

Mountain View



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

Wier's Weather Wise

March 17, 2020 Thru May 25, 2020

Rainfall	Days with A Trace or More of Rain
March 1.76"	4
April 6.99"	9
May 2.27"	7
Total: 11.02"	

Snowfall	Swe*	Days with A Trace or More of Snow
March 10.9"	1.62"	7
April 37.7"	4.21"	14
May 7.4"	0.63"	7
Total: 56.0"	6.46"	

Total Snowfall Oct 1st, 2019 to May 25th, 2020 206.9" Swe*: 21.26"

* Snow Water Equivalent (The Amount Of Water You Get When The Snow Is Melted)

Temperature			Wind
	Max	Min	Peak Gust
March	57.5f (20th)	8.5f (1st)	Sse 48 Mph (13th)
April	65.1f (22nd)	16.0f (5th)	W 52 Mph (4th)
May	82.2f (22nd)	26.2f (9th)	Nw 32 Mph (13th)



"Bear" Sally Micucci Photo

Real Estate

386 Route 2 Stiles, Gregory to Daniel Berry

Building Permits:

1/27/20	Mike & Sally Micucci	Solar on Roof
1/27/20	Tim & Cecile Mather	Enlarge Master Bath
3/9/20	Hutchins Living Trust	24 x 24 garage

CALENDAR

Currently, it is impossible to create an accurate calendar. Check the "Weekly" and the following websites to verify events:

The Randolph Foundation: www.randolphfoundationnh.org
Randolph Church: RandolphChurchNH.org
Randolph Library: randolphpubliclibrary.org
RMC: www.randolphmountainclub.org
Randolph Community Forest: randolphforest.org



Welcome to 2020 Randolph Weekly Editor Kai Parlett!

The Randolph Foundation board of directors is delighted to welcome Kai Parlett (daughter of Sarah Clemmitt and Bill Parlett) of Randolph Hill Road as this summer's Randolph Weekly editor!

Kai has just graduated from Holderness School and will be taking a year off before attending UNH in fall 2021. Kai is interested in pursuing earth science and environmental studies, along with French, political science, and oceanography. Kai hopes that a planned fall 2020 trip to Toulouse, France to study French culture and linguistics will come to fruition.

Kai is an outdoors enthusiast (like her parents;) an excellent skier, a children's ski instructor, and a climate activist. She has also completed the SOLO wilderness first responder course.

This summer, the Randolph Weekly will have 11 editions published on Fridays from June 26th through September 4th (Labor Day is late this year). With the impact from the Coronavirus, we don't know exactly what the summer will look like in terms of gatherings and events, but at least we'll be able to tell you what is happening and what is not – and what will take place online.

Please send your event and informational notices to Kai Parlett at Jo.Kai.Parl@gmail.com, and if you have questions, feel free to call her at (603) 723-6991.

The deadline for Randolph Weekly submittals is Wednesdays at noon (that means that the deadline for the first edition is Wednesday June 24th at noon). When you write to Kai, please put "Randolph Weekly" in the subject line. Thank you, Kai,!

The Randolph Foundation Board: Sarah Gallop (president), Phil Guiser (vice president), Angela Brown (treasurer), Gaye Ruble (Secretary) Caesar Bryan, Gary Newfield, Mark Santos, and Guy Stever

Sarah Gallop

Note from editor: The Randolph Weekly will be dispersed during July and August in the usual "bird boxes" on Durand Rd. near the eastern entrance at the bend of the road, the corner of Nekal Lane & Randolph Hill Rd. (on light pole), at the corner of Randolph Hill Road & High Acres Road, the intersection of RT 2 and the Valley Rd. and in Raycrest (on the light pole at the top of the circle). Copies are also available at the library, Town Hall, the Grand View Lodge, Lowe's Garage and on the Randolph Foundation Website.
www.randolphfoundationnh.org

Randolph Foundation Seeking New Editor for the Mountain View

After 12 years of faithful service to the Randolph community, Dede Aube is planning to step down from her role as the editor of the Mountain View. The Randolph Foundation Board is seeking a new editor to compile this valuable quarterly publication that keeps us all informed and entertained. If you are interested, please contact Randolph Foundation President Sarah Gallop at seg@mit.edu to learn more about the editing process, production details, and stipend. We are grateful to Dede for her professional community-building work in creating the Mountain View for us four times a year. It is always an exciting day when the Mountain View arrives in the mailbox. Thank you, Dede!

Sarah Gallop



Sarah Gallop Photo

Annual Forest Day Announcement

August 1, 2020

As it does every year, the Randolph Forest Commission has planned a program of events for our Annual Forest Day, which falls, this year, on Saturday, August 1st. We hope that they can be carried out in the Town Hall and the field as usual, but if the danger posed by the coronavirus makes that impossible we will try to present the program using some form of remote conferencing methodology. A final decision, with advice on how you can participate will be included in the Randolph Weekly during the last two weeks of July.

The focus of this year's program will be on the birds of Randolph, including a presentation of an eBirding Hotspot in the Farrar tract of the Randolph Community Forest, and on ways to improve bird habitats.



David Forsythe Photo

The day will begin with a discussion in (or from) the Town Hall, starting at 9:00 am. Commission members, and our LandVest partners will report to the community on the activities carried out in the Forest over the past year and will preview some of the major events planned for 2020-2021.

Randolph is fortunate to number among its summer residents a distinguished couple of ornithologists, Anne, and David Forsyth. David has agreed to be the keynote speaker this year and will share with us his remarkable collection of photographs of Randolph birds. He will also explain the concept of an eBird Hotspot and its utility for ornithologists. Kelley Eggleston, from the NRCS, will follow with some more general information about bird habitats in Randolph and the region.

At the conclusion of the Town Hall discussion, a tour is scheduled. If it is feasible to do so, David Forsyth will lead a group tour to the eBird Hotspot in the Community Forest and show us why it has been so designated.

The tour usually begins around 10:30 am. All are welcome, including children: welcome to attend all the day's events; to join in the discussion at the Town Hall but skip the tour; or to join the tour after the discussion is finished. Those participating in the tour should wear shoes and clothing suitable for light hiking, bring a picnic lunch and remember their insect repellent.

Laura Brockett

Randolph Graduates 2020

Kai Parlett

Kai Parlett graduated from the Holderness School in Holderness New Hampshire on Sunday, May 24 via a Zoom ceremony. Much of Kai's senior year focused on her interest in climate science. She spent the year working as a Youth Recruitment & Absorption Fellow for 350NH, a grassroots movement dedicated to stopping climate change. Each Holderness senior completes a senior thesis focusing on a question and, in Kai's case a passion. In late May, Kai presented her talk, "How does political polarization in the United States affect climate and environmental policy?". Kai is taking a year off, to travel and work, before attending the University of New Hampshire as an Earth Science and Environmental Science double major in their Honors Program. Kai is the daughter of Bill Parlett and Sarah Clemmitt of Randolph.



Ella Watson



Ella Watson graduated from Gorham High School in Gorham, New Hampshire in June. Ella, an avid soccer player was named "Offensive Player of the Year" in November 2019. She was also consistently on the honor roll. Her long-term goal is to become an elementary teacher. She will attend the White Mountain Community College in Berlin this fall and major in Early Childhood Education. Ella is the daughter of Amy Galiteau of Randolph and Ed Watson of Shelburne.



A Steady Stream: A Sarah Eusden Gallop Story Slam 2019

During the period from 1971 to 1978, my brothers Alan and Dyk Eusden, and a group of close family friends served on the RMC trail and camp crews each summer. Since we lived directly across Route 2 from the Amphibrach trailhead (the start up to Crag Camp and Gray Knob), and right next to the Ravine House Pool, our house served as a hub of hospitality and sustenance for the crews.

There was a steady stream of young men (and some pioneering women) coming to our home for iced tea, a meal, a hot shower, and a welcome diversion from their arduous work. This was long before Stearns Lodge existed or any other official gathering place for the crew in the Valley.

I was between 10 and 16 during that time (and the youngest of my siblings) and I remember being in awe of these incredibly strong and hardworking people. They were like heroes to me — out clearing the trails every day and hauling their heavy packs up to the huts.

It was very exciting because we never knew who would be arriving at our house at any given time. The sound of Limmers on the steps could bring either of my brothers, Jeff Bean, Hawley Rising, Paul Bradley, Will Woodruff, Ben Campbell, Betsy Rising, Beth Beringer, Davis Woodruff, Fred Beringer, Brad Meiklejohn, or Bill Rising. Some we saw some much more than others, but all would eat, drink, and rejuvenate. I remember that Davis Woodruff ate more food than anyone else. When Davis started walking up our long path (before our driveway was put in), my mother would see him coming and worry whether we had enough food for him.

We had so many crew members constantly seeking hospitality that someone finally bought my parents, John Eusden (who served as the RMC President during part of this time) and Josie Eusden, a framed print that read, in part:

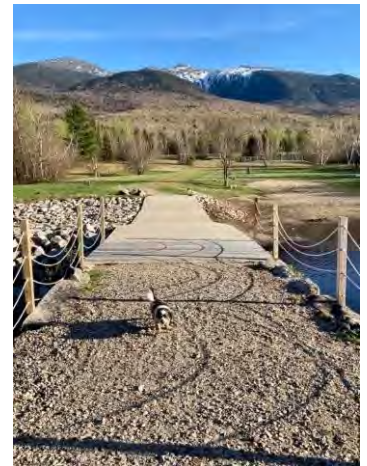
CONTINUOUS LUNCH

All Night! All Day!

All temperaments suited

This print still hangs today in our house next to the kitchen, which was, of course, the focal point for the crew members' visits.

Even though it was over 40 years ago, I still have some particularly vivid memories from this period.



Sally Miccuci Photo 05/2020



Angela Brown Story Slam Photo 2019

The Story Slam is on!

We do not know whether the Story Slam will be held on Zoom or in some kind of spatially distanced setting, but it will take place on Saturday, August 8th at 4 PM. We already have several storytellers signed up and can manage 20-25 stories all together at the event. Please contact Sarah Gallop at seg@mit.edu or Bill Minifie at whminifie@gmail.com if you would like to sign up to tell a 5-minute story related to Randolph. The Story Slam is brought to you jointly by the Randolph Foundation and the Randolph Church. Watch the Randolph Weekly for details!

The Rescue Mission of the Randolph Crystal: Jenn Scarinza Story Slam 2019



Now, this is not the type of rescue you might normally think of here in Randolph, where folks head up the mountain to carry an injured hiker. This is the rescue mission to recover the large crystal that now is on display in our town library. My geologist friends, the Bradley's, tell me that it is technically a "mass of terminated quartz crystals." Perhaps you have seen this beautiful piece and wondered about its journey to get there. If you have not seen it, you should!

First, a little history. The quartz crystal mine, located on land that is now part of the Randolph Community Forest, was used during World War II when General Electric used the high-quality quartz in radios. The story is that at the peak of operation, ox carts were used to haul the crystals out of the woods. (Since I trained oxen as a kid, I think that is extra neat.) Reportedly, when GE closed the mine down, they blew it up for safety reasons. In the 60s, when the paper company owned the land, they again closed it off. Hobbyist gem and mineral collectors found a small opening in the seam and have been able to enjoy seeing the sparkly crystals in the ground and collecting small pieces. This current seam is a couple hundred feet northeast of the original mineshaft and quite close to the surface. Only certain folks in town knew about it, in addition to the local rock hounds.

When negotiations for the formation of the Randolph Community Forest were happening around year 2000, the Presidential Gem and Mineral Club was in touch to make sure they would still be able to enjoy sharing this special spot, so an agreement was made. All was thought to be well, until the summer of 2011, when John, chairman of the Forest Commission, received a phone call from the club leaders to say there was a violation happening at the crystal mine. Someone had been using power tools to break up large chunks of quartz and removing them,

foreseeably to sell. Members of the club had arrived at the mine to find a huge mass of crystals underwater in the bottom of the hole, with a rope tied around it. They knew that the thieves would be back, so they hauled it out, and buried it a short distance from the mine. This bought some time. There was also a stash of tools wrapped in canvas and buried in leaves. By now, John was officially retired from police work, but he is never one to shy away from an investigation, especially if there is damage being done on the town forest.

He went into surveillance mode and soon had a truck that was of interest with crystals and a rock hammer on the dashboard. Later, when John encountered the owner of this truck, the guy denied knowing where the crystal mine was. He said he was "just out for a hike". Unless you are one of the dozen or so geologists in Randolph, you probably don't take your rock hammer when you go hiking. So, John gave the guy a little time, and then snuck up on him, chipping away in the mine. John tells me that as he snapped a picture, he told the thief "Oh my word, look what has happened! You've fallen into a crystal mine!" He was later prosecuted.

That leaves us with a giant mass of quartz crystals hidden in the woods and a very concerned group of mineral enthusiasts. They kept calling John to see about organizing a team to get it out of the woods and out of risk of being taken. So, in late summer of 2012, John says to me "hey, they are going to go in and try to get that huge crystal out of the woods on Labor Day, want to come?" I am a high school teacher and we start the day after Labor Day, so my holiday is often spent preparing. But, in the years that I had known my then fiancée, I had never once regretted joining him on an adventure, so I was up for it.

We were the grunts of the operation, and the Gem Club folks were the true orchestrators. They came prepared. This crystal was reported to weigh 60-80 pounds, so my optimistic husband brought a pack board, thinking he could perhaps carry it out on his back. This thing must weigh several hundred pounds! To our relief, the crystal was still there. There were 12 of us that day, 9 from the club, John, me, and David Wilcox. It took everyone working hard to get this thing out. This crew was on a mission, and there was a sense of urgency. Someone had built a rock hauling rig - a wooden frame with long arms and one set of wheels - like a rickshaw. We first rolled the crystal onto a sturdy tarp and lugged and dragged it up to the height of the land where we strapped it onto the frame of the rickshaw.

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Then commenced several hours of rolling, dragging, lifting . . . At the time, there was not a good trail to the mine. People in the front clearing brush and debris, people on the sides lifting with straps, I spent a bunch of time side by side with someone on those wooden arms . . . and I was wishing for a team of oxen. The axle bent, and a short way from where the trucks were parked, one of the wheels started to come off. It's a good thing we were almost there.

If you see the picture on the Community Forest website of the dozens of us gathered around that crystal, we looked and felt like a superhero rescue team.

The crystal ended up in the Scarinza dooryard and sat next to the chicken house until John found the time to pressure wash it. It had been decided that it needed to be on display and thank goodness Larry and Yvonne Jenkins took on the job of really cleaning it up to be as gorgeous and impressive as we see it now.

School started as usual for me that year, and I will always be glad the rescue of the Randolph Crystal was one I got to be a part of!



The crystal in the canvas bag, ready to be strapped to the wagon



The crystal hauling "rickshaw"/wagon device. The group prepares to strap the crystal "rickshaw"/wagon device. Courtesy Photos



RMC Summer Events Update

This year the June issue of the Mountain View is appearing a little later than the RMC newsletter, and I'm taking the opportunity here to give you a May 29 update about RMC summer events.

The RMC is cancelling the 4th of July Tea for 2020. It's very unlikely that such a large gathering will be safe to hold in early July. We are making this decision now so that RMC members and community residents can make their future plans.

The other traditional RMC events and meetings are all in August. So far, we have decided (with our hosts the Beringers) that there will be no square dance on the 15th. For the others (Gourmet Hike, Annual Meeting, Picnic), the RMC intends to provide updates in early July about whether they will be cancelled, or held in modified form if that is possible and worthwhile. As we make these decisions, we will first consult directly with the Town's health officers, as we have been doing since the spring. Our updates will appear on the RMC's Facebook page and on our Instagram along with the website and Randolph Weekly.

Jamie Maddock, RMC President

How Long Have You Been Playing?

Author's note: I have been asked by several people when I was going to write another article about therapeutic music. Patient confidentiality prevents me from sharing detailed instances and situations of therapeutic music, so I hope this approach will answer at least one question, and perhaps prompt many more. . . . Angela Brown, CMP since 2014

"How long have you been playing?" There are as many answers to this question as there are people who ask it. As a therapeutic musician in healthcare settings, I interact with not only patients/residents and their families and friends, but also with staff in housekeeping, food service, direct patient care and administration. Below are some of the answers to this perpetual question ...

"How long have you been playing?" No one believes me when I tell them "45 years"! At the tender age of six years old, I did not even have my own piano. My parents took me to lessons, and afterwards I practiced at our church. Eventually, they purchased for me an old upright piano, with an antiqued gold finish. I loved that piano. Sitting there on the battered and well-loved bench, I learned scales and chords and arpeggios, and how to play Christmas carols and hymns. I attended theory class every Monday night for over ten years, missing the climax of nearly every episode of *Little House on the Prairie*. I came home from competitions with blue ribbons, and red ribbons, and many times the tears of heartbreak of not having won any color of ribbon. But I learned resilience and persistence and increasing technical skill. I learned to withstand the scrutiny of the unsmiling judge and know that regardless of outcome I had given my best effort. Early adult life took me away from music for a season, other than playing for the occasional church meeting or choir. Eventually, though, moving to New Hampshire brought more opportunities to play and even teach piano lessons. I learned to practice in my head because effective time at the piano bench and mothering small children were often mutually exclusive!

"How long have you been playing?" I have been a Certified Music Practitioner for six years now, certified on piano and keyboard. In 2013 I was admitted to the Music for Healing and Transition Program and began my training to become a therapeutic musician. Prior to 2012, I had never even heard of live therapeutic music. Over the course of my training, and especially by the end of my 45-hour practicum, I had developed the skills of observing patients and adapting live music to meet the needs of the particular healthcare situation. Therapeutic music can be quiet, relaxing, stabilizing, stimulating, distracting, like nothing you have heard before or like your favorite song. Therapeutic music can bring tears to your eyes or lower your blood pressure. It can reduce your level of pain or take you on a walk down memory lane. Since receiving my certification in June 2014 I have shared over 600 hours of therapeutic music for more than 3200 residents and patients. I have played for new mothers and their babies, centenarians, and all ages in between. I have played at the bedside in the ICU, med/surg floor, comfort care, and in chapels, common areas, hallways—wherever I am needed.

"How long have you been playing?" Typically, it takes at least 20 minutes for the listener to begin to feel the calming, relaxing effects of the live therapeutic music I provide. Of course, the patient or resident can decline at any time, and that is okay because I am one of the few options over which they have control. Some are happy with "just one song" or "just 5 minutes" but others would keep me there all day if they could! Thankfully, I have the freedom to stay as long as I need to, and as long as appropriate for the patient's needs.

"How long have you been playing?" I have been playing long enough to become attached to residents, patients, and staff members, and long enough to have earned their trust. Patients and residents, and the people who care for them, are vulnerable, and music brings up powerful memories and emotions. I have had the privilege to hear and witness some amazingly beautiful events that words cannot describe. Many experiences involve individuals who passed while I played for them or soon afterwards. These are memories that I will forever keep in my heart.

"How long have you been playing?" Long enough not to take comments personally. My favorite was "are you just starting to take lessons?" At first I was surprised at that question, but it turns out that the resident thought I was a teenager and I was playing much better than she expected for someone so young (she obviously had issues with her eyesight!) It pays to ask more questions. Another favorite is, "Wow, you've been practicing, because you are much better now than the last time you were here!" True, I don't hit all the right notes every time. I have a therapeutic repertoire of over 700 pieces of music, so there is no possible way I can practice every single piece every single day! The key is to make "spontaneous creative decisions" along the way and accept that there are no truly wrong notes.

"How long have you been playing?" By the end of May, I will have been playing remotely for 11 weeks due to restrictions in place as a result of COVID-19. The last time I was physically present in my facilities was March 16th, 2020, and it feels like a lifetime ago. Thankfully, technology coupled with department heads who completely understand the benefits of therapeutic music have made it possible for me to continue meeting the needs of residents and staff. Some residents who see me on the screen of the iPad think I'm on TV, others understand that I am safe at home. All of them, however, continue to benefit from my training, and my ability to offer therapeutic music adapted to their needs during this time of isolation and loneliness and anxiety.

"How long have you been playing?" Long enough to know that it will never be enough. I'm pretty sure that I will be playing the piano in some way throughout the rest of my sojourn here on earth, whether for my own enjoyment or for the benefit of others. Medicine may heal the body, but music heals the soul. . .

If you are interested in learning more about therapeutic music, please visit www.mhtp.org.





The Randolph Church Website

Beverly Weatherly, Moderator of the Randolph Church, is pleased to announce the development of a website for the beloved "Church on the Hill." RandolphChurchNH.org will serve an important function, keeping the community informed about services, activities, events, and other news.

This project began in the Summer of 2019, when Alison Taylor Giannoni was contracted to design the website. Alison developed another wonderful website for the Randolph Community Forest (www.RandolphForest.org), so the committee was confident Alison had an understanding of our community. Photos were gathered from the community and the home page photo was taken by Mark Kelley, during our beautiful Fall foliage. Angela Brown wrote about the annual Christmas event, and Susan Ferré provided a detailed history of the Ruggles Tracker Organ. Lucy Sandin, an intern from Connecticut College, with roots in Randolph, served as writer, editor, and coordinator for all the moving parts.

There are pages covering the history of the faith community in Randolph, our beautiful Greek Revival style building and the Ruggles Tracker Organ. Here you can find the list of distinguished presiding leaders and organists for the season, as well as all the special events that are held in the Church, each Summer. You can learn about the works of the Benevolence Committee and the organizations which they support.

With Covid 19 affecting many of the Summer activities in Randolph, this website will be particularly important for posting changes to the expected schedules.

Summer events at the Randolph Church do not regularly begin until the first Sunday of July, and no official cancellation of services has been made. Since many people must make their plans weeks and months earlier, some events held in the church are being cancelled or postponed. We would ask you to refer to this new website for current news and changes.

Submitted by Mark Kelley

Notices:

- **Randolph Art Show Cancelled:** We tried to design a way we could safely run the art show this summer, but the requirements to keep us all safe from COVID 19 were too much to work around. We are cancelling for this year, but plan to resume the Randolph Art Show next summer. In the meantime, enjoy our beautiful mountains and produce some great artistic creations while the weather is nice!
Art Show Coordinators Betsy Hess, Roberta Arbree, Ingrid Graff
- The August 8 Celebration of Life for Lydia P. Ogilby at the Randolph Town Hall has been postponed until further notice.
- Judy Kenison would like to thank everyone for their support last September at the time of Auvie's passing.

Randolph Remembers ...



... Susan McMillan Tucker

Susan McMillan Tucker, 61, of Somerville, Mass., died peacefully on Sunday, May 17, of complications of breast cancer in the Palliative Care Unit at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Born on October 13, 1958, in Brooklyn, N.Y., she was the oldest child of Rep. Edith Tucker and the late Dan S. Tucker, both of Randolph.

Susan is survived by her husband of nearly 38 years, Leslie C. Moye, and her daughter, Lauren E. Moye, son-in-law Matt Jones, 4-year-old granddaughter, Olivia, all of Arlington, Mass. She is also survived by two sisters: Sarah Tucker of Bethel, Me., and Margaret Tucker of Stow, Mass. Susan was predeceased by her brother Andrew in 1995.

A 1975 graduate of Wellesley (Mass.) High School, she earned a Bachelor of Music degree in 1980 from the New England Conservatory of Music and a master's in violin performance in 1982 at SMU in Dallas. Susan performed and taught violin most of her life and served as a music school executive director, including in Manchester. She had several passions: cooking for friends and family, sewing for Olivia, and writing databases for several impressive clients.

After the COVID-19 restrictions can safely be lifted, her remains will be buried in the family plot in the Durand Road Cemetery.

... Robert A. R. MacLennan

June 26, 1936 - January 17, 2020

Robert A. R. MacLennan, Lord MacLennan of Rogart, died on the 17th of January 2020 at his home in London after a long illness. Robert married Helen Cutter Noyes in the Randolph Church on August 10, 1968. He and Helen returned to Randolph many times over the years.

Robert was a member of Parliament for the Scottish Highland constituency of Caithness and Sutherland from 1966-2001 and was appointed a life peer in the House of Lords in 2001 until his death.

He is survived by Helen and his three children, Nicholas Noyes (Jessica Monaco), Ruth MacLennan (Robert Banerji) and Adam MacLennan (Bumjoo Cho MacLennan) as well as his grandchildren Hector and Alexander Banerji and Charles Paul Ammi Noyes.

... Edward W. Blatchford

Edward W. Blatchford, 76, of Shelbourne Massachusetts, died Sunday, April 19, 2020 due to complications from late stage Parkinson's Disease and the COVID-19 virus. He was a nephew of Caroline Hincks, a hut boy as a youth for the AMC in the White Mountains and he summered in Randolph with his wife Claire and their two daughters Laurel and Christa - all avid hikers in the Whites.

In addition to his beloved wife of fifty two years, Claire (Howell) Blatchford, Ed leaves two daughters, Laurel Blatchford (Bernie Kluger) and Christa Blatchford (Thor Snilsberg) four grandchildren, Eleanor Kluger, Lucinda Kluger, Freya Snilsberg and Wynn Snilsberg; two brothers, M. Parker Blatchford Judith and Huntington Blatchford and his wife Sharon; as well as a brother in law, John I. Howell, Jr. and his wife Carol.

Because of the current COVID-19 restrictions, funeral services and burial will be held at some time in the future at the convenience of the family.



Mark Macdonald photos

Did you know?

A flock of hummingbirds can be referred to as a bouquet, a glittering, a hover, a shimmer, or a tune.

Hummingbirds drink the nectar from feeders by moving their tongue in and out about 13 times per second. Studies have shown that when they drink from moldy feeders their tongues swell; they are unable to eat and thus starve along with the off-spring in their nest.

Empty existing nectar on a regular basis, take the feeder completely apart, wash all the parts with hot water and a biodegradable dish soap and rinse everything thoroughly. Be sure there are no signs of mold or black mildew.

Remember, if it is not clean enough for you to drink from then your feeder is not fit for delicate little Hummingbirds.

Source: Nature for the Soul



ASCENSION

Lift me loft me

On wings

that blur,

Wings of silk and gossamer.

Light as spiderweb, tuft of thistle,

Milkweed Eiderdown,

Eggshell Fragile.

Raise me up, your feather jewels

Of iridescent reds and blues,

Metallic greens, throats of rubies,

Black chinned and violet crowned calliopes.

Spin and whir--

hover, hover, wings that blur.

Bring me over; Raise me up

higher, higher

Through the clouds, the mist, the foam,

Humming softly~

Take me home.

Wendy Macdonald

Hummingbird Food Submitted by Barbara Arnold

This is an old recipe that was pinned to a bulletin board in the Arnold house on Randolph Hill. It came with a hummingbird feeder Bill Arnold's mother gave him years ago. It is basically a simple sugar-based syrup. In the height of the summer, I mix it in gallon jugs and refrigerate. It will mold if left out but refrigerated keeps for weeks. Our hummingbirds arrive around Mothers' Day and leave mid-September. In May I put out two feeders, half filled, and change the nectar weekly. I always rinse the feeders with hot water to remove any old nectar so mold will not form. By mid-summer, we have 5 feeders out with the bigger ones, facing south. I empty every day or so, especially in the very hot weather. Again, I refresh the feeders weekly if they have not emptied.

For 1-quart container: 1 ½ parts sugar to 3 ½ parts water. Bring water to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes to remove impurities. When cool enough to handle but still warm add the sugar to the water. NO RED DYE!

Fill feeders when nectar is room temperature.

The Lonely Librarian by Yvonne Jenkins

A lonely librarian does not mean an idol librarian. On the contrary, the role of the librarian has taken on a whole new level even though the building is closed to the public at the time of this writing. Our curb-side service has had a small but steady stream of patrons. Keeping up with emails and Zoom meetings regarding such topics as creative ways to have a virtual summer reading program to keep kids reading, how and when is the right time to reopen, should we reopen at all this summer and how do we get the necessary PPEs, disinfectants, etc. adds several hours to the job each week. Time is also being spent getting caught up on cataloging backlogs, weeding shelves, ordering books, and tasks that get put aside when time does not allow.

So, what are people choosing to read at a time like this? Escapism series are quite popular like the Maisie Dobbs series by Jacqueline Winspear, Harry Potter series, and the Maine game Warden, Mike Bowditch series by Paul Doiron. This is also a great time to reread something off your home library bookshelf. I have been enjoying *"We Took to the Woods"* by Louise Dickenson Rich and am finding similarities when it comes to isolation and the importance of making a really good shopping list before going to pick up the monthly grocery order. I am also going to dust off my canoe paddles and head for the Richardson Lakes as soon as I am able.

Online Resources At this time, we cannot predict the reopening plan for the library building, but the resources provided by the library are needed now more than ever. Whoever thought 12 years ago when we began creating a virtual library that it would be the only way to access the library in 2020? I cannot emphasize enough the value of a Library Card during this unprecedented time. Our membership to the NH Downloadable Books gives our users access to THOUSANDS of eBooks and audiobooks for both adults and children, a children's read-along collection, and dozens of full text magazines. There are also tutorials on how to use the Libby app. Your card allows access to our informational databases through Ebsco at a time when it is more important than ever to find factual information from reputable resources. If you are a Randolph resident and do not have a library card, please consider signing up for one. You may go to our website and fill out an application or send us an email. You do not have to come in to get one. The library's web page is also full of other useful information, such as quality online program suggestions, important information about Covid 19, great web resources for families and children, and will list any summer programming information. If it is happening at the library, this is where you need to go to find out information: randolphnhpubliclibrary.org.



Mark Macdonald Photo

Mountaineering Collection This winter, the library accepted a gift of a very extensive collection of mountaineering books from Robert (Bob) Kruszyna. We will, at a future date, enjoy a personal presentation by Bob but until then here is a sneak peek. The collection of approximately 100 books and a handsome oak bookcase were moved to the White Mountain Room in late November. Even if you are not a mountaineer, the scope of the photographs, maps, and mountain high adventures will draw you in. We thank Bob for this generous donation and look forward to sharing it with our patrons. When asked about the collection, Bob provided the following:

The collection was started by my father-in-law, Bradley Gilman, a notable climber in his day. He is famous for the Whitney-Gilman route on the cliff on Cannon Mountain. On his return from climbing in the Alps, he stopped in London bookshops and bought used copies of the famous climbing literature. When he moved to a retirement home, he gave his collection to his daughter, my wife Harriet, and me. I have climbed more than 600 alpine peaks on five continents, many with Harriet, but for some reason, we are not famous. To Brad's collection, I added my substantial and growing library of more recent titles. Thus, the collection tells the story, although not exhaustively, of mountaineering from the mid-19th Century to the present. From the "Silver Age" to the "Plastic Age" as it were.

As the title of this article indicates, the library is a lonely place without all you. Town Selectmen Assistant, Linda Dupont and I have had a few uninvited furry friends roaming around the building, but I am sure I can speak for her as well, we really miss our two-legged friends and look forward to welcoming everyone back when the time comes. The RPL Trustees and I are working closely to develop a reopening plan for the library. This information, regarding reopening, will be posted on the library's website and sent out by email to our patron email list. If you would like to be put on that list, please send an email to info@randolphnhpubliclibrary.org. You do not have to have a library card to be on the list. Please stay tuned at randolphnhpubliclibrary.org.

Voting in the Age of Covid-19

David Willcox, Town Moderator April, 2020

We all know the mantra: “stay home and wash your hands.” The stay home admonition applies to all except those performing essential activities, and it is important to observe it for your own protection and for the protection of others in the community.

There is, however one essential activity that is performed by every citizen of a democracy: Voting. This fall there are two important elections scheduled: the state primary election on September 8th and, of course, the national general election on November 3rd.

Everyone hopes that the severity of the virus attack will have waned by the time of these elections. But, unless a vaccine has been discovered and is readily available by then, a doubtful proposition, we will still be in danger of catching a disease, for which there is, as of now, no known cure.

Because of the need to protect the health of voters and election officials, therefore, the procedure for voting this fall will not follow the pattern that Randolph voters are used to following. Dr. John McDowell, the Town’s Health Officer, has agreed to help design the procedures and oversee the elections to make sure that all possible precautions are being observed. We ask for your cooperation and patience when glitches appear – as they most certainly will.

At this time, the design is still a work in progress. Its final shape will depend in large part upon the changes in state law which may be instituted in the ensuing months.

There has already been one important change.

The rules relating to absentee voting by mail have been relaxed. It has long been the case that absentee ballots can be requested on the grounds of “physical disability.” The Secretary of State’s office has now declared that because of Covid-19 “all voters have a reasonable ground to conclude that a ‘physical disability’ exists ...” and that “all voters may request an absentee ballot on that basis.”

Consequently, we will be recommending to all Randolph voters that they vote by absentee ballot, and avoid coming to the Town Hall. Letters will be sent out with more detailed instructions on how to go about requesting a ballot and will enclose whatever forms are needed for that purpose.

Those who for any reason choose to vote in person will also find the process different from that they have been used to. You will be expected to observe the social distancing guidelines. Just how that will be administered will be explained in subsequent communications.

The election officials of the Town of Randolph are determined to make sure that every resident has the opportunity to cast ballots in both elections. But, we are equally determined to make sure that voting is carried out in a manner that protects the health of voters and of the election officials who will have the task of checking identifications, distributing and collecting ballots, and counting and tallying the results.

As moderator, I am grateful for everyone’s cooperation during this difficult time.



A Note from the Town Emergency Management Director

As a member of the Town of Randolph Selectboard and the town’s Emergency Management Director, I wish to thank the all the Randolph residents who are voluntarily observing appropriate quarantine and social distancing behaviors as ordered by Governor Sununu and recommended by our town Health officer, Dr. McDowell. I know these are difficult times and that these restrictions don’t enable normal Randolph activities. Unfortunately, because of Covid 19 these are not normal times.

As I write this note the Governor’s Stay at Home Order 2.0 is in effect. The order limits gatherings to 10 people or less, requires social distancing, and asks anyone coming into New Hampshire from out of state to self quarantine for 14 days. Katie Kelly has been coordinating volunteers to shop for anyone who needs assistance while they are in quarantine. The Stay at Home 2.0 order expires on May 31, but as of Friday May 22, Governor Sununu suggested that although some gradual reopening will occur, we can expect many of the stipulations of the order to remain in effect. Please remember that we have been mostly spared the horror of the Corona Virus but many members of our community are within the at-risk population and keeping them safe is a top priority.

Sincerely, Lauren Bradley

Randolph and the Virus



It has been a long strange spring with late snow and, oh yes, a pandemic. Please be aware that this summer will be a bit different with many traditional events rescheduled or canceled. Have patience, follow guidelines and help prevent any spread of the virus. Thank you in advance for your attention to personal and community safety as you plan visits to your Randolph home.

We have been fairly successful in keeping SARSCoVI-2 at bay over the past nine or ten weeks (four cases were confirmed in Coos County, one in Randolph with no hospitalizations or death.) Our strategy is a strict adherence to physical distancing, avoidance of public places and public gatherings (the Randolph Town Hall and Library remain closed), and careful personal and household measures such as hand washing, disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces within the home/car, etc. Masks are optional but recommended for use by individuals with any respiratory symptoms, and for everyone when in public places such as Walmart, etc.

As of 5/22/20, New Hampshire was under an emergency order until 6/5/20 and a stay-at-home order until 5/31/20. The Governor indicated at his news conference that day that he would probably be extending it into mid-June or longer. Parks and campgrounds are beginning to open slowly and currently for New Hampshire residents only. Governor Sununu gives a status report each Friday at 3:00pm so things may change by the time this reaches you. Please check <https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-and-media/emergency-orders-2020>. Emergency order 40, exhibit C may be helpful.

So, for your family and visitors, especially those who are coming from out of state: please self-quarantine (No community exposure. Outdoor activity ok as long as physical distancing is practiced). Bring all needed food and supplies with you so that shopping and errands can be avoided during the quarantine period of 14 days. We have organized a group of local volunteers (coordinated by Kathleen Kelly) who will do shopping/errands for quarantined households if necessary. If any planned visitors are or become sick at the time they plan to travel, it would be in everyone's best interest for them not to come. We would be concerned about the ability for a large group in the house at the same time to maintain safe distancing during their visit and we recommend that you space things out as much as possible. Of course, that is up to you and your family, not really a town issue if you are all able and willing to respect the quarantine request. Be aware that asymptomatic carriers of the virus can transmit infection making it difficult to be safe in crowded situations with individuals from areas with high-exposure risk. Should any family members or guests become ill during their stay, please call your medical provider. In an emergency, call 911.

Unfortunately, this will not be a "normal" summer in Randolph. It is not possible for us to know when things will change; the situation is in flux day by day. Feel free to contact us for more specific concerns.

John McDowell, Health Officer; 603-723-0269

Barbara Arnold, Deputy Health Officer; 603-466-2438

Randolph Bicentennial Quilt

The quilt committee has met virtually a few times, trying to bring together a vision of the bicentennial quilt. We are looking at developing a Randolph Quilt, as opposed to individual squares. The squares would depict life in Randolph around a main square. We are still working on the details but hoping some of the organizations would submit a square, or scenes of things in Randolph.

It is also our thought that the quilt, perhaps 2 quilts, will hang in town buildings, although not necessarily the Town Hall. It is hoped that town quilts will be part of an art show the summer of 2024 before being sent to a more permanent location.

Our basic timeline is to have the quilt completed by spring of 2024. Specifications will be sent to interested parties in early 2023, finished squares to the committee by end of January 2024.

Please send thoughts to a member of the committee: Laura Brockett: lbrockett@gmail.com
Yvonne Jenkins: yrjenkins@gmail.com Barbara Arnold: barbara.arnold51@gmail.com

Sally Micucci Photo 2020



COVID time to Randolph

Another day of COVID
 too much news
 too many zooms
 too much uncertainty

FEAR

Focus, where have you gone?

Siblings hunker down on Cape Cod
 left out again
 Just like life, only more so
 react from our past selves
 rely on what we know in unknowable time

Yet we can choose to respond and Flourish

HOME

happy to be just here

familiar and known SAFE

see neighbors from porches

keep distance

sit with unknowable

SIT

on walkways
 know fear together

Each day feels like the other
 no need to change clothes
 nowhere to go

While grateful for this life
 grateful for health care workers
 Despair for fallen folk
 in crowded cities
 less privileged
 World Over

May we be transformed
 May we know what matters Here and Now
 stay with intention
 Mine?
 One moment at a time
 One day
 One step One breath
 Outdoors now
 Spring begins to arrive
 Those daffodils peer out from the snow
 we study racial bias
 the gender spectrum
 they are both and:
 each is true

Come together and re-learn
 life is not normal
 while it does go on...
 both and
 in COVID time

And **through Covid**, I ask,
 Where have all our learnings gone?
 Long time passing
 Will there be a Randolph?
 How will she be changed?

Don't the mountains hold constancy?

I suppose if we return to what matters
 then Randolph will invite us
 To remember just this -
 compassion and care
 we forever bestow



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