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Limington Selectmen, from left, Kathy Maddocks, Bruce Rozett and Jeff Amatrudo presenting the oldest citizen of Limington award to Manley Brackett on Sept. 27. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Limington's oldest citizen honored

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

At the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Sept. 27, Manley Brackett, 96, was recognized as Limington's Oldest Citizen and awarded a plaque in the tradition of the Boston Post Cane. Brackett's two daughters, Diane Brackett and Debra Paulin, were also present with their husbands.

Selectman Jeff Amatrudo introduced the award, stating that it is a tradition in Maine towns to present the Boston Post Cane to the oldest citizen of each town.

The Brackett family owned land in the late 1600s in what is now known as Deering Oaks Park. Two brothers, Joshua and Abraham came to Limington shortly after the Revolutionary War, in 1783, and established

what is now known as Brackett's Orchard, on Route 11. "Manley Brackett is an 8th generation orchardist," Amatrudo explained, before presenting the award.

"That's quite an honor," Brackett said as he admired the plaque. "That's very nice!"

According to Limington Deputy Town Clerk Beverly Foss, Brackett is unique in that he is a lifelong Limington resident. His daughter Diane shared that Brackett lived through the Great Depression. "They survived on vegetables from the garden, frogs from a nearby stream, game birds, squirrels, maple syrup from their own trees and deer meat. Even woodchucks were dinner on occasion." She added that "Money was tight then, and for many years, Manley and his brother

Merton maintained a shared interest in which supermarkets offered the best prices in their weekly flyers."

Brackett attended the University of Maine at Orono where he studied business and ran cross country as the captain of the team. He volunteered for the Merchant Marines during World War II, and the majority of his service was in the Pacific on the SS Henry Durant where he became both the ship's doctor and purser. According to Diane, "It was quite an experience on the high seas for a farm boy from Maine."

Brackett married Virginia (Ginnie) Sawyer, who also grew up in Limington. "She was his lifelong partner and helpmate," reported Diane. They worked side

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A 'rip' roaring time at Howe and Howe



Geoff and Mike Howe, owners of Howe and Howe Technologies, at their annual open house in Waterboro on Sept. 28. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

On Sept. 28, Howe and Howe Technologies held an open house to display their extreme vehicles and robots at their production facility in Waterboro. Brothers Geoff and Mike Howe started the company in 2006 with a vision of producing innovative vehicles to enable life saving strategies and technology. The Howe brothers are now internationally recognized for their extreme fabrication and design.

Engines roaring, Geoff and Mike made a personal appearance with the Ripsaw, a ground vehicle designed for the US military and the world's fastest tank, according to literature published by Howe and Howe. It was named the invention

of the year in 2014. Also in 2014, the Ripsaw EV2 (extreme vehicle 2) was introduced to the civilian market as an extreme luxury vehicle. It has appeared in three movies: *GI Joe Retaliation*, *Mad Max Fury Road* and *Fast and Furious 8*.

The grounds of Howe and Howe Technologies were scattered with large and small robotic vehicles. One of which was the Ripchair 3.0, an "all terrain, off road, tracked wheelchair that allows an existing wheelchair to back in and lock in." Each chair is customized for the needs of the recipient.

Geoff and Mike Howe feel very strongly about giving back to the community so they founded Outdoors Again, a non profit organization that plans events for paraplegics and quadriplegics. Their goal is to have wheelchair users become active in outdoor activities.

Dodging raindrops throughout the event, hundreds of people as well as busloads of students from various schools attended this display of extreme vehicles. There was a lot of interest in the Thermite, a durable and dependable firefighting robot that sprays a plume of water that can go into dangerous places to help fight fires and wildfires.

Proudly standing with the other vehicles was the Extreme Bulldog 4x4 fire truck, an off-road truck utilized for wildfires and emergency response situations. Finally on view was the SwatBot, a ballistic shield developed for the Massachusetts State Police.

The enthusiastic energy of the Howe brothers was infectious as they held a question and answer period following their demonstration. They encouraged all the students to consider a career in Engineering. It was a very exciting morning with a look into the research and development of these truly fantastic robotic vehicles.



Visitors checking out the Thermite firefighting vehicle.



The Ripsaw Extreme Vehicles on display during the open house at Howe and Howe Technologies. PHOTOS BY JOANNE BARGIONI

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUDITIONS Sanford Maine Stage Theatre is looking for a young boy age 8-10 years old to fill a part in our upcoming production of 'More Shenanigans,' directed by Beverly Perry. The show dates are Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 4 at 2:30 p.m. at the Nasson Theatre in Springvale. He must be available for three rehearsals on Oct. 29, 30 and Nov. 1, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. For more info email beverlythree41@yahoo.com or marya.troopstair@gmail.com.

ART AT MARRETT Celebrate 10 years of made-in-Maine art and crafts in a beautiful historic setting, as the Saco River Art League and other artists display and sell their work at Marrett House (1789). Children can make their own art at the "Create your Own Masterpiece" table. Baked goods available for purchase. Free tours of Marrett House on the hour. Enjoy the beautiful fall foliage and be sure to visit the lovely Colonial Revival-style garden next to the house. Rain or shine. Oct 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. & Oct 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Marrett House, 40 Ossipee Trail East, Standish, 642-3032.

PUBLIC COMMUNITY SUNDAY SUPPER on Sunday, Oct. 7 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Acton Town Hall on H Rd. The menu features Guinness Beef Stew, Roasted Squash Soup, Artisan Breads, Cole Slaw and an array of homemade desserts. Beverages included. Adults - \$10, Children under 10 - \$6, Under 5 free. The meal is hosted by the Acton Democratic Committee. All are welcome. We'll do the cooking and we'll even do the dishes.



A group of Round and Square Dancers dance at the Alfred Town Hall and are holding new Round Dancing classes. Round Dancing is also known as cued Ballroom Dancing. Dancers are taught the basic movements and dance as the leader cues the movements. It is extremely easy, a whole lot of fun, and a good low impact exercise for both the body and mind. The new class starts Friday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 pm and costs \$6 per dancer. Casual attire is suggested. For more information, call 608-1333 PHOTO BY TAMMY DORRIS

CMP DISCUSSION MPUC Public Advocate Barry Hobbins will come to Sanford to discuss the issues with CMP billing and metering system and listen to people who have been affected by it. It's an open forum meeting being held on Tuesday, Oct. 9 starting at 6 p.m. at the Sanford Town Hall. Everyone is welcome and the doors open at 5:30 p.m.

TWO-DAY RUMMAGE SALE at Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Gorham, off Route 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 13. Clothes,

dishes, books, furniture, toys, puzzles, small appliances, house plants, jewelry, etc. at low, low prices. Markdowns on Saturday and "fill-a-grocery bag for a dollar" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Coffee, muffins, and donut holes in coffee shop Friday morning. One of best recycling events around!

The Hollis Center Public Library will be having a **BOOK SALE, BAKE SALE, AND RAFFLE**, on Sunday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (Rain date Oct. 21). Browse our wide collection of adult, young adult, and children's fiction and nonfiction. We have books by many popular authors, including: Janet Evanovich, John Grisham, Elin Hilderbrand, Stephen King, Debbie Macomber, James Patterson, J.D. Robb, Nora Roberts, Nicholas Sparks, and Stuart Woods. Peruse our many raffle

items, including a \$40 introductory rock climbing lesson, 2 guest passes to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, and a \$76 gift voucher to Portland Stage.

COMMUNITY CONCERTS The Bar Mills Community Church located at 13 Hermit Thrush Drive in Buxton will be hosting four community concerts over the next year, the second concert in this series is Mary Johnston Letellier a Lyric Soprano with Angela Olszta accompanying her on the piano. This performance will be Sunday, Oct. 14 at 3:00 pm. Tickets for the show \$10 per person or a season pass \$35 per person. Purchase tickets at the door. For more information on this event and other upcoming events visit www.bar-millscommunitychurch.org. Mary, a lyric soprano, who lives in Buxton will perform varied selections of the most celebrated arias written from the classical period to the modern day era.

LEGO CLUB Waterboro Public Library is offering a Lego® Club for children in grades K and up. The club will meet on Monday, Oct. 15 from 4 to 5 p.m. All Lego bricks will be provided, just bring your imagination and creativity! Registration is required. Please register at the reception desk or by calling 247-3363. Waterboro Public Library is located at 187 Main St., East Waterboro. For more information visit the website waterborolibrary.org. Events are free and open to the public.

LYMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY monthly meeting Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Community Library, 10 John Street, Lyman.

AUTHOR TALK Tuesday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m. "Reconsidering the Lizzie Borden Murder Case: The Role of Ethnicity and Gender" with Joseph Conforti, author of seven books on New England

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history and culture and Distinguished Professor of American and New England Studies Emeritus at the University of Southern Maine. Buxton-Hollis Historical Society, 100 Main St., Bar Mills.

9TH ANNUAL HARVEST DANCE to benefit YCSP Food Pantry & Thanksgiving Basket Program on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Sanford Elks Lodge, 13 Elm Street, Sanford. Bring non-perishable item to be entered into drawings. Door Prizes, 50/50, and much more. Tickets \$10 each, cash bar. For more info contact Patty at 432-1890.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER Sat. Oct 20 th, 5-6:30 at Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church on the Mill Pond, Rt 35, Goodwins Mills. Beans and hot dogs, rolls and brown bread, cole slaw, fruit crisps

CALLING ALL QUILTERS! The Evergreen Quilt Guild will meet on Monday, Oct. 22, from 6-9 p.m., at St. David's Episcopal Church, Route 1, two miles south of Kennebunk Village. Evergreen Quilters usually meet the 4th Monday of each month except July and December. Newcomers are always welcome.

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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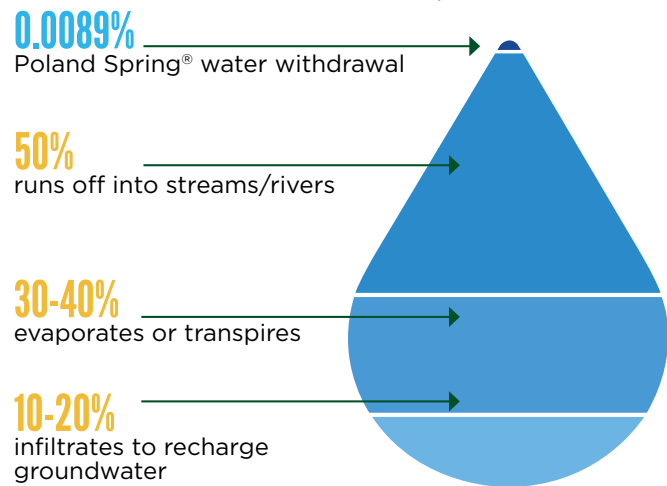
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Food drive for Waterboro pantry

The Bean Group is holding a food drive through Nov. 11 for the Waterboro Community Pantry. Non-perishable items can be dropped at their office at 297 Sokokis Trail in East Waterboro, next door to Lakeside Market. Items can be dropped Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or you can call or text 632-1943 to make other arrangements. All donated items will remain in the local community and be delivered to the Waterboro pantry. Money donations are always welcome, as the pantry staff can then purchase what they need most.

Hannaford helping the Waterboro library

The Waterboro Public Library has been selected as a beneficiary of the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program for the month of October. The Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program launched in October 2015 and is designed to support local non-profits through the sale of the reusable Community Bags. For every reusable Community Bag purchased at the Waterboro Hannaford during October, Waterboro Public Library will receive a \$1 donation.

"We are so pleased to be selected for this program said Waterboro Public Library Director, Julie Hoyle. Donations from the sale of these reusable bags will be used to purchase additional Lego® bricks for the new children's Lego Club program."

For more information on the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program, visit hannaford.bags-4mycause.com

ATV club granted access for annual ride

At the Aug. 28 selectmen's meeting, a motion was passed 4-0 to grant the Ossipee Mountaineers ATV club permission to use a portion of Deering Ridge Road for its Annual Fright Night Ride on Oct. 20 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Absentee ballots available Oct. 9

Voting on Nov. 6 will take place at Waterboro Town Hall, in the old town hall building at 24 Townhouse Road. Entry will be at the new town hall building, checking into the selectmen's meeting room. The polls will be open at 7am and close at 8pm. Absentee ballots will be available starting Oct. 9 through Nov. 1. Anyone can vote absentee by Requesting an Absentee Ballot at Waterboro Town Hall or call 247-6166, Ext. 110. You may also apply for your Absentee Ballot online through the State at: <https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>

Property taxes are due

Property tax bills are due Oct. 19. According to the town's website, property taxes are paid twice per year in October and April. The October payment covers the first half of the fiscal year (July 1 to Dec. 31), and the April payment covers the second half of the fiscal year (Jan. 1 to June 30). Interest is compounded daily beginning the day after the payment due date. If you require additional information, contact Tax Collector Sharon Reed at 247-6166, Ext 116. The tax collector's office is open Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Boy Scouts to host spaghetti supper

Troop #329 Boy Scouts will host their annual spaghetti supper on Saturday, October 13, at the Brick Town Hall at 19 Main Street from 5-7 p.m. On the menu is two kinds of pasta, sauce and meatballs, bread, salads, desserts and beverages. Donations of desserts are accepted, and may be dropped off before the supper. Tickets are \$7 per person and children under 6 eat free. Proceeds benefit the scouts new equipment purchase. For more information call 432-3581 or 850-6237.

Touch-a-Truck-fun for all ages

The Limerick/Newfield Lions Club will hold their annual Touch a Truck on Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Limerick Industrial Park on Burnham Road, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free, and kids will have the chance to explore all of the big trucks from local companies. This is a great chance for anyone to just be a kid, climb into the cabs, blow the horns, and sit in the drivers seats. Construction equipment, fire trucks, emergency vehicles and all kinds of trucks will be there for this event. The Lions will have a bake

sale, popcorn, cocoa, apple cider, burgers and hot dogs for sale.

Cross at 1-800-Red Cross or 877-372-7363 to make an appointment.

Wakefield fall festival is next weekend

The East Wakefield, New Hampshire area businesses will host a fall festival on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The entire corner of where Wakefield Road meets Route 153 will be hopping with free food, games and plenty of fun! Pony rides, bake sale, cake walk, firetruck rides, hay rides, build a scarecrow contest, DJ with Karaoke, and much more. Vendors will be selling good things to eat, and crafts, as well. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. Rain date is Oct. 14.

Donate blood for those in need

The Limerick Newfield Lions Club will hold a Memorial Blood Drive on Monday, Oct. 15, at St. Matthew's Church in Limerick, at 19 Dora Lane, from 1-6 p.m. The drive is in memory of Donald Vermette. For more information, please call the American Red

Meetings

Cub Scout Pack #329 - Oct. 8, at Line School at 818 Water Street at 6 p.m. Anastasia Ferguson is the Cubmaster.

Boy Scout Troop #329 - Oct. 8, at the Scout Hall, at 7 School Street in Limerick at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome. Jim Dion is the Scoutmaster. Call Joe Iannazzo at 850-6237.

Newfield Firefighters training session - Oct. 9, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

The Limerick-Newfield Lions - Oct. 11, at the Newfield Historical Society building at 64 Elm Street at 7 p.m.

Newfield Firefighters business meeting - Oct. 11 at 85 Water St. at 7 p.m. call Dave at 793-2055

Tea Time - Oct. 12, at the Newfield Village Library at 637 Water Street at 3 p.m.

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SPORTS

By Michael DeAngelis, Sports Editor
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FIELD HOCKEY

Field hockey team takes 2 out of 3

Massabesic's varsity field hockey team had a good week, winning two of three games, beginning with a gritty 3-2 triumph over rival Sanford on Thursday, Sept. 27. The Spartan's had raucous crowd on hand due to homecoming.

On Monday, Oct. 1 the Mustangs made it two straight with a 4-1 win over visiting Portland. Brianna Stephenson fed Micaela Jacobs for the games' first goal with 4:40 left in the first half. Emma Snyder bumped it to 2-0 Massabesic three minutes later with an unassisted strike, closing out the scoring at the break.

Snyder assisted Jacobs at 22:13 of the second half to push the lead to 3-0. With nine minutes left in the contest Izzy Hurlburt made it 4-0 when she collected a beautiful pass from Grace La-

France at the right post and rifled home a forehand shot.

The Bulldogs popped in a late score to close the game at 4-1.

The Mustangs had 29 shots on goal and their goalie, Maddy Pomerleau, turned aside 15 shots.

Host Westbrook remained unbeaten (11-0-1) after a 4-3 win over the Mustangs on Wednesday, Oct. 3. The contest seesawed back and forth throughout, but the Blue Blazes managed to go up by two, 3-1, 10-minutes into the first half. Massabesic got the next two goals (Emma and Anna Snyder) and the game stayed even until Kaitlyn Talbot got the game winner with less than three minutes to play.

Pomerleau made 12 saves for the Mustangs (4-8) who hold the final spot in the playoff standings, as of Friday, Oct. 5, with two games to play.



The Massabesic Girls Varsity Field Hockey team played their Breast Cancer Awareness game on Monday, Oct. 1 defeating Portland 4-1. PHOTO BY KERRY DEANGELIS

CROSS-COUNTRY



The Bonny Eagle Girls' Cross Country team came in first at the Cross Country Festival on Sept. 29. From left, Coach Ryan Dyer, Coach TJ Hesler, Emma Noonan, Maddie Thompson, Ella Dunne, Ly-sine Warner, Christine Toy, Emmaline Pendleton, Delaney Hesler, Emma Abbott, Kayla Raymond and Abigail Nelson. Coach Mike Burleson kneeling in front are Hannah Stevens, left, and Chara Sterling. COURTESY PHOTO

Lady Scots win 58-team festival Beaumier, Hesler crack top 10

Bonny Eagle placed five runners in the top thirty, including a stellar third place finish (18:45.94) from senior Ami Beaumier and a 10th place finish (19:15.15) from freshman Delaney Hesler, to help pace a first place finish at the annual Cross Country Festival of

Champions held Saturday, Sept. 29 in Belfast.

More than 600 runners from 58 high schools took to the starting line and the lady Scots did not disappoint: senior Kayla Raymond finished 25th; freshman Hannah Stevens was 28th and another freshman, Emmaline Pendleton, was 30th.

The depth of Bonny Eagle, who finished with just 96-team points in the win, was clearly on display as they had Emma Abbott in 44th and Abigail Nelson 58th. Teams are allowed seven runners with points based on fishes place awarded to the top five.

Colonel Gray High School, from Prince Edward Island, fin-

ished second with 130-points, edging Dr. John Hugh Grillis High, from Nova Scotia, who finished with 131-points. Falmouth was fourth with 161.

Mustang men 7th at XC championships

Jeffery Waters was 11th with a 16:34.76 and Jesse Cadigan was 23rd, pacing Massabesic's Cross County team to a solid seventh place finish at the annual XC Festival of Champions held Saturday, Sept. 29 in Belfast.

More than 850 runners from 64 high schools competed with Brunswick taking gold with just 121-team points. Bangor was second with 136 and Scarborough took third with 174. The Mustangs finished with 235 and their neighbors in Standish, Bonny Eagle, finished eighth with 289.

Cadigan, who turned in a 17:07.97, was the second fastest freshman in the field. He was bested by only Dan McCarthy (16.56.08) of Bangor who finished 17th. The Mustangs also had Jacob About 46th, Matthew Pooler 77th and Jakob Saucier 78th.



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OLDEST CITIZEN

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by side as a team, "whether that required her to 'grade' eggs, feed the chickens, wait on customers, run errands, or, with her degree in business, pay the bills and balance the books, down to the last penny, something she took great pride in doing." They were married for 65 years when she died in June 2013. "My father always said that, 'marrying Ginnie was the best decision I ever made.'"

Manley and Ginnie have two daughters, Diane and Debra; three grandchildren: Jeremy Paulin, Joshua Paulin and Abby Harrison; and four great grandchildren: Oliver, Ginny, Winston and Maggie Paulin. Manley's brother, Merton, 92, lives in Scarborough with his wife Carolyn.

Apples have been grown on the property since 1783, with 55 acres of apple trees of ten different varieties. In 1961, Brackett built a cold storage facility for his expanding apple business, where he could store apples for a longer period of time while packing them onsite during the winter for shipment to Europe through a New York fruit broker. According to Diane, this was the turning point in the success of the business. Later, Brackett was able to build state-of-the-art controlled atmosphere storage facilities which could keep the apple harvest fresh and crisp for an even longer period. Brackett said there are now more sophisticated materials for growing apples, without exposure to chemicals. At Bracketts, the harvesting of apples is still done the old fashioned way, picked by men and women – no mechanical harvesting.

Debra's husband Guy runs the orchard now, but Brackett still waits on customers who come to the orchard. Diane reports that when he sees people coming to the door, he is known for saying, "Oh, I got a live one!" or "There's another 25 cents!" His dog, Oscar, a black lab, greeted customers with him until two years ago. Sometimes people came in just to visit with Oscar, who had become a local celebrity.

If you want a Maine experience, and to meet someone who's farmed the land of the original proprietors, visit Brackett's Orchard, 224 Sokokis Ave (Route 11) in Limington. They have pick your own apples, blueberries and peaches, as well as a gift shop, the Country Collection.

Note: In 1909, the publisher of the Boston Post newspaper gave each town in New England a gold-headed ebony cane to be presented to the oldest living male in that town. Today, the Limington cane itself has been 'retired,' kept safely in the Limington town office, but the tradition of recognizing the oldest citizen continues.



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OBITUARIES

Paul Henry Cabana

Paul H. Cabana, 77, a long-time resident of Sanford, died at the Newton Center with his family by his side on Sept. 30, 2018.



Paul Henry Cabana

Paul was born on March 25, 1941 in Saco, the son of Henry and Florence (Lajoie) Cabana.

After serving his country in the U. S. Army and U.S. Air Force, Paul worked many jobs, many in the machining profession, before settling in at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Paul worked in Shop 31 as a machinist until retiring approximately 22 years ago. While at the “yard” as it’s commonly referred to, Paul traveled extensively to work his craft as a machinist. He traveled to places such as Scotland, Virginia, and California.

Paul and his wife Claire traveled to California and purchased a 1970 Chevy Malibu, which they named “Genie” – and subsequently drove this classic car back to Maine after Claire instructed Paul she would never fly on a plane again. Genie still resides in Maine where she’s well cared for.

Paul was smitten with the Cadillac brand, whether he was driving around town or to work. He would take the kids out for rides in the Caddy and throttle up just right over those “belly bumps.” It’s that weightless feeling we all remember from at least childhood and maybe an adult road trip or two.

Paul enjoyed breakfast with the boys and his hobbies were being outdoors and boating. He would never pass up a trip to Shaw’s Supermarkets to get in some exercise walking, but more importantly, a chance to check every clearance item within the four walls. Paul also enjoyed his computer, sharing stories and photos on Facebook

and the occasional political “discussion” with family and friends.

Paul will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Paul is lovingly survived by his wife of 40 years, Claire (Carpentier) Cabana of Sanford; his son, Brian Cabana of Alfred; Brian’s daughter’s, Cora Cabana of Biddeford and Sarah Cabana of New York; his son Shawn Cabana and wife Sherry and their two children, Morgan and Mason of Biddeford; his daughter Sherri and husband Shane Lafontaine, Sr. and their two children, Shane and Mikaela of Hollis Center.

A graveside service with military honors will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 11 a.m. at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery, 83 Stanley Road, in Springvale.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com.

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

Shirley E. Roberts

Shirley E. Roberts (Loukola), age 83, passed away suddenly at home on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018.



Shirley E. Roberts

Shirley was born in Quincy, Massachusetts, then raised and educated in Weymouth, Massachusetts. She married her beloved husband Winthrop in 1955 where they settled in Weymouth to raise their family. Shirley worked at Stetson Shoe for many years before Sealy Mattress in Randolph from where she retired in 1998. She and Win split their time between Florida and Maine for many years before they finally settled in Maine to be closer to family on Little Ossipee Lake in Waterboro. She called the lake her front yard. It was a place that

family and many friends passed through and no matter who it was that visited, she always made them feel welcomed.

Through the years Shirley loved traveling with Win, snowmobiling in the winter, swimming in the summer, playing tennis, crocheting, sitting on the deck playing cribbage and cards, enjoying the sights and sounds of the lake and having good conversation. It was where she watched her kids and grandchildren learn to swim and waterski. It was where she saw many beautiful sunsets.

Shirley was predeceased by her beloved husband Winthrop Roberts. She is survived by her loving children John Roberts and his wife Eleanor of Waterboro, Bill Roberts and his wife Shelley of Weymouth, the late Randy Roberts, and Shirley’s daughter-in-law Diane Roberts-Parris and her husband Mark of Bridgewater, Massachusetts. She is also the cherished grandmother to Elyse, Amy, Carly, Nate, Danny and Morgan and the great-grandmother of Bryson.

A service for Shirley was held on Sept. 29 at the C. C. Shepherd Funeral Home, 134 Pleasant Street in Weymouth. Interment will be private at a later date in Elmwood Cemetery in Bridgewater.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Shirley’s name to the Dana Faber Cancer Institute at PO Box 849168 Boston, MA 02284. For directions or online condolences visit www.CCShepherd.com or call 781-337-0050.

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Suicide awareness and prevention in older adults presentation set for Oct. 16

Suicide is an important problem among older adults. Suicide rates are particularly high among older men, with men ages 85 and older having the highest rate of any group in the country. Suicide attempts by older adults are much more likely to result in death than among younger persons.

NAMI Maine (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will hold an informational presentation about suicide prevention among older adults on Tuesday, Oct. 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Nason Health Care, 15 Oak Street, Springvale. For more information, or to RSVP (encouraged but not required), contact YCCAC’s Thriving in Place Coordinator, Robin Hewitt Bibber, at 459-2989.

Older adults, like their younger

cohorts, are more likely to have suicidal thoughts if they have depression and mood disorders or substance use problems.

But unlike younger people, they are also more likely to be dealing with other issues that can produce suicidal thoughts, including medical conditions and pain that affect function and autonomy. Many older adults also face social isolation that sometimes results from the loss of a loved one, the inability to get around without help, or the feeling that they are a burden to others.

In the case of those who are living alone, it’s often difficult to spot the warning signs that accompany suicide. Making matters worse, those in older generations are often less likely to seek out help.

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Grain-free diet can lead to low taurine levels in dogs

There has been a lot of press recently regarding low taurine levels in dogs that are fed grain-free diets. A number of veterinarians have checked taurine levels on dogs with these types of diets and found them to be low. Low taurine levels can result in heart failure.

At this time, it is being recommended that any dog being

fed a grain-free diet change to a grain-based diet. If you do not want to switch your dog’s diet, have its taurine levels checked. If the taurine levels are low, the dog might need an ultrasound of the heart to check for a heart condition called dilated cardiomyopathy ASAP. It is recommended that they be started on taurine supplements until they

get the ultrasound.

The good news is taurine deficiency that is diet-related is potentially reversible and may not have lasting cardiac effects. It is recommended that taurine be supplemented for dogs that remain eating grain-free diets.

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POW/MIA Recognition Day

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

Every third Friday of September is National Vietnam Veteran's Recognition Day. This year in Springvale the event was a project of Rolling Thunder Inc. Maine Chapter 1, who chose to have it on Saturday, Sept. 22 to allow more people to attend.

The ceremony took place at the Southern Maine Veteran's Cemetery, 83 Stanley Road in Springvale. At 10 a.m. we were welcomed by Bonnie Tracy, from the Board of Directors of Rolling Thunder Chapter 1. The mission of Rolling Thunder is to publicize POW/MIA (Prisoners of War/Missing in Action) issues and "to educate the public that many American Prisoners of War were left behind after all previous wars and to help correct the past and protect future veterans from being left behind as Prisoners of War or Missing in Action."

After the welcome, the Massabesic High School, Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps posted the colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. *The National Anthem* was sung by Annie Whitehouse and the Mission Statement of Rolling Thunder was proclaimed by Paul LeBlanc,

vice-president.

A symbolic and moving "Missing Man Table" enactment was narrated by Savannah Burke, third-year Lt. Jr. Grade Supply Officer, NJROTC and performed by Isabella Lamontagne, third-year Lt. Jr. Grade Administration Officer, NJROTC. The Missing Man Table symbolized those soldiers who did not return home. New recruits to NJROTC watched on under the supervision of third-year Lt. Jr. Grade Keara Galbraith, the cadet in charge of Orientation.

A replica of "The Cage" which was used by the North Vietnamese Army to take prisoners to concentration camps was described by Bonnie Tracy as well as the description of the "Soldiers Cross" memorializing fallen soldiers.

The honored guests were introduced at this time. On the podium was Bonnie Pothier representing Senator Angus King's Office, Representative Anne Marie Mastuccio, Sanford City Councilman John Tuttle, and Jessica Violette. Senator Dave Woodsome was also in attendance.

Stephen Cantelli announced the names of the MIA/POW from Maine, while Leon Tanguay rang a bell after each name was read.



Massabesic High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps members Lt. Jr. Grade Keara Galbraith, left and Lt. Jr. Grade Savannah Burke.
PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

They were: from the US Navy - Lt. Malcolm Arthur Avore, Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph Tony Muscott, Jr., Lt. Jr. Grade Neil Brooks Taylor, Lt. Jr. Grade Terrence Higgins Hanley; from the US Army - E4 John Henry Ralph Brooks, E4 Richard Clair Dority, PFC John Norman Huntley, 1st Lt. Walter Louis Hall; from the USAF - Capt. William Stephen

Sanders, 1st Lt. Jack Rockwood Harvey, Capt. Carl Russell Churchill, from the US Marine Corp - LCPL, Glenn Colby Dyer, and SSgt. Peter George Vlahakos .

A final chime of the bell rang out for all other POW/MIA from WW1, WW2, The Cold War, Vietnam, Korea and Iraq totaling 83,810 soldiers who did not return home. They are not forgotten.

Leon Tanguay laid a wreath in remembrance of the POW/MIA soldiers and Bill Ferrigno played *Amazing Grace* on the Bagpipes followed by a moment of silence. The AMVETS Honor Guard shot off a gun salute and *Taps* was played by Jessica Johnson. The NJROTC cadets retired the colors.

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Dedication ceremony

On the afternoon of Sept. 30 the Alfred Conservation Commission presented a memorial bench dedicated to the late Ray Drown, his wife and family at the intersection of the Clayton Carl Trail in Massabesic Experimental Forest and the Atlantic White Cedar loop. Wood for the bench was made from an Atlantic White Cedar tree from the forest and donated to the commission by the US Forest Service.

Fred Frodyma, co-chair of the commission, welcomed everyone and explained how the project came about and how much Ray Drown meant to the Conservation Commission. Ray was a commission member in Alfred for more than 20 years. During that time Ray and Clayton spent days mapping trail areas and putting up duck boxes in and around the town and the forest. Alfred Carlson, also a commission member for over 20 years, spoke of Ray's dedication and presented a piece that appeared in the 1997 Alfred Annual Report which read as follows:

With the cooperation of Clayton Carl and Dr. Peter Garrett of the US forest service, a plan was developed under the leadership of Ray Drown to create public walking trails in the forest. A milestone agreement was reached whereby the forest service would provide some funding to the town for expenses incurred in trail clearing, signage, gates and related activities. The inauguration



of this long-standing project was one of the conservation commission's top priorities for 1997. Thanks largely to Ray Drown's efforts, the first trail was cleared and marked from Whichers Mill road to the shore of Lake Estes. The town road commissioner is currently developing a parking area for public access to this trail. More trails are being planned in the forest and an adjoining lot owned by the town.

A number of guests spoke about the importance of providing outdoor opportunities and the benefits that the trails provide. At the conclusion, the guests walked back to the gate at the Ida Jim Road and were served refreshments at the residence of Dominique Zulueta and Michael Kay.

Masonic upcoming activities

This Saturday, Oct. 6, the Masons will host a benefit ride at the Eagles of Waterboro across from the Amish Store to benefit Alfred's American Legion from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 20, there will be a benefit ham supper for Old Corner Church at Masonic Hall from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Hand-made boat donated to auction



Steve Staples shows off the boat made in the Angers Farm Boat Project, one of the York County Shelter Programs. Volunteer boat builders teach clients in the Substance Abuse Treatment Program boat-building skills. The handmade boats are then auctioned during the Shaker Hill Apple Festival. The lucky winner of this Bevins Skiff was Mike Deweever. Approximately a dozen builders were involved in building the boat, which came complete with oars. Proceeds go to the YCSP programming.
PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

Alfred Parish Church

Several activities were planned during the recent church council meeting. A Christmas concert on Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. will be preceded by a "meet and greet" with refreshments in Conant Chapel.

The free supper on Oct. 22 will include meatloaf, potatoes and cold slaw. The free supper menu on Nov. 26 will include turkey stew. There will be no supper in December.

The annual York Association meeting will be held Oct. 19 and 20 in Saco.

Town hall

The town clerk reports there were two births in September, seven deaths, no burial permits issued, three marriage licenses issued, one altered dog licensed, and no hunting or fishing licenses sold.

Fire and rescue

Among the 60 calls for Alfred's Fire and Rescue in Sept. were 9 for medical transport, 4 motor vehicle crashes, 6 medical aid transport, 2 for smoke investigation, 3 mutual aid medical transport.

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