

Monthly Blizzard



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In an effort to conserve space and perhaps make the schedule easier to follow, recurring events will be listed below. Please check specific days for any changes (holiday closings, etc.).

Bridge: Tuesday, 6:30 PM at the Town Hall, small meeting room; all levels welcome; FMI call Jean Malick 466-2547

Clerk hours: Monday 9 AM to 11 AM; Wednesday 7 PM to 9 PM

Library hours: Monday 10 AM to noon; Wednesday 3 PM to 8 PM; Thursday 3 PM to 8 PM; Saturday 10 AM to noon

Recycling: 1st Saturday of the month; all recyclables must be sorted and at the roadside by 7 AM

Trash collection: Tuesday mornings; all trash must be bagged and at the roadside by 7 AM

Yoga: Tuesday, 5:15 PM at the Town Hall; FMI call Michelle Cormier 466-5841

April 1, Thursday

Library hours.

Planning Board meets at the Town Hall, 7 PM.

April 2, Friday

Early release for GRS students; professional workshop for staff.

April 3, Saturday

RECYCLING TODAY.

Library hours

April 5, Monday

Clerk & Library hours.

Fire Department meets at the Fire station 6:30 PM

April 6, Tuesday

Trash collection; Yoga, & Bridge players meet.

April 7, Wednesday

Clerk & Library hours; Children's Program at the Library: Hop Off the Bus Wednesday. 3:15- 4:30 .

Forest Commission meets at the Town Hall, 7 PM

April 8, Thursday

Library hours.

April 10, Saturday

Library hours.

Quilting and crafting at the Town Hall; 1 PM to 4:30PM; FMI call Rita Savage at 466-5565.

Pot luck supper and movie night at the Town Hall: Escape the winter blues & travel to the Greek Isles; dinner at 5:30 PM; sing along to the movie, "Mama Mia" at 6:30 PM; Greek inspired dishes to share are encouraged .

April 12, Monday

Clerk & Library hours

Selectmen meet at the Town Hall at 7 PM.

April 13, Tuesday

Trash collection; yoga & bridge players meet; **Yoga in the small room, Bridge players in the library**

"Writing Your Life - one story at a time"; 10:00 AM to noon in the Library. These workshops are not sequential - come any time! FMI call Nancy Penney, 466-3867

GRS School Board meets, 6:30 PM at Randolph Town Hall; FMI call the SAU office (466-3632).

April 14, Wednesday

Clerk & Library hours; Children's Program at the Library: Hop Off the Bus Wednesday. 3:15- 4:30.

April 15, Thursday

Library hours.

Ballroom Dance lessons (next 8 weeks) at the Town Hall; 6:30 to 8:30

Board of Adjustment meet at the Town Hall, 7 PM.

April 17, Saturday

Library hours

April 19, Monday

GRS Schools closed for vacation.

Clerk & Library hours.

Library Trustees meet at the Library at 6:30 PM

April 20, Tuesday

Trash collection; bridge players meet; **no yoga today**

April 21, Wednesday

Clerk & Library hours; Children's Program at the Library: Hop Off the Bus Wednesday. 3:15- 4:30.

April 22, Thursday

Library hours.

Ballroom Dance lessons (next 7 weeks) at the Town Hall; 6:30 to 8:30

April 24, Saturday

Library hours.

Quilting and crafting at the Town Hall; 1 PM to 4:30PM; FMI call Rita Savage at 466-5565.

April 26, Monday

GRS Schools reopen.

Clerk & Library hours.

Mildred Horton Book Group meets at the Library at 10 AM, all welcome; FMI call Jean Malick at 466-2547

Selectmen meet at the Town Hall at 7 PM.

April 27, Tuesday

Trash collection; Yoga & bridge players meet

"Writing Your Life - one story at a time"; 10:00 AM to noon in the Library. These workshops are not sequential - come any time! FMI call Nancy Penney, 466-3867

April 28, Wednesday

Clerk & Library hours. Children's Program at the Library: Hop Off the Bus Wednesday. 3:15- 4:30.

April 29, Thursday

Library hours.

Ballroom Dance lessons (next 6 weeks) at the Town Hall; 6:30 to 8:30

*The next Blizzard will be available 5/1; all materials to Barbara Arnold (466-2438; barnold@ne.rr.com) by Thursday 4/22; The next Mountain View in June all materials must be to Dede Aube (daube@ne.rr.com) ASAP, **by May 1 due to the busy summer schedule.***

⇒ The Library has 2 "Cut the Carbon" meters available for borrowing

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"Christa", from page 1

Christa, a junior at Gorham High School, is the daughter of Kevin and Patty Rousseau and the granddaughter of Alan and Lucille Lowe of Randolph. She resides on Durand Road with her parents and her brother Philip.

Some might say it is a coincidence that 117 years ago it was Christa's Great, Great, Great Grandfather Charles E. Lowe who wrote to the NH State Library Commission requesting that 100 books be sent to Randolph to establish a public library, but I don't think so. Imagine how proud he would be today. Thank you Christa for all you do.

Randolph Town Election Results

March 9, 2010

Submitted by Anne Kenison, Town Clerk

Selectmen	Ted Wier
Treasurer	Connie Chaffee
Auditor	Philip Guiser
Trustee of Trust Funds	Michael Sewick
Planning Board	Arlene Eisenberg
Library Trustee	Sandy Wier
Bd. of Adjustment	Jim Hunt
Cemetery Trustee	Jim Baldwin
Tax Collector	Scott Robinson
Supervisor of Checklist	Michael Sewick
Moderator	David Willcox
School District	
School Moderator	Lee Carroll
Randolph representative	Angela Brown

Introduction to Town Meeting, March 9, 2010

By David L. Willcox

Town Moderator, Randolph, NH

In recent years, Randolph has undertaken several important civic projects. Although ultimately successful there were moments when those involved looked at each other and said; Is this effort really worth it? Can it be done? Are we nuts?

Anxiety at the outset of a major undertaking is a natural response. But it is surprising to find that it afflicted John Winthrop, who in later years as colonial governor always seemed so sure of his course.

By 1628, Winthrop had concluded that Puritans could no longer worship freely in England. He became a leader of the Massachusetts Bay Company which one writer described as "an expansive enterprise to provide refuge and opportunity for disaffected English non-conformists" in New England. But many Puritans, believing that the battle for England's salvation would be waged in England, equated emigration with desertion.

Facing such criticism, Winthrop struggled with the moral dilemma of staying versus leaving. He wrote a paper with the snappy title: *"Reasons to Be Considered for Justifying the Undertakers of the Intended Plantation in New England and for Encouraging Such Whose Hearts God Shall Move to Join with Them in It."* Winthrop's document takes the form of setting out "objections" to the emigration plan followed by arguments vindicating it. Historians read it as a reflection of his reservations, even guilt, about the decision.

If so, his leading concern was that he and his followers would be seen as trespassers or invaders. The first objection reflected this: *"We have no warrant to enter upon that land which hath been so long possessed by others."*

To this "objection" he provided three answers. The first distinguished between "natural rights," and "civil rights." All men have a natural right to use land in common with all other men for sustenance. But, *"as men and cattle increased, they appropriated certain parcels of ground by enclosing and peculiar manurance, and this in time gave them a civil right. ... The natives in New England, they inclose no land neither have any settled habitation nor any tame cattle to improve the land by, and so have no other but a natural right to those countries. So as we leave them sufficient for their use we may lawfully take the rest, there being more than enough for them and us."*

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If the first answer contained more than a hint of sophistry, the second exuded arrogance. Winthrop assumed the Native Americans in New England were waiting eagerly for his arrival to teach them how to improve themselves. They would be happy to accommodate the settlers; *"for they have of us that which will yield them more benefit than all the land which we have from them."*

But his third answer seemed to say that these considerations did not really matter because, *"God hath consumed the natives with a great plague in those parts so as there be few inhabitants left."*

Winthrop's next moral issue was whether or not the emigrants were deserters, running from the central struggle. He phrased it this way: *"It will be a great wrong to our church to take away the good people and we shall lay it the more open to the judgment feared."* It says something about the pessimism of Puritanism that whenever they used the word "judgment," it was assumed to be a condemnation.

To this objection he offered two answers. In the first, he argued that the *"...departing of good people from a country doth not cause a judgment but foreshow it [and] may occasion such as remain to turn from their evil ways that they may prevent it..."*

His second response was to point out that the church is a universal institution, *"so as he who doeth good in any one place, serves the church in all places..."* Consequently, those who relocated to New England would be; *"likely to do more good there than here..."*

Winthrop's third moral question was an extension of the second: while they had *"feared a judgment a great while,"* they were still safe, so why not *"stay till it come, and either we may fly then or, if we be overtaken in it, we may well content ourselves to suffer with such a church as ours is."*

He answered this by making reference to a number of notable defeats of Protestants by Catholic armies saying those churches had waited too long; *"the woeful spectacle of their ruin may teach us more wisdom, to avoid the plague when it is foreseen, and not to tarry as they did till it overtake us..."*

John Winthrop's answers to his posed objections may not have completely satisfied his doubts or as-

suaged his sense of guilt. But one other event did. That was the sermon given to the departing Puritans by none other than John Cotton, who did not realize at the time that he would soon be following his listeners to the New World. The importance of his appearance has been described in a somewhat light-hearted historical account:

"Cotton's sermon is entitled 'God's Promise to His Plantation, [and what he] is telling these about-to-be-Americans is that they are God's new chosen people. This they like to hear. In fact, they have been telling themselves just that... Cotton is telling them ... they are men of destiny...God has given them a...promised land. And...God has printed eviction notices for them to tack up on the homes of the nothing special, just-folks folks who are squatting there."

"John Cotton is ... the most respected, famous and beloved Puritan minister in England. Getting him to bless the send-off of these relatively unimportant castaways would be like scoring Nelson Mandela to deliver the commencement address at the neighbor kid's eighth grade graduation..."

"These people listening to this man are scared. There's a boat in the harbor that just might sail them to their deaths. They may never see their friends again..."

"Yet here is the smartest man in England, maybe the smartest man in the world, telling them, little old them that they have been picked by God..."

"Now they know. They can do this. "

So, when next beset with qualms, do not despair: Summon Nelson Mandela.



Moderator David Wilcox leads the introduction to the Randolph Town Meeting on Saturday, March 9, 2010.

Angela Brown photo.

Durand Lake and Ravine House Site

By Jean Malick

Last summer a friend from Rhode Island and I were walking on the new bog bridges leading to Durand Lake. As I was telling her that the bridges were built and installed by the Randolph Mountain Club and half paid for by the Randolph Foundation, she asked, "So, who takes care of this town recreation area?" "That is a very good question," I said in reply, "and not easily answered, but I will try..."

The most recent agreement between the town of Randolph and the Randolph Foundation regarding the maintenance of the Durand Lake and Ravine House properties is dated May 17, 2004 and reflects discussions and agreements regarding the maintenance, upkeep and repair of the Durand Lake Recreation Area and the Ravine House site properties. The intent of the agreement was to clarify the responsibilities of each party. These properties are owned by the town as a result of the efforts and generosity of the founders and supporters of the Randolph Foundation. The agreement of 2004 represents renewal of the ongoing cooperative effort between the town and the foundation for the upkeep of these properties, last documented in October of 1989.

The Randolph Foundation will coordinate and pay for the following items:

DURAND LAKE

- Water inflow and the overflow/outflow
- Brushing or mowing the outer slopes of the dam
- Trails around the Lake including mowing
- Mowing the grassy area between the lake and Route 2 every other year

TENNIS COURTS

- General maintenance and repair of the courts, nets and fences
- Pumps, plumbing and electric for sprinklers

RAVINE HOUSE SITE

- Mowing
- Gardens and benches
- Signage

GENERAL

- Coarse mowing of the area between the pool and the tennis courts

The Town will coordinate and pay for the following items:

POOL AND PAVILION AREA

- Buildings and shelters, restroom and septic, picnic tables
- Raft, putting in and removing dam boards, routine dam care
- Water testing, including annual summer testing of Lake Durand
- Lifeguards
- Playground equipment, yearly inspections and maintenance
- Mowing around the pool, pavilion, and tennis courts
- Parking area on south side of Durand Rd. at the ice house site

GENERAL

- Brushing along the Route 2 fence line (once every 3-5 years)

Others will coordinate and pay for the following items:

The Randolph Mountain Club maintains the Baldwin Bridge over the Moose River on the Bee Line Trail.

Other provisions:

- Cutting of trees on the property, whether for views from the Ravine House site or for other purposes shall be cleared with the Board of Selectmen before cutting is begun.

These items constitute the identified routine maintenance items required to keep the recreation and wildlife refuge area attractive and inviting for Randolph. It is realized that there may be unidentified expenses of a non-routine nature and that these will be addressed on an as needed basis. Items that are not covered in this agreement will be the responsibility of the town and should not be undertaken without consulting the selectmen.

Although this represents a long-standing cooperative agreement, it can be terminated or modified at any time by mutual consent.

Hopefully, this has given you a little understanding of the interconnections involved in the maintenance of the unique recreation area of Randolph. Without a doubt, our ancestors would be proud of our continuation of this cooperation through our town forest acquisitions and recent trailhead land purchase.

Randolph Remembers

Jane Crites Cross

By Sam Cross and Susan Sellers

Jane C. Cross, a retired, enthusiastic science teacher at St. Timothy's School, died of COPD on January 31 at Blakehurst Retirement Community in Towson at the age of 90.

Jane graduated from Goucher College in 1940 and later received a Masters from the School of Hygiene at Johns Hopkins University. She trained in the Pathology Department of Johns Hopkins Hospital as a Clinical Bacteriologist. During WWII, she worked in the lab of Drs. Perran Long and Eleanor Bliss, studying the effect of sulfanilamide on simulated war wounds. She was also a Chief Yeoman in the US Coast Guard Volunteer Port Security Force.

Before her marriage to Ernest S. Cross, Jr. in 1947, Jane worked at the NIH in the TB Control Division. Until the birth of her son in 1949, she worked for Dr. Georgiana Seegar Jones as a research assistant in female sterility. For the next ten years, she stayed home to raise her son and daughter while volunteering for the LWV and Planned Parenthood.

From 1960 to 1978, Jane taught Biology at St. Timothy's School, followed by 5 years at St. Paul's School for Girls. "I found that I loved teaching as much as I had loved lab work."

After retiring in 1984, Jane volunteered to teach English as a Foreign Language to graduate students at Johns Hopkins, helped at the Walters Art Museum, worked on the Goucher College Alumnae/i Tour Committee which raises money for the Goucher Scholarship Fund.

In 1993, Jane and Ern moved into Blakehurst where she was on the Editorial Board of the "Banner", joined many Bridge clubs and enjoyed art classes.

She is survived by her son E. Samuel Cross III (Cynthia F.), and daughter Susan Cross Sellers (T. Duncan), two granddaughters Saraah L. Ries (Jonathan D) and Gwendolyn H. Sellers and two great-grandsons Levi and Lincoln Ries.

A memorial service was held on February 20 at the Chapel of the Church of the Redeemer. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Goucher College Annual Fund, 1020 Dulaney Valley Road, Towson, MD 21204.

Iris Holden

Iris Holden, 93, died at Androscoggin Valley Hospital on Monday, December 7, 2009. She was born and raised in Jefferson, NH, the daughter of Wyeth C. and Clara Hurlbutt Holmes and attended Jefferson schools. She married Freeman Holden March 2, 1935. After living in New Hampton, NH and Dalton, NH they built a home in Randolph, NH in 1942 and lived there together until Freeman's death in 2001. Iris sold the homestead in 2004 and moved to Birch Grove in Gorham which she enjoyed very much. While raising her children she was very active in the 4-H Club. In later years she became a member of the Gorham Woman's Club. She was a long-time member of St. John's Methodist Church in Jefferson and also attended the Gorham Methodist Church. She was secretary and treasurer for the town of Randolph for many years. She also worked at the Waumbek Hotel, the Appalachian Mountain Club and the Littleton Stamp and Coin Company. Iris was an avid gardener and seamstress. While she lived in Randolph she enjoyed cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and hiking the mountains she loved.

Family members include two sons; Baxter Holden and wife Mae of Salisbury, NH and Willard Holden and wife Leah Rae of Duncan, OK, and one daughter, Andrea Philbrook of Gorham, NH; six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; one sister, Esther McLain of Weare, NH, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Freeman Holden; one son, Lee Hayes Holden; three sisters; Rena Coulter, Sylvia Reed and Susan Levack; and one brother, Clyde Holmes.

A graveside service will be held in the spring of 2010. Donations in memory of Iris may be made to the Jefferson Historical Society, Jefferson, NH 03583.



Drawing by Chên Sun Campbell

A Few Grains of Salt

By Jill Zanger

The following article is taken in part from a talk given in Fort Myer's, Florida by the author.

During the spring of 2009, I was asked to be the February guest speaker for a local women's group. By July I had selected three amazing women as my inspiration. I recalled highlights of my twelve years as a geriatric nurse at St. Vincent de Paul Nursing Home in my home town of Berlin, NH. Eldena Hunt was one of these women who impacted my life.

In August we were in Randolph, N.H. visiting our friends Dede and Ray Aube. Since I was only ten miles from Berlin I had planned to interview a few of my patient's family members to obtain some pertinent facts. But before that occurred I had a surprise while visiting the new Randolph Library. I found the new edifice just lovely and quite a statement about the priorities of the 339 people who populate this beautiful area nested in the White Mountains near the Presidential Range. In the White Mountain Room I found several volumes of someone's diaries which described life on a New England farm dating back from 1860 to 1900. Suddenly I turned a page and found a family photo. I was fascinated as I discovered that the woman's name was Eldena Leighton. I recognized the face, it was my Eldena! What a serendipitous moment! Intrigued by the details of her life on Sugar Plum Farm, I read as much as I could and took notes before the library closed. These simple entries began to give me insights into the woman I had cared for so many years ago. I wonder when Al and Judy Hudson took on this *History Project* of transcribing years of entries for the library if they had any idea what a gift this could be to someone outside the Randolph community.

I met Mrs. Hunt when she was 94 years old, 76 years after she had first begun her diaries. She stood over six feet tall and with her long neck and stately posture she appeared regal. Somewhat frail, she moved ever so slowly. She spoke few words ever so softly and usually without emotion. She was the only patient I knew at St. Vincent de Paul Nursing Home that insisted on cleaning her own room.

One night, as I was helping prepare patients for bed I discovered the reason for Mrs. Hunt's posture. Although she did not have a speck of body fat she wore a full corset. It had at least ten buttons in the front and back; 1920's Vintage perhaps. Her wardrobe consisted of full length dresses and night-

gowns, well made and well preserved. She brushed her long gray hair at bedtime and always wore it coiffed neatly in a bun. Much of her time was spent reading and writing letters. When her vision began to fail and her hands began to tremble we found volunteers to take her dictation so she could then continue to enjoy her correspondence.

Eldena Hunt modeled recycling for me long before it was politically and environmentally correct. Medicine cups, Styrofoam cups, and plastic utensils were just a few of the many items that she stacked neatly on the table near her chair. She saved and she re-used. I'm convinced that she was also composting, for the plants on her windowsill thrived when all others in the same home were wilting.

Ironically Mrs. Hunt taught me to be flexible and less rigid. Every Sunday night her choice for dinner was eggs. The first Sunday I brought in her tray she asked me for a little salt. "No one can eat eggs without a little salt to make them palatable," she whispered. I politely explained that she was on a cardiac, sodium free diet and that I didn't think the salt was a good idea. She quickly retorted that at 94 years of age she thought a few grains of salt would not alter her longevity but most definitely add to her quality of life. I couldn't help but giggle and agree. So every other Sunday, when I was on duty, I purposely brought in her tray and smuggled in the contraband. From that moment on, we had a covenant relationship and I learned to consider my patients' quality of life when implementing their nursing care plan.

Just recently I accessed more of Eldena's diary entries from the on-line Randolph publication, "*The Mountain View*". I discovered Eldena was married at 19 but had begun her diaries on her eighteenth birthday. She wrote for 66 years and then in 1974 gave her writings to the Randolph Library. On Sugar Plum Farm Eldena was accustomed to the demands of raising livestock as well as growing and canning vegetables and fruit. She sewed some of her own clothes and delighted with the invention of the telephone, gramophone and the convenience of running water.

Eldena Hunt led a simple life in the nursing home; she became to me a wonderful example as she aged with dignity and grace.



Reprinted from April, 2008, Mountain View
Eldena's Household.

Rear: Arthur L. Hunt, Eldena Leighton Hunt; Front: Mary Heath Leighton, Joel E. Leighton. Photo by Charles S. Flagg, 1911

Randolph Summer Reading Group

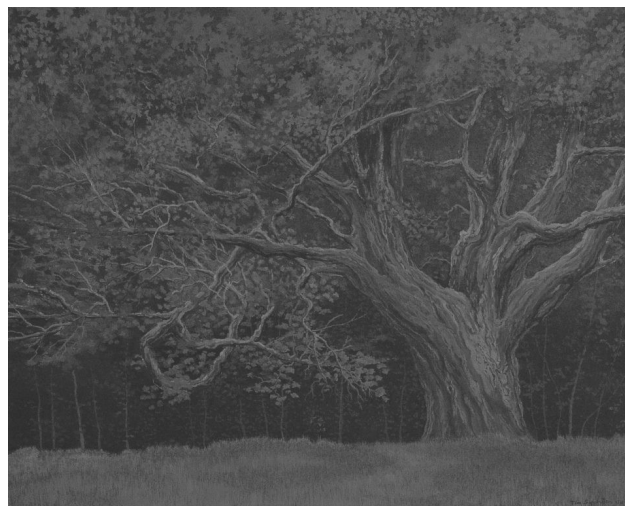
By Julie Barrow

If you are in Randolph during July and August, please come to the White Mountain Room at the Randolph Public Library for a book discussion group.

The book for July 16 will be Eiffel's Tower: And the World's Fair Where Buffalo Bill Beguiled Paris, the Artists Quarreled and Thomas Edison Became a Count, by Jill Jonnes. Published in 2009 this book is currently available in hardcover only. This is an account of the tower's creation, the race to finish it in time for the opening of the fair in 1889, and the competition between French culture and American technology. For those who know Paris, this book will be both entertaining and interesting.

On August 20 we will discuss The Reluctant Fundamentalist, by Moshin Hamid. This work of fiction, published in 2007 and available in paperback, is about a brilliant and successful Pakistani-born American who has to deal with two cultures. Moshin Hamid provides the reader with a look at some of the misunderstandings between governments and citizens of the two cultures, including such sentiments as suspicion, hate, envy and admiration.

Copies of both titles will be available in the library. Meetings will start at 10:30 am with refreshments and will end at noon. All are welcome.



Tree by Tim Sappington

This is an example of the quality of art that will be exhibited at the Annual Randolph Art Show and RMC Exhibit to be held this summer.

Real Estate Transactions

November 20, 2009

From: George A. & Bernice V. Brackett
To: George A. & Bernice V. Brackett
co trustees of the Brackett Family Revocable Trust
Warranty Deed

November 20, 2009

From: Robert S. & Warrenneen A. Onacki
To: Robert S. & Warrenneen A. Onacki, co-trustees of the Onacki Family Revocable Trust
Warranty Deed

November 30, 2009

From: Gerald M. Reed
To: Linda Kovalik
Warranty Deed

December 22, 2009

From: Roger Duguay
To: Ernest W. & Jeanette B. Nadeau
Warranty Deed

January 5, 2010

From: Nurnet Bader
To: Lee T. Corrigan
Warranty Deed

January 13, 2010

From: Steven Alan Brown & Michelle Claire Brown
To: Steven Alan Brown
Quitclaim Deed

January 15, 2010

From: Elizabeth H. Breunig.
To: Elizabeth H. Breunig, Trustee of the Elizabeth H. Breunig Trust
Warranty Deed

Annual Art Show and RMC Exhibit to Have Gala Opening Together

By Betsy Hess

Thursday, July 8 from 4-7, the annual Randolph Art Show will have its traditional opening reception. This year the exhibit will be joined by a Randolph Mountain Club exhibit in honor of its centennial celebration.

Those with material for the RMC exhibit should contact Al and Judy Hudson at abHUDSON@anthro.umass.edu.

Those wishing to submit an art work (photo or picture) should contact Betsy Hess at mchess@ncia.net. Just for this year, the work should reflect "The Randolph Experience", if possible. This will help the two shows to complement each other nicely.

Wine and cheese will be served at the reception. In addition, as a fund raiser for the Family Resource Center, original art work will be raffled and donations happily accepted. If you have an art piece you would like to have considered for the raffle, please contact Betsy Hess.



Snow Cap by Tim Sappington

This is an example of the quality of art that will be exhibited at the Annual Randolph Art Show and RMC Exhibit to be held this summer.

Ballroom Dancing Returns to Randolph

By Heather Wiley

Ballroom dancing classes will resume at the Randolph Town Hall beginning on Thursday, April 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Instructors Clare and Leo Vallee encourage you to call them at 449-2234 to register or for more information. Although there is no fee, donations are accepted. Sponsored by Friends of the Randolph Library



Daniele Cotnoir enjoys a toasted marshmallow at the Randolph Town Bonfire on Saturday, March 12, 2010. Angela Brown photo.



Newly elected selectman Ted Wier smiles as he learns of his success at the town meeting on March 9, 2010. Edith Tucker photo.



Bishop Conducts Historic Wedding

McLaughlin and Hess, among the first to act on N.H. recognition of same sex marriages

By Gail Scott

In a joyful ceremony recognizing both the civil and the religious import in the solemnization of marriage, retired Rev. Eleanor McLaughlin, 74, and Elizabeth Hess, 62, both of Randolph, were wed at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Berlin on Saturday, January 2, 2010. The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson presided in the religious recognition of the same sex marriage, while Justices Anne Kenison, of Randolph and Anne Jackson of Lancaster, presided in the civil ceremony.



Autumn Brown and Isobel Micucci pull their sleds uphill at the Randolph Town Sledding Party on Saturday, March 12, 2010. Angela Brown photo.

A word from the publishers – past and present

In 1976 the Randolph Post Office closed its doors and along with it went a fundamental means for circulating community information. Since 1852 residents had made daily trips to the Wood Farm where “...*they picked up their mail, exchanged gossip and sold household odds and ends by using the bulletin board...*” (Nashua Telegram, Sept 8, 1976) Many of us remember waiting for our parents as they exchanged the news of the day with Catherine Wood, while we peeked into the barn to see the chickens.

Reading the December 2009 Mountain View brought comfort that the Randolph community is alive and well, utilizing the publication much as the Post Office of the past. It traced Randolph’s roots through the history of the Church, recognized those who have given much service and love to the town, told of community events that support and celebrate the interests of the community and of course, provided information –transactions of the day, and information on future endeavors, with a genuine request for input from the readers.

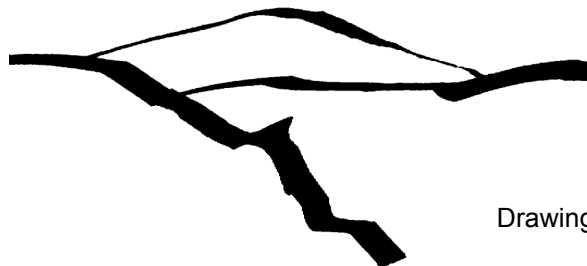
And so it is satisfying to realize that the Mountain View and its offspring (The Blizzard and Weekly) have fulfilled the original vision of the Bowers/Cross endowment. Given in the spirit that a community must have some way to transfer important information, it had only a few requests. “Until April 30, 2015, the earnings of the Bower-Cross Memorial Fund will be applied exclusively to the Mountain View, Randolph Weekly or successor publications of the Foundation meeting these criteria:

- Mountain View to be published at least quarterly
- Carry no editorial position
- Accept no advertising
- Be distributed free of charge to Randolph residents both permanent and summer and their issue

The importance of continuing communication between summer folks and winter folks, old and young has been realized; and as we look toward the future, recognizing that many are living worldwide and that long visits are difficult due to the responsibilities of work and family; we look to the rapidly changing communication technologies, and hope to stay at least even with the curve by including them as additional offspring - a Facebook page is a gleam in the eye.

Most importantly, though, it is the collective energies of all who contribute articles, edit, design and produce each edition who have created this success. For this we thank you for your willingness to share your stories with all of us who consider Randolph home.

Jacqueline Cross and Laurie Archambault



Drawing by Chên Sun Campbell



This 15 foot snowman was built by Phoebe and Todd Ross at their home on Durand Road on March 6, 2010. Ellen Ross photo.

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