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# 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

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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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#### **Mountain View**

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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.	400 0070			
BOARD OF SELECTMEN (Chair, Ted Wier)	466-3970			
Administrative Assistant, Carol Gagnon; Treasurer Connie Chaffee	400 007 0			
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			
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)	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. 466-577				
TRASH COLLECTION Must be at roadside by 7 a.m.				
Trash - every Tuesday; Recycling, sorted & bagged - 1st Saturday of ev	erv month.			

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#### 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**

5	06/25/12 build a new dec	Charles Lowe, Jr. will	
	07/02/12	Sara Winter will build	
		Sala winter will build	
)	new shed.		
	07/23/12	Kathleen Currier will	
3	build new decks.		
5	07/30/12	Mark & Kathleen Kelley	
5	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. **Mountain View** 

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



After ten vears of service, Angela Brown will not runbe ning for reelection the GRS Соорerative School Board in

Angela and Charles Brown. Photo provided by Angela Brown.

t h e 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.



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 email 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, publicprivate 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 check-list, 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)

## 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.

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.



Photo submitted by Kai Parlett

## 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 Spenser 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 Eisenburg. Anne Kenison photo