

# Mountain View



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### From the Selectmen's Office

We are slowly and cautiously moving toward reopening our town. All of our boards are now meeting, some in person, some via Zoom, so please check with the office (466-5771) if you wish to attend any meetings. The Selectboard is meeting in person every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7 pm.

Many user groups are now active in the town building (Table Right).

All groups must be Covid compliant following State guidelines, so please check with the town office if you have a group who wishes to begin meeting, or an event you wish to hold.

We will continue to follow state guidelines on reopening. We are grateful to all our residents who have been and continue to be patient and responsible for ensuring the health and safety of our Randolph neighbors.

A big thanks to the election officials who guided us through seamless elections in November and March. The planning and preparation in light of the pandemic really paid off. Postponing the town meeting portion until June 1st is a part of this planning and we are hoping for good attendance at the Municipal Building/Town Garage at 5:30 pm that day.

**PS—BEARS ARE OUT SO PLEASE TAKE PRECAUTIONS WITH BIRD FEEDERS AND GARBAGE AND A REMINDER THAT TAXES ARE DUE JULY 5TH.**

Remember, you can always call the selectmen with concerns: John at 723-1604, Lauren at 915-9087 and Michele at 466-5841.

Mah Jong	Sundays and Thursdays	5:30 to 8:00 PM
Beading	Tuesdays	10:00 AM
Yoga	Tuesdays	5:30 PM
	Thursdays	9:00 AM
Art Group	Tuesdays	9:30 AM
Bridge	Tuesdays	6:00 PM
Quilting Group	Wednesdays	10:00 AM

## Well Water Samples Collected for Gorham High School Science Partnership

Mya Platt (GMHS '24)  
and Sarah Clemmitt

In the summer of 2020 a number of Randolph residents provided water samples to Gorham Middle High School (GMHS) to be tested for arsenic as part of an ongoing citizen science project to address well-water contamination in Maine and New Hampshire. By partnering teachers, students, and researchers, this project raises awareness of what exists in their wells. In New Hampshire the legal limit of arsenic in well water is 5ppb (parts per billion). Arsenic in well water is a common problem in northern New England that not many people are aware of. As arsenic does not have a color, a taste, or an odor, people are not aware it is there; arsenic is a naturally occurring contaminant in groundwater and a major worldwide health concern. Long term exposure can lead to health issues, for example heart disease, forms of cancer, diabetes, and more.

In 2017 the United State Geological Survey (USGS) published a study predicting that 2.1 million people in the United States drink well water containing arsenic levels above the legal limit. In Maine and New Hampshire, wells are usually drilled into hard crystalline bedrock. This causes a higher likelihood of arsenic in well water. While Maine and New Hampshire's private wells have the highest arsenic levels per capita, testing rates are low.

In 2015 researchers at Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory (MDIBL) and Dartmouth College's Toxic Metals Superfund Research Program received an EPA Environmental Education Grant to begin a collaborative public health project to educate more people about arsenic in well water and to address the health risks of exposure to contaminants. In 2018, teachers were partnered with researchers in Maine and New Hampshire to expand private well water testing, and to provide teachers and students with the support they need to understand water quality data and the information to take action. The data collected by over 35 participating schools is shared with the Maine Center for Disease Control and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. (see Figure 1).

Among other minerals, GMHS students found that 26.9% of wells tested in New Hampshire have an arsenic levels above the state standard of 5 ppb (see Figure 2). Most of these wells are in the southern part of New Hampshire; Rockingham County and Merrimack County private wells have the largest amounts of arsenic in New Hampshire. GMHS students have also found that filtration can help with the remediation of arsenic, but whole-household filtration systems are best. In addition, drilled wells had higher concentrations of arsenic than dug wells.

A big thank you to the Randolph residents that contributed samples last summer. It is important to test your well and to know what is in your water. Although arsenic is not likely to be found in wells in Coos County, exposure to low levels of arsenic can lead to many health issues. Despite the high percentages of arsenic in northern New England, testing rates are very low. If you are interested in contributing a water sample to this project, please contact GMHS teacher, and Randolph resident, Sarah Clemmitt at [sarah.clemmitt@sau20.org](mailto:sarah.clemmitt@sau20.org).

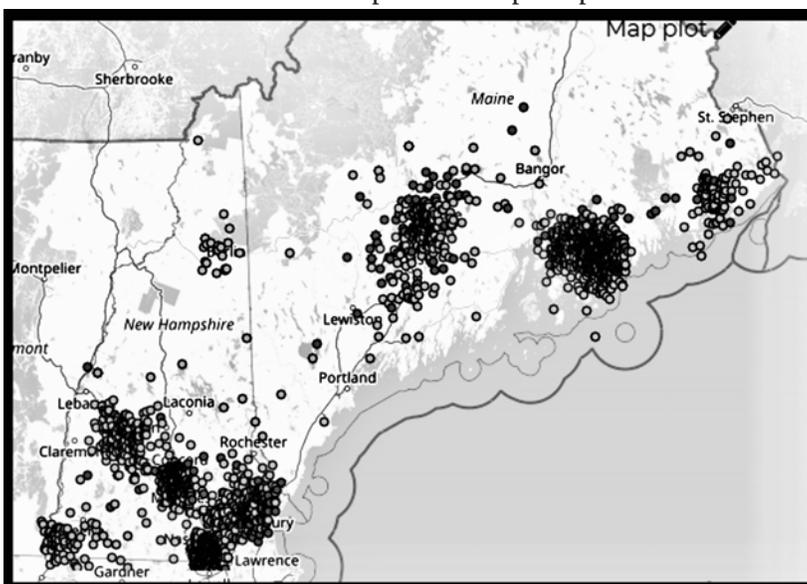


Figure 1: Over 2000 well water samples have been collected since 2016 by secondary school students in Maine and New Hampshire. The testing sites highlighted in pink are above the legal level for arsenic in wells. (Map created in TUVA)

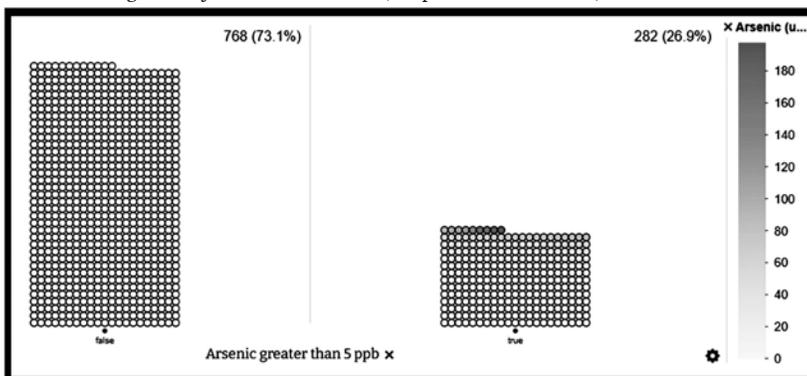


Figure 2: In New Hampshire 26.9% of the wells tested were above 5 ppb. (Graph created in TUVA)

## Paleoindian Site Listed on National Register

Edith Tucker

RANDOLPH — The Potter Paleoindian Site on the east end of town in the Moose River Valley was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on Thursday, April 28, state archaeologist Mark Doperalski confirmed.

“This site is an undisturbed, highly intact habitation that dates to approximately 12,500 to 12,000 years ago,” explains retired state archaeologist Richard “Dick” Boisvert of Deerfield, who led a number of “digs” there.

“The Potter Site contains a series of intensively used workshop areas as well as household encampments,” he says. “The site was located on the landscape (by early nomadic peoples) so as to take advantage of plant and animal resources close by the areas of occupation and also strategically

positioned so as to be able to see herds of caribou as they made their seasonal migrations. Caribou were hunted for their meat, hides and antlers, all essential to the Paleoindians’ survival.”

They chipped symmetrical stone points to serve as their hunting tools, finishing them by carefully removing a single long parallel-sided flake or “flute” from one or both sides.

Under Boisvert’s tutelage, the State Conservation and Rescue Archaeology Program began excavations at this site in 2003 when it was first discovered and investigations continued annually until 2011.

Longtime Randolphians Robert “Bob” Potter, a Gorham native, and his wife Roberta Arbree, both trustees of the Robert C. Potter Trust, are in the process of donating this site and surrounding acreage — over 200 acres in Randolph and 26-plus acres in Gorham — to the 10,000-plus-acre RCF.

The property is already under a conservation easement held by N.H. Fish and Game Department, an arrangement that will continue in perpetuity.

The town has already been accepted this donation following official approval by a delighted select board as well as the Conservation Commission, following a public hearing on March 11.

This acreage includes a little over a mile along the Presidential Rail Trail, starting a short distance east of the Pinkham B (Dolly Copp) Road and includes the beaver ponds plus the beaver-deceiver.

When all the paperwork is done, Randolph voters will be asked to approve adding the area to the town forest.

It will be managed under a special section of the Forest’s stewardship plan that will have its own priorities, Forest Commission chairman John Scarinza said, according to the minutes of the ConComm’s hearing.

The generous couple recently moved to Durham to be near a number of family members. Beforehand, they sold their house and 38 acres, which are also protected by F & G conservation easements, to Coos newcomers.

The Potter Site is the second donation that the pair has given to the RCF, fulfilling their desire to protect the east-flowing Moose River, which joins the Androscoggin River in Gorham.

In 2015, they gifted 77 acres including Rollo Fall, part of the river’s headwaters east of the Bowman Divide. Boisvert is very pleased that the Potter Site is now listed.

“First and foremost, credit for this listing on the National Register of Historic Places should go to landowners Bob Potter and Roberta Arbree,” he points out. “And, of course, to the army of SCRAP volunteers who not only worked hard to excavate the site but who also performed years’ worth of laboratory analysis as well as to the several students who wrote a dissertation, 2 Master’s theses, and 2 undergraduate honors/senior theses.”

The artifacts, field notes, photographs and publications and academic papers associated with this site are held by the N.H. Division of Historical Resources and stored in its curatorial facility in Concord.



*Paleoindian Site continued...*

Boisvert completed the lengthy Potter Site nomination since he retired in 2018. Back in May 1992 he successfully nominated the Mt. Jasper Lithic Source in Berlin, owned by the City.

Boisvert was the lead author with 2 other Granite Staters—GIS coordinator Tanya Krajcik and avocational archaeologist Mark Greeley—of a 10-page research report: “Paleoindian Adaptation to the Landscape of Northern New Hampshire”—in “PaleoAmerica: a Journal of Early Human Migration and Dispersal” (2017), sponsored by the Center for the Study of First Americans at Texas A&M Univ. Boisvert describes the paper as “a summary, in part, of two decades of work in Jefferson and Randolph” that makes the case that these were specialized caribou hunting localities.

These researchers point out that the Potter site “with its multiple activity areas combines all facets of the caribou hunting requirements in a single, heavily utilized location.”

There was no hunter’s lookout at the Potter Site, such as those at sites in Jefferson, but its “viewshed is extensive, looking up the Moose River valley and applies to essentially the entire site. The site also occupies one of the few places where there is level land and close access to water.” They conclude, “Potter is strategically very well placed to serve as a multipurpose Paleoindian caribou hunting and processing site.”

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation’s historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service’s National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America’s historic and archeological resources.

Photo Page 4: Roberta Arbree and Robert “Bob” Potter, right, were recognized in 2017 by Randolph Community Forest Commission chairman John Scarinza for their generosity in giving Rollo Fall on the headwaters of the Moose River plus 77 acres to the RCF. A 0.4-mile handicapped accessible path was constructed at which their generosity was commemorated.

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An additional article on this site was published by David Brooks in Granite Geek news.

Visit <https://rb.gy/iw5heh> to read more.

## **New Hampshire day at Valentine Farm - July 24th**

Mahoosuc Land Trust is a NH and ME registered land trust that is actively working to conserve land along North Road and the Androscoggin from Shelburne NH to Bethel Maine. We just completed the acquisition of Shelburne Riverlands, 880 acres of islands and mainland with 14 miles of Androscoggin river frontage and currently own or hold conservation easements on First Mountain and Crow Mountain Farm in Shelburne and McCoy-Chapman and Valentine Farm in Maine and are actively working to conserve Tumbledown Dick in Gilead. We owe huge thanks to the Randolph Area Conservation Opportunity fund (NH Charitable Foundation) and several generous Randolph donors for helping us complete Shelburne Riverlands.

To celebrate our conservation work in NH, we hope you can join us for NH Day at Valentine Farm Conservation Center on Saturday July 24, 3pm (rain date, July 25, 3pm). This beautiful 135-acre farm on North Road in Bethel is our home base and has a spectacular pollinator garden that will be in full bloom and filled with butterflies. The farm also has two lovely trail loops through the woods and a longer trail down to the river. Please come and join our many NH friends and neighbors for a chance to see the garden, take a stroll on the path, enjoy refreshments beside the pollinator garden and hear a little about our upcoming conservation work. We hope you can join us!

## **Tennis Court’s 50th Birthday!**

**Dave Tomlinson**



The Randolph tennis court is turning 50 years old this year (we think) and we are celebrating with a resurfacing of this tired old court. The Randolph Foundation is covering the cost of the upgrade.

That’s the good news, the bad news is that New England Tennis Courts in Franconia, the group that built the court, will not be able to do the work until late June due to other commitments.

The strange winter weather resulted in the tapes being blown off the court. When Wendy Mac Donald our reliable spring tape walker, got to the court the high winds had turned the tapes into a porcupine. As a result the court will not be playable until July. It’s a big big job to put the tapes back down for a short time period.

Photo left: The porcupine court tape bearing its spines!

## Friends of the Randolph Public Library News



### The Friends Board

We have three exciting updates to share! First, the Randolph Public Library is open and offering programs under the leadership of librarian, Yvonne Jenkins. Second, the Library Book and Bake Sale is back in 2021, so please save the dates of July 24-25th. And third, we are revitalizing the Friends and would love for YOU—past, present and new members—to join.

As you may know, the Friends of the Randolph Public Library was established in 2002 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer-based organization. The Friends are dedicated to a three-fold mission: to promote and support the Library, library resources, and library programming; to build a partnership between the Library and the community; and to provide supplemental funds to assist in the use and enjoyment of the library offerings by all residents of the Town of Randolph as well as surrounding communities. We thank our past leaders and members for fulfilling this mission for nearly 20 years.

While the pandemic has presented unprecedented difficulties for all, we are excited to see the Friends group “re-blossom.” Leading the Friends efforts are three new board members alongside our long-time Treasurer, Michele Cormier. Elected in December 2020, we now have Catherine Zirpola and Anne Forsyth as Co-Presidents and Kayla Demers as Secretary.

Michele Cormier, a long-time Randolph resident, currently serves on the Board of Selectmen. Thanks to her previous experience forming the Friends group in Twin Mountain, Michele helped bring the original Friends of the Randolph Public Library into existence.

Catherine Zirpola retired from her lifelong work as a banker and has volunteered at the Library for several years. She loves baking and this year will chair the bake sale. Anne Forsyth volunteered at story hour in the early 1990’s and has continued to support and use the Library. Kayla Demers, a homegrown Randolphian who works in product marketing at Samsung, offers the Friends invaluable marketing and technological know-how.

The new members all found refuge in books in their youth and now share their love of books, the Randolph Public Library and the community through their Friends involvement. In addition to working with the Library Trustees to host the successful Library Book and Bake Sale, the Friends organization raises funds to support educational programming as well as purchases of new books, DVDs, and children’s materials. We strive to strengthen both youth and adult engagement with the Library and its offerings—but the Friends can only achieve its goals with members!

Everyone who loves the Randolph Public Library is invited to join the Friends. Becoming a member means that you will be included on our master e-mail list, where we will share updates on all efforts and any Friends gatherings. If you are interested in supporting specific endeavors, we would welcome you to have a more active volunteer role.

**Please sign up today for your 2021-2022 membership!** There are three easy ways:

- (1) Fill out this NEW and simple online form: <http://bit.ly/FriendsRPL>
- (2) Print out the form from the library website: <https://randolphnhpubliclibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/>
- (3) Pick up a printed form at the Library

As always, we welcome your tax-deductible contributions (by check or through the online form). Additionally, we have a new email address for any questions. Please visit us on the library website for more information OR send us an email. We are excited for this year and beyond.

### Contact Information:

- Email: [friends@randolphnhpubliclibrary.org](mailto:friends@randolphnhpubliclibrary.org)
- Website: <https://randolphnhpubliclibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/>
- Address: Friends of the Randolph Public Library, 130 Durand Road, Randolph, NH 03593

Photo above: From the Library website.

## Randolph Library News!

**Yvonne Jenkins**

We are pleased to announce that the Library is once again open to in-person operation. At the time of this writing, face masks are required when inside the building. Plans are in the works for several summer programs (outside whenever possible) including Map & Compass training on July 3, a six-week children's program entitled "Tales & Tails" beginning July 14-August 18, a two-day Book & Bake Sale on July 24-25 spread out over two locations - the Town Hall and the Old Library/School House, and in August, a plein-air watercolor "Landscape & Lemonade" class, a lecture presentation by acclaimed artist Erik Koepfel, a traditional landscape painter who has become a leader in the revival of the techniques and philosophy of the Hudson River School, and a Community Read book discussion of *The Last Traverse*, by author Ty Gagne on September 1st. Specific details are still being worked out for all these events. More information will be available on the library's web page at [www.randolphnhpubliclibrary.org](http://www.randolphnhpubliclibrary.org) and listed in the Randolph Weekly throughout the summer. We look forward to seeing you at the Library.

**Library hours: Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 5:00PM and Saturdays from 10:00AM to Noon.**



Photo above and left: Ten-year-old Amelia Reid made her puppeting debut with Librarian Yvonne Jenkins as they performed "Aesop's Fables" at the Randolph Public Library's first in-person program in over 15 months.  
Photo above and right: Amelia Reid, Hattie Hammill, Carter and Cora Moon decorating book bags.

## See You At Church?

**Dick Doyle**

As you are well aware, due to the pandemic, the Randolph Church was closed last summer - maybe for the first time in its 136 year history. So, will we see you at church this summer?

That depends. If your understanding of "church" automatically brings to mind stepping inside the little white chapel at the top of Gorham Hill, that's one thing. But, if "church" to you means worshipping God among beloved friends and neighbors, that may be something else entirely.

You see, in these times, what we've always considered to be one of the charming features of the Randolph Church - namely the picturesque and small, intimate space - may now actually and sadly be a liability. Everything we hear about "social distancing", about the forceful movement of air when a congregation sings and a pipe organ is playing, adds a whole new wrinkle. Unless we see a significant lessening of restrictions, seeing you IN church as we have traditionally done will not be quite the same.

Yet, most of us understand church to be more than a building and are anxious to gather with friends and neighbors that we have not seen for perhaps two years.

So, there WILL be church services in one form or another this summer in Randolph! But it is not yet certain what that will look like. If we cannot be inside, perhaps we can experiment with being outside on the lawn or gathered around the memorial garden in the cemetery. Unfortunately, we are unable to make specific plans now for the entire summer and will proceed on a week-to-week basis. Weather and the availability of leadership may well have an impact.

Please be sure to check *The Weekly* each Friday for details.

Finally, wherever you might be, please remember our financial commitments to the critical work of the human service agencies in the local community. Please mail your contributions designated for benevolences or your unrestricted donations to Randolph Church, PO Box 204, Gorham, NH 03581-0204.

Can't wait to see you AT church.

## Celebration 2024 Planning!

Sarah Gallop and Guy Stever

The Big 2-0-0 is now only three years away!

The Town of Randolph will celebrate its bicentennial in 2024 and the Randolph Foundation is working to help frame up the community-wide activities. Many people have come forward with terrific ideas for projects and programs. To make these wonderful things happen, we need you!

We are laying the groundwork for the celebration, and the Foundation is providing financial resources. Below is a roundup of what is being tentatively planned. Please take a look and let us know what activities you'd like to be involved in, or better yet... lead! Thanks to the many volunteers have already stepped up to plan activities.

### Projects that are Underway:

**Community Quilt:** Barbara Arnold, Carol Doyle, Betsy Rising, Laura Brockett and others are looking at creating a Town-oriented quilt for the bicentennial. So far, they're thinking that the center might depict the Town, (seal or another symbol) with the surrounding panels representing organizations that make Randolph the special community that it is. They are currently working on the design and welcome input and help from interested people. Please contact Barbara Arnold at (Barbara.arnold51@gmail.com or 466-2438).

**Stories:** Sarah Gallop, Mary Berry, Judy Hudson, Michele Cormier, Dede Aube, Julianne and Barry Johnston, and Adrian

Johnston are focusing on collecting existing and creating new stories to compile and share in a variety of ways (printed, audio, video – maybe even some films!). Four years of Story Slam stories are currently on YouTube, and lots of other stories have been shared in the Mountain View over the years. We've also been doing in-person interviews with some of our seniors.

**Update of Sesquicentennial Booklet:** Judy Hudson is working on an update to the "Randolph NH 150 Years" booklet which summarizes Randolph history from 1824 to 1974.

**Bicentennial Design:** Steve Teczar will create a design/logo for the bicentennial that can be used on posters, postcards, t-shirts, pins, decals, etc...

**Postcard Project:** Guy Stever, Scott Meiklejohn, Bill Minifie, and Peter Rowan are pooling their historic postcard resources to create a commemorative poster, or book, and/or display.

**Bicentennial Medal:** Michael Evert will design a commemorative medal like we did for the sesquicentennial.

### Projects We Hope to Move Forward

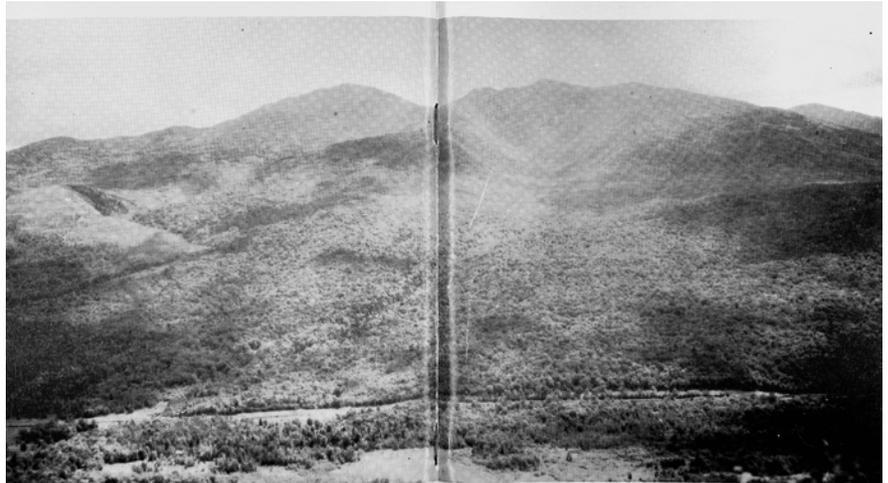
**Celebration 2024 Weekend:** The idea here is to plan a celebratory weekend with all kinds of community activities (hymn sing, BBQ, open house tours, square dance, parade – the possibilities are endless). We need two co-chairs to get this going. Any interest? We'll help you get volunteers!

**Bicentennial Exhibit:** Library Director Yvonne Jenkins and Anne Forsyth (representing the Friends of the Public Library), and the Randolph Art Show organizers are thinking of creating some kind of historic art and photography exhibit in the Town Hall and Library, perhaps with a contest component. It could have a pre-Fourth of July opening reception, and then be displayed all summer. The old library could be used to display historic memorabilia.

**Support local nonprofits:** Organize an auction or some kind of fundraiser to benefit local agencies that support area residents in need. Any interest is heading up this worthy effort?

**House-related project:** Guy Stever, Randy Meiklejohn, Franklin Stone Wenk, and Judy Hudson have been considering an effort to tell the stories and histories of Randolph homes. Taking into account Tad Pfeffer's book, *The Hand of the Small Town Builder*, this project could focus on the history of all kinds of houses throughout town. It could be a book and/or an exhibit such as *If This House Could Talk*.

**Gorham, NH Fourth of July Parade:** Arrange for Randolph's bicentennial to be represented in the festivities. Would you like to plan our town's participation?



**RANDOLPH, N. H. 150 YEARS**

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**Memorial Event:** Caesar Bryan and Mark Kelley are thinking about a way to honor Randolph residents who have served.

**NH Historical District Designation:** Tim Sappington and Lauren Bradley will explore the feasibility of pursuing this designation (Tim is the Vice Chair of the NH State Council on Historic Resources).

**Randolph Historical Society:** The idea is to establish one (although not likely in a new physical building), possibly by joining forces with the Randolph Public Library because the library's Mountain Room already has many historical records. The Foundation Board will look into this with Library Director Yvonne Jenkins and the Friends.

**Souvenir Randolph, NH Bicentennial Postmark:** Guy Stever and Andy Gallop (who works for USPS) are researching this.

### Projects Under Consideration

**Community Project:** Some kind of communal activity that everyone can participate in that improves something, honors someone, creates something, promotes safety, or helps others, but definitely builds community.

**Create Masterplan for the Durand/Ravine Area:** Edie Tucker's suggestion to take the time needed to envision the future of the Durand/Ravine area through a community input process led by the Foundation.

**Signs:** Create the old town hiker signs out of wood and invite people to decorate them. Display the original ones (which people still have) and the newly created ones somewhere. Or create new town signs specifically designed for the bicentennial.

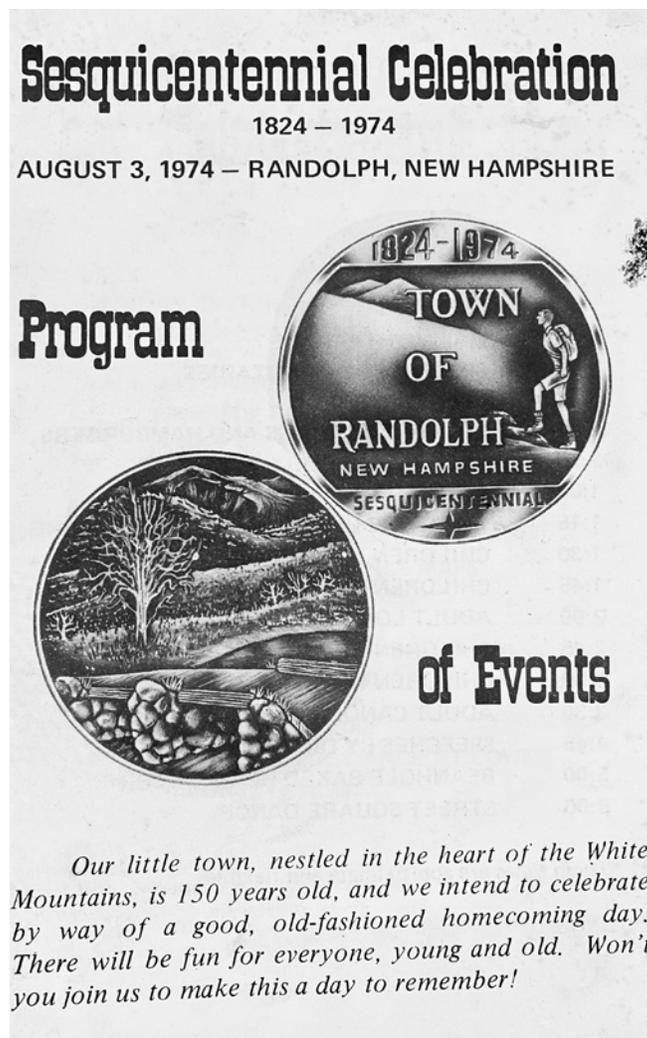
Thank you to so many people who have shared ideas, told us about resources, and expressed enthusiasm about the celebration. Randolph has a wonderful history of honoring its past, present, and future — as we did for the Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1974.

Let's do it again in 2024! To pull it off, we need more volunteers to organize specific efforts and bring them to fruition. **We want you!** Please tell us which one you would like to plan!

Sarah Gallop: seg@mit.edu and Guy Stever: gstever@ne.rr.com

Photo page 8: Cover of the Sesquicentennial historical booklet (Randolph NH 150 Years).

Photo above: Cover of the Sesquicentennial Celebration's Program of Events



## Way to The Top

Bob Kruszyna

Sometimes funny things happen on the way to the top. In 1986 in the run-up to our ambitiously planned season, we embarked on an intensive program of preparation. With just the shirts on our backs and our basic climbing gear, we went over to Courmayeur on the Italian side of the Mont-Blanc massif to climb the Grandes Jorasses, which, along with Mont-Blanc and the Aiguille Verte, is one of the "big three". Then we went up to the Rifugio Monzino to climb Pic Innominata, which affords a close-up view of the ferocious southern side of Mont-Blanc. The hut approach is not exactly a trail, consisting of a series of cliffs that are ascended by rungs grouted into the rock, by fixed chains, and occasional ladders. The Monzino, unlike most down-at-the-heels Italian refuges, was a spiffy new hut operated by the Courmayeur guides' association rather than the Italian Alpine Club. The resident guide-manager was skeptical about the plans of this middle-aged American couple, especially since the route was rated assez difficile and the uplift from the hut was some 3800 feet.

When we returned the following afternoon after a successful ascent, the guide and his staff greeted us like visiting celebrities. They were mightily impressed and thereafter we were treated with deference. We had been admitted to the inner circle. When we departed a few days later in pouring rain, they wrapped our cumbersome packs in plastic and

Way to The Top continued...



sent them down on the service lift that supplies the hut, free of charge.

A similar episode occurred as recently as 2002 in the Ötztal Alps in Austria. Most of the people climbing in this region are adventurous mountain walkers rather than truly alpinists. We had trudged up to a hut to climb the Similaun, a major but nonetheless easy snow peak. We encountered puzzled, uncomprehending and skeptical glances from several of the other inhabitants. First off, we were Americans, who rarely climb in the Alps. Then, we were old, Harriet with her whitening hair and myself with a gray beard (I was 71 at the time). And most amazing, we were climbing without a guide! Next day at dinner, following our ascent, one of the hut staff brought us a complimentary round of schnapps, which prompted smiles all around and some applause. More schnapps were forthcoming. Strange things happen on the way to the top.

Back in 1994, Harriet and I went to the Alps in order to acclimatize for an imminent trek in the Himalaya. We were joined by a young British friend, Lucy, whom we were teaching something about mountaineering. She had participated in a weekend climbing school conducted by guides in the Scottish Highlands, but wanted to try the “real thing”. In preparation, I sent her an equipment list. She telephoned me from London, “You didn’t include a seat harness in your list. How can you climb a mountain without one?” “Well, you can do what Whymper did on the Matterhorn. You can tie the rope around your waist.” Which is what we used to do before the advent of the harness!

We were based at the Trient Hut, on the Swiss side of the Mont-Blanc range, where we made four ascents. When I went to pay our bill, the hut keeper exclaimed, “Ah, monsieur, you are ze guide. You stay free. Only your lady clients need pay.” Sometimes funny things happen on the way to the top!

Photo above: “Similaun, Ötztal Alps, Austria” courtesy of Bob Kruszyna

## Welcoming to Randolph’s Newest Resident



John and Jenn Scarinza are thrilled to introduce their son, Ethan John-Allan Scarinza! Ethan was born on May 10th at 2:02 pm. He weighed 7 lbs, 2 ozs and measured 20 5/8 inches long. Jenn and John are looking forward to raising Ethan as a part of the Randolph community!

Photo left: Ethan! Courtesy of the happy parents.

## Randolph Remembers

Remembering the Rev. Beverly Kay Hill Weatherly 1950-2021:

After a year long battle with MDS and leukemia, the Rev. Beverly K. Weatherly passed into Eternal Glory on Friday, May 28th held by her children and grandchildren. Beverly was born in Indiana, Pa., and raised outside Columbus, Ohio. She graduated from Ohio State University and went to work for the Governor of Ohio. She moved to New York City and worked at Nestle and Shell corporations before attending Princeton Theological Seminary and General Seminary. She met John working at a neighborhood Vacation Bible School in Trenton, N.J. Beverly and John were married in April, 1986 and she was ordained into the Priesthood of the Episcopal Church one month before the birth of their first daughter Kathryn Brooks.

John and Beverly served as Appointed Missionaries of the Episcopal Church in



*Remembering Beverly Kay Hill Weatherly continued...*

Brasilia, Brazil, where their son Andrew was born. Returning to the United States in 1989, Beverly worked in Wilmington, N.C., where their daughter Maegan was born. Beverly served parishes in Darien and New Canaan, Ct., Alexandria and Arlington, Va., and was Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in California, Md., for 12 years. After 9/11 Beverly managed her home and children during two long combat deployments by her husband John, a Chaplain in the U.S. Army. She has been the Moderator for the Randolph, New Hampshire church where she has vacationed since 1984. She is survived by her husband, John, children Kathryn, Andrew, and Maegan, sons-in-law Nathan Danials and Brian Scowcroft, and grandchildren Kaeden, Madison, Jameson, Easton, Christian, Monroe and Conor. A Celebration of her life and ministry will take place Sunday, June 6th at 2:00 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, California, Md. with the Bishop of Washington. In thanksgiving for her life, her family asks that she be remembered by donations to children's ministries, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 44078 St. Andrew's Church Rd., California, MD 20619

Photo page 10 and obituary courtesy of Jefferson Funeral Chapel

## Randolph Remembers



Photo left taken by Edith Tucker. Shown left to right: Charles Lang, Stephen Fuld, Sam Morneweck, Lynn Morneweck-Fuld, Susan Ferré, Carl Ferré-Lang, with Morgan Fuld listening in the back row, singing an anthem by Berger "A Rose Touched By the Sun's Warm Rays" during a service at the Randolph Church in 2017.

**Celebrating Steven Fuld:** Steven Jay Fuld left this life on May 8, 2021, far too soon, after a five-month battle with cancer. Steve was married to Lynn Morneweck-Fuld, daughter of Sam & Leslie Morneweck of Durand Rd, and he was a regular summer visitor for over 20 years. When in Randolph, Steve was actively involved with Music in the Great North Woods. His deep voice and sensitive musicianship will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of singing with him (especially the Ferre/Lang family), and his kindness and patience will be missed by all who knew him. Steve leaves behind a son, Morgan Jay Fuld, who will particularly miss star-gazing with his father in the Randolph Valley. Steve's ashes will be buried on the Morneweck property on Durand Road, near the old apple tree that he pruned and cared for, and a new tree will be planted as a living memorial. A memorial service will be held in New Jersey when people are comfortable singing together again.

Written by Susan Ferré

## Randolph Remembers

**Celebration for Alan Williams Horton:** There will be a gathering to celebrate the life of Alan Williams Horton, in Randolph this summer, although the family has not yet set the date. Please remember to check The Weekly for more information.

## Mark Your Calendars!

**Sarah Gallop  
and The Randolph Foundation**

The 5th Annual Randolph Story Slam (sponsored jointly by the Randolph Foundation and the Randolph Church) will be held on Saturday, August 7th at 4 PM. If you would like to tell a story, please be in touch with Sarah Gallop at seg@mit.edu or Bill Minifie at whminifie@gmail.com. Four years of Story Slams can be viewed on the Foundation's YouTube channel — just Google it!

The Randolph Foundation Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, August 13th at 7 PM. The featured speaker will be Chris Hawkins who will present "Going South for the Winter; Summer at the South Pole."

Details will follow in The Weekly!

## The Weekly

We're delighted that Kai Parlett will continue to serve as the editor of The Weekly this summer. Please submit your items to Kai at jo.kai.parl@gmail.com by Wednesdays at noon (put Randolph Weekly in the subject line). Kai can also be reached at 603-723-6991. Copies will be available in the bird boxes on Friday afternoons.

## Have you Found any Big Trees? A Big Tree Treasure Hunt Reminder

**Brad Meiklejohn**

Summer is a great time to ramble around the Randolph woods looking for big trees. Finding them is often a matter of just looking, as Dave Govatski and I located the new national champion Quaking Aspen at nearby Pondicherry in April 2021. If you want to see the county champion tamarack, it's in our front yard at 98 Durand Road! Not only do you get the joy of locating these ancient "mother trees" but you just might get certified bragging rights, as the photo here shows.

The December 2020 issue of the Mountain View (Vol. 31, No. 1) contained an article I wrote with details about champion trees and instructions! Now, grab a tape measure and hit the woods!



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