



Let's Get to Know our Neighbors

MARIE JUHLIN

Wes Vaughan

Neither Wes Vaughan nor I were aware of it, but we were "neighbors" in Connecticut long before each of us moved to Richmond. Wes was raised in Watertown, CT, the town directly south of my hometown. It was a pleasure to meet my "former" neighbor and now my "new" neighbor here in Richmond.

After graduating from Watertown High School and the University of Connecticut, Wes decided it was time to move to New Hampshire. When I asked how he came to settle here, I found that his parents owned a summer camp in Antrim for some thirty-odd years and that Wes had spent about as much time here as he had in CT. Wes developed a love for the area and was sure that this was the right move for him.

Not long after his move, Wes met and married his wife, Deborah, who, bless her heart, was a teacher for many years and is now the principal of a K-8 school in Readsboro, VT. Wes and Deborah have two children; Susan, who will be attending the University of New England in the fall, and Brian, who will be a senior at Monadnock Regional High School in September.

Wes admits he is a busy person and the word "retirement" has not even entered the minds of his wife or himself. Serving his first term as a member of The Richmond Board of Selectmen, Wes Vaughan feels proud to perform this civic service. He is also a full-time computer consultant, owning his own business, Comtrek Computer Systems, and works by contract for the Bellows Falls, VT, school system. He is also proud that he and his wife both recently finished their Masters degree programs, his in technology and hers in early childhood education.

The Vaughan family home/farm houses many kinds of animals, including chickens, turkeys, and a pet llama named June. June must be quite a looker because, according to Wes, a buck (male deer for us flatlanders) fell madly in love with June, wooing her daily. Wes said they had quite a time convincing the buck that nothing would come of this one-sided relationship, and he gradually saw the light.

While all of this seems enough to fill his plate, Wes still manages to spend time with his family kayaking, hiking, and

enjoying other outdoor sports. He confesses that he and his family very much enjoyed a cruise to the warmer climes of Bermuda in 2005 but says he would never want to live anywhere else but our special town. Who would want to miss the dawn of springtime, the golden beauty of autumn, the spectacular snows of winter, and the changes to the land that summer brings?

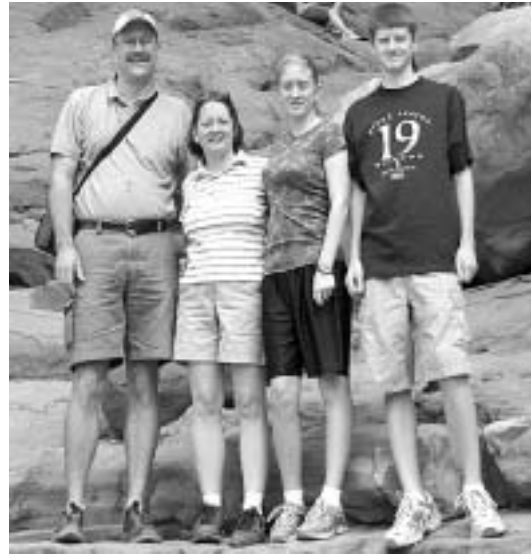
Corner to the Border Event

VICTORIA AND RUSS PROVOST

The annual Corner to the Border event will return this year.

It will actually be called the Paul Jacobson Memorial Corner to the Border Event in honor of Paul's years of dedication to the town of Richmond. This will be a fun event. Get out your walking shoes, your running shoes, your unicycle, your bicycle, your tricycle, your rollerskates, your wheelchair, your horse, anything you can come up with. It will start at the 4 Corners Store at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 8, go down Route 32 to the Massachusetts border and return. There will be a small entry fee. Prizes will be awarded to the first finisher, the last finisher, the youngest finisher, the oldest finisher, and the most innovative finisher. Full details will be in the July Rooster. Mark your calendars and come out for

a morning of gathering of neighbors in memory of Paul and the good old days.



Richmond Pavilion Summerfest

NORMA THIBODEAU

Scheduled for August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and September 6, the following programs are sponsored by the Richmond Historical Society, Rural Preservation Committee, Richmond Archives, and Richmond Fire Department, and by donations, grants and volunteers.

Sat. Aug. 1, Summerfest 2009 begins with a pot luck supper at 5 p.m. and a band concert by "Friendly Town Sound" of Athol, MA. Bring a dish and enjoy the lively music, free to the public (sponsored by donations).

Sat. Aug. 8, The Rural Preservation Committee presents its third annual "Brown Baggin" benefit from 5 to 8 p.m. There

will be an art auction, music, food and a quilt raffle.

Sat. Aug. 15, Scholar and folklorist Jeff Warner will present "Music in My Pocket" (great for children and adults), at 6 p.m. Dessert and beverage provided. Free to the public. (Sponsored by the Richmond Historical Society)

Sat. Aug. 22, The Richmond Archives will host a program on "Historic Richmond 18th Century Houses," a PowerPoint presentation, at 6 p.m. Dessert and beverage provided. Free to the public.

Sat. Aug. 29, a pot luck supper at 5 p.m. followed by scholar Adam Boyce's program "Old Time Rules Will Prevail: The Fiddle Contests in New England" (Adam has Richmond Roots!). Bring a covered dish and join the fun! Free to the public.

Sunday Sept. 6, Annual Firemen's Bar-B-Que, parade, games, book sale, raffles, bike rodeo and more. Parade begins approximately 11 a.m., activities run to 3 p.m. Benefit for the The Richmond Fire Company. Come enjoy, and support Richmond's Safety Departments.

Library News
WENDY O'BRIEN

Story Hour On Monday, June 1st, at 2:00 p.m., there will be a brief elementary school aged story hour, which is open to the public.

Summer Reading Program-Save the Dates! Summer reading program sign-ups for "Summertime...and the Reading is Easy" program will begin on Saturday, June 13th at the library. Drop by and pick out a summertime animal to place on the bulletin board, as well as pick up your summer reading packet! Each time you return to the RPL, be sure to let a staff member know the books your child has read. This year we will be awarding summer reading T-shirts to the children who read the most books in each age group. Throughout the reading program there will be a different summertime craft in the library as well as a weekly prize.

Then on Saturday, June 27th at 11:00 a.m. at the Pavilion, join the Richmond Recreation Committee and the RPL as we kick off the summer season! Registration for the library's Summer Reading Program will be available, as well as lots of fun games, crafts, and of course, pizza!

Finally on Saturday, August 15th at 2:00 p.m. at the Veterans' Hall, we are

pleased to invite a performer to wrap up our summer reading program. Rick Goldin will be performing "I Like to Read," a fun-filled presentation featuring original and familiar songs (with guitar accompaniment), puppets, movement activities, child-participation, and lots of silliness and fun for the whole family. A sundae bar will wrap up this fun event. Reading certificates and gift certificates to Toadstool Bookshop will be presented to those children completing the program.

Here's a chance to have your kids celebrate the joys of summer. So gather your sunscreen, sunglasses, and swim suits and come to the Richmond Public Library. For more information please call 239-6164, or email richmondpubliclibrary@ne.rr.com.

More Summer Fun
CHRIS HOLMAN

Karaoke at the Dragon Palace, 8:30 p.m. Thursday June 4 and Thursday July 2.

Karaoke at Keene Applebees, 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Thursday June 11 & Thursday June 25.

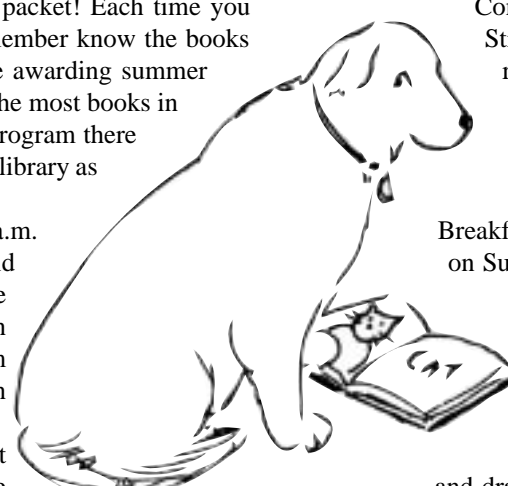
Southern Vermont GLBTQA Pride Dance, Brattleboro American Legion 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. on Friday June 26. Sponsored by Active Lesbians of the Monadnock Area and The Men's Program. All of these events are open to the public.

ELMM Community Center
DANIELLE

CAST (Community and Schools Together) will end our season of meetings Thursday, June 11 at 9:00 a.m. at the ELMM Community Center, located on 20-21 Durkee Street, Winchester, NH 03470. Meetings will resume at the start of the school year 2009-10. CAST is a community-based coalition addressing the health of youth, family and seniors in and around Winchester.

Father's Day Pancake & Sausage Breakfast: A Father's Day Breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 21, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Children \$3.00, adults \$6.00 and fathers eat free! Remember...dads bowl free from 12-6 p.m. on Father's Day. Just bring your coupon from the ELMMCC Community calendar.

Summer Hoops Basketball registration and draft will be held on Wednesday, June 10th at



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6 p.m. on the ELMCC outdoor basketball court, located on 20-21 Durkee Street in Winchester, NH. Summer Hoops is an 8-week outdoor summer basketball program open to all b-ball lovers, grade 9 to adult. Winchester residents register for \$10.00 and non-residents register for \$15.00. All games will be played on Wednesday evenings, weather pending. Play season is June 17 to July 22, ending with a two-week playoff on July 29th and August 5th.

Summer Beach Volleyball: Open registration for ELMCC Summer "Beach" Volleyball program. All games will be played every Tuesday evening July 7 through August 18 at the ELMCC, located at 20-21 Durkee Street in Winchester, NH. Players must register by June 23rd. Summer Beach Volleyball is an 8-week outdoor summer volleyball program open to athletes grade 9 to adult. Winchester residents register for \$10.00 and non-residents register for \$15.00.

Alain Zerbini Family Circus: The circus is coming to town on August 7-8, 2009. Three shows to choose from: Friday, August 7 at 7:30 p.m. or Saturday, August 8 at 3:30 and 6:00 p.m. Children under 3 admitted for FREE! Circus Day tickets will be \$12 per person. Advance tickets will be sold for \$9 per person. For more information on any of the above events, call Danielle 603-239-4316 or www.elmcenter.net.

Property Tax Relief
ANNETTE TOKUNAGA

If you are single and earn \$20,000 or less, or are married and earn \$40,000 or less, you may qualify for tax relief from the state of New Hampshire. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's office and on the state website at www.revenue.nh.gov. The forms must be completed and filed by June 30, 2009. Call the clerk's office at 239-6202 for more information or for help filling out the forms.

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Meadowood
MELANIE ELLIS

A reminder that the Second Annual Meadowood Golf Tournament is June 6 at Brentwood Golf Course in Keene, NH, starting at 8 a.m. We look forward to seeing everyone there and having an enjoyable day.

Summer is approaching, but that doesn't mean we at Meadowood are slowing down. Please mark your calendars for our Annual Auction, which will be held on August 15th. It is a fun time and there are always great bargains to be found. As always, we are looking for new, or in good working order, items to be auctioned off. If you would like to donate an item for this event, you can contact a Meadowood firefighter or stop by the fire department on Upper Troy Rd in Fitzwilliam on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Looking ahead, Sept 25-27 will be our 55th anniversary of the Meadowood Fire School. We are looking forward to this. The members at Meadowood take great pride in continuing to educate fire, EMS and rescue personnel and provide assistance to the surrounding communities. Once again, we thank you for your support.

"Lettuce" Serve You!
ALLISON VANBROCKLIN

The Richmond Community Church is now offering a catering service for special events, such as receptions, family gatherings, weddings, funerals, anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, etc. We will provide a light fare lunch/buffet menu including sandwiches, salads, soups, desserts and beverages. We are available to serve in area homes or in the Veterans Hall on Route 32. For more information please contact Allison 239-4494, Pam 239-4790 or Lois 585-6691.

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“Save the Date”

The Richmond Community Church is planning its 16th Annual Summer Salad Supper/Goods & Services Auction, to be held on Saturday, July 11th, 2009 beginning at 5:00pm. Supper will offer a delicious array of seasonal salads and brownies a la mode for dessert. John Pappas, from Gallery at Knotty Pine, will be our auctioneer. If you are interested in offering goods or services for the auction, please contact Pat & Joe at 239-4563 or Gail 239-8006.

**Road Clean-Up
RUSS PROVOST**

The Spring Richmond Roadside Cleanup Day was a great success. Over 20 Richmondites came out to help pick up litter along the town roads. Chip Adams, C&L Disposal, provided a dumpster for the collected trash and brought the full container to the Keene Recycling Center. A total of 2480 pounds of trash and 25 tires were picked up. The Fall Richmond Roadside Cleanup Day will be Saturday, October 31. We hope to be working with the organization called Beautiful/Litter-Free NH. For our effort in cleaning the roads this group will provide the town with 800 daffodil bulbs. More details will be in the October Rooster.

**NH Legislative News
BARBARA HULL RICHARDSON**

The House of Representatives committees are holding public hearings on bills that have been passed by the Senate, and Senate committees are hearing bills passed by the House. The civil marriage bill has been passed by both legislative bodies and soon it will be up to Governor Lynch to sign the bill into law, allow it to become law by waiting 5 days without signing it, or by vetoing it. Maine’s Governor Baldacci signed that state’s civil marriage bill into law after initially stating his opposition to it. He said he changed his mind, stating: “I have come to believe that this is a question of fairness and of equal protection under the law, and that a civil union is not equal to civil marriage.” By the time you are reading this, our governor will probably have made his decision and acted on it.

A bill declaring the Chinook the state dog of New Hampshire has passed both the House and the Senate. Seventh grade students from Bedford came up with this idea as a class project in government. They researched and wrote, drafted and rehearsed, and during this process they learned the way a bill becomes a law. When

they testified before the Environment & Agriculture Committee, these students impressively presented their case that the Chinook dog deserves to be the state dog. It is the only dog breed originating in New Hampshire. In 1917, a man named Arthur Walden returned to his home in New Hampshire from a trip to Alaska. Impressed with the sled dogs he found there, he wanted to create a breed of sled dog that was strong, fast and intelligent. He bred a Husky with a Mastiff/St. Bernard mix, creating a strong and docile breed, adaptable to work as well as to the family environment. The name Chinook came from a sled dog Walden had admired in Alaska. Today there are almost 800 registered Chinooks, 450 of which live in New England.

House Bill 648, relative to the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes, has passed the House and also passed in the Senate with some amendments. When changes (amendments) are made in a bill originally passed in the House, the appropriate House committee can decide to concur (accept) the changes, or non-concur. When one body does not concur with the other, a committee of conference is scheduled. Four members of the House, appointed by the Speaker, and three members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate President, meet to iron out the differences. All members of the committee of conference must agree on the conclusion and sign off on the final decision. In the event there is no agreed upon resolution of the bill, it does not pass and it is defeated.

Public hearings continue in both the House and the Senate and all work for this year’s session must be completed before the end of June.

As always I appreciate your comments and suggestions.

**Why Would I Want to Grow This? #2
JUDITH M. GRAVES**

Last issue we talked about basil, dill, parsley and rosemary. Here are a few more herbs that are common and great additions to your foods and health.

Why would you want to grow OREGANO? Oregano grows 1-2 feet tall, is a perennial, loves full sun. Has tiny purple flowers that the bees and butterflies enjoy. Great herb for spaghetti sauce and pizza. Dried is often sweeter than fresh. Make a nightcap tea with two tsp. fresh oregano leaves steeped in two cups boiling water. It has sedative antiseptic properties and aids in digestion.


Bug bite? Take a handful of oregano leaves and bruise them, roll leaves in a ball and hold against a mosquito or bug bite to relieve the itch.

Why would I want to grow THYME? Thyme is a perennial and grows up to 12 inches tall. Common thyme is the one most

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used in culinary cooking, but lemon thyme is nice for tea or with chicken. Use thyme to flavor meats, fish, eggs, and vegetables. A pinch in soup, stew, gumbo, butter, or bread. Enjoy this herb growing on your window sill all winter, or just go out and scrape the snow off the plant and enjoy. It is a wonderful herb that gives back so much. Pungent and biting flavor. Tiny leaves make it visually pretty. There are over 300 varieties of thyme.

Thyme leaves and flowers create an almost bitter tea (antiseptic and healing). Add honey to sweeten if desired. Thyme means strength and courage!

Why would I want to grow CHIVES? Chives grow about one foot tall, loves full sun but will enjoy part shade as well, and is perennial. Has a slight onion flavor. Divide the little bulbs every 2-3 years. Makes a lovely hedge along the garden lane. Leaves are nice chopped and frozen to break off to toss in a soup or stew, flowers are edible and have a milder onion flavor than the leaves. Break off the petals to sprinkle over a scrambled egg or cottage cheese. Versatile herb that goes in anything that you enjoy an onion flavor in. Makes a delicious herb butter added to a baked potato or hot vegetable. Trim regularly or they will topple over and look very messy. Chives brighten every dish.

Chives are a member of the onion family, has hollow leaves and looks like grass. Cut long stems of flowers as the bud is about to open; hang bunch upside down to open fully. Fill a basket or tie on a gift. A good beginner herb as it is so easy to grow. Chives reappear in the spring.

Why would I want to grow MINT? Mints come in so many varieties, all are unruly perennials that grow about three feet tall. Mints really don’t care what the growing conditions are once established. Mint makes a great tea, nice leaf for salads, a garnish to desserts, or float in punch. Mint sweetens the air by just hanging a bunch in an open doorway or window, it cleans the senses. Mint is the perfect combination to lamb, a leaf in apple jelly, salad or vinegar. Toss a few leaves in a pot of carrots, new potatoes, chop dried or fresh in meatballs or meatloaf. Dried leaves

and flowers are refreshing in a potpourri. Its flavor is spring mountain fresh. Peppermint sweetens the breath and your hands and alerts your senses. Mints are loaded with vitamins A and C. Cut plant off at the ground when the leaves start to yellow so it will produce again. Very invasive, so choose planting area carefully, best in a container or on the wood edge.

Spearmint is the most common and aggressive mint, but one of the most delightful mints used in cooking or tea. All mint stems are square!

My hope is that you will find several or all of these fantastic herbs something you will want to grow in your own herb gardens. All edible herbs have edible flowers so don’t forget to add them to your dishes, salads, and punches as well. Experiment with herbs! If you have never enjoyed growing your own herb garden, now is the time to get started. You don’t have to grow a huge garden, start with a pot near your kitchen door. Herbs enjoy just being and take very little care. Herbs give and give, even when their growing season is over.

Herb Gift Alert!

Plant an herb container just for spaghetti. This makes a wonderful gift for any hostess or friend, plant one for yourself too. Add thyme, basil, parsley, and oregano. Add a couple of recipes for spaghetti sauce, and note that the more you snip the bushier the plants will get. Tie on a wooden spoon and a small bouquet of herb flowers. Plant in a terra cotta saucer for pizzazz, or a large pot!

**Springtime Nature in Richmond
ELAINE MORIARTY**


Finally, after a long time coming, spring has arrived. Have you ever been herp hunting? This can be a fun spring family activity if you like searching for reptiles and amphibians. “Herp” hunting can be as simple as looking under rocks and logs in your backyard for snakes, frogs and salamanders. Or you can travel down the winding dirt road to Cass Pond, my favorite place in Richmond (the library ranks second).

At Cass Pond in May, you can find tadpoles or their egg sacks. After hatching there are hundreds close to the shore. Salamanders run after them seeking a gourmet meal. Occasionally you may find a baby turtle, and as the season progresses you will find all sizes of frogs and toads, and the northern water snake.

It is fun to catch a frog or salamander, but be sure to return them to the water in short time, as that is their home. The water snake who also resides in the pond does not like you anymore than you like it. The best thing to do is get out of the water and he will quickly swim away and you can return to the lake. The water snake is dark and between 24 and 42 inches long. He can have brown or black bands while his belly has black or red half moon shapes. This snake is non-poisonous, but will bite you if aggravated.

Back in your yards, woods or fields you can search for eastern milk snakes, spring peeper frogs, or turkeys. On rare occasions you may see a fisher cat (a nocturnal creature with a haunting, horrible voice). The milk snake is from 24 to 36 inches long and has reddish blotches over a gray body; he is also non-poisonous. Spring peepers are fun to listen to

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in the evenings, when the high pitched chorus is frequent. Turkeys usually hang out in flocks and have a varied diet of seeds, grasses, berries and acorns, to name a few things. They travel four to five square miles during the year and love to take their time crossing roads. Turkeys are so quiet in their travels, earning them the nickname of "Ghosts of the Woods."

These are just a few of the creatures that reside in our town, and by visiting the New Hampshire Fish and Game web site you can obtain pictures of native creatures and sounds of frogs. If you do not have a computer, the library has high speed internet service and you can call ahead to get on the user list. Next month I'll talk about some of my favorite birds in Richmond. I wish to acknowledge that the information in this article is courtesy of the New Hampshire Fish and game web site.

34th Fitzwilliam Historical Society Antiques Show & Sale

LISA ROGERS

On Saturday, July 18, 2009 the Fitzwilliam Historical Society will hold its Annual Antiques Show on the Fitzwilliam Town Common. This wonderful event features antiques dealers from many states. They have built up a strong following in this area and look forward to being here again this year. The event runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rain or shine. Refreshments will be available. A special exhibit, "Dr. Emerson and his Patients," will be presented in the Amos J. Blake House Museum. It is located on Rt. 119, just west of Rt. 12. Free guided tours of the museum will be offered by trained docents. All proceeds benefit the Fitzwilliam Historical Society; 603-585-7742.

People Who Live at the End of Dirt Roads

**WRITTEN BY LEE PITTS,
SUBMITTED BY RUSS PROVOST**

People who live at the end of dirt roads learn early on that life is a bumpy ride. That it can jar you right down to your teeth sometimes, but it's worth it, if at the end is home....a loving spouse, happy kids and a dog. We wouldn't have near the trouble with our educational system if our kids got their exercise walking a dirt road with other kids, from whom they learn how to get along.

There was less crime in our streets before they were paved.

Criminals didn't walk two dusty miles to rob or rape, if they knew they'd be welcomed by five barking dogs and a double barrel shotgun. There were no drive-by shootings. Our values were better when our roads were worse. People did not worship their cars more than their kids, and motorists were more courteous, they didn't tailgate by riding the bumper or the guy in front of you would choke you with dust or bust your windshield with rocks.


Dirt roads taught patience. Dirt roads were environmentally friendly. You didn't hop in your car for a quart of milk, you walked to your barn. For your mail you walked to your mailbox.

What if it rained and the dirt road got washed away? That was the best part, then you stayed home and had some family time, roasted marshmallows and popped popcorn and pony rides on Daddy's shoulders...you learned how to make prettier quilts than anyone.

At the end of dirt roads, you soon learned that bad words tasted like soap. Most paved roads lead to trouble, dirt roads more likely lead to a fishing creek or a swimming hole. At the end of a dirt road, the only time we even locked our car was in August, because if we didn't some neighbor would fill it with too much zucchini. At the end of a dirt road, there was always extra spring-time income, from when city dudes would get stuck. You'd have to hitch up a team and pull them out. Usually you got a dollar. Always you got a new friend. At the end of a dirt road.

**Stuffed Peppers
ELEANORE VILLARUBIA**

- 2 lbs. ground beef or ground lamb
 - olive oil
 - 6-8 large peppers for stuffing
 - 2 cups flavored bread crumbs
 - 1 large onion, chopped
 - 2 or 3 green onions, chopped
 - 2 or 3 celery stalks, chopped
 - 1 pepper, chopped
 - half cup parsley, chopped
 - 1 heaping tablespoon minced garlic
 - 1 large can diced tomatoes w. liquid
 - 2 large eggs
 - grated Italian cheese
 - Salt, pepper, and seasoning such as Old Bay or Tony's Creole
- Brown the beef in a bit of olive oil in a pot or deep fry pan. Set aside. Wilt all of the chopped seasonings (through the garlic) in another pan in a couple of tablespoons of olive oil. Do not



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brown. Leave the cover on the pan so that they cook down. While the meat and seasonings are cooking, clean the peppers. Cut them in half lengthwise and remove the seeds and membrane. Arrange in a baking dish. Season the meat with Old Bay or Tony's Creole to taste. Combine the meat and the seasonings. Add the diced tomatoes and liquid. Stir to combine. Add the bread crumbs a little at a time, mixing as you add. You don't want it too stiff; so you may not use all of the crumbs. Add the eggs and mix. Taste for seasonings. You may want to add more salt, pepper and/or Old Bay. Let the whole thing cool somewhat. Stuff the mixture in the pepper halves with a spoon so that it is slightly rounded on top. Sprinkle with grated Italian cheese and just a dusting of the bread crumbs.

Bake in 350 oven, uncovered for an hour. Then cover loosely with aluminum foil. (Too tight a cover will give peppers swimming in liquid.) Turn the oven down to 325 and bake for another half hour or 45 minutes until the peppers are soft (Test them with a knife).

**What's in a Word?
BOB WEEKES**

The following will test your word powers as well as your knowledge of our town of Richmond, past and present. Following are 15 statements, each containing both an ANAGRAM as well as a clue to solving the anagram. Just rearrange the letters in each anagram to reveal a location, historical site, topographical feature or something else uniquely associated with Richmond.

Example: COP SANDS "Residents Only" sign at the town beach. Answer: CASS POND Simple enough, right? But easy? Maybe not! We'll print the answers next issue. DUCK LOGO! (*that's GOOD LUCK!*)

- 1) DARN, A LOG is blocking traffic _____
- 2) Woods road led TO TWO FERNS _____

- 3) THE RAVENS ALL land here _____
- 4) Lack of propane means no barbecue OR FORCES RUN to store _____
- 5) Early settlers sought minerals in ANY SPOT, SQUARE OR round _____
- 6) MIND OLD BROCHURE to locate landmark _____
- 7) HOW MIGHT A HAYSEED get here? _____
- 8) POOR DAD, SO DOWN, headed to beach _____
- 9) RAMPS, GULLIES still remain on Roaring Brook _____
- 10) Cloudburst causes ROADMAP INK to run, obscuring location of playground _____
- 11) Birdwatcher spots hooded MERGANSER OVER Tulley Brook _____
- 12) Place where MERCY BESET NONE? _____
- 13) Visitor PRIES GRAY HARMONICA out of Winnebago _____
- 14) CHROMED IRON ROTS monthly _____
- 15) Did earliest settlers HAVE GLASS KILN? _____

**Pie In The Sky
FRANK BEHRENS**

The middle 1990s saw a detective miniseries that was actually different from all the others and quite enjoyable to watch. Acorn Media now has the first 10 episodes in a boxed set of three DVDs, titled "Pie in the Sky, Series 1."

"Pie in the Sky" has a rickety framing device. Making a poor judgment call on a case, Detective Inspector Crabbe (Richard Griffiths) is told that a hearing will be indefinitely postponed if he holds off his resignation, while taking on assignments from his superior Freddy Fisher (Malcolm Sinclair).

Awkwardly, Crabbe has already opened a gourmet restaurant called Pie in the Sky, which he tries to run with great taste and efficiency. He is, of course, called upon cases by Fisher, who needs Crabbe to preserve Fisher's own reputation. Crabbe is assisted by a stunningly beautiful black D.S. Cambridge (Bella Enahoro), who is most sensitive to any hint of prejudice. Things are enlivened by Crabbe's wife Margaret (Maggie Steed), whose accounting skills come in handy for both his business and in solving some of his cases. The picture is in full screen, each episode runs about 50 minutes, and there are subtitles thoughtfully provided by Acorn Media. A short interview with Maggie Steed is of minor interest.

Invisibles Acorn Media has released a winner in a boxed set of two DVDs. It is called "The Invisibles" (2008) and has the following premise. There was once a

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team of thieves who were so good that they were dubbed "The Invisibles." Two of them, Maurice Riley (Anthony Head) and Syd Woolsey (Warren Clark), return to England from an exile of many years. Maurice is happily married to a trusting Barbara (Jenny Agutter) and has a lovely daughter (Emily Head) who knows nothing of her pop's past.

Itching for the thrill of the game, they enlist a third member, a pub owner named Hedley (Dean Lennox Kelly), who also has a lovely wife (Mina Anwar). The three return to crime, but each time to redress a wrong. The chemistry between the men and between the men and their wives is remarkably well done. There are moments of high comedy, moments of believable soul searching, robberies that come off, even more that do not. Clarke has a face like an unmade bed and is the center of most of the humor, while Head plays it straight but creates a rounded character.

Each of the six episodes runs about 58 minutes, the picture is in wide screen format, and Acorn Media's subtitles are most welcome. Much recommended.

Loussier "Jacques Loussier plays Bach" is a Telarc CD that features the pianist in doing what he does best: "mixing elements of Bach with jazz" (from the press release). This disc is a 50th anniversary recording, culled from earlier releases that will please both lovers of both the Baroque and jazz.

Running a rather short 53 minutes, the CD has 11 examples of what Loussier can do with a keyboard and a backing of only drum and bass in the jazz sections. Past releases have been quite popular, and this one should not be an exception.

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To The Richmond Rooster: DAVID KOCHMAN

As a long-time (former) Richmond resident, Selectman, and Planning Board Member, I have been following the recent problems with St. Benedict's Center with some concern. At the risk of angering both sides, I would like to share some thoughts.

It seems to me that both sides see their side of the dispute and have made an insufficient attempt to see things from the perspective of the other.

For instance, SBC has often referred to an anti-Catholic bias. I don't believe that this is true. I have never heard anybody in Richmond say anything negative about Catholics and many of their critics are Catholics themselves. People have generally opposed SBC on the basis that they are a so-called "Hate Group" or for similar reasons.

However, some SBC critics have also been unfair. SBC critics have quoted individual SBC members who may have said something objectionable or even stupid. But, it is necessary to differentiate between SBC and the comments of its members. For instance, I openly challenge Doug Bersaw on his Holocaust denial. The German government has released 16 miles of archives documenting the systematic murder of over 11 million people, including six million Jews. But, unless Holocaust denial (or hatred of Jews) is part of what SBC teaches, I don't consider it fair to take Doug's comments and transfer them to SBC. Hopefully, Brother Andre and the other leaders of SBC are taking steps to distance themselves from Holocaust denial and other symbols of anti-Semitism. To be completely fair, I must say that I never encountered any anti-Semitism in my extensive dealings with SBC and the Blessed Sacrament, Inc. I am certain that some people who attend services at SBC are anti-Semitic, and just as certain that others aren't.

In my view, it needs to be recognized that SBC has lived as peaceful, if not perfect, neighbors for over 20 years. I also don't

believe that they are trying to take over the town. Personally, I always thought that it was great that traditional Catholics could have a place where they could live and worship together in Richmond.

At the same time, SBC needs to recognize that the town has legitimate ordinance and regulations to enforce. Suing your town and suing individual volunteers who serve as Board members can't be the way to solve this problem. It will harden opinions against SBC. In my experience, the people who served on the Richmond Boards have always tried to do the right thing for the town, regardless of their personal opinions.

My hope is that SBC can expand to meet its needs, while also meeting the legitimate needs of the town, including roads, safety, etc. It is time to end the bitterness and move forward together.

Fast Fact from the Volunteer Energy Committee VICTORIA PROVOST

June: PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS. Separate your plastic bottle caps from your plastic bottles and toss the caps. They are made of a plastic that melts at a different rate than the bottles, and they degrade the quality of the plastic if they get mixed in.

Benefit Dance for Andy Newell JODI WAGNER

As many of you know, Andy Newell was in an ATV accident this past weekend in Richmond. He suffered broken ribs and internal and head injuries as a result of the accident he was taken to the UMass Trauma Center in Worcester, MA. Andy is still in the ICU and is planned to be there through the end of the week. Those of you that know Andy know he puts a lot of time and effort into both of the men's and women's softball league. For those of you in the women's league who are unsure who he is, he is one of our faithful field maintenance guys who hustles out to rake and re-line the fields during our tournaments.

He is also recently self employed as the owner of ALN Enterprises Remodeling Solutions. With the opening of his new business, Andy is not able to carry medical insurance. As you can

imagine the costs of his transport, including the UMass flight crew, and his care in the ICU alone are going to be huge. We are in the process of putting together two benefits in an effort to raise money to contribute to Andy's medical bills.

The first benefit is planned for June 20th. We will be holding a Newell Benefit Dance at the Moose Lodge. The dance will open at 7 p.m. and run until 11 p.m. Tickets will be \$15/person or \$25/couple. We will start selling tickets at Wheelock Park on Monday 5/18 and continue to have a table set up for all games through 5/19. Anyone interested can also purchase tickets by emailing newellbenefit@gmail.com or contacting Nicole Johnson, Alyssa Whitney or myself.

The second benefit is still in the planning stages, but here is a sneak peak at what we would like to do: wiffle ball and kick ball (for adults only), kids activities such as a craft table and much more that we are still waiting on approval for; food, raffles and much more. Stay tuned for full details on this event!

Please pass this information on to your players and teammates and feel free to pass it on to everyone else you know, too. Obviously we have a limited amount of tickets to sell for the dance, but Family Day will be open to everyone.

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Trustee's Meeting Richmond Public Library BY MARIE JUHLIN

Call to order: Bonnie McCarthy called the meeting to order on Saturday, May 16, 2009, at

12:02 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Acceptance of previous minutes: approved as read.

Treasurer's report: Tracey Tryba reported that our operating budget is \$9775.09. She gave Wendy O'Brien the funds for book allotment. She also placed our funds towards circulation furniture into a CD. Present balance of such is 671.69.

Librarian's report:

1. Yard sale: continuation of the search for the missing library tables. Wendy has called or visited every public building in Richmond to no avail. She will email Bev Hart to ask to borrow tables from Veterans' Hall.

2. Yard sale (con't): We need volunteers for 2-3 p.m. for

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clean up. Tracey's husband will be there.

3. If any trustee has tables, it would help to bring them before Saturday. Please put your name on the table.

4. We have at least three tables of sellers who will not be associated with raising money for the library fund.

5. Wendy has been trying and will continue to try to reach Debbie Watson who is storing the remainder of Evelyn Huston's items for the sale.

6. If possible, we will run an ad in the Sentinel for the Thurs. and Fri. preceding the sale.

7. Bonnie has contacted WYRY to publicize the sale.

8. Bonnie suggested a "make-an-offer" table.

9. There will be a bake sale table; Elaine Moriarty is in charge.

10. Furnace has been cleaned but seems to be running a great deal despite the fact that heat is not needed nor do we have a hot water heater. Tracey will investigate and report back.

11. In checking why our patron computer was running so slowly, Tim O'Brien found that someone is downloading movies from that computer. Tim installed a program that stops this. A user list is kept by Wendy at her desk but she doesn't know with certainty who the perpetrator is. The Board decided to see if this happens again during the next six weeks and if it does, we will address it.

12. Evelyn Huston and Marie Juhlin will staff the library on Wed. mornings due to a conflict in Wendy's schedule. Wendy will be in during the afternoon.

13. Wendy asked to change her vacation to July 29th - Aug. 5th. There is no problem with such.

14. Bev Hart will check with selectmen about mowing and general upkeep of the front of the library and report back to Wendy.

15. Wendy distributed a copy of the Summer Reading Program agenda to each of the Trustees. Schools in this area will receive copies for the children.

Old Business:

1. Bonnie will contact a carpenter known to get an estimate to fix the handicapped entrance/exit door. The Selectmen are aware of this problem.

2. By-laws are being updated by Bonnie and have the approval of the other trustees.

3. New lock issue is pending.

Monetary gifts: none

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36. The next meeting is scheduled for June 20th at 10:30 a.m. in the library. Please note change in time for this meeting.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Date: April 6, 2009

Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan. Read mail and signed checks. Mark Beauregard, Health Officer, came in to discuss some Town health issues. Steve Boscarino, Tax Collector, came in and submitted his monthly reports to the Selectmen.

John Boccalini came in to check on the status of the temporary bridge on Fay Martin Road. The selectmen informed him that the temporary bridge is going to be removed per a written agreement with a logging operation.

Royce Pelkey, Jim McGuirk, Chris Thayer and Kim Mattson were in to talk to the Selectmen about the condition of Lang Road and Taylor Hill Road. They requested that a culvert on Lang Road be looked at and

the ditches be cleaned out this year.

Bill Pulsifer and Elizabeth Crowley came in to get an update on their abatement. Signed Intents to Cut for map 413 lot 004 and map 412 lot 055.

There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Date: April 13, 2009


Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan. Read mail and signed checks. Gerri Lutz, Cemetery Chair, came in regarding damage to town cemeteries during the ice storm of 2008. Janel will contact LGC to see if it is covered under our insurance.

Dana Taylor was in to discuss road conditions and spring repair of the town roads at the request of the Selectmen. Road grading will begin next week. Kim Mattson was in with road concerns.

Steve Boscarino, Tax Collector, came in with a tax issue. Robert VanValzah came in to discuss the same tax issue with the Selectmen and Steve Boscarino at the request of the Selectmen.

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The Board voted to abate \$144.15, map 405 lot 060.

Sandy Perry, Theresa Morin, Alan Schmidt, Butch Morin, Jack Marsden, Mark Beauregard, Lloyd Condon, Charles Schroeder and Norma Thibodeau came in from the Planning and Zoning Boards. Sandy Perry asked for Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Sean made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. per RSA 91-A:3 II(e). Wes seconded. All were in favor. Exited Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. JC made a motion to seal the minutes. Wes seconded. All were in favor.

Wes made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 9:15 p.m. per RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Sean seconded. All were in favor. JC made a motion to exit Executive session at 9:30. Wes seconded. All were in favor. Wes made a motion to seal the minutes. JC seconded. All were in favor.

The Board reviewed abatement requests for 402-071, 415-007, 201-061 and 008B-DPTL. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Date: 20 April 2009

Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney. Read mail and signed checks.

Selectmen went into nonpublic session at 7:05. [RSA 91-A:3, II (a)]. Came out of nonpublic session at 7:20. Voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

Driveway permit 09042001 was issued to David Kelly for map 405 lot 024-1. \$25.00 fee was collected. Gene Wojciechowski came in to discuss his abatement with the Selectmen. All abatement applications are currently being reviewed.

John, Deb and Chris Holman came in to discuss their gravel pit permits. JC called Dick Drew, Planning Board chairman, for confirmation that the paperwork for the pit is up-to-date. The selectmen signed the permits for map 405 lot 121, permit #EP070529-1.

Annette was in to discuss the abatement issued last week. Last week the abatement the Board signed was to abate \$144.15 of interest and fees for map 405 lots 057, 058, 059, 060 and 063.

Pistol Permit R 338493 was signed.

Intents to Cut for Map 402



*Sprague Mill ruins during spring thaw.
(Photo by Paul Clipper)*

Lot 027, Map 407 Lot 005 and Map 408 Lot 005 were signed.

The Board asked Janel to contact Attorney Tower to request he draw up the deeds for the boundary line adjustment for map 201 lots 005, 011 and 012.

The Board signed an agreement for spring road maintenance with EW Blood Construction. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Date: 27 April 2009

Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan. Read mail and signed checks.

Bob Coy was in to talk about Richmond's pandemic response location, which is an elementary school in Troy. He requested that a selectman attend a meeting regarding Richmond's pandemic response.

The Selectmen voted to go into nonpublic session for a conference with a lawyer representing the Town of Richmond in some potential litigation.

Terri O'Rourke was in tonight and reminded the Selectmen that she called last week and expressed dissatisfaction with the condition of Whipple Hill Road from her perspective as Rescue Squad Captain. She believes the current road conditions would impede emergency response time. She requested that the Selectmen include her complaint in this week's minutes.

John Boccolini, Terri O'Rourke, Jean Tandy, Sharon and Kevin Marcotte came in to discuss road conditions. They presented a signed petition expressing dissatisfaction with road conditions.

JC spoke with Road Agent Taylor and suggested that he grade

the roads near where the grader is currently located and to prioritize from there. He then asked which road Dana would prefer to grade next. Dana prioritized his grading schedule as follows: He will next grade Monument Road, Whipple Hill Road, Lang Road, and Fay Martin Road. He tells the selectmen that he is grading the roads that need it the most, first.

Signed Pistol/Revolver Licenses #R338496 and #338495. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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