

Mountain View



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



The Sleeping Giant Awakens

By Scott Halvorson

"Ooooh way up in New Hampshire in the Presidential Range, there's a ski jump that's well known to fame". 🎵🎵🎵

Forgive me. As some of you might know, I've just plagiarized the Berlin High School song. The lyrics just seemed appropriate, no matter how corny, to preface this article about this local icon that was abandoned for decades and is now being resurrected to its former glory.

For those of you that are new to the area, or under 40 years of age, there's a very imposing structure just north of the Berlin town line, on Route 16, that, once again, dominates the landscape. This is the

Nansen Ski Jump with the moniker "Big Nansen". It was built in 1937, and it was then the largest steel towered ski jump in the world. Through the decades, it hosted the first ever U.S. Olympic trials, four National Championships, four North American Championships, numerous International Invitationals and was featured on ABC's Wide World of Sports. Absolutely the greatest ski jumpers of the day traveled from afar to the tip of NH to jump the Big Nansen. Its host, the Nansen Ski Club (NSC), the "Oldest Ski Club in America", produced elite athletes, coaches, and officials and boast of four of their members being in the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame. Berlin was truly one of the premier Nordic Centers of the East rivaled only by the Olympic complex of Lake Placid, NY.

Times change. Tastes change. People change. All these factors contributed to the Nansen Ski Jump holding its final competition in 1985 and being officially abandoned in 1988. The incredibly active and dedicated volunteer base got older, and smaller. Other entertainment options sprung up. What was considered a birthright of the North Country was vanishing from view. Brush replaced grass, trees replaced brush, and natural succession set in. Anything ignored and not nurtured will cease to exist. The Big Nansen was no different. A drive up Route 16 yielded a changed landscape that was dominated by vegetation with only an occasional glimpse of something 'lurking' behind. Only the adventurous and the curious, with a recollection of its storied past, attempted the bush whacking ordeal to reach the structure. Once there, one was greeted with a 181-foot-tall steel tower with the remnants of its decaying decking and a similarly deteriorated judging stand. Obscured from view, it became obscured from consciousness. The Big Nansen was dangerously close to being merely a footnote and the fodder of old timers' tales. *Cont.pg.3...*

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Mon. & Wed. 3-8pm; Fri. & Sat. 10-noon			

December

20 Town Christmas Caroling Party, Coldbrook Lodge, 6:00 pm
 21 Fire Department Christmas Party, Town Hall, 6 pm
 24 Christmas Eve Caroling Service. Randolph Church, 4:00 pm

January

20 Town Office Closed. No school.
 22-31 Filing period for Town Officials

February

24-28 School not in session

March

9 Town Clerk available to give and receive absentee ballots
 10 Polls Open at Town Hall
 10 Town Meeting 5:30

Randolph Sales

January 1, 2019 - October 31, 2019

Map	Lot	Location	From	To
R11	87	46 Raycrest Drive	Cormier	Bradley
R14	7	N/S US Route 2	McMurtrie	Maddock
R11	44	24 US Route 2	Martin	Lavigne
U12	4	70 Baillargeon Rd	Brackett	Chabot
U7	2	600 Durand Road	Molinar	Wiggin



Randolph Building Permits January 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019

Name	MAP	Purpose		
Joseph & Kelly Eggleston	U6	DEMOLITION Garage		
Joseph & Kelly Eggleston	U6	Replace garage	Preetinder Virk	R11 Garage
Geoffrey & Kate Hudson	R14	Minor repairs with unseen damages	Martin Johnson	R11 Solar
Timothy & Cecile Mather	U4	Garage for vehicle storage	G Alan Lowe	R15 DEMOLITION porches old
Roland & Louise Cote	R11	Windows & Siding	Nathaniel & Suzanne Reid	R10 Hoop House
Paul & Michele Cormier	R11	Shed, 24x16	Nathaniel & Suzanne Reid	R10 Garage
Brenda & Eric Schloss	U12	Roof replacement	Stephen & Susan Maddock	R14 Shed 12 x 20
Preetinder & Usha Virk	R11	DEMOLITION Shed	Lynn Hunt	U3 Solar
Douglas Mayer	U4	Driveway	Linda Kovalik	U12 Cover outside generator
John Odom	U6	House	Ferreir/Hartley	U1 Garage
			Jean Malick	R11 Solar
			John Weatherly	U3 Solar



Val Bailey's Sunset Panorama of Durand Lake, taken this October, was voted the cover photo for WMUR-TV 9 NH. This was quite an honor for Val who has been a contributor for the Mountain View for the past few years. See this photo in color in our Fall 2020 issue.

...from pg.1 Some members of the local community responded. The "Friends of the Nansen Ski Jump" were formed in 2014 and lobbied the State of NH (who owns the jump) to try to rescue it as a historic landmark. The "Friends" partnered with the NH Bureau of Historic Sites to begin the slow process of reclamation. As always, money was an issue, and to find the funds needed to merely bring the structure back into view was a big challenge.

The effort got a huge boost in 2016, when Sarah Hendrickson, former World Cup champion, and U.S. Olympic ski jumper, who had family in nearby Plymouth, became intrigued with the history and the majesty of the jump. She convinced her sponsor, Red Bull Energy Drink, to join the project to restore the jump for "one last leap". This promotional "jump", which occurred on March 4, 2017, served to put the Big Nansen back in the spotlight and caught the attention of the ski jumping community across the country. An unexpected bonus occurred when attending ski jumping officials speculated that the Big Nansen, despite its age, was in remarkably good shape and could be renovated to be functional once again. Historic preservation is wonderful. Restoring a "living" monument is better. This new goal has been the focus ever since.

Much has changed in the world of ski jumping since Big Nansen held its last competition. Women are co-equal participants. The jumping style is much more aerodynamic. Ski jumpers are younger. Ski jumping is much more regulated. Ski jumping is much safer.

The last two factors mentioned above form the main basis for the current renovation project. Most of the work required to renovate the ski jump is to meet the safety and regulatory standards of modern ski jumping. This includes necessary improvements such as: re-profiling the jump in-run, safety boards and an in-run track. Also, modifications to the landing hill, barricading the outrun, building new stairs, and a new judges' stand are required. These are the minimum improvements needed for the jump to meet current standards and to come alive once again.

\$400,000 is the estimated cost. With contingencies, \$500,000 might be more realistic. Substantial gains towards these fundraising goals have been made with the recent awarding of a \$250,000 Northern Borders Regional grant and the placing of the jump on the National Register of Historic Places. Other fundraising is being actively pursued. Interest in the project has risen dramatically as political leaders have joined with community leaders in further legitimatizing our cause. More support is needed, but the goal line is in sight.

Construction is planned to begin in the spring. Support from the ski jumping community, especially in terms of technical expertise, has been phenomenal, as this vision is every bit theirs as ours. A fully sanc-

tioned ski jumping competition is expected to be held in the winter of 2021.

But wait! There's more! Coincidental with this effort to bring back big time ski jumping to Berlin is the equally important goal of restoring our youth programs. A little-known fact is that ski jumping, nationwide, is a growing sport. New clubs are springing up and old ones are prospering. The focus of the youth development programs of these clubs start with the very young and continue into young adulthood. New Hampshire offers a fertile ground for these youth programs, being the only state in the country that still has high school ski jumping. The Nansen Ski Club hopes to create a path for the local youth to rejoin this community. A "small hills" campaign has been started that will focus on restoring the smaller jumping hills, located adjacent to the Big Nansen, that were abandoned in the 70's. A precursor to this will be little "bump" jumps that will be constructed at the Big Nansen site for this year's Winter Carnival to be held February 21- 23, 2020. This fun activity will gently introduce the sport to a new generation.

The Nansen Ski Club is not doing this alone. Our project has been fully embraced by USA Nordic, Eastern Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined (ESJNC), of which the Nansen Ski Club is an active member, New England Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined (NESJNC), and the State of NH. Support has also been received and pledged from ski clubs across the Midwest. This is truly a national effort.

The North Country has experienced its share of disappointments in recent years. This isn't one of them. The Sleeping Giant is awakening. Let's welcome him with open arms.



Editor's Note: Scott Halvorson is the current Treasurer of the Nansen Ski Club, a member of the Friends of the Big Nansen, and has further ties to the jump through his grandfather Alf who spearheaded the building of the jump back in the day. The Nansen Ski Club website is www.skinansen.com The Big Nansen Facebook page is "The Big Nansen Ski Jump" @ FriendsOfTheBigNansen

North Country Public Safety Foundation Awards Dinner

By Edith Tucker

Edited from Berlin Sun article

All the first responders, who reported to the horrific motorcycle accident in which seven people were killed and three injured on June 21, in Randolph, were honored on Oct. 25 at the 12th Annual North Country Public Safety Foundation Awards Dinner at the Omni Mount Washington Hotel. "Traditionally the Foundation has given lifetime achievement awards to one recipient in each of the emergency services professions — law enforcement, EMS, and fire service — based on years of hard work," explained Foundation president Douglas Moorhead. "This year the NCSPF presents awards to a group of 'silent heroes' in each of these three professions. "

"It was on Tuesday, June 21, at about 6:30 pm, that "the fire bell hit, pagers went off, cell phones rang and radio calls went over the air requesting all available assistance to respond to a motorcycle accident involving a pickup truck with an attached trailer on Route 2," explained retired state police Troop F Commander John Scarinza of Randolph, who himself responded as a Coos County deputy sheriff. "In an instant, seven lives were lost; seven families would never see their loved ones alive again," he said. "And for the first responders who sprang into action on that fateful day, for them, too, things would never be the same."

"One of the first on scene was a U.S Forest Service wildland firefighter returning home after a day's work," Scarinza continued. "He immediately assessed the situation and called the Randolph Fire Chief with important information on the magnitude of the crash, asking that all available resources be sent. A part-time police officer who'd been doing roadside mowing came upon the accident and started helping the injured. Some residents who were just traveling the last few miles home when they came upon the accident, jumped into action and worked to comfort the friends of the fallen."

"First responders poured in from all over the North Country," he said. "They came from Randolph, Jefferson, Gorham, Berlin, Lancaster, State Police, local police, the Sheriff's Department and Fish and Game. For that is what we do in the North Country when tragedy strikes. Many are part-time volunteers, who joined their hometown departments out of a sense of duty to their community, others are full-timers, working in their chosen careers."

"But never did any of the emergency responders in this room imagine that one day they would be on scene at such a horrific accident," he noted. "There are times when ordinary people are asked to do extraordinary things; many of you sprang into action on a moment's notice and did your jobs to the best of your ability and training ... with an unwavering grace, dignity, and respect for the fallen and injured. Throughout that evening, then the night — 8 hours, 10 hours, 12 hours later — you were still on scene. Most of you witnessed the sunrise, doing what you could to somehow try to make a terrible situation just a little bit better."

Some first responders with whom Scarinza has spoken have worried that they weren't up to the task or hadn't made a difference. "Please know that you rose to the occasion," he said, reassuringly. "You did exactly what you were trained to do in one of the most difficult situations imaginable. You did your very, very best, and we are all so very, very proud of you." Scarinza urged these first responders not to go forward alone. "If you can, talk to your buddies, your family, your friends; ask them how they're feeling, and put your hand on their shoulder if they're down."

"Draw comfort and strength from your surroundings — your community, your faith, and from the American flag that you wear on your shirt or display on your cruiser or truck," he said. "For it is the symbol of our flag that binds us — and reminds us — we are all in this together. But always, always remember you are not alone. You are part of the family of the thin Red/Blue and Green lines that keep us all safe and are there to respond once again when called."

Randolph Assistant Fire Chief Bill Arnold thanked all the first responders who responded.

U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan said in her keynote speech that providing public safety is the most important government service. She thanked public safety officers and their families for all that they do to help keep Granite Staters safe. She shook hands with the 37 first responders on hand, presenting each with a NCPSF medallion, encircled with the words: "commitment, compassion, and selfless service." The 33 first responders not on hand received their medallions later, more informally.



Nearly 40 of the 70 who were recognized at the North Country Public Safety Foundation Awards Dinner were on hand, plus U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan, standing far right, with NCPSF president, retired Chief Douglas Moorhead and retired state police commander, Troop F John Scarinza. Seated on stage, from right: Assistant Randolph Fire Chief Bill Arnold, Gorham P.D. Andrew Beausejour, Randolph firefighter Dwight Bradley, Jefferson Police Chief, Norm Brown, State Trooper Neil Chapdelaine, C.O. James Cyrs III, Coos County Deputy Mitch Doolan, State Police Sgt. Mike Cote, State Police Sgt. Matt Favereau, and Gorham firefighter Ernie Fillion. Second row, from right: Gorham EMS dispatcher Shelli Fortin, Gorham EMT Heather Gagnon, Randolph firefighter Brett Horne, Jefferson firefighter Larry Kenison, State Trooper 1st Class Sharon Kopp, Groveton P.D. Brian Lamarre, Jefferson firefighter Jessie Lutz, Jefferson resident Mike Malasky, Jefferson firefighter Kevin Meehan, and Jefferson Fire Chief Chris Milligan. Third row, standing: Gorham Fire Chief Jay Watkins, Coos Deputy Riley White, State Police Staff Sgt. Steve Wheeler, Jefferson firefighter Lucas Simino, Jefferson firefighter David Savage, Gorham firefighter Patrick Sanschagrin, Gorham firefighter Joseph Roy, Jefferson firefighter Elizabeth Milligan, State Police Staff Sgt. Victor Muzzy, State Trooper Derek Newcomb, State Police Lt. Gary Prince, Jefferson firefighter Dana Perkins, Coos County Capt. Keith Roberge, Randolph firefighter Kevin Rousseau, Jefferson firefighter Henry Varret, and State Trooper Shawn Slaney.

Edith Tucker Photo

An Appeal from the Randolph Volunteer Fire Department



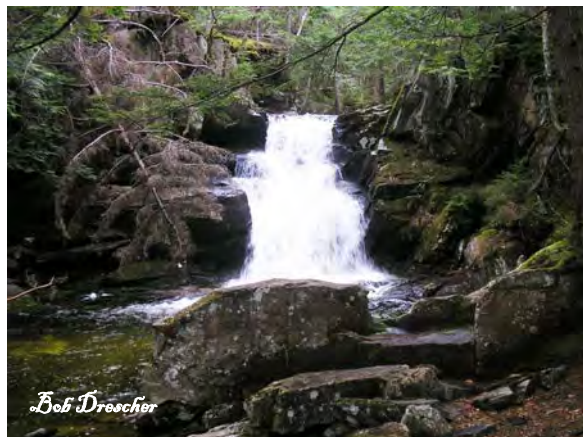
We are in need of volunteer fire department personnel. Even if you have not had any kind of fire training, the department needs people who can respond to accidents, provide traffic control, maintain radio communications, and help fight fires. The fire department is very short handed and welcomes new members of the community as well as longtime residents. The dept has a monthly meeting at which training is provided. Please consider volunteering. Contact Linda at the Selectman's office if you are interested: 466-5771.

Viewshed Clearing

By Randy Meiklejohn

Two years ago, the Randolph Mountain Club began to undertake the work of clearing viewpoints along the trails at well-known spots where many in Randolph like to hike, but where the trees had grown in over the years and obscured the views. The first clearing sites that year were along the Crescent Ridge Trail in the Community Forest: at Castleview Ledge, Lafayette View and on Mt. Randolph.

In 2019 the club continued this work on the lower slopes of Mt. Madison and Mt. Adams, where views up and down the mountain had disappeared. (You can see photos of the “new views” in the RMC’s December newsletter.) However, the need for view clearing is not just at high-elevation viewpoints; some tree-trimming is welcome also at lower-elevation places that people of all ages and abilities can get to. Cold Brook Fall, located on the Town’s Cold Brook Fall Reservation, is an especially popular easy walk, but a hanging dead tree has been in everyone’s pictures of the waterfall lately. While the trail crew was over on Adams this fall, they removed the tree. In these photos you can see 1) the fall with the dead tree on the east bank, 2) RMC trail crew leader Brian Behr sawing up the tree after it was pulled across and 3) the falls after one of our first snowfalls, all cleaned up.



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It was a gorgeous day up Caribou from Evans Notch! Abby Evankow, Michele & Paul Cormier, Heather Wiley, Cam Bradshaw and Sally Micucci missing from photo.

This year’s October Randolph Ramble included the usual rugged terrain of the Crescent Range along with wind, fog, rain and near freezing temperatures. This didn’t stop Randolph’s Laura Brocket who completed the task in 1:38:37.



Step Softly in the Hazelnut

Renee Dunham



The Hazelnut - alas, you stand no more. You were our nest for 25 summers, a tiny cottage, once a carriage house on the Stearn's farm in the late 1890's. Within your walls, our children's love of mountains was born. Many mud seasons tilted you, carpenter ants digested you, and property taxes ultimately buried you. Where you were is now meadow and memory.

Come with me to the meadow and open the door to memory. As you enter, a small vestibule welcomes you to tea. A china teapot, cups and saucers, creamers and sugar bowls sit ready on shelves to the right of the doorway. A table is folded against the wall, waiting for the long-skirted women of the past to return from the trails.

Next to this vestibule is the two-butt kitchen. My husband George is at the sink and I am at the stove, back-to-back. We must move about in an intimate, synchronized, dance. If I wish to open the refrigerator while not disturbing George at the sink, I can conveniently do this by exiting the kitchen, circling through the living area to the bathroom (which is ironically spacious), opening bathroom door #1, exiting by bathroom door #2 which leads me back into the kitchen, and voila! I am at refrigerator, on George's other side. George enjoys another surprising convenience: when shaving in the bathroom, he can easily watch his oatmeal cook on the kitchen stove. The design is ingenious!

The living area - a single space - has three lives. At one end are two cots for our two boys; at the other end, a full-sized bed. Across each sleeping area, a deep burgundy velvet drape partitions it for privacy. In the cozy sitting area in the center, the sun filters through red curtained windows, catches in the strands of an orange shag rug, rests there beneath the warm tones of the wooden walls.

Off the living area is an added screened porch. I love to sleep there on my pad, only 6 inches above the ground. I am on ear level with the meadow and can listen to its music in a breeze. From there I see my first bear! I hear its rhythmic swish through the grass in the night. It is heading next door to where the Turnbulls live. I call the Turnbulls to warn them "A bear is coming!" Thank you, Ian Turnbull says kindly and goes back to sleep.

There is an attic. A steep ladder-like staircase cuts through - of course - the two-butt kitchen. We go up to raid the wooden trunk of old games and puzzles. Screened metal boxes hold more old china; chairs and kitchen items are abandoned among scraps of wood and tar paper. Sharp ends of roof nails poke through the ceiling. Better to not stand tall!

The attic is mouse land. They live rent free. At night, I hear their feet scratching as they scramble down to the kitchen. Watch out mouse, I'm coming after you! My flashlight freezes one on the stairway. We stare at each other. Its little eyes are so sweet and bright.

The boys grow up. Their cots are shrinking. Their tussling is felt throughout the cottage. George pens this warning to them:



Steve Teczar

Step softly in the Hazelnut.

Its walls do tightly squeeze us.

One single step an earthquake makes,

Will dash a glass to pieces.

We leave the Hazelnut now. Walk out the door and look back. See the teapot on the top shelf sitting alone behind the high window, waiting for our return.

In 2005, the 110-year-old Hazelnut was dismantled, a mere footnote in Randolph history.

Step softly in the Hazelnut....

Story Slam, July 2019

Randolph Remembers...

Auvern E. Kenison

“Auvie”

October 19, 2019

Auvern E. Kenison, 82, of Randolph, NH passed away on Saturday, October 19, 2019. He was born in Berlin, NH on October 15, 1937, the son of the late Leland and Eva (Lavoie) Kenison. He grew up in Jefferson and was a graduate of Berlin High School class of 1955. After graduation, he married Judith in 1958, and the couple settled in Randolph. He served for 9 years in the Army National Guard. He worked for his parents for many years, then for Ray Willey, and most recently for White Mountain Lumber Company. In 2019 he received his 40-year Forest Fire Deputy Warden pin. He also served on the Randolph School Board and the Randolph Select Board for several years.

Auvern is survived by his wife Judith Kenison of Randolph, NH; 4 children Tracy Molesky and husband Vince of Goffstown, NH, Cynthia Rines and husband Kevin of Gorham, NH, Leland Kenison and wife Christine of Berlin, NH, and Richard Kenison and wife Vanessa of Jacksonville, FL; 5 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. He also leaves his sisters Jeannette Corrigan of Randolph, NH, and Elizabeth Riendeau and husband Ronnie of Cascade, NH, along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 10 AM at Holy Family Church in Gorham, NH. A private burial will take place at a later date in Randolph. Donations may be made in Auvern's name to the Randolph Foundation, North Country Home Health & Hospice, or to a charity of your choice.



A Tribute to My Grampa

By Kelly Eggleston

When I began to write this, I set 3 ground rules:

1) This cannot be too sad, as Grampa would not have wanted me standing up here whimpering and carrying on because he's gone. 2) This has to be PG - I must admit, this was a struggle at first. 3) This will be brief, considering Grampa was always the one to ask questions, share his two cents, or tell the stories. I sure did a lot of listening and observing with him around!

I'll miss seeing Grampa watching out the window and waving as I leave my driveway for work most mornings, or randomly asking to go to breakfast. In case you didn't know, he did like to eat! Jabbing each other about Chevy vs Ford was always a treat too, but most of all, I'll miss the rides (both short and long) where he was known to point out people's houses or land and tell a story about how he built that road, dug the cellar hole, logged with his dad or who these people were and how he knew them.

Our family never had to worry about having enough food options for holidays, he was sure to put in requests well in advance. Did I mention he liked to eat?

We may have been the laborers while he worked elsewhere, but it was Grampa who took the most pride in the lawns and gardens.

We all know just how much he enjoyed seeing our reactions when he got a rise out of Gram, but we also

know how faithfully he brought that same special woman red roses each year.

Many of our townspeople have been treated to his complementary snowbank removal services. If you never figured out who did it, it very well may have been Auvie. Many more of you most certainly recall a town meeting where he spoke up and questioned a process or stood his ground on an issue at hand - OK, maybe that was every meeting?

It may have taken him an hour some days to come in for dinner when it was ready, but it only took minutes to respond with truck, tractor, chainsaw, lawnmower, or anything else that may have been needed when a call came asking for his help.

His coworkers and friends all know how dedicated he was to his work. One time the only working gear in his truck was reverse, so he backed the entire 15 miles up, and over Gorham Hill all the way to Berlin to work.

He sure wasn't bashful about walking up to a random table in a restaurant or socializing with a complete stranger anywhere he went. It was common for him to ask, "Now what part of the country are you folks from?" Before you knew it, he made a connection with them somehow.

I hope that when you think of him in the days, weeks, months, and years to come, you smile.



Fern Rebecca Parker

October 8, 2019

Fern Rebecca Parker, infant daughter of Jeffrey Parker and Maria Neal of Randolph, passed away on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at Littleton Regional Healthcare. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her big sister Gwen Parker of Randolph; maternal grandparents Haven & Isabel Neal of Berlin; paternal grandfather Wayne Parker of Glen; aunts Jennifer Parker of Gorham, Sara Parker and her partner Darren of Glover, VT, aunt and uncle Sherry & Mark Waterman of Glen; great aunt and uncle Sara & Gregory Glines of Randolph and great uncle Christopher Hawkins of Randolph. She was predeceased by her paternal grandmother Rebecca Boothman.

Fern was buried after a private graveside service at the Durand Road Cemetery in Randolph. Fern's care was entrusted to the Bryant Funeral Homes, Berlin and Gorham, NH. Messages of condolence may be shared online at www.bryantfuneralhome.net

Lydia Ogleby

The Mountain View has recently learned that Lydia Ogilby passed away peacefully on the evening of November 1st at the age of 98. Her family was by her side, and so was Darla her beloved pooch. She was so pleased to spend time in Randolph last summer as it has always been a special part of her life. Hopefully, there will be more information in the next issue of the Mountain View.



Randolph Meikleyjohn

Remembering the Randolph Community as 2019 Closes

The 2019 hiking season was extraordinary and for that we are all thankful. We are also thankful for the many new people who have chosen to vacation in Randolph or to live in Randolph year-round.

The Randolph Church Benevolence Committee has worked year-round since before the year 2000 to demonstrate the kindness bestowed on the broader Androscoggin Community through gifts to the Randolph Church Benevolence Fund. The fund gratefully receives gifts from community members throughout the year, especially during these waning months.

The Randolph Church has regular services during the summer months; however, the Benevolence fund receives monetary gifts from the community throughout the year.

If you are so moved to make a monetary gift, please make your check payable to Randolph Church Benevolence Fund and mail to Randolph Church, PO Box 204, Gorham, NH 03581. Your gift will help create a safe and nurturing community for visitors and residents alike.

Notes from the Town Clerk

*The Town Clerk/Collector is closed on Monday January 20, for Martin Luther King Day.

*The date for the Presidential Primary has not been set as of November 14, 2019. The date will be posted on the Secretary of State website (sos.nh.gov)

*Absentee applications (both town and state) are available on the Secretary of State website (sos.nh.gov) Hit election division then forms. Please remember ballots must be mailed in or returned in person to the town clerk (ballots left under the door or in the mail lot will not be counted). Folks may use one of the following people to return the absentee ballot: parent, sibling, child, spouse, father/mother in-law, brother/sister in-law, stepparent or step sibling. They will also need to fill out and sign a form with the clerk:

*Town Meeting Information -Wednesday, Jan 22 filing period opens for Town Official application

- Friday, Jan 31, 3-5 pm end of filing period - Monday, March 9, 3-5 pm clerk is available to give/receive absentee ballots -Tuesday, March 10 – the polls will be open from 2- 7 pm -Tuesday, March 10 -5pm - the latest time an absentee ballot can be returned - Tuesday, March 10 Town Meeting - 5:30 pm

Positions Open - Selectman, Moderator, Trustee of the Trust Fund, Supervisor of Checklist, Trustee of Cemetery, Library Trustee, Auditor, Treasurer, Board of Adjustment and Planning Board. There are also appointed (Forest and Conservation Commissions are 2 such boards) and alternate positions open - contact selectmen if you are interested. School Board positions are open and filed with Gorham School Clerk .



From the Selectmen's office

Winter is here. Please remember to give way for the town plow; if he is ahead of you, be patient. He will let you by when the way is clear. Don't crowd and don't try to pass until it is safe. For those who plow their driveways, it is illegal to plow out across the road. It leaves two small berms that freeze hard and make it difficult for the town plow. If you must deposit snow out on the road, be sure to feather it out along the roadway. Also do not dump snow on your culverts. When the thaw comes, this area needs to be kept open. If you are visiting Randolph during the winter months, be sure to find off-street parking for your vehicles. It is important that the plow can keep the roads open, not just for resident traffic, but also for emergency vehicles.

If you have an oil tank for heating purposes and you think it might be leaking, there is money available to help you replace the tank. It's called the Safetank Program and offers grants up to \$2,250 for this replacement. Generally you will qualify if your income (for a two person household) is under \$52,250. Please see Linda at the town office for applications and get those tanks replaced.

As a result of the 2019 revaluation, solar panels are

now being valued at \$600 each. This will result in an increase in your overall valuation of your home. The town has historically granted relief in the form of a valuation exemption of \$1,500. Obviously this will not cover the taxable increase. However, the selectmen will be placing an article on the warrant for the 2020 Town Meeting to increase the exemption to the actual valuation of the solar panels. In other words, the value increase will wash against the value reduction. For the one tax billing in Dec. 2019, this wash will not occur. But in the past, the solar panels were not included in the total valuation, so we have been granting an exemption over the last few years of \$1,500 to anyone who applied. The warrant article is an attempt to "fix" the valuation difference.

Speaking of Town Meeting, I know it is early but we will have an open position for Town Treasurer if you are interested in signing up to run for it. Watch the Blizzard for the sign up period in January. Please consider applying for this very important position. FYI, call Linda at the town office 466-5771.

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

Randolph Library News

by Yvonne Jenkins

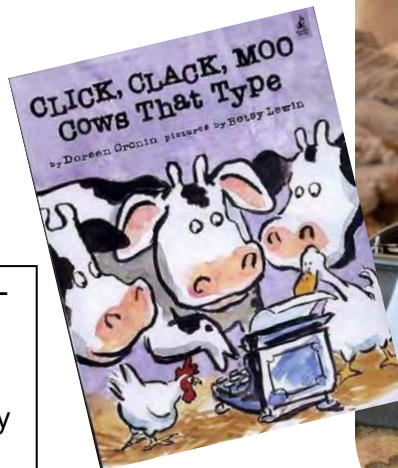
Due to the long winter evenings, we decided to have our own little daylight savings by shifting the Monday operating hours back a couple of hours. The library is now open on Mondays from 1 to 6 pm. All other hours will stay the same. Wednesday evening hours - 3 to 8 pm - allow people to visit the Town Clerk beginning at 7 pm and have time to visit the library, as well, for some one-stop shopping right in downtown Randolph.

The library remains active all winter, but with lighter patronage. Library programming takes place in the cozy White Mountain Room by the heat of the stove. The winter also provides the opportunity to get some "housekeeping" tasks completed. Using funds from the annual book sales, this winter's focus will be on refreshing the children's collection following the Association for Library Service to Children's (ALSC) criteria for the best of the best in children's books. "Notable should be thought to include books of especially commendable quality, books that exhibit venturesome creativity, and books of fiction, information, poetry and pictures for all age levels (birth through age 14) that reflect and encourage children's interests in exemplary ways."

Also noteworthy is that a new automated Interlibrary Loan System, which allows the state's 234 public libraries, as well as several universities and public-school libraries, to loan resources to one another, went online in October after crashing in late 2017. Borrowing was still possible in the past but was very time consuming and slow. Funding was provided by the State Legislature to purchase new software and State Library employees worked very hard to get things up and running as soon as possible.

On behalf of the Friends of the Randolph Library, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the fundraiser and helped throughout the past year. Unfortunately, Nancy Penney has moved to Manchester and will not be able to fulfill her duties as Chairperson. We need a couple of people to serve on the Board of the Friends. If you are a library patron or supporter and would like to help the Friends with their continued support of the Randolph Library, please let me know, and I can provide you with more information.

Please visit the library's website at randolphnhpubliclibrary.org for all the latest library news, or please stop in to take advantage of the large selection of information resources available to everyone in Randolph. There really is something for everyone.



1. The cover of a very popular children's book, *Click Clack Moo, Cows That Type*, an award-winning children's book by Doreen Cronin and illustrated by Betsy Lewin.
2. Annie Boettcher, granddaughter of Yvonne and Larry Jenkins is dressed up like the cow and typing a letter to Farmer Brown asking for electric blankets for the cows in the barn, because they are cold.



What's Cooking in Randolph ? ...

Cranberry Swirl Coffee Cake

from the kitchen of Letty Barton, by way of Jenn Scarinza

Ingredients:

1/2 cup of margarine (not sure if one could sub butter)

1 cup of sugar

2 eggs

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

2 cups of flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup of sour cream

1 teaspoon almond flavoring

7-8 oz. whole berry or jellied cranberry sauce

1/2 cup of crushed nuts (optional)

Drizzle: 1/2 cup of confectionery sugar, 1 tablespoon warm water, and 1/2 teaspoon almond flavoring.

Cream margarine and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time: beat well. Add dry ingredients, alternatively with sour cream. Add flavoring. Grease 8" tube/bunt pan. Put 1/3 of the batter in the bottom. Layer on 1/2 of the cranberry sauce in thin slices. Repeat, ending with remaining batter. Bake at 350 degrees F for 50 minutes. Cool before removing from pan. Top with drizzle made from confectionery sugar, water and almond flavoring. Drizzle on top and sides and sprinkle with crushed nuts (optional). Freezes well.



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Barbara Arnold

Randolph's 200th Anniversary Quilt

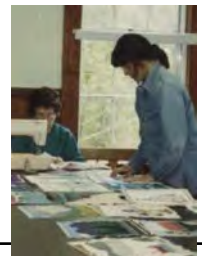
By Barbara Arnold

While 2024 seems a long way off, in fact it is not all that far away. Think of your own life, how fast did the past 4 years go by?

In conjunction with other organizations, the Randolph Foundation has begun to think and plan a celebration of our town's anniversary. Along with the Randolph Church, the foundation has held story slams, trying to capture some of the voices and stories of our town's history. In the same light, Yvonne Jenkins, Laura Brockett and I are proposing to up-

date the quilt that was done for the last town celebration 20+ years ago and now hangs in the Randolph Town Hall. This update will be asking for squares from newer residents and newer generations of Randolphians. The configurations will be different and hung in different areas.

We are just forming the committee and figuring out guidelines. Please look for more information in future issues of the Mountain View. We are looking for input from you. Is there an interest in this project? Do you have thoughts about what it should look like? Please contact me, either by phone (603-466-2438) or email (Barbara.arnold51@gmail.com) with your thoughts and suggestions. Once we have heard from you, we will be in touch via the Randolph publications on the next step.





Randolph Town Christmas Caroling Party

Friday December 20 at 6pm

Meet at Coldbrook Lodge
11 Cold Brook Rd.
for Town Caroling
then back to Coldbrook Lodge
for food and revelry

Please bring a finger food or dessert to share
with your neighbors.

If you would like us to carol at your place
please contact me, Lauren, at
bradleycoldbrook@twc.com
or 915-9087

Tis the Season of Holiday Celebrations in Randolph

- ♦ The Annual **Town Caroling Party** will be held on **Friday December 20** at 6 pm at Coldbrook Lodge
- ♦ The Randolph Fire Department Annual **Town Christmas Party** is on **Saturday, December 21** at 6 pm at Town Hall. Please RSVP to Barbara Arnold at 466-2438 if you plan on attending the Fire Department Party. Remember, Santa likes to know who is coming!
- ♦ Christmas Eve Caroling Service. Randolph Church, 4:00 pm Everyone is Welcome!



Lynn Scarinza

Like a flame of
love,
Like a lilt of song
Lifted sheer above
Cares that press
and throng,
Through
the darkling day, –
Scarlet set in grey –
Splendid
mountain-ash
Gleams
along the way.

"Mountain-Ash"
by
Elizabeth Roberts
MacDonald

Mount Adams
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