

# Mountain View



*A newsletter by and for the Randolph Community, published by the Randolph Foundation*

## Dracula, Part 2

*By Robert Kruszyna*

In Maramures, we were treated to a pleasant surprise. We were placed with a family in what has now become a popular feature of organized tours, a "home stay". One evening, we had dinner outdoors in a sort of gazebo. We were entertained with authentic Romanian folk music by two young people, a 17-year old boy and a 16-year old girl, both in folk attire. Accompanying his partner on a three-stringed folk violin, he played tunes that sounded rather like square-dance stuff. She strummed a guitar as she sang. The moment she opened her mouth, we were blown away. An incredibly huge voice; Mahalia Jackson reincarnated. Not only big, but pure and clean, without vibrato. She would have no trouble hitting the back wall of the cavernous Metropolitan Opera house. She might even knock it down! The townspeople gathered in the street outside to enjoy the concert. Sensing the vocal find of the century, I immediately inquired whether she had an agent. To my dismay, she did. I only hope he does well by her remarkable talent.

We allotted a few days to hike in the Bucegi Massif of the Carpathians, basing in Busteni, a resort town midway between Bucharest and Brasov. We quickly disagreed with *Lonely Planet's* comment that "many fine trails are readily accessible from the top of the cable car". Other than the spectacular 3000 foot escarpment rising from the valley, the landscape above is uninspiring. The "peaks" are a few dome-like promontories rising a few hundred feet from a plateau, vaguely reminiscent of Mt. Washington's Alpine Garden but without any rocks. The trails themselves are deeply eroded runnels filled with litter. Service roads run between the many facilities: communications towers, huts, and even a high altitude sports training complex complete with running track and soccer field. The one hut (cabana) we visited lacked totally the ambience one encounters in those of the Alps. After one hike, we settled for walks in the forests in the valley where there was lots of litter. One young Romanian we spoke with lamented, "Romania is a beautiful country, but we just don't take care of it." True on both counts. Actually, however, the landscape is in no way superior to that of southern

*See "Dracula", page 8 ...*

## Excerpts from the 1908 portion of the *Diaries of Eldena Leighton Hunt*

### Part 1

*By Al Hudson*

On January 20, 1896, on her eighteenth birthday, Miss Eldena Marie Leighton (1878-1975) of Randolph Hill, New Hampshire began penning a diary that would be continued, day in and day out, until December 1962. In May 1897 she married Arthur L. Hunt, who became a member of the household, which also included Eldena, her father, Joel Emery Leighton, and her mother, Mary Ann Heath (Joel's second wife). In 1916, after the death of her father, Eldena moved to Gorham.

In 1974 Eldena gave her diaries to the Randolph Library. In that year Mary Edgerly, the long-time town librarian, presented some tantalizing tidbits from the diary in the sections she wrote for *Randolph, N.H.: 150 Years*, the booklet published on the occasion of Randolph's sesquicentennial celebration.

In the last few years Joan Hunt Hall and I have been transcribing the earlier diaries, those contained in eighteen fascicles covering the period from January 1896 to May 1910. In May 2007 we published the first six fascicles (20 Jan 1896 to 10 May 1901) as Volume 1 of *The Randolph Diaries of Eldena Leighton Hunt* as part of the Randolph History Project (RHP) series. RHP will publish Fascicles 7 - 18 in May 2008. Circulating copies of all fascicles are available in the Randolph Library. A supplemental *Companion* volume, containing identifications of people, genealogical information and other "bonus features", is also available.

Eldena's *Diaries* represent the year-round life on a working farm in Randolph at the time when the town was just beginning to be affected by the summer cottage phenomena. As the diaries commence in 1896 the Leightons are firmly enmeshed in a basic New England hill farm economy. For subsistence they grew fruit, vegetables, hay and oats; kept cows, pigs, sheep and chickens; berried; fished and hunted and trapped in season; a good sized woodlot

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**Town Directory**

**AMBULANCE 911**

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** (Chair, Ted Wier) 466-3970  
meets at 7 PM the 3rd Thursday of the month.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN** (Chair, Ken Lee) 466-2392  
Secretary, Rodney Hayes; Treasurer Connie Chaffee  
Meets at 7 p.m. at Town Hall every other Monday, call for schedule. 466-5771

**BUILDING PERMITS.** See Board of Selectmen

**CEMETERY TRUSTEES** Jim Baldwin, Suzanne Santos & Steve Hartman

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION** (Chair, Jim Meiklejohn) 466-3818

**DOG LICENSES** See Town Clerk. Obtain or renew by the end of April.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT - ALL ALARMS - CALL 911**

Randolph Chief, Dana Horne

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN** (Rebecca Parker) Call for Burning Permits 466-2332

**GRS COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD** Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month; location alternates between the 3 towns. Contact the SAU Office 466-3632

**LIBRARY** (Librarian, Yvonne Jenkins) phone July & August - 466-5408  
Open Mon. 10 a.m. – noon; Wed. 3 p.m. - 8 p.m., Thursday 3-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 – noon; trustees meet the 3rd Mon. of each month

**PLANNING BOARD** (Chair, John Scarinza) 466-5775  
Meets at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on the first Thursday of the month.

**PLATFORM TENNIS ASSOC.** (President, Dave Tomlinson) 466-2150

**POLICE** (Randolph Chief, Alan Lowe) 466-3950

**RANDOLPH CHURCH** (Moderator William May)  
Sunday morning services July & August (10:30 a.m.).

**RANDOLPH COLLOQUY** Bea Alexander 466-3881

**RANDOLPH COMMUNITY FOREST COMMISSION** (chair, John Scarinza) 466-5775  
Meets at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on the 1st Wednesday

**RANDOLPH FOUNDATION** (President, Cathy McDowell)

**RANDOLPH LIFE SQUAD — Call 911 in an emergency**  
Co-Directors Bill & Barbara Arnold 466-2438.

**RANDOLPH MOUNTAIN CLUB** (President, Jamie Maddock)

**ROAD AGENT** (Mike Gray) 586-7840

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Denise Demers, Michael Sewick & Angela Chakalis-Pfeffer

**TAX COLLECTOR** (Scott Robinson) by appointment; call the Town Hall 466-9856

**TOWN CLERK** (Anne Kenison) 466-2606  
Town Hall hours: Mondays 9 - 11 a.m. ; Wednesdays 7 - 9 p.m.

**TOWN HALL** (Secretary, Rodney Hayes) Mon. - Fri.; 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 466-5771

**TRASH COLLECTION** Must be at roadside by 7 a.m.

Trash - every Tuesday; Recycling, sorted & bagged - 1st Thursday of every month.

**TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND** Judy Kenison, Michelle Cormier, Michael Sewick

**Community Calendar**

(NOTE: For recurring meeting schedules see "Town Directory" on the left)

**April**

21 GRS School vacation

22 Earth Day

28 GRS schools reopen

**May**

11 Mother's Day

26 Memorial Day observed

**June**

6 GRS School Graduation

14 Flag Day

15 Father's Day

**Real Estate Transactions****December 3, 2007**

From: Lawrence W. Coulter

To: Douglas B. McCaig & Phyllis Powell

Warranty deed

**February 4, 2008**

From: Marion D. Woodruff, Trustee of the Marion D. Woodruff

Revocable Trust

To: Charlotte Winchell; N. Rohde Woodruff; William W. Woodruff

Quitclaim deed

**February 11, 2008**

From: Elizabeth H. G. Lauppe & Frank Currier, co-trustees of the H.T. Gregory Trust

To: Floyd M. Harris

Warranty deed

**Building Permits****REMINDER**

Randolph property owners are responsible for ensuring that they or their builders receive any necessary permits before beginning any construction. Building permits must be approved by the Selectmen. The Selectmen need time to review all permits, so please remember to submit them early enough to allow that process.

## Randolph's New Year-Round Library Opens

By Meg Meiklejohn

The Library trustees are pleased to report that Glen Builders, the construction firm for the Town Hall/Library project, completed most of the job by the end of December. Special thanks are due to Larry Jenkins for overseeing the construction of the Library wing. He has also installed donated shelving in the children's room, built counter tops throughout the Library, and, using wood from the Town Forest, has built corner shelf units in the White Mountain Room. Thanks to a generous grant from the Randolph Foundation, handsome custom made shelving has been installed in the main room.

Volunteer teams devoted many hours to moving the Library's entire collection from the old schoolhouse to the spacious new quarters. The children's collection was moved in February, and the adult collection was moved in March, two days after new shelves were installed and two days before Town Meeting. Thanks to all who helped, there were books on the shelves when the Library was open for visitors on Town Meeting day and many favorable comments were heard.

The Library will officially open on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> with the following hours: Mondays, 10am-noon; Wednesdays, 3-8pm; Thursdays, 3-6pm; and Saturdays, 10am-noon. Yvonne Jenkins will be the Library Director, and Rodney Hayes, Town Administrative Assistant, will join the staff as Assistant Librarian. Volunteers will be needed to cover the Saturday hours. A dedication ceremony to which everyone will be invited will be held on Sunday, June 1st. An article with additional information about the new Library will be in the June *Mountain View*.



View from Jimtown logging road. Dave Tomlinson photo.

## Randolph Colloquy 2008

By Bea Alexander

Randolph Colloquy this summer will include three lectures and two book discussions. On July 25, we will have a lecture by Howard Frank Mosher. Mr. Mosher, a well known author of books on New England subjects, lives in the Northeast Kingdom. He will speak on his new book, *On Kingdom Mountain*, and will be showing slides with the talk. There will also be a book signing.

On August 1, we will have our second lecture with our own Ingrid Graff. We will let you know the title of her lecture in June. We are delighted to have her with us after an absence of a year.

On August 7, we will be hearing a lecture by Allen Koop. Professor Koop is a member of the Dartmouth History Department and the author of several books including a memoir of his father C. Everett Koop, a past surgeon general of the United States. His subject is his book, *Stark Decency*, which deals with a German prisoner of war camp in Stark, New Hampshire, during the Second World War. This lecture also will have a slide presentation. It provides a positive sidelight on relationships during that time.

The first book discussion this summer will be Nathaniel Philbrooks' book, *Mayflower*. The second book is yet to be determined. We will let you know the title of the second book and the dates of the Discussions in the June *Mountain View*.

All lectures will take place at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. They are in the evening to accommodate working schedules. A modest fee will be charged. The book discussions will be during the day at locations to be determined. There is no charge for the book discussions.

The lectures come to you with the support of the Colloquy, The Friends of the Library, The Randolph Foundation and the New Hampshire Council for the Humanities. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

"Eldena's Diaries", continued ....

yielded firewood and timber for household use. For cash they sold milk, butter, eggs, meat, potatoes, wool, pelts and timber in Gorham and Berlin. While there were already three hotels in Randolph, the first summer cottage, *Burnbrae*, did not appear in the Valley until 1897; on the Hill, *Sorgenfrei* was built in 1901 on land sold by Frank Scates; in 1903, the Flaggs built *Hillcrest* on an acre bought from Joel Leighton.

By 1910, as "city folk" proliferated in summer cottages and hotels, the Leightons were drawn more and more into a service economy, taking some roomers and more boarders, providing meat, milk, eggs, firewood, ice and services to a wider clientele.

To give the *Mountain View* readers of 2008 a sense of Randolph farming life a century ago, I am presenting, over four issues, short excerpts from the 1908 portion of Eldena's diary. I start here with excerpts from January to March 1908. For those who want more, peruse the whole set of the *Diaries* in Randolph's wonderful new library.

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- 1-1-08: "... Snowed all day from the west. Arthur [Hunt] has been up to the West End working today. He found it nasty working in the storm. I have a headache."
- 1-7-08: "... Arthur has been making a sled rack ... Lowe's folks been out snowing the road so they could haul ice, and tonight it is snowing like everything."
- 1-12-08: "... Mother is sick abed. Arthur telephoned from Lowe's for Dr. Phipps, but he couldn't come until night, so Arthur had Dr. Marble come. He thinks she has a touch of the gripe, but most of the trouble is rheumatism in her back and right side. She can hardly move it causes so much pain. Uncle Vet [Sylvester Wilson]'s chore boy [Fred Kelly] came up and got Arthur to go down and kill a cow that got hurt on the ice. Arthur brought the forward quarters home to feed to the hens."
- 1-15-08: "... 2° below Zero. Arthur and I made 12 pounds of butter today. He threshed some beans this afternoon."
- 1-17-08: "... Arthur has hauled pulpwood today ... I did a little washing this afternoon. Newell [Aughterton] broke out the winter road through the fields and pastures. The other road was getting drifted in places."
- 1-20-08: "... My birthday. I am thirty years old. 4°

below Zero this morning, but 30° above tonight. Arthur has yarded pulpwood today. They have loaded two cars. He brought two shoats [young hogs] home with him tonight. Got them off [Laban] Watson; paid \$10."

- 1-21-08: "... Arthur has hauled two loads of ice and packed it. Pearl [Lowe] and the babies [Mildred and Alice], and Marie [Leighton] were here this afternoon. Rains tonight."
- 1-26-08: "... Mother dressed off a chicken for dinner. Charlie and Laura [Hunt] came up and brought their graphophone. Aunt Eliza [Heath Leighton] was here a little while this afternoon. My head has ached all day."
- 1-30-08: "... 10° below Zero this morning: 17° below at bedtime tonight ... Arthur watered the cows in the barn. He planned to go to the West End today, but too cold."
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- 2-1-08: "... Snowed from the east since early morning. Biggest snow storm we have had. Has been growing warmer all day - 25° above Zero tonight."
- 2-3-08: "... Irving [Leighton] came down after dinner, and Lowe's men and Arthur go out with their teams and break out the road. The cold weather is "drying up" the hens. Only got 13 eggs today when we have been getting 25 or 30."
- 2-4-08: "... 15° below Zero this morning and tonight ... Arthur went up to the West End and hauled out a little pulpwood. He found Charlie [Hunt] with cramp in his hip. The old Carleton[sic] House burned last night. [Daniel] Tilton had a crew of woodsmen camping there and the house burned before they had supper."
- 2-7-08: "... Lowe's team has been breaking the road today. Arthur went to the Crossing [in Gorham] this afternoon. He says the roads are awful bad. Heard today that Berlin had a big fire the first of the week."
- 2-8-08: "... Arthur walked to the P.O. this afternoon. Found by the papers that the Berlin fire was a bad one. There was really separate fires and there was eight big buildings burned. Somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 people left without homes ... Fire engines came from Portland and Lewiston, but too late and too frozen up to be of much assistance."
- 2-10-08: "... Arthur shot a fox tonight."
- 2-11-08: "... The selectmen (Francis [Wood] and Irving [Leighton]) took dinner with us. They are settling with Arthur on the tax business."
- 2-13-08: "... Arthur shot a big fox last night ... Arthur's 42nd birthday."

"Diaries", continued ....

- 2-15-08: "... 55° above Zero ... Has thawed tremendously today ... We were invited to a Valentine Party at the Ravine House tonight, but would need a boat to get there."
- 2-17-08: "... Arthur, Irving, Newell and Charlie have worked on the road most all day. One of the sheep has a lamb - black with white face, and the tip of its tail is white too."
- 2-18-08: "... I faced Arthur's mittens and did some cooking. Arthur is trying to learn the new bossie to drink. It is a pretty little heifer, and he wants to raise it."
- 2-23-08: "... The belted heifer is sick. Pearl brought our mail. Arthur got a check from the American Realty Co. for \$140 in payment for two carloads of pulpwood."
- 2-24-08: "... The dining room chimney caught fire this afternoon, but didn't burn much. One of the sheep has twin lambs."
- 2-25-08: "... Newell came down this evening and helped Arthur give the sick cow some medicine. We ironed. This is father's seventieth birthday."
- 2-27-08: "... Arthur went down to [Frank] Wood's this afternoon and got a jag of his cordwood."
- 2-29-08: "... I made a lot of nut fudge for Laura [Hunt]. She is going to give a surprise party [for Charlie] on his birthday, Mar. 3rd."
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- 3-1-08: "... Arthur went to Charlie's ... to meet Gene [Hunt], and brought him home to help him a few days. Gene has been sick and isn't feeling strong now ... Arthur and Gene dressed off the new calf."
- 3-5-08: "... Uncle Vet came up just before dinner and got mother to go down and help Aunt Roena [Heath Wilson] make hard soap ... Arthur has been up to the West End. Gene cut wood besides doing chores."
- 3-6-08: "... Jack [the dog] bit mother just after dinner. She had been playing with him when he suddenly grabbed her left hand and chewed it. His teeth cut into the flesh in two or three places. Arthur telephoned for a doctor to come and dress her hand, but neither one could come, so we dressed it the best we could ourselves."
- 3-9-08: "... Found a new lamb when I did the chores at noon. Had to fuss over it considerable this afternoon. Brought it in the kitchen and fed it, and the poor little thing was so hungry it actually drank from a basin."
- 3-10-08: "... Town Meeting and mother's 55th birthday. Arthur went to Town Meeting. Elected the same old officers again ... Itie [Ithiel Scates] is



Title: Eldena's Household.

Rear: Arthur L. Hunt, Eldena Leighton Hunt;  
Front: Mary Heath Leighton, Joel E. Leighton.  
Photo by Charles S. Flagg, 1911

- here tonight. He is going to drive the horses for Arthur for a few days."
- 3-13-08: "... Arthur got Charlie Lowe's horse and sleigh, and carried the butter and eggs to Gorham. My neck is lame. Mr. [William] Kelsey is sick again."
- 3-14-08: "... Mr. Kelsey died [of pancreatitis] last night ... One of the sheep has a lamb and won't own it. Got fourteen lambs now."
- 3-16-08: "... Arthur and I went to Mr. Kelsey's funeral this afternoon. We walked with the rest of the Hill folks. Arthur was one of the bearers ... It is just a year ago tonight that Mr. [Charles E.] Lowe died."
- 3-17-08: "... Arthur went to the station this forenoon with six bushels of potatoes to send to Layford Rines in Berlin."
- 3-18-08: "... Itie hauled up some of the wood that Gene cut this forenoon, and Arthur churned and did the chores. This afternoon they went down under the Hill and got a load of sawdust."
- 3-22-08: "... Pearl and the children came down just before noon. While they were here Charlie and Laura came and brought their graphophone, and gave us some music. Arthur went up with Pearl when she went home, and had Aunt Eliza, Irving, Marie and Newell come down, and we had a lot of music."
- 3-23-08: "... Has thawed a good deal. 50° above Zero. Itie hauled three loads of logs from Frank's to the mill."
- 3-25-08: "... Arthur took a load of logs from Frank's to the Mill and brought back some flour and grain this forenoon."

"Diaries", continued ....

3-26-08: "... We washed ... Arthur went up to Bowman on the train after dinner. He walked home. Murdock Graham's wife is sick at Penny's. Dr. Marble says it is a severe case of smallpox. Dr. Aldrich says it's a mild case of chickenpox. So there you are."

3-30-08: "... Arthur went to Gorham this afternoon with two horses and the express wagon. He carried 28 dozen eggs."

3-31-08: "...Arthur [put] all the sheep and lambs out-doors together this forenoon. Pearl was here this forenoon, and she came down this afternoon to bring a message from headquarters for Arthur not to ship any more pulpwood. He has sent 5 carloads and has enough to fill two more cars."

**GRS School Board Election Results**  
Representative at large — Greg Corrigan

## Randolph Foundation Scholarship Recipients-Spring 2008

*By Lynn Hunt*

Since 1963, the Randolph Foundation has awarded scholarships to eligible Randolph residents to pursue their studies at the post-secondary level. The Foundation recognizes any courses at an accredited institution that provides undergraduate and/or graduate work. Undergraduate students who maintain a G.P.A. under 3.5 receive \$600.00 per semester, and undergraduate students who maintain a G.P.A. of 3.5 and above receive \$750.00 per semester.

The following students are the recipients for the spring semester: Christopher Brockett-W.P.I.; Nathan Demers-University of New Hampshire; Emma Jenkins-Northeastern University; Eoghan Kelley-University of New Hampshire; Alyssa Leclerc- Saint Anselm College; Whitney Robinson- Keene State College; Emily Ross-Baptist Bible School; Diana Ruppel-Northeastern University; and William Wood-Plymouth State University.

The fall semester applications are due by August 10, 2008. Contact Lynn Hunt (466-3456) for more information.

## GRS School Meeting

*By Barbara Arnold*

The annual meeting for the GRS School District was held on Saturday, March 8, 2008. The meeting was opened with a stunning rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, sung a Capella by Brittany Collia who is a junior at the high school. It took voters four hours and thirty minutes to discuss and vote on the 16 warrants. By and large most of the time was spent on two of the three bond articles – articles 2, and 4. Votes were by ballot and the ballot had to remain open for 1 hour for each. During this time, articles 5 through 14 were brought forth and passed.

Article 2, requesting \$7,630,000 for needed repairs and renovations to the buildings, missed the two thirds majority it needed to pass by 14 votes. Prior to the vote being taken, there was a brief presentation on the bond by Paul Bousquet, superintendent, and Pauline Plourde, business manager. After the presentation, the moderator asked for discussion from the floor. There was none. Article 3 was passed over due to the defeat of article 2.

Article 4 was discussed at length. This article provided \$5,385,000 for repairs to the buildings. Most of the discussion revolved around what projects would be targeted with this money. It was made clear that while all of the projects could not be done, it would be a start on the list of required projects as listed by the State Fire Marshall and the accreditation committee. Those agencies would be in contact with the school regarding safety and accreditation issues. An amendment to Article 4 to increase the amount to equal the amount in Article 2 was presented, but was defeated. In the end, Article 4 passed as written on a vote of 336 yeas, 54 nays. Two hundred and sixty votes were needed for passage. Several amendments were proposed prior to the final vote, all looking to either increase the money amount or to reconsider Article 2. All failed on voice votes.

Article 15 was amended and passed as amended to increase the amount of money placed in the Building Capital Reserve Fund to up to \$300,000. This means that any surplus from the school budget this year, up to \$300,000, will be put in the Building Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Bousquet also informed the voters that building projects can be added to the original bond if done during the construction period. This would mean that the state reimbursement would be at 57% for all of those projects. If the construction project is finished, then a new bond project would be required and at a minimum amount of \$5,000,000 for any project.

## Articles 16 and 17: Boothman / Parker Family Land

*Comments by John Scarinza at Town Meeting*

For as many years as I have known, and for many years before that, local residents both summer and winter as well as the hiking public in general have had the opportunity to access the Crescent Range along trails that have historically crossed the property owned by the Boothman family, earlier in the days of the Mount Crescent House and continuing through until today. This includes the land upon which the beginning sections of the Mount Crescent Trail, Cook Path and the Carlton Notch Trail start from, as well as the Boothman Spring Cutoff Trail. Trampers have always had an informal place to park on the right hand side of the road next to the two large Maple Trees that once marked the entrance to the mount Crescent House driveway.

But as time goes on, things change, and during the past couple of years there have been discussions in the Boothman/Parker family on how to best plan for the current and succeeding generation, and part of that discussion was how to best divide the homestead property for all involved, and how that change in property ownership might impact the trail system upon which the public has always had the privilege of utilizing across the land of the Boothman family.

In speaking with Becky Boothman whose lifelong roots are firmly committed to the town, it was her sincere desire that something be done to ensure that no matter how this land is divided for the future, that there existed an opportunity to ensure a permanent access to the trail system for the hiking community who would like to continue to have access to the Crescent Range. So as part of the future planning effort to divide the family lands, Becky made sure that a parcel would be made available for the purposes of a permanent trailhead for generations to come.

Article 16 authorizes the Selectmen to purchase a certain 10 acre parcel of land at the end of Randolph Hill Road from Rebecca Boothman and Wayne Parker to be added to the Town Forest and more importantly to be used in the future as a permanently protected trailhead and parking area. The purchase of this parcel will be conducted in the same manner as the Community Forest in that the funds for the purchase will be collected through private donations and grants.

Article 17 establishes a contributory trust fund called the Mt. Crescent Conservation Land Trust Fund so

that interested folks and foundations can make voluntary donations to this fund for the purpose of purchasing this parcel of land, and it will also authorize the Selectmen as agents to expend these funds.

This is an extremely important parcel of land, which quite frankly is the only opportunity available now or in the future which will allow a permanent protected access point and parking area for the trails leading up onto Mt. Crescent from the west end of the Randolph Hill Road. It will also provide the added benefit of a permanent town owned access road to this portion of the Randolph Community Forest. We currently have a difficult and unimproved Right of Way access to the forest which has existed for many years, but due to its location and terrain, it would be a challenge to develop at best. Our next best access is via the logging road which starts in Gorham at the end of Jim Town Road which is quite a distance compared to what would be available if this transfer of land were to take place.

I would also like to emphasize that the Randolph Foundation and the Randolph Mountain Club have both enthusiastically lent their support and agreed to assist in the fundraising for this important project.

So, it is with these thoughts in mind, that I would like to make a motion to bring article 16 to the floor of this town meeting and I would like to personally encourage a vote in the affirmative of this very important project.

*Editor's note: both articles 16 and 17 passed.*



Approximate site of proposed trailhead on Boothman / Parker tract. Dave Tomlinson photo.

*"Dracula", continued...*

France. Nor do the Carpathians match the rugged grandeur of the White Mountains.

In Sinaia, the town adjacent to Busteni, stands what Romanians consider their most splendid monument, Peles Castle. It was built and furnished over three decades in the late 1800's by Romania's first modern king, Karol I (originally Karl, Prince of Battenberg in Germany). It is in neo-Gothic style, with turrets, battlements, and spires. Inside, it is so lavishly furnished and decorated as to overwhelm. A library full of leather-bound sets of the complete works of almost every writer known to man (our Mark Twain included), none of them ever opened or read. An intricately carved dining ensemble of black teak, which took three generations of Thai craftsmen to carve. Copies of Rembrandt and other Flemish painters on every wall. Huge Persian rugs on the floors. Although many individual items were indeed beautiful, I found the place as a whole hideous. Compared to King Karol, Louis Quatorze of Versailles fame was a minimalist!

Then there is **the other** castle, Bran Castle, in which is set the famous novel *Dracula* by Bram Stoker. While the book is out-and-out fiction, an historical Dracula figure did exist, but no connection between him and the castle has ever been firmly established. Although Vlad Tepes, a 15<sup>th</sup> Century Wallachian prince who impaled his enemies on wooden spears and hung them out as a warning, has often been considered the real Dracula, it was his father who was awarded the Order of the Dragon by the Holy Roman Emperor. In the Romanian language, dragon is translated as "dracula".

Needless to say, the area around the castle is cluttered with tourist traps, selling Dracula tee shirts, statues, ashtrays and what have you. The castle itself, perched imposingly on a crag, was built in the 1300's by the Saxons to defend Bran Pass from the Turks. It is one of those fascinating medieval constructions with towers and turrets, multi-levels, courtyards, and secret passages. After renovation, it served between the wars as the residence of Queen Marie, who had no use for Peles. The furnishings and décor reflect her sophisticated, refined and exquisite taste. She was, after all, a great patron of the arts and a sometime author in her own right. Perhaps disappointingly, there is absolutely nothing creepy about the place.

A highlight of our trip was a three day sojourn at

Count Kalnoky's "castle" in Miklosvar, Transylvania. Actually, lodge or manor house more aptly describes the establishment. We read about it in the Travel Section of the *New York Times*; it is the only destination we have ever seen in the *Times* that we could afford! The Count's family was forced to flee to France just before Romania entered World War II on the German side. After the war, the Communist government confiscated the property. Recently, however, the present Count has been able to reclaim the family estate and is using the revenue from his "bed and breakfast" operation to restore it as a tourist destination.

The small rural village of Miklosvar is located about an hour's drive from Brasov, from which pick-up and delivery service is provided at extra cost. Lodging is in quaintly restored serf's cottages (with full modern bath). The mini-bar is located behind an icon in the corner of the room! Dining is family-style in the former wine cellar of the main lodge, and the wine - really good wine too - flows freely. The establishment accommodates perhaps 20 guests. Each day, guided excursions to such tourist sights as Dracula's castle in Bran or into the surrounding countryside are offered. Along with a young British gal, we were the only guests taking advantage of the local excursions, which involved some physical activity. The whole package, including transport to and from Brasov, cost us \$200 per person per day.

The attraction is a chance to observe, and interact with the Szekler (Hungarian) peasants who live and work there. As we saw almost everywhere else in rural Romania, the farming is done by hand or with horses - not a machine in sight. (The one exception is the Kansas-like Danube basin.) Cultivating with a horse-drawn plow, cutting hay with a scythe and collecting it with rake and pitchfork, hoeing acres of corn or potatoes by hand, manually milking herds of sheep. Moreover, most of the workers are older, as the young people, understandably, run off to the cities in search of less arduous work. The life-style is downright medieval!

We took an excursion in one of the ubiquitous horse-drawn wagons out over the hills and fields, no longer cultivated because of the labor shortage. Instead, they are used for grazing sheep, the shepherds not being local and somewhat disliked by the natives. We arrived at noon at the shepherds' camp, where four men and a boy were engaged in milking by

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hand **300 sheep**, for the second of three times per day! The chief shepherd invited us to observe the cheese-making process to which the milk was put. Wading ankle-deep in sheep droppings, we entered the shack where the milk was suspended in cheesecloth bags, the liquid being separated from the solids. No refrigeration, no sanitation. Boots covered with sheep dung. In hospitality, the chief offered us some cheese to taste - an offer courtesy obliged us to accept. With forebodings about the price to our insides, we partook. The cheese was truly delicious; imagine feta without the salt. It was one of several similar episodes in our traveling careers when, in dubiously observing the local hospitality rules, we managed to survive the potential unpleasant internal consequences.

There are some positive aspects to this hard, old-fashioned way of life. Each morning as we made our way to the lodge for breakfast, we encountered villagers who greeted us with a smile or the tip of a hat. One older gentleman even doffed his hat and bowed in greeting. The farmer who drove us over the countryside in his horse-drawn cart kissed Harriet's hand at the end - and that was before I tipped him! He invited us to his home where we met his family, were shown his hunting trophies (mostly wild boar tusks) and his wife's embroidery, and were offered a glass of one of those Eastern European liquid dynamites. His daughter, who spoke good English for someone not much exposed to native English speakers, showed photos of school graduation and family weddings, with everyone in traditional folk costume. The costumes are worn for all sorts of festivals and family events - not just to impress the tourists. On a Sunday after church, the men drink and play cards at the local pub, while the women sit in groups outside their homes, gossiping.

Our trip transported us back a hundred or more years, to a simpler, slower, seemingly less fractious era. Vestiges of that time are disappearing fast as Bulgaria and Romania join the European Union. But that entails lots of problems. Economically they are "dancing on the deck of the Titanic". Fundamentally agrarian economies, the emphasis is nonetheless on industrial and "high tech" get-rich-quick schemes. Lots of glitz but no substance. Investment should be going to the agricultural sector to mechanize production. Unfortunately, farmers, remembering their travails under the Communist collectivization programs, resist mightily the idea of combining into cooperatives. Further, the older people espe-

cially are finding it difficult to adjust to the uncertainty implicit in a capitalist economy and continue to prefer the structured if repressive Communist system. Many of the young are emigrating. Those people we talked to spoke proudly of their countries' integration into the EU. Sadly, it will be a long time in coming.



Views from Mt. Washington Auto Road. George Davenport photo.



Views from Mt. Washington Auto Road. George Davenport photo.

### Bridge Players Wanted

Anyone interested in playing bridge, contact Lynn Hunt at 466-3456.

## Introduction to Town Meeting, March 11, 2008

By David L. Willcox, Town Moderator, Randolph, NH

As we celebrate the completion of our splendid new meetinghouse during this political season, I am reminded of the fact that the New England meetinghouse was originally designed for the purpose of integrating church and state. It was called a meetinghouse because, in the words of one historian; *"it was used indifferently as a place for both civil and religious transactions."* In fact, those two types of transactions were often blended making it difficult to distinguish the one from the other. The meetinghouse was a structural embodiment of the Puritan theocracy and, as such, it often provided a venue for one of the most potent weapons in their arsenal: the election sermon.

This was an address delivered in a meetinghouse, legislative hall or other polling place prior to a vote. It offered the Puritan ministers an unparalleled opportunity to bring spiritual arguments into decisions of temporal affairs and was widely used to address issues both great and small.

The tradition began in 1634 in Boston when the Reverend John Cotton attempted - in vain - to persuade the deputies not to use their newly discovered authority to vote John Winthrop out as governor.

Fifty-five years later, on May 23, 1689, John Cotton's grandson, Cotton Mather, delivered one of the more famous examples of the genre. It was a time of political upheaval and generational change. Three years earlier the home rule charter under which the deputies elected their own governor had been cancelled by King James II and Sir Edmund Andros had come from England to fill that post. Naturally, he was unpopular from the moment of his arrival and he did nothing to improve his image. You can guess how well it went down, for instance, when he demanded that the Old South Meeting House be opened up for Anglican services. Puritans were incensed that juries in legal cases seemed to be packed with Anglicans, and that long-standing property rights were ignored. Andros required new deeds to be purchased from the crown. Those who did not accede were in danger of having their lands seized and turned over to Andros' cronies and courtiers.

Increase Mather, Cotton's father, went to London to try to have the original charter restored. While he was there, the bloodless revolution took place and

William of Orange assumed the throne of England. The news reached Boston on April 4, 1689 and was published two weeks later. Shortly thereafter, the citizens of Boston staged a revolution and ousted Andros.

The assembly of deputies to which Cotton Mather preached, therefore, was the first to be held since 1686 and the central issue was whether to ratify the government which had been elected but superseded three years earlier or to choose new men. Underlying this decision was the fact that new leaders were beginning to appear and there were signs that this shift in leadership was associated with a secular trend and a weakening of church authority.

There may have been some uncertainty among the deputies about the position their young minister would take. His age placed him with the younger generation, but his name and lineage evoked the Puritan values of the past. If uncertainty there was, it was short-lived. Mather launched into a theological diatribe in which the recent political reverses were portrayed as a punishment from God upon a society which had strayed. In his forceful discourse, he relied heavily on a tactic as old as politics: the use of fear.

First he set the stage for them:

*"A people must be with God or God will not be with them..."*

Then he used the recent political turmoil to threaten worse troubles to come if the society did not return to the old values:

*"We have lately been complaining of burdens that were grievous to us, but I may warn you of our danger to feel one burden more which will infinitely exceed them all...Let us consider...what uncomfortable symptoms we have had of God's not being with us...If the Lord had been with us, had you ever thought you had seen cause to declare, as you have lately and justly done, that a company of abject strangers had made a mere booty of us?"*

He followed this with the argument that the problems recently faced represented God's effort to make the punishment fit the crime:

*"...were we not in the late unreasonable extortions of the law invited to consider whether our needless*

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*multiplications of litigious, contentious lawsuits formerly amongst us were not a scandal thus chastised?...of all our errors there is none of such dangerous and threatening consequence as the contention which we are too prone to break forth into."*

And, finally, he told them what they had to do:

*"Yea, t'is very much in your power to do what may have a tendency to perpetuate the presence of God unto the succeeding generations...May a godly and learned ministry be everywhere encouraged and no plantations allowed to live without a good minister in them..."*

In the long run, of course, the arguments of Cotton Mather and his colleagues were doomed as the society gradually moved towards the belief in the separation of church and state which would be enshrined in the First Amendment of the Constitution a century later. But for many years the election sermon provided the church leaders with a powerful tool to protect their hegemony.

As I noted, the election sermon could be tailored to a variety of purposes. One Connecticut historian explained how it might even be used to promote the chances of a favored candidate, call him Jabez:

*"All the voters in a township convene in the town meeting house. One of the ministers, after prayers, preaches from some such text as, 'Jabez was more honourable than his brethren'...So, Jabez is elected; and the meeting is concluded with a prayer of thanks to the Lord God of Israel for turning the hearts of the people against the enemies of Zion and for uniting them in Jabez...."*

Now that our meetinghouse has been properly inaugurated, we turn to business. I declare the 2008 Town Meeting to be in session.



Michelle Cormier and Angela Brown at the RMC dance. Barbara Arnold photo.



Anne Kenison speaking with Bob Ross at the Town Meeting. Alison Tomlinson photo.

## Results on Town Meeting Warrant Articles

*By Alison Tomlinson*

The meeting room in the expanded and updated Town Hall was filled with many Randolph residents who came to participate in the Town Meeting on March 11, 2008.

A majority vote in the affirmative passed Articles 2-6. An amendment to Article 7 was proposed that would have kept the Library budget at the same level as last year. In a secret ballot this amendment did not pass. Then, Article 7 passed with a majority vote. Articles 8-16 passed and Article 17 was amended and then passed with the following stipulation: Any funds remaining after the acquisition of the Boothman/Parker 10 acres shall be turned over to the Town Forest Revolving Fund. Article 18 passed with a majority vote.

Ken Lee noted that the roof on the Meeting House is faded and stated that it would cost \$10,200 to re-roof plus an additional \$1700 of contingency funds in case the roof decking needs to be replaced. After much discussion those assembled agreed to go ahead with the new roof. The siding was discussed and Ken Lee stated that vinyl siding is not good at reproducing architectural detail.

Sally Glines recognized Ken Lee for his tireless efforts during the construction of the Town Hall project and all those assembled gave him a standing ovation. Jean Malick thanked Larry Jenkins for the time he put into the new Library project. Guy Stever thanked David Willcox for his Introduction to the Town Meeting. That concluded the 2008 Town Meeting.

## Town of Randolph Election Results

Selectmen	Kenneth Lee
Moderator	David Willcox
Treasurer	Connie Chaffee
Trustees of the Trust Fund	Michelle Cormier
Supervisors of the Checklist	Angela Chakalis-Pfeffer
Planning Board	Robert Ross, Jr.
Board of Adjustment	G. Alan Lowe, Jr. Ray Aube
Cemetery Trustees	Steve Hartman
Library Trustees	Margaret Meiklejohn
Conservation Commission	James Meiklejohn Benson Eisenberg
Town Forest Commission	Mark Kelley
Auditors	Philip Guiser
North Country Council Representative	Dan Tucker

## Randolph Presidential Primary Results

January 8, 2008

### Democratic Party

Hillary Clinton	33
John Edwards	24
Dennis Kucinich	1
Barack Obama	61
"Bill" Richardson	15

### Republican Party

Rudy Giuliani	9
"Mike" Huckabee	12
John McCain	33
Ron Paul	6
Mitt Romney	19
Fred Thompson	3

## Vice Presidential Primary Results

John Barnes Jr.	10
William Bryk	8
Raymond Stebbins	8

## RMC News

By Doug Mayer

While RMC's trails begin to shed their winter mantle of deep snows, the club has some exciting news to announce regarding access to some of Randolph's most popular trails. Wayne Parker and Becky Boothman have agreed to sell 10 acres of land to the Randolph Community Forest. Located at the end of Randolph Hill Road, the land would secure permanent access to a host of RMC's trails, including Mount Crescent Trail, Crescent Ridge Trail, Cook Path, and others.

In addition to guaranteeing access to the Crescent Range from Randolph Hill, RMC will be able to have a safe, permanent parking. Currently, there are just two spots available, along the side of Randolph Hill Road opposite Grassy Lane. The creation of a small, simple trailhead at the end of Randolph Hill Road will eliminate the issue of overflow parking, which causes headaches for both hikers and residents at the current location.

At the recent town meeting, residents voted unanimously to allow the town to proceed with the acquisition. Securing ownership for the town will mean raising money to purchase the parcel. Currently, an appraisal is being done. The project will likely be a collaborative venture between the Randolph Foundation, Randolph Community Forest and RMC.

The RMC would like to thank both Wayne Parker and Becky Boothman for their foresight in offering this land to the town. Many residents and RMC members will benefit for years to come.



RMC "Cabin Fever Reliever" Dance. Edith Tucker photo.

### *RMC Camps*

It was a great winter up at Gray Knob this year, with lots of friendly visitors and the usual assortment of both harsh and mellow weather. Sally Manikian has done a terrific job relating the day-to-day life up at Gray Knob. You can read her caretaker journal and see photos by clicking on the "journal" link [www.randolphmountainclub.org](http://www.randolphmountainclub.org)

Our other winter caretaker, former trail crew member Mike Street, loved his time up at the Knob, as well. Mike has now departed for some time at home, in Oregon.

Currently, our spring caretakers are Sally Manikian and Juliane Hudson. Juliane joins RMC fresh from completing the Pacific Crest Trail last year. RMC's Field Supervisor for this coming summer, longtime trail crew member Curtis Moore, will be caretaking in May. Curtis returns to RMC after a season spent as a carpenter in a slightly chillier location—the South Pole.

This summer we have what may be a first for the RMC camps as two sisters, who happen to be identical twins - will be caretaking our camps all summer. Alexandria and Elizabeth Disney are from upstate New York, but are now living in Maine, where they attend Bates College and Colby College, respectively.

### *Trails*

On the trails front, hiring for the summer is wrapped up, with a variety of new members joining the RMC crew, including crew members with local connections, such as Cutter family relative Ben Harris and others with more far-flung experience, including time with the Adirondack Mountain Club and Green Mountain Club. Also joining the crew are last summer's caretakers, Gretchen Grebe and Chris Carlson.

Projects for this summer, aside from the usual patrolling, brushing and blazing, include reconstruction on a section of Israel Ridge Path, building rock steps on Lowe's Path, on the ledge below Log Cabin, and extensive trail work on Ledge Trail and Pasture Path. A fall crew will continue the work on those two trails, working in September and early October.

RMC Board member Mike Micucci is planning the usual variety of summer work trips. If you'd like to

join in the fun, email Mike via the RMC web site anytime. He'd love to hear from you! Thanks to the presence of Stearns Lodge, RMC work trips will now feature a barbeque after the hard work is done.

### *Other News*

- RMC has a new email bulletin. The bulletin provides the club with an opportunity to share timely news, such as events, hikes, work trips and other goings-on. Anyone can sign up for this free newsletter, which is a great way to stay in touch with RMC. To do so, please visit the web site at [www.randolphmountainclub.org](http://www.randolphmountainclub.org).
- Thanks to Paul and Michelle Cormier, and other volunteers for organizing this winter's Cabin Fever Reliever Square Dance, one of the first town events held at the freshly renovated town hall. Shelburne Addition provided music. A lively time was had by all!
- The RMC directory will be updated this coming spring. Look for information in RMC's annual letter. Please note that you must "opt in," if you want to be included in the directory.
- One of the more impressive aspects of RMC is the strong sense of connection that former caretakers and trail crew have to the organization. For those of you who missed it, newsletter editor Lydia Goetze produced remarkable series of reminiscences, which was distributed to club members this spring in a publication entitled, "Celebration of Trail Crews and Caretakers." Additional copies are available by contacting RMC.

A final note: as the snow melts and trails become soft, a bit of extra thoughtfulness will pay dividends on the paths. During spring run-off, trails are especially wet and muddy and remarkably susceptible to impact. Earlier in the spring, consider a ski or snowshoe while there's still snow on north-facing slope; later in the spring, think about hiking on southern aspects and lower elevations. In doing so, you'll keep our trails from eroding during this fragile time for the paths.

Whether around town, in the Crescent Range, at one of the camps or the high peaks, we hope you get out and enjoy the trails this spring.

## Randolph Remembers

### Dr. Belton Allyn Burrows

*Dr. Belton Burrows was a frequent winter visitor in Randolph during the 1950's and 1960's. An enthusiastic skier and snowshoe hiker, he knew the Mt. Crescent/Mt. Randolph terrain intimately and also was among those present the first day the ski lifts started at Wildcat 50 years ago.*

*Belt Burrows and family hiked all over the northern Presidentials, usually staying at Grey Knob. The Burrows family built the house at the corner of Stearns Road (now Pasture Path) and Randolph Hill Rd. where the Lees now live. He was a good friend of Jack Boothman and together they conducted an informal study of possible radioactivity in wood ash from burning brush.*

*Editor's note: this information is contributed by a Randolph friend of Dr. Belton's.*

Dr. Burrows, age 89, a long time resident of Brookline, Massachusetts died peacefully at his childhood home in Groton, Connecticut on November 18, 2007. Belton Burrows was the son of Judge Warren B. Burrows and Emily Avery Copp of Groton.

Dr. Burrows received his B.A. degree from Yale University in 1939 and his M.C. degree from Columbia P. & S. in 1943. He served in the European Theatre during WW II as a Medical Officer and Captain of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Engineering Combat Group.

Dr. Burrows was Research Professor of Medicine and on the admissions committee at Boston University School of Medicine from 1965-1994. From 1953-1978 he was Chief of Radioisotope Services and Nuclear Medicine at Boston University Medical Center and at the Boston VA from 1953-1990.

He was editor of the Journal of Nuclear Medicine from 1970-1975 and was Acting Director Nuclear Medicine Services, Veterans Administration Central Office, Washington, D.C. from 1967-1973. He was a consultant to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission from 1977-1984.

Dr. Belton is survived and will be sorely missed by his wife of 64 years, Dorinda McKenzie (Bell) and his six children, Calvin B. Burrows, Warren B. Burrows, M.D., Ellen Burrows, Emily A. Burrows, Sarah M. Burrows, and B. Allyn Burrows, Jr. and 12 grandchildren.

Memorial donations can be made to the Boston University Medical School Scholarship Fund or to the Church of Our Savior of Brookline.

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### Jackson Humphrey

Jackson A. Humphrey, Sr., 75, of Randolph passed away at his home on Tuesday, January 1, 2008.

He was born in Medford, Massachusetts on July 11, 1932 the son of Charles and Frances Humphrey and lived in Wilmington, Massachusetts for many years. He was a US Navy Veteran of the Korean War and had been employed as a fire fighter for the Medford Fire Department. He moved to Randolph, New Hampshire in 1984. He was a member of the American Legion Post #82 in Gorham.

Members of the family include his son Jackson A. Humphrey, Jr. and his wife Gayle of Cincinnati, Ohio; a sister Helen and many friends.

A Graveside Service with interment will be held in the spring in the Randolph Cemetery. Anyone who wishes may make a donation to the Gorham Fire Department, Main Street, Gorham, NH 03581 in his memory. For more information or to sign a guestbook, please visit [www.bryantfuneralhome.net](http://www.bryantfuneralhome.net).

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Barbara Arnold photo.

## Frederick A. Otto

Frederick A. Otto, 61, of Littleton, Massachusetts and Randolph, New Hampshire, died at his home in Littleton on December 3, 2007. He was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, on July 23, 1946, the son of the late Ernest and Dorothy (Dahill) Otto.

Fred grew up in Northampton and was a graduate of Northampton High School. Fred received a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University and an M.B.A. from Michigan State University.

He worked at GenRad for over 20 years and later QuadTech. Most recently Fred worked at Instron as a Vice President where he was held in the highest regard by colleagues who also became dear friends during his 12-year tenure. Fred was dedicated to his profession and will be greatly missed by his work family.

Aside from work, Fred enjoyed the outdoors, camping, hunting, hiking and most of all fishing. From their Randolph home Fred and Phyllis fished many rivers together and achieved their goal of hiking all 48 of the Appalachian Mountain Club's New Hampshire Four Thousand Footers. From their Littleton home Fred was a member of the South Fitchburg Hunting and Fishing Club and previously a member of the Harvard Sportsman's Club.

Fred's family includes his wife, Phyllis (Morse) Curcuru of Littleton, Massachusetts and Randolph, New Hampshire; a son, Robert Otto of Littleton, Massachusetts and a stepson, Shane Curcuru, his wife Amy, and daughter Roxanne of Arlington, Massachusetts; and a sister, Susan Wight of Bethel, Maine.

Visiting Hours were held at the Badger Funeral Home, Littleton on Thursday, Dec. 6 followed by a Funeral Service at 6 p.m. Burial was at the New Cemetery, Randolph, New Hampshire, on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Randolph Mountain Club, P.O. Box 279, Gorham NH 03581. Please write "in memory of Fred Otto" on the check memo line.

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## Anthony Potter

Colonel Anthony D. Potter, 71 of 99 US Route 2, Randolph, passed away on December 22, 2007 at his home.

He was born in Gorham, New Hampshire on March 23, 1936 the son of Dean S. and Verna (Coolidge) Potter and was a graduate of Gorham High School with the Class of 1954. He graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from UNH in 1958 and was a graduate of the ROTC Program at UNH. He entered the military and attained the rank of full Colonel.

He served 27 years in the US Army with many assignments including ROTC Instructor at UNH, two tours in Korea and one tour in Vietnam with the Special Forces in Ban Mi Tho (Highlands in Vietnam). Tony attended the US Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania and was selected leader of his class.

From 1976 to 1979 he served as Commander of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO) in the Middle East, mostly in Lebanon. He was Post Commander at Fort Devens, Massachusetts and retired from the service in 1985. He taught advanced math at Milford High School and lived in New Boston for 15 years and moved to Randolph in 1998.

Tony was an avid salt water fly fisherman and enjoyed surf flycasting on the Maine Coast for stripers and blue fish. He also enjoyed fly fishing in area brooks and streams. He loved his children and grandchildren, watching the wildlife in the area and enjoyed mowing lawns, shoveling snow and cutting wood.

Members of the family include two daughters Elizabeth Marie Potter and her husband Wells Hodous of Round Pond, Maine and Jennifer Dean Potter and her husband Aric McAllister of Seattle, Washington; a son Dean Spaulding Potter and his wife Stephanie Davis of Moab, Utah and Yosemite, California; five grandchildren Oliver Hodous, Avery Hodous, Dorothy Hodous, Cyrus Potter-McAllister and Dahlia Potter-McAllister; two sisters Elizabeth Drew and her husband Edward of Gorham and Linda Gordon of Jefferson; a brother Robert Potter and his wife Roberta Arbree of Randolph; and his nieces, nephews and cousins.

Anyone who wishes may make a donation to the Non Game and Endangered Wildlife Program, NH Fish and Game Dept., 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301 in his memory. For more information or to sign an online register book please visit [www.bryantfuneralhome.net](http://www.bryantfuneralhome.net).

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### June Issue

Toni Brinton's article on their mountain experiences (Part 1) will be featured in the next issue. Part 2 of the *Diaries of Eldena Leighton Hunt* contributed by Al Hudson will be presented also. Anyone with material of interest to the Randolph community please send your articles to Alison Tomlinson by email: [treehome@ne.rr.com](mailto:treehome@ne.rr.com) or on disk to 204 Durand Rd. Randolph, NH 03593 by May 15, 2008.

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