# **Mountain View**



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# Chris Goetze's Remarkable White Mountain Speed Records

By Doug Mayer

When I moved to Randolph just after college, the name Chris Goetze still loomed large. His speed records through the mountains were legendary, if a bit hazy for me.

Some years later, I started trail running— an addiction that became more and more serious and now takes me to Europe each summer where I lead trail running trips. In time, I revisited Chris's speed records through the White Mountains and have come to understand just how remarkable they are. They are flat out stunning. There are not many endurance feats where a record from nearly six decades ago is still competitive. It's only been in the past few years that some of Chris' more remarkable records have fallen, thanks to a major uptick in trail running, and a new generation of focused, strong mountain athletes turning their energies towards his accomplishments.

A year ago, I wrote an overview of the trail running scene in the White Mountains for Trail Runner magazine. Excerpts of that story follow. The first excerpt helps put Chris' accomplishments in context, as two of today's best trail runners battled to best his time on the iconic traverse of the Mahoosucs, from Grafton Notch in Maine, to Gorham.



White Mountains legend Chris Goetze (center) 1957 Courtesy Lydia Goetze

Early on the morning of September 7, 2014, Ben Nephew and Ryan Welts, two of New England's strongest mountain runners, set out to break a record that had stood for 56 years. They were at Grafton Notch in Maine, the northern end of the Mahoosuc Range. In 1958, a 19-year-old trail worker named Chris Goetze had crossed the Mahoosucs—long considered the hardest 31 miles on the Appalachian Trail—in 8:06:30, one in a string of impressive trail-running records he set that summer. Nephew had Goetze's splits taped to his water bottle, a practical move that paid unwitting tribute to one of the region's most revered trail runners.

This was Welts's fourth traverse, and it proved just as hard as the others. At one point, Nephew hopped onto a wooden bog bridge—one of hundreds that make the muddy, rugged trails of the Mahoosucs passable. A plank upended, did a 180 in the air and nearly stabbed Welts in the chest. Nephew went down hard, landing in four feet of mud.

A little after 3:30 p.m., Welts and Nephew ran across the abandoned rail trestle above the Androscoggin River that marks the end of the traverse, 7 hours 45 minutes 17 seconds after leaving Grafton Notch. They had bested Goetze's time with 21 minutes to spare. The two toasted their achievement with Cokes from Nephew's car. (Here Goetze's legacy retained a small victory: he had celebrated with a whole quart of soda pop.)

It hadn't come easy. "We were dead even with Chris for a long time," Welts says. Their break had come at remote Gentian Pond, 18 miles in, where Goetze had stopped for 10 minutes and inhaled a steak that friends had prepared. "We just rolled through," Welts says. "It was awesome. We were reliving history." And making it, too. Times, it seems, are changing in the White Mountains.

Modern mountain running in the region traces its start to Chris Goetze and the records he set that summer of 1958. It was his second season serving on a trail crew in the northern White Mountains town of Randolph, where his family summered. When the axe-swinging ended in late summer, Goetze got down to business. In less than a month, he ticked off blazing-fast times on nearly all the major testpieces of the era—speeds that no one would touch for over a half century. Short, slight and compact in photos taken that summer, he seemed ...continued pg. 3

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# **WINTER CALENDAR 2016**

#### December

10 Caroling Party Coldbrook Farm 6:00 pm 17 **Town Christmas Party** Town Hall 6:00 pm 23-01-02 No School GRS

Open Monday & Wednesday, 3-8pm; Friday & Saturday, 10-noon

Carol Service Randolph Church 24 4:00 pm

26 Town Office closed

LIBRARY Librarian. Beth Dube

#### **January**

Scrapbook of Sugar Plum Farm for viewing Randolph Library

02 No School GRS

02 Town office closed

16 No School **GRS** 

Mildred Horton Book Group Randolph Library 23 10:00 am 24

Supervisors of the Checklist Town Hall 7:00 - 7:30 pm

25-02-03 Filing for town office election Town Hall

#### February

03 Last day to file for town office election Town Hall

27 Mildred Horton Book Group Randolph Library 10:00 am

20-24 No School **GRS** 

#### March

4 Supervisors of the Checklist Town Hall 7:00 - 7:30 pm

14 Randolph Town Meeting Town Hall Polls open from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

27 Mildred Horton Book Group Randolph Library 10:00 am

Information regarding the above listed activities may be found within the pages of this issue of the Mountain View. Check the Blizzard throughout the winter for possible changes of dates or times as well as for additional events.



**Recycling** All articles must be sorted or they will be rejected.

Continued from pg 1 ... an unlikely endurance athlete. But mentally, he was tough. "He wants to win, he can pull himself together," his father wrote in 1958. "He can evaluate the condition of his body coolly and dispassionately."

Goetze soon developed a small team of supporters. Among them was Mike Field, who remembers staffing an ad -hoc aid station. Campfire burning, the crew would scan the ridge with binoculars for signs of Goetze. When he came into sight, a steak went into the frying pan. Linda More, a summertime neighbor, remembers being positioned on Mount Washington with a pair of heavy leather boots into which Goetze changed into during one of his record-setting trips. She was left behind with a pair of tennis shoes.

There was no mountain-running scene in the late 1950s, and Goetze soon moved on. Five years after his banner summer in the White Mountains, he was part of a Harvard student team that pulled off what is still the only ascent straight up the Wickersham Wall on Denali, a mountain face bigger than any on Everest. ("The route," wrote writer and mountaineer, Jon Krakauer, was "so bold or foolish ... it still hasn't been repeated.") Other first ascents followed, in Labrador and Alaska's Hayes Range. But Goetze kept his accomplishments quiet, even as editor of the mountaineering journal *Appalachia*, in part so others could experience the same sense of adventure. ("Blank spots on maps meant more to him than the accolades that attend discovery and first ascents," his wife, Lydia, wrote.) Goetz died at age 38. Still, during that one season in the White Mountains two generations ago, he laid down times so aggressive that, to this day, his name is uttered with reverence.

Goetze's accomplishments continue to inspire. One Saturday last summer, Jeff List, a scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, and a longtime White Mountains ultramarathoner and more than a dozen friends set off from the Appalachia Trailhead at the base of Mount Adams, the second-highest peak in the White Mountains and arguably the most technical to ascend. Their objective? Tally as much vertical climbing as possible during a 12-hour window. From base to summit, the Adams climb is 4,500 vertical feet of roots, angular granite and switchbacks-be-damned trail running. It was the fifth annual Adams Vertical Day, an adventure created by List that honors one of Goetze's runs.

On August 7, 1958, the teenager ticked off four laps of the peak—each time faster than the last—good for around 18,000 feet of climbing in under 12 hours. It's a feat that's yet to be repeated. List, a lanky 56-year-old, says, "I'm still waiting for someone to prove they're as tough as Goetze was in 1958."

Editor's note: For those interested in reading more, the entire story about trail running in the White Mountains is online at http://trailrunnermag.com/destinations/northeast/2196-yankee-grit-white-mountains-nh-trail-running

#### Randolph's Nobel Laureate advised Einstein By Dr. Sada Shankar Saxena

During Albert Einstein's centenary year (2016) of his discovery of General Relativity, it should be noted that Percy W. Bridgman, a Randolph, NH based Nobel Laureate, interacted personally with Einstein.

Bridgman died in Randolph in1961. His scientific career was connected with nearby Harvard, where he earned all his degrees until his Ph.D. in 1908.

Bridgman received the Nobel Prize in 1946 for his work in experimental physics and his advice to Einstein was that experimental endeavors and proofs are equally important compared to mere math. In a friendly way, they shared each other's 'viewpoints' -- in contrast, though, all is perhaps not too well in this 21st century with modern physics. A famous UK based science writer, Jim Baggott, says in a recent book *Farewell to Reality...* "... There is no observational or experimental evidence for many of the ideas of modern theoretical physics: superstrings, the multiverse, or the anthropic cosmological principle. These theories are not only untrue, they are not even science, just fairy-tale physics ..."

Bridgman wrote thoughtful books. Per his biographical memoirs, he was a warm, considerate and courageous person who drew the admiration and affection of all who knew him well. I recall seeing a photo from the 1948 RMC charades, where he played the role of one of Noah's sons. (Douglas Horton as Noah.)

As this humble author was a theoretical physicist (1958-63) at the TIFR, Bombay (now stationed at Randolph) and has tremendous respect for both Bridgman and Einstein, he wishes to conclude with a quote of John Wheeler of Princeton (Einstein era): "It is never advisable to chase a bus ... or a 'cosmological theory', because there is bound to be another one -- just in a few minutes"

# Note from Anne Kenison, Town Clerk

Filing period for the election of town officials begins Wednesday, January 25 and ends 5 pm Friday, February 3rd. Positions open for election at the Town Meeting on March 14, include: Auditor 2yr., Treasurer 1yr., Selectman 3yr., Trustee of Trust Fund 3yr., Supervisor of Checklist 3yr., 1 Planning Board 3yr., 1 Board of Adjustment, Cemetery Trustee 3yr., Library Trustee 3yr.

Supervisors for the Checklist will sit on Tuesday, January 24, 7-7:30 pm, and on Saturday, March 4th, 11-11:30 am

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed December 26, January 2 and January 16.



#### **Anne Kenison Tax Collector**

The Tax Collector has a few requests for Randolph tax payers. As you pay your tax bill, please include the bottom portion of the bill when mailing it, so that it can be credited to the correct property. If you are one of several owners and are sending in your share without the bottom portion of the bill or are using an online banking service, please put the lot and map number or the address of the property in the memo line. Why? If the person sending in the check is not the first name on the bill, I do not know what property the check is for. The tax program only shows the first name on the bill until I click on a name and tax year and then I can see if there are other owners. I often have to hold checks until I can figure out which property it is for.

Thank you for taking the time to do this.

# Election Results November 8, 2016 as reported by Randolph Town Clerk Anne Kenison

| President            |                            | Ann Kuster D                 | 164 |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----|--|--|--|--|
| Hillary Clinton D    | 160                        | Jim Lawrence R               | 84  |  |  |  |  |
| Rocky De La Fuente A | 1                          | Executive Council District 1 |     |  |  |  |  |
| Gary Johnson L       | 7                          | Michael Cryans D             | 137 |  |  |  |  |
| Jill Stein G         | 2                          | Joseph Kenney R              | 104 |  |  |  |  |
| Donald Trump R       | 79 State Senate District 1 |                              |     |  |  |  |  |
| Governor             |                            | Dolly McPhaul R              | 72  |  |  |  |  |
| Max Abramson L       | 4                          | Jeff Woodburn D              | 173 |  |  |  |  |
| Chris Sununu R       | 93                         | Coos County State Rep        |     |  |  |  |  |
| Collin Ban Ostern D  | 153                        | District 5                   |     |  |  |  |  |
| US Senate            |                            | Alan Balog R                 | 62  |  |  |  |  |
| Kelly Ayotte R       | 90                         | Edith Tucker                 | 181 |  |  |  |  |
| Brian Chabot L       | 1                          | District 7                   |     |  |  |  |  |
| Aaron Day I          | 3                          | Doug Grant D                 | 158 |  |  |  |  |
| Maggie Hassan D      | 165                        | Troy Merner R                | 79  |  |  |  |  |
| House District 2     |                            |                              |     |  |  |  |  |
| John Babirz I        | 6                          |                              |     |  |  |  |  |
| Sheriff              | Brian Valerino             | 217                          |     |  |  |  |  |
| County Attorney      | John McCormick             | 181                          |     |  |  |  |  |
| County Treasurer     | Sue Collins                | 80 Kathleen Kelley           | 165 |  |  |  |  |
| Register of Deeds    | Tanya Batchelder           | 220                          |     |  |  |  |  |
| Register of Probate  | Terry Peterson             | 107 Peter Gair               | 118 |  |  |  |  |
| County Commissioner  | Paul Grenier               | 173                          |     |  |  |  |  |



Winter is also the time for reading! As a transplanted Californian, it has seemed to me that New Englanders are always working – and that's great, but when the snow flies and the chores are done, the chair by the woodstove is calling, and it is time to settle. Recent arrivals include bestselling fiction from John Grisham, Ann Patchett, Nicholas Sparks, Jodi Picoult, Lee Child, Michael Connelly, and Louise Erdrich. We have Chip and Joanna Gaines' *The Magnolia Story* in audio and book form, as well as new young adult and children's fiction and DVD's.

We wrapped up our documentary movie series, *What's Up Doc?*, in November with "Caffeinated: Every Cup of Coffee Has a Story." All of the doc's featured in the series are available at the library to borrow – a great way to expand your horizons while staying nice and warm by the fire.

Keep an eye on the Monthly Blizzard for upcoming activities –
See you at the library! Beth Dube, Library Director

First Snow on the Field Karen Eitel Photo 2016

#### **Announcement**

The Sugar Plum Farm History Scrapbook will be displayed at the Randolph Library beginning January, 2017.

# **Mildred Horton Book Group**

At the September meeting of the Mildred Horton Book Group, it was decided to kick the can down the road and not give up yet on the book club. On November 28 Jean Malick reviewed *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher-The epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis* by Timothy Egan. Reports are scheduled through the remainder of this year and into 2017, so don't give up on us yet. Come on the fourth Monday of the month, at 10 am at the Randolph Library and bring a friend.

### Randolph Ramble

By Doug Mayer

This past October 30th was the second running of the Randolph Ramble, a rugged 10kilometer trail race that takes place on RMC trails on the Randolph Community Forest. 74 runners and 9 "Limmer Division" hikers took part, along with over 20 volunteers, most of



whom were from Randolph. The 2016 edition was snowy, with up to 8" slowing runners along Crescent Ridge. Again this year, AMC construction crew employee Tristan Williams won the Ramble with a time of 1:04. Tristan is a nationally-ranked trail runner, with top finishes in a variety of competitive races. There were a variety of other local finishers including Jim Anderson: Tuckerman Ravine shelter Caretaker Jeff Colt, Odd Bersvendsen, Jeremiah McCrae-Hawkins, Doug Mayer, and former RMC trail crew members Rowan Kamman and JP Krol. 13 year-old Soren Monroe-Anderson was the youngest runner, J. Barton Scariza Photo and finished in the speedy time of 1:31:14. The oldest runner



Tristan Williams,

was age 67. Former RMC President Laurie Archambault enjoyed a hike as part of the Limmer Division, along with Randolphians Sarah Clemmitt, PJ Cyr, Steve Hart-

man, David and Gay Ruble, and Mark Santos.

All of the proceeds were donated, with \$1,000 going to RMC and \$500 given to the Presidential Rail Trail.

None of this could have happened without the year in, year out hard work of RMC to maintain the trails, and the Randolph Community Forest. Thanks to both those organizations for maintaining top-notch community resources. You can follow the race at https:// www.facebook.com/ randolphramblerace/ or visit the web site at randolphramble.com. We look forward to 2017 and year #3!



Wendy Walsh and Laurie Archambault FB Photo

#### News from the Selectman's Office

We've already had our first snow, so you know Old Man Winter is coming. This is a good time to remind all of you that the plow will be out, and he moves slowly. If you are following the plow, PLEASE do not get impatient. Wait until he flags you to pass. There may be on-coming traffic. The plow is much wider than you may expect. It would be a shame if your vehicle gets clipped by the blade.

During a snow storm, remember to park vehicles off the town roads so the plow can get by and keep all the roads open. This is particularly important if you are a summer resident up for a winter weekend and you don't normally keep your own driveway plowed.

To bring you up to date on the status of the surveillance cameras. . . We have not yet awarded a contract for a company to install them. There has been limited interest from security companies in giving us competitive bids for the project. We have formed a committee to research the various companies, get us prices and provide that new information to you at next March town meeting for your review and possible approval. The monies you approved at last year's town meeting will not be spent this year and will go into surplus.

Many of you may have been getting "love letters" from the garbage pickup and recycling contractor. Please follow the recycling rules which are available at www.avrrdd.org. You may also pick up a flyer at the town hall which identifies which items and how to put out your recycling. Garbage MUST be bagged at the road side prior to pick up time. Ideally you should place the bags in a covered garbage barrel to keep crows and other wildlife out of it. If you live away and cannot put garbage out on Tuesdays, get to know your neighbors and ask them to help you out. If you have LOTS of garbage, get a dumpster and have a private contractor haul it for you. Tuesday pick up is for normal weekly garbage.



Randolph Remembers...

Peter Brockett ...

Peter W. Brockett, 57, of Randolph, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, October 22, 2016, while biking. He was born in Hartford, Conneticut, on October 13, 1959, the son of Donald and Phyllis Brockett, lived in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, and graduated from Shrewsbury High School in 1977. He graduated from the University of Maine at Orono in 1982 from the Mechanical Engineering Department. For the last 21 years, he lived in Randolph where he was active in the community. Peter had been employed by the Boise Cascade Mill in Rumford, Maine, where he met his wife Laura. He later worked for James River in Oregon and New Hampshire, for Issacson Steel, and was currently employed by Brookfield Renewable Power as a Project Manager.

Peter's passion was being in the outdoors and sharing his enthusiasm with others. He was a natural coach and his life was a continuous pursuit of inspiring, teaching, and sharing his love of athletics and technique with everyone.

Family includes his wife Laura (Lewis) Brockett of Randolph; children Christopher L. Brockett and Sarah V. Brockett of Randolph; his mother Phyllis Brockett of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts; a brother David Brockett of Hampton; a sister Elizabeth Brockett of Barrington; nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gathered to share stories, memories and laughter that Peter brought to everyone's lives on Saturday, October 29, 2016, at Great Glen Trails on Rte. 16.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Coos Cycling Club, c/o Jason Hunter or to the Randolph Mountain Club, PO Box 279, Gorham, NH, 03581.



# ...Will Hartman

Will Hartman, 33, drowned October 31, 2016, while kayaking in a remote, mountainous region in northern India.

Most recently a resident of White Salmon, Washington, Will was a life-long kayaker and traveled the world in search of Class IV and V white water.

He is the son of Lynn Hunt and Steve Hartman, both of Randolph, N.H., and the brother of Reid Hartman, of Gorham, N.H. He is a graduate of Gorham High School and St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y.

Will was kayaking on the Ummig River, in the town of Mawsynram in Meghalaya state. He was part of a seven-person highly-skilled and experienced kayaking group.

Will spent his adult life as a river guide in Norway during the summers and as a carpenter in the winters out West. His passion, however, was kayaking. He lived an adventurous life most can only dream of, and few have the courage to pursue.

Will was not, however, a reckless thrill-seeker, and his broad smile and easy-going way belied his experiences. To family members, seeing video of him going over a 60-foot waterfall in a five-foot kayak was frightening. Many of the rivers he kayaked were in exotic, remote locations and to get to them often required unusual navigation skills. Will shared snippets of stories of how he and his buddies worked their way through areas run by drug lords in Mexico or were chased by rebels in Africa.

His mother Lynn, whose heart is broken like only a mother's can be, says, "His wild stories he shared so humbly, from his pursuits paddling around the globe, will live on through all his adventurous friends who share his passion."

The community of extreme kayakers is relatively small but worldwide, and a strong bond unites it. After 10 years of kayaking and traveling, Will was well known.

Facebook has been deluged with notes of condolences and remembrances from around the world:

"Will, simply being the person you were made the world and our community a better place. Your unwavering kind, humble, positive and relaxed nature brought feelings of comfort, calmness and joy whenever I was around you."

"What stands out in my mind was your individuality. I loved the way you would look at the biggest, gnarliest shit then just calmly walk back to your boat, drop in and style it with barely a word. I'm always gonna run my mouth too much man, but you showed the value of silence. The hushed tranquility in the midst of chaos."

"I thought about life and what this all means. I wondered about the agony of loss and the continuous struggles of losing those we love. Will is one of the kindest souls I have ever met. With a gentle and calm presence he exemplified light through his soft words and purposeful way in which he made you feel as though he was listening to every single word you said."

Born in 1983, it is fitting he is on the leading edge of the millennials, and, as such, will be remembered as one of that generation's Renaissance men.

He was Gorham High's state Ski Meister, was a lead actor in Community Theater, had a flare for art, and was a writer. Though living away, Will always was around at the right time or when his family needed him, whether it was dropping in at his cousin's college graduation in Utah or this summer helping his brother work on a house he just purchased.

He grew up in a house on Randolph Hill that directly faces Mount Adams, the second highest mountain in the Presidentials. Mount Adams is considered a holy mountain, and groups worldwide make pilgrimages to it for prayer and spiritual awakening. Though not brought up in a religious household, Will seemed to channel the mountain's special energies and universality. His dad, Steve, recalls one day when he and Will, 12 or 13 at the time, climbed Mount Jefferson and traversed to Mount Adams. The wind chill was great, even though it was summer, and they settled under cover of rocks for lunch and hot tea. Steve remembers Will saying, "Dad, I feel close to God here." The spirit he felt that day, the spirit he carried with him every day of his life, lives on in the lives of all those he touched.

Will will be missed dearly by Steve's wife, Wendy Walsh, and Lynn's husband, Jim Hunt; his brother, Reid Hartman of Gorham, N.H., and his daughter, Isabella Hartman; his aunt, Lois Hartman of Bradford, Mass.; his uncle, Mark Guerringue of Conway, N.H.; cousins, Jennifer Hartman and her partner Tanya Campus, and their daughter, Rebekah Campus-Hartman, of Lunenburg, Mass.; Rachel Hartman and her husband Matthew Tung, and their daughter Hazel Hartman Tung, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Lee Guerringue, of Winchester, Mass. and Brett Guerringue, of Slovakia.

Will was predeceased by his uncle, Keith Hartman; aunt, Ardyth Seiler; cousin, Chris Hartman; and grand-parents, Cleo and Reuben Hartman and Barbara and Donald Guerringue.

A service will be held in Randolph in the spring. His ashes will be spread in places he visited on five continents.

Please send contributions in his name to the Randolph Foundation, PO Box 282, Gorham, N.H. 03580, the Randolph Mt. Club, PO Box 279, Gorham, N.H. 03581 or to the villagers who volunteered in the arduous rescue effort. For information about sending money to villagers who assisted in India please contact Steve Hartman, shartman@ne.rr.com or Lynn Hunt lhunt001@ne.rr.com.



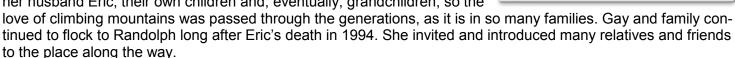
Wendy Walsh Photo

# ... Gay Gilpin Johnson

Gay Gilpin Johnson died on July 7, 2016 at age 91 in Philadelphia. Most summers Gay rented cottages from Randolph friends, often the Meiklejohns' "Lucy's Cottage," and most recently Bea and Haywood Alexander's cottage in 2015.

Randolph was a significant and beloved part of Gay's life from a very young age, when she came up to Randolph from West Chester, PA with family friends, Mrs. Elizabeth Hilles and her daughters, Ellen Hilles (Dempster) and Meg Hilles (Meiklejohn). She told us that Mrs. Hilles would let them go off on day-long climbs with sandwiches, oranges and chocolate, and no accompanying adult! A thrilling experience. Eventually she convinced her parents Vincent and Margaret Gilpin and her brother and sister to come up and rent a Randolph cottage (or maybe stay at the Mount Crescent House?).

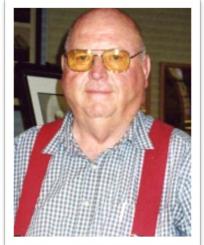
Several decades later, she resumed spending summers in Randolph with her husband Eric, their own children and, eventually, grandchildren, so the



Her last Randolph Mountain Club hike was on Pine Mountain in 2015.

A memorial service was held on October 1 at Germantown Monthly Meeting of Friends in Philadelphia.

A Philadelphia-based obituary can be seen at: http://www.philly.com/phillyobituaries/20160714\_Gay\_Johnson\_\_devoted\_tender\_of\_Awbury\_garden.html



#### ... VYRON D. LOWE

Vyron D. Lowe, 78, of Jefferson, died Saturday morning October 29, 2016 at the Country Village Genesis Health Care Center after a period of failing health.

Born in Whitefield, NH on September 19, 1938, he was the son of Gordon Alan and Norah (Daley) Lowe. He was raised in Randolph, graduated from Gorham High School and a longtime resident of Jefferson.

Vyron is best known as the former owner of the Old Corner Store and Lowe Distributors in Jefferson. He served as town clerk and for over 40 years as a Jefferson firefighter, ten of which he was fire chief. He was a NH Fire Warden and a member of the NH Fire Wardens Association. He served for a time with the National Guard, was a member of the Jefferson Grange and a member of the Odd Fellows.

Vyron was an avid hunter and fisherman and made numerous fishing trips to the Miramichi River in New Brunswick with his father, sons and friends. For many

parades and local events he provided music with his self-made music trailer. He also enjoyed making maple syrup.

Family members include his wife of 57 years Ruth (Campbell) Lowe of Jefferson; three children, Donald Lowe of Bow, Diana Lowe of Whitefield, Daniel Lowe of Berlin; a brother Gordon Alan Lowe Jr. of Randolph; a sister Joyce Chaffee of Southington, OH; 7 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and two sisters, Carolyn Conway and Marion Horne.

A memorial service was held on November 5th at St. Johns Methodist Highland Chapel, Jefferson. Burial in the Durand Road Cemetery, Randolph, will be held at the convenience of the family. Donations may be made in his memory to the Jefferson Festival Committee, care of Cheryl Meehan, 20 Cedric Road, Jefferson, NH 03583

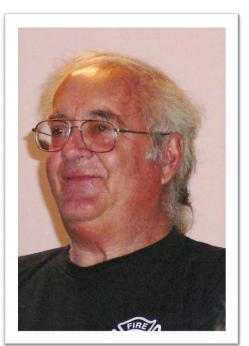
# ... Larry T. Martin

Larry T. Martin, age 73, of Randolph, died on October 20, 2016 at Weeks Memorial Hospital.

He was a devoted husband, a caring father and an awesome brother. Larry graduated from Gorham High School. After he graduated, he was employed during the winter months as a lifeguard at the Hillsborough Club in Pompano Beach, Florida. During the summer months, he resided in Randolph and was self-employed. His work ethic was guided by a sense of pride, integrity and commitment.

For many years he was a member of the Randolph Fire Department, including past fire chief. He was a member at the Royalty Health Club where he enjoyed swimming and power lifting. He was an enthusiastic photographer. His love of photos included the annual Randolph Children's Christmas party. He was also an avid reader with a sharp mind. He built his house to include a beautiful view of the White Mountains. He loved hiking in the White Mountains.

Thoughtful of others, he would bring daffodils to various ladies in the spring. For Valentine's Day, he would bring them carnations. Larry made time to connect with family and friends,



He is survived by his son, Larry Jr. and grandson, Hunter, both of Randolph; his sisters, Karen and Judy (Manuel) Ossers of Wisconsin; nieces: Elizabeth (Jennifer Bergner) Ossers of Minnesota; Cristina Ossers of Wisconsin and Haley. He will be greatly missed by relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lynn.

A memorial service and burial will take place at the Randolph cemetery in the spring of 2017.

# December in Randolph

### By Barbara Arnold

Caroling Party – Saturday, December 10. Meet at the Bradleys' Coldbrook Farm, off Durand Road to carol
at 6 pm and/or the gathering afterwards at 8 pm for pot luck deserts and appetizers. Should you know of
anyone who would like to be caroled to (including yourself), call Dwight or Lauren at 915-9087.



Barbara Arnold Photo

- Town Children's' Christmas Party Saturday, December 17, 6 pm at the Randolph Town Hall. This is sponsored by the Randolph Fire Association. Children 12 and under will be visited by Santa; everyone is welcome. If you live in Randolph and have children 12 and under but have not registered with Santa's elves, contact Barbara Arnold at 466-2438 or Barnold@ne.rr.com ASAP.
- Carol Service, Saturday, December 24, at the Randolph Church, 4 PM. All are welcome for an hour of caroling with friends and neighbors.



-- On November 4, at the WREN Gallery in Bethlehem, ceramicist Maria Neal from Randolph was one of two artists featured in "Mountain Story". The show, which ran the month of November, opened with a reception that was extremely well attended by Randolph friends and neighbors. FB Photo



Izzy Miccuci, grade 8, and John Miccuci, grade 6, had great soccer seasons!

Izzy was on 3 teams- GRS Middle School, JV and Mount Washington Valley (MWVSC) Travel U15 team. Izzy's favorite position to play is right mid field.

Soccer being her favorite sport, this was not a problem!

John played on two teams. First on the Gorham Recreation Department 5/6th grade team "Dynamo", where he had the opportunity to start playing goalie (which he seems to love). For the first time, Milan- Berlin- Gorham- Shelburne- Randolph had a MWVSC "North" team- U12. The team had boys from grades 3 through 6 on the team and faced some very skilled (and big) teams from the southern part of NH where they have a lot more kids vying for places on a travel team. The boys ended the season with 2 wins, 4 losses and 2 ties. Most of all they had fun and learned a great deal.

Both travel teams played in the Capitol Cup Tournament over the Columbus Day weekend and had a great time, playing their hearts out with varying successes.

Huge thanks to all of their coaches for this season.

The top photo is John making a save in goal. The photo on the right is Izzy in control of the ball.

Information and photos provided by Sally Miccuci



Alan Lowe of Lowe's Garage sold his big Peterbilt wrecker on Oct.1 back to Purpose Wreckers Sales of Wentzville/St. Louis, MO, the company where he bought it 10 years ago. Marking the end of an era of trucker service, Lowe no longer owns and operates a big wrecker that was capable of hauling 18-wheelers that have run into trouble in all kinds of weather. Alan now works with his son-in-law, Kevin Rousseau, operating a light-duty wrecker that hauls cars, vans and small trucks. (Photo by Edith Tucker)





John Scarinza shot this 223-lb. buck off the Pinkham B Road in Randolph on the morning of Nov.12 when there was a light dusting of snow on the ground. Photo by Jenn Scarinza, provided by Edith Tucker

# "They Absolutely Loved Randolph" By Sarah Eusden Gallop

Several nonprofit organizations in Randolph and Gorham recently received very generous gifts resulting from the wishes of Harriet and Jim Baldwin, who passed away in 2013 and 2014, respectively. Harriet and Jim's daughter Sara (Sally) Baldwin Fauquier has been overseeing the donations to charitable organizations — including the Randolph Mountain Club, the Randolph Foundation, the Randolph Church, and the Family Resource Center in Gorham. Donations were also directed to other regional, national, and global nonprofit organizations dedicated to causes that were important to the Baldwins. Jim's Washington Post obituary described that during their lives they "wanted to be part of making a better world." And now that mission is continuing as a result of their impactful intentions.

Jim and Harriet spent over 40 summers in Randolph where they were active and joyful participants in summer life. In addition to being longtime members of the Randolph Mountain Club, Jim served on the board of the Randolph Foundation and the Board of Management of the Randolph Church, and Harriet served loyally on the Benevolence Committee of the Randolph Church. Both delighted in the traditions of the Randolph community, including the RMC Annual Picnic and Charades where Jim would often play a role in the Valley skit that would allow him to don his trademark sheik costume. Harriet gave freely of her time in support of local events including the library's annual book and bake sale.

In recent months, as many fortunate organizations received the Baldwins' gifts, I feel certain that warm thoughts of Jim and Harriet's gracious presence in Randolph were fondly shared. The magnitude of the Baldwins' generosity caused me to want to reach out to Sara Baldwin Fauquier to learn more about her parents' desire to support our treasured nonprofit organizations. "They absolutely loved Randolph," Sara explained simply, "and they've always been giving people."

The Randolph Foundation directors extend their sincere thanks to Sara Baldwin Fauquier, and hope that the entire Randolph community will join us in expressing our tremendous gratitude for the legacy of love and kindness left to us by Jim and Harriet Baldwin.



Sarah Eusden Gallop serves on the board of the Randolph Foundation and the Randolph Church, and is a former director of the Randolph Mountain Club.

# WHAT'S RANDOLPH COOKING?

Faith Kimball of Dummer, NH submitted this casserole recipe at the nudging of several Randolph Mah-jongg players who were fortunate enough to enjoy it during September. The chunks of sweet potato and sausage baked in an egg mixture and topped with cheddar cheese is an easy and delicious breakfast for the holidays.

#### SWEET POTATO BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

- 2 large sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch pieces (about 3 cups)
- 3 frozen sausage patties, chopped
- 8 eggs
- 1 cup 1% low-fat cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup fat free milk
- 1/2 cup shredded reduced fat cheddar cheese, divided into ¼ cups
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray 13x9-inch glass baking dish with cooking spray; set aside. Place potato pieces in microwave-safe bowl; cover. Microwave on high for 5 minutes or until tender, stirring once halfway or roast in a 400 degree oven for 25 minutes. Place potato evenly in baking dish and sprinkle sausage over potato.

Combine eggs, cottage cheese, milk, 1/4 cup Cheddar cheese, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Pour egg mixture over potato and sausage in baking dish. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup cheddar cheese; let stand till cheese melts.



Super Duper Super Moon Photo: Yvonne Jenkins

November 14, 2016

The full moon will not appear this large or come this close to earth again until November 25, 2034

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