

# Mountain View

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Top: "Summer Landscape above Broadacres," 2018, Medium: ink and acrylic on paper, Steven Teczar; Bottom left and right: some snowy days in Randolph by Betsy Hess. Welcome Spring!



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## From the Selectman's Office

### Please Plan to Attend:

The Selectmen have scheduled a public meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30pm at the town hall in order to discuss designs and plans for the repairs of Durand Road. The Selectmen hope to get as much feedback from the townspeople as possible, so we have scheduled this meeting for early summer, when we hope many of the seasonal residents will be able to attend.

Many of you live on Durand Road and most of you are taxpayers, so this is an important decision for everyone. Once we agree to move forward on a plan, we will be able to put the project out to bid later this summer. Following that, the funding will be taken to a vote next March at the Town Meeting.

Effective after this last Town Meeting, we welcome a new addition to the Selectboard: Paul Alfred Jadis, a resident of Durand Road. He and his wife have lived in our community for a number of years and he has graciously stepped up to do his part in keeping our town running smoothly.

You can always call the selectmen with your concerns: John at (603)723-1604, Paul at (603)717-8573 and Michele at (603)466-5841.

## Hello, Mr. Moose!



Jenn and Ethan Scarinza (9 months) watch a moose in their backyard this February. He nibbled on the apple trees and wandered around a bit. The moose came back a few days later and they got to see him again!

Photos: John Scarinza

## Eleanor and Bob

David Kolkebeck



Eleanor and Bob Kolkebeck never wanted obituaries. Maybe they figured a resume wasn't needed where they were going. Probably they didn't want their four kids to make a big deal of lives well-lived but, as they saw it, lives that were unexceptional.

Dad was born in Brooklyn in 1916, Mom in Providence a year later. Mom came to Harvard for a Dunster House mixer in the Spring of 1941. She'd graduated from Wheaton in 1939 with a music degree and was at Tufts for Early Childhood Ed. Older than most because he'd gone to work right out of high school, Dad cut in on Mom's dance partner with a tap on the shoulder and later proclaimed he would marry Eleanor Keach.

Mom's parents started coming to Randolph around 1915. They bought a John Boothman shell on the Hill and had it finished. The fourteen-hour journey from Providence on the Boston & Maine took them through Crawford Notch to Jefferson Junction, where they transferred to the B&M's Berlin Branch. Mr. Boothman met their train at Appalachia Station, a simple shelter in view of the Ravine House.

Mom's father was nearly 60 when she was born. On retirement he was able to join his family in Randolph for the entire summer. Together he and Mom fished the pools below Coldbrook Falls. Mom climbed as a teenager. She looks the part at 16 in a photo taken above tree line—

white blouse, knickers with knee socks, ankle-high shoes. A few years later she walked the Range by moonlight, a rite of passage for young people fortunate to get the clouds and lunar calendar to cooperate.

Dad first came to Randolph under the unwatchful eye of a chaperon. Mom couldn't wait to bring him and her mother insisted. The war was on when they married in March 1942. Enlistment that September meant Dad could skip his senior year of college and enter the Business School.

Called up in April 1943, Dad was one lucky soldier. Mom followed him to Camp Lee, VA., taking accommodations nearby and processing claims for Liberty Mutual to pay the rent. She was with him in California when he shipped out to India, the American base of operations for the China Theater and thousands of miles from the front.

Mom and Dad returned to Cambridge at war's end. It was after Dad got his business degree and they relocated to Hopewell, NJ., that we were born: Susan in 1948, Janet in 1950, David in 1952, Mark in 1954.

We moved to the New York suburbs in 1959, trading in the old Ford wagon for a new VW Microbus. The third seat made the annual August 1 trip to Randolph less confining but no cooler. It was our rare chance to eat out, and we always chose the Three Judges, just before



*Eleanor and Bob continued...*

the tunnel on the Wilbur Cross, where to our delight they stuck parasols in the burgers.

Mark and I had big plans to climb Huntington's and set the record for running down from Crag but Mom and Dad had other ideas. We were a young family, and we became no more than casual climbers as we got into our early teens. It briefly felt like cheating to start so high, but the Caps Ridge Trail was plenty challenging. We typically waited for the perfect day, and we couldn't be sure until we looked out the window on the morning of a planned climb and saw the mountains were clear. This was a "Randolph morning," Mom's way—and later ours—of describing a cool, crisp day full of promise wherever we happened to be. The views from Monticello Lawn were always spectacular, and we never felt the need to continue to the top.

We were regulars at Sunday evening hymn sings. Mom had a beautiful voice. She'd actually played the soprano lead in *HMS Pinafore* as a twentysomething in a Klaus Goetze production. We couldn't sing at her level but we did our best. It was always a welcome surprise to open the Playhouse door and see Bruce Simonds at the piano. He made that old upright sing. Bruce would arch back and crush the downbeat to *For All the Saints*, our cue to sing as strongly on the up. *Now the Day Is Over* was always last. Gwen Boothman quietly unlatched the door and tip-toed in with refreshments as we sang the two short verses soft and slow.

Charades was fun, if incomprehensible. The Hill chose TRIPTYCH one year and Dad was both Jackson Pollock throwing eggs at a sheet of plywood and Aristotle Contemplating the Bust Of Homer. Bliss Woodruff led a Midlands squadron churning eggbeaters over their heads while trying to dodge Hank Folsom's stratospheric service tosses. Tennis was huge. Hank and Doug Grant played for a title—great shot making, two formidable personalities.

Mom and Dad moved to Bennington, Vt., in 1969 and retired to Williamstown, Mass., in 1978. Doubles became their passion, and in Randolph close friends Meg and Jim Meiklejohn frequently joined them on the Ravine House court.

Dad had tired of the New York grind. Ever the wordman—*Times* crosswords, limericks, Jotto (Wordle for two with pencil and paper), anagrams—he'd come up with the palindrome DAD IN IRT SEES TRINIDAD on a packed subway and headed north instead. He enjoyed banging out a letter on the Remington. One complaint to the AMC about the Cornice Trail prompted the reply that it was the RMC's.

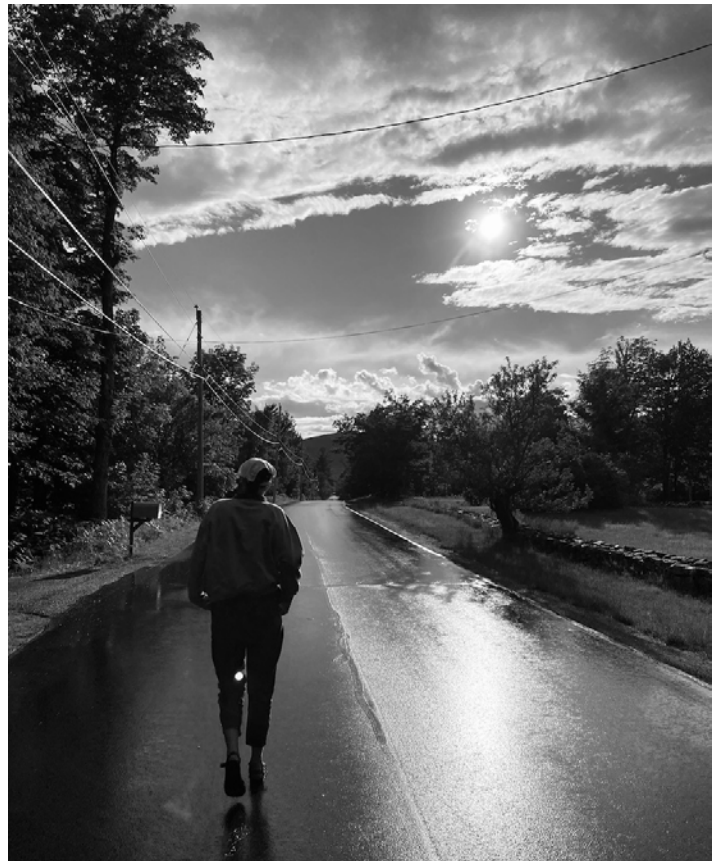
With words went music. Mom introduced Dad and us to the *Marriage of Figaro*, the *Pearl Fishers* duet, the

Schubert cello quintet, among other gems. When they danced they glided around the living room furniture to Lester Lannon or Patsy Cline in such astonishing unison you thought Mom was standing on Dad's feet.

Dad was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 1993. The earliest sign was at Denali, where Dad regaled others about a previous visit though this was his first. Happily, they'd had twelve good years to travel the world. Dad never lost his good-naturedness or charm. Wordman to the end, he spotted TYPAR on our unfinished house addition as he arrived with Mom for what turned out to be their final overnight and said he'd come to party. Dad died in 2000 at 84.

Mom started a new life at Kendal at Hanover. As Dad's sole caregiver she hadn't socialized in years, so it was a treat for her to join a steady group of women for wine and hors d'oeuvres. All took turns hosting in their apartments. Mom's world began to shrink at 90 when she gave away her old Subaru as planned, but she continued to tend a small garden and bake bread, always sending us home with a loaf. Caring for the children in the staff daycare became a particular pleasure, and she often watched them play outdoors from her room above. Mom announced at her 99th birthday party in 2016 that it would be her last. Two months later she was gone.

*Photo Page 3 courtesy of David Kolkebeck*



*Photo above: the editor's best friend after a sun shower.*

## Randolphian Honored!



Gaye Ruble of Randolph was honored by Superintendent David Backler on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for her 6 years of dedicated service on the Gorham-Randolph-Shelburne Cooperative School Board.

Richard “Rick” Umiker, a retired math teacher at St. Mark’s School in Southborough, Mass., ran unopposed to fill the vacancy.

*Photo left: Gaye Ruble accepting her award. Photo and caption by Edith Tucker.*

## Battle for Broadband

**Kathleen Kelley**

The town board of selectmen and Kathleen Kelley have been working on the broadband challenges currently facing Randolph residents.

In November 2021, a survey sent to Randolph residents indicated that many residents have a much slower internet speed than their neighbors. When Spectrum was asked about this in February, a representative said the best practice is to have residents with slower service call Spectrum. The representative said that modems should be replaced every 3-5 years. Spectrum has found that Randolph wild animals and weather impact the wires connecting houses, so these wires should be regularly inspected.

If a Randolph resident calls Spectrum with an issue or to work on improving their internet speed, they should “escalate” the call to the next level immediately. The resident should also ask for and note the Job or Work number for this request.

Based on the Town of Randolph survey, internet speeds to various homes from Spectrum range greatly:

- Boothman Lane residents have 15 to 19 MPBS
- Valley Road residents have 25 MPBS
- Coldbrook Rd residents have 22 to 44 MPBS
- Durand Rd residents have 1.48 to 121 MPBS
- High Acres residents have 115 MPBS
- Nekal Lane residents have 100 MPBS
- Pasture Path residents have 23 MPBS
- Randolph Hill Rd residents have 2 to 122 MPBS
- Raycrest residents have 27 to 188 MPBS
- RT #2 residents have no internet to 117 MPBS
- Woodspring residents have 11 to 108 MPBS
- Glover Spring Rd residents have 100 MPBS
- Cascade View has no internet access
- Baillargeon Rd have no internet to 25 MPBS

If you are someone with a neighbor with better speeds, you should call Spectrum and ask for a technician visit to check your modem and the cable wire attached to

your home. Spectrum is replacing modems for free.

The Broadband Committee has issued an RFP for internet service as our Spectrum contract was never signed or executed properly. We are seeking vendors who will provide residents “with internet speeds equal to or greater than 100 Mbps download, 20 Mbps upload and latency not to exceed 25 milliseconds.” If you are interested in participating in this committee please contact Kathleen Kelley, [kukelley@me.com](mailto:kukelley@me.com).

Townpeople will have to vote on such a contract at a future meeting. More information will be shared with the Town in May. We have secured one state grant of \$29,940 for this project and we continue to look at potential funding from the federal government.

Below is a map of current Spectrum (Charter) coverage. If a home is 125 ft. from a Spectrum wire then there should be no initial charge to connect to the internet at a speed of 25/5 MPBS.

**CHARTER TOWN OF RANDOLPH, NH  
SERVED STREETS**



**Legend**

— Charter Served Streets — Streets — Municipal Boundary

0 0.75 1.5 3 Miles

**Charter**  
COMMUNICATIONS



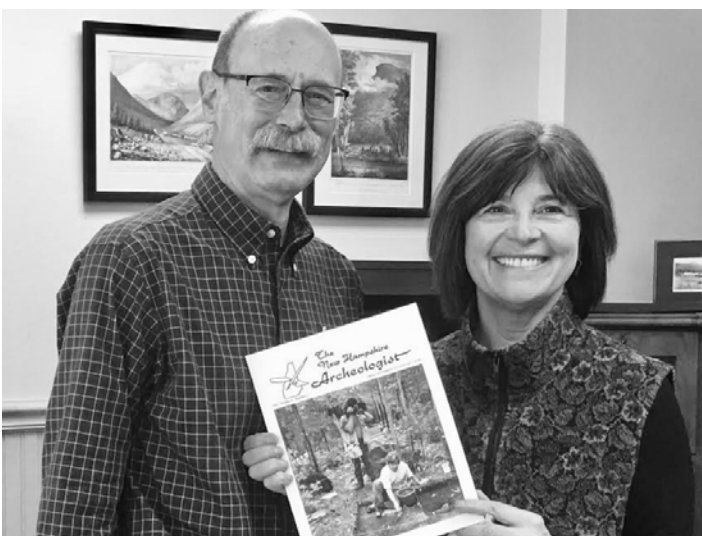
## Lowe's Cabinet

**Yvonne Jenkins**

The White Mountain Room of the Randolph Public Library now houses a valuable resource - the old display cabinet from the original Lowe's Garage, circa 1922, that was purchased when Gordon Lowe added a grocery store to the filling station established by his father Vyron D. Lowe in 1915.<sup>1</sup> The cabinet was manufactured by the Columbus Show Case Co., of Columbus, Ohio which was in business from 1895-2013. My husband Larry and I spent a couple of weeks refurbishing the woodwork and installing new tempered glass. Wanting to keep the cabinet as authentic as possible, I researched antique stores in Columbus Ohio and sent photos of the 2 original shelf brackets that existed hoping they may have some of the old inventory in their possession. They replied that they had 4 brackets in stock and available, exactly what was needed. Two replacement shelves were made and painted to match the historical wainscoting on the walls of the White Mountain Room. But as with Old Mother Hubbard, our new "cupboard" is looking pretty bare. The only items on display at this time, and appropriately so, are 4 remaining volumes that were part of the original

100 books given by the State of New Hampshire "to aid in establishing a Free Public Library" in the Town of Randolph at the request of Charles E. Lowe. Now we are inviting members of the community to help us fill the display cabinet with a variety of interesting and historical items from Randolph's past. Space is limited, so we ask that you contact us with a short description and/or photo of the item to be considered for display.

The White Mountain Room, which was given in memory of another early Randolph family member, Susan Boothman Hawkins, is home to much of Randolph's rich history. Several recent additions have been made to the collection, including five volumes of "The Randolph Diaries of Francis Colebrook "Frank" Wood", transcribed, edited and produced by Al Hudson (see Mountain View article, September 2021); "Letters from the Attic, Unpacking the Family Legacy" written by Ben Phinney; "Cutterville", written by Emily Douglas, great-great-granddaughter of mapmaker Louis Fayerweather Cutter; and "The Wild Trails" a collection of essays and articles written by Brad Meiklejohn.



<sup>1</sup>"Gordon Lowe: The man who was a living landmark", by Edith Tucker. The Berlin Reporter, November 22, 1995.

*Photo above and left: Lowe's Display Cabinet at the Randolph Public Library. Photo by Yvonne Jenkins.*

*Photo above: New additions to the Randolph collection of the White Mountain Room. Photo by Yvonne Jenkins.*

*Photo left: Librarian Yvonne Jenkins accepts a copy of "The N.H. Archaeologist" from former state archaeologist, Dick Boisvert. This issue is devoted entirely to the Potter site in Randolph. Photo courtesy of Edith Tucker.*

## Updates on Friends of the Randolph Public Library

Written by the Friends Board

We hope everyone has had a safe, healthy, and fulfilling winter, but we must admit – we are delighted that it is springtime!

When we wrote in June of 2021, we shared our ‘revitalization’ plans and our Board’s enthusiasm for the efforts to come. Now we want to share a quick update on what we have been able to accomplish. First, we gained 21 BRAND NEW members as well as continued support from our existing Friends members. Second, in partnership with the Library and Board of Trustees, we supported the 2021 Annual Book Sale and organized and ran the Bake Sale, and we are eager for the Sale this coming summer. And third, we have funded several Library programs and resources, including: the Great North Woods Libraries Zoom Series; the Library’s annual movie license; Summer 2021 children’s events and programs; garden flowers; a September 2021 outdoor family movie night; an air purifier for use in the library; children’s books for Santa’s fire truck ride in December 2021; a live zoom presentation by author Anders Morley on *This Land of Snow*; and multiple books and DVDs for the library.

Thanks to our members, and despite the pandemic, the efforts of the Friends remain strong. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer-based organization, we are committed to a three-fold mission: to promote and support the Library, library resources, and library programming; to build a partnership between the Library and the community; and to provide supplemental funds to assist in the use and enjoyment of the library offerings by all Randolph residents and visitors.

While we wished to have had an opportunity for Friends members to gather in 2021, we felt it was prudent to wait. We are optimistic for 2022 and hope that at least

one Friends gathering will be able to take place!

We continue to further our mission with VIGOR, and we hope that you will join us and sign up for your 2022-2023 membership! Everyone who loves the Randolph Public Library is invited to join the Friends. Becoming a member means that you will be included on our master e-mail list, where we will share updates on all efforts and any Friends gatherings. If you are interested in supporting specific endeavors, we welcome you to have a more active volunteer role.

**Please sign up today for your 2022-2023 tax-deductible membership!** There are three easy ways:

1. Fill out this NEW and simple online form: <http://bit.ly/FriendsRPL>  
(Please note that payment is processed via the link to PayPal, but a PayPal membership itself is not required to submit payment – you can use a credit card!)
2. Print out the form from the library website: <https://randolphnhpubliclibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/>
3. Pick up a printed form at the Library

Please visit us on the library website for more information OR send us an email.

### Contact Information:

- Email: [friends@randolphnhpubliclibrary.org](mailto:friends@randolphnhpubliclibrary.org)
- Website: <https://randolphnhpubliclibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/>
- Address: Friends of the Randolph Public Library, 130 Durand Road, Randolph, NH 03593

## Progress at the Randolph Church

Last August the Board of the Randolph Church learned that land adjoining church property had recently been sold to Mike Cote, and was in the process of being subdivided. With the approval granted by the Randolph Planning Board to further subdivide one of the lots, Mike agreed to sell a small portion of the property to the church. This piece of land, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre, lies between the church and the property previously owned by Larry Martin, along Route 2. After several conversations and a walk about the property, the Board and Mr. Cote agreed to a purchase price of \$30,000. The Board then turned to the community, which generously responded and donated or pledged over \$34,000, from 34 households. This is now enough to cover the purchase price, and fees, and some cleaning up of the property. Some interesting features on this parcel include what seems to be the foun-

**John A. Weatherly, Moderator**  
dations of a small dwelling, perhaps a sugaring operation.

The Randolph Church is very grateful to everyone for their support and generosity. This summer the church expects to be fully open for services in July and August, and look forward to a celebration and recognition of all donors.





## Porches of Randolph

Redza Dempster

### Coming this summer:

Have you always wondered what the view was like from that house along the road? Have you and your neighbor talked about getting together, but never managed to get around to it? Have you missed out on socializing because of COVID?

### Introducing Porches of Randolph!

Porches of Randolph is a new summer season opportunity for Randolphians to safely socialize outside in small numbers on a local porch (or lawn) while admiring each home's unique outlook on our magnificent hills.

Each porch party will be held during cocktail hour or around sunset. The aim is to have at least one porch party per week from July 5<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>. Hosts have generously agreed to provide refreshments for attendees, while guests will be asked to provide a donation of their choosing. All proceeds will be distributed evenly to the Randolph Foundation, the Randolph Mountain Club, and the Randolph Public Library.

**Are you interested in being a host for the inaugural year?** Please contact us right away as dates are being reserved fast. Don't have a porch, but still want to host? Lawn parties are just as fun!

**Interested in attending?** A full schedule of the upcoming season's porch parties will be published soon.

**Interested in volunteering?** We will need volunteers to assist hosts and with checking in guests at each event.

With questions please text/call Redza Dempster at (973) 652 3845 or email [PorchesOfRandolph@gmail.com](mailto:PorchesOfRandolph@gmail.com)



*Photos above: an evening Porch Party in Randolph. Courtesy of Redza Dempster.*

## Matterhorn

Bob Kruszyna

I always derive satisfaction from answering the inevitable question, "Oh, so you're a mountain-climber. Have you ever climbed the Matterhorn?" "No!" No ? Not only is the question ignorant, but it displays a certain demeaning attitude. Anyone who is reasonably fit, needs an ego boost, and has the money to hire one of the Zermatt guides who never leads anything else can do it. In fact, I have met two such men whose Matterhorn ascent was the only mountaineering climb they ever did. The reason is not the joy of the climb but the boast afterwards. Actually, not everyone is "reasonably fit". While climbing the Dent Blanche, a peak of comparable difficulty to the Matterhorn, we observed a platoon of helicopters plucking the "unfit" off the Matterhorn! Moreover, while the Matterhorn was crowded with men and machines, we had the beautiful ridge of the Dent Blanche all to ourselves.

Let me tell you a relevant story. Within the

Appalachian Mountain Club, there is a group called the "Four-Thousand Footer Club", to which every pink-blooded Appie aspires. (Appies generally do not have red blood, but some do have blue.) Membership entails ascending the 48 peaks in New Hampshire (and documenting it!), and doing so in winter is an even greater achievement. During the 1950's and 60's, with no special plan in mind, I climbed them all in both summer and winter. That is, all but one, the acknowledged "dog". Everyone knows I could have done that one whenever I wanted. A couple of friends who had done them all, were infuriated by my "statement", more so because they understood the reason. Perhaps when I am 80, I will mellow enough to stop spiting them, and indeed at age 91 I am now required to. Merit badges, embossed certificates, and being admitted to the pantheon have absolutely no relation to the reasons I went to the mountains.



## From the Town Clerk

At the Town Meeting, all articles passed and 3 articles were amended:

- Article 6 was amended to: recommend the selectmen priority Phase I of the Durand Rd Project.
- Article 12 was amended to add another 100,000 to the Durand Rd Project.
- Article 18 was amended to change the name of the Fund to - Energy Efficient Fund so that the money could be used for more than just solar.
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A reminder to all that if home addresses have changed please fill out the change of address form on the Town Website so that your tax bill will go to the correct address.

Please check with Town Clerk/Collector for any possible closings at the end of April and June before coming in.

### Official Ballot Results

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendment to the town zoning ordinance (Land Use Ordinance) as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

The proposed amendment would add language to Section 6.04 PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY RESIDENCES to address tiny homes on wheels in the same manner as campers and recreational vehicles subject to compliance with applicable health and safety codes. In Article III DEFINITIONS, the definition of "Structure" would be revised to remove a conflicting sentence regarding trailers, and the definitions of "Dwelling" and "Manufactured Housing" would be revised to make clear that tiny homes on wheels are not included in either term.

**YES: 81 NO: 10**

### Election Results

**Anne Kenison**

Position	Candidate	Votes
Selectmen (3 Year)	Paul Alfred Jadis	57
	Dewald Steinmann	29
Treasurer (1 Year)	Kathleen Kelley	81
Auditor (2 Year)	Philip Guiser	81
Trustee of Trust Fund (3 Year)	Michael Sewick	74
Planning Board (3 Year)	Timothy Mather	82
Library Trustee (3 Year)	Karen Bradley	83
Board of Adjustment (3 Year) (2)	Robert S. Onaki	68
	H. Guyford Stever J.R.	83
Board of Adjustment (1 Year)	Robert Harris	78
Cemetery Trustee (3 Year)	Raymond Aube	87
Cemetery Trustee (1 Year)	William Arnold	84
Supervisor of Checklist (6 Year)	Richard Umiker	79
Moderator (2 Year)	David Willcox	82
Tax Collector (3 Year)	Anne Kenison	86

## Randolph Remembers



**Remembering Alan Lowe:** Gordon "Alan" Lowe, Jr., 81, of Randolph, NH, passed away on Friday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, surrounded by family. He was born in Whitefield, NH on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1940 the son of Gordon Alan Lowe, Sr. and Norah Daley Lowe and lived in Randolph his entire life except for the 2 years he spent in the Army. He attended Gorham schools until the 11th grade when he transferred to finish school in Berlin, graduating in 1958. He married Lucille Lacasse in 1963 and after entering the Army, was stationed in Berlin, Germany as a truck driver. Alan and Lucille traveled all over Europe any chance they got, sleeping in their VW Bug. When they returned to Randolph, he worked at the family business, Lowe's Service Station, where he purchased his first heavy duty tow truck and traveled all over New England towing and recovering tractor trailers. If you rode with him in a car, he would relive all the big recoveries whenever you passed their location. In 1989, he became the Police Chief for the Town of Randolph. He enjoyed patrolling the town by car in the summer and by snowmobile in the winter. He was also employed as a

school bus driver and safely drove the Randolph kids to school for 62 years. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed building models (especially replicas of his wreckers), riding his Goldwing, fishing, gambling, going out to breakfast every morning after his bus run, but most of all, spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Lucille (Lacasse) Lowe; his daughter Suzie and her husband Mark Santos and Pattie and her husband Kevin Rousseau; grandchildren Christa and Philip Rousseau; two men he considered sons, Eric and Morgan Provost; sister-in-law Ruth Lowe; brother-in-law Ray Conway; many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents and all of his siblings, Marion Horne, Carolyn Conway, Vyron Lowe, Joyce Chaffee and also an infant son, Gordon Lowe III.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Randolph Foundation, attn: Treasurer, PO Box 283, Gorham, NH 03581.

*Randolph Remembers...***Celebrating Clover Koopman:**

Lifelong adventurer and artist, Winifred S. "Clover" Koopman, 79, of Gorham, NH passed away on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Her family wishes to notify friends that a memorial service will be held for Clover on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:00pm at the Randolph Church.

The service will be followed by a reception at the Koopman family home on Randolph hill Road.

All are welcome.

For a full written remembrance of Clover, please see the September 2021 issue of the Mountain View. It can be found on the Randolph Foundation website.

**A Disc Jockey?**

Does anyone know that I, career adventurer and professional scientist, once worked as a disc jockey – a classical disc jockey? When I worked at Dartmouth College, there was a student-run radio station, WDCR, that broadcast news, notices of college activities, and music, mostly the popular pap preferred by the uncivilized younger generations. However, there were a couple of classical programs m-ceed by emeritus professor of mathematics, Robin Robinson, the college's resident genius. One evening a week, Robin hosted "A Little Night Music", and during an afternoon, "The Opera Showcase" featuring a full-length opera, often an obscure one. The recordings of these broadcasts came from Robin's extensive collection.

At the time, my musical tastes had centered on the period between Romanticism and Modernism, between

Brahms and Schoenberg. I was especially interested in the music of composers less known, overlooked, forgotten. So I made a proposal to the student-run station for a once a week, two hour program, featuring this repertory and it was accepted!

I titled the program Interstices – the spaces in between. My opening statement: "Are you weary of Bach for breakfast, Mozart in the morning, anyone in the afternoon, Mahler at midnight? Then Interstices is for you!" With some exceptions, I programmed music by composers who were born between 1860 and 1880. For example, Mahler, born in 1860, the last glorious gasp of Romanticism, and Debussy, born in 1862, the first breath of Modernism.

**Bob Kruszyna****Good Morning All!****Kathleen Kelley**

"Since I have so many family members on **gluten and dairy free** diets, I made a great breakfast muffin recipe:"

Banana Muffin

Bake at 350

1/2 ripe avocado

3 ripe bananas

1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

2 eggs

1 cup sugar

1/2 cup coconut flour

1/2 cup flaxseed meal (finely ground and I prefer golden)

1 cup almond flour

1 tsp baking powder

1 tsp baking soda

1 tbs vanilla

Blend avocado, banana and eggs until smooth. Blend in all other ingredients until wet.

Portion into 12 lined cupcake tin.

Bake for 25 min or until golden and toothpick comes out clean.

**Some Whimsy!****Martha Sappington**

"I have been making these little characters for over a year now. They are to help bring joy into the lives of people that receive them. The Gorham Congregation Church, UCC is using them as part of their outreach ministry called Corkies for Jesus. These characters remind us we are never alone. Each one I make is unique and has its own personality just like the people who receive them."





## Local Geology

from Dykstra Eusden

As part of a joint Bates College Geology, United States Geological Survey, and New Hampshire Geological Survey effort, a new bedrock geologic map of the Berlin, NH 7.5 min quadrangle has been newly published under the Federal StateMap program.

This publication follows the bedrock maps of the Mt. Crescent (2019) and Jefferson (2017) quadrangles.

Some interesting highlights of the Berlin map are:

1. There's a major tectonic boundary that runs through the quad between an ancient volcanic arc—about 450 million years old—and a deep sea marine basin, about 420 million years old.
2. The lead mines in the region lie on a late brittle fault, the Lead Mines Fault, that strikes SW to NE, where fluids from within the fault system precipitated the ores.
3. The granitic rocks in the region have two distinct

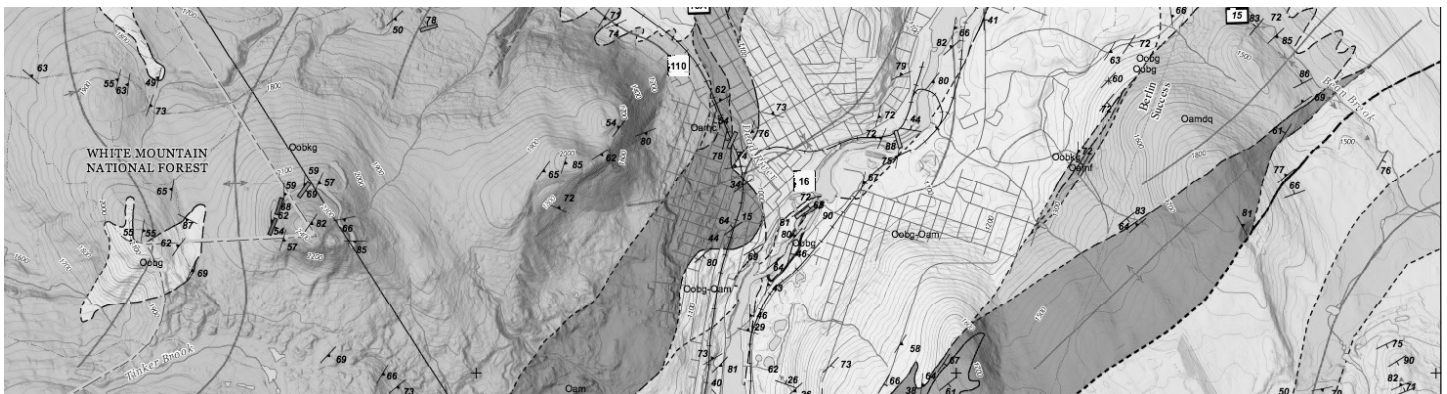
pluses of intrusion, an older around 445 million years old and a younger around 350 million years old.

Mapping will continue in the Shelburne, NH quadrangle in April and May of this year to connect the mapping that has already been done in NH with the maps we've made in the Gilead and Bethel, ME quadrangles.

Below is displayed a section of the Berlin, NH map. For the full map (in color) and context, please visit Dyk Eusden's scholarship page: [https://scarab.bates.edu/faculty\\_publications/219/](https://scarab.bates.edu/faculty_publications/219/)

There, it is also possible to view the Mt. Crescent and Jefferson maps that were taken in 2019 and 2017, respectively.

Furthermore, it is possible to read about these features in much greater detail as well as see a companion rock photo gallery in the Berlin Quadrangle Companion Report, found on the aforementioned website.



## When Will the Seven Break? 2022!

Yvonne Jenkins

According to Randolph Weather Folklore, “you can’t plant your tenders” and “you can’t let your children go swimming until the Seven breaks.” If you have no idea what that means, see below.\*

In that tradition and the spirit of “Ice Out,” the Randolph Public Library is sponsoring our 5<sup>th</sup> annual When Will the Seven Break? Contest.

### RULES:

- Click on the link below and enter your guess of the exact date & time when you think the Seven will break.
- All entries are due by April 16 at 5:00 p.m.
- The person choosing the closest or correct day & time will be declared the winner.
- Local weather observer Ted Wier will make the official call.
- Prize: 1/2 Gallon of Local Maple Syrup.

\*The Seven is a natural snow formation on the upper section of Great Gully in King Ravine which appears in early spring as the snow begins to melt. By break, we mean when the snow melts enough to cause a complete break on either the vertical or horizontal part of the Seven.

Visit this link to submit your guess: <https://forms.gle/tFUA8vBylLeHBwqz8>



Photo above: taken on March 16th, 2022 at 8:00am

## Wild Randolph



There once was a terrier from France,  
Who his master put into a trance.  
This stopped his chasing,  
His after-tail racing,  
But, on waking, he commenced to dance!

**By Carol Ryder-Horton**

*Photos above left-to right: a Chipmunk, two Canada Geese, and a Fox Pup. All photos by Carol Ryder-Horton.*

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