

Mountain View



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

Amy Cyr Appointed the New Director of the Randolph Public Library

By Dede Aube



Amy Cyr, librarian. Edith Tucker photo.

More than likely, there are few Randolph residents who haven't been to the Randolph Public Library for one reason or another: lecture series, movies, children's programs, computer/lap-top

use, the colossal book and bake

sale, or to pick up the latest book or DVD. The list of activities is unending.

These patrons will be charmed as they become acquainted with Amy Cyr, who became the director of library services for the Randolph Public Library on September 4, 2013. Amy received her Bachelor of Science degree in mental health and human services from the University of Maine, Augusta in 2009 and her Masters in Library Science from Clarion University on August 15th of this year.

This may be Amy's first job as a library director but she does come with experience. Amy, who is originally from Millinocket, Maine, spent the last nine years in Belgrade, Maine where she had the opportunity to work at the Waterville Senior High School Media Center. She was described as extremely popular with students and staff. Also, while she was living in Belgrade, she worked at UMA for one school year in their library and then as a library assistant at the Belgrade Public Library. While living in Millinock-

et Amy volunteered for several years at the Grant Street School Library. She was actually in charge of the library for about five of those years. So Amy essentially has experience from elementary school through high school, as well as experience in the academic & public library fields. When Amy was growing up in Millinocket her mother volunteered at the school library once a week. This was what inspired Amy to volunteer and later become a librarian. "I have always loved libraries and reading," said Amy.

Amy understands the importance of family. She and her husband John currently live in Milan, NH. They have two daughters, Katelyn, age 26 received a degree in English from Coastal Carolina University and is now pursuing a degree in nursing and Abigail, age 21 who is pursuing a degree in Psychology from the University of Maine at Farmington.

Amy has wasted little time since she took on her new position, already she has upgraded the library's social media and is making arrangements for a telescope loan program.

Good libraries reflect the needs of the community, and the Randolph Library is no exception as it attempts to deliver amenities custom-tailored to Randolph and its populace. Amy looks forward to following that tradition as she becomes familiar with the area and its people. "I was excited to find my ideal job, so soon after obtaining my degree, in a community that values its library and where I feel so welcome," says Amy.

For more information about the Randolph Library, visit the website at <https://sites.google.com/site/randolphpubliclibrary130> or call 603-466-5408. One may also get updates about library programs on Facebook.

Meeting notices, inquiries, comments, and ideas are welcomed and encouraged. Please send materials for the *Mountain View* to Dede Aube, Nekal Lane, Randolph, NH 03593, (603-723-0847 or daube@ne.rr.com) by the 15th of the month preceding publication (publication is quarterly: September, December, April & June). The *Randolph Weekly* is published weekly in July & August. Send notices by Tuesday of each week to Gail Scott at 603-466-5498 (call or FAX); or mscott1@ne.rr.com; or PO Box 160, Gorham, NH 03581. The *Blizzard* is published the first of each month except July and August. Please send all notices for the *Blizzard* to Laura Brockett, 603-466-2034; lbrockett@gmail.com or 11 Randolph Hill Road, Randolph, NH 03593. *Blizzard* materials by the 24th of the preceding month. If you are not receiving the *Blizzard* and wish to, please let Laura know. A grant from the Randolph Foundation makes all these publications possible.

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466-5841

meets at 7 PM the 3rd Thursday of the month.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (Chair, Ted Wier)

466-

3970

Administrative Assistant, Linda Dupont; Treasurer Angela Brown

Meets at 7 p.m. at Town Hall 2nd & 4th Monday

466-5771

BUILDING PERMITS. See Board of Selectmen**CEMETERY TRUSTEES** Suzanne Santos, Steve Hartman, & Karen Eitel**CONSERVATION COMMISSION** (Chair, Bruce Kirmmse)

466-5777

DOG LICENSES See Town Clerk. Obtain or renew by the end of April.**FIRE DEPARTMENT - ALL ALARMS - CALL 911;**

Randolph Chief, Dana Horne

FOREST FIRE WARDEN (Jeff Parker) Call for Burning Permits

662-4050

GRS COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD Contact the SAU Office

466-3632

Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month; location alternates between the 3 towns.

LIBRARY Trustees meet the 3rd Mon. of each month; Chair, Jean Malick,

Librarian, Amy Cyr, Open Mon. 10 – noon; Wed. 3 -8 p.m.,

Thur. 3-8 p.m.; Sat. 10 –noon

466-5408

LIFELINE (Heather Wiley)

466-5179

PLANNING BOARD (Chair, John Scarinza)

466-5775

Meets at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on the first Thursday of the month.

POLICE (Randolph Chief, Alan Lowe)

466-3950

RANDOLPH CHURCH (Moderator Edgar Adams)

Sunday morning services July & August (10:30 a.m.).

RANDOLPH COMMUNITY FOREST COMMISSION (chair, John Scarinza)

466-

5775

Meets at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on the 1st Wednesday

RANDOLPH FOUNDATION (President, Keith Dempster)**RANDOLPH LIFE SQUAD — Call 911 in an emergency**

Co-Directors Bill & Barbara Arnold

466-2438

RANDOLPH MOUNTAIN CLUB (President, John Scarinza)

466-5775

ROAD AGENT (Kevin Rousseau)

466-5185

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Denise Demers, Michael Sewick & Angela Chakalis-Pfeffer

TAX COLLECTOR (Anne Kenison) by appointment; call the Town Hall

466-5771

TOWN CLERK (Anne Kenison)

466-2606

Town Hall hours: Mondays 9 - 11 a.m. ; Wednesdays 7 - 9 p.m.

TOWN HALL Monday– Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon.

466-5771

TRASH COLLECTION Must be at roadside by 7 a.m.

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Community Calendar

(NOTE: For recurring meeting schedules see "Town Directory" on the left)

December

- 14 Children's Town Christmas Party 6:00 pm at Town Hall
- 20 Randolph Christmas Caroling, 6 PM; 232 Randolph Hill Road, meet after caroling, 8 PM
- 21 Moosehead Feast Potluck & Carol-sing 6 PM, Town Hall
- 23 School Holiday break begins
- 24 Christmas Eve Carol Sing, 4 PM, Randolph Church

January

- 2 Schools reopen
- 11 Supervisors will sit from 11-11:30 AM at Town Hall
- 14 Anna Karenina Reading Group 1st meeting, 10 AM Town Hall
- 15 "Evening with the Bard" begins, 7 PM, Randolph Library
- 20 Civil Rights Day No school
- 21 supervisors hold session from 7 – 7:30 PM, Town Hall
- 21 Special Primary Election for Executive Council District 1
- 22–31 Filing period for Town Offices
- 25 Movie Sing-a-long and Pot Luck Supper TBA

February

- 4 Last day to petition for warrant article for Town Meeting
- 5 Bob Kruuszyna Opera Series begins
- 24-28 No School

March

- 1 Supervisors hold session 11-11:30 AM
- 7 Importance of Fairy Tales 7 PM Randolph Town Hall
- 8 Musical "Into the Woods" Pot-luck desserts
- 10 last day for absentee ballots to be returned in person
- 11 Town Meeting – absentee ballots can received up to 5 pm by mail.
- 11 Special General Election for Executive Council for District 1

News from Town Office

- A new bulletin board has been installed at the entry to town hall. This is much more convenient and out of the weather. Thanks go to Kevin Rousseau for completing this project.
- Plows are out! Please be sure your vehicles are off the roads and parked clear of the road edge. In order to prevent any damage from the plow blade during snow removal it is necessary to keep vehicles out of its path during the winter months
- Thank you and farewell to retired town fire warden Becky Boothman and congratulations and welcome to Jeff Parker our new town fire warden. Jeff is a third generation Randolph town fire warden. If you need a burn permit, please see Jeff 662-4050, or any member of the fire department.



A cow moose took advantage of some low hanging fruit this fall on the apples trees at Cold Brook Farm in Randolph Valley. Photo by Edith Tucker

Harriet Baldwin passed away on Thursday, 21 and Bob Nichols passed away on Friday, 22, November of this year. We hope to provide more information in the next issue of the Mountain View

News from the Town Clerk

Anne Kenison

Boat Registrations

The Town Clerk is now able to register boats. Customers will need to bring the renewal notice from the State of NH. This notice must be SIGNED by the OWNER in order to register the boat. If renewing the boat for another person you will need to have the SIGNED RENEWAL NOTICE in hand. If buying or transferring a boat please contact the clerk to see what documents you might need besides the bill of sale and/or old registration.

Town Positions open at the March 11 2014 election are:

Selectmen	3 yr
Treasurer	1 yr
Auditor	2 yr
Trustee of Trust Fund	3 yr
Cemetery Trustee	3 yr
Planning Board	3 yr
Library Trustee	3 yr
2 Board of Adjustment	3 yr
Moderator	2 yr

Conservation Commission and Forest Committee are appointed positions.

*The filing period for Town Offices is Jan 22 – 31st by 5 pm.

Dates to Remember

Dec 25 and 31 Town Clerk Closed

Jan 11 Supervisors will sit from 11-11:30

Jan 21 supervisors hold session from 7 – 7:30 pm.

Jan 21 Special Primary Election for Executive Council District 1

Jan 22 – 31 The filing period for Town Offices is by 5 pm on 31.

Feb 4 – last day to petition for warrant article for Town Meeting

March 1 – Supervisors hold session 11-11:30 am

March 10 last day for absentee ballots to be returned in person

March 11 – Town Meeting – absentee ballots can be received up to 5 pm by mail.

March 11 – Special General Election for Executive Council for District 1

The Night Train to Hue

By Cristina Hammond, 11/8/13

As I boarded the train last night to Hue (yes, way, I'm going to Hue), an old slogan flashed through my mind: Do something every day that scares you. Well, I did. I am one who is so terrified of things like roller coasters, that I can't even watch others (especially my own children) stand in line for them. And I always duck out of line before getting to the front. Yet, when a disaster strikes, I am the first on the ride to go help assist. In this case, it was a night train from Ha Tinh to Hue. Now, that doesn't mean I didn't feel fear. I just didn't step out of line.

As word came in of the approaching typhoon, others prepared to move North and in-land to hunker down in safety as far from the storm's path as possible. My Vietnamese co-worker, Linh, who works for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and I spoke to our boss in Hanoi. With the typhoon approaching, planned activities for our cash grant program had been cancelled so Michael gave us options: 1) return to Hanoi until we can restart our activities, or 2) move south into the path of the storm and help the Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC) in these Provinces prepare and respond. One thing disaster response teaches you is to be flexible. Another is to put humanity first. Of course, always we are to put our own safety as a priority, but after that, do I want to be safe outside the affected area if I believe I can not only be safe but also be useful within?

On the train we went. My bunk was the top one in a cabin with a family of mostly elderly Vietnamese. It was kind of a hoot to climb up to the top bunk, hunker down with my raincoat on as protection from the mosquitos, and rock along the rails towards the coming storm. A relatively uneventful trip except for the one trip to the loo (but that's another story of how difficult it is for a westerner to squat over an Asian-style toilet on a rocking train...). By 5 am, we were off in Hue and checked into the hotel of a few more hours of sleep. On waking, I looked out the window to see the river that was already up to the bank about 10 feet from me and at only about 1 foot below the level I was standing on. Before I could talk to anyone about my concerns, reception called to move us to a higher floor. Not as nice a view but in and up off the river.

Linh had been here before and was excited to take me to a wonderful vegetarian restaurant that is part of an old Pagoda. The relaxed consumption (and



Cristina Hammond, along with fellow workers, stands in front of the Viet Nam Red Cross Building in Hue. Courtesy photo

over consumption) of great food ensued. While there, we saw the first visible signs of storm preparation: A few young men climbing a tree to cut it down so that it won't be blown over. Throughout the day, we see many more trees being trimmed and people taking down street ornaments, removing loose sheet metal, and closing up shops. For our afternoon, I did my laundry in the tub and checked my supplies while watching CNN report on the destruction just starting to be assessed in the Philippines. And the hotel staff came in to tape the windows.

Later in the afternoon, we had a meeting with the Vice Chair of the Provincial Chapter of the Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC). He explained the evacuations and other preparedness activities underway. Over 100,000 evacuated in this province with a total of 600,000 in evacuation centers along the Central coast. We had an excellent conversation about the good work being done and a review of past typhoons and floods. Lessons have been learned; new procedures to release water and who and when to evacuate are in place. It feels a little surreal to be at the hotel now and waiting for the storm. But that is part of preparedness. Expect (and prepare for) the worst, hope for the best, and flexibly

deal with whatever the day's reality throws at you.

So here I am. Not in line – nor on the train – just in the path of the eye of the hurricane.

Postlude: Thankfully, Haiyan veered sharply north and skittered along up the coast of the Central Provinces. The intensity reduced to a weaker category 1 tropical typhoon as landfall occurred in the Northeast. As the path changed, the alerts went out and another 200,000 people evacuated in the northeastern province coastal areas. The total of over 800,000 evacuees was the greatest Viet Nam had ever executed. We experienced heavy rains and seas with high winds but, luckily, not the kind of devastation many feared. It was still a significant storm event with 10 dead and more than 50 injured along with millions of dollars of damage to homes, agriculture and aquaculture.

With that storm past, the 5th in the last 7 weeks, I went back to the work I came here to do: assist the IFRC and

VNRC with relief and recovery activities associated with Typhoons Wutip and Nari. These typhoons caused significant damages (over \$700 million US in economic loss) to many coastal communities in 9 Central Provinces (nine provinces of Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Quang Tri, Thua Thien-Hue, Da Nang, Quang Nam and Quang Ngai) destroying homes and wiping out livelihoods. The American Red Cross deployed me here as a technical advisor to support the distribution of household items and cash grants to assist some of the most vulnerable (elderly, disabled, single-headed households, etc.) who had been severely affected by the typhoons and did not have sufficient resources or coping capacity to recover on their own.

Cristina Hammond is the daughter of Carol Sandin Woodruff. This story took place on her current assignment with the International Red Cross. She has been a delegate for years, serving 6 months in Haiti, 2 missions to Africa, 2 to the Philippines following typhoons a few years ago and 3 months in NY and NJ coordination efforts to help victims of Hurricane Sandy last year. She spends as much time as possible in Randolph at the family cottage on the hill. Her husband, Bill, is Principal of the Marion Cross Elementary School in Norwich, VT.

(603-659-6464) Carol Sandin Woodruff



Christina Hammond with Vietnamese children from Hue .
Courtesy photo

2nd Annual Moosehead Feast Potluck and Carol-sing: To Celebrate the Winter Solstice



Tim and Martha Sappington in costume at last December's Moosehead Feast. Angela Brown photo

On Saturday, December 21st, at 6:00 pm, which marks the Winter Solstice (a year past the end of the Mayan calendar, Saturnalia, the battle between the Oak King and the Holly King, and other such markers of time), Music in the Great North Woods will be once again celebrating with an English Renaissance feast potluck at Randolph Town Hall to which everyone is cordially invited. Costumes are encouraged. The celebration will include Renaissance dishes brought by revelers, consumed in the "Castle Great Hall," with wassail, Hunter's Stew from Liz Jackson, flaming plum pudding, and mistletoe provided. In addition, familiar carols to sing, plus music by Benjamin Britten who would be 100 this year, will round out the affair. A Procession of the Moose Head (designed by Squire Tim Sappington) will begin the evening. Donations will benefit the Norton Scholarship program, a program of Music in the Great North Woods. FMI contact Betsy Hess 466-5718 or Susan Ferre 326-3242

A Letter from Friends of the Randolph Library

Hello Everyone,

We are sorry we had to cancel our last event and appreciate everyone's understanding. We have re-scheduled this event for next year - so put it in your calendar for November 1st 2014!

January:

- Save the date of January 25th for a movie sing-a-long and pot luck supper.
- Jim Hunt will be starting his Shakespeare discussion series "Evenings with the Bard" again on Wednesdays, if you are interested in participating please contact Jim at jimhunt66@gmail.com.
- Ingrid will be re-starting the Anna Karenina Reading Group on Tuesday, January 14, 10.00 a.m. at the Town Hall. We will be reading "Middlemarch" by George Eliot. Please let Ingrid know if you are interested in participating: ingridpgraff@gmail.com.

February:

- Bob Kruszyna Opera Series will begin on Wednesday, 5th at 7.00 p.m. at the Town Hall with Antonin Dvorak's "Russalka" and on Wednesday, 26th, 7.00 p.m. Alexander Borodin's "Prince Igor".

March:

- Friday, March 7th at 7.00 p.m. Randolph Town Hall, "Not In Front of the Children: The Art and Importance of Fairy Tales". Where do our fairy tales come from? What do they tell us about ourselves and our history? Why have they been censored and changed and how have they retained their currency and popularity today? Ingrid Graff discusses these fascinating tales and why we should keep telling them to our children. Participants are encouraged to bring along their favorite fairy tale to the presentation. Sponsored by NHHC.
- Saturday, March 8th at 6.00 p.m. Randolph Town Hall there will be Pot-luck desserts and bring your own beverage for a showing of Stephen Sondheim's fairy tale musical "Into the Woods".

We hope to see you supporting the above events, all of which are free and open to everyone. (As always, donations will be graciously accepted.)

Ingrid and Lynn, Co-chairpersons, Friends of the Randolph Library

Evenings with the Bard

Facilitated by Jim Hunt and Michelle Cormier

All are welcome to any and all "Evenings." The format will be the same as last year. We will read a Shakespeare play every two weeks prior to the meeting. At the gathering, which will be in the White Mountain Room of the Randolph Library, we will discuss the current play and read out loud key scenes/moments as they relate to the themes, ideas, and images of the play.

We will meet Wednesday evenings at 7 PM. The schedule is as follows:

January

- 15 The Taming of the Shrew
- 29 Henry IV, Part I

February

- 12 Anthony and Cleopatra

March

- 5 Coriolanus
- 19 Much Ado About Nothing

April

- 2 King Lear
- 16 Twelfth Night; or, What You Will

For more information call Jim at 723-6653



Kararose Manuel dressed for the Halloween party at the library.
Photo by Amy Cyr

New Books at the Randolph Library

By Amy Cyr, Librarian

Recent arrivals include the following books.

A House in the Sky: The auto-biography of Amanda Lindhout's captivity in Somalia. It is described by The Kirkus Star as, "a vivid, gut-wrenching, beautifully written, memorable book."

The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, by Daniel J. Brown. Amazon recommends it "for readers of Laura Hillenbrand's *Seabiscuit* and *Unbroken*...the dramatic story of the American rowing team that stunned the world at Hitler's 1936 Berlin Olympics."

Doctor Sleep, A novel by Stephen King. The long-awaited sequel to King's best-selling novel, *The Shining*!

One of the new books in the Children's Room is *Circus Ship*, by Chris Van Dusen, a beautifully illustrated, award-winning story based on a true life circus ship that capsized off the coast of Maine in 1836.

And for Young Adults, *Allegiant*, by Veronica Roth; the 3rd book in the Divergent series.

Listed below are four of the several books currently on order. They should arrive for your reading pleasure before the Christmas holiday.

40 Chances Finding Hope in a Hungry World, by Howard G. Buffett. The son of legendary investor Warren Buffett (who provides the foreword), Howard G. Buffett considers himself a farmer first and foremost. He explains that all farmers get 40 growing seasons in their lifetime, giving them just 40 chances to improve. In 40 chapters—constructed as elegant essays—Buffett describes his quest to make a difference in the world, which began well before his father established philanthropic foundations for his three children." *Publishers Weekly*

Longbourn, A novel by Jo Baker. In this twist on *Pride and Prejudice*, "Jo Baker dares to take us beyond the drawing rooms of Jane Austen's classic—into the often overlooked domain of the stern housekeeper and the starry-eyed kitchen maid, into the gritty daily particulars faced by the lower classes in Regency England during the Napoleonic Wars—and, in doing so, creates a vivid, fascinating, fully realized world that is wholly her own." *Amazon.com*

The Goldfinch, A novel by Donna Tartt, is described by Stephen King, in The New York Times Book Review, as "a rarity that comes along perhaps half a dozen times per decade, a smartly written literary novel that connects with the heart as well as the mind....Donna Tartt has delivered an extraordinary work of fiction." "Composed with the skills of a master, *The Goldfinch* is a haunted odyssey through present day America and a drama of enthralling force and acuity." *Amazon.com*

We Are Water, A novel by Wally Lamb. "True to his talents, Lamb finds a way to incorporate diverse elements into *We Are Water*-- a natural disaster, racial injustice, American life during the Obama years, even a bit of a ghost story - to add heft and depth to this painfully honest, character-driven family drama." *Miami Herald*

Lists of new books arriving soon can be found in the lobby and on the circulation desk of the library.

Silver/Gray Kitty ... Missing

Our female cat went out for a mouse hunt and never returned to the Crestwood Drive area. She may come when called by her name "Penney". Recently moved here from Stony Brook Road. Please call 723-6568 or 466-5407 with any information.