

Wolverine Winner, Bridget Murphy



[Editor's Note: For those of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting Bridget Murphy, she resides on Old Homestead Highway in Richmond with her husband, Rob, and a well-loved collection of pets. Bridget is artistic, practices Tai-Chi, and recently won Wolverine's Women's Month Award for having the "grit and tenacity to forge her own path" in the face of cancer. Please read Pam Bielunis' nomination letter to learn more about this amazing woman. Congratulations, Bridget!]



Bridget models her 'swag."
She received a \$200 Wolverine gift card, too!

Award-Winning Letter to Wolverine, Nominating Bridget Murphy

[First, let me say that I have permission from Bridget to share her information]. This may be a different type of nomination, but Bridget is truly an inspirational woman. About a year ago at 42 years old, Bridget was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She has undergone chemo and major surgery. She makes every step of her journey a positive one, and by doing so helps others deal with their situations and move forward. She had to give up her job as a nursing supervisor at our local hospital. She has taken this situation and put her time and energy into improving herself, leading by example while educating and inspiring many women. She made changes in her lifestyle including exercise, healthy eating habits, helping local residents, and volunteering to drive others to appointments. She has walked miles and miles in all kinds of weather to support charities especially ones involving animals or cancer. Her strength, grit, dedication, and motivation are contagious. Her ultimate goal is to educate women to be aware of any subtle signs or symptoms so they may be able to diagnose this type of cancer early and prolong their lives. Bridget is truly an inspirational woman, beautiful on the inside and out. She exemplifies the qualities necessary to be an excellent candidate for a Wolverine Award. Thank you for considering her for one of your awards of Wolverine gear.

Pam Bielunis



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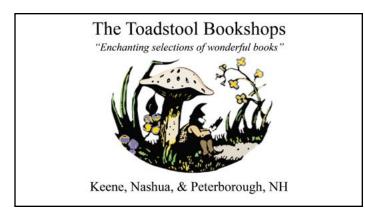
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Richmond Clean-Up Days in the 1970s Ruth Blais Thompson

I grew up in the small town of Richmond in the 1970s. It was special, and as kids we didn't know or understand that, we just knew that we had fun together doing practically anything. One of the benefits of growing up in a small town like Richmond /I think the population back then might have been 700] was that you knew everyone! The 4-Corner's and the store seemed to be the natural meeting spot to catch up with neighbors who lived more than a walk or bike ride away. My dad, George Blais, was like a big kid and loved to do things, not only with his own kids, but with all the kids in town. Dad would often pile what seemed like all the town's kids in the back of his 3/4 ton pick-up truck and head to the dirt roads in town to go sliding or in the summer to the town beach for an afternoon swim. Mike York, who grew up in town with us, recently shared his memory with me of my dad getting a bunch of kids together in town for a football game on the weekends in the yard next to the store... good memories.

I have a memory of Richmond's Spring Clean-Up Day. That would have been another time that Dad would create enjoyment out of work, so we didn't look at it as an arduous undertaking, but, instead, as just a lot of fun to be all hanging out together. I found a few old photos of one of those Richmond Clean-Up Days, dated May 1970. It made me smile to see old childhood friends: some who are still with us and some who, sadly, are not; some who still live in town and some who have moved on. I think Dad purposefully had us pose in front of the \$100 fine for littering sign with a full truck of collected garage because he thought it was funny! I'm not sure how we got all the trash and all of us to the dump, but we even have evidence from the picture that we were there to unload everything we had picked up! Notice in the photo most are holding up beer bottles! I guess that was funny back then, too. Clean-Up Day in the 1970s was a fun time...and I know it still can be. It's bigger than a neighborhood; it's about community.



I'm going to try to name everyone I know in the pictures. There are some faces I remember, but can't put a name to? Maybe some of you reading this will know who they are? Maybe it's you!



Photo at the Dump from left to right: Stacie Brooks, Eric Brooks, George Brooks, unknown Male, unknown Female, Cindy Robbins, Peri Gilbert, Mike York, Male? Betty Carrier Pursell, Fred Blais, Richard Castine.



The \$100 Fine Sign photo from left to right: George Brooks, Fred Blais, Billy Castine, Male?, Ruth Blais Thompson, John Wilson, unknown, unknown, Stacie Brooks, Christine Blais Ortiz..



A Nice Surprise

Dear Editor,

I'm in town and at this time of year [April], I usually walk the nearby roads and pick up the winter's accumulation of beer cans and other trash. I typically collect a big black trash bagful between Camp Wiyaka and the lower edge of the "Schoolhouse Field" at the junction of Lang and Bullock Roads. Perhaps 3/4 mile to a mile.

Although there is a lot of tree debris left from this winter's savage storms, there is virtually no trash. The two or three cans that were there were clearly new arrivals. Somebody deserves a big thank you for the clean-up.

Shaun Bennett

Big Thank You

Recently, someone dumped a lot of trash at the end of Whipple Hill and Rt 119. Alex Leduc, our neighbor, took it upon himself to clean it all up and throw it away. I have seen him many times picking up trash on Whipple Hill and I really appreciate it. It's nice to have such a good neighbor. If we could only keep people from dumping it on the side of the road, that would be nice!

Renée Murphy





"Our Family Trees" from April 26th

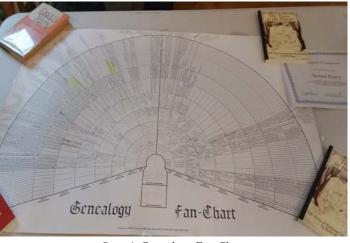
Photos by Alan Conklin

Suzen Perry presented her personal genealogical voyage and provided practical tips at the Vets' Hall. The event was free and put on by the Richmond Historical Society. Thanks for a great talk, Suzen!





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Written and Submitted by Sr. Mary Joseph

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<u>Saturday, June 3, 2023 – 10 AM to Noon</u> Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at the Winchester Farmers' Market at Winchester Center, weather permitting.

Saturday, June 10, 2023 – 10 AM to Noon

Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at the Winchester Farmers' Market at Winchester Center, weather permitting.

Thursday, June 22, 2023 – Noon to 1 PM

Mark Lanen (keyboard, harmonica, vocals) will perform during "Lunch & Listen" at Depot Park in Peterborough. Bring lunch and a blanket or chair. Saturday, June 24, 2023 – 10 AM to Noon

Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at the Winchester Farmers' Market at Winchester Center, weather permitting.

Sunday, June 25, 2023 – 2 PM to 5 PM

Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at Outlaw Brewing, 215 Scotland Rd., Winchester.



Mark Lanen plays to the patio crowd at Tempesta's in Keene on May 6th. Readers can check Tempesta's website for future performances.

Photo by Alan Conklin.

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From a friend on Athol Road

Bruschetta with Tomato and Arugula Terri O'Rorke

With Father's Day, graduations, and backyard BBQ's fast approaching, here's a quick and tasty appetizer:
Topping

3 ripe tomatoes, diced

2 oz. arugula, roughly chopped

salt & pepper to taste

1 Tbsp. olive oil

1 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar

Bread

12 (half inch) small slices rustic artisan bread

2 tsps. olive oil

2 garlic cloves, minced

Directions

Combine all topping ingredients in a med. bowl. Let stand at room temp. for 1 hour. Toast or grill bread until light golden. Combine oil and vinegar. Brush on toasted bread. Top bread with tomato mixture. Serves 6





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A New Deputy! Karen O'Brien, Town Clerk

After a short time without a deputy, I am pleased to announce that Cheryl Brake has been hired as the Deputy Clerk. She started on March 7th, jumping in to help with the town election, where she observed the voting process and was involved with the MRSD (school) ballot machine reconciliation. What an auspicious beginning!

Cheryl has lived in Richmond for 12+ years, moving here from Marlborough. She is a New Hampshire native from Manchester, where her father worked for the city in the Cemetery Department. Her husband, Harry, who died two years ago, was a familiar figure in the Keene automotive scene. He worked at Nissan and Ford dealerships as Parts and Service Director. Sharing her home are her two grown children, Steve and Tanya, and their children, Liam, Hunter, and Mckenzie. Oh, and we can't forget the six dogs who reside there, as well (four Newfie pups, plus two Labs).

Cheryl "retired" from Smith Medical in Keene, having worked third shift for almost twenty years. She is happily adjusting to her new time schedule and is proving invaluable in her duties as Deputy. She likes cooking and baking and loves to read and spend time with her grand-children. Now that she has more "free" time, she hopes to do some traveling and enjoy her time in Richmond.



The Elaine Moriarty Volunteer of the Year Awards

We are pleased to announce, after being put on hold for several years due to COVID, the winners of Elaine Moriarty Volunteer of the Year Award: Roxanne Hubert for 2021 and Dixie Gurian for 2022. Roxanne and Dixie were honored for their years of service at the Library's Volunteer Tea on May 6th with certificates given by the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Becky Haskins. Roxanne's and Dixie's names are also inscribed on a plaque which hangs in the Library. The Trustees and staff of the Library are incredibly grateful to all our volunteers who help in so many ways. If you are looking for a way to get involved, there are lots of opportunities in both the Library and the Town Archives. Stop by, give us a call, or drop us an email!



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Library NewsWendy O'Brien

Library Calendar for June

Weekly, starting June 14th: Summer Reading Drop-in Craft

Saturdays, 10 AM – Noon: Drop-in Knitting Circle Saturday, June 10th, Noon – 3 PM at the Pavilion: Summer Kick-off

Tuesday, June 13th, 6 PM: Book Group, My Name is Mary Sutter

Thursday, June 15th, 6 PM: Invasive Plants talk by Jeff Taylor

Tuesday, June 27th, 6 PM: LEGO Club



Summer Reading

It's that time of year - the summer reading program begins! This year's theme is "All Together Now," celebrating the spirit of friendship and community. Join us for lots of fun on Saturday, June 10th, from noon – 3 PM at the Pavilion. We're teaming up with the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Agricultural Commission for a great afternoon of tie-dying, crafts, vendors, and of course, summer reading signups! Then, join us each week anytime at the Library for a fun drop-in craft and to log-in those reading minutes. Stay tuned for more information about a wrap-up ice cream social in August. Book Club

Our Tuesday Book Club will be meeting on June 13th at 6 PM to discuss *My Name is Mary Sutter* by Robin Oliveira. "Mary Sutter is a brilliant, head-strong midwife from Albany, New York, who dreams of becoming a surgeon. Determined to overcome the prejudices against women in medicine, Mary travels to Washington, D.C. to help tend the legions of the Civil War wounded."—[From the inside cover.]

Invasive Plants with Jeff Taylor

Join us on Thursday, June 15th at 6 PM as Richmond's own Jeff Taylor presents an informative talk on invasive plants. Jeff will show us what some of the plants look like and how to get rid of them. Jeff has been a member of the Town's Conservation Commission since its founding in 1972 and has lots of information to share New Titles

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