



Getting to Know Our Neighbors Marie Juhlin

It was a challenge to get to know this neighbor; she owns her own business in Keene and has a schedule that fits her energetic personality. Thank goodness she was kind enough to put up with the many messages I left with her receptionist. She did return my calls only to find me, of course, not at home. And so, the game of telephone tag ensued! On that note, if I were her, I would have given up on this crazy woman from the Rooster who practically harassed her! Thankfully, she did not and we finally did get together for a telephone chat. I found Lynn Boudreau to be one of the most patient, kind, and engaging ladies in Richmond.

Lynn's voice reminds me of a fine bottle of champagne—pop! goes the cork and the bubbly wine spills over. Her enthusiasm for life flows forth and her energy is infectious. Considering what I gained from our conversation, it is no wonder that her business, Boudreau Physical Therapy Associates, has thrived.

Surprise of surprises, I found another former Connecticutite (is that a word?). Lynn was born and raised in the beautiful town of Glastonbury. She chose SUNY of Buffalo to study for her degree in Physical Therapy. I asked her why she chose that particular field. She replied that she knew in her heart that she wanted to go into a health profession and found physical therapy provided a means to bring people back to their active, well-functioning selves. It also gave her a good deal of creativity and flexibility in planning each person's therapy plan.

Because her husband's job took him north in 1979, Lynn moved with him into a house at the southwest corner of the 4 Corners Store. She commuted to Gardner, MA, each day, working in an acute care hospital providing both in-patient and out-patient care. While in Richmond, Lynn and her husband spent a good deal of time looking for land on which to build their house. They found their ideal site on Colony Hill Road and have lived there since. In 1986, she took a job at the hospital in Keene, and in 1990 she seized the opportunity to establish a practice with a partner. That practice was eventually sold, and in 1998, Boudreau Physical Therapy Associates was born with Lynn as the sole proprietor.

During those years before she established her own practice, and presently, Lynn attends continuing education classes. She is eager to learn what is new "out there" and how she can apply those techniques to her own specialty, which is Integrative Manual Therapy. She explained to me that IMT is not commonly taught at schools that provide training for a physical therapy degree. She continues that IMT

was originally conceived in the Hartford, CT, area and "combines many different manual therapy approaches into a unique, effective system in which to treat any number of physical dysfunctions." (Easy for her to say!) Lynn is trained in cranio-sacral therapy (a gentle method of detection and correction that encourages your body's own natural healing mechanisms to drive away the negative effects of stress on your central nervous system), manual lymphatic drainage (gentle massage which is believed to encourage the natural circulation of the lymph (body fluid containing white cells) throughout the body, and myofascial release (style of soft tissue massage used for pain relief and increasing range of motion). Lynn became a certified practitioner of Integrative Manual Therapy in 2006. (Wow! Three modes of treatment with the word "massage" in each and melded into one? Sounds like heaven to me!)

Lynn also served on the Board of Directors of the American Physical Therapy Association and its nominating committee, but she especially enjoys mentoring new graduates in her workplace. She loves to see them learn and develop their skills and states with conviction that they turn out to be the best clinicians and practitioners. (Lynn is too modest to say that their mentor is SO good!)

Lynn loves living in Richmond. She, as well as other former CT residents, has found the pace of life to be more leisurely and the people friendlier here, though I hardly think Lynn's schedule can be described as leisurely!

Shortly after she moved here, she joined a sewing circle of about eight members who got together to do their preferred type of needlework and to socialize. She loved it because it made the transition from family and friends in a familiar setting to a new setting much easier for her. When her children were small, she served on the Recreation Committee. The two children, Joe and Nicole, are now adults who have taken different paths as regards to their residences. Joe remains in Richmond, doing landscaping, carpentry, while Nicole is in public relations for Comcast and travels the Boston and points south corridor.

I ended our chat by asking Lynn what she did in her spare time. However, after speaking with her about her rigorous work schedule, I thought this might be a silly question! Does Lynn have spare time? Well, yes, she does. She has made sure by taking off a half day on Fridays to go hiking with her dog or whipping up a gourmet meal. She loves to cook but unfortunately, during the week, she has the same problem most working women do: no time to really cook from scratch.

By the time you read this, Lynn and her husband will be vacationing at their cottage on the Cape. I hope you are enjoying some rest and relaxation, Lynn. I can imagine that after recharging your "batteries," you will be champing at the bit to get back to work.



A Couple of Noteworthy Town Blurbs

Pete Majoy

(1) Master Plan Revision Committee

The Planning Board has begun the process of revising the very important Town of Richmond Master Plan. We are looking for a Master Plan Revision Committee of 20 residents representing a geographical cross section of our beautiful rural landscape. Please see enclosed Rooster flyer.

(2) Winter Fuel Assistance

The Voluntary Energy Committee (VEC) has provided info regarding the New Hampshire Fuel Assistance Program to help folk plan in advance for the 2009-2010 winter. Please see enclosed Rooster flyer.

Town Clerk's Office

September 7, 2009 CLOSED for Labor Day

New State Motor Vehicle Fees

Annette Tokunaga

With the passing of the New Hampshire state budget in June, some of the laws governing the fees associated with the Division of Motor Vehicles were changed. All of the additions and/or increases as described in this article take effect on August 1, 2009. These changes apply only to the state fees. The town fees were not impacted.

The state fee for a certified/duplicate registration increases from \$10 to \$15. For those of you who have purchased a certified registration at the Town Clerk's office, this means that, instead of \$12.50, you will be charged \$17.50 (this includes the \$2.50 fee to do state-related work at the Town Clerk's office. This \$2.50 fee remains unchanged).

The initial/vanity plate fee increases from \$25 to \$40 for a 12-month period (\$3.33/month).

There is now a "surcharge" for all vehicles. This surcharge is based on gross vehicle weight (GVW) as determined by the manufacturer. This surcharge is in addition to the existing state fees based on weight. Following is the surcharge by GVW category for a 12-month period: 0-5000 lbs. - \$30 (\$2.50/month), 5001-10,000 lbs. - \$45 (\$3.75/month), 10,001-26,000 lbs. - \$55 (\$4.58/month), 26,001-73,280 lbs. - \$75 (\$6.25/month).

For semi-trailers and automobile utility trailers, the fee for a 12-month period increases as follows. Please note that the weight is based on the weight of the trailer plus the maximum load to be carried. 0-1000 lbs. - from \$3 to \$8 (\$.66/month), 1001-1500 lbs.

- from \$6 to \$11 (\$.91/month), 1501-3000 lbs. - from \$12 to \$17 (\$1.41/month), 3001-5000 lbs. - from \$24 to \$34 (\$2.83/month), 5001-8000 lbs. - from \$36 to \$46 (\$3.83/month), 8001 lbs. and greater - from \$.60 per 100 lbs. gross weight to \$.90 per 100 lbs. gross weight.

The fee for motorcycles increases from \$15 to \$25 for a 12-month period (\$2.08/month). The fee for transfers increases from \$10 to \$25.

When registering a vehicle that was not previously registered to you, all of the above fees will be pro-rated by the monthly rate, except for transfers and certified registrations.

Finally, there was an error in the article titled "Vehicle Registrations" that was published in the May 2009 Rooster. In it, I wrote, "In addition, renewals may be done early. For example, if your registration expires at the end of April, you may register in February, March or April." In this example, the correct months that you would be allowed to register are January, February, March or April.

If you have any questions, please call 239-6202 or come to the office. As always, Pam and I will be happy to help you.

RPC 3rd Annual Brown Baggin' Welcomes 'CJ the DJ'

Kim Mattson

Date: August 8-Saturday

Where: Richmond Town Pavilion

What: Rural Preservation Committee

Hosts 3rd Annual Brown Baggin'

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The Rural Preservation Committee is a group of residents and landowners living in Richmond, NH. Our mission statement is our collective expression of our dedication to Richmond, NH.

RPC Mission Statement: In order that current and future generations may enjoy Richmond's extraordinary natural beauty and rich, rural character, The Rural Preservation Committee uses positive, proactive means to educate and organize citizens, institute environmentally-friendly zoning ordinances, and strengthen local government through support and accountability. Many of our members have committed to stand by our planning and zoning boards in their rulings, and to aid in the strengthening of our town's enforcement of NHRSA's and town ordinances.

Swanzey Youth Baseball

Chris Bryan

This is the first year our family has participated in the Swanzey Cal Ripken League and we're very impressed. The facilities are a testimony to years of volunteer effort, with a complex large enough for six games to be played simultaneously. It's been great to sit in our beautiful spring weather visiting with neighbors and making new friends. And it's been a very pleasant group of parents and coaches. In fact, it's been the location of a steady stream of encouragement that the kids seem to take right in stride.

Richmond has been well represented with players on many teams, active parents, and even generous sponsors. My 9-year-

old played on Thompson Lawn and Landscape, a bit of a mouthful, in the "2-4-6-8 who do we appreciate!"

The district all-star tournament will be held in Keene in mid-July. Personally, I'll be watching the 9-year-olds. Good baseball is a great way to enjoy summer leisure. Sure, it's fun to watch the Swamp Bats, but how can it get any better than watching our own children playing with energy and enthusiasm? More details can be found at www.swanzeycalripen.com.

Preserving Cass Pond

Elaine Moriarty

As those of you who swim, boat or fish in Cass Pond know, we are indeed fortunate (as Richmond Residents and our guests) to be recipients of a long ago gift from the Y.

The beach is a peaceful retreat for family fun, picnicking, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, sand castle building and an opportunity for nature education. The beach is not a garbage dump, an alcoholic party place, for people who have no respect for posted rules, for foul mouthed teenagers, dirty diaper disposal, a dog's bathroom (as dog excrement can leach into the water fostering the growth of harmful bacteria), boats that create wakes or an ashtray (toxic chemicals trapped in the filters of cigarettes, can find their way into the water and wildlife may dine on them.) Our town beach is not the beach for surrounding towns (since parking is so limited, the Richmond taxpayer should have priority over spaces.)

A few facts: it takes 1 to 12 years for cigarette butts to decompose, 80 to 100 years for aluminum cans to break down (which in the meantime are toxic to the environment). The State of New Hampshire regularly checks for cyanobacteria, which is a possible link to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). This is being researched as one of the possible causes of the illness.

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References I used are "Save Our Beach" and the State of New Hampshire websites.

Free Family Movie Night 2

Pam Goodell

Don't fret if you missed the first one; we're having another free movie night at the Old Brick Church in Richmond. Come at 6:30 p.m. on Friday August 21st to enjoy the film "Eight Below," shown on a large screen. This is the exciting Disney story of the friendship between eight sled dogs and their guide, Jerry. It is rated PG and is a fine film for the whole family. There is no charge for the movie, and beverages will also be provided at no cost. Bottomless popcorn will be sold for 50 cents. The public is invited.

Annual Bake & Yard Sale

Allison VanBrocklin

The Richmond Community UM Church will sponsor its annual Bake & Yard Sale on Saturday, September 5th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will be at the Old Brick Church, at the intersection of Routes 32 & 119 in Richmond. Church members and friends will offer homemade confections including pies, muffins, cookies and breads for the Bake Sale, and a variety of treasures in the Yard Sale. Donations can be brought to the church on Friday evening before the sale. (Sorry, electronics such as TVs and computers not accepted). For further information, call 239-4494.

Definitely Definitions

Terri O'Rorke

HYPOCRISY n., pl. -sies

1. The practice of professing beliefs, feelings or virtues that one does not hold or possess; falseness.
2. An act or instance of such falseness.

Taken from the American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, 4th edition.

Looking Backward

Bob Weekes

Here are some more excerpts from our early Town Reports that hint at what life was like about a century ago in Richmond. These are taken from the 1904 Report [to which I have added my own observations.]

The official Report of the School Board for 1904 stated: "We feel that the schools of the district have been a success with one exception, as far as it lies in our power, still we feel that if the parents would fully cooperate with the school board and its teachers, there would be a decided improvement in the schools." [Without intending to arouse reader ire on either side, I must simply observe that times haven't changed all that much in 105 years! And I'll speculate on which school constituted that "one exception" in next month's issue of the Rooster.]

Also related to the town's support of its schools, the 1909 Financial Report shows an expenditure of \$32 for eight cords of wood to heat four of Richmond's neighborhood schools. At \$4 a cord, and using the US Dept. of Labor statistics for 1913 (the first year when the government began compiling such records), this equates to \$86 a cord at today's prices.

Some other interesting "Incidental" town expenditures for that year:

"Aaron Twitchell...fixing tomb door, Benson yard...\$1.50" [the location was the Benson Cemetery, a short hike off today's Fish Hatchery Road where Capt. Isaac Benson, who ran the nearby Benson Tavern (its cellar hole is still visible) and his family are buried. The tomb, now open, once had an elaborate iron door which was later stolen and has never been returned.]

"Lewis Cass...attending funerals with hearse...\$7.50" [Richmond's horse drawn town hearse was stored in a shed behind the Town Hall until it was lost in a fire when the shed burned in 1986.]

"W. J. Wheeler...lodging tramps...\$6.00" [You probably know that Richmond and other towns did not cater to those who were unable to care for themselves. Tramps were housed for only a short time before being "warned out of town." But the old "Tramp House," still standing (sort of) in the woods directly across from the Richmond Fire Department, apparently wasn't the only home for Richmond vagrants. W. (Waldo) J. Wheeler probably lived at his father's house, the "Old Wheeler Farm" (see photo in "A Penny Postcard Look at Old Richmond" at the Town Library) which is Shirley Heise's home today at the Shir-Roy Camping Area. And that suggests that long before this property welcomed today's self-sufficient campers it also sheltered guests

that had fallen on much harder times.

"Geo. Cronk...burying dead horse...\$2.00" [I wasn't able to find any record of George or, for that matter, the unfortunate horse. But be careful where you dig.]

The School District

Neil Moriarty and Jim Carnie

Highest New Hampshire Property Taxes for Schools.

Note: Because of technical difficulties, I can't produce the file to support the following. However, I will get the details to you next month. —Neil

We in Monadnock spend the most on school property taxes in New Hampshire. The Town of Swanzy pays the highest in the state, followed by Sullivan ranked number two. The town of Troy pays the 13th highest; the remaining MRSD towns (including Richmond) fall in between Sullivan and Troy in the ranking.

The district ended the 2008-09 year with a un-audited surplus of about \$500,000, and took no vote on putting money into the building fund – it is our belief that all surplus now returns to the taxpayers to offset our Fall 2009 tax bill. The district audit will finalize the actual surplus amount.

Kaestle Boos was awarded a NO BID contract for \$65,000 (for one year support) to assist with the school district "Five Year Plan," which includes: The specifications development, managing the bidding process, and contracted work oversight. Does the previous sentence seem like duplication of work between our facilities personnel and Kaestle Boos? Well, even the school board agrees with you; and the Facilities Committee is charged with looking into the many duplicate jobs and contracted services we have working on our facilities and bringing back a recommendation to the board.

MC2 is going to be moved into the high school. Effective September 2009, MC2 will be moved into the high school with a single teacher (down from two last year) and no MC2 secretary (the MC2 secretary will be moved to the high school replacing a secretary that has left). The MC2 teacher will also replace a teacher that is leaving the district.

The MC2 savings is burning a hole in their pocket though. With one teacher less MC2, the administration is proposing using that savings from MC2 to hire a truant officer for the district.

WE ARE THE HIGHEST SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX DISTRICT IN THE STATE – AND THIS KIND OF THINKING IS EXACTLY HOW WE GOT THERE!



There is no evidence that our truancy is any worse or better than any other school, yet the administration is proposing yet another employee, creating both a truant officer and a security officer. Let's hope the school board votes down this new position.

Calling All Cooks!

Sister Maria Philomena

Do you love to bake? Now is the time to pull out those secret family recipes, make your favorite blueberry dessert, and enter it in the Blueberry Fiddle Festival Bake-off. Last year, Richmond residents walked away with Grand Prize (Mary Carnie - Old Fashion Blueberry Necklace Pie), Third Place (Eleanor Villarrubia - Butter Pecan Cake with Blueberry Cream Cheese Frosting), and Most Original (Angela Haynes - Red, White, Blueberry Pie). This year it could be you!

There is only one division: DESSERTS; entries will be judged anonymously on three points: Appearance, Texture (proper to the item), and Flavor; and five winners will get ribbons & prizes. Entries should be dropped off at the Cheshire Fairgrounds between 4-6pm on Friday, August 7. Prizes will be given and entries auctioned (to help fund the festival) at

3pm on Saturday, August 8. FREE PARKING for anyone entering a dessert (admission is always free, but parking is a one-time \$5 for everyone not entering the bake-off). For more information, please call me at 239-6495 or visit www.blueberryfiddlefestival.com.

Meadowood News

Melanie Ellis

The members of the Meadowood County Area Fire Department hope that everyone is having a wonderful summer. We have been busy doing fundraising and clean up around the training grounds. On our LP Gas property, a crew put up a fence. Good job crew. Thank you to all those who helped in setting up and acquiring the fencing.

August 13th is our third annual Uno's fundraiser. It's a very simple fundraiser and we have a fun time doing it. You can go out to dinner with the family and help out the Meadowood Burn Building fund at the same time. When you go to dinner at the Keene Uno's on the 13th of August, you present a voucher and up to 20% of your tab will be donated to the Burn Building fund. The voucher is good on

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6 About Town

dine in and take out. To get a voucher, see a Meadowood Firefighter. Also in August, we have our Auction on Saturday the 15th. It's not too late to donate an item. There are always great treasures to be found at the auction, so please come down and bid on the many items that we have. Auction starts at 10 a.m., preview will be at 9 a.m.

**Quotable Quote
Terri O'Rorke**

"It is well known, and will be acknowledged by every candid person, that the human heart is capable of becoming soft, or hard; kind, or unkind; merciful, or unmerciful, by education and habit. On this principle we contend, that the infernal torments, which false religion has placed in the future world, and which ministers have, with an overflowing zeal, so constantly held up to the people, and urged with all their learning and eloquence, have tended so to harden the hearts of the professors of this religion, that they have exercised, toward their fellow creatures, a spirit of enmity, which but too well corresponds with the relentless cruelty of their doctrine, and the wrath which they have imagined to exist in our heavenly Father. By having such an example constantly before their eyes, they have become so transformed into its image, that, whenever they have had the power, they have actually executed a vengeance on men and women, which evinced that the cruelty of their doctrine had overcome the native kindness and compassion of the human heart." —*Hosea Ballou, who was born in Richmond, NH, April 30, 1771 - June 7, 1852; Founder of Universalism.*

**Town
jc tandy**

I see how beautiful your granite ledges are
Your Sandy Pond, your Roaring Brook, your Taylor Hill
I dream how April bloodroots crowd the ditchbanks
Where one canvas is not enough
To paint their cadmium stems

One Town, one small geography, one sky
Imprinted still with ghosts of geese long flown
To shadow flights of hummingbirds,
Of Monarch butterflies
And all our children disappeared
In yesterday's echoes and decay.

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**The Constitution Of The United States
Amendment #1**

Terri O'Rorke

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. Ratified effective December 15, 1791.

Town of Richmond Zoning Ordinance

Terri O'Rorke

#314 SIGNS Any sign or group of signs, erected in any district, must not exceed twenty five square feet in area and are limited to the following functions: (a) Town, State or Federal highway directions and regulatory signs, (b) signs designating areas of historical interest, (c) signs relating to sale or lease of premises, (d) signs relating to profession or home occupation of occupant, (e) signs indicating the sale of goods or products sold on the premises, (f) property restriction signs, (g) identification and directional signs for residences, businesses and public holdings, (h) street, road and highway identification signs, (i) political signs during campaigns on private property, only with permission of the property owner, to be removed no later than two weeks after the pertinent voting day.



This article is another in a series of articles designed to acquaint Richmond residents with the purpose and ongoing activities of the Rural Preservation Committee (or RPC). We, your neighbors, care deeply about the quality of life we enjoy here in Richmond. We'd like you to know us, and the work we do, better.

**Our Town Officials are Often
Overburdened**

Kim Mattson

"To strengthen local government through support and accountability," one of RPC's mission goals, was accomplished when residents voted to hire a Compliance Officer at the March

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2009 Town Meeting. The journey and the research needed to bring a Zoning Compliance Officer into town government began with four neighbors discussing inconsistencies found while researching town records, i.e. "The Public's Right to Know."

The subject of our gathering, around a kitchen table circa the year 2000, was compelling. We had discovered a long list of non-compliance issues, including buildings located too close to roads, driveways too close to abutter property lines, septic and/or well information not filed (as required) with the state. Special exceptions and/or variances had been ignored and/or not applied for. How did other small towns handle these governance issues?

Our contacts with neighboring towns of Swanze, Mason, Fitzwilliam and Winchester were invaluable resources with their experience and expertise. Through their sharing of information, we discovered the missing element in our town's governance machinery. We, as a town, must create an office for a person with the "clout" to enforce basic Zoning Ordinances, to insure compliance with rigorous standards for complete, consistent information from applicants, on all permits. Fair government for all Richmond residents required a Zoning Compliance Officer. And residents needed to understand why one was necessary.

We first began to market the position for Zoning Compliance Officer to our Selectmen when they placed it on the Warrant in 2002. The attempt failed due to misleading information, but our view that we needed an individual to monitor permits and ordinances was reinforced.

Beginning in 2005, we realized we needed a public face for our activities. Gradually our group emerged as the Rural Preservation Committee. Our early research was shaped into other real results that can be useful in governance procedures. One is a realistic town building fees schedule. Ours are similar to and comparable to neighboring town fees and current with contemporary economic realities. But our building fee schedule will be addressed in a future RPC column. We recently gave a package of our products from nine years of volunteer time and research to our town Selectmen. It includes a complete outline for realistic fee increases for compliance assessments, a schedule for required site visits, a job description for Zoning Officer position, and many contact names for information necessary to fill the position. We found that a Building Inspector Code Enforcement Officer is a position to enforce "full" NH Building Codes and would not be what Richmond requires. Research shows we need someone to ensure compliance with our Town's Basic Zoning Ordinances. Now, five months after residents voted to hire a Compliance Officer, we learned (just prior to going to press with this article) that our Selectmen have placed a classified ad in The Keene Sentinel for a Zoning Compliance/Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Richmond.

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6th Annual WLC Golf Tournament

a Huge Success

Roberta L. Royce

The Winchester Learning Center (WLC), a local childcare, preschool and family resource center, held its 6th Annual Golf Tournament. The event was hosted by Gary Beaman, Ken Heideleman and Butch Plifka. It was held at Oakridge Golf Course in Gill, MA, owners Rick & Janice Giverson have been strong supporters of the work of the WLC. It was a beautiful day with a much-needed break from the rain. There were raffles, Chinese auctions & prizes. The event raised in excess of \$14,000 to support the work of the WLC. With the generous support of friends and the Monadnock United Way, the WLC continues to meet and sustain its mission of providing affordable, quality services to our community and surrounding towns.

Mount Monadnock Documentary

Theresa Sillanpaa

Hancock, NH. Can you believe that no one has produced a film about one of the world's most climbed mountains? That's about to change, as producers will explain on Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Harris Center for Conservation Education in Hancock. (This event is re-scheduled from July 30).

Rabbit Ear Films is a community-driven non-profit company (founded by the Keene Sentinel's Steve Hooper and Amanda Borowzinski) that is compiling stories, images, old footage and relics to capture the magic and allure of our regional emblem. They'll explain what motivated them to launch this effort.

The documentary's producer, Daniel White, will explain how the film is being made and will offer a short preview. White is a producer for Florentine Films in Walpole.

If you've got a compelling story, relics, old photos or movies about Mount Monadnock, here's a good chance to let the producers know. Starts at 7 p.m. at the Harris Center.

For more information, contact Eric Aldrich at the Harris Center for Conservation Education in Hancock, at 525-3394.

**America Reads
Help Kids Learn to Read**

Neil Moriarty

I just finished up my second year in the America Reads program at Mount Caesar. Overcoming a little politics by

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the administrators, I spent the year with a dedicated teacher in Ms. Nancy Frazier and her 19 or so second graders. Ms. Frazier took a different approach and had me work with all her students concentrating on comprehension. This year Mount Caesar had four volunteers, although I was the only carryover. I had a great time and good memories.

Given you have an hour a week to devote to helping kids learn to read, I strongly urge you to get involved through America Reads, through Suzette Borden; email sborden@MFS.org, or call 352-2088. The program will restart in October 2009. America Reads has an excellent class on how to help kids learn to read; additionally, they take care of the background check so it is real easy to get involved, no matter where you wish to help. Hope to see you next fall, if you have questions call me at 239-4031 or give Sue a call.

Richmond's Sign Thief and the Constitution Stillman Rogers

I was upset recently to learn that my "We Support the Richmond Twelve" sign had been stolen from my property. Fortunately, the signs have been recovered and I will again be able to show my support for people in Richmond who volunteered to serve our citizens by serving on local boards. The "Richmond Twelve" are Planning and Zoning Board members whose uncompensated service to the townspeople has been rewarded by having personal lawsuits filed against them.

The theft of the signs, however, shows a basic disregard of the right of free speech, which we all have as citizens of the United States. The signs are exempt from local ordinance because they are Constitutionally protected speech. They are a statement of support for people who serve this town and do important work for little, or no, pay. They do not state support nor disapproval of the persons and organizations, nor of the specific plans of those who appealed to the Superior Court. These signs do state that those of us who post them do so because we believe that the naming of these twelve people as personal defendants is unjust and threatens the fabric of this town. These lawsuits do this by causing anyone who wishes or is willing to serve on a town board to think twice about accepting a position. It imposes a threat upon any board member to



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either grant the petition of well-financed persons and organizations or face personal financial disaster.

The theft of these signs—and unauthorized removal is theft—is more than a prank. It is an attack on the Constitution itself, and that is what angers me the most.

To Mr. Bosonetto Russ Provost

I was the one responsible for the "Richmond 12" signs. I designed the signs, I paid for the signs, and I GAVE away the signs to anyone who wanted one. I support the hard working volunteers in the Town of Richmond. The SBC has sued these volunteers for millions of dollars. The Courts, not you or me, will determine who is right and who is wrong.

I hope the person who stole some of these signs from homes on Route 32 will take responsibility for their action. If you know who did it please let me know. I am offering a \$1000 reward. Russ Provost, 38 Monument Rd.

Those Horrid "Richmond 12" Signs Bob Weekes

In last month's Rooster we read Mr. Bosonetto's views about those of us who choose to publicly support the "Richmond 12" by placing small signs on our properties affirming that support. Simultaneously, we discovered that a number of these signs supporting those who are being sued by the Saint Benedict Center had been stolen. I guess we'll have to draw our own conclusions about who is responsible for this theft of property...and sentiment...and why. Perhaps I've already made up my own mind. But that's irrelevant.

What is relevant is the thought behind the deed. The Historical Society of Cheshire County, which I serve as a Trustee, uses for its own purposes a quotation about volunteerism from

Marjorie Moore, whose wisdom bears repeating here:

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."

I commend those who have the courage to proclaim their support of our volunteers, whether privately or publicly by placing signs on their property. And I suggest that those who are troubled by our display of support for the "Richmond 12" reflect on the above quotation. The message is short and to the point. Come to think of it, it might make a very attractive lawn sign!

Two Miniseries Take a Look at the World Frank Behrens

SHAPE OF THE WORLD A 1990 miniseries titled "The Shape of the World," is now available in a boxed set of four DVDs from Athena. Narrated by Patrick Stewart, it tells the story of mapmaking. Boring? Not in the least! The first four of the six episodes are quite dramatic, pointing out how cartography, almost totally ignored in most history texts, was so important to the development of our modern world—for better or for worse.

Starting from the "primitive" guesses about the shape of the universe and of the planet, the story follows the development of mapping the earth (while still maintaining a good deal of the "here-there-be-dragons" imaginative touches) by showing how men slowly followed coastlines and used whatever the state of the art surveying methods were available at those times. Later they took advantage of the balloon, and in general utilized whatever scientific discoveries proved appropriate.

My favorite episode tells the tale of how the entire subcontinent of India was mapped using triangulation. Indeed, each episode is helped by historical recreations of events and Stewart's wonderful delivery of the script. The "talking heads" that pop up in almost all documentaries are (I suppose) necessary; but directors should find a less boring way of using them.

I feel that the last two episodes go a bit too far astray from the main theme. They are concerned first with using radar and satellites to penetrate cloud and foliage coverings of terrain otherwise

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invisible to standard equipment; but then they deal with finding what lies beneath the surface not only of the Earth but of the human skull. The sections of finding gold out west, predicting earthquakes and tracing global warming are certainly less romantic than the material covered in the first four sections, and really too technical to hold many viewers' interest.

As always, Athena provides a handy little booklet outlining each chapter and posing questions and further explanations to make this set usable as an educational tool—which I trust many imaginative history and science teachers (not to mention trigonometry teachers) will do.

Each episode runs 50 minutes and the English subtitles are most welcome, thanks to Acorn Media, which distributes this set.

EDGE OF EXISTENCE A four-part miniseries titled "Edge of Existence," now available in a boxed set of two Athena DVDs, is a notch above past series that introduce to the viewer "strange" people living in remote parts of the world. The point of view in this series is how wonderfully equipped these people are for survival in their harsh environments and how pitifully helpless we would be under those conditions.

Donal MacIntyre makes a genial host as he (and his invisible film crew) pays extended visits to four cultures. Perhaps he does overplay the "helpless civilized white man" role now and then, but one must allow for some exaggeration in a series like this one.

With the Bedouins of the Rub' al Khali Desert, he participates in camel racing, trekking across broiling sands under a 120 degree F. sun, and helping out the women at their chores.

In Papua New Guinea, he learns to hunt crocodiles in the pitch dark of night and to share the villagers' concern about a projected gold mine upriver that will destroy their village and lives.

The Quechuan Indians of the mountains of Bolivia teach him how to cut blocks of salt, load them onto the backs of frisky llamas, and trade the salt for edible products in a valley 3,000 feet below. Of great interest is the young daughter who has ambitions to break with her traditions and become a school teacher. One's heart goes out to her.

The last episode has him in Borneo, living on the water with the Bajau Laut people, who belong to no country (they are called Sea Gypsies) and live mostly on whatever fish

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they can catch. Whatever surplus of fish they manage to catch goes for fuel for their vessel.

In short, the basic theme is praise and admiration for these people who indeed live on the edge of existence. Each episode runs about 50 minutes. Acorn Media provides subtitles, for which I thank them yet again, and a slim booklet includes questions that could be used in a classroom.

Richmond Public Library

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Summer Reading Program

On Sat., 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. For more information please call us at 239-6164, or email at richmondpubliclibrar@ne.rr.com.

Upcoming Book Sale

It's once again time for our annual Book Sale and Silent Auction on Richmond Day, Sunday, September 6th. Stop by and see our great selection of used books, as well as our outstanding prizes for the Silent Auction. All proceeds from the Book Sale and the Silent Auction will be used for children's books and programming. Have books to donate? We are currently seeking books for the sale. Feel free to drop them off when the Library is open, or we can come to you! Just give us a call at 239-6164.

"A Penny Postcard Look at Old Richmond"

We are grateful to Bob Weekes, who has taken the time to enlarge his beautiful collection of postcards to create a book that can be viewed at the library. He has added extensive notes relating to both buildings and local landmarks, including the Old Corner Store, the Wakefield Tavern and the Old Brick Church, Town Hall, Camp Takodah, Mill Road, and "Washout Hill." Drop by and learn about Richmond's history!

Save the Date - Preschool Story Hour

On Saturday, September 12th at 11:00 a.m., we will be holding the first story hour of the season! We are so excited to share stories and crafts with your children focusing on "Me and My Family." After the stories and craft, we will have some lunchtime treats available. We hope to see you there!

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Selectmen's Meetings Minutes

1 June 2009 Selectmen's Meeting

Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan. Read mail and signed checks. Steve Boscarino, tax collector, came in to discuss the "Deed Process Edit Report" with the Selectmen. Marcus Beauregard was in to brief the Selectmen on the site walk for map 405- lot 086. Steve Morris came in to discuss an issue he is having with his neighbor regarding fowl noises. He was advised to speak to Andy Wood, Police Chief. Terri O'Rorke and Kim Mattson were in to inquire about road signs. Signs are on order. Nicolas Bosonetto came in to discuss building permit application for Map 412 Lot 001. No decision was made. Signed Intent to cut for 410-013. Pam Goodell was in to submit a proposal for cleaning up the attic of the Town Hall. We will refer the letter to the safety committee. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

8 June 2009 Selectmen's Meeting

Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan. Read mail and signed checks. Steve Boscarino came in to discuss tax liens. The Board signed a supplemental property tax warrant for \$3,192. Retention Committee meeting started at 7:10. Attendees are Steve Boscarino, Annette Tokunaga and the Board of Selectmen. Bev was asked to call Samantha Weaver; she was unable to attend. RSA 33-A3-a applies. Next meeting will be on the 14th of July at 7 p.m. Marcus Beauregard, Health Officer, came in to follow up on an inspection from a previous health officer. The Selectmen signed pistol permits R338499 and R338500. Rob and Anna Haught came in to discuss their taxes with the Selectmen. We gave them an abatement form. Bill Pulsifer was in about his building permit as he wishes to change contractors. We amended the name of the builder and gave him an occupancy permit form to fill out. William Martin came in to discuss his taxes with the selectmen and ask about his Current Use application status. It is still being processed. Ryan Gale was in for a building permit for map 407 lot 093 for a renovation. Gene Wojciechowski came in to ask the status of his abatement. The applications have been

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reviewed by Cross Country and returned to the Board for review. Nicolas Bosonetto was in regarding his building permit. The Board denied his application due to there being no provisions in the Richmond Zoning Ordinance for building permits on a private road. He was encouraged to file an appeal with the ZBA. Donna Traverse came in to obtain a building permit for a deck on map 410 lot 010. She needs to obtain some setback measurements before her permit can be approved. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

15 June 2009 Selectmen's Meeting

Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan. Read mail and signed checks. Steve Boscarino, Tax Collector, came in to discuss the foreclosure and tax lien on map 409 lot 100. The Selectmen signed off on building permit 2009-007, Map lot 410-010, as dimensions were submitted. Sandy Perry, ZBA chair, came in to discuss the new forms for the ZBA. The old form is no longer in use. Sandy requested an update on a piece of property she had submitted last year for research, to the Selectmen, map 411 lot 019-01. Andy Wood, Police Chief, came in and was given an update on the sign order. He also stated that the new police vehicle has arrived. Annette, Town Clerk, came in to go over Retention Meeting Minutes that she had

drafted up from the Retention Meeting held on the 8th of June 2009. JC made a motion to grant the abatement request for map 201 lot 061 per the recommendation of Cross Country Appraisal Group in a letter dated May 26, 2009. Wes seconded. All were in favor. JC made a motion to grant the abatement for map 415 lot 007 per the recommendation of Cross Country Appraisal Group in a letter dated May 26, 2009. Wes seconded. All were in favor. Doug Croteau and William Johnson were in with building permits for map 405 lots 084-03 and 084-04. Building permits 2009-008 and 2009-009 were issued. Stan Cohen came in to ask questions about a dog care business. He was recommended to discuss their plan with the planning board. Kenneth and Linda Berg were in to request an abatement and were told it has to be filed after the December billing. Matt Mead came in to ask building permit questions. Jessica Patch was in to ask questions about a dog care business. After reviewing definition 1415, it appears these people will need a special exception for commercial use. The Selectmen will be holding a hearing tomorrow night at 7 p.m. at the Civil Defense building to accept FEMA funds.

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Dick Drew came in to pick up Planning Board mail and discuss roads with JC. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

22 June 2009 Selectmen's Meeting

Attending: Sean McElhiney and Wes Vaughan. Read mail and signed checks. JC will not be in tonight. Lauren Shearer was in to discuss the Nash lot, map 415 lot 005. The selectmen will look into this issue and get back to Mr. Shearer next Monday. Sean made a motion to deny the abatement application for map 402 lot 076 per the recommendation of Cross Country Appraisal Group in a letter dated May 27, 2009. Wes seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed. Gene Wojciechowski was in to get an update on his abatement/taxes. Jessica Patch was in for a ZBA form for a special exception. Karen Kelsey came in to discuss getting a building permit for 408-042. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

29 June 2009 Selectmen's Meeting

Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan. Read mail and signed checks. Sandy Perry, ZBA, was in to discuss a pending ZBA issue. Kim Underwood came in to see if he would need a building permit to replace some stairs. Sean made a motion to accept Pam Goodell's proposal

to clean up the Town Hall attic. JC seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed. Pam Goodell was in to meet with the selectmen. They gave her the go-ahead to start the attic clean-up project. Pam also expressed an interest in caring for the gardens in front of and to the side of the Town Hall. Darold Tanner called regarding mowing around town buildings. The selectmen decided to hire Darold to do the mowing. JC reported that the old highway shed has been removed and fill has been brought in to make it level. Chip Adams was in to discuss the project. Marie Knowlton came in. Wes made a motion to go into executive session for a personnel matter per RSA 91-A:3, II(a). JC seconded. All were in favor. The Board went into non-public session at 9:25 p.m. The Board exited non-public session at 9:42 p.m. Sean made a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session. JC seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

The selectmen created a classified ad for the Sentinel for a Zoning Compliance/Code Enforcement Officer. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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