

# Mountain View



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## Boothman Sisters Honored at the Opening of RMC Trailhead & Parking

By Edith Tucker



Left front: Maria Neal and her six-week-old baby, Gwen; Sally Boothman Glines, Becky Boothman. Left rear: Chris Hawkins, husband of the late Sue Boothman Hawkins and Greg Glines were honored by the Randolph Forest Commission while Chairman Scarinza looked on. The ribbon was later cut on the Randolph Community Forest Kiosk. Photo by Edith Tucker

**Becky Boothman and Sally Boothman Glines**, plus their families, were honored on August 2, as part of the annual Randolph Forest Day that featured the ceremonial opening of a new RMC trailhead and car parking lot on the Boothman Tract on Randolph Hill. Both were presented round saw blades painted with mountain scenery by artist Andre Belanger of Berlin, designed to commemorate the day.

Randolph Forest Commission chairman John Scarinza detailed the two-step process by which the 10-acre Boothman Tract on Randolph Hill was added to the 10,000-plus-acre Randolph Community Forest (RCF) that took place when the family divided up the last of 150 or so acres on which the family farm and later the Mt. Crescent House were located.

Thomas, the first male Boothman, arrived in Randolph some time between 1839 and 1850, when he was first listed as a farmer on the U. S. Census. Boothmans, Watsons, and Kelseys dot the family's genealogical

records.

The "Boothman girls" Becky and Sally agreed upon the lot best suited for use as Randolph Mountain Club (RMC) trailhead, that could provide adequate parking, especially for the increasing number of winter hikers, cross-country skiers, and snowshoe enthusiasts. Money was raised to cover this cost and the town purchased the tract in 2007 to add to the RCF.

Becky and Sally and their adult children pitched in to help raise money by putting on two delicious Mt. Crescent House-style buffets and two Mt. Crescent House-style Boothman Spring cookouts that took Randolphians down memory lane. The funds raised helped to pay for building a well-ditched and graded parking lot along with relocating some RMC trails on the Crescent Range, now located on publically owned protected **land**.

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 Town Hall hours: Mondays 9 - 11 a.m. ; Wednesdays 7 - 9 p.m.
- TOWN HALL** Monday- Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon. 466-5771
- TRASH COLLECTION** Must be at roadside by 7 a.m.  
 Trash - every Tuesday; Recycling, sorted & bagged - 1st Saturday of each 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)

**September**

22 Randolph Emergency Opera  
 tion Plan Meet Town Hall  
 7:00 pm

**October**

10 NC In-service Day No School  
 13 Columbus Day Observed  
 No School  
 25 Supervisors of Checklist Sit  
 11:00-11:30am Town Hall

**November**

1 Pot Luck & Lecture 5:30  
 Witch Pop Culture Town Hall  
 4 State General Election 11am  
 to 7pm Town Hall  
 11 Veteran's Day No School  
 26 Thanksgiving Recess ½ day  
 school

**Building Permits**

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.

- 3/24/14 01-14 Chris Hawkins  
 Renovations
- 3/24/14 02-14 Gary & Christine Van  
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 tial
- 4/14/14 03-14 Larry Blake, Trustee  
 Expanding Porch
- 4/14/14 04-14 Ralph Petrigrew  
 Residential
- 5/12/14 05-14 Bruce Kirmmse  
 Solar panels
- 5/12/14 06-14 Douglas L Beach  
 Roof
- 6/09/14 07-14 Gail Scott  
 Solar thermal system
- 6/09/14 08-14 Edith Tucker  
 Adding bedroom &

**Real Estate Transactions**

- 07-01-14 From Kelly Goodrich/Deborah  
 Hebert Estate to Glen Hutchins
- 07-14-14 From Kristen Laurel Mix/Alan  
 Mix Trust to Erik Bekkelund

It was Becky and Sally’s grandfather, John H. Boothman, who realized that the hoteliers, other locals and the summer people had a vested interest in restoring and maintaining the footpaths after extensive heavy logging that took place in the early 20th century. He spearheaded the Club’s founding in 1910 and in 1915 worked to incorporate it as a N. H. nonprofit organization.

Scarinza highlighted the extended family’s close ties to the land over seven generations and the sixth generation’s pleasure in knowing that traditional uses — timber harvesting and outdoor recreation — will be able to continue in perpetuity.

The youngest member of the family, Gwen Luna Parker, born on June 19 at her parents’ home in Randolph, was on hand at the ceremonial kiosk ribbon-cutting with her mother, Maria Neal. The six-week-old baby’s dad, Jeff Parker, was in Washington State as part of a N. H. contingent of 20 wildland firefighters who went west on Saturday, July 26, to fight an extensive uncontrolled forest fire burning in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Gwen is Becky Boothman’s granddaughter.

Scarinza, also gave special thanks to Reed and Carol Henderson for their generosity in supporting the trail-head project.

Brian Bresnahan of Groveton, Congresswoman Annie Kuster’s on-the-ground North Country constituent service representative, read a congratulatory letter that had been e-mailed that morning from Washington, D.C. Kuster addressed the ongoing importance of forestry and outdoor recreation in the Second Congressional District. Kuster serves on the House Committee on Agriculture, the House Small Business Committee and on the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

The Randolph Community Forest’s team — forester Walt Wintturi, formerly of Gorham and now of Plymouth, wetlands specialist John Severance and wildlife specialist Elise Lawson of Watershed to Wildlife, Inc. of Whitefield — weighed in on aspects of managing the forest and the importance of maintaining wildlife openings.

An interpretive trail and a community sledding hill are now being planned.

*This article was originally published in the Berlin Reporter and the Democrat.*



Gwen Luna Parker, born on June 19 at her parents’ home in Randolph, joined the ceremonies.



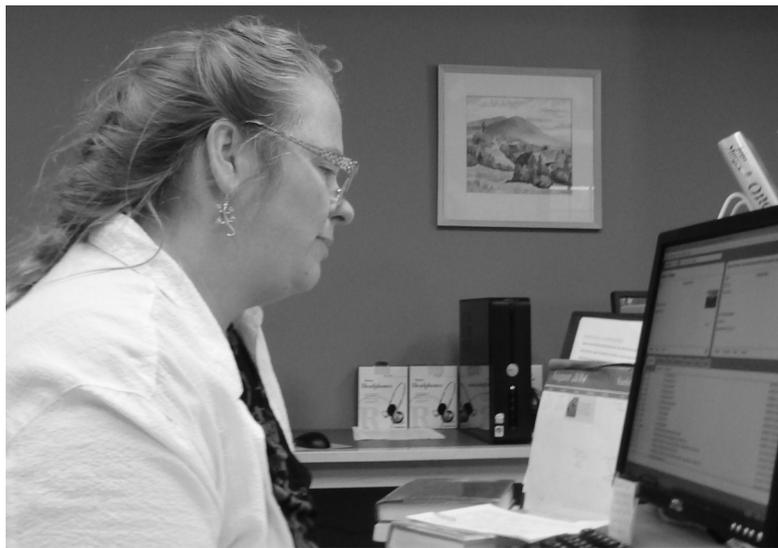
Randolph Community Forest Tour proved of great interest to many folks.



Alivia Kenison joins Uma, Vera, and Tara for a picnic lunch during the Randolph Forest Tour.

Photos by Anne Kenison

## JOY MCCORKHILL IS RANDOLPH'S NEW DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES



The Trustees of the Randolph Library are pleased to announce that Joy McCorkhill has been hired as Library Director. Joy has been working in Randolph as interim librarian for the last three months. She brings more than 20 years of hands on experience in public and private library services and also currently works as librarian in Jefferson, where she has been for nine years and where she resides with her two young children.

The following new acquisitions at the Randolph Library: Fiction Books include, "Elizabeth is Missing," by Emma Healey; "Dry Bones in the Valley," by Tom Bouman; "All Fall Down," by Jennifer Weiner; and kids will enjoy The Tree House That Jack Built by Bonnie Verburg; "Queen of the Tearling," by Erika Johansen; "One Plus One," by Jojo Moyes; "Just One Evil Act," by

Elizabeth George

Non-Fiction Books: "Mockingbird Next Door: Life with Harper Lee" by Marja Mills; "Salinger" by David Shields; "Shady Pleasures by Randolph's own Toni Brinton".

New DVD's: "The Hobbit": an unexpected journey; Saving Mr. Banks; "The Book Thief". Also, season 1, 2 & 3 of "Sherlock Holmes" was donated by Friends of the Randolph Library

### FRIENDS OF THE RANDOLPH LIBRARY from Lynn and Ingrid

The Friends of the Library have enjoyed seeing all of those who attended our many events of the summer! Thank you for supporting our programs and the library.

Your support enables the Friends to continue to help the library pay for books and books on CD, as well as the many events we provide for our community.

For those who attended our showing of the "Sherlock" movie, and for those who enjoy our pot-luck-sing-along movies in the winter - we are able to show these films only because The Friends pay for an annual licensing fee. This means that anyone who would like to show a film at the Library or Town Hall is able to do so without violating Copyright restrictions.

Our next event will be on November 1st. It is a pot-luck supper and lecture entitled "Witches, Pop-Culture and the Past." The lecture is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and the Friends and promises to be a hair-raising evening. Please bring cauldrons of food to share at the pot-luck at 5.30 and the talk will follow at 6.30.

Thank you.



Rain Dance .. Children dance in the rain outside the Randolph Maintenance Building while adults dance inside to the Friend's sponsored Berlin Jazz Band on July 23.

Photos by Anne Kenison

John Smithson and his grandsons Brady and Ben enjoy the "Friend's" sponsored Science and Magic show while third grandson, Boyd helps the magician.



### News from the Selectman's Office

We are happy to report that the revaluation is complete. Most of you will have received your valuations in the mail and have had the opportunity to question any values you believe are in error. Dave Woodward from the Avitar Assessing Company has been great at accommodating anyone whose schedule did not fall into the open inquiry period. We hope that you all have been satisfied with your new valuations and if you have not had an opportunity to ask questions, please call the selectman's office and we'll see if we can accommodate you.

The Town is working on a new Emergency Operating Plan. This is the structure for addressing emergencies of any kind which may occur in the town. The last major emergency occurred during Hurricane Irene, when the town went into emergency operations. We had a command point and were able to address road problems and medical issues as they arose. Every 5 years we need to update our plan, name a new Emergency Management Director (EMD) and create an incident command structure. We are looking for a new EMD so if you would like to volunteer, we would like to hear from you. We also would like anyone interested in participating in the planning to attend our next planning meeting. It is being held Monday, Sept 22 at the town hall.

As most of you know, we have instituted new policies regarding public use of the Town Hall meeting rooms, which require a \$25 refundable deposit and a reservation for the space. This policy applies to any group who wishes to use the building for an event, party or meeting. Please remember that it is your responsibility to reserve the space you require, obtain a key, clean up after your event, put the chairs away and take away your trash. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of your deposit.

### Notice Regarding Absentee Ballots

Ken Lee has added a link from the town website so folks may acquire an application for an absentee ballot. To do so, go to [Randolph.nh.gov](http://Randolph.nh.gov) – "General Information", and scroll down to "Town Clerk". Click on the link.

The State General Election is November 4, 11 am to 7 pm. All absentee ballots must be received by the town clerk by 5 pm on the day prior to the election.



Firemen's' Pancake Breakfast Sally Glines  
flips blueberry pancakes on the morning of  
August 17. Photo Renee Dunham

### PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING

With Donna Cairns

October 14, 2014 9:00 Randolph Town Hall

Bring: Scissors 1 large sharp needle with a large eye  
1 towel to work on 1 large cup for water and sponge  
Small Ruler Plastic hair clips or clothes pins (clips work best)

Donna will supply needles and raffia

To register or for more information call Donna at 466-3819

## Randolphians Participate in the Mt. Washington Century Ride

Hundreds of cyclists hit the pavement on Saturday, July 19 for the Mt. Washington Century Ride, a benefit for Tin Mountain Conservation Center. Six Randolphians were among the group: Alan Eusden, Andy and Sarah Gallop, Jamie Maddock, Ben Phinney and Mark Kelley.

Alan, Sarah and Andy registered for the annual ride around Mount Washington and then sent a note to the above named group to join them. Mike Miccuci, also invited had to work, but without thinking twice, Mark agreed and rearranged his work schedule to accommodate the ride. Ben had just finished a three day presidential traverse with his wife Barb.

The group left Randolph at 5 AM to be at the Tin Mountain Conservation Center and get ready for the 7:15 AM start. Since this wasn't a race, but a tour, the 8 AM actual departure was fine. The group rode as a unit up the Kancamagus to Bear Notch and into Bartlett. The first refueling stop was at the intersection of Route 302 and Bear Notch Road. Ben and Sarah turned right and finished the 40 mile option, while Alan, Andy and Mark continued left and went through Crawford Notch to the subsequent stop at Fabian's by mile 42.

The next leg of the trip took the group into Twin

Mountain, and onto Route 3, then Route 115. At the end of Route 115 and mile 60, Alan and Andy said goodbye to Mark and picked up Jamie Maddock at his



house on Route 2 in Randolph. From there, Jamie's "fresh legs" brought the group pace up to 28 mph, Jamie's actual lead on the flats got up to 30 mph! The entire group came back together at the Grand View Lodge in Randolph (mile 66 rest stop) for this photo.

Alan, Andy and Jamie continued the next 43 miles through Pinkham Notch and up the mile high (felt like 3 miles), 7% climb to the finish at the Tin Mountain Conservation Center. (109 miles!)

## AETHERIANS GATHER ON MT. ADAMS by Gail Scott

The following is an excerpt from a more lengthy article written by Gail Scott and published in the Berlin Daily Sun on August 13, 2014. To read the article in its entirety, go to <http://www.berlindailysun.com/aetherians-gather-on-mt-adams>

If you noticed a bit of benevolence in the air recently, it might have been because a group of Aetherians had gathered at the summit of Mt. Adams for three days to help channel cosmic energy from the beyond, to release good karma "to help the world," as Gino Scialdoni, of Missasauga, Ontario, put it after he and most of the small party had returned to the Jefferson View Motel.

To focus this energy, during their two three-hour

prayer sessions at the summit, they held their hands, palms out, so the energy flow was outward to the world.

The group included members of the Aetherian Society from states such as California, Michigan and New York as well as the countries of Canada, the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

For most of the group, it was a return trip to Mt. Adams, one of 19 holy mountains, in the Aetherian system. Since 1960, Mt. Adams, like other holy mountains has been the object of Aetherian pilgrimages by dedicated members of the Aetherius Society, aiming to channel good karma to the population of the earth.

## Summer architecture, 1870-1935, Explored with Tad Pfeffer

by Gail Scott

Early Randolph memories are what led geophysicist, teacher and photographer Tad Pfeffer to begin taking photographs of Randolph cottages constructed by John Boothman in the early 20th century. The original thought was to write a magazine article about Boothman's appealing and enduring work, Pfeffer explained to a packed house at the annual meeting of the Randolph Mountain Club.

In conversation with Boothman's granddaughter, Sue Boothman Hawkins, Pfeffer's plan turned into a book. Hawkins had just finished writing a book about her other grandfather, Guy Shorey, and wanted to do a book on Boothman, Pfeffer recalled. Sue, the family historian, had Boothman's detailed papers so Pfeffer took the idea to his publisher.

"This is a wonderful idea," his publisher responded. "If you do it about John Boothman, you will sell a copy to everyone in town," Pfeffer recalled with irony. "He suggested doing a wider area."

Thus the evolution of Pfeffer's recently published book, "The Hand of the Small-Town Builder. Vernacular Summer Architecture in New England, 1870-1935". In the book's long evolution, unfortunately, Hawkins became ill and died. The book is dedicated to her and to Pfeffer's parents, William and Jean.

The book focuses on summer communities in Southwest Harbor, Ocean Point and East Boothbay, Squirrel Island, Rangeley and Belgrade Lakes in Maine; Silver Lake, Squam Lake, Bethlehem and Randolph in New Hampshire; and Caspian Lake in Vermont—all of which sprang into being as vacation communities after the Civil War, when the Industrial Revolution changed work patterns so that the middle class could think about taking a vacation.

"A second motivation," Pfeffer remarked, "was the change in attitude toward vacation. Instead of judged as idleness, the time could be described as restful, healthful, a time for spiritual renewal."

Pfeffer's research also led him to a micro review of the evolution of architectural designs in the U.S. which influenced small town builders in these summer communities via various media including, perhaps,

the sophistication of the cottage purchaser.

In speaking to the RMC audience, Pfeffer concentrated on Randolph cottages, primarily the work of John Boothman, 1868-1952.

"In many places," Pfeffer remarked, "people have no idea about the builder. The amount of information here and the quality is due to John Boothman Senior's bookkeeping and his wife, who also did the bookkeeping and correspondence, and the whole family's recognition of the value of these things."

"He kept very detailed records," Pfeffer said. "His day-book record for the Bartlett house (built in 1919) shows entries for moving, paint, fireplace damper, casting and pipe, more pipe, one load of wood, and groceries from Gorham. They would get the house finished, buy linens and furniture and groceries, and the house would be ready when the owner arrived. At that time, a mason was getting \$4.50 a day (Boothman got \$3 a day). That would be \$300 to \$400 today."

Despite the massive accumulation of work records, Pfeffer found little about where Boothman learned to build. He suggests that Boothman worked with William Lyman McGivney, a builder in Berlin. McGivney was an accomplished builder. So when Boothman began building in Randolph, he was already an accomplished builder. His first three buildings in Randolph were for summer residents, but the houses were quite elaborate and had central heating.

Sometime later, in connection with his work in hotel business, he was led to start building simpler houses.

Some were designed by an architect. Others were not. But they showed the broader influence of styles in the United States, prominently with shingle style or Craftsman features.

Fairly often the kitchens were tiny, meant only for breakfast while the family would take other meals and do their entertaining at the hotels in town such as Mt. Crescent House on the hill; the Mountain View House in the midlands, or the Ravine House in the valley.

“Even with a printed design or a blue print,” Pfeffer said, “inside Boothman was making his own decisions. In the Bricklemeyer Cottage on Randolph Hill, for instance, the ceiling has broadly spaced joists, exposed framing. He chose the timber sizes. Sometimes the floor or wall was designed to be sheathed but in houses where the framing was exposed, he used a different kind of joist patterns.”

“With the Charles Judson house, of 1904, the design was Boothman’s, but the drawings went back and forth between Boothman and the owner. The design was quite simple. Structural details are not there. The carpenter was assumed to know how to build so the cottage didn’t fall down,” Pfeffer said.

A favorite Randolph cottage of Pfeffer’s is the Will Bradley House on Randolph Hill Road. Bradley built the house in 1902. He was a graphic artists, in print graphics. He published “The Inland Printer” and a number of different chapbooks (popular literature) and also published articles on houses—the designs of houses, Pfeffer said.

“He shows up in Randolph at the Mt. Crescent House in 1902 and created his own house; he was a high style craftsman. It has elaborate windows. The house exterior compares to the Gamble House in Pasadena, created by architects Greene and Greene.”

“He was ahead of his time,” Pfeffer said. “It’s a very lovely place. The upstairs is very simple in a variety of different ways. It was common at the time to put the most effort into the downstairs.”

“There is much to be learned from these houses,” Pfeffer said, summing up. “They were of relatively simple construction, relatively low cost. These days probably you’re not going to build exposed plumbing. But there are ideas here to build in a form much closer to a human scale. We can learn from these old houses how to build new houses that will work for us in a much more intimate way.”

Pfeffer’s book, “The Hand of the Small-Town Builder” is available at book stores, including the White Mountain Café, at the library and on the Randolph Web site: [www.randolph.nh.gov](http://www.randolph.nh.gov).

Tad Pfeffer is a geophysicist, teacher, and photographer at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He is a Fellow of the University’s Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research and Professor in the Department of Civil, Environmental, and Architectural Engineering. He has photographed architecture and landscapes in New England, Colorado, Alaska, Iceland, Greenland, and Arctic Canada, often focusing on the historical imprint of people through architecture and alterations of the landscape. His photographs have been exhibited and published throughout the world. (Publisher notes)

### **Please Join Us!**

Pot Luck Reception/Birthday Party to celebrate the Wedding of Liz Pfeffer & Andy Gagnon and the Birthday of Angela Pfeffer.

September 20, 2014, 5pm until whenever...

439 Randolph Hill Road

Bring food, drink, friends, family, music making and your dancing shoes!

For more information (or to reply), call 603-915-3273, or email Ann Pfeffer at:

[aopfeffer@gmail.com](mailto:aopfeffer@gmail.com).



Lydia Oglesby and Barbara Wyssession have their new books signed by Tad at the Randolph Town Hall, RMC annual meeting. Gail Scott photo