

# Mountain View



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

## Moose & Israel's Rivers are Part of a Statewide Research Project

*By Edith Tucker*

Errin Volitis and Ashley Hyde, both research technicians who work for the Center for the Environment (CFE) at Plymouth State University (PSU), put on waders and wielded hammers, drills, bolts, and epoxy glue, to secure two sets of dual water quality sensors in the east-flowing Moose River upstream of the town-owned Ravine House Pool on June 29. They placed one dual set in relatively slow-moving water, running over a sandy streambed, and the other at a spot where the Moose flows more rapidly over rocks downstream from the confluence of Cold Brook. The aptly named mountain stream starts in King Ravine on Mount Adams in the White Mountain National Forest.

The sensors are designed to measure water temperature, specific electrical conductivity, and water height for five years at very short intervals in warm weather months and at longer intervals in the cold weather months.

Volitis and Hyde are key players in a statewide research project. Their efforts are part of the Lotic

*See "Sensors", page 4 ....*



Isobel, Sally and John Micucci.  
Photo provided by Sally Micucci

## Sally Micucci Becomes a Naturalized Citizen of The United States

English born Sally Micucci became a United States Citizen on the fourth of July in Manchester, New Hampshire. The ceremony, took place before the start of the Fisher Cats game at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium. In attendance were Sally's husband Mike, children Isobel, (9) and John, (7) and Mike's parents Joe and Joan Micucci of Gorham. Sally said she "was honored" that Mike's parents chose to attend. Nancy Hirschberg and her daughter Zea, from Wolfeboro were also in attendance to help Sally celebrate this important event.

Upon completion of the ceremony, Sally received personal congratulations from Governor John Lynch and Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas. Regarding the 10 new citizens inducted at this ceremony, "I think their pursuit of citizenship, which for many of them is the result of years of hard work, really reminds all of us what it truly means to be an American," Lynch said. "It reminds me, particularly on Independence Day, of all the freedoms and liberties we get to enjoy every single day." Sally was impressed that Governor Lynch told the 10 new citizens not to lose their native culture but to share it with others in this country. "That's what makes America, America," Lynch reminded them.

Sally came to the United States, principally Randolph, 16 years ago from Preston, England for the purpose of working as a physical therapist at Androscoggin Valley Hospital and to ski the area mountains. Six years later she married Mike Micucci. Currently Sally and her family share a home in Ray Crest. Sally presently works as a physical therapist at Genesis in Gorham and continues to enjoy Randolph winters, though skiing has been replaced with snow shoeing.

Sally is able to return to her native home of Preston, England every few years but her parents make the trip a couple of times each year. Preston is in the county of Lancashire in the north west of England and is located on the north bank of the River Ribble.

Now that Sally has become a citizen by choice, she looks forward to casting her vote in local and national elections, serving on a jury and perhaps even holding a public office.

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**Town Directory**

- AMBULANCE 911**
- BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** (Chair, Paul Cormier) 466-3970  
 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
- GRS COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD** Contact the SAU Office 466-3632  
 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  
 Librarian, Yvonne Jenkins, Open Mon. 10 – noon; Wed. 3 -8 p.m.,  
 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
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 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) 466-3996
- 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)

- Oct.**
- 5 No School, teacher in service
- 8 Columbus Day celebrated; no school and the Town Clerk's office is closed
- Nov.**
- 6 General Election (absentee ballots can be requested anytime). Polls open 11 AM to 7 PM **Please bring photo ID to the voting**
- 12 Veteran's Day celebrated; no school
- 21—23 Thanksgiving Holiday break; early release for students on the 21st.
- Dec.**
- 7 Parent conferences GRS schools

**Real Estate Transactions**

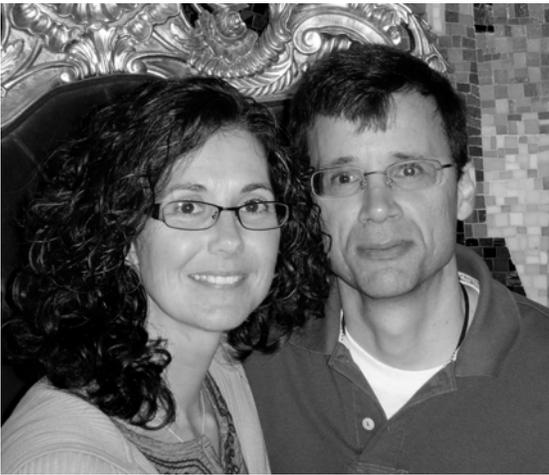
- 7/12/12  
 From: Lawrence W. Coulter to Auvern E & Judith M Kenison Irrevocable Trust
- 7/25/12  
 From: Roger H and Anne E Wilson To: R.H. and A.E. Wilson Family Trust
- 7/23/12  
 From: Ray Mulligan & Gloria J Howland-Mulligan To Raymond J Mulligan & Gloria Howland-Mulligan Revocable Trust of 2012

**Building Permits**

- 06/25/12 Charles Lowe, Jr. will build a new deck.
- 07/02/12 Sara Winter will build new shed.
- 07/23/12 Kathleen Currier will build new decks.
- 07/30/12 Mark & Kathleen Kelley will remodel existing basement garage.

**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.

## Angela Brown Prepares to Step Down as a Member of the GRS Cooperative School Board Member



Angela and Charles Brown. Photo provided by Angela Brown.

After ten years of service, Angela Brown will not be running for re-election to the GRS Cooperative School Board in the spring of

2013. Angela was secretary for 8 years on the cooperative board, and vice-chairperson and/or secretary of the SAU board for as many. She was chair of the policy committee for a number of years both at the district and SAU level. Angela believes her work is done, and invites registered voters, not employed by any district in SAU 20, to "come forth and represent the good people of Randolph--who care deeply about education and the future direction of the valley."

Angela reports that as a school board member she has learned many things: "first, change comes slowly; second, there are always at least two sides to every issue; third, the teachers and staff do their very best for the students, given the restraints on their budget; and fourth, the voters of the district mean well but are restricted by limited resources."

*When I was first elected, my son was in second grade and the high school building was falling down around the students' ears, says Angela. This year he is a junior, and I don't have to remind him to run for the door if the ceiling tiles begin to pop off. When he was in second grade, the high school was in danger of losing its accreditation; this year will mark the completion of the accreditation renewal process. When I was elected to the Randolph School Board, we still had our own district with no vote or say in the receiving district's policies or procedures. Though many would say that the path has been bumpy, I think many more*

*would agree that the move to a cooperative has been very positive. The board of 11 people from all three communities is just that: a board of 11 people. The fears that one town would wield more power over the others simply hasn't come to pass.*

Angela believes she would not be an effective board member without the support of her family. "Thank you to my husband, who puts up with my tossing and turning on sleepless nights (particularly after budget meetings) and who listens patiently; to my parents who babysat my used-to-be small children while I attended meetings; and to my children, who make it all worthwhile. Thank you to my Randolph board member partners over the years-- Kathleen Kelley, Carol Gagnon, Michele Cormier, Ron Ouellette, and now Bob Ross. And thank you to the residents of Randolph who ask questions, make suggestions, and offer solutions."

Angela prompts Randolph citizens to "please consider sharing your time and perspective regarding the education of the young people of this valley." Angela is the "Randolph only" representative while Bob Ross is the "Randolph at large" representative. This means that Angela's position is only voted on by Randolph residents while Bob's position is voted on by all three towns. Angela's time will be up in March of 2013. The sign up for elections is in January.

For more information or to find out how to declare your intent to run for election, call the SAU office at 466-3632 or email [maria.delisle@sau20.org](mailto:maria.delisle@sau20.org).



Lights Zane Brown photo.

*“Sensors”, from page 1....*

Volunteer Network, designed to collect data on Temperature, Electrical Conductivity, and Stage (LoVo TECS Network) in coordination with watershed groups, the White Mountain National Forest, students, and volunteers.

The two technicians successfully placed more than a third of 100 sensors at 50 paired sites by July 1. They expected to finish their task by Labor Day weekend. Some sensors are secured in large rivers, such as the Androscoggin, Pemigewasset and Merrimack, others in small ones, like the Moose and Israel's, in Coös County.

In Randolph, June Hammond Rowan, Ed.D., Associate Director at CFE at PSU, has volunteered to download data from the sets of sensors in the Moose River throughout the year.

Jefferson Con Com member Bob Ball, volunteered to head up a similar effort in the Israel's River in Jefferson-Lancaster.

Ball explained the purpose of the project in an e-mail exchange and placed it in a larger statewide context.

“The Israel River Volunteer Advisory Group and Jefferson Conservation Commission are excited about participating in this project since it will provide researchers at the CFE at Plymouth State a unique view of how the rivers in the state are responding to extreme hydrological events,” Ball said. “Scientists have known for some time that different types of forested cover and human interactions in a watershed can greatly alter the flow and chemistry of the river.”

“This project, due to its large scope across the state, will put some real quantitative data around what is happening under extreme drought and flood conditions,” he said.

“We have worked with Volitis and Dr. Mark Green at PSU to deploy sensors at two sites on the Israel and have been uploading the data to PSU since early in the summer,” Ball explained. “The Israel River, due to its high water quality and heavily forested upper watershed, provides a great reference point for scientists' comparisons with other rivers in the state.” The project, coordinated by NH EPSCoR at UNH, is bringing together researchers from around the state and is designed to provide critical information for state decision makers.

“Data from these sensors will also allow us

to understand the impact of human activities (for example, land use or road salt application) on the hydrology and water quality across many streams and rivers in the state,” the CFE's website explains. “Combined with terrestrial (land-based) sensors, remote sensing, citizen-science engagement, and laboratory analysis, the aquatic network is contributing to significant advancements in understanding the impact of changes in land use, snow cover, and ecosystem function. This analysis will allow for better understanding of the historical effects of climate, land use, and demographic changes; an examination of the potential impacts on ecosystem function of future scenarios of change; and to provides data to policy makers to enable better decision-making.

“The data collected is also assisting local schools in environmental education and the dissemination of the science,” points out the website. “Through teacher summer institutes and partnerships with other 2- and 4-year-institutions, public-private and formal-informal education providers throughout the state, CFE is leading this environmental education effort.”

This outreach is funded through the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) of the National Science Foundation (NSF). NSF established EPSCoR “to strengthen science and engineering infrastructure.”



Errin Volitis, left, who earned her B.S. in environmental studies and biology at PSU, and Ashley Hyde, a master's degree candidate at PSU, prepared to place two water quality sensors on as part of a statewide research project in the east-flowing Moose River in Randolph Valley. The two research technicians also secured a second set of sensors further upstream. Photo by June Hammond Rowan, submitted by Edith Tucker.

## State of New Hampshire Voter ID Law - Laws of 2012, Chapter 289 Explanatory Document

During the 2012 legislative session the legislature passed House Bill 1354, also known as the "Voter ID" Law. The new law will phase-in a photo identification requirement over a period of time. This explanatory document is required under the "Voter ID" law as part of the process of educating the public about the law's requirements and application and outlines the law's requirements for 2012.

### What type of photo ID will I need in order to vote?

For any election before Sept. 1, 2013, you will be asked to provide one of the following: Driver's license issued by any state (even if expired); ID card issued by NH DMV (Division of Motor Vehicles); U.S. Armed Services ID card; U.S. Passport (even if expired); Valid photo ID card issued by either the federal government or a state, county or municipal government; Valid student ID card Other photo ID deemed legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator, or the clerk; or Verification of identity by a supervisor of the checklist, the moderator or the clerk.

### What if I do not have an approved photo ID?

Before November 1, 2012, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be informed of the new law and permitted to vote.

Between November 1, 2012 and September 1, 2013, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be permitted to vote after executing a "challenged voter affidavit."

A voter who does not have an approved photo ID may obtain a free photo ID for voting purposes only by presenting a voucher from their town/city clerk or the Secretary of State to any NH DMV office that issues identification.

### Is there any post-election action required by me after I vote without an approved photo ID?

After November 1, 2012, if you filled out a "challenged voter affidavit" in order to vote on Election Day, you will receive a verification letter from the Secretary of State, requesting confirmation that you voted in the election. If you do not respond in writing to the Secretary of State within 90 days of the date it was mailed, the Attorney General will conduct an investigation to determine whether fraudulent voting occurred.

### Where can I get more information?

Your city or town clerk or the Secretary of State (SOS.NH.GOV; 603-271-3242)

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## The Arrival and Departure of Peter Pigeon

*By Kai Parlett*

Peter arrived at our house on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2012. Peter was just sitting by the dryer vent, and I think he was warming himself up with the vent. Peter is a racing pigeon. Racing pigeons are released a certain distance from their home and then they fly home. We think that Peter was caught in a storm and couldn't find his way home. We kept Peter for about 15 days. For the first two days we let him out and he explored the front yard. At promptly 8 o'clock every night, Peter would appear at our front door waiting to come in. We would open the door, pick him up and put him in his box. Then we gave him to a guy that lived in Rumford, Maine. The man races pigeons and I think Peter will have a nice home.



Photo submitted by Kai Parlett

*Editors note: Kai is the daughter of Bill Parlett and Sarah Clemmit of Randolph. She is a fifth grader at the Ed Fenn Elementary School.*

## Remarks Made at John Eusden's 90th Birthday Celebration

By Ted May

*It seems only fitting that on an occasion such as this we begin with a reading from scripture. Our reading this afternoon comes from the Old Testament Book of John, Chapters 1-7. Many of you will be familiar with the New Testament Gospel of John but may be unfamiliar with the Old Testament Book of John. This is likely because the Old Testament John is universally dismissed by scholars as unabashedly apocryphal and therefore it is not to be found in the Bible. The fact that I am reading from the e-Book of John may only cast further doubt on its authenticity but I stand before you to bear witness to its truth. And so we begin with our reading from the Book of John, Chapters 1-7.*

### Chapter 1

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work and he rested. But before he rested, he said "Just one more thing."

And God said, "Let us create a bicycle. And the bicycle should be made of titanium with two wheels and a multitude of gears, with hand brakes and a saddle to sit upon." And it was so and God blessed it.

### Chapter 2

And God called upon his servant John. And John answered him, "Here I am Lord."

And the Lord said behold, I have given you a bicycle for you to ride over all the earth: get thee out of thy country and ride unto Gorham and Pinkham Notch, and through the Crawford Pass to Twin Mountain, and up over Jefferson to return home again, sometimes twice in a single day.

And John cried out to the Lord, "But the saddle of this bicycle is too hard, Lord. It is too hard and narrow and so sharp that if a man be not circumcised, surely after an hour and half on this bicycle he will feel as though he has been.

And the Lord said, "Then let this be covenant between us and with your seed afterward." Ride thou this bike and I will make of thee a great nation and I will bless thee and make thy name great: Houston." And John said, "That's Eusden. E-U-S-D-E-N. Not Houston. Eusden." And God said, "I will bless them that bless thee and I will curse them that curse thee as they pass you on the road too fast on the left."

### Chapter 3

And so John took up this bicycle and rode it for 7 years. And the Lord God said, it is not good that man should ride alone and he called upon John's wife and helpmeet Josie, and commanded her to watch John as he rode the bike. And Josie laughed.

### Chapter 4

And so John rode for 40 more years. And John, cried out to the Lord. Lord take this bicycle from me for my knees are so shot that I can now only do the Mount Washington Auto Road Hillclimb once a year.

And God said unto John, this is the end of all flesh and behold I will create knee replacements such that you may continue to ride the bicycle. And John said, "Well, OK." And John received the knee replacements and they were good. And God said to John, "One more thing. Lighten up a little on the whole Zen thing, for I am the Lord thy God." And John said: "Yes, Lord, but do you think I could have a new bike, Lord, one with tubular tires that ride more smoothly on the road...?"

### Chapter 5

And so John rode for 7 more years and wore coats of many colors: often of a kind of neon lime green stretch fabric. And his brethren saw that God loved John and they envied his athleticism. And so they conspired to strip him of his clothes and throw him into a Ravine Pool. But John stripped himself of his clothes and went swimming in the Ravine Pool before them, regularly.

### Chapter 6

And these are the generations of John. And John (with the help of Josie) begat Andrea who married Charlie who is seldom seen, and they dwelt in the land of mosquitoes and lobster. Andrea and Charlie begat Samuel and Benjamin, who would become taller than Goliath. And after he was done begetting Andrea, John begat Alan who subdued the Germanites and all the tribes of Taiwan and who with his wife Lynn begat half the students at Williams College: including William and Caitlin and Gregory.

And John begat Dyke who would take Lydia, of the People-Who-Want-to-Live-on-the-Hill, as his wife. But Lydia would only marry Dyke after he had broken all of her horses. And this was good because their saddles were much larger and smoother than the bike saddle and therefore much more comfortable. And Dyke and Lydia begat Spencer and Reilly both of the long wooden shoes that move swiftly over the snow.

And John and Josie begat Sarah who would become the Social Director for all the land, and Sarah and Andrew begat Nicholas who would create many joyful and cacophonous psalms to the Lord and Julia who would also be a breaker of horses.

And many of John's generations would ride a bike but none would be able to keep up with their patriarch.

### Chapter 7

And these are the days of the years of John's life which he lived, a hundred threescore and fifteen years.

*And so by this count, John has only just reached middle age and shall be riding this bike of the Lord for generations to come. Chapters 8-14 remain to be read at a future celebration.*

*Happy Birthday, John*



Taken at the Annual Randolph Jazz Concert and picnic. Anne Kenison photo.



*A bird does not sing because it has an answer. It sings because it has a song.*  
Chinese Proverb. Anne Kenison photo

### Frieda Leon Celebrates 100 Years

Frieda Leon, was surprised with a birthday cake in honor of her upcoming 100th birthday as well as a "Best Dancer 2012" trophy at the annual Jazz Picnic put on by the Friends of the Randolph Library this July. The event featured the Berlin Jazz Band which played "Happy Birthday" to Frieda.

Frieda, an ardent Bridge player, spends her summers on Randolph Hill with her daughter and son-in-law Arlene and Ben Eisenberg. During the winters she lives in Florida where she plays canasta and is an avid golfer.



Frieda confirms her dancing abilities as she smoothly owns the floor with her son-in-law, Ben Eisenberg.  
Anne Kenison photo

## Summer Fun in Randolph



Bruce Kirmse holding wild flowers at the Town Forest Tour



A group of Randolph citizens gather at the Town Forest Day Tour.



Brian Roberts and his wife, Barbara Cutter led RMC round-trip loop hike on July 19 to the open summit of Caribou Mountain in Maine. Hikers included: Michele Cormier, right, front row with dog, Madison; Barbara Wyssession, left, second row, Al Hudson, Renee Dunham, plus Juliane Graf, a visitor from Germany, Kara Ramirez, and daughter Sophia; and George Dunham, standing, left, Bill Rising, and Judy Hudson. Barbara Cutter photo, submitted by Edith Tucker



Bach Festival singers, Zane Brown photo.



Lydia Ogleby (91) and Maggie Hopkins (7) at the Gourmet Hike. Sarah Eusdon Gallop photo



Jim and Bunty White dance to the music of the Berlin Jazz Band at the Randolph Municipal Building in July. Anne Kenison photo

*Charades, 99 years & going strong!*



Alex Dery Snider and daughter Della sitting with Alex's parents Bill & Barbara Arnold cheering on Hill Charade

Jenn Barton photos



Trail Crew & friends after acting out their word "discombobulated"



Valley Charade



Midlands Charade



Alan Horton and Betty Breunig



Bill Minifie leading rounds\*



Singing rounds\*

## Randolph Foundation Convenes 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

by Keith Dempster

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Randolph Foundation was held at Town Hall on Friday, August 17. A capacity crowd was on hand for a brief review of the Foundation's activities during the past year, and to join in thanking outgoing Foundation President Cathy McDowell and Board Member Jeanne Malick for their service. The Foundation welcomed three new board members to five-year terms with the organization: Barbara Arnold, Laura Brockett, and Wendy Walsh. Also assuming responsibility for leadership are incoming President, Keith Dempster, and Vice-President, Dede Aube. Other officers of the Foundation are continuing on in their positions: Treasurer, Carol Gagnon and Secretary, Heather Wiley. More information about the activities of the Foundation may be found in the 2012 Annual Report, available to read on the Foundation's Web site, [www.randolphfoundationnh.org](http://www.randolphfoundationnh.org). You'll find the annual report under the "About Us" tab on the main page.

Following the business portion of the meeting, we were privileged to welcome John McDowell, MD Director of Care Management at Androscoggin Valley Hospital and Russ Keene, President of AVH, for a presentation on "Health Care in the North Country". A lively discussion and Q&A testified to the currency of the topic in these changing times for health care and medical access. A wine and cheese reception following the talk provided the opportunity for further questions and conversation.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to further the work of the Foundation, it's easy to do so on the Web site; you'll find instructions under the "Donations" tab, and we even accept credit cards!



Lucy, Kayla, Bill and Nathan Demers at Kayla's graduation from Trinity College. Nathan, Kayla's brother, graduated from UNH two years ago and is a civil engineer in the Air Force stationed in San Angelo TX. Photo provided by Bill Demers

## Randolph Foundation Book Scholarships

Kayla Demers, daughter of William and Lucy Demers of Randolph, graduated salutatorian of the Class of 2012 from Trinity College with a B.A. with honors in general scholarship and American Studies. She was also named Optima, meaning she earned an A- or better in all courses required for her degree. (Male students are known as Optimi.). Kayla took the time to attend the August Annual Meeting of the Randolph Foundation and thank the group for book scholarships presented throughout her time at Trinity. "I get to keep my books for my own private library," she smiled. In addition, Kayla won "The American Studies Prize", awarded annually to a graduating senior at Trinity for the best thesis that makes an original contribution to interdisciplinary work in American culture.

Other students who have received scholarships at some point during the past school year include:

Sarah Brocket, Aoibhan Kelly, Eammon Kelly, Danielle Jepson, Nathalie Ouellette, Rachel Ross, Christa Rousseau, Catherine Temme, Katelyn Lowe and Tammi Hartley.

The Randolph Foundation has awarded scholarships to eligible Randolph residents to pursue their studies at the post-secondary level since 1966. The Foundation recognizes any courses at an accredited institution that provide 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.

Any Randolph resident pursuing a 2-year, 4-year, graduate or post-graduate degree may apply for a scholarship through the Randolph Foundation by submitting an application and required documents. The application, guidelines and deadlines can be found at [www.randolphfoundationnh.org](http://www.randolphfoundationnh.org) or by clicking on the Scholarship/Grants icon.

## **Ravine House Site/Durand Lake Area**

*By Jean Malick outgoing chair person*

There is now a sign to welcome everyone to the Durand Lake Area! And as with everything that happens here, it was truly a community project. Thanks to Howie Wemyss and the Mt Washington Auto Road for the sign, Sue Thomas for routing the sign, White Mt. Lumber for bolts, the RF for the posts, Dede and Ray Aube for painting and sealing, Ray Cotnoir for helping Ray Aube with assembling, Ray Aube for putting the sign in place and a special thanks to Dede Aube for overseeing this project from start to finish.

The Foundation continues to oversee and pay for the yearly mowing around the lake with the blueberry areas receiving an every other year brushing. Auvie Kenison does most of the work for us. The major brushing at the east end of Durand Lake did not get done last year and definitely needs to be done this fall. The beaver living in the lake has been very active around dusk, but has not been able to stop the flow of water into the lake thanks to Phil Guiser and other volunteers on water control.

Thanks to Dave and Alison Tomlinson the tennis courts were ready to be played on. The sprinkler system was connected and set and the daily watering has kept the court in great condition.

The Ravine House Site gardens continue to be attended to by Marcia Lee and Jean Malick. Thank you ALL for your continued hard work.

*Editor's note: The Randolph Foundation is grateful to Jean for the work she has accomplished, particularly for her dedication to the Ravine House Site and Durand Lake Area. Newly elected Wendy Walsh is now the chair of this committee.*



Cathy McDowell, Keith Dempster & Ray Aube with new sign at the Ravine House Pool. Gail Scott photo.

## **A Change in Staff at the Town Hall**

The Selectmen and the entire Town of Randolph bid a fond farewell to Rodney Hayes, who has been our administrative assistant for six years. His friendly face was always the first thing you saw as you entered town hall, whether in the selectmen's office or the library, where he also worked for several years. I think all the selectmen agree that Rodney was the glue that held us all together. His prodigious brain always had the answers and we're sure many of us asked the same stupid questions over and over. What patience! It is with regret that we say farewell, but I think all of us recognized that Rodney's health no longer permitted him to continue working for us. Goodbye, good friend!

At the same time, we welcome a new smiling face to the Town Hall. Carol Gagnon has become our new administrative assistant and has spent the last month learning the ropes. We have already found her to be a very welcome addition to the staff; she is willing to learn new things and as a town resident has an interest in decisions made at the town level. We feel confident that Carol's attention to detail and friendly demeanor will make her a positive asset in the selectmen's office. Stop by and say hello and join us in saying "Welcome, Carol."

## Another Red Thread

By Karen Eitel

...written in response to The Red Thread by Beth Dube, published in the June, 2012 issue of the Mountain View.

I must admit the "Red Thread" has paid a visit to us as well. I had never heard the Chinese Proverb before, but it explained something similar that happened to us. Our story:

Woody's mom grew up in the little seacoast town of Cherryfield, Maine. When Woody's maternal grandmother died, his own mom, still single at age 40, moved to live with a brother in Hartford, Conn. The little house in Cherryfield was sold to another couple. His mother eventually met and married Woody's dad, 20 years her senior and they had Woody their only child. According to Woody, she never really talked too much about her growing up years in Cherryfield and Woody only visited there with his mom on a few occasions to see old friends. End of this side of the thread.....

I lived in Kennebunkport, Maine for almost 20 years before I was divorced and eventually met Woody through a mutual friend. During our 2 year courtship - in and around 1993-95, I invited two close friends of mine to come to Randolph to meet Woody. There was a Cherryfield connection in that both of my friends had grown up there, but long after Woody's mom's moved away. Linda and Joe, both school teachers in the Kennebunk school system at the time, enjoyed comparing notes with Woody over lunch, about the little town. Woody talked about the little house where his mom lived from birth until she began a new life in West Hart-

ford. Joe talked about the house his parents had when he was born, going to school at Cherryfield Academy, and moving away to attend college. When his parents died Joe had to sell the house. When Joe said it was located on "New Street", Woody asked him to wait while he got an old photo of his mom's birth home. I'm sure you have guessed that it was the same home. Followed by that confirmation, Joe exclaimed with a bang on the table "By God! Then I have your family bible! I found it when I was going through the house after my parents died. It was up in an old wooden box in a small corner closet in the attic. My mom and dad might not have even known it was there...nothing else was in the attic."

As promised, he mailed the old bible to Woody and inside the pages were old photos and other memorabilia from earlier times in his grandparents' life - grandparents who Woody had never met because of the time frame in which his mother lived there into her forty's, caring for her own mother until her death.

So, we always called it serendipitous - Woody and I also think we were destined to meet and this whole coincidence of my friend, Joe, and the connection to the same house in Cherryfield, just brought it full-circle. Red Thread...well, what connects us one to the other is and always will be part of the "Great Mystery" of life.



Guy Stevers, Jr. of Randolph Hill, retired in June after 42 years of teaching. Edith Tucker photo

## Guy Stever, Jr. Retires from Berlin High School

Guy Stever, Jr. of Randolph Hill, retired in June, after 42 years of teaching English at Berlin High School. He was the recipient of the 2012 yearbook dedication and when he spoke at graduation, he advised the graduates to become involved in the community they settle in. He stated that it was that involvement and the people one surrounded oneself with that provide the richness and meaning to one's life. When asked about why he was retiring, he replied that a nap after lunch is no longer optional.

## A Visit from Author Jay Leutze

By Yvonne Jenkins

On August 4 a small group of Randolph residents and visitors gathered in the White Mountain Room of the Randolph Library for an evening of what turned out to be pure "Southern Comfort". Before us stood author Jay Leutze, who in smoother-than-silk southern drawl introduced us to the larger-than-life characters from his newly published book Stand Up That Mountain. The Battle to Save One Small Community in the Wilderness along the Appalachian Trail.

Summer resident Blake Strayhorn informed the Library staff that Jay was spending two nights in Randolph, and stressed that we should not let Jay get away without doing a reading from his new book. Unfortunately, timing was short and scheduling interfered with other local events, but Jay was thrilled to be in Randolph and share his new book with those in attendance.

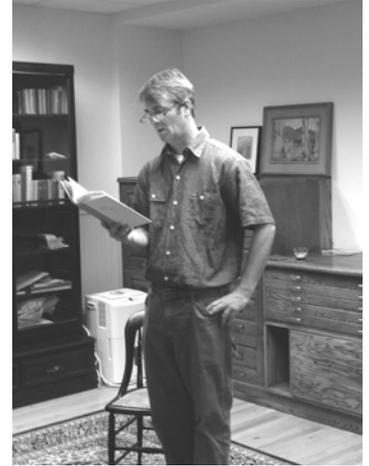
Jay began by reading a vivid description of the area of focus in his book, told the story of receiving a phone call from a 14-year-old girl stating that the Mining Act was being violated behind her house on a project that was approved "under darkness", and how a great effort to work together to plan a plaintiff group to save homes and water quality began.

An editorial description from Simon and Schuster describes the book as "Much more than the record of a legal battle, *Stand Up That Mountain* takes the reader to a remote corner of Appalachia, a region often stereotyped and little understood, even now in the twenty-first century. A naturally elegant writer, Jay Leutze delivers a powerful, beautifully written story full of remarkable characters, such as "Wingfoot," an elusive protector of the Appalachian Trail; a stubborn mining company engineer intent on pulling down the mountain in the face of intense opposition; and Ron Howell, a retired and legendary North Carolina Superior Court judge known as the "Heel Hound" for his relentless pursuit of legal victory. Jay's plaintiff group is eventually joined by several national conservation groups who see that Belview Mountain and the Appalachian Trail must be protected for future generations of Americans."

A great contemporary story that demonstrates what is possible when local people set their minds to righting a local wrong, *Stand Up That Mountain* will appeal to conservationists, hikers, attorneys, and readers fascinated by Appalachia and rural life, and anyone interested in a compelling story both well told and true.

Jay Leutze was born in Virginia in 1964. He now lives in the Southern Appalachian mountains of North Carolina. Trained as an attorney, he has become a leading voice for state and federal conservation funding for investment in public lands. He is a Trustee for Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy, one of the nation's most established land trusts. He focuses on permanent protection of lands buffering the Appalachian Trail and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Stand Up That Mountain is his first book.

Needless to say, Jay was invited back to Randolph. He was very interested in the Randolph Town Forest and the great conservation work being done in our Town. Let's hope he takes us up on our invitation and that we have plenty of advance notice to get the word out. You won't want to miss him the second time around. A copy of his book is available at the Randolph Public Library.



Jay Lete, Photo provided by  
Kathy Kiernan

### 2013 Randolph Calendar

This year's calendar is a stand up 6"x6 1/2" desk calendar. The cost is \$12.98 and features 13 Wildflower watercolors painted by Mary Perkins Osgood from 1895-1900. It will look great on a shelf, your desk or anywhere in your home or office. This would also make a great Christmas gift and purchase of a calendar supports the Friends of the Randolph Public Library. Calendars are available at the Library, at The Moose's Antler in Gorham, or we will be happy to ship them to you with an additional shipping cost of \$1.90. Please email the library at [rpl@ne.rr.com](mailto:rpl@ne.rr.com) or call the library 603- 466-5408 to place an order. Make checks payable to the "Friends of the RPL" and mail to the library.

## Gail Scott Exhibited Photography at AVH

Gail Scott, of Randolph Hill, displayed her photographs at the Androscoggin Valley Hospital during the month of August and during the first week of September.

A graduate of Brown University, Gail has been a photographer for more than 35 years. She is a freelance writer/photographer, works often for the Berlin Daily Sun, and is a frequent contributor of articles to the Mountain View.

Many of the photos represented in the display were taken on walks in Randolph, including a series of Randolph waterfall photographs. These were "all taken on reasonably high water days when the fresh clear water of the mountain streams pours down the mountainside," said Gail.

Another section featured a variety of nature scenes in the area including a calm early morning on the Ravine House Pool in Randolph, Jericho Lake at sundown, wild lilies, a wake robin, and water lilies at Pondicherry.

In all of the images from nature that were presented in the art show, the riveting concept for Gail was the play of light and shadow and an effort to capture the color and details that sunlight brings in the cool, dark forests.

Information for this article was taken directly from an article titled [Must see Photography by Mary Gail Scott on Display at AVH](#) printed in the Daily Sun August 8, 2012, written by AVH volunteer Ron Fini and AVH Public Relations Officer James Patry.



M. Gail Scott photo



**Richard Egarr**, world renowned harpsichordist, from Amsterdam, teaches scholarship recipient, Keenan Wood, from Berlin, during the Harpsichord Workshop at Gorham Town Hall, which was attended by many from Randolph citizens

## A Thank You Note from Music in the Great North Woods

Our 5 concerts, and 2 classes, have been attended by around 350 listeners so far with the largest events yet to happen on Labor Day Weekend when we present 5 events under the banner of the Big Moose Bach Fest. Again a large proportion of attendees and supporters have come from Randolph. We offer our thanks!

This summer we have extended our reach toward Conway and Jackson, partnered with other non-profits, and raised more than \$1,000 during one event for RESPONSE (Response to Domestic Violence, a program of Coös County Family Health). Three of our performers came from Europe and each event received a standing ovation. The Board of Music GNW has made a decision not to charge for any concert, but to operate with donations given spontaneously. It is a win-win-win for all concerned!

In the past we have enjoyed support from the NH Charitable Organization, but this year, due to timing of the grant process, we launch the Big Moose Bach Fest without any other support than that of those who attend the concerts. Music GNW is being supported in such a way that we can look forward to extending our reach, and continue to present concerts in which we present local talent along with seasoned professionals with big reputations. Our Scholarship program has hit a high mark, too, already producing results with our first scholarship winner, Keenan Wood, playing the big organ at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Berlin. We are most grateful!

Board of Directors: Michie Akin, Betsy Hess, Kathy Baublis, Angela Brown, Susan Ferre, Fran Gardner-Smith, Gail Scott

*"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."* — [Plato](#)

**Woodspringstock**  
Barbara Arnold photos



Final Jam



Hosts Paul & Michelle Cormier & son Joe



Lila Neil and Susan Harvey



Dorothy & Peter Bowers



Jenn Barton & John Scarinza



Dancers: Barbara Wy session,  
Renee Dunham & Babz Schilke



With Mary Sheehan, Dede Aube &  
Doreen Roy



*Learning to walk sets you free. Learning to dance gives you the greatest freedom of all: to express with your whole self the person you are. Melissa Hay*

Kai Parlett, Isobel Micucci, and 3 grand children of Bob and Jane Gilligan, Sophia, Bianca & Elias Ramires of California and Alivia Kenison. Photo taken at the Jazz Picnic by Anne Kenison

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