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Articles pass in Alfred

By ALLISON WILLIAMS

The room in Conant Chapel was full and there was a lot of discussion on the seven articles, but they all passed during the Oct. 10 special town meeting. Moderator John Cook asked that people keep their hands raised on two of them so he could make an accurate count. Did the budget committee want to spend \$34,950 from the unassigned fund to pave the town hall parking lot? And another \$3,150 to pave a 1,500 square foot area of the Parish Church lot to blend into the new pavement of the Town Hall Parking Lot?

Discussion seemed to focus not on the funds but on the appearance of the village with so much pavement. Thirty were for it, 22 against. There were also questions on the digital mapping program for the town. It was approved at \$51,000 which would convert the present paper assessing maps into the digital mapping program, which many other towns are doing. The Cable Franchise Fee Fund would bear the cost.

Treasurer Fred Holt explained article five in some detail, allowing the town to appropriate \$17,000 of the unassigned fund

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Do spirits walk the halls?

The old Straw house on Elm Street in Newfield was once said to have been haunted.

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By C.J. PIKE

MANY TALES HAVE BEEN TOLD OF SPIRITS WANDERING THE HALLS OF THE OLD STRAW PLACE OVER THE YEARS, BUT JUST HOW THESE TALES CAME ABOUT IS A MYSTERY.

AND, THE QUESTION IS, DO WE REALLY BELIEVE IN GHOSTS OF A PAST LIFE OR IS IT JUST A PASTIME FOR COLD, DARK NIGHTS – TELLING STORIES OF A SCARY, GHOSTLY NATURE?

The old house creaked and groaned as the family members made their way up to bed. A heavy branch slapped the side of the house, while a smaller one eerily stroked the window pane. The wind was very strong that night and chilly air filtered through the tiny cracks of the 300-year-old massive structure.

It was just before 11:10 p.m., as the two sisters mounted the back stairs. Nervously, Alice turned and said, "I think I just saw something."

There was no light on the old stairway, and shadows from the full moon could play tricks on you.

"It was probably just a shadow," Shirley said.

"No, I'm certain it was a long dark skirt over a pair of boots – going up the stairs just ahead of me," Alice said.

"You're just tired – it's been a long day," returned Shirley and she let the subject drop. She had heard the stories, and read the tales of the ghost of Hannah Chadbourne, who haunted their old home, but until now, had seen or heard nothing. And truthfully, she wasn't really sure that her sister saw anything, or was just caught up in the legend of the old Straw house.

Legend has it that Hannah had

been very ill and had died on a cold, dark, wintery night. Winter had been hard that year and would not release its cold, icy grip until well into March. On that night, Hannah succumbed to her illness at exactly 11:10 p.m., and so the legend begins.

Because there was still so much snow, she was buried under the kitchen floorboards, and her grave marker was placed on top. Legend has it that every night at exactly 11:10 p.m. she wanders the halls of the great house, looking for something, but nobody knows who or what. Maybe she looks for her family members; maybe she is feverish and can't sleep; or maybe she looks for the new intruders in her house – someone new is sleeping in her bedroom.

In the many years since they purchased the house, there hadn't been any signs of paranormal activity and that suited the Flemings just fine. After all they had two young daughters to think of – that was their main concern.

However, back in the late 1950's three single men owned the house and used it as a hunting lodge. The three men would drink around the old stove after a day of hunting, and toast her, making fun of the ghost of Hannah Chadbourne, sleeping under the kitch-

en floorboards.

As the story goes, one of the men, Darryl, eventually bought out his two partners, but the nights alone were long and he began to see her. She would come into his room. At first it was just a visit, but then Hannah got bolder and would lean over his bed and stroke his face. Darryl would pull the covers over his head and cower down into the bed, hoping that she would 'just go away.' After a few years, he couldn't take it any longer; he sold the house, and moved as far away as possible.

According to Wendall and Shirley Fleming, they purchased the property from Hilda Perry back in 1978, which included the house, along with 32 acres of the original property. It was a perfect house for them to raise their daughters and a convenient commute for Wendall; he worked in Boston for the airlines, but only had to drive down once a week.

Lieutenant Gideon Straw had bought the 100 acres in 1787, and built the main part of the house in 1794. He installed Indian shutters on the thirteen windows of the cape downstairs, pumpkin pine flooring in the dining area, wide board wainscoting, several fireplaces, and a coffin corner

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The Al Copley Quartet will perform on Friday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills. Pianist, singer, arranger, and co-founder of "Roomful of Blues," and the renowned Grammy-nominated American jump band, now with its own quartet. Tickets are \$25-\$30. Call 929-6472 or visit www.sacorivertheatre.org. COURTESY PHOTO

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



SPOOKY MUSIC Saturday, Oct. 27 at 3 p.m. at Christ Church, 6 Dane Street, Kennebunk. The concert features “Maestro” Warren King, playing the pipe organ and the beautiful antique Mason-Hamlin grand piano, and virtuoso Diana McNulty playing flutes. The music ranges from classical to modern. Tickets available at the door, \$15 suggested donation, or \$10 for seniors and students, or what one can give. Children under 12 years old are welcome at no charge. The building is handicap-accessible from the parking lot behind Town Hall. For more information, visit www.christchurchkennebunk.org.

Thriving in Place York County will host a **FALL SENIOR MIXER** on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 5-9 p.m. at the Trafton Senior Center, 19 Elm Street, Sanford. The cost is \$5 per person. Come and meet friends—old and new. There will be food, drinks, and dancing to your favorite tunes! Tickets available at the Trafton Center and York County Community Action Corporation, 6 Spruce Street, Sanford. For more information, contact Robin Hewitt Bibber at 459-2989.

ART IS COMMUNITY IX - Starts Friday, Nov. 2 at The Old White Church, 15 Salmon Falls Rd., Bar Mills. Free, Reception with the artists Friday, Nov. 2, 4-8 p.m. Gallery hours, Saturday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.. For more information or admission by appointment, call Pat Packard at 929-6472 or Susan Orfant at 642-4219. Sponsored by Saco River Art League, this annual, juried show and sale of regional art and crafts, includes paintings, sculptures and child-friendly interactive art-making for visitors during the opening weekend. The show remains hanging through Dec. 8. Donations are appreciated. 20 percent of all sales will benefit Saco River Theatre.

4TH ANNUAL YCCAC CEILIDH & SILENT AUCTION Friday, Nov. 2, from 6 to 9 p.m., York County Community Action Corporation will host at Spring Hill, 117 Pond Road, South Berwick. (Ceilidh, pronounced Kay-lee, refers to a Scottish or Irish gathering where guests join in traditional dress, music, dance, food and drink.) Please visit our event website at www.yccacfundraiser.com. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$8 children age 5-16, and free for ages 4 and under. Tickets can be purchased online at https://yccacfundraiser.com/page.php?groupingID=online_payment Music this year will be provided by Junior Stevens & Friends—“one of the foremost exponents of the Concertina and Button Accordion in the Irish style.” For more information, please contact Ericka Sanborn at 459-2938 or by email at Ericka.sanborn@yccac.org

SNOW QUEEN KIDS Schoolhouse Arts Center will complete their final kids camp of the 2018 season with the stage presentation of Disney’s Snow Queen Kids Nov 2-4. This well-known Disney production follows closely an original fairy tale written by Hans Christian Andersen. The tale centers on the struggle between good and evil as experienced by a young girl named Gerda and her friend, Kai. It is a classic children’s fairy tale to share with your children or grandchildren. Four performances will be given between Friday, Nov. 2 and Sunday, Nov. 4. Evening performances will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Matinees will be performed at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at Schoolhouse Arts Center, 16 Richville Road (Route 114) in Standish. Call 642-3743 for reservations or buy tickets on-line at www.schoolhousearts.org. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors.

FALL CRAFT FAIR at Massabesic Middle School Nov. 3 in the cafeteria from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit the MMS Student Council Annual Veterans Dinner on Nov. 29. Vrafters and vendors contact Ruth Miller at 247-6121, ext. 2228.

VILLAIN: DEBLANKS - Saturday, Nov. 3 · 2:30 p.m. (for Kids) and 7:30 p.m. (for Grown-up Kids) - Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills. Tickets are Donate-what-you-can! Call 929-6472 for reservations or visit www.sacorivertheatre.org. This “Day of Giving” fundraising event will include a raffle and prizes. SRT will split the proceeds of the evening show with Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine. An uproarious improvisational comedy where the cast says words you put in their mouths! The audience pro-

vides nouns, adjectives, and verbs (the wilder, the better) and the actors provide the laughs—uncensored and unrehearsed—as they solve the mystery of Philip DeBlanks’ untimely demise. It’s “Clue” meets Mad Libs, performed by some of your favorite SRT actors!

Buxton Hollis Historical Society **ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK DINNER** Saturday, Nov. 3, 5-9 p.m. Program of the evening will be “The Wabanaki Confederacy: The Wabanaki or People of the Dawn” presented by historian and teacher Nancy Ponzetti. To reserve your seat and to let us know of your potluck contribution please call 929-4592. Suggested donation \$10; Seniors \$8.

“MORE SHENANIGANS,” an original play written and directed by Beverly Perry of Alfred, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 4 at 2:30 p.m. at the Nasson Little Theatre, 457 Main Street, Springvale. When a group of old friends meet and gather after a year for Thanksgiving dinner, the laughter is sure to begin! We find Peter trying to thaw a turkey, cook a ham as well as making the stuffing...or is it dressing? The two sisters, Alexis and Sisley vie for the attention of James and his Winnebago! All tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door. FMI email maria.troopstair@gmail.com

ARTISANS FAIR Sanford Art Association artists and craftsmen will be participating in Springvale Public Library’s “Annual Artisans Fair”, Saturday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 443 Main Street, Springvale. Free admission.

RHYTHM FUTURE QUARTET Friday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills. Tickets \$30, seniors and students \$25. Call 929-6472 for reservations or visit www.sacorivertheatre.org.

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The Waterborough Historical Society will have its annual **HOLIDAY FAIR & SILENT AUCTION** at the Grange Hall, 31 West Road, South Waterboro on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Check out the crafters on two floors offering a variety of items, and break for lunch available downstairs. Purchase a goodie at the bake sale and bid on a bargain in the huge silent auction featuring items and gift cards donated by local merchants. For a unique gift for someone who enjoys local history, peruse the table of society merchandise. FMI, contact Jim Carll at 247-5878 or carllj@sacoriver.net.

LYMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY monthly meeting Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Community Library, 10 John Street, Lyman.

AL COPLEY QUARTET Friday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills. Tickets are general admission \$30, seniors & students \$25. Call 929-6472 for reservations or www.sacorivertheatre.org. Don’t miss the astounding pianist, singer, arranger, and co-founder of “Roomful of Blues,” the renowned Grammy-nominated American jump band, now with its own jumping, jiving, swinging quartet. Bring your dancing shoes to the aisles for this rollicking, uplifting concert!

“HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS” CHRISTMAS FAIR- Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Anne’s church, 229 Main Street, Gorham (Route 25). Crafts, jewelry, raffles, Gramma’s attic, baked goods, wreaths, and more. Pulled pork and baked bean dinner at 5 p.m.

AN EVENING OF BLUE-GRASS MUSIC to benefit The Wells Activity Center, 113 Sanford Road, Wells. Saturday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. Link & Company, five talented musicians will perform. Tickets are \$15 at the door or \$12 in advance. Lots of parking and handicap accessible. Complimentary refreshments. Call 776-4188 for tickets or more info.

POETRY WORKSHOP, Limerick Public Library, 2nd Thurs. of every month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All poets from beginners to advanced are invited to bring an original poem to discuss.

WRITERS GROUP at the Waterboro Public Library: Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. (when the library is open). All writers are welcome. Bring a short piece to read and discuss.

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GHOST STORY

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staircase leading to the upstairs bedrooms. Coffin corner staircases were built into the turn of the staircase in Victorian days and before, in order to maneuver a coffin down the steep staircase without too much difficulty.

Gideon Straw and his wife Mary, had nine children, but one died at a young age. They all lived in the Newfield house for many years. The Straw's children were: Agnes, by the first wife, David, Betsy, Abigail, Cyrene, Mary Ann, who lived just a couple of months, Daniel, the second Mary Ann, and Sarah.

Daniel remained on his father's homestead with his wife Hannah Chadbourne. He died in 1890 and Hannah died in 1899. They are buried in the family plot across the street from the house.

Daniel and Hannah had ten children, but Mary, Cyrene and David were unmarried and the last Straws to live in the house; they all died between 1917-1925. Gideon Alfonso reportedly served in the Civil War, but there are no records of that; he died at the age of 19. O'Neil married Ann Ayer

Moulton, and moved to Portland. He died in 1917. Martha Ann, John Franklin, the first Gideon, Sarah Elizabeth, and Sarah Jane, all died at very young ages.

Over the years, there have been a few changes to the large house, but the basic house structure remains in tact. In 1790, an addition was added; and later full bedrooms and baths were put in upstairs. Mrs. Fleming hired Sandy Howe to stencil a scene depicting the Newfield Village on the walls of the front staircase, and a greenhouse was added on the back off from the kitchen.

Although not everyone believes in ghosts, spirits and the paranormal, everyone loves a good ghost story on Halloween. The old Straw place may or may not have the spirit of Hannah Chadbourne living there, but the myth lives on; and there are many other places in Maine and across the country that are also believed to be haunted.

For those who believe, one day you may turn a corner and see something that just isn't normal; or feel a brush across your face. Your mind will play tricks on you, as you try to convince yourself that it was nothing. But what was it really nothing? Or, was it a message from beyond?

NOTE: This story was originally published in the Oct. 29, 2009 edition of the *Sanford News*. Information in this story was from *Early Families of Newfield* by Ruth Bridges Ayers; *Prominent American Ghosts* by Susy Smith; Shirley and Wendall Fleming; and local historians.

MaineHealth members to unite as a single not-for-profit organization

Final approval was recently given to a plan to bring together the members of Maine's largest healthcare system as a single not-for-profit organization in an effort to put the strength of one of the region's largest healthcare systems behind efforts to deliver care in each community.

The Corporators of MaineHealth, who are community representatives from across the system with a role overseeing the not-for-profit organization, voted at their annual meeting today in favor of a unification plan that has been under discussion for the past two years. The action means that, as of Jan. 1, Maine Medical Center, Southern Maine Health Care, LincolnHealth, Coastal Healthcare Alliance, Western Maine Health, Franklin Community Health Network and Maine Behavioral Healthcare will all be governed by a single Board of Trustees. However, each local organization will retain a local board that will have a significant role in overseeing the care delivered in each community.

The organizations oversee local health systems across the state serving 1.1 million people. The new, combined entity will have approximately 19,000 employees and more than \$3 billion in annual revenues.

"Two years ago MaineHealth members began a dialogue on how they could better leverage the strength of the whole system

to make sure each community got the services it needed," said George Hissong, Jr, Chair, Southern Maine Health Care Board of Trustees. "We are pleased with the final decision and look forward to seeing the benefits of unification in our communities."

The inability to deploy resources across a system of free-standing member organizations had become a significant problem for community hospitals in recent years, as many came under increasing financial pressure because of changes in the way health care is being delivered.

"Unification strengthens Southern Maine Health Care from a healthcare delivery, financial and sustainable perspective," said Nate Howell, CEO, Southern Maine Health Care. "By bringing the members together, resources can now flow more easily between various parts of the healthcare system. We are proud to be part of a system that can provide all levels of care to our patients."

Significantly, unification will help MaineHealth build a system of integrated care, supported by a common electronic medical records system.

Public Transit Forum

Do you or someone you know have public transit challenges? Are you an avid public transit rider and have feedback and suggestions to share?

A public forum will be held for York County residents on Thursday, Nov. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Kennebunk Town Hall Auditorium located at 1 Summer St., 1st Floor.

Here's your chance to contribute toward regional transit service planning. Have your voice heard as we share needs, develop priorities and strategies, and give input on MaineDot's Long-Range Transportation Plan.

Everyone is welcome—Please join us. Accommodations will be made for those with disabilities. Parking will be available adjacent to the town hall. Auxiliary aides will be provided upon advance request. For more info call 624-3299 or email transit.maine-dot@maine.gov.

Forum hosted by: Age-Friendly Committees of Kennebunk, Saco, Old Orchard Beach and Biddeford; Town of Kennebunk; York County Community Action Corporation; Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission; and Biddeford-Saco-OOB Transit.

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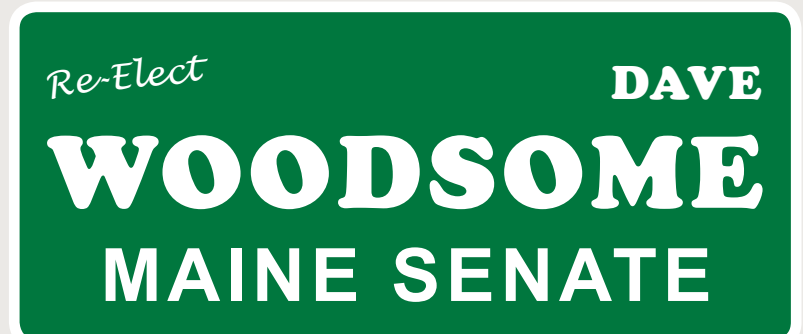
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SPORTS

CROSS-COUNTRY

Lady Scots grab gold at XC regionals

The lady Scots placed seven runners in the top 24, turning in one of the most dominant team performances in the events history, and they cruised to an easy first-place finish with just 47-team points at the annual Class A South Cross Country Regional meet held Oct. 20 at Twin Brook Recreation Park in Cumberland.

Just four of the 125 runners from 18 schools managed times under the 20-minute mark: two from Falmouth and two from Gorham, but Bonny Eagle dotted the finish list from spots six through 24.

Ami Beaumier (20:17.40) was sixth, Kayla Raymond was seventh, Delaney Hesler was eighth, Emmaline Pendleton was 12th and Hannah Stevens was 14th giving the Scots all they needed from their top five. For good measure, and an added nod to program dominance, Bonny Eagle had Emma Abbott cross in 22nd place and Abigail Nelson (21:50.37) finish two spots behind her in 24th.

Despite a first-place finish from Sofie Matson (19:22.73), Falmouth couldn't compete with the depth of the Scots and they settled for second place with 79-team points. Ch-everus was third with 140.

Mustang men fourth at XC regionals

Jeffery Waters finished eighth with a 17:14.88 and teammate Jesse Cadigan was 10 spots behind in 18th helping to pace Massabesic's cross country team to a fourth-place finish at the Class A South Regional Championships held Saturday, Oct. 20 in Cumberland.

Scarborough claimed first place with 70 team points. Falmouth was runner-up with 83, Greely was next with 96, Massabesic finished with 131 and Bonny Eagle was fifth with 136.

Over 120 runners from 18 high schools competed with Deering's Alec Troxell breaking the tape first with a speedy 16:51.63. Waters and Cadigan got solid performances from their three Mustang teammates: Jakob Saucier finished 29th; Elijah Karecki was 30th and Jakob Aboud was 46th.

— By Michael DeAngelis
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Students of the month

The following students were the Massabesic Middle School Students of the Month for September: Bellarose Helms, Kyle Abbott, Megan Morrison, Cameron Whiteside, Matthew Letellier, Noah Gilpatrick, Claire Irons, Gabrielle Johnson, Maggie Harris, Evelyn Hamilton, Elliot MacAlpine, Logan Cardona-Simmons, Evan Pike, Harleigh Jordan, Ben Tanguay and Tony St. Pierre.

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Society offers Veterans Day program

The Newfield Historical Society's program will mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WW I — "the war to end all wars." WWI began in 1914 and ended with the Armistice being signed on the 11th hour of 11th day of the 11th month in a railroad car in France in 1918.

The annual Veterans Day program will be held on Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Newfield Town Office, at 637 Water Street at 11 a.m. with refreshments served following the program. The program honors all veterans who have served their country. Guest speaker for this years program will be Rep. Heidi Sampson. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The historical society recently had their annual elections for the year 2019. The current officers will remain in their positions: Joe Iannazzo, president; Cheryl Cause, vice president, Mary Ritchie, secretary; and Tina Colwell, treasurer. Johanne Vaters is collections committee and curator. Correspondence secretary

is Ruth Bridges Ayers, however she would like to retire, if anyone would like to take over the position. The Board of Directors are Johanne Vaters, Denise Carpenter and Janet Colwell. Cemetery Commissioner is Pete Washington. Property managers are Jack Guzman and Denise Carpenter. Joe Iannazzo takes care of the bandstand. For more information, contact Iannazzo at 850-6237.

In the Spirit of America

The Spirit of America awards will be given to three local people who have donated their time to the Town of Newfield. The award presentation will be held at the York County Commissioners Office on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 45 Kennebunk Road, in Alfred, at 3:30 p.m.

The awards will be given to Janet Colwell, Cheryl Cause and Debi and Harry Hartford. The awards are determined by the Newfield Board of Selectmen and the York County Commissioners. Everyone is invited to attend. Tea time at the library will be cancelled for that day.

Voting for mid-terms

Voting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots are now available at town office.

In related news, the roof and parking lot at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street have been done. Dog tags are now available for 2019.

Happy birthday!

Remembering my brother Jeff on his birthday, Oct. 29, who passed away many years ago. He is always in our hearts.

Meetings

Cub Scout Pack #329 - Oct. 29, at Line School at 818 Water Street at 6 p.m. Anastasia Ferguson is the Cubmaster.

Boy Scout Troop #329 - Oct. 29, at the Scout Hall at 7 School Street in Limerick at 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. Jim Dion is the Scoutmaster. Call Joe Iannazzo at 850-6237

Newfield Firefighters training session - Oct. 30, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Tea Time - Oct. 31, at the Newfield Village Library at 637 Water Street at 3 p.m. Oct. 31.

Newfield Rescue training session - Nov. 1, at the Public Safety Building, at 85 Water Street, at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Dick or Hazel McGlincey at 793-2045 or any rescue member.

Northern York County Rod and Gun Club - Nov. 2 at the clubhouse at Lewis Hill Road at 7:30 p.m.

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Lyman Historical Society is gaining momentum

Just over a year ago a handful of interested people got together at their local community library to explore the possibility of establishing a historical society in the small town of Lyman. According to meeting attendees, attempts had been made in the past to establish such a society but, for various reasons, it never came to fruition.

Millett Day, current President of the society, is proud to report that "Not only has the group grown since that first meeting, but we've accomplished quite a bit in a relatively short period of time." The group's most recent accomplishment is gaining recognition as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Having met the required state and federal requirements, the Lyman Historical Society has officially become a nonprofit incorporated organization.

The Society's primary mission is to collect, preserve and publish information related to the Town of Lyman. Additionally, the organization is looking forward to sponsoring activities focused on promoting the community's interest in the Town.

Besides Millett Day, other officers of the Society include Priscilla L Miles (Vice President), Elaine Strachan (Treasurer) and Pat Littlefield (Secretary). Board of Trustee members are Diane Cyr, Bridget Grenier and Cathy Troy.

The society is currently working to identify the programs and activities it intends to put forward for purposes of growing awareness of the Town's history, and past resident's vital importance to the Town of Lyman.

For more information about this society or becoming a member, contact Lymanhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. The next monthly meeting is Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Community Library.

Grant would expand Southern Maine Veterans' Cemetery

Projections necessitate expansion as Maine's veteran population continues to age

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has offered the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services (MBVS) a \$3.8 million federal grant opportunity to expand the Southern Maine Veterans' Cemetery in Springvale, Maine.

The cemetery is located within the largest concentration of veterans in Maine: 60,961 veterans live within 1.5 hours of the cemetery and most of these veterans are over age 50. Burial projections indicate that in-ground cremation sections will reach capacity in 2020 and casket grave sites by 2030 with the cemetery's current capacity.

"The expansion is necessary to meet our obligation to Maine's veterans," Scott Brown, MBVS Cemetery Superintendent explained. "This grant opportunity would enable the Maine Veterans' Cemetery System to develop the additional infrastructure projected to be required to provide Maine veterans a final resting place."

The expansion will include new roadways, 7,000 cremation plots, and over 3,500 full-size casket plots.

"The Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services is committed to the preservation of our veterans' legacies as well as the historical integrity of the Maine Veterans' Cemetery System's four

state-run veteran cemeteries in Springvale, Augusta (2), and Caribou," said David Richmond, acting Director of MBVS. "Hundreds of thousands of Mainers have raised their right hand in service to their country, and it's our commitment to ensure they are honored and memorialized for their sacrifices."

To learn more about Maine's Veterans' Cemeteries, contact Scott Brown, Superintendent, Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System at 287-3481 or email mvmcs@maine.gov. You can also call the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services at 430-6035 or visit their website www.maine.gov/veterans to learn more about available resources.

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INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE NEWS

Emergency rules enacted to protect deer, moose herd from disease

With Chronic Wasting Disease discovered in bordering Quebec, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries recently implemented emergency rules designed to protect Maine's deer and moose herds, and keep Maine CWD free.

"Chronic Wasting Disease is the most serious threat facing our deer and moose populations in modern times," said Chandler Woodcock, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. "Unchecked, this disease could devastate Maine's Deer and Moose populations, and ravage Maine's hunting and wildlife watching economy."

CWD is an always fatal neurological disease that affects white-tailed deer, moose and other cervids such as elk and caribou. CWD is caused by a mutant protein called a prion, which causes lesions in the brain. Research shows prions can be shed in saliva, blood, urine, feces, antler velvet, and body fat. Prions bind to soil where they can remain infectious for years. There is no treatment, vaccine or resistance, and once present in the state, it is nearly impossible to eradicate.

In order to halt the spread of CWD and keep this devastating disease out of Maine, the Department has implemented the following rules regarding the importation of deer and other cervids into the state of Maine. It is now illegal to bring cervid carcasses or parts except in the following manner: boned-out meat properly identified and labeled; hardened antlers; skull caps with or without antlers attached that have been cleaned free of brain and other tissues; capes and hides with no skull attached; teeth; and finished taxidermy mounts.

In addition, the rule also prohibits the temporary importation of cervid carcasses and parts that are in-transit through Maine to another

jurisdiction. These rules apply to all states and provinces with the exception of New Hampshire.

In addition, the Department urges all hunters to help halt the spread of CWD by following these guidelines:

- Do not use urine-based deer lures or scents. CWD can be introduced into the soil with these scents and lures and lay dormant for years before infecting a deer herd. Many, if not all these products are derived from CAPTIVE deer, where the risk of CWD is greatest. While currently legal, avoid using these products in order to protect Maines moose and deer herd.

- Please follow the laws and rules regarding the importation of harvested deer, moose, or elk from any state or provinces (other than New Hampshire). CWD carried in the brain and spinal cord of infected deer. It is vitally important that these parts are not transported across state and provincial boundaries.

- Report deer that appear sick, weak, or starving to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife so that the animal can be tested for CWD. Early detection is the key in stopping the spread of CWD.

- Avoid feeding deer and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. Feeding artificially concentrates deer, creating conditions increase the risk of CWD transmission. Feeding also attracts deer from long distances, increasing the likelihood of the disease becoming established in Maine.

Following these guidelines will help prevent the spread of CWD as Deer shed prions in urine, feces, and saliva and Infected animals can start shedding prions nearly a year before showing clinical signs of the disease.

"We hope that all hunters take an active role in keeping CWD out of Maine by doing their part to prevent the spread of CWD," said Woodcock.

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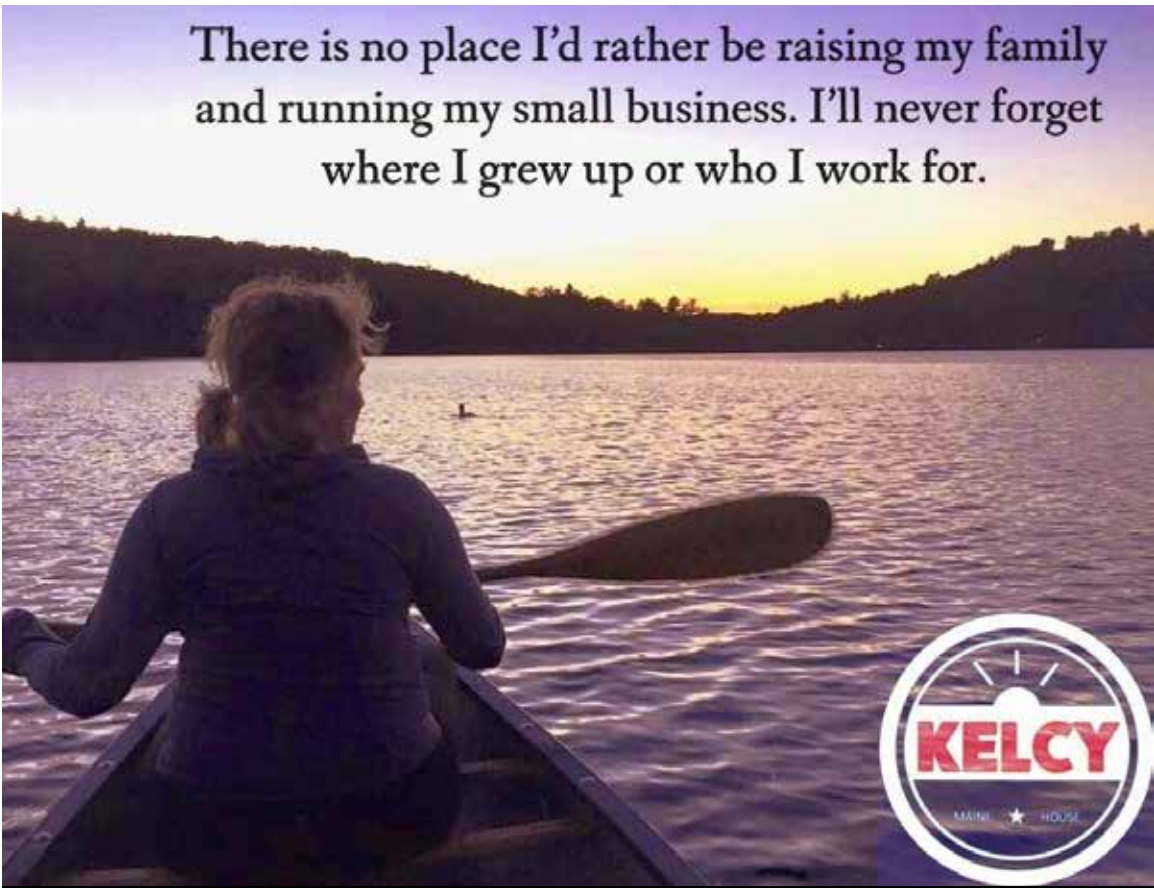

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TOWN MEETING
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for the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. This would allow fulltime employees (32 hours per week) and those grandfathered at 25 hours per week when full time hours were changed in 2016.

Article six, appropriating \$26,500 of the unassigned fund to the solid waste account, and article seven, revising chapter 60 of the ordinance to have Alfred Fire and Rescue Department under one head passed.

Alfred Historical Society

Not many of us today can forget the "Fires of 1947" which had a devastating effect on the Maine landscape. But in the late 1800's, at least in Alfred, there was a village fire which was long remembered. Bruce Tucker gave an account of that fire during a recent Alfred Historical Society meeting. George Came, who was the town clerk, gave a vivid account of the fire in his journal.

He began "Great fire in the village last night" and went on to enumerate the homes affected. The fire began in the house next to the town hall which burned down with all outbuildings, then the schoolhouse in front of the cemetery wall, then Farnum's house, then the "town house." Across the street Berry's Hotel was next (but was saved), then Lambert's house caught but also was saved.

When we remember that the equipment was very basic- no hydrants or hose carts or training, we must admire those who kept fires from spreading by climbing ladders to throw buckets of water on flaming shingles. George and his brother Sam, both young men, did what they could and took breaks at the Shaw residence across the street.

When the fire was over the village

must have been a sorry sight. Being the town clerk Came had to carry the records about with him for town business. The first town house had been built in 1853, after a committee was appointed for this. A two story building was approved 85 to 62. At a committee mtg \$400 was approved, another \$1200 to be borrowed. A year later the first town meeting was held there. It served seven years until burning to the ground in 1861. The new town hall low bid was \$2147.

In 1862 there were other matters on the minds of Alfred citizens. The Civil War was threatening, and the school had to be replaced. But the completion of the town hall was celebrated with a ball, with about 20 couples attending, with dinner at Berry's Tavern (tickets \$2.50) before trekking across the street to dance. George took Miss Hattie Shaw and danced until 3 a.m. Also Alfred's oldest citizen celebrated his 100th birthday with a dinner and ate heartily.

A new schoolhouse, the Union School, was built which would accommodate more students. Several years later this too burned down. Maud Sayward, one of the students, (who loved school) related her feelings as she watched it burn to the ground. This was rebuilt and is now the site of the Alfred Fire and Rescue Building.

Wild visitors

As Katie Brodeur from the Center for Wildlife explained during her recent presentation at the Shaker Museum, the center received 2,000 patients last year, many because of human developmental concerns. Their goal is to send the patient back to the wild.

The first visitor presented was a peregrine falcon, the fastest bird on the planet, able to fly up to 300 miles an hour. Toxic sprays affect its population as well as that of many bird species. They live on robins, chickens, mice and quail which having ingested DDT will pass it on to humans. They will live 18 to 19 years or up to 25 years in captivity.

Next she brought out a red tailed hawk (a buzzard hawk) which will eat road kill, rides the air currents and

whose vision can extend for one mile. An eastern saw whet owl was then presented, a small charming bird (1/2 lb.) which can rotate its head 270 degrees. One lived 13 years in captivity, but in the wild they do not live that long. A barred owl, the last raptor presented, is a handsome bird, in which the female of the species is larger than the male. There are 27 raptors found in Maine, including the snowy owl.

The Center for Wildlife is on 385 Mountain Road in Cape Neddick and visitors are welcome.

School celebrations

Halloween visitors will soon be at the door but something different is being done at the Alfred Elementary School this year. On Saturday, Oct. 27, starting at 3:30 p.m. families may attend a "Trunk or Treat" event in the school parking lot, trick-or-treating from decorated trunk to trunk.

Oct. 29 and 30 it is the smoke house which gets attention. That is when the Alfred Fire and Rescue Department demonstrates what to do in case of fire. And on Halloween, Oct. 31, students may dress up as their favorite storybook character. I suspect Superman, rather than Red riding Hood will take center stage.

Parsons library

Saturday, Oct. 27 a Pumpkin Party will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the library. You can bring your own pumpkin or get one at the library, thanks to Gile's Family Farm for the pumpkin.

There are many new books to enjoy, many with spooky titles, like "Holy Ghost" by John Sandford; "War of the Wolf" by Bernard Cornwell; "The Witch Elm" by Tana French; "Desperate Measures" by Stuart Woods and "The Forbidden Door" by Dean R. Koontz.

Alfred notes

The American Legion is "pretty well closed down for the winter" Bob Liberty says, but still providing a spot for the country jams on Saturdays, 12 until 3:30 p.m. Fee is \$2.

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OBITUARIES

Kathleen Ann Brandt

Kathleen A. Brandt, 63, beloved wife, devoted mother and adoring Nonni, passed away peacefully in her home on Oct. 18, 2018. Kathy had persevered throughout her life enduring many of life's greatest challenges, none of which could take away her love of life, family, faith or her compassionate spirit and kindness. She proved that there are so many beautiful things and reasons to be happy, how to stay positive, to always be grateful, and to never give up hope.

Kathleen was born on June 6, 1955 in St. Margaret's Hospital in Dorchester, Massachusetts the daughter of Marguerite L. (née Sullivan) and John Giberti. She grew up in West Roxbury in a lively household with six siblings and was the ideal middle child (but much more); always the peace maker in the family, who loved unconditionally and ultimately ensured the family's wellbeing. She met her future husband, Brian F. Brandt, (who lived across the street) in kindergarten and they grew up together sharing in all of life's wonders.

Kathy graduated from Labouré College and was proud to become a registered nurse where she used her natural talents to provide warmth and compassion to her patients. She worked for a local family medical doctor but later transitioned into a profession most accommodating to her health and wellness. Throughout her career she always provided the best for her family while serving her patients and the community selflessly.

In September of 1986 Kathy married Brian in a lovely ceremony at the Nonantum Resort in Kennebunkport, Maine and they were blessed to have 32 years of marriage together. They enjoyed their home (one they built themselves) and welcomed their children, nieces and nephews, grandchildren and grand-puppies for visits. Christmas was a very special time of year for Kathy and it is well known within the family that her holiday tea parties were legendary and everyone was sure to receive a decorative nutcracker. Kathy had many talents but most enjoyed fine hand sewing and did beautiful cross stitch pieces for family and friends (including anyone who asked).

Kathy possessed a wonderful sense of humor, beautiful smile, and, a contagious laugh. She was undeniably courageous and strong; warm and loving; and, quick to forgive or share a kind word. She was Auntie Kathy to her many nieces and nephews whom she adored and doted upon throughout her life. Kathy loved everything about the beach and ocean exploring many small towns and visiting the enduring lighthouses of Maine



Kathleen Ann Brandt

(making sure to stop at each gift shop along the way). She traveled to the sandy beaches of Mexico to put on her daughter's wedding and frequented the picturesque ocean views of the Colony Hotel where her son was married. She made herself available at all times, would listen for hours, and provide both unconditional love, encouragement and support no matter the cost. She cooked with love and laughter, and made the best lasagna and meatballs. Most importantly, she was a woman with an indomitable spirit, who lived her faith daily, and loved her family without measure. Kathy will be dearly missed as she has now entered into eternal rest and peace.

She is survived by her loving husband, Brian F. Brandt; her children, Joseph L. Carlson, Ryan S. Carlson and wife Jennifer; Kimberly A. Amaya (née Carlson) and husband Lorenzo; her two adored grandchildren, Sullivan Jorge Amaya (Sully Bear) and Elizabeth Kelley Carlson (Lily Bug), and soon to be third grandchild, Camden Ryan Carlson; her brothers and sisters, Christine Banta and husband Gary; Evelyn Pelletier and husband Ray; John Giberti and wife Gail; Michael Giberti and wife Nancy; Joseph Giberti and wife Tian; and Judith Crowley and husband Dale, Jr.

Kathy was predeceased by her daughter, Kelley Ann Brandt, the father of her children, Joseph L. Carlson and her mother Marguerite L. Giberti.

At Mrs. Brandt's request, all services will be private. In her memory, please consider donating to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

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OPINION

LETTERS

Vote no on Question 1

I have serious concerns with Question 1. Saco River Health Services, a small home health agency located in Waterboro, was founded in the living room of our home in Hollis twenty two years ago. Our hopes were to provide in-home care for members of our community. At that time all long term care was provided by nursing homes and we looked forward to giving our community a second choice.

Over the years an important part of our care has been to safeguard personal health information for our clients. We feel that Question 1 would compromise that relationship requiring us to turn over important health information to strangers without our clients' permission or knowledge.

We have worked diligently with the Home Care and Hospice Alliance of Maine to bring grassroots information about home care to DHHS and the Legislature. The Home Care and Hospice Alliance is comprised of people who are interested in promoting home care for Maine.

In the past three years, the Home Care and Hospice Alliance of Maine has secured \$16 million in increased reimbursement rates that has largely gone toward worker pay and benefits. Finding the right people to provide care has been one of our biggest challenges in providing services to people in their homes. This increase has attracted more people to consider working within the home care community.

We look forward to continuing our work with our State leadership as there is more to be done moving our long term home care program forward. Question 1 is not the answer.

Please join me and the members of the Home Care and Hospice Alliance of Maine in voting No on Question 1.

Joyce Segee, RN, MSN
Saco River Health Services
Waterboro

Keep Sheriff King

The sheriff's office has progressed under Sheriff Bill King's

leadership and his accomplishments are many.

Last year, Sheriff King was recognized by the "Maine Psychological Association" for his efforts to create a Psychologically Healthy Workplace.

Earlier this year, York County organized and hosted the "Maine Sheriffs' Association" annual conference in Biddeford, giving the local communities of Biddeford and Saco a boost. Sheriff King partnered with State Representative Marty Grohman and a private company to organize a job fair for people in recovery from illegal drugs.

This year the York County Jail scored an impressive 99.2 percent in its bi-annual inspection. The Patrol Division routinely exceeds the national average for solving crimes. Sheriff King received an award from "ENSO Recovery Services" for his work surrounding those in substance use disorder recovery.

It is clear to see why York County needs to re-elect Bill King as Sheriff.

Donna Flanagan
Springvale

Support for John Tuttle

These past two years have seen an unprecedented display of political obstructionism. The Maine Legislature refused to follow the mandate voted on by the people of Maine for Medicaid expansion. And they continued to ignore the 2004 vote requiring the state to fund 55 percent of K-12 education which directly impacts the school funding in our towns. Governor LePage and the Republican majority refused to honor the wishes of the voters. We need a change.

I am writing to express my support for John Tuttle, for Maine State Senate, District 33, which includes the towns of Cornish, Limerick, Newfield, Parsonsfield, Sanford, Shapleigh and Waterboro.

I have known John for over

forty years. He was a Democratic State Representative when I was teaching at Sanford Junior High School in the seventies. Since then I've worked with him on many political campaigns. What impressed me most about John is his commitment and dedication to working for his constituents. When someone contacts him with an issue, she/he can be sure that he will work tirelessly for a resolution. For 25 years, he has set aside four hours every Sunday, from 1-4, to visit with constituents in his home.

He has lived an inspiring life of service to others, from serving in the Maine Army National Guard as a medic, working as a lifeguard, serving on the Sanford Board of Selectman, and as an Emergency Medical Technician for 42 years. And, he was elected many times through the years as a State Senator and State Representative.

John has a proven record of working across party lines. I am confident that John Tuttle's voting record will always reflect the best interests of our seven towns and the people of Maine.

Diana Tomasello
Shapleigh

Support for Justin Reinhardt

For State Representative of district 21, I am supporting Justin Reinhardt, the Green Independent candidate. Justin will represent "We The People" and not corporate and special interest groups. Mainers are calling for expanded Medicare, free in-state college and student debt relief, lifting regulations on industrial hemp and a Green New Deal that promotes reliance on renewable energy and creating jobs in this growth industry. Justin will be our voice in Augusta. I urge citizens in District 21 to vote for Justin Reinhardt to represent you as your State Representative.

Gil Harris
Limerick

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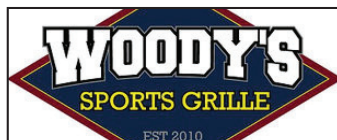


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