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# The Rindge Connection

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## Mission

The mission of The Rindge Connection is to integrate and engage Rindge residents, the Rindge business community and Franklin Pierce University in a positive and informative way.

## Operation Santa Helps 48 Families, 107 Children

by Rae DuVernay

The Rindge Woman's Club's Operation Santa was a great success again this Christmas because of many caring and generous people and organizations. Santa's helpers (Rindge residents) took over 400 tags, purchased and wrapped clothing and toys, and provided food baskets for 48 families and their 107 children.

Rindge Wal-Mart provided space and a tree - thanks to Tony Lane, Manager, and Mary Clayton, Community Services Manager. TD Bank provided space for a tree, also - thanks to Manager Monika Schlim.

Operation Santa owes special thanks to the following organizations for monetary donations: Pumpkin Organization of Rindge

(P.O.O.R.); Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary; Market Basket employees; Rindge Athletic Men's Association (RAMS); Rindge Memorial School (RMS) teachers, staff, and students, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin; Mr. and Mrs. Fran Sullivan; Mr. John Strong; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Covert; and several anonymous donors.

Thank you to Franklin Pierce University's staff and students for donating socks, books, and toys for each child (Kaitlyn Driggs, student coordinator; Marabeth Farmer, Community Relations).

Thanks go to each of the following families and organizations who adopted a family and provided requested clothing and toys: Advent Lutheran Church (Anna Ciglar,

coordinator); John and Lynda Hunt; Franklin Pierce's Accounting Department (Liz Coll, coordinator); and P.E.G. Book Club (Christian Haines, coordinator).

Thanks to Rindge Memorial School teachers, Kim Sulin and Bob Tucker who along with their students donated requested items; GFA Federal Credit Union customers and staff donated assorted toys (Lynn Hebert, Branch Manager); Rindge Girl Scout Troop (Monique Stanway, leader) donated art supplies; Bud Lund who donated live trees and wreaths to families who needed them; Ella Dale who donated hand-knitted mittens and hats; Kelly Fleurette who donated a tree, lights and decorations; and the Rindge Food Pantry donated food items.

Thank you to the Operation Santa committee: Sarah Dengler, posters and tags; Polly Mellin, tags assembly and posters distribution; Anne Marie Maher, shopping for, assembling and distributing food baskets; and Ronalee Hietala, Jan Lashua, and Deb Qualey, shopping and wrapping gifts. The Rindge Woman's Club members donated many food items at their Christmas luncheon. Thanks also to Jim and Kathy John and Dave DuVernay for doing the heavy lifting and delivering items when needed.

*Rae DuVernay is chair of the Rindge Woman's Club Operation Santa.*

Franklin Pierce Women's  
Basketball on National Television  
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## Franklin Pierce University Announces Tuition Freeze for Upcoming Academic Year

by Patricia Garrity

At a time when colleges and universities across the country are preparing to announce tuition increases, Franklin Pierce University will be freezing tuition for the 2010-11 academic year for the undergraduate College at Rindge.

"In addition to freezing tuition," said Dr. James Birge, President of Franklin Pierce University, "the University has maintained its commitment to offering extremely generous financial aid that will be awarded to students with University scholarships and grants budgeted at nearly \$18 million."

"At Franklin Pierce University we recognize that during these uncertain economic times, families have questions about whether or not a private college education is possible," said Kenneth Ferreira, Executive Director of Student Financial Services. "We are taking deliberate steps to ensure that the quality and distinctive private education that is only offered at Franklin Pierce University remains within all students' reach."

For 2010-11, Franklin Pierce will

offer financial aid in the form of grants or scholarships to every student accepted into the undergraduate College at Rindge, according to Ferreira.

"We are proud to offer awards at the time of admission that range from a maximum of \$17,000 to a minimum of \$7,500 based on admission criteria alone," he said.

The University has pursued a number of cost-cutting initiatives in recent months to save money and to help make the tuition freeze possible. They include the installation of new state-of-the-art biomass thermal heating units using locally-sourced wood pellet fuel.

## Franklin Pierce University to Hold Winter Open House on February 21st

by Patricia Garrity

Area high school students and their families are invited to the Winter Open House at Franklin Pierce University on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Our campus in Rindge, N.H. is situated on 1,200 acres, against a backdrop of mountains and lakes, with easy access from Massachusetts Route 2 and NH Route 202. Visitors will discover the warm welcome we are known for as they attend presentations, tour campus and meet with our exceptional students, faculty, coaches and administrators. Kick off your visit by enjoying a coffee with community members, then meet with faculty, athletic coaches and student life staff in areas that interest you. Campus tours, a delicious brunch and a winter carnival presented by Campus Recreation round out the day of activities.

From our lake view townhouses for senior student living to our impressive athletic arenas, the Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communications and our 72,000 square foot airframe recreation center, Franklin Pierce University offers modern facilities and amenities you will appreciate in an academic community where your interests and needs are supported and recognized.

Check-in for the event begins at 10 a.m. in Pierce Hall. For further information and to reserve your spot, contact Franklin Pierce University by e-mail at [admissions@franklinpierce.edu](mailto:admissions@franklinpierce.edu), call 800.437.0048 or visit our Web site at [www.franklinpierce.edu](http://www.franklinpierce.edu).

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## Top-ranked Franklin Pierce University Women's Basketball Team to Play Bentley in Front of a Televised Audience

By Doug DiBiase

The top-ranked Franklin Pierce University women's basketball team is gearing up for one of the most exciting events in school history when it will take on Bentley on Feb. 20. The game will be nationally televised by CBS College Sports and world-wide on the Web at [www.NCAA.org](http://www.NCAA.org). The contest, which is scheduled to tip at noon, will be held at the Dana Center in Waltham, Mass. The Ravens and Falcons will be meeting for the second time this season as Franklin Pierce picked up a 71-61 win back on Dec. 18 in The Fieldhouse in Rindge.

The Ravens, who are currently 18-0 overall and 14-0 in the Northeast-10, hold the top spot in the latest edition of the USA Today/ESPN WBCA Division II Top-25 Poll. It's the first time in program history the team is ranked No. 1 in the nation. Franklin Pierce has been led by senior standout and national player-of-the-year candidate Johannah Leedham, who leads the nation in scoring with over 25 points per game and ranks second in steals. She has broken several records this season, including: the Northeast-10 women's basketball career scoring record; the Northeast-10 men's and women's basketball career scoring record; the Northeast-10 women's basketball career steals record; the Northeast-10 women's basketball career free throws made record; and the school record for career scoring. She has scored 2,587 points for her career (as of Jan. 29), which ranks seventh all-time in NCAA Division II women's basketball history. She has also collected 394 steals in her career, which ranks 18th in Division II history.

Several other Ravens have contributed to the success of the team this season. Junior center Tori Ahrens is one of the top shot blockers in the country and has provided valuable scoring during the month of January. Junior guard Cynthia Gaudet ranks among the top-50 nationally in assists, while also being a dependable scoring threat. Sophomore forward Marielle Giroud ranks among the league leaders in rebounding, while senior guards Kirsten Doldoorian and Rachel Kimball have provided valuable minutes and offensive production coming off the bench.

The contest with Bentley marks the second time in as many seasons that Franklin Pierce will appear on national television. The Ravens appeared on ESPN 2 last season as they squared off against Minnesota State-Mankato in the NCAA Division II National Championship.

"This is a great opportunity for us," said Head Women's Basketball Coach Steve Hancock. "Appearing on national television is great exposure not only for the women's basketball program, but for the entire university."

Franklin Pierce and Bentley have staged several heated contests on the hardwood during the past two seasons, including meeting in the Northeast-10 Tournament title game last season, which the Ravens won to capture the first NE-10 title in program history. That win also punched the Ravens ticket to the NCAA East Regional, which they went on to win for the second-consecutive year.

For more information on Franklin Pierce women's basketball team, please visit the team's page at [athletics.franklinpierce.edu](http://athletics.franklinpierce.edu).

## Registering to Vote

by Nancy A. S. Martin

When registering to vote, you will not be required to register as a member of a political party (Republican or Democratic) -- you may register as an undeclared voter. If you are registered as an undeclared voter and go to vote in a state primary election, you will be required to choose a party when accepting a ballot. Voters should be aware of their party status before a primary election. If you voted on a party ballot in the 2008 state primary, you are now a registered member of that party unless you filled out a card to return to undeclared status with the Supervisors of the Checklist.

If you are unsure of your party affiliation, you should contact the Town Clerk's office at (603) 899-5181, ext. 6, as they have the records of party membership. Or if you are a party member and wish to change your registration status, initiate such a change by taking one of the following steps:

### State Primary

1) Meet with the Supervisors of the Checklist no later than June 1, 2010 -- the last day to change your political party before the state primary election, or register the change with your town or city clerk by that date. This is the last day to register to vote if you wish to file as a candidate for the state primary election.

2) If you are a registered member of a party, you may change your registration at any primary, however; you will not be allowed to vote in that primary. Undeclared voters may declare a party and vote at any primary. The law allows

an undeclared voter to declare a party at the polls, vote the ballot of that party, and then change their party affiliation back to undeclared simply by completing the form available from the Supervisors of the Checklist at the polling place.

### VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Feb. 26, 2010 - Last day to register to vote before Town Election.

March 9, 2010 - **Town Election Day** - Unregistered voters may register and vote on this day.

June 1, 2010 - Last day to change your party affiliation prior to the State Primary Election.

Sept. 7, 2010 - Last day to register to vote before Primary Election Day.

Sept. 14, 2010 - **State Primary Election Day** - Unregistered voters may register and vote on this day.

October 23, 2010 - Last day to register to vote until the General Election.

November 2, 2010 - **General Election Day** - Unregistered voters may register and vote on this day.

**Voting takes place at the Rindge Memorial School at 58 School Street. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.**

*Nancy A. S. Martin is the Rindge Town Clerk.*

## The Rindge Connection

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## Chamber of Commerce Business Spotlight

Need help with your taxes? It's tax time and there are a number of new laws and incentives that may benefit you.

Ellen Smith is a Rindge based Certified Public Accountant (CPA) who has been practicing accounting for nearly two decades. A graduate of Franklin Pierce University and a CPA in the State of New Hampshire, Ellen's focus is individual and business taxes, estate accounting, bookkeeping and payroll. After being a partner in a Keene based firm for many years, Ellen took some time off to be with her children and started her independent firm in 2008. She is a leader of the local Daisy Girl Scouts Troop, a committee member of the Rindge Cub Scouts and a member of Friends of the Ingalls Memorial Library.

For new clients in February and March, Ellen Smith will offer a free review of your 2008 tax return. Reviews of prior returns often lead to additional refunds. Seniors will receive 10 percent off services.

Please call 899-3066 or send an e-mail to [ellenmsmithcpa@yahoo.com](mailto:ellenmsmithcpa@yahoo.com) for a free consultation.

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## The Evolution of Firefighting in Rindge

by Craig Hoyt

During the 1950s and early 1960s, the complexion of firefighting in the Town of Rindge underwent many changes. I was lucky enough to have a front row seat to this evolution for two reasons. First of all, my father was a fire ward at that time, holding the rank of deputy chief. Secondly, my aunt was the chief telephone operator in town.

Dial telephones didn't come into being in Rindge until the early 1960s, so emergency calls were taken by the telephone operator on duty. In those days we had crank telephones that rang into the switchboard at the telephone office at the Rice House, opposite the current telephone central office in the town center. My aunt, Dorothy Pangborn was the chief operator and lived with my uncle John in one end of the building, with the switchboard in their living room. They would sleep on a pull-out sofa in that room so she could be available to answer calls during the night. During the daytime there were other operators that would work shifts allowing my aunt some time to herself.

When a call for a fire came in, the operator would take the information and then would have to individually call each firefighter, beginning with the chief, to alert them. The operator would have knowledge of the workplaces of the firemen and would call those locations during workdays. The operators would work very quickly when making the calls, but the process was time consuming. I remember that I could tell when my dad was getting a fire call because we were on a party line and our signal was four rings. When Dad was being summoned to a fire, the rings sounded twice as fast as they would normally.

Prior to 1956, Rindge had no fire station, no radios and only two fire vehicles. The primary apparatus was

a 1937 Dodge fire engine with only a 150-gallon tank of water. This unit was housed in the basement of Harris Rice. This is now the building which is Academy Apartments in the town center next to the library. The secondary fire apparatus was a Reo Speedwagon which was formally the Rindge Electric Light truck. This unit carried the forest fire equipment and was housed in a shed at the John Crosby Jr. residence in West Rindge. There were a few rain coats and military surplus helmets available, but the firemen would mostly fight fires wearing what they had on when they received the call.

There was no fire mutual aid system in those days, but towns would generally help each other when needed, although sometimes one town would bill another town for services. There was a longer response time to get mutual aid because someone at the fire scene would have to get to a telephone and call back to the operator and ask her (telephone operators were almost exclusively women) to call a neighboring town to send help. With no radios to use, the chief wouldn't know the status of the help until it showed up at the scene.

Big changes took place in the mid 1950s. The biggest was the formation of the Southwestern New Hampshire Fire Mutual Aid District. This is still the organization that handles our emergency dispatching. With the advent of a central dispatching location came a radio system. With funding from Civil Defense, the Rindge Fire Department purchased radios, enabling them to communicate directly with the dispatch center in Keene. The dispatching for Rindge was still handled by the telephone operators, but requests for mutual aid could be transmitted directly to a dispatcher in Keene. Responding mutual aid could communicate with Rindge units on the

scene of the fire. This obviously wasn't the best situation, but it was a leap forward.

In 1956 the town voted to build a fire station, and also to purchase a new Chevrolet fire engine with a 600 gallon tank. I smile when I remember the firefighters referring to this truck as a "tanker" but it did have four times the water of the Dodge. Things pretty much stayed this way until the next major development which happened in the early 1960s when dial telephones came to Rindge.

I remember there was some nervousness surrounding this advance in technology because we were losing our telephone operators. A new method of dispatching had to be devised. The town settled upon a "Red Phone" system. An emergency number would ring in to several red phones which were at the homes of some firefighters and some businesses. There were fire horns installed in the Center, East, and West villages and there was a zone system designed for the town. When someone called in an alarm, the first person answering a red phone would take the information and then would sound three blasts on the horns using a manual key. The first firefighter to arrive at the station would pick up the red phone and receive the information from the person who took the call. The firefighter would then determine the zone number for the location of the fire and punch it into a keyboard and activate the horns again. For example, zone 31 would sound three blasts of the horns, followed by a pause, followed by one blast. This would direct the responding firefighters to the area of the emergency (if they heard it). The firefighter in the station would then write the address and type of fire on the blackboard before responding with the engine. Firemen who were going to respond in additional

apparatus, or those who didn't hear the zone number on the horns, could read the information on the blackboard.

You can probably see some flaws in this plan and understandably this system was in place only a few years before the town went to having fire mutual aid in Keene do the dispatching. When this system was put into place, a radio base station with a decoder was installed in the fire station. The decoder would recognize the signal transmitted by dispatch in Keene and would sound the horns. This signal was then, as it is today, three blasts. The zone system was used for a few more years before desktop radio monitors were purchased for the firemen, enabling them to hear the information of the emergency directly from the dispatcher in Keene. Some years later the monitors were replaced by pagers that the firefighters could carry with them.

In the 40 years following these events there have been many improvements and upgrades in equipment and technology which have helped the task of fire protection, but technology has also brought new dangers with which the firefighter must deal. The job of fighting fires has improved in application and safety but this is not to say that it is no longer a dangerous occupation. It boils down to many hours of training, and having on hand the latest equipment in good operating condition. Being a firefighter today is a huge commitment and it is increasingly difficult for volunteer/call fire departments to be fully staffed. Today's volunteer/call fire departments have to compete with the typical lifestyles of modern America where both spouses work and there are many more diversions competing for any spare time a would-be firefighter has.

*Craig Hoyt is a director of the Rindge Historical Society a 30-year veteran and former chief of the Rindge Fire Department.*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Groundhog Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Rindge Woman's Club Meeting; Meetinghouse; 7 p.m.; Please bring items for donation to Food Pantry	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Franklin Pierce Women's Basketball vs. SNHU 1:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. SNHU 3:30 p.m. Ice Hockey vs. SNHU 7 p.m. POOR Meat raffle; Jaffrey VFW; 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Franklin Pierce Women's Basketball vs. St. Michael's 5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. St. Michael's 7:30 p.m.	<b>10</b> Board of Selectmen Meeting, Town Offices, 6 p.m.	<b>11</b> Conant Girls Basketball vs. Fall Mountain, "Hoops for Hope" Night; Pratt Auditorium; Proceeds donated to Susan G Koman For The Cure Foundation	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Happy Valentine's Day	<b>15</b> President's Day Town Office Closed	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Franklin Pierce Women's Basketball vs. Merrimack 5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Merrimack at 7:30 p.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Franklin Pierce FP Women's Basketball at Bentley; televised on the CBS Sports Network at noon. Ice Hockey vs. Stonehill 7 p.m.
<b>21</b> Franklin Pierce Winter Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Franklin Pierce Women's Basketball vs. UMass - Lowell 5:30 p.m.  Board of Selectmen Meeting Town Offices, 6 p.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>Last day to register to vote before Town Election</i>	<b>27</b> Advent Lutheran Church Meatloaf Dinner; Route 202 near Jaffrey line; 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$4 children
<b>28</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Calendar Submissions and Clarifications</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please submit information on upcoming events that are open to the public and of interest to the general public by the 7th of the month preceding publication. Include date and day of the week, event, time, location, sponsoring organization, cost (if applicable) and contact information. Send to <a href="mailto:rindgenewsletter@yahoo.com">rindgenewsletter@yahoo.com</a> or call (603) 899-5051. All meetings are subject to change or cancellation. Please call ahead to verify the schedule.</p>					

## Regular Monthly Meetings

Day of Month	Name of Meeting	Description	Location	Time
1st Monday	Recreation Committee Meeting	Monthly Meeting	Rec Building, Wellington Road	5:30 p.m.
1st Wednesday	Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting	Monthly Board Meeting	Town Offices, 30 Payson Hill Road	7:30 a.m.
1st Friday	Economic Development Committee	Monthly Meeting	Town Offices, 30 Payson Hill Road	8:00 a.m.
Every Other Wednesday	Board of Selectman	Monthly Meeting	Town Offices, 30 Payson Hill Road	6:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd Tuesday	Planning Board	Bi-monthly Meeting	Town Offices, 30 Payson Hill Road	7:00 p.m.
4th Tuesday	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Monthly Meeting	Town Offices, 30 Payson Hill Road	7:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd Thursday	Roadway Committee	Monthly Meeting	Town Offices, 30 Payson Hill Road	7:00 p.m.
2nd Monday & 4th Thursday	Conservation Commission	Bi-monthly Meeting	Town Offices, 30 Payson Hill Road	7:00 p.m.
2nd Tuesday	Emergency Operations Planning	Monthly Meeting	Town Offices, 30 Payson Hill Road	10:00 a.m.
2nd Wednesday	Library Trustees	Monthly Meeting	Ingalls Memorial Library	5:30 p.m.
2nd Thursday	Joint Loss Management (Safety) Committee	Monthly Meeting	Town Offices, 30 Payson Hill Road	12:30 p.m.
1st Saturday	Historical Society Museum open	Monthly	24 School Street	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Every Wednesday	Historical Society Museum open	Weekly	24 School Street	10 a.m. to Noon
Every Tuesday	Weight Watchers	Weekly	Recreation Building, Wellington Road	4:30 p.m.
Every Wednesday	Senior Coffee Hour	Weekly	Recreation Building, Wellington Road	9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

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# Rindge Colonel Fought in Prominent Revolutionary Battles

by Ken Raymond



It would be difficult to find a more fascinating character from local history than Ezekiel Jewett. He was born in Rindge on Oct. 16, 1791 into a family that had been among the earliest settlers of this town. The fourth child of Dr. Stephen and Nancy (Colburn) Jewett, he grew up on the property best known today as the Ware Farm on South Woodbound Road in West Rindge. He was educated in local schools in Rindge and Jaffrey, and when the time came for higher education, it was assumed that he would follow in the footsteps of his father as a physician. This apparently being outside his plans for the future, he did not pursue university studies. Being an active and enthusiastic officer in the local militia, the outbreak of war in 1812 presented an opportunity for Ezekiel to follow his dreams. He secured an appointment as an officer in the 11th U.S. Infantry.

The 11th U.S. Infantry served with distinction in the Niagara campaign and most famously in the battles of Chippawa, Lundy's Lane and the Siege of Fort Erie. It was at the Battle of Chippawa on July 5, 1814 where the 11th U.S. Infantry, deployed in line with the 9th, the 22nd and the 25th along with a company of artillery under the command of General Winfield Scott, was recklessly attacked by the British under Major General Phineas Riall. Thinking the American troops to be merely militia, Riall expected his opposition to flee under direct attack. When the Americans stood firm under artillery fire and delivered volley after volley, Gen Riall made his famous exclamation "Those are regulars, by God!" The British learned a hard lesson that day as they were routed. Today's 6th U.S. Infantry was formed by the consolidation of the 25th, the 29th and the 37th and retains the motto "Regulars by God" from this battle. Legend has it that the cadets of the United States Military Academy at West Point wear grey parade uniforms in commemoration of the dress of Scott's troops at Chippawa.

The Battle of Lundy's Lane was soon to follow on July 25, 1814 in present-day Niagara Falls, Ontario. It was one of the bloodiest battles of the war. Though a technical victory for the British, they suffered heavy losses in this fight and were not able to pursue the American retreat to Fort Erie. Within a short period of days the siege of Fort Erie ensued. The Siege of Fort Erie was one of the most protracted engagements between British and American forces during the Niagara campaign where the Americans successfully defended Fort Erie against the British, who suffered very heavy casualties from a disastrous failed attempt to storm the fort. It was during this failed storming of the fort that Lieutenant Jewett was noted for a dashing act of valor in the repulse of the British. During his service, Lieutenant Jewett became acquainted with, and friends for life with, General Scott.

At the conclusion of hostilities of the War of 1812, Ezekiel Jewett's thirst for adventure being apparently unquenched, he became a soldier of fortune. Chilean General Jose Miguel Carrera was in the U.S. recruiting officers to serve in their revolution against Spain. Considered one of the founders of independent Chile, Carrera was the most important leader of the Chilean War of Independence. Lieutenant Jewett joined General Carrera and accompanied him to Buenos Aires where he served several months as Major of the "Directors Guard," then subsequently journeyed across the continent from Argentina to Chile including a daring and dangerous mid-winter crossing of the Andes. This group crossed the Andes, in a feat recognized by military historians as akin to Hannibal's crossing the Alps, and defeated the Spanish in the Battle of Chacabuco on Feb. 12, 1817. Later in life Col. Jewett was quoted as saying that they were greeted by the inhabitants of a village at the foot of the mountains "with as much surprise as if they had descended from the sky." This mountain crossing is over the roof of the Americas by Mt Aconcagua and Mt Mercedario, the highest peaks in the western hemisphere. After this he served with distinction as a commander of cavalry at the rank of Colonel until the successful conclusion of the war, resulting in Chilean emancipation from Spanish colonial rule. After the conclusion of the Chilean War Carrera was intercepted in Mendoza, Argentina and taken prisoner. After a show trial, he was hanged on Sept. 4, 1821, Col. Jewett named his third child and only son after his friend. John Joseph Louis Carrera Jewett was born July 29, 1826.

After visiting Rio de Janeiro and traveling into the interior of Brazil, Col Jewett returned to Rindge In 1818 and married to Elizabeth Arnold on June 10, 1819. She was the daughter of Capt. William Arnold of Westmoreland. She is described by Ezra Stearns in his History of Rindge as "A lady of many attractions and unusual loveliness of character, who was his cheerful companion in the journey of life for 44 years." Col. Jewett remained in Rindge and resided at the family farm until 1823 when he and his wife moved to Sackets Harbor, New York, and three years later to Fort Niagara after

accepting an appointment in the U.S. Army. Col. Jewett became the commander at Fort Niagara and continued in that capacity for 17 years.

In the same year that Col. Jewett became commander at Fort Niagara, he became embroiled in the greatest national scandal up to that time. Now known as the "Morgan Affair" the scandal involved the kidnapping, imprisonment and the likely murder of William Morgan. The Morgan Affair dominated the national press and spawned a huge backlash against secret societies, especially the Masons. William Morgan appears to have been a braggart and a drunkard, who claimed to have been an officer during the war of 1812, although no search of military records bears that out. He is known to have several failed business ventures in the Niagara region and during this time became a member of a local Masonic Lodges. He does not seem to have been popular with the local membership. When he was refused admittance as a member in a new area lodge he conspired with a local newspaper publisher to write a book exposing the secrets of the Masons. His threat to expose the Mason's secrets led to trouble for Morgan when he was arrested, charged, imprisoned, fined, released and re-arrested several times on minor charges. It was on the release of William Morgan after the third such minor offense that he was abducted from the jail never to be seen again.

In the court proceedings that followed, Col. Jewett was implicated and charged with conspiracy along with twelve others. It became known that William Morgan was held in the powder magazine at Fort Niagara after his abduction. Since Col. Jewett was the commander of the fort, his involvement was assumed. What happened next would be described today as a circus. Numerous witnesses refused to testify and suffered fines and imprisonment rather than divulge what had happened. In the end, all 13 of the alleged conspirators were acquitted. Only the actual abductors were ever tried and convicted in this case. Additional inquests and investigations followed with the attention of the New York state legislature and the governor, but nothing was ever proven. This provided fodder for much scrutiny and speculation by the national press, who rode this story into the ground. William Morgan disappeared without a trace and his fate remains a mystery to this day.

With the Morgan Affair behind him, Col. Jewett settled into a long term as commander of the peace time garrison on a friendly border. This position provided him with the time to pursue new interests, specifically the study of the local geology and the collection of fossils. This became a passion for Col. Jewett and his lasting legacy. During his time at Fort Niagara he hosted a summer school in geology where he became mentor to several young men that went on to become leaders in the new field of paleontology. These men included Yale paleontologist Othniel C. Marsh and Secretary of the Smithsonian Charles Doolittle Walcott. After his retirement from the military in 1843 he devoted his full attention to this field. He soon became Curator of the State Museum of New York, Albany, where he was a colleague to James Hall of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute fame who is considered a giant in early paleontology and geology. In 1868, Col. Jewett sold his personal fossil collection, considered at the time the largest private collection in America, to Ezra Cornell founder of Cornell University for the sum of ten thousand dollars, a small fortune at that time. This collection known as the "Jewett Collection" is still part of the Cornell University system and is housed today at the Paleontological Research Institution's Museum of the Earth at Ithaca, New York. Col. Jewett devoted the rest of his life to this pursuit and is known to have traveled to every state, Mexico and Central America for the study and collection of paleontological interests. The remarkable Col. Jewett died at the age of 84 on May 18, 1876 in Santa Barbara, California.

## Rindge Historical Society Happenings by Tim Derr

**Open House with Rindge Memorial School (RMS).** The Rindge Historical Society and the Rindge Athletic Men's Social Club (RAMS) hosted the third annual open house with the Rindge Memorial School. The fourth and fifth grades visited the Rindge museum on Dec. 17, 2009. The students not only made ornaments to hang on the tree, but also learned about World War I (WWI) by seeing the posters depicting scenes from the war along with campaigns slogans supporting the war effort at that time in history. They learned about Mary Weir and saw some of the actual items used on the Mary Weir farm. Students learned how the player piano works and saw how doctors would treat children of their ages back in the 1800s. About 150 children visited the museum that day. They were treated to a drink and a candy cane for their walk back to the school. Many thanks go to the children, the teachers and members of the RAMS and the Rindge Historical Society members for their exceptional knowledge of the history of Rindge.

**History Essay of Rindge.** The Rindge Historical Society in conjunction with the RAMS will be conducting an essay contest for high school student grades 9 through 12. The essay must be on a historical subject pertaining to the town of Rindge. This could include an historical event, structure, person or persons in Rindge. There will be three winners picked and each winner will receive \$100. Essay details will be announced in the history classes at the high school level. For questions, please contact Tim Derr at 899-5044.