

Mountain View



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

The Ravine House Pool Dam: What Happened and What's Next?

Like many seasonal residents, my first walk to the Ravine House pool this past spring was a bit of an eye-opener. The familiar roadway topping the pool dam was gone, and the path to Lake Durand. We were just belatedly experiencing the damage of which the town and its officials were well aware. With the July 4 season fast approaching, a temporary reconstruction of the eroded section enabled the filling of the pool, and resumption of access to the recreational areas around



Ravine House Pool Dam- 2011 Overflow Damage photo credit: Gail Scott

it. But this was a temporary fix. I sat recently with selectmen Michele Cormier and Ted Wier to discuss the progress of plans for a more permanent solution to a recurrent problem with

this important town asset. By formal agreement last renewed in 2004, the town and The Randolph Foundation share responsibility for the maintenance, upkeep and repair of the Lake Durand Recreational Area and the Ravine House properties. We thought it appropriate to jointly report on the history of the problems with the pool dam, and the plans for remediation.

The Dam and Its Troubles..

The Ravine House dam, has been with us for awhile. George Cross writes in 1924, in *Randolph Old and New* that Abel and Laban Watson "...built croquet grounds, tennis courts, and a bowling alley; and with a new and costly dam spread out the waters of the Moose into a clear lake for fishing, boating and bathing." And this, he further relates, was prior to their retirement and sale of the Ravine House property in 1909.

In this photo of the west elevation taken last October,



Ravine House Dam Looking East, October 2012 photo: Keith Dempster

the major elements of the dam can be seen. Three openings, or spillways channel the normal flow of the brook past the dam. These are blocked

with seven stop-logs each to create the pool in summer. To the right, or south of the spillways the dam elevation lowers slightly to provide an overflow weir whose purpose is to contain water flows from storm events that overtop the dam even with the spillway stop-logs removed. Not visible in the photo is the third essential element of the dam, which is the level walkway across the brook connecting Durand Road to the recreational area beyond. Those of us of a certain age will even remember when our parents and grandparents drove across this surface to deposit us and our swimming paraphernalia directly by the beach. Ah, the old days...

While time has certainly exacted a toll on the granite and masonry dam face and on the spillways, it is the overflow weir that has been the focus of our more recent troubles. From the Selectmen's report of 2010:

"2010 was a tough year for the swimming pool area, starting with a washout of the walkway over the dam in early August when 2.62 inches of rain fell in two days. Another washout occurred in early October when we received 2.92 inches of rain in two days, and the final washout occurred in mid-December when 3.34 inches of rain fell in two days and 14.5 inches of snow melted at the same time."

See "Ravine House Pool", page 4 ...

Meeting notices, inquiries, comments, and ideas are welcomed and encouraged. Please send materials for the *Mountain View* to Diana Aube, Nekal Lane, Randolph, NH 03593 or daube@ne.rr.com by the 15th of the month preceding publication (publication is quarterly: September, December, April & June). The *Randolph Weekly* is published weekly in July & August. Send notices by Tuesday of each week to Gail Scott at 603-466-5498 (call or FAX); or mscott1@ne.rr.com; or PO Box 160, Gorham, NH 03581. The *Blizzard* is published the first of each month except July and August. Please send all notices for the *Blizzard* to Laura Brockett, 603-466-2034; lbrockett@gmail.com or 11 Randolph Hill Road, Randolph, NH 03593. *Blizzard* materials by the 24th of the preceding month. If you are not receiving the *Blizzard* and wish to, please let Laura know. A grant from the Randolph Foundation makes all these publications possible.

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Town Directory

- AMBULANCE 911**
- BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** (Chair, Paul Cormier) 466-5841
 meets at 7 PM the 3rd Thursday of the month.
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN** (Chair, Ted Wier) 466-3970
 Administrative Assistant, Carol Gagnon; Treasurer Connie Chaffee
 Meets at 7 p.m. at Town Hall 2nd & 4th Monday 466-5771
- BUILDING PERMITS.** See Board of Selectmen
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES** Suzanne Santos, Steve Hartman, & Karen Eitel
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION** (Chair, Bruce Kirmmse) 466-5777
- 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 Boothman) Call for Burning Permits 466-2332
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 Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month; location
 alternates between the 3 towns.
- LIBRARY** Trustees meet the 3rd Mon. of each month; Chair, Jean Malick, 466-5408
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 Thur. 3-8 p.m.; Sat. 10 –noon
- LIFELINE** (Heather Wiley) 466-5179
- PLANNING BOARD** (Chair, John Scarinza) 466-5775
 Meets at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on the first Thursday of the month.
- POLICE** (Randolph Chief, Alan Lowe) 466-3950
- RANDOLPH CHURCH** (Moderator Edgar Adams)
 Sunday morning services July & August (10:30 a.m.).
- 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, Keith Dempster)
- RANDOLPH LIFE SQUAD — Call 911 in an emergency**
 Co-Directors Bill & Barbara Arnold 466-2438
- RANDOLPH MOUNTAIN CLUB** (President, John Scarinza) 466-5775
- ROAD AGENT** (Kevin Rousseau) 466-5185
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**
 Denise Demers, Michael Sewick & Angela Chakalis-Pfeffer
- TAX COLLECTOR** (Scott Robinson) by appointment; call the Town Hall 466-5771
- TOWN CLERK** (Anne Kenison) 466-2606
 Town Hall hours: Mondays 9 - 11 a.m. ; Wednesdays 7 - 9 p.m.
- TOWN HALL** (Secretary, Carol Gagnon) 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 Saturday of every month.
- TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND** Judy Kenison, Michael Sewick, M. Lark Andreas

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

December

- 15 Town Christmas Party,
 Randolph Town Hall, 6:00pm
 for children of all ages.
- 22 Caroling Party; 6:30 Caroling
 8:00 Refreshments and Poetry
 At the home of Marie Beringer,
 272 Randolph Hill, all welcome
 to either or both parts
 Mon. Dec. 24, Town Hall closed
 Tues. Dec. 25, Town Hall closed

January

Shakespeare Reading Group; Paint,
 Marble and Words; watch for dates for
 both programs in Blizzard

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.

- 8/27/12 Frank and Sandy McCarron
 Reissue permit for new
 house
- 9/24/12 Doug and Andrea Coursey
 New supports for camp
- 9/24/12 Doug Mayer
 Solar
- 9/24/12 Mark MacDonald
 Solar
- 9/24/12 Walter Eitel
 Solar
- 10/22/12 Floyd Harris
 Replace roof and construct
 dormer
- 11/6/12 Samarjit & Tara Shankar
 Add second floor in living
 area

Real Estate

August 31, 2012
 From: Margaret Baker
 To: Town of Randolph
 Quitclaim Deed of Easement
 September 14, 2012
 From: Jeffrey D. & Ludziminda B. Mix
 To: Alan T. Mix
 Trustee Deed

Local Writers Rolled out "Mountain Voices"

By Edith Tucker

"Mountain Voices: Stories of Life and Adventure in the White Mountains and Beyond," compiled and edited by Doug Mayer of Randolph and Rebecca Oreskes of Milan, was rolled out locally on Sunday afternoon at the White Mountain Café and Bookstore, along with other recently published books on the North Country. Mountain Voice is a collection of 15 well-shaped interviews first published in "Appalachia," the nation's longest running journal of mountaineering and conversation.

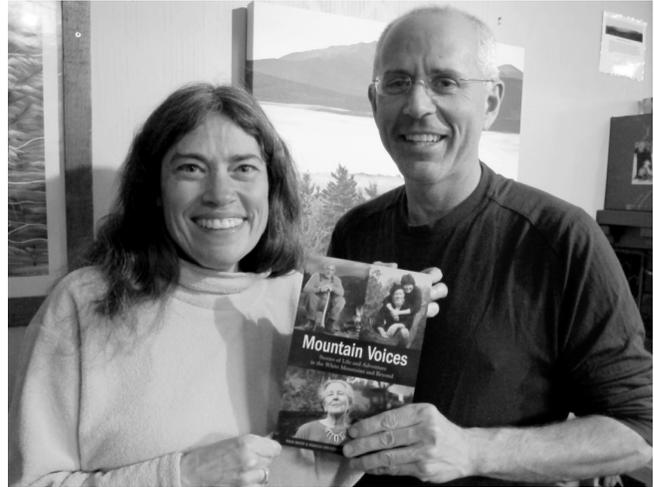
For nearly two decades, Oreskes and Mayer talked with people whose lives had made a positive impact on the White Mountains – including some who either lived in or regularly visited where they could look south to the northern slopes of the Presidential Range: Casey Hodgdon, Bill Arnold, Fran Belcher, Doug Philbrook, Paul Doherty, and Brad and Barbara Washburn.

The paperback is dotted with historical photographs and portraits, plus a preface by wilderness writer Laura Waterman.

WMNF supervisor Tom Wagner praised the book: "Rebeca and Doug have captured the unique voices of many people in a way that is as inspiring as the placed called the White Mountains. One is left wondering, as their individual stories unfold, how people and place interact to build values and character. Consistent words flow from the stories to describe the mysteries of that interaction; humility, persistence, honesty, adaptation, beauty, love, fun and giving back. A necessary read for the newcomer and old timer alike to be introduced or reminded how this beautiful place and the many wonderful voices shape our lives."

Teen and college-age readers are likely to be particularly interested in how many of those profiled were able to figure out how to make a living in a region they were determined to call home.

(taken in part from The Berlin Reporter on 11/14/12)



Doug Mayer and Rebecca Oreskes, authors of newly released "Mountain Voices" Photo by Christine Woodside

Important notices

At the request of the State of NH-DMV

Please present your

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For all

MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSACTIONS

Thank you for your cooperation. Together we can help prevent Insurance and Registration Fraud by consistently complying with the state of NH requests.

Notice to Residents

Please be aware that the plows are out and the Selectmen are requesting that residents make sure that their vehicles are off the roads and parked clear of the road's edge. In order to prevent any damage from the plow's blade during snow removal, it is necessary to keep vehicles out of its path during the winter months.

“Ravine House Pool, from page 1

And recapping 2011, the selectmen wrote:

“Floods were abundant this year with water going over the dam three times. The first one took out a small section of the dam and destroyed the raft; this damage was repaired and the raft replaced. The third flood, Hurricane Irene, caused severe damage and the Town is currently working with FEMA to obtain funds to repair it. Don’t look for a quick fix; there is more damage than just the top portion.”

So what’s going on? In a nutshell, the overflow weir has been failing. As noted above, its purpose is to channel excess water from storm events smoothly over the dam surface and return them to the brook downstream. But to the downstream side of the overflow area, the channel drops off sharply for several feet. The resultant waterfall picks up pebbles, then rocks, then still larger rocks and erodes the dam and walkway right back to the granite facing. And it’s important to remember that these overflows are occurring even with the spillways fully open; in the face of major storms, the three have insufficient capacity to channel the Moose’s flow past the dam.



After Hurricane Irene 8/28/11 Photo: Barbara Arnold. Pool had been emptied (see previous photo) before the hurricane.

Looking for the Fix

As referenced above, town officials began the search for a substantive repair in the wake of Hurricane Irene last fall. This involved outreach to a panoply of

agencies at both state and federal levels, most significantly the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services’ (NHDES) Dam Bureau. In December, 2011, FEMA issued a Project Application Grant outlining specific areas and cost allowances for work that it would underwrite—contingent on the town procuring the necessary state-level permits and the completion of a formal engineering and design study. A significant advance on the former (permit) front came with the determination of NHDES that the dam

is a “low-menace” structure, meaning in essence that incidents of overtopping are not considered a threat to downstream property or safety. This means that we will not be required to increase the overall height, or freeboard, of the dam in order to receive state approval to proceed.

Engineering and design work, as required by the FEMA grant, has been contracted by the town to the firm of H. E. Bergeron (HEB); their recommendations, which will be completed by late November, are in substantial accord with those of FEMA, albeit somewhat larger in scope, and the selectmen believe that FEMA will adjust their recommendation, and grant, to the larger project.

So what’s to be done, and what will it cost? The final plan will most likely include repairs to the spillways and the stop-log system, and replacement of the wooden plank bridge over the largest spillway. But the bulk of the project will focus on reconstruction of the outflow weir and downstream channel to eliminate the erosion-causing dropoff and create a walkway surface that will survive repeated overtopping. FEMA will bear 75% of the project cost and the town will be responsible for the remaining 25%. The selectmen believe that the town’s existing Recreation Facilities and Equipment fund will be sufficient to meet this obligation.

Don’t Fight Mother Nature...

Yes, the process is complicated—But the bottom line is this: the plan for repair seeks to work with the forces of nature rather than do battle with them. When it’s finished, storm water will still come over the dam. But afterwards, the dam—and the walkway atop it—should come through unscathed. The selectmen plan to have the project details and cost ready for discussion at Town Meeting in March, along with a warrant article seeking concurrence to proceed. The town’s obligation will absorb a substantial portion of the facilities fund that will need to be subsequently replenished. The board of the Randolph Foundation concurs with the selectmen that the pool dam is a community asset worth preserving. It is more than just that; it’s the community’s link to all of the recreational areas beyond: the playground, picnic tables, gazebo, tennis court and Lake Durand (not to mention the blueberries!) We hope that, after satisfying your questions and concerns, you’ll join in support of this effort.

*written by Keith Dempster,
president of the Randolph Foundation*

Heywood Alexander: 70 years as Randolph Church Music Committee Chair

by Avery Post

At the Annual Meeting of the Randolph Church held on the second Sunday in August, all was going smoothly until the report of the Nominating Committee revealed that Heywood Alexander was retiring as Chair of the Music Committee. There was a pause in the meeting as everyone absorbed the surprising news. Someone was heard to say "after seventy years." We all thought that it couldn't be.

But seventy was roughly correct. Heywood and his sister Sally spent summer weeks at Sugar Plum Farm, purchased by his parents in 1927. With piano as a very early interest and with regular family attendance at the Randolph Church, all that happened in church on Sunday mornings was of high interest to both children; for young Heywood, of very great interest was the parlor organ tucked into the front left corner of the church. At ten he was playing for Sunday services. He loved pumping the little organ. When a somewhat larger organ was found he was still at the console in the church, still pumping until the organ was electrified. That second organ is still in a cottage known as Diccillo on Randolph Hill Road. At a remarkably early age Heywood began playing for memorial services and weddings.

For years and years, the little organ supported and encouraged strong singing in the Randolph Church. Ultimately the congregation began to envision the purchase of a new organ. As new options were discussed, Heywood Alexander, with all of his training and experience, was in the middle of the process, and, in fact, guided it. In an historic moment for the Randolph Church, Hershner Cross, in a most generous act, offered to contribute funds for a new organ; it would be dedicated to the memory of his wife Daphne as well as to all who had played the organ for worship over the long years.

An early happy decision was made that the new instrument be a tracker organ. Soon there was another decision that the highly regarded Charles Ruggles of Maine be asked to build the organ. A small group of members, with Heywood's close help, pro-

vided oversight to the lengthy process of building the instrument, locating it in the church building and preparing for its dedication which occurred in 1997.

Without dispute, the organ in the Randolph Church is one of the finest in the region and admired, even loved, by the guest organists who play for worship on summer Sundays.

So it has indeed been seventy years that Heywood Alexander has given musical leadership in Randolph Church. He is regarded as the church's Minister of Music. That ministry had its beginnings in Scarsdale, New York where, in his youth, he played the piano for the Sunday School at the Hitchcock Presbyterian Church. Music was central in his life during his college years at Princeton and his service years in the Coast Guard.

For Heywood, the critical years in his education were those spent at Union Seminary's School of Sacred Music from which he received the Doctor of Sacred Music degree.

Professionally most of his career was in Cleveland where he taught at Case Western University and became a full Professor (now Emeritus) at Cleveland State University. He was the organist and musician at Cleveland's Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and for many years at the Church of the Covenant in University Circle.

Following his Coast Guard years, Heywood and Bea Sanderson of Greenwich, Connecticut and a graduate of Smith College met and were married. The parents of four children, theirs has been a long story of the conjoining of musical gifts and commitments held by each. Worshipers at the Randolph Church know what a veritable feast of good music it is when two of their daughters, with their own instrumental skills, join their father, in their leadership of morning worship.

In 1998 Bea and Heywood Alexander moved to Hanover, New Hampshire. They now reside at Kendal at Hanover and seasonally in Randolph.

Randolph Town Forest Crystal Mine

by David Willcox

The crystal mine, located on the Randolph Community Forest, was worked by the General Electric Corporation during World War II. Alan Lowe is quoted as saying that GE was hauling ox carts full of crystals out of it for radios as part of the war effort. After the war, and after radio technology had moved on, the mine was blown up, probably a couple of times by various landowners to prevent people from getting in and getting lost or hurt.

Hobby gem collectors, however, had discovered a man-hole sized way of entering part of the mine and had been doing so for many years. When the conservation easement, which now governs the uses of land within the Randolph Community Forest, was being negotiated, the Presidential Gem and Mineral Society contacted the forest commission and asked if their right to explore the mine would be protected. As a result, a specific provision allows for non-commercial hobby mineral collecting. Over the last ten years the members of the Society and their guests have used the mine without any problems. They led one of the early Randolph Forest Day tours up to the mine and many of those who went along were able to go down into the mine and enjoy the sight of crystals glittering all around them.

Because the mine is located in a secluded spot and not easy to find for someone unfamiliar with the site, the Forest Commission had always assumed that its seclusion would protect it, and, for the last ten years it seemed to do so. But, last summer that all changed. Members of the Presidential Gem and Mineral Society reported serious vandalism at the mine. Someone was ripping off the covering layer of earth and rock and breaking off large plates of crystals, apparently with the aim of selling them. John Scarinza finally caught the perpetrator and he is now charged with breaking a condition of a DRED conservation easement.

In light of those actions, the Forest Commission is reconsidering its approach to the crystal mine. Instead of avoiding publicity about it and relying on its seclusion to protect it, the commission will now assume regulatory power to limit access to the mine site, as permitted by the conservation easement. Moreover, if the town designates the site as a "natural area," which is proposed in the current draft of the proposed amendment, that would attract a state statute which makes it a class "A" misde-

meanor to vandalize or deface a geological formation or rock surface which has been designated as such by any of the state political subdivisions. While

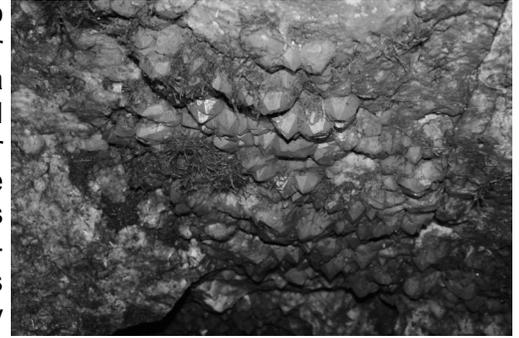


Photo by John Scarinza

these steps will not guarantee protection for the mine, without round-the-clock policing, it will provide the town with a better ability to prosecute violators. The Forest Commission also intends to post notices at the mine site, so no one can claim that they were unaware of the rules that will be put into place.

There will be a public hearing on this and other amendments at the January meeting of the Planning Board. The amendments will then be placed before the town at the March Town Meeting.

Check out the New and Improved Randolph Public Library Website!

by Christa Rousseau

The Randolph Library has a new Website. In addition to all the awesome stuff we had with the old website, we have added some new and cool things, including [Announcements](#) which you see on the [Randolph Public Library](#) or Home page as well as on the sidebar. In the announcements we will post upcoming events and cool stuff we think you should know about.



We still have a Children's page ([Kid's Corner](#)) and one for Teen's as well ([Teen Space](#)).

Feel free to browse and search.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please do not hesitate to ask or call Christa or Yvonne at the Library (603 466-5408).

Also ... There are still a few calendars for sale. These would make wonderful Christmas or hostess gifts. To order a 2013 calendar, contact the library at the number above.

Moosehead Feast Potluck, Sing-along, and Bowls of Fire Celebrating the Winter Solstice

On Friday, December 21st, at 6:00 pm, which marks the Winter Solstice (and end of the Mayan calendar, but not really, Saturnalia, the battle between the Oak King and the Holly King, and other such markers of time), Music in the Great North Woods will be celebrating with a medieval feast potluck at Randolph Town Hall to which everyone is cordially invited. Costumes are encouraged. Canterbury Tales will be told. The celebration will include medieval dishes brought by revelers, consumed in the "Castle Great Hall," with was-sail, flaming plum pudding, French chocolate Noel log, and mistletoe provided. In addition, familiar carols to sing, plus music for vielle, portable organ, and singers, will round out the affair. Check with Susan Ferre if you need an authentic medieval recipe, or search online for your favorite 13th century dish: elderberry pie, hunter's stew, boiled garlic and the like. A Procession of the Moose Head (designed by Squire Tim Sappington) will begin the evening. "Goodness Gracious: Great Bowls of Fire," where one can burn old political signs, paper plates and dishes with other unwanted fodder, that will provide warmth for evening's end. Donations will benefit the Norton Scholarship program. FMI contact Betsy Hess 466-5718 or Susan Ferre 326-3242.



Barbara Wyssession, Barbara's sister Louise, Marie Beringer, George Dunham, Joan Rising, Angela Pfeffer, and Gail Scott. Missing from the photo is Bruce Kirmsee, tour guide. Photo provided by Bruce Kirmsee

Tour and a Walk of Israel's River Wetlands

by Bruce Kirmsee

This year's Randolph Community Forest Day (Saturday, August 4) featured a tour of the Israel's River wetlands, a unique natural resource which the Town has approved for eventual addition to the Community Forest. About thirty people took a walk along the Presidential Rail Trail with side trips to features of interest. The weather was very hot that day, however, and several Randolph residents indicated that they would prefer to take the tour on a cooler day. As chairman of the Randolph Conservation Commission, I offered to take them on a tour some time when the weather cooled down. We kept in touch by telephone, and finally the rescheduled walk took place on September 20, a beautiful, sunny, cool day. A group of eight Randolphians took a two-hour ramble along the Rail Trail with many side excursions to inspect beaver meadows, beaver dams, beaver lodges, and other natural features, including what may be Randolph's champion white pine tree. It was a thoroughly pleasant experience, and several of the participants followed it up by replicating the walk with other local residents. I would be happy to lead another walk for those who would like to become acquainted with this unique natural wetland asset of our town. Just contact me at 466-5777.



2012 by Betsy Hess

Randolph Publications Clarification

By Barbara Arnold

Many times I am asked, just what is the *Blizzard* or *Weekly* or *Mountain View*? Their purposes can be confusing and their schedules the same. I will attempt to clarify this with a bit of history about each.

The Mountain View was first published in September, 1990, the brain child of George Bowers, Don Wilson and Bill Bradley. Under the title name was the phrase "A newsletter by and for the Randolph Community" and its purpose was to bring information to the Randolph community whether the person was a resident whose family has been coming here for many generations, a new resident, or someone connected to the community by the mountains or otherwise. It was published at least three times per year but for the most part, four times per year since its inception. The articles range from strictly informational to interesting facts and history about the town and community at large. Over the last 22 years, there have been three publishers, seven editors, three associate editors, and two people responsible for layout. Articles have come from far and wide, all pertaining to or about Randolph and the surrounding area. While the *Mountain View* was a priority for the foundation, funding was always a concern. Enter the Bowers-Cross Fund. These two families established a fund to promote communication in the Randolph community. The fund's guidelines are few: the *Mountain View* will be published four times per year, it will contain no advertisements, and it will hold no political positions or opinions. It also made provisions to establish any other publications to promote community and communication. This has enabled the foundation to offer a stipend for the editor and the layout person, and to set a schedule so people can look for it routinely. The fund has allowed us to upgrade programs and dissemination methods. It has also allowed the foundation to encourage other publications and grant seed money for individual projects fulfilling the above guidelines. All this was done without impacting the foundation's primary projects of supporting education and other worthy projects. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to the Bowers-Cross families. The foundation, using money from the fund, now routinely publishes the following two papers as well as the *Mountain View*.

The Weekly came next. It was meant to imitate the "Green Sheet" put out by the Boothmans at the Mt.

Crescent House which informed residents in the summer about activities in town and even gave a list of baked goods available each week. I never saw the Green Sheet but have heard many fond things about it. Again, the *Weekly* was the brain child of Bill Bradley and others, its purpose is purely informational; event, location, time with a few general announcements at the end. It started in July of 1993 as one side of one page but rapidly evolved to fill both sides of one page. It is published weekly in the summer and people can pick up a copy at various locations around town on Fridays. It is available basically from Fourth of July week through Labor Day weekend.

Last in the trilogy is the *Blizzard*. The *Blizzard* is again, purely informational. It lists events and meetings in Randolph and the surrounding community. The *Blizzard* started in October, 1997, and has been published monthly ever since. Initially it was published in the months neither the *Mountain View* nor the *Weekly* were published but this proved confusing and not adequate to meet the needs of the community. It is now published September through June, with information much like the *Weekly*, covering a month at a time and mailed first class to residents of Randolph and anyone else who requests it. It has roughly 200 recipients. I have been editing this paper since the beginning but will be handing the reins over to Laura Brockett with the December issue.

To recap and hopefully reduce any confusion:

- The *Mountain View* is published four times a year; September, December, April, and June. It contains articles, photos, notices and other information (such as this article) that pertain to the community. It is a larger publication and needs time to be edited and put together; consequently, the deadline needs to be the month before publication. Articles and photos are welcomed and encouraged. Please send them to Dede Aube at daube@ne.rr.com as soon as possible but no later than the 15th of the month preceding publication (i.e.: August 15 for September, November 15 for December, March 15 for April and May 15 for June; earlier is much better for any of these deadlines).

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- The *Blizzard* is to be in mailboxes by the first of the month. It is purely informational with dates, location, and times of events with small announcements at the end. To give time for printing and mailing the deadline is a week before the end of the month, usually the 23rd or 24th for next month's edition. Again it is published September through June. All information should be sent to Laura Brockett at lbrockett@gmail.com, the sooner in the month, the better.
- The *Weekly* is published each Friday of the summer season. It is more frequent due to the many activities of the summer season. Again, it is purely informational like the *Blizzard*. Gail Scott is the editor and can be reached at msscott1@ne.rr.com. Her deadline is Tuesday of each week.

All of these publications must abide by the terms of the Bowers-Cross Fund. All of these publications are also available electronically at the Randolph Foundation website (www.randolphfoundationnh.org) or on the town's website (www.randolph.nh.gov, under local interest tab). A simple way to think about them – *Mountain View*: articles, photos, and notices, all others simple notices of event, time and place.

Please contact the individuals listed for each publication for more information about their publication or you can contact me at barbara.arnold51@gmail.com.



Randolph can claim the honor of yet another “outstanding teen” among its residents. Autumn Brown, daughter of Charles and Angela Brown and an 8th grader at Gorham Middle School, was crowned as Miss Berlin-Gorham’s Outstanding Teen 2013 on Saturday, October 27, at the Medalion Opera House in Gorham. Autumn performed a dramatic monologue from Neil Simon’s *Star Spangled Girl* for her tal-

ent presentation. Her platform is “When I grow up I want to be. . . exploring careers for women,” a topic she chose in order to help other young women realize the options available to them. Autumn will represent the Berlin-Gorham area at the Miss New Hampshire’s Outstanding Teen state scholarship program in February 2013, where the current titleholder, Randolph-raised Eileen Kelley, will give up her crown. Will she be placing it on Autumn’s head? Stay tuned to find out. . . Photo provided by family

Exhausted Chicago Man Calls for Assistance on Mt. Madison

At approximately 6:45pm on Friday September 7, 2012 a call came in from 911 to State Police Troop F in Twin Mountain. The caller reported that an 81 year old male had become fatigued and could no longer continue to hike. The caller was calling for his father of Lake Forest, IL. The father son team had left the Appalachia parking lot in Randolph at 9am. They hiked up Valley way trail attempting to summit Mt. Madison. At around 4:30pm the 81 father had become tired and had leg cramps. As he tried to push on due to his strong will, the cramps became worse. At around 6:30pm the son called 911. Lt. Conservation Officer Douglas Gralenski received the call and had two officers hike up to assess the situation and decide whether the 81 year old man was able to walk out with assistance or litter carry him down the Mountain. When the officers arrived on the scene at 8:36pm and spoke with the hikers it was realized that their food and water consumption was not adequate for the strenuous activity of hiking. The officers gave the man food and drink and a little more rest. He was very apologetic and was determined to hike down with assistance. With an Officer on each side of him the fatigued hiker was able to make it half way to the parking lot before he could no longer walk with assistance safely. At that time Conservation Officers made the decision to place him in a litter with assistance from Randolph Mt. Club, AMC and other officers. He was then carried the rest of the way and arrived at the Appalachia parking lot at 11:30pm. He was very thankful of the services rendered by officers, clubs and volunteers. This is another lesson for other hikers to know their limits and prepare for any hike with enough food and water to sustain enough energy to make it to your destination and back.

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A Newton-Einstein Conversation in Randolph!

-- by Dr. Sada Shankar Saxena

1. Mountains are favorite tourist spots for scientists and non-scientists alike. In fact, all of us possess a pastiche of science and art enmeshed. We admire symmetry and beauty, and therefore truth, is it not? Therefore, shall we call ourselves 'scientists' of some sort – if not, out of sorts?

2. As a 'thought experiment' (called *gedanken* in German - Einstein was fond of these), imagine Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein in Randolph (say, as guests of Samarjit Shankar). Samarjit's father is visiting from India too with his credentials including having been a theoretical physicist of the TIFR (Tata Institute of Fundamental Research), Bombay. As host, Samarjit might want to talk about the trails of the Randolph Mountain Club, yet he finds these three guests listening to hummingbirds and the hermit thrush! Why? It is elementary dear Watson, a la Sherlock Holmes – particle physicists are 'humming' most of the time and are 'hidden' hermits too!

3. Newton and Einstein recall – we all love occasional visits to the mountains yet what was Galileo doing atop a mountain most of the time? Perhaps he was guessing that a ball of lead and that of cotton ought to fall on the ground at the same time (of course, if the air resistance, friction, etc. were absent). He also arranged for lanterns waved across two mountains, Einstein recalls, to hopefully measure the speed of light?

Newton confesses to Einstein – “The night sky here at Randolph is bright and clear, the heavens so near I feel like plucking the stars away! Moreover, I have already figured out the laws of motion and gravity, yet no clue, as to how precisely the forces of gravitation work in the sky or light travels, notwithstanding the vacuum of outer space – what kind of action at a distance? I have been collecting pebbles at the seashore, no doubt, but now, here a big boulder in the White Mountains?”

Einstein assures Newton – “Do not worry Isaac, since childhood I have wanted to run a long a beam of light, eventually wanting to overtake it! When I could not do that, howsoever hard I tried, I announced that the velocity of light is a constant ... I even went on to say that I do not need luminiferous ether either! I do hope Isaac, that I have not offended your sensibilities as you do not recognize light as waves but as a particle, corpuscular in nature.”

4. Newton pipes in – “Err, it is okay Albert, but tell me why did you think, in the first place, of running away (alone!), even if it was a pretty dame called LIGHT?”

Newton ruminates further and mumbles to himself – “I think I 'enjoyed' it much better ... that too in a sitting position in my own Lab. No need to run after it! I mean, I kept playing with its rainbow colors through my prisms, VIBGYOR for sure!”

5. Einstein, looking in the air, struggling a bit with his German accent while talking English to a Briton such as Newton, bemoans – “You arre right, Isaac ... if the damn (dame) LIGHT had not ditched me, I would have finally found out what the old one (God) is doing. Hope not playing dice! Still, a limerick was published in 'Punch' on my relativity”:

There once was a young lady named Bright
Who could travel much faster than light
She set out one day, in a relative way
And came back the previous night!

6. Coming back to modern times, it seems Stephen Hawking was born on the anniversary of Galileo's death. He holds Newton's Chair as Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge, and some claim he is a modern Einstein! But, unlike the three of them, he asserts, 'he has banished God' though, sitting on his specially improvised chair, he has changed his mind a couple of times especially about the Information Paradox, losing a bet (and champagne crate), particularly when pitched against the reputed string theorist, Leonard Susskind.

We all know, that a black hole, is a kind of gravitational monstrosity where, if trapped, even the dame Light cannot get out!

7. Voila! Thought Experiment (*gedanken*) continues – as a new insight, the concept of "Parallax" strikes as a cool clue – cogent, convincing and perhaps covariant.

'Parallax' is a familiar term, used in optics and astronomy, yet a deeper, philosophical content can arguably be provided when conceived as instrumentality for creation in a wider connotation. Without detailing its components, just visualize, what exactly is implied, say by the term interface ... or, terms like interaction, intersection, criss-crossing that we interchangeably talk about in common parlance. Does it not mean that an inert ONE is no good – one must

have at least TWO (the second one---to interact/interface) for creation of any sort?

Chinese thought comes to mind with its Yin and Yang. India's YOGA (which means 'to yoke') is so well known, there is no need to read the full Upanishads. Even though Erwin Schrodinger, the famous quantum physicist from Vienna, did study them in detail, they being the fountainhead of great oriental thought, akin to the status perhaps of Plato in Greek philosophy ... however, today, Schrodinger is notoriously remembered for his thought experiment on a cat alone.

Even in our modern digital technology, are the two entities, Zero and One, not imperative? A 'Parallelism 'of sorts! In a word, Parallax (abbreviated as Px for convenience) can hopefully be a useful tool, in tackling the nagging dilemmas and paradoxes accumulating in Modern Physics!

8. In short, Newton and Einstein might be overheard, in the cool, salubrious Randolph ambience saying, "Hey! ...enough of physics, how about a dose of some metaphysics."

Are not Quantum Mechanics and General Relativity (refusing to reconcile with each other, towards a Holy Grail) really the ideal candidates for some synergistic lateral thinking? Absolutely so, even a hummingbird might chirp in to confirm the same!

Before talking about the utopia of the so called TOE (Theory of Everything), should not one pause a lit-

tle, at least to reflect what EVERYTHING means? Does it not include us, human beings, in the first place ... rather than mathematical equations alone in some abstract space? Not that math is irrelevant, but the nature of the Physical Law (as the famed Nobel Laureate Richard Feynman would lecture about) has to be the starting point, for sheer roots & elegance alike, is it not?

For example, instead of getting away by propounding a cheeky 'Anthropic Principle', why not turn the issue on its head by reflecting on the following posers: Who am I? Why was I born? Why the Universe? What purpose?

Pondering deeply on these big questions, ab initio, the intrinsic "Parallax" of Man and the Universe needs to be cleared (understood), before attempting/expecting to 'measure' things ... and seeing Total Reality and perceiving a clear image! Without this basic paradigm shift, be ready ... blurred images would keep on recurring, with their Parallax un-removed)! (Why blame the poor partial differential equations alone not getting solved.)

Lest the danger lurks, the TOE might look like a TON (Theory of NOTHING)!

9. Moral of the *gedanken*: Keep visiting the White Mountains in New Hampshire and keep walking on Randolph trails, at least during the fall foliage!

Amen !

Randolph Foundation Grants

by Laura Archambault

One of the major activities of the Randolph Foundation is supporting projects which address the needs of Randolph and the surrounding North Country communities in a variety of areas including conservation, communication, education, recreation, town history, leadership, health and welfare. Last year the Foundation provided grants to support an Eagle Scout project to improve the rest stop at the top of Randolph Hill Rd.; to send eight middle school students to a leadership conference; to support after-school activities for 50 students and to support the area Farmers' Market in Berlin with entertainment funds.

This year the board is particularly interested in providing funding for education programs that target youth and conservation projects located in Randolph. To apply for a grant please visit the website RandolphFoundationNH.org and click on Scholarships/Grants.

Presidential Election - 2012 -Town of Randolph Results

by Anne Kenison, Town Clerk

Randolph had a 91% turnout (250 people voted including 63 absentee)

President

Barack Obama 172 Mitt Romney 77

Governor

Maggie Hassan 161 Ovide Lamontagne 72 John Babiarz 5

US House Rep District 2

Ann Kuster 155 Charlie Bass 82 Hardy Macia 5

Councilor District 1

Beth Funicella 76 Ray Burton 144 Howard Wilson 5

State Senator District 1

Jeff Woodburn 164 Debi Warner 72

Rep State House Coos District 5

Marcia Hammon 153 John Tholl 76

Rep State House - Coos Dist 7

Evalyn Merrick 146 Leon Rideout 78

Sheriff

Gerald Marcou 216

Attorney

John McCormick 154 Phillip Beiner 54

County Treasurer

Frederick King 201

Reg of Deeds

Tayna Batchelder 210

Reg of Probate

Terri Peterson 210

Amendments

#1 Yes 97 No 134

#2 Yes 65 No 122

#3 Yes 63 No 158

What's Randolph Reading?

The Bard in Winter, A Reading Group Jim Hunt, 466-3456

I am proposing a Shakespeare reading group, the fixed meeting times and dates to be determined at our first gathering which will be at the Randolph Library during January in the evening. Also to be established will be the readings for the group. My initial suggestion is a tragedy, a comedy, a history, *The Tempest*, and selected sonnets. All are welcome! I envision a group, some of whom may have never read his plays, others who may have missed a play along the line, and others who may be rereading old favorites. (My initial idea for a reading group came from my desire to read Shakespeare at 70.) I encourage high school students to join us. My sincerest hope is that we will all be reading "Will" as if for the first time. The play's the thing ... please.

The Back Porch Readers just finished reading Clara and Mr. Tiffany by Susan Vreeland. This is the little-known story of Clara Driscoll, artist and designer behind Tiffany lamps. This piece of historical fiction takes place in early 20th-century Manhattan. For more information about this group, call Barbara Arnold, 466-2438. Our next book is "In the Garden of the Beasts" by Eric Larson.

The **Randolph Library Children's Book Group's** fall selection was Wild Wings by Gill Lewis. Set against the dramatic landscape of Scotland and West Africa, this is a timeless tale of hope and friendship--a heart-warming novel infused with the beauty of nature. The story was read aloud each Wednesday starting in September and was followed up with activities connected with the story including the tracking of osprey.

Paint Marble and Words: Fiction and Art, led by Ingrid Graff. Watch the Blizzard for dates and times.

What's Cooking in Randolph?

The late Nancy Zickler, once of Gorham, shared this recipe with Robin Henne of Shelburne who brought it to the Back Porch Book meeting. Randolph Library Trustee, Sandy Wier then made this marvelous cake in the form of little breads and gave them as appreciation gifts to the volunteers of the library. With all this passing around, you can bet this recipe is a scrumptious.

Nancy's Pumpkin Spice Cake

1 stick butter	1 tsp cinnamon
1 cup sugar	1/2 tsp nutmeg
2 eggs	1/4 tsp cloves
1 tsp vanilla	1/4 tsp ginger
1 1/2 cups flour	3/4 cup pumpkin
1 tsp baking soda	6 oz. chocolate chips
1/2 tsp salt	1/2 cup nuts (Sandy used pecans)

Soften butter, add sugar and one egg at a time. Add vanilla. Combine dry ingredients and add to batter alternately with pumpkin. Add chips and nuts. Bake 1.5 hours in greased and floured loaf pan at 350. Cool in pan 15 minutes, remove and cool on rack one hour.

Selectperson Michele Cormier shared this recipe with Randolph Mahjong Players.

Pumpkin Apple Bisque 6 servings

- 16oz pumpkin product/puree
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 2 cups heavy cream (2% milk also works)
- 4 medium red apples, peeled, cored & halved
- 1/2 cup diced onions
- 1 T curry powder (or for the less adventures 1 1/2 t.)
- 1 t. cumin
- 1 t. cinnamon
- 1/4 cup brown sugar or maple syrup

Sautee onions and spices. Add apples and stock. Mash apples and add pumpkin. Puree. Add cream and brown sugar. Heat thoroughly. Simmer lots. Eat.



Traditional Randolph Caroling Event

All are invited to the traditional Randolph Christmas Caroling Party, Saturday, Dec. 22, at Marie Beringer's house, 232 Randolph Hill Road. Caroling people gather at 6:30 p.m. Those who don't want to join the singers, come at 8 p.m. for the traditional Christmas party and poetry recitation. Bring a Christmas goody. Beverages will be supplied but participants may bring their own beverage as well. Suggestions for folks who would like to be sung to are more than welcome. FMI: Gail at mScott1@ne.rr.com or 466-5498.



Carolers sing in front of the home of Ernie and Denise Demers on Durand Rd. Photo: Gail Scott, 2011

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