

AHS63 December 2022 Newsletter

You Better Watch Out Edition

Northern Outpost, December 1st, 31°, all is mostly calm and mostly bright. In a perfect world, all of the lights work all the time and not just half the string. And, in a perfect world, as people gather in the village for traditional caroling and hot chocolate, there's a chance of lightly falling snow ... NOT 80% chance of rain and 25 mph winds. What's with the weather forecast? We do picture-perfect postcard Christmas here. We're being be-Scrooged by Mother Nature!! Rain? Wind? No no. Even as we write, the Powers That Be have gone into a desperate huddle. The very thought of canceling the Saturday night Christmas Tradition on the common is enough to bah every last humbug into oblivion. In other news, speaking of oblivion, the Selectboard is considering it. Dunno what the city fathers (and mothers) were doing the last two decades in this town, but we are by god looking into the 50-some odd sinister canisters of fuel rods we're babysitting underground out at the former nuclear plant on the southern edge of town. Maine Yankee was the Daddy Warbucks of Whiskeysit before it decommissioned itself 25 years ago—and allll this time the gummint in DC has been derelict in removing those nasty deadlies *as required*. Full harrumph. So,

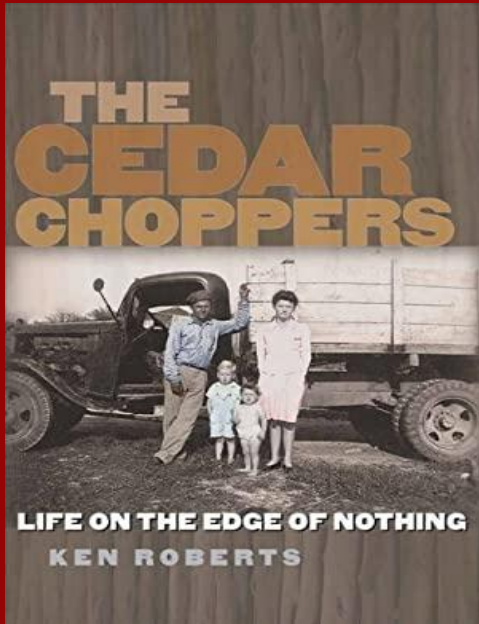
here we are, mulling dark things in the Christmas postcard background. One thing is certain—nothing animates a pack of lawyers like the prospect of feasting on federal wrongdoing to the tune of hundreds of millions. It's their idea of Christmas. Fa la la la indeed. Speaking of, back to Mother Scrooge. Turns out, an email just shot in from the Powers That Be (funnily enough, there are lawyers in that bunch) and it has been determined that Saturday is now Sunday (!) with the requisite amount of calm and bright in the forecast department—200 years of Christmas tradition is saved! Also magically enough, Santa is still available (!) to arrive on the giant red fire truck precisely as the children sing “Here Comes Santa Claus” and the big fir lights up in the middle of the Common. There are so many moving parts to this shindig, it’s hard to keep in mind the simplicity of what’s being celebrated. But there’s always a lovely moment. And it’s always picture perfect. After all, it’s Whiskeysit, officially the “Prettiest Village in Maine” since 1972. It even says so right there on the town sign—which just about fries every other town in the whole territory—but that’s a whole ‘nother, as they say. Thing is, everyone knows there’s always a memorable moment to be found wherever you are this time of year. Hope you all find yours. Have a beautiful Christmas, y’all. ~T



Claudia's Christmas Shopping Corner

'Got a fun reminder from Claudia that we have authors in this class whose books would make great Christmas gifts—so y'all take a look at these titles below and click, click, click ... (HA! just like eight tiny you-know-whats, right?)

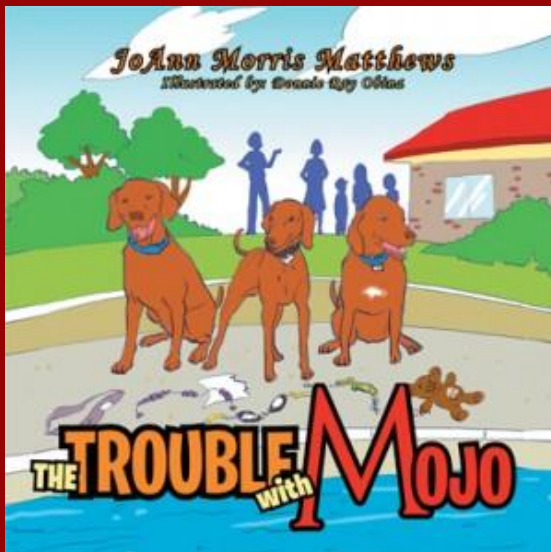
KEN ROBERTS



"The Cedar Choppers: Life on the Edge of Nothing"

Available on Amazon or at [Abe's Books](#)

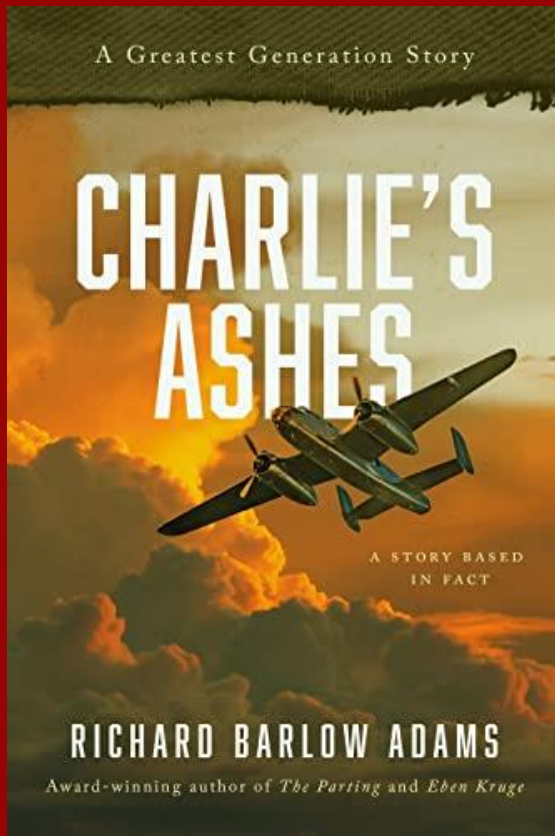
JO ANN MORRIS MATTHEWS



Five [Books](#) for children of varying ages:

Jo Ann Matthews Book Collections at joannsbooks.com

RICH ADAMS



"The Parting"

"Eben Kruge"

"Charlie's Ashes"

Note from Rich: "The Parting" has been optioned for a TV series, and "Eben Kruge," for a feature film.

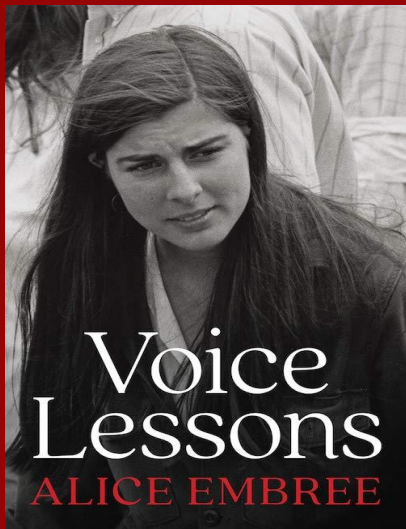
Available on Amazon or RichardBarlowAdams.com

TED PARRISH

"Mending"

Available on Amazon or [Barnes & Nobles](http://Barnes&Nobles.com)

ALICE EMBREE



"Voice Lessons"

Available on Amazon or AliceEmbree.com

Save the Date
60th Year Reunion

Sunday
April 30th, 2023

Invitations to arrive by email
at a later date.



December Birthday Kids

- 02 Randy Pauer (45)
- 03 Mary Goggans Hermann (45)
- 04 Ray Nachlinger (44)
- 05 Mike Paggi (44)
- 05 David Wood (45)
- 06 Ed Fomby (45)
- 06 Dale Lovell (44)
- 07 Joe Jamison (45)
- 08 Martha Sansom (45)
- 08 Meiling Lung Newman (45)
- 08 Nancy Carroll Ogden (45)
- 09 Terry Hobbs Heller (45)
- 10 Mary Schattenberg Delaney (45)
- 12 Linda Stevens Menn (44)
- 15 Peggy Powell Welch (44)
- 16 Joe Holt (45)
- 16 Diane Cottingham Mercer (45)
- 18 Jackie Moon Gannaway (44)
- 18 Tina Stohl Nagel (45)
- 19 Sandra Kirk (44)
- 19 Barbara Huber Ward (45)
- 22 Kathy King Oldenburgh (44)
- 22 Ann Musselman Downing (45)
- 27 Ronnie Peterson (44)
- 27 Al Staehely (45)
- 28 Alyson Evans Anderson (44)
- 29 Tommy Lewis (44)
- 30 George Allen Perry (44)
- 30 Diana Roberts Cooper (45)
- 31 Brenda Klein (44)

And just a word about this birthday list—we don't make it up, but if you don't remember your birthdate just drop us a line and we'll be happy to fill in the blanks! It's a new service for seniors who would rather be part of the fun but aren't sure how to do it. You like that? OTHERWISE, hit reply and send us your birthday/year and you'll make the big time right here.
Guaranteed. Q.



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