



Richmond Rooster

Something to Crow About

August 2024

Fun, Educational Event at the Tramp House

Richard P. Drew, President,
Richmond Historical Society

The Tramp re-enactors are returning to Richmond on August 25th to help us celebrate Richmond Day. They will be here from 11 AM to 3 PM.



Don't miss this amazing opportunity to see and hear them share the important part of history that the tramps and hobos created and the role that our Tramp House played in it.



Come and Show your Support

Richmond's Fire Department BBQ

Sunday, August 25th

Noon to 3 PM

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Only \$15 per Plate!

Head and Heart Bonnie McCarthy



Years ago, I went to a Maia Danziger workshop at Omega Institute in Rhinebeck, NY, called *Relax and Write*. After a relaxing, guided meditation, Maia asked us to pick up a blank sheet of paper and just write whatever came into our minds and hands. This was the stream of consciousness result - poor punctuation, spelling and all:

My mother wore bathing suits all summer long---ones with little skirts. She never wore shoes at the cottage and was proud of her dirty feet. She cleaned the cottage by sweeping from front to back and out the back door---dirt and sand, shale & small bits of cotton from the cottonwood trees. Everything went out as she added more dirt to her beautiful feet. Mother loved me---she loved everyone. She was always there for everyone asking no recompense, nothing in return. She died early in life, in 1980 at age 61---too many cigarettes and too many martini's [sic]. I once was asked as part of a spiritual intuitive energy class to put my hand on my head and ask a question. The next step was to put my hand on my heart and ask the same question. My question was to my mother, who had been dead for close to 20 years. I asked, "What did you want from me?" My head said what an easy question and told me that my mother wanted me to love her more. I felt good about such a succinct [sic] answer. My heart said, "I wanted you to love yourself more." I cried the tears I never shed at her funeral.

On another sheet of paper, I wrote: *Another mother story: she loved shoes and had a plastic shoe container on the back of her closet door. All her shoes were open toe, sling backs. She called them her "chippy shoes." She loved to be with her shoes and enjoy the diversity of color amongst the single design... My mother, so long gone and so much a part of me.*

My mother will have been gone 44 years on September 30th. I recently found the above writing exercise when cleaning out a desk drawer. I was going to throw it out until I decided to share it. Sometimes just relaxing and letting the unconscious bleed into the conscious on a piece of blank paper is a head and heart opening experience. I dare you to try it.

A Couple of Quick and Easy Summer Salads Terri O'Rorke

Tomato Watermelon Salad

Ingredients

- 4 C coarsely chopped tomatoes
- 2 C coarsely chopped seedless watermelon
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp balsamic vinegar
- salt & pepper to taste
- 2 Tbsp chopped fresh mint
- 1/4 C chopped pistachios

Directions

Mix all ingredients, except nuts, in a large serving bowl. Top with chopped pistachios.

Watermelon Salad

Ingredients

- 3 C coarsely chopped seedless watermelon
- 1 1/2 C diced seedless cucumber (or just cut the seeds out)
- 2 Tbsp thinly sliced fresh mint
- 1/3 C crumbled feta cheese

Directions

Mix all ingredients in a large serving bowl.



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Open Mic Night Brings New Talent to Town
 Fran Heap



The latest newcomer to Open Mic Night at our Vets' Hall is Bill Rogers of Winchester. Bill is a singing guitar player with an amusing repartee and says of these monthly events, "I was Jonesing for some music." Open Mic Night is jointly sponsored by the Richmond Historical Society ("RHS") and the Richmond Welfare Office.



Richmond's Got Talent!

Saturday, August 3, 2024 – 10 AM to Noon

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

Thursday, August 15, 2024 – 5:30 PM to 8 PM

Guaranteed local talent and beyond on Open Mic Night at "Stage 32", our Vets' Hall. Music starts at 6 PM. Free event jointly sponsored by the Richmond Historical Society and the Town Welfare Office

Saturday, August 17, 2024 – 10 AM to Noon

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

Richmond Four Corner Store Celebration
August 16th!

Ruth Blais Thompson and
 Lenny Solomon, Vice President
 Richmond Historical Society

Helena and George Blais owned and ran the Richmond Four Corner Store from 1964 through 1972. The store was a central meeting place for both long-time residents and summer vacationing families to meet and socialize. It was known for many things, but especially for the wonderful homemade food which was prepared each week by Helena and sold at the store.



On Friday, August 16th at 6:30 PM at the Veterans' Hall, the Richmond Historical Society ("RHS") is sponsoring a Four Corner Store celebration in honor of Helena Blais. Helena and her family have put together a wonderful cookbook of all of the delicious recipes Helena has offered over those years, including some of her German heritage recipes that everyone came to enjoy! The cookbook will be on sale at the event with the proceeds going to the RHS. Also, Helena and her family will be making one of the famous recipes from the cookbook to share with everyone that evening. We hope you can join us for a dive into Richmond's past that can serve as a springboard towards Richmond's future.

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Cemetery Trustees Grateful

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Chairman Jerry Merrifield reported the receipt of two generous donations to further the work of the Cemetery Trustees. The gifts were from Richmond's own Richard Fadden, Jr. (*Thanks, Ricky!*) and Pennsylvania resident Malin Martin, a descendant of Martins buried in Quaker Cemetery. Mr. Martin's donation letter is attached.

Please congratulate our Cemetery Trustees. They put in long hours to ensure Richmond's dead are treated with respect and dignity.

The Edge Ensemble Theatre Company Presents *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling

Catherine Behrens

In its third show of the 2024 season, The Edge Ensemble Theatre Company will present *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling at The Edge Theater, 310 Marlboro Street, Suite 112, Keene. Performances will be at 7:30 PM on August 16th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and at 2 PM on August 18th and 25th.

This moving comedy/drama, set in a Louisiana hair salon in the 1980s, is based on Robert Harling's experience with his sister's death – from diabetic complications after the birth of her son and the failure of a family-member-donated kidney. By turns, hilarious and poignant, the play focuses on these gossipy, funny and loving women as they call upon all their strength and resilience to combat the tragedies of life.

The play premiered off Broadway in 1987 and was made into a film in 1989. Its Broadway debut was in 2005, and there was a television version in 2012.

Kim Dupuis will direct a cast of six women. In the cast are Kenzie Yelin, Asah Cramer, Cynthia Rodier, Grace Johnson, Veda Crewe and Catherine Behrens. Taryn Fisher is making her debut as stage manager for The Edge in this production.

Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$15 for seniors and students. Tickets must be purchased at the door by cash or check. No credit cards at this time.

For reservations, call 603-352-5657 or email theedgeensemble@aol.com or visit The Edge's website at www.edgeensemble.org.

Dear Richmond Cemetery Committee,

May 29, 2024

First and foremost you have my deepest sympathies for all the "behind the scenes" work that you do without any fanfare and limited funds. People see the end results of your efforts but few know or understand what an effort it takes to preserve, stabilize, and maintain a cemetery, let alone the number that you are charged with.

I am also involved in cemetery work, as that I head up a crew of seven volunteer workers for the Barclay Cemetery here in Bradford County, Pa. We face some of the same challenges as you do including the fact that trees are not a cemetery's best friend and something you don't have to deal with, mine subsidence.

Some of you may be asking yourselves why I am interested in your cemeteries and not just the one (or others) where I live. That answer can be attributed to my journey starting in 1985 with researching my family's past, which lead me to Richmond, NH, and the Quaker Cemetery. For you see, all the Martins buried there are my direct ancestors. Martins buried in your other cemeteries are shirttail relatives. In some ways visiting Richmond is like coming back home.

I have read some of your past minutes posted on the town's website for issues dealing with broken equipment, grave sites that need attention, and tree removal. I might be able to enlighten you on solutions we have instituted over the past 18 years at the Barelay Cemetery for stabilizing and preserving grave sites, general maintenance and cemetery security.

I have tentative plans to be in Ashburnham, Ma. for a few days in mid to late July. I could come up and visit with anyone of you if you wish. In the meantime my donation of \$1,000 can be used in any way you see fit to fund your work at Richmond cemeteries.

With Regards,

Malin Martin

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Library News Wendy O'Brien

Library Calendar for August

Anytime: *How Do You Wokka-wokka*, Elizabeth Bluemle, StoryWalk at Amidon Park (behind the firehouse)

Wednesdays, 10 AM: Storytime

Saturdays, 10 AM – Noon: Drop-in Knitting Circle

Wed., August 7th, 11 AM: Richmond Reminisces

Wed., August 7th, 6 PM: Coffee with the Classics Book Club **at the Conant Library in Winchester**, *Mrs. Dalloway*, Virginia Woolf

Tues., August 13th, 6 PM: Tuesday Book Club, *Ordinary Grace*, William Kent Krueger

Fri., August 16th, 6:30 PM, Four Corners Store Conversation at the Vets Hall


Sun., August 25th, 10 AM – 2 PM, Richmond Day Used Book Sale and Raffle

Richmond Day Used Book Sale and Raffle



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Adventure Starts at Your Library Summer Reading Program-For All Ages

Adventures were had at the Library this summer! We've had fun learning about nature in Richmond, with a different nature challenge each week and themed storytime. Don't forget to turn in at least five nature journal pages to receive a Toadstool gift card!

New Titles

Familiaris, David Wroblewski

How the Light Gets In, Joyce Maynard

15 Summers Later, RaeAnne Thayne

Red Star Falling, Steve Berry

Our Little Secret, Lisa Jackson

Town Clerk Tidbits Karen O'Brien, Town Clerk

Contact Information

The Town Clerk's office is asking all property owners to give us their most current contact information, so we can update our records. We are finding that, with the number of new residents, plus people changing phones and emails, we are scrambling to issue dog licenses, dump stickers, etc., and, if we need to call you, we **absolutely need the most recent contact information. Your contact information is protected and is not shared.** Having current phone numbers and emails means we can serve you better and more efficiently.

Dogs

Also, **please contact the office if you no longer have a dog.** The only one who can advise of that is you. So, please take the time to let us know. All NH vets are required to

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The Post Office is no longer allowing me to hand over the mail that is for Richmond only. It used to be the postal workers would turn the mail around in the Post Office, instead of it going to a distribution center. However, I have been informed that **all mail now has to go to a main processing or distribution center (wherever that may be!), so mail may be delayed.** It is imperative that you allow a couple of weeks before your expiration date so you receive your registrations from us in a timely fashion. We do try to process registrations as soon as we get them; so, if you don't get them in a week or two, let us know. Mail sometimes doesn't get to where it needs to be.

Grand Canyon Here We Come!
Renee Murphy

Did you know you could hop on the New England Trail in Richmond and hike to Connecticut? The New England Trail (NET) is a 215-mile trail that includes most of the three single trails: Metacomet-Monadnock Trail, Mattabesett Trail, and Metacomet Trail. It goes from Long Island Sound, CT, up to Royalston Falls, at the Massachusetts/New Hampshire border.

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After stabilizing a health issue that has plagued me for the last four years, Kevin and I have been working this year to get back into hiking and trail running. Walking the dogs every morning has started a slow journey in building my stamina back up to going some distance and miles. We wanted to challenge ourselves once we had my confidence back, so I entered the Grand Canyon lottery for campsites.

The National Park Service holds a lottery through Recreation.gov where 750 people are picked to be able to reserve campsites at the bottom of the canyon five months in advance. If you win the first lottery, the Service chooses when you can make a reservation. The Service designates 50 people a day for fifteen days to be able to make your campsite reservations. Fortunately, we were selected for the third day, so we had the pick of our dates and campsites for the most part. At the end of September, we are going for four days, from the South Rim South Kaibab trail, over to the Tonto Trail to Havasupai Campground, and then to Cottonwood Campground, with a stop at Ribbon Falls. We wake up on the third day, go up to the North Kaibab Trail to the North Rim, back down Bright Angel Campground with a dinner at Phantom Ranch,

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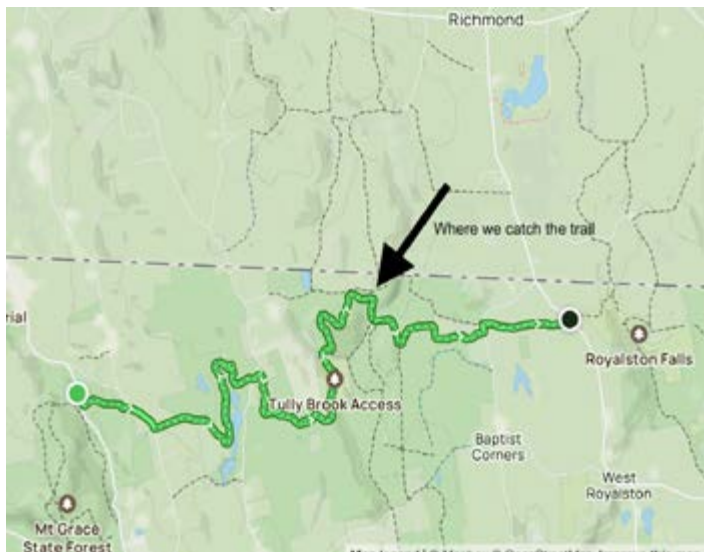
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and then wake up and climb up the South Rim. The trek is around 50 miles with 12,000 feet of elevation gain.

We have a few months to prepare our bodies and gear for this adventure. We are working to make our pack as light as possible; for example, we will use Military Woobie blankets instead of sleeping bags to save 2.5 pounds. It gets sweltering as you descend into the Grand Canyon, and water is essential for a healthy hike. Kevin and I only drink a little water when hiking here, so we are training ourselves to take in enough water during our hikes. We will also use a sawyer squeeze filter system for the water from the river. The food you eat while doing a big hike needs to get you enough calories and still feel good, so Kevin has started testing the recipe for our homemade Bobo bars! Of course, the biggest challenge is continuing to train to be ready.



We have started regularly hiking up Mt Monadnock with our packs loaded and hiking poles, and we are also knocking off some of the 48 4,000 foot mountains in the Whites. We are doing two big hikes called the Presidential Traverse (23 miles long with close to 9,000 feet of elevation gain) and the Pemigewasset (“Pemi”) Loop (31.2 miles with around 9,724 feet elevation gain). The surprise is that we can jump on the NET trail about three miles from our home from Parker Road, an old Class 6 logging road. We can go left on the NET about five miles to Royalston Falls or make a right and go over Mayo Hill and beyond. Our goal is to make it to Mount Grace in Warwick, MA. It would be quite the adventure to see how far we can go towards Connecticut, but that might be later in the fall after the Grand Canyon.

Now you know if you see Kevin and I loaded up and walking with our packs and poles, we are not running away from home, but it’s just the Murphy’s On-Trail Training for our summer hiking and adventure in the Grand Canyon.

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U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black

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We are rounding the halfway mark on the Steeple Chase course at the Old Brick Church! With each article we write, we are witnessing the generosity of people. Most recently, an anonymous donation of \$5,000 was received from an interested couple in a neighboring town. How fortunate we are that people's hearts have been touched to help us out in repairing our bell tower! We are so thankful and so encouraged! As of this writing, a total of \$26,333 has been raised.

As exciting as these large donations are, it makes us no less thankful for the smaller contributions as well. Everything helps. Thank you to the Keene Alzheimer's Support Group, as well as the Richmond Public Library for the books and DVDs donated for our book sale. The Bull Moose Store in Keene is also taking some DVDs in exchange for cash.

We have heard a lot of excellent reports about our contractor, A. L. Johnson. Work is scheduled to begin in September, and we can't wait!!

Donations are still being accepted. They may be mailed to RCUMC or Old Brick Church at 11 Fitzwilliam Road, Richmond, NH, 03470.

Don't forget the yard and bake sale on August 24, 2024, from 8 AM to 2 PM.

Pam Goodell
Bell Tower Committee,
Old Brick Church



Open Letter to Richmond Residents: Deepest Gratitude

We never know what tomorrow will bring. Fortunately, I've been blessed by a Richmond resident, whose thoughtfulness has brightened my life.

He was obviously raised by parents who taught him to assist people in need, "anyway you can", when you come across a situation.

I totally appreciate all that person has done for me. We are fortunate for people with kind hearts, who hear the call and don't hesitate to help those in need. God bless them.

Elaine Moriarty



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Savings Bank of Walpole to Host Community Cookouts

Roxanne Rubell

Keene, NH—Savings Bank of Walpole will host a series of Community Cookouts in Walpole and Winchester as a way to say thank you to both customers and the community. The Bank will serve free hot dogs, chips and drinks at each cookout. In Walpole, the cookout will be followed by a musical performance from the River Valley Dance Band.

SBW Community Cookout dates:

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Thursday, August 8

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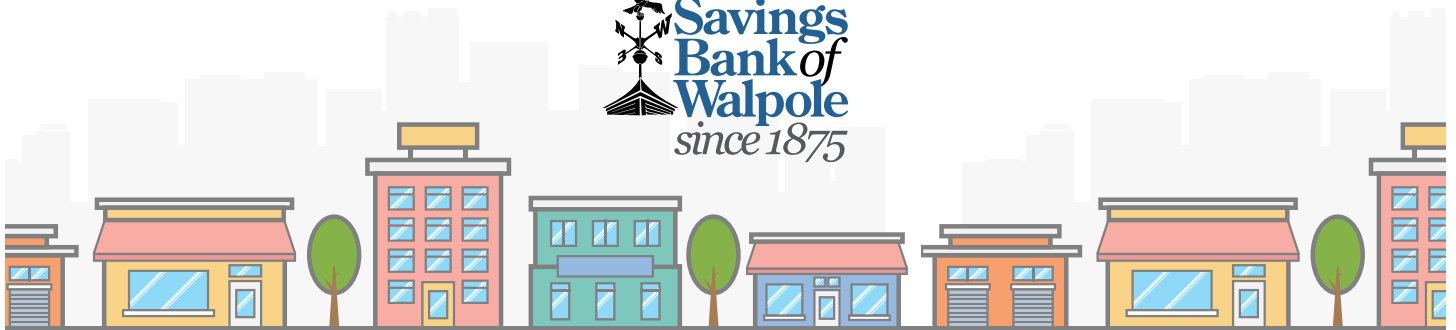
On the Green in Walpole

“Our Community Cookouts are SBW’s way of thanking our customers, friends, and neighbors in the Monadnock Region,” said Mark Bodin, President of Savings Bank of Walpole. “They’re always terrific family-friendly events. And, following the cookouts in Winchester and Walpole, folks will also be able to enjoy some great music.”



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Wed. 9 AM – 1 PM
Thurs. 9 AM – Noon

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Sat. 8 AM – 5 PM

Library: Wendy O'Brien, Library Director, 239-6164

Tues. 3 PM – 7 PM, Wed. 9 AM – Noon

Thurs. 3 PM – 7 PM, Sat. 10 AM – 2 PM

Police (Non Emergency): 355-2000

Fire/Rescue (Non Emergency): 239-4466

Fire Warden:

Fire Permit: Buzz Shaw, 239-4238

Selectmen – 239-4232

Town Clerk – 239-6202

Tax Collector – 239-6106

Road Agent: Elton "Buddy" Blood, II – 400-3629

Building Maint.: Pam Bielunis

Zoning Compliance Officer:

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