

Mountain View



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

The Randolph Forest Commission Seeks Individuals and Groups to Observe Transects

by Gail Scott



Barbara Wyssession listens intently while transects on the Randolph Community Forest are being explained. Photo by Dede Aube.

The Randolph Forest Commission has established a number of permanent transects on the Randolph Community Forest with the goal of monitoring water quality and trends in the populations of plants, plant communities, birds and wildlife.

The transects are marked routes through the forest in various areas.

Now the Commission hopes to find students, private organizations, local clubs or groups who would like to traverse one of the fixed routes at periodic intervals, studying and making note of these populations and/or water quality.

The thought is that these transects would be perfect for a consistent research project or setting for educational projects for students.

As the Commission's brochure on the subject points out, the value of the permanently set transects will increase with time if traversed regularly because the information gathered will indicate any changes providing early warning signs of a species decline or growth and indication how habitat management on the forest, weather and other environmental influences

affect the populations and the forest environment.

The types of habitats represented include "wetlands, beaver ponds, vernal pools; montane forest (over 2,500 ft.); permanent openings; early successional habitat; dense softwood stands; mature hardwood stands (mast producing); zones along perennial streams; ledge outcrops; slopes of all aspects exposure; and many edge habitat types," according to the brochure.



Wildflowers in the Randolph Community Forest. Photo Dede Aube, July, 2011

For more information about the transects on the Randolph Community Forest and how they might be incorporated in the study, contact The Randolph Forest Commission, 130 Durand Road, Randolph 03593 (phone: 466-5771) or Watershed to Wildlife, Inc., 544 Jefferson Road, Whitefield 03598 (phone: 837-2367 or 444-0000) or www.watershedtowildlife.com.

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Louis and Susan Kearn gaze at Pond of Cherry during the 10th anniversary of the Randolph Community Forest outing. Photo by Dede Aube.

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Town Directory

AMBULANCE 911

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (Chair, Paul Cormier)

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

466-3970

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (Chair, Ted Wier)

Secretary, Rodney Hayes; Treasurer Connie Chaffee

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

466-3970

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 (Rebecca Boothman) Call for Burning Permits

466-2332

GRS COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the

month; location alternates between the 3 towns. Contact the SAU Office

466-3632

LIBRARY

Trustees meet 3rd Mon. of each month, Jean Malick, Chair; Librarian: Yvonne Jenkins, Mon 10 a.m. - Noon; Wed & Thurs 3 - 8 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m. - Noon

466-5408

LIFELINE (Jean Malick)

466-2547

PLANNING BOARD (Chair, John Scarinza)

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

466-5775

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, Cathy McDowell)

466-5105

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 (Mike Gray)

586-7840

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Denise Demers, Michael Sewick & Angela Chakalis-Pfeffer

TAX COLLECTOR (Scott Robinson) by appointment; call the Town Hall

466-9856

TOWN CLERK (Anne Kenison)

466-2606

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

TOWN HALL (Secretary, Rodney Hayes) Mon. - Fri.; 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

466-5771

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

Trash - every Tuesday; Recycling, sorted & bagged - 1st Saturday of every month.

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

Judy Kenison, Michael Sewick, M. Lark Andreas

Community Calendar

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

Real Estate Transactions

none

Building Permits

4/11/11 William and Lucie Demers will build a new garage

5/23/11 Nathan Peters will build a new barn and deck

6/13/11 Robert and Carolyn Dube will build a new garage

6/13/11 Todd and Ellen Ross will build a wood fired pizza oven and building

7/11/11 Mark and Sherry Waterman renewed permit to build a cabin

7/15/11 Marie Beringer will add a caretaker apartment to the barn

REMINDER

Randolph property owners are responsible for ensuring that they or their builders receive any necessary permits before beginning any construction. Building permits must be approved by the selectmen. The selectmen need time to review all permits, so please remember to submit them early enough to allow that process.



Maia Rauschenberg volunteer fire-fighter for Randolph Fire Department serves the pancakes at the Fireman's breakfast. Photo by Dede Aube.

Annual Board Meeting of the Randolph Foundation

The annual board meeting of the Randolph Foundation was held at the Cross Meeting Room of the Randolph Town Hall on August 19th, 2011. Presiding president Cathy McDowell recognized and thanked out-going board members Lynn Hunt, Sandy Weir and Raina Scarinza with a token of the foundation's appreciation. New board members, Trisha Ouellette, Carol Gagnon, and Heather Wiley were introduced, as were the officers for 2012; President, Cathy McDowell; Vice President, Keith Dempster; Secretary, Heather Wiley and, Treasurer, Carol Gagnon.

Keith Dempster indicated finances were doing reasonably well. Financial advisors are in the process of redistributing stocks and bonds for a better balance.

Jean Malick reported that the old library will be used for storage of documents by various groups and clubs within the town. She also let the group know that Lifeline is being used by several summer as well as year round residents.

Sandy Weir stated that the Foundation was able to continue giving scholarships to high school and college students. The Foundation gave a grant of \$3,000 to the RMC for work on the new trailhead this past year and the RMC has repaid a loan of \$5,000 from the Foundation for the publishing of Judy Hudson's book.

Dede Aube thanked those present for continued support of periodicals and encouraged the audience to fill out the survey adding suggestions for the Mountain View, Blizzard and Weekly publications.

Laurie Archambault made an appeal to the membership to continue donating funds to the Foundation to allow greater long-range planning.

Dave Tomlinson expressed grave concern regarding the upkeep of the tennis court. The court takes a significant amount of work to maintain and the interest in tennis seems to be dwindling in Randolph. It is important for those using the court, including children learning the game, to treat the court with respect.

The meeting was followed by a presentation of "WREN" by the executive director, Marilinne Cooper.

Randolph "Kids" Purchase a Goat Through Heifer International's "Read to Feed" Program

Submitted by Yvonne Jenkins, Librarian

What is one way to encourage children to read during the summer months? Challenge them to buy a goat! *Read to Feed* is an exciting program that helps children learn about different cultures around the world and allows them to participate in helping find solutions to global problems like hunger and poverty, while at the same time encouraging them to read. This was a perfect opportunity to tie in with the Randolph Public Library's summer reading program "One World, Many Stories". One of the weekly programs focused on a children's book, entitled *Beatrice's Goat* by Page McBrier telling the story of a young girl in Uganda whose life is changed when her family receives a goat from Heifer International.

Seven children participated in the program and set individual reading goals for a period of six weeks. They then found family members and neighbors to sponsor their reading efforts. Some children logged in with the number of pages read, others with the number of chapters, and some just kept a tally of the total books. The combined goal was \$120, the cost of one goat. "Goats can thrive in extreme climates and on poor dry land by eating leaves, weeds and grass. Many of the world's people rely on them for milk. A dairy goat can supply a family with up to a gallon of nutritious milk a day-just about the right amount if you don't have a refrigerator. Goats often have two or three kids a year."

The Randolph "kids" were happy when the final tally came to \$121. They each were awarded a certificate of participation and the library will receive a certificate of thanks from Heifer International to display in the children's room.



Goat Kids Autumn Brown, Danielle Cotnoir, Blake Scarinza, Austin Scarinza, Kai Parlett, John Micucci and Isobel Micucci *Photo by Emma Jenkins, 2011*

WANTED! Citizen Input

Please Join Us for a Series of Community Forums to Discuss the Future of Public Education in the Androscoggin Valley.

Open to Milan, Berlin, Dummer, Errol, Gorham, Randolph and Shelburne Residents

A series of community forums will be held on the following dates and locations:

BERLIN

Wed., Sept. 14, 2011 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Berlin High School Library

RANDOLPH

Wed., Sept. 21, 2011 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Randolph Town Hall

MILAN/DUMMER

Thurs., Sept. 22, 2011 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Milan School Library

GORHAM

Wed., Sept. 28, 2011 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Gorham High School Cafeteria

SHELburne

Tues., Oct. 4, 2011 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Shelburne Town Hall

ERROL

Wed., Oct. 5, 2011 7:00- 9:00 p.m. Errol School Cafeteria

A series of community forums will be held throughout the fall to gather citizen input as to the future of Education in the Androscoggin Valley. The forums will support a facilitated discussion to address future educational needs of our children. New ideas will be generated that may help lead us to maximize collaboration among local school districts and ensure the best opportunities for our students, both now and in the future. We hope to capture a shared vision of education in the Androscoggin Valley. How do we share resources in delivering programs and nurture a new culture of collaboration? What about regionalization of our schools? Early childhood education? How do we address the shrinking student populations and dwindling financial resources in order to give our children the best education possible?

In collaboration, SAU 20 and SAU 3 were awarded a grant from the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to conduct the community forums. Citizens are encouraged to attend any and all forums in order to speak, listen and shape the future of education in the Androscoggin Valley!

The School District of School Administrative Unit 20 is working to provide the best education possible for all students. Meeting the needs of the individual child academically, socially, emotionally and physically is our top priority. Our first thought when making any decision is what impact it will have on the children that we serve. If we make decisions based on the best interest of our children we will make few mistakes.

With the support of our parents and communities we will work with our children to help them appreciate education not only on this particular day, but, everyday of their lives.

Paul N. Bousquet paul.bousquet@sau20.org Superintendent of Schools SAU 20

Found at Church, mid August

A portable CD player, can be picked up at the Randolph Town Hall.

An Oticon Agil Pro hearing aid was found on the lawn at 358 Randolph Hill Rd this summer. It will be held for retrieval at the Randolph Town Hall.

Randolph

By Thomas Strayhorn

The most vivid thing I can remember is the burnt yellow window frames resting in contrast on the faded shingles. It's where I grew up. It was my summer. It was my memory as a child, and my fondest one at that. Every year, even in my mother's stomach, or so I'm told, have I gone to this same place to get away from it all. Time moves slower there, and thank God for that because it seems that we miss too much of life fulfilling all of the things society expects of us. As I grow older I realize that my time there will fade faster and faster, quickly becoming mere memories in the ever expanding place I call a brain. I don't know if I can relive it, though I'm sure I'll try my best, but it seems the happiest, simplest time is in the past, something that cannot be changed. And I know that my thanks cannot begin to represent the gratitude for all I have received from this one single place.

From learning to ride my bike to catching and playing with my first wild animal, this small town holds many of my most defining memories. I remember my first hike above tree line, swim in an icy river, and delicious bowl of soup made by the rugged hands of a hut worker on the RMC trail line. When I was younger I didn't realize how much of an effect spending my summers in Randolph, New Hampshire would have on me, but now I am grateful. While at the time wishing I could go to the beach with friends or spend time away from the parents that caused me so much embarrassment, I now realize that this one place has shaped the person I am today. It has given me a love for nature, an attribute which still dictates almost every decision in my life. It has given me a respect for elders, as I was "encouraged" to hold conversations with the older generation of Randolph dwellers. But most of all, it has given me the security of a place that I can truly call home.

Editor's Note: Thomas is 17, a rising senior at Broughton High School in Raleigh, NC, and joined the 4,000 footer club at age 11.



Randolph in Autumn by Dede Aube, 2009



Gazooks Photo provided by Marie Beringer

Gazooks

By Marie Beringer

On July 17, many folks in Randolph tracked Geoff Beringer in his C&C 38 sailboat, Gazooks, as he raced the five-day, 640-mile journey at sea from Buzzard's Bay off Marion Mass. to Bermuda. At the start Geoff chose to part from the rest of the fleet and take a different course. Although many began to catch up on Gazooks, his handicap helped keep the lead. Geoff won in the C class, ending in 7th place overall out of 50 (mostly larger boats) in four class sizes. A cake, given by the Eitels, was served at a champagne party held by his proud mother, Marie, at Sugar Plum Farm. CONGRATULATIONS GEOFF



Gazooks Cake Photo provided by Marie Beringer

Randolph Remembers

Carol Wenk Bellisio

April 11th, 1945 - August 8th, 2011

Carol Wenk Bellisio, 66, of Wall, NJ passed away on August 8, 2011 following a 10-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Born in New York City, Carol grew up in Mountain Lakes, NJ. Carol lived with her husband of 41 years, Jules, in Wall Township, NJ. Carol was a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and received a Masters degree from Monmouth University, where she also taught. She was awarded a PhD in the Education of Mathematics by Rutgers University.

In addition to teaching at the college level, Carol also taught nursery school, taught high school math, and was an expert advisor to the New Brunswick Board of Education, helping to improve the math skills of inner city children. Carol led a uniquely active life. She was a mother of three, Girl Scout leader, soccer coach and treasurer of her alumni group. Inspired by her own year in Holland as an AFS high school exchange student, she and her family hosted multiple foreign students through this same program.

For over 30 years, Carol was deeply involved in many facets of the First Presbyterian Church of Belmar, NJ. She led the bell choir, acted as treasurer, sang in the choir and was a member of many committees and church groups. Carol was also an avid traveler: visiting, camping and hiking through many countries around the world.

Carol had a life-long relationship with the White Mountains, where she hiked almost every summer from the time she was a child. Until recently, she was still climbing the highest peaks. She loved to read mysteries, bake, garden and knit, and leaves behind dozens of projects which her daughters have vowed to complete.

Carol is survived by her husband and three daughters, Nina, Angela, and Carla, and brothers David and Arthur Wenk. A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Belmar, 600 9th Avenue at E Street in Belmar, NJ 07719 on August 20th.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Memorial Fund at the church.

provided by Jules Bellisio



Carol Bellisio Photo provided by Jules Bellisio

The Growth of Benevolence Giving in the Randolph Church

By Harriet Baldwin

The early records of the Randolph Church tell us that the congregation was a caring one, and that it fed, clothed and housed its needy members and neighbors. For many years the church budget carried an item for benevolences. About \$2,000 was given annually to human service agencies in the early 1990's. At that time, there was concern within the congregation that the benevolence budget of the church was low in relation to local needs and the congregation's ability to give. Those who attended summer services were church-goers in other seasons and accustomed to benevolence giving. So in 1991, an ad hoc Committee on Benevolences was appointed to review benevolence giving. The following summer it was made a Standing Committee of the church.

In the years since the Benevolence Committee was formed it has led the congregation in increasing its giving for benevolences. Total benevolence giving reached \$10,500 in 2002, and \$14,500 in 2009, a generous amount for a summer congregation of 60 to 70 that holds only ten services. How did this growth come about?

Four policies, formulated by the Benevolence Committee in its early years, have remained in place: (a) fund go to agencies in the Randolph-Gorham-Berlin

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