully provided. So, best practice here is to use the same potting mix throughout the pot. If you don’t want the soil to leach out of that drainage hole, you can put a coffee filter at the bottom.



On the subject of water, this is the biggest challenge for most people: getting the right amount of water to plants. Time of day is critical; the best is either early in the morning, before the sun gets too hot or, at the end of the day, when the moisture will be retained by the plant through the evening. Droplets of water on leaves can sometimes act like a magnifying glass and burn leaves, if conditions are right. Also, be sure you are getting enough water to the plant. Overhead watering (such as from a sprinkler) often does not trickle down to the soil. It’s best to aim the water directly at the plant at soil level and leave the water on until the soil is saturated. A heavy watering once every couple of days is better than a misting every day. The same is true for container plants; be sure to water enough that the excess will come out that drainage hole. And, don’t let the plant sit in water, which often happens after a heavy rain. Some people put water in the plant saucer and let the plant take up what it needs. That’s a good practice, too, but, again, don’t put too much or the roots can rot.

Happy planting!



Tree Loss in our “Town in the Forest”

Fran Heap

Famous author Neith Boyce named Richmond, New Hampshire, “the Town in the Forest”, when she lived here during the 1930s. Less than a century later, one only has to drive along Routes 32 and 119 to get a glimpse of acres of felled trees. As early as 2016, the Carsey School of Public Policy at the University of New Hampshire reported rising deforestation in New England and New York:

*Over the last decade, all states in this region have experienced notable declines in forest cover. In urban and suburban areas like southern New Hampshire, this loss of forest cover is likely related to increased demand for housing and services. It is also likely to be a permanent transition, since developed land rarely reverts to forest cover. Much of the forest cover loss in rural northern New England is due to commercial timber harvesting and is likely temporary, but in other portions of northern New England forest cover has declined consistently since 2001, and it is unclear whether this shift is the result of development or forest harvesting. These two types of forest cover change can have drastically different effects on the services local residents derive from forests. Because more developed regions have already lost much of their forest cover, a sustained loss of the remaining forestland has serious implications for vital ecosystem services like drinking water filtration, storm abatement, and air purification.**

Further, challenging our trees is – dare I use the phrase? – climate change. The Sleeping Giant Park Association of Hamden, Connecticut, and more specifically, author and editor Melinda Tuhus, generously permitted the *Richmond Rooster* to reprint “Impacts of Climate Change in the Northeast.” [page 7]

As I write this article, Richmond is poised to lose the so-called “Tully Brook Forest”. This privately owned parcel, comprised of 263 acres of timberland, wetlands, hiking trails, and home of the Eliza Ballou monument, is located off Monument Road and is under sales contract. Say a prayer for the trees. I know I will.

*Ducey, M., et al. (2016, Spring). “Forests in Flux: The Effects of Demographic Change on Forest Cover in New England and New York”. *Carsey Research*. Volume 99.

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IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE NORTHEAST

--Melinda Tuhus, *Giant News Editor*

While it's true that not every weather event – even major ones – can be attributed to climate change, it's also true that many of the changes we're seeing in our part of the world were predicted by climate scientists. The science of attribution – of designating what percent more likely an event would be due to climate change – is developing and becoming more accurate. Attribution was not applied to the tornadoes of 2018 that devastated the park, but tornadoes in general are more likely to be spun off major weather events due to the changes we've seen in the atmosphere.

Other changes that were predicted are also coming to pass in the Northeast. Nighttime temperatures are warmer, which in the fall can be a wonderful thing, but in the summer, not so much.

Another prediction we're seeing come true is heavier rainfall events. While steady, gentle rains are a must for growing crops and keeping our rivers full and the landscape green, the heavy rains and flash flooding we've seen more of in the past few years have caused devastation and death.

Trees – especially mature trees – play a huge role in mitigating climate change, by absorbing CO₂, removing and storing the carbon while releasing the oxygen back into the air. They also bring many other benefits to humans and ecosystems in general. According to American Forests, one of the nation's oldest conservation organizations:

- More than half of U.S. drinking water originates in forests.
- One large tree can capture and filter up to 36,500 gallons of water per year.
- On average, a mature tree can absorb 36 percent of the rainfall it comes in contact with.
- Forests capture rain in the canopy and on the forest floor, reducing stormwater runoff and flooding.
- Healthy forested watersheds provide high-quality habitat for sensitive aquatic species.
- Forests help improve water quality by extracting pollutants through tree roots.
- A tree's penetrating roots improve the soil structure by improving aeration and drainage. Probing root growth breaks up the soil, which creates spaces for storing air and water. Tree roots improve drainage because each root acts as an underground water channel to help water penetrate the soil.
- A tree's deep, strong root system protects against soil erosion due to heavy rain and flooding. The roots of healthy, mature trees do the best job of preventing soil erosion, whether the tree produces many smaller roots or a few larger tap roots.

Due to the 2018 storms, we have lost many thousands of trees on the Giant, which has had a negative impact on all of the benefits mentioned, in addition to loss of habitat for our birds and other native species and loss of beauty for our human eyes. That's why it's so important to plant new trees, even though we can never replace all that were lost. For more information on trees in Hamden, visit Hamden Alliance for Trees on Facebook.

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Braver Angels

Renee Murphy

We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will swell when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature. — Abraham Lincoln

Politics in the United States has always been challenging and depending on which side—winning or losing—determined how you felt about the state of the country. There has always been animosity; however, I feel the animosity is growing, and not just between strangers in different political parties, but families, friends, and neighbors. Growing up, I knew that one of my parents was a staunch Republican and the other one was a staunch Democrat, and they used to joke about needing to vote to cancel each other's vote. They didn't hate each other, name call, or disrespect one another because they knew that there was more in their hearts than their political beliefs.

As a teacher of compassion, I believe that everyone, just like me, is trying to be happy, healthy, safe, and live with ease. We all just see very different paths to get there. However, the growing feeling that a person is evil or bad, because they disagree with my path makes me wonder how we are ever going to find our way back from hating each other to solving the real problems of this society. I think we all can agree that we want better healthcare, good schools, jobs which can support our families and access to affordable housing without unfair taxation. How can we ever find a solution forward on these basic

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issues, if we are so busy trying to destroy one another?

In looking for resources and solutions on how to bring people together, I found an organization called "Braver Angels" whose mission is to "Bring Americans together to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic." Their idea is to bring small groups of people together on opposite sides of the political table (or issues) and see if they can get them to talk and understand each other. Braver Angels defined affective political polarization as not only disagreement on issues, but personal contempt and distrust. While we all know that polarization is not new, it seems that we have gone from being able to disagree with people, to only seeing them as enemies or "deplorables". It is encouraging to see that this organization has grown from their first Red/Blue Workshop in Ohio into a national organization, with state chapters including New Hampshire!

Their success has been remarkable, and I am not surprised. I have found that, when you drop what you think you know about someone and really have a conversation where you are open and listening, there is a lot more commonality than difference. Braver Angels believe the "foundation of all our activities is what we refer to as patriotic-empathy: the idea that our love for our country is shown by our concern for our fellow citizens." They provide online workshops, debates, and the opportunity to meet people across the divide in a constructive conversation with guides on the conversation, to bring our country closer together instead of further apart.

I recently signed up for a match to have a constructive conversation, and we had our first call last week. I was pretty nervous as I had no idea whom I would be meeting on the other end of the line. Michael is from the midwest, and turns out we shared a lot of common interests and similar work experiences. We followed the Braver Angels guide for the structure of the conversation and that definitely helped us navigate the divisive issues between us. We learned we had both signed up as we had curiosity and a desire to understand the other side of the table. While we disagreed about several points, we found many points where we were aligned, and found we were both very moderate. We were able to discuss—in some depth—opposing views, and I

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think we walked away with a little more perspective. It gave me hope because it was a very different conversation than I have seen in politics or social media. Two people, who both want the best for this country and our families, trying to make sense of a path forward—and I think that is true of a majority of people, but it is a scary first step to facing someone who doesn't agree with you.

With all the difficulty we are facing as a country, I am inspired to see an organization which supports people reaching out and trying to figure out a different way to communicate, because I think we must find a different way than tearing each other apart. It's sad to watch families, friends and neighbors hate one another, when we all are struggling with the same fears and have the same hopes for our future. I believe there are more opportunities in the future for us all to find the moments and ideas on which we agree with one another.

If you would like to know more about Braver Angels go to <https://braverangels.org/> or reach out to the NH Chapter coordinators nh-coordinators@braverangels.org. If anyone would be interested in figuring out how to bridge the divide between political parties and differing cultural views and more with me, please reach out! I am trying to learn, grow and be the force for positive change that I want to see – which, for me, is kindness, compassion, and coming together to create solutions for so many problems facing Americans today.



 Braver Angels

The Resurgence of the Reluctant Moderator

Fellow voters of Richmond,

As many of you may be aware, last December, I had decided against running again for Town Moderator. There were even some kind words spoken by Bill Daniels at the town meeting thanking me for my

service. However, due to the lack of candidates on the ballot, and many of you writing in my name, I was reelected by a substantial margin over other unknowing or reluctant candidates and decided to serve this two year term. In a way, it has reminded me of a line from the Godfather movie, now having its 50th anniversary, "I try to get out, but they keep pulling me back."

Seriously though, I am grateful for the thanks and support of many of you during my terms and my brief retirement. That gratitude should definitely be shared with all the workers who help ensure that we have safe and secure elections. These people being the Town Clerk, Supervisors of the Checklist, Ballot Clerks, Vote Counters, Selectmen, and Moderator Assistants. Yes, even all the voters who agree to show up and patiently follow the procedures to cast your ballots. Many of these people volunteer their time to enable our elections to happen, even knowing that their personal choices may not have the winning votes on Election Day. They all deserve your thanks and respect.

In a few weeks, we will be preparing for our state primary on September 13th, then, the general election on November 8th. We will need poll workers for both of these occasions. I will be contacting workers in a few weeks to set up the schedule. As always, we will be needing new people in all positions. It is best practice to have a balanced table of Republicans and Democrats as Ballot Clerks. Undeclared or other parties are welcome as vote counters or assistants to the moderator. Please strongly consider being part of our team, especially if you think you could perform the position of Moderator, since I am not seeking another term.

Before wrapping up, I would like to comment on the unusual complications and concerns the pandemic has had on our elections in the past two years. I have received both praise and condemnation for the safety measures which were put in place. In reality, I am not really deserving of either. The Moderator's job is not to invent the rules, yet merely to see that the guidelines are being followed. In this evolving situation, the Moderator follows the legal guidelines of the Secretary of State and the safety recommendations of the health officials. By doing so, it is our goal to have safe and secure elections


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to use the best practices for the health and safety of the poll workers and the voters themselves and to ensure that every legal ballot will be able to be cast and counted.

If you would like to discuss the possibility of being part of our team, please contact me at (603) 239-4652.

Thank you.

Walden Whitham, Town Moderator

Town Clerk Tidbits

Karen O'Brien

We are now processing boat registrations! You can register your vessel here at the office during regular hours. You can also make an appointment for Tuesday nights.

The number of residents purchasing new vehicles has been on the uptick. Many are buying vehicles which are better on gas; some are buying out leases, transferring plates, and much more. Remember, when you purchase a vehicle, we need two things that are not necessarily apparent and that dealers do not include on the paperwork: we must have the GVW (gross vehicle weight) and the MSRP (manufacturer's suggested retail price), the sticker price when the car was new. That price is not necessarily what you paid for the vehicle (unless you are buying a brand-new car, truck, or motorcycle). Also, I cannot process titles and registrations unless all owners are present. This is DMV policy and part of the privacy laws to which I am required to adhere.

A Little Puzzle for the Town Clerk

I thought I would share a story. As Town Clerk, I am the keeper of the Town Records, and we have records going back to 1770. Recently, a gentleman came in to get a copy of his marriage license from March of 1965. Both he and his spouse were getting older and they wanted to tie up loose ends. They could not find a copy of a marriage license, but did know they were married in Richmond. Now, accessing the database of Vital Records at the State means you need to know the exact date, which he didn't have. It seems that he was Irish Catholic and his wife was French Canadian Catholic, and they knew that their parents would not approve of such a match. So, they ran off and eloped! They later told their parents about the marriage. I guess the folks were OK with the marriage, but NOT with the lack of a proper church wedding.



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The couple had the church annul the marriage so they could be wed in the church (*I didn't hear which church*).

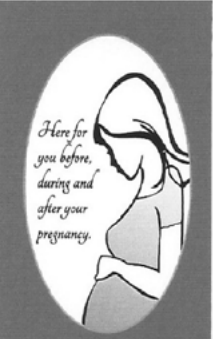
I looked in the record book under the appropriate year, but could not find the marriage record. The husband decided that he might take a chance some other time and send me the information. And, off he went, sadly without his license. I told him he could send in the Vital Records Form, and we could try to find it that way. A little while later, when I had some extra time, I decided to look further, as just maybe he had the date wrong. Sure enough, I found they had gotten hitched in **1966!** Now, I wait for him to contact me, so I can print the license for his files.

You just never know what you might encounter as Town Clerk!

Town Beach Update




Per the Town Administrator, the Town Beach is now open from dawn to dusk. Three volunteers have been appointed to Parks & Recreation. (Thank you so much, appointees!) Please mind the buoys they put out for your safety. No lifeguard is on duty. You swim at your own risk

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Library News Wendy O'Brien

Library Calendar for July

Every Saturday, 10 AM – noon: Drop-in Knitting Circle

Every Wednesday, 10 AM: Summer Reading Program

Special Events

Tuesday, July 12th, 6 PM: Book Group, *Little Secrets*

Saturday, July 9th: Last day to register for CPR Course

Looking Ahead

Thursday, August 4th, 6 PM: CPR Certification Course

Saturday, August 13th, 11 AM: Summer Reading Wrap-up; last day to register for First Aid Course

Thursday, August 25th, 5:30 PM: First Aid Certification Course



Summer Reading is Here Every Wednesday

We are making waves on Wednesdays! Join us at 10 AM for water-filled fun. In July, we will get down and dirty with pollution in the ocean, learn about scuba diving, see if you can survive on an island, and make octopus slime. At each visit to the Library, you can put in a raffle ticket to win the grand prize of a gift card to Target or one of our six squid hats. What's a squid hat? Come by to find out! Most importantly, log in those reading minutes while you are here.

CPR and First Aid Courses

Sandee Auvil, certified instructor, will be offering both a CPR and a First Aid course at the Library. Come learn these life- saving skills! The CPR course

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is \$32, which includes an online course, a hands-on skills practice, and certification card. A CPR book is available for an additional \$2.50. The First Aid course will be \$19.50 for the certification card, book and a two-hour hands-on class. **Please register at the Library by July 9th for CPR (skills practice class August 4th @ 6 PM) and by August 13th (class August 25th@ 5:30 PM) for First Aid.**

Book Club
 Join us on **July 12th at 6 PM** to discuss an exciting thriller, *Little Secrets*, by Jennifer Hillier. "Overwhelmed by tragedy, a woman desperately tries to save her marriage in a riveting novel of psychological suspense." - 4.23 stars at GoodReads.com. Copies are available at the Library.



Little Free Library

Richmond's very own Little Free Library is now at the Town Beach. While you are enjoying Cass Pond, stop by and pick up a free book. We refresh the selection of children's, young adult, and adult books at least once a week. You never know-you might just find a new author! Check out other Little Free Libraries in the area with the app:

<https://littlefreelibrary.org/app/>

New Titles

Clive Cussler's Dark Vector, Graham Brown
Every Cloak Rolled in Blood, James Lee Burke
In Five Years, Rebecca Serle
Stacked with Flavor, Shawna Coronado
Paris Apartment, Lucy Foley
Book of Lost Names, Kristin Harmel
Countdown to Midnight, Dale Brown

Richmond Historical Society

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June 2, 2022 Meeting Highlights

Wendy O'Brien, Secretary
Richmond Historical Society

The Richmond Historical Society most recently met on June 2nd. The members present worked on rewriting the bylaws and the conflict-of-interest policy. Lenny Solomon gave an update on the Moose Plate Grant he is writing for the restoration of the theater curtains which once hung in the Veterans' Hall. Suzen Perry gave the status of various federal and state financial filings. Dick Drew reported on the plans to create a safe access point to the Town Pound. *[The Town Pound is an old stone wall fenced-in area that was used to corral stray livestock from the late 18th century. It is opposite the Vets Hall and Granite Hill Road, set back from the highway.]* The members then discussed future programming ideas. The next meeting will be on July 7th at 1:30 PM at the Pavilion, or at the Library, if there is bad weather. Members of the public are welcome.

Welcome.

New Pastor at the Old Brick Church

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Pastor Stacey Hartford to serve at the Richmond Community United Methodist Church. Her first Sunday will be on July 3, 2022, with worship service to begin at 9:00 AM. Please join us in welcoming her to our community!

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Richmond's Got Talent!

[Editor's Note: Readers, this event schedule assists residents of Richmond who are talented in the arts. Performers, musicians, artists, and the like, submit your event information no later than the 10th of the month before your event, and we will add you to our Richmond's Got Talent schedule.]

Sunday, July 3, 2022 – 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at the Richmond Farmers' Market at Four Corners (intersection of Rtes. 32 & 119), weather permitting.

Sunday, July 10, 2022 – 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at the Richmond Farmers' Market at Four Corners (intersection of Rtes. 32 & 119), weather permitting.

Sunday, July 24, 2022 – 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at the Richmond Farmers' Market at Four Corners (intersection of Rtes. 32 & 119), weather permitting.

Wednesday, July 27, 2022 – 7 PM to 8:30 PM

Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) with Suzen Joyce Perry (harmony vocals) will perform at the Jaffrey "Concerts on the Common".

Sunday, July 31, 2022 – 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at the Richmond Farmers' Market at Four Corners (intersection of Rtes. 32 & 119), weather permitting.



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Flowering Fitzwilliam: Visit Rhododendron State Park Fran Heap



Laurel Trail. Photo by Sarah Heap-Crosby

Rhododendron State Park in Fitzwilliam will be in peak bloom by mid-July, but the mountain laurels are already blooming.



Mountain Laurel, June 19th. Photo by Sarah Heap-Crosby

New Photography Business Opens in Richmond Adria French

Hello, fellow Richmond residents!

Some of you may already know me, but for those who don't, my name is Addie, and I've been a resident of Richmond for almost sixteen years. My family and I have a small farm on Athol Road, and many of our initial introductions may have happened as the result of a

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random bovine in your yard or one of my dogs in/on the road en route to the Shir-Roy Campground to convince campers that they need a hotdog. (They do not need a hotdog - don't let those sad puppy dog eyes fool you!)

About a year ago, my mother, who has Alzheimer's, came to live with us. Because she requires round-the-clock care, it became impossible for me to work outside the home. I left my job and started looking for ways to earn income, either from home or with a very flexible schedule. With a lifelong passion for photography, I decided to give that a try on a professional level. I purchased some better quality gear and took a few classes online to hone my skills, although I learn something new every time I pick up my camera. In April, I made



it "official", and the journey of Addie's Angles Photography, L.L.C. began.

While wildlife photography is my most favorite genre, it isn't exactly lucrative without extensive travel and unlimited time to just "be" in the wild. I do get out on the trails or on the water in my kayak whenever possible, and I never leave home without my camera. While I do definitely offer portrait,

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wedding, event, lifestyle, maternity, and family sessions, my specialties are equine/equestrian, farm, and pet photography. I just LOVE being able to capture the relationships animals have with their people. This includes “Journey’s End” sessions as well. Having previously spent about a decade as a veterinary technician, I understand the need to handle something so difficult with sympathy and compassion. These sessions are offered at half the price of my regular hourly rate.



I am, of course, available for non-animal photography and there are plans to eventually build a studio here on the farm to enable me to broaden the scope of my services that much further, potentially incorporating boudoir and other studio sessions. We are building a riding ring here, as well, which will enable folks to trailer their horses in for ringside photography. The possibilities are endless. If you have a vision, share it with me, and we’ll bring it to life through my lens.

In an effort to assist non-profit (501C-3) organizations of all kinds, I am ALWAYS glad to take photos for websites, advertising, marketing, social media, events, and other purposes. My time is billed as a tax-deductible donation, so my services are affordable for even the newest organizations. I’ve worked in this capacity with the Manchester Mounted Patrol as well

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as with Magzalea Farm and Sanctuary in Fitzwilliam.

I love collaboration with other local businesses and will be working on several upcoming projects with Morrison Drone, LLC, out of Keene, with an eye toward eventually offering packages which incorporate both of our services. You can see examples of Tony’s work on Facebook and Instagram at @morrisondrone. I will also be displaying some prints of my wildlife and landscape photos for sale at Euphoria, an Asian fusion restaurant opening soon in downtown Keene. You may see me in action working with National Horseman Magazine to capture “candid” at four big Saddlebred/Morgan/Arabian shows around New England this summer or at the Cheshire Fairgrounds photographing their Benefit Series shows.

If you or anyone you know has a need for any of the above photography services, please don’t hesitate to reach out. I can be reached via email at AddiesAngles@gmail.com, via phone at (603) 209-8088, on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AddiesAngles>, on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/AddiesAngles>, or via the “contact us” tab on my website at <https://www.AddiesAngles.com>. Examples of my work can be found at any of the latter three web addresses, though Facebook is probably the most current of them all. Signed and numbered prints of my wildlife and landscape photography are available for purchase upon request.

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Electric Vehicles Get a “Boost” from the State

Susan Opal,

Richmond Energy Committee

As we all know, the price of gas and diesel has shot up, but did you know that, finally, Keene has been given the matching funds from New Hampshire for the fast-charging station at the Monadnock Co-Op? This Electronic Vehicles Charging Station will have

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different connections for different Electronic Vehicles (“EVs”). The Electronic Vehicles Charging System throughout the U.S.A. is part of the Infrastructure Bill. You can go online for some websites which map the EV Charging Stations on the roadways. Many states have much better accessibility than New Hampshire.

The latest *Consumer Reports* (April 2022) has a lot of information about hybrids, plug-in hybrids, and EV. All have two things in common: they cost less to drive, and there are current tax credits for up to \$7,500. The Federal Tax Credit incentive is for new EVs only and has an automaker limit of 200,000 before it goes away. Right now, Ford and Toyota still have not met their threshold to be part of that program. On the website CR.ORG/EV, you will learn more about pros and cons.



From E-Bikes to E-trucks, Electronic Vehicles have grown in popularity, and some are not too expensive. You will hear this debated: EVs do cost quite a bit, but they cost less to “fill up”, and repairs are a small fraction of what fossil fuel vehicles cost. Now, the driving distance on a battery fully charged is about 280 to 300 miles, depending on speed, season, and car. The most common fear is finding a charging station; most of the time (80%), an EV is charged at home with the charger you get with your EV when you buy it. When charging at home, most people need to have a Level 2 charger and a 220 volt electrical supply installed, just like an electronic stove outlet. With EV charging, there isn’t a one-size-fits-all solution. Electric vehicles have different charging capabilities and requirements; every owner also has his or her own driving needs. EVs do not have a standard connection, so you need the right one for your EV. Some people can use a standard 110 volt socket, like most electric outlets in your house.

There are a number of dealers in the area who sell EVs and will let you test drive them. Everyone who tries EVs for the first time is surprised by the power and performance. Simply by adopting a Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV), you are doing more than most in helping our Earth. Consumers will see a financial benefit on top of the environmental one.

The Richmond Energy Committee was started in 2007 by a small group of renewable energy enthusiasts interested in networking and learning about sustainable building and applications. If you are interested in joining us, please email us at: susanopalwyatt@gmail.com.

The Edge Ensemble Presents
A Well-Remembered Voice by J.M. Barrie
 Catherine Behrens



The Edge Ensemble Theatre Company’s second film production of 2022 – and its eighth film – premieres on YouTube July 1st at 7 PM and will be available for viewing through the end of August. This poignant one-act play by the author of Peter Pan is directed by Kim Dupuis, with cinematography and editing by David Teubner, art direction by Susan Sanders, and production assistance by Tristan Shawley.

The cast features Jackson Hogan as the son, a soldier killed in World War I, who appears when least expected. Jim Duffy and Lindsay Bartlett are the grieving parents, and Ruby Dupuis-Morrison is the sweetheart of the dead soldier. They are desperately trying to contact him in the afterlife through seances. John McMahon is a retired major and Tom Bernstock is Mr. Rogers. The year is 1918.

A Well-Remembered Voice was filmed on location at a private residence in Keene. The Putnam Foundation, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the Eppes-Jefferson Foundation, More Than a Thrift Store, and our local donors are generously supporting our productions. This film, like The Edge’s other seven online theatrical productions created during the pandemic, is being offered free to view. But, as Founding Artistic Director Kim Dupuis emphasizes, filming is very expensive, and with no box office receipts to support the production, money is very short. Hence, donations are fervently requested. Donations can be made by going to The Edge’s website, edgeensemble.org, and clicking on the Donate Button.

A Well-Remembered Voice may be viewed



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Save the Date: September 22, 2022!
Monadnock Humane Society's
Annual Hair Ball

Voted the region's most popular gala event – the 20th Annual MHS Hair Ball! Whether you live in the Monadnock Region, or you are planning to visit – you won't want to miss this fun event! Each year, close to 200 people gather together at the Hair Ball in the spirit of community and generosity for the homeless animals. A live auction, delicious food, wonderful silent auction items, guest speakers, music/dancing, and more. Best of all – all proceeds to go the care of the animals of MHS! This year's event will be in-person on Thursday, September 22, 2022. More information is coming soon! Visit www.mhshairball.com

May 23, 2022 Meeting
of Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace
Selectmen absent: William Daniels

Administration Present: Susan Harrington and Lori Schmidt

Public Present:

Meeting opened at 5:29 pm

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest dated May 23, 2022 for week of May 13, 2022-May 19, 2022 in the amount of: \$145,499.40 for payroll/accounts payable.

This manifest also contains the monthly

stipend payroll/accounts payable for the month of May and a payment in the amount of \$125,600.00 to the Monadnock Regional School District.

Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd Board approved Building Permit for Map 402 Lot 041-Activity Road.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board approved Abatement for Map 405 Lot 052.

Board reviewed email from the Law Offices of Joseph Hoppock. Reference 213-2021-CV- 00167.

Board discussed meeting dates for the Local Emergency Operations Plan update. Board discussed bridge replacement timeline payment.

Appointments

Road Agent, Buddy Blood met with the Board to provide an update on the work he has been doing on the roads and the progress of the building at the highway shed. Buddy also gave the Board a job application for a Laborer.

Fire Chief Ed Atkins met with the Board.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; the Board voted to enter into nonpublic under **RSA 91-A:3, II (a)**The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

Roll Call; Bersaw (Y), and Wallace (Y). Non-Public session was entered at 6:15 pm.

Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd; the Board voted to reconvene Public session. Roll call: Bersaw (Y), Wallace (Y). Public session was reconvened at 6:35 pm.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; the Board

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voted to SEAL the minutes. Roll call: Bersaw (Y), Wallace(Y). Minutes have been sealed. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Harrington

June 6, 2022 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace

Selectmen absent:

Administration Present: Susan Harrington

Public Present:

Meeting opened at 5:33 pm

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest dated June 6, 2022 for week of May 27, 2022-June 2, 2022 in the amount of \$91,314.38 for payroll/accounts payable. This check detail includes a check in the amount of \$66,311.82 to the Town of Winchester for the 2021-2022 use of the landfill.

Daniels moved; Wallace 2nd Board approved Building Permit for Map 202 Lot 037-Athol Road.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board approved Yield Tax Bill for Map 402 Lot 027-Old Homestead Hwy.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board approved Intent to Cut for Map 409 Lot 096-Lang Road. Daniels signed Vet Hall rental application for June 12, 2022.

Sheriffs Office Log for May received. Reviewed.

Email from Heather Dunkerley of NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management acknowledging the approved Emergency Management Program Grant Local Emergency Operations Plan Update Project. Reviewed.

Daniels moved; Wallace 2nd; Board signed Domestic Septage Agreement from the Town of Winchester.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; Board signed Part I of the 2022 tax warrant. Taxes are due on or before July 13, 2022. Any questions, please contact the Tax Collector at 603-239-6106.

Invitation to the Southwest Region Planning Commission's Annual Meeting on June 14, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Letter from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services regarding a reported violation reference Map 201 Lot 048. Reviewed.



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Note from Buzz Shaw regarding addresses that are incorrect and 911 not being able to locate those properties. Shaw is requesting the Selectmen advise on how to go about notifying the owners of the change.

Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd; Board agreed to enter into an Ad Hoc Agreement with Donahue, Tucker and Ciandella, a legal firm that specializes in Land Use and Municipal Law.

Appointments

Richard Drew of the Richmond Historical Society met with the Board to discuss hanging a curtain in the Veterans' Memorial Hall. Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd Board approved the Richmond Historical Society to hang the curtain at the Veteran's Memorial Hall on the back wall.

Tax Collector, Steve Boscarino and Deputy Tax Collector met with the Board to discuss the 2019 tax deeded properties. Harrington to contact property owners to meet with the Selectboard.

Ana Giraldi from Quantum Construction Consultants met with the Board to provide a Preliminary Plan Submittal. There is a copy of the plan for Tully Brook Bridge available for viewing located in the Selectmen's Office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Harrington

June 13, 2022 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace

Selectmen absent:

Administration Present: Susan Harrington and Jennifer Thompson

Public Present: Fran Heap

Meeting opened at 5:36 pm

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest dated June 13, 2022 for week of June 3, 2022-June 9, 2022 in the amount of: \$12,107.78 for payroll/accounts payable.

Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd Board denied Building Permit for Map 407 Lot 018-Fitzwilliam Road. There are wetlands that the applicant must cross

to get to the house site. Applicant must apply for a Dredge and Fill permit from the NHDES and a special exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; Board approved Yield Tax Bill for Map 401 Lot 007-Dean Farm Road.

Daniels moved; Wallace 2nd; Board approved Building Permit Map 402 Lot 027-Old Homestead Hwy.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; Board signed Dog Warrant 2022.

Board signed A-5 Land Use Change Tax Bill for Map 405 Lot 039 Sub 002 and Map 405 Lot 039 Sub 003.

Daniels signed application for payment from trust in the amount of \$1,765.50 to move money from the Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Fund to replenish the TD General Fund from check#39624 payable to Leonard W Lawrence Excavating Inc.

Daniels signed contract form with Quantum Construction Consultants on the final design, permitting, bidding and construction administration, preparation and construction engineering for Whipple Hill Road over Roaring Brook-Br. #065/083.

Letter from New Hampshire Department of Transportation for Whipple Hill Road over Roaring Brook-Br. #065/083 design scope and fee approval.

Letter from Agricultural Commission Chair, Karen O'Brien requesting the Selectmen to appoint Mary Ann Lauretti to the Agricultural Commission to replace Jennifer Daniels who has resigned. Email from Ron Raymond to the Select board for their review regarding The Broadband Matching Grant Initiative (BMGI).

Received the FEMA approved Richmond Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for 2021. A copy will be

available for viewing in the Selectmen's Office during regular business hours and also on the website at www.richmond.nh.gov. Letter attached.*

Board discussed the classifications of roads that are Class 6 or discontinued. Board clarified that Toad Hollow Road is discontinued.

Harrington asked Board of Supervisors of the Checklist can store their file cabinet at the Vet's Hall. Board agreed due to convenience and there are no confidential documents.

Board discussed the upcoming junkyard permit renewal. Pending inspection, no decisions were made.

Appointments

Road Agent, Buddy Blood met with the Board to provide an update on the Highway Department. Sheriff Eli Riveria met with the Board to discuss the 2023-2025 contract for police services.

Phone Appointments

Board contacted Richard Drew regarding wetland questions.

Board contacted Doug Smith regarding Broadband Committee questions define scope and underserved areas by map or description to show map of roads. Harrington forwarded email from attorney to Doug Smith and Wendy O'Brien.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Harrington

**[Editor's Note: due to space constraints, no attachments appear in this edition of the Rooster]*



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Wed. 9 AM – 1 PM

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Town Clerk: Karen O'Brien

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Thurs. 3 PM – 7 PM, Sat. 10 AM – 2 PM

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Tax Collector – 239-6106

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