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This bald eagle is one of a nesting pair on Lake Arrowhead.

PHOTOS BY KERRY DEANGELIS

Tree of Life offers a new way to honor and remember loved ones

Join the Southern Maine Health Care (SMHC) Auxiliary on Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. for homemade baked goods, holiday music performed by local musicians, and to remember or honor your loved ones by hanging a personalized dove on the tree at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremonies.

By making a gift of any size, each donor to the Tree of Life will receive his or her own personalized dove with the tribute's name written in calligraphy by a member of the Auxiliary Board. The name of your loved one will be read aloud as your dove is placed on the tree. You are then invited to bring your dove home with you as a keepsake. To make a gift and purchase your personalized dove, contact SMHC's Development Office at 283-7251.





Remember or honor your loved ones by hanging a personalized dove on the Tree of Life at the SMHC Auxiliary's annual tree lighting ceremonies in Biddeford and Sanford on Dec. 5.

COURTESY PHOTO

The events will take place at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at both the Biddeford and Sanford Medical Centers to light the Tree of Life and remember and honor those who have touched our lives. The SMHC Medical Centers are located at 1 Medical Center Drive in Biddeford and 25 June Street in Sanford. All gifts directly support patient care in SMHC's Emergency Departments.

For over three decades, the SMHC Auxiliary has held its annual Tree of Life campaign to support life-saving care at SM-HC's Emergency Departments in Biddeford and Sanford. Each December, the Auxiliary invites the community to join them at their simultaneous tree lighting events in the lobbies of the Biddeford and Sanford Medical Centers.

Eagle population continues to soar



Maine completes recent eagle survey

Maine's bald eagle population continues to soar, increasing by 101 nesting pairs to a total of 733, an increase of 16 percent since the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) conducted the last bald eagle survey five years ago in 2013.

Maine's bald eagle population continues to grow in numbers across the entire state, affirming the remarkable rebound from the brink for this once-endangered species. MDIFW, working with private landowners, municipalities and other partners achieved exceptional results with the population rebounding from just 21 nesting pairs in 1967 to the 733 nesting pairs now.

"We documented increases statewide in all 16 counties, but the highest population growth rates continue a recent shift westward and northward across the state," said MDIFW's Charlie Todd, the endangered and threatened species coordinator who has been instrumental in guiding bald eagle recovery in Maine since the late 1970s. The aerial survey costs during 2018 were supported by Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration funds and the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund.

"Nine counties across central, southern, western, and northern Maine have eagle populations growing faster than the statewide average," said Todd. "Downeast Maine remains the state's stronghold and boasts the highest density of breeding eagles in any region between the Chesapeake Bay area and Nova Scotia."

A crew of four warden pilots and 17 wildlife biologists logged 240 hours in MDIFW aircraft documenting nests throughout the state. Late season snowstorms in March forced many eagles off their eggs, delayed egg-laying for others, and destroyed or damaged many more nests than normal. The count was completed late this summer.

The survey was timed throughout the state to match periods in the breeding cycle when eagles are mostly at nests. Nesting dates can vary by six weeks among neighboring eagle pairs. Egg-laying dates range from Feb. 25 to May 7 across Maine and an adult eagle must incubate its eggs nearly full time for a five-week period. Nestling eaglets remain in the nest for at least three months before they can fly. Most pairs make only one breeding attempt each year.

MDIFW checked more than 1,800 traditional sites over an eight-week period, checking all nest locations documented since 1962. Eagles are usually very loyal to nests. They relocate only out of necessity. A nest in Blue Hill (Hancock County) now holds the record for continuous use, 41 years (and counting) since 1978. Searches occur in other areas that offer potential eagle habitat not previously used by nesting eagles along lakes, rivers, and coastal waters. Crews found 270 new nests this year in Maine or in neighboring New Hampshire, New Brunswick and Quebec where eagles can move freely across boundary waters.

"Eagles spend less time near nests if they are not tending eggs or nestlings. The severe snowstorms in early March caused widespread breeding failures that complicated the survey," said Todd. Along with the tally of 733 nesting pairs, the crews noted single adults at 54 other nests and no eagle activity in 90 former nesting territories. Todd estimated that they may have missed as many as forty pairs, which is the highest count of nesting eagles ever in Maine.

Generations of bald eagles will use the same nesting territory sequentially over decades. In fact, the same nest is often reused (Continued on page 3)



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FOR THE HOLIDAYS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FREE MOVIE NIGHT Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeside Community Church, 1248 Sokokis Trail North Waterboro. Free Popcorn, Candy, Drinks. Showing "The Star."

CHRISTMAS MARKET-**PLACE** at the Bar Mills Community Church, Friday, Nov. 30 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brunch will be served at 9:30 am on Saturday. FMI visit www.barmillscommunitychurch. org or find them on facebook. Bar Mills Community Church, 13 Hermit Thrush Drive, Buxton.

GINGERBREAD HOUSES Waterboro Public Library is offering a drop in gingerbread house program on Saturday, Dec. 1, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Graham crackers and frosting will be used to build the houses and assorted candies and snacks will be available to use for decorations. The library is located at 187 Main St., East Waterboro. For more information, call 247-3363 or visit the website waterborolibrary.org. Events are free and

open to the public.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Limerick Boyscout Troop 329 is hosting a Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 8-10 a.m. at the Scout Hall, School Street, Limerick. \$5 per person, ages 5 and under are free.

CRAFT FAIR Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Brick Town Hall at 19 Main Street from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., sponsored by the Limerick/ Newfield Lions Club. The annual CHRISTMAS PARADE starts at 1 p.m., and then cookies with Santa The Limerick Congregational Church will have their BLIZZARD BAZAAR and luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 1 at the church at 57 Main Street, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The annual **TREE** LIGHTING and caroling will be held at 6 p.m. with Santa, Rudolf and Frosty at the Main Street Ga-

HOLIDAY PONY RIDES WITH SANTA Come meet Santa and ride one of the horse elves at LaDawn Quarter Horses Therapeutic Center Saturday, Dec. 1 and 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$10 per

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ride. Help them reach their goal of 150 rides. Pictures \$10 which comes with a horseshoe frame while supplies last. They are also selling horse head Christmas wreaths for \$45.All proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to the care of the therapy horses. The center is located at 995 Goodwins Mills Road (Route 35), Dayton. For more information, visit their website at www.ladawntrc.org.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE Join the Buxton-Hollis Historical Society on Saturday, Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The store will be open, members receive a 10 percent on all purchases. The library and the Bar Mills exhibit will also be open. Light refreshments for all to enjoy.

WATERBORO PTO HOLI-DAY FAIR Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Waterboro Elementary School, 340 Sokokis Trail, East Waterboro.

TREE LIGHTING Friday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. Join your friends and neighbors to ring in the Holidays. Begin at 5:30 by the Hiram Village Square as they light the Christmas Tree and sing caroles. Then come to the Arts Center, 8 Hancock Ave., Hiram, where the Sacopee Valley Community Band will perform. Mike Greenham, aka the "Highland Piper" will also be there to welcome you, dressed in full highland attire, with his Christmas bagpipe music! Light refreshments. For more information email: 8hancockave@gmail. com or visit www.soldiers.lib.me.us.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE at the Waterboro Public Library the week of Dec. 17-22. Drop by during regular business hours at 187 Main St., East Waterboro to enjoy refreshments and make holiday crafts and cards.

RECYCLE AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARSHIP Buxton Garden Club is collecting all INK-JET cartridges and any working or broken CELL PHONES to fund a scholarship for a Bonny Eagle High School senior. Collection boxes in the town of Buxton are located at the Buxton Recycling Center, Buxton Town Hall, West Buxton Library, and the Bar Mills Post Office. Boxes in Hollis are at the Salmon Falls Library, Hollis Town Hall and Hollis Center Library. "Clynk" bags are available for recycling returnables upon request by contacting Linda at 929-5531 or buxtongc@gmail.com.

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

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







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BALD EAGLES

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if its ever enlarging size does not harm the tree. A nest in the Swan Island Wildlife Management Area in Sagadahoc County measured 20 feet vertically when it was first found in 1964; biologists conservatively estimate it had been in use for at least 60 years.

The so-called "great nest" nearly vanished (as did Maine's eagle population) when it sat vacant for 27 years starting in 1973. As the population rebounded, eagles returned and repaired a remnant nest of the "great nest." Fourteen eagles fledged from it during annual monitoring from 2000 to 2013. The old nest still stands but was damaged and unused in 2018, however resident eagles have built a new one 150 yards away. That pine tree has endured for decades and has seen the near demise and then the full recovery of bald eagles. The white pine, Maine's state tree, is favored by eagles nesting across Maine.

Bald eagles were removed from the state endangered and threatened list in 2009. They were originally listed as endangered in 1978. The low point for bald eagles in Maine occurred in 1967 when only 21 nesting pairs were found and they raised only 4 fledgling eaglets. The bald eagle has long been revered as a majestic bird, our national symbol, and an indicator of environmental quality. Now it's one of the premiere examples of conservation success.



An eaglet in its nest in Limerick during Spring on Lake Arrowhead. Below, a bald eagle watches over the nest from a nearby tree.

PHOTOS BY KERRY DEANGELIS









BRIEFS

Dinner at the Bethlehem Inn

Crossroads United Methodist Church in Sanford invites you to join them for dinner at the Bethlehem Inn at the church on Dec. 8, with three seatings at 3:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The menu includes shepherds' pie, roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, squash and apple crisp.

Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. For advanced tickets, call 206-2808. Adults are \$8, children are \$5 and ages 4 and under are free with an adult. Enjoy dinner among the "vendor's stalls," listen to the music and visit the animals. Crossroads is handicap accessible and located at the corner of Route 202 and Grammar Road in Sanford. Start the season off with something good.



WATERBORO

Booked for lunch

Waterboro Public Library's lunch-time book group, Booked for Lunch, will meet on Dec. 5 from 12 to 1 p.m. Meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month. Bring a brown bag lunch and join in for a friendly, informal discussion. This month's selection is My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout. Books are available at the library. No registration required. The library is located at 187 Main St., East Waterboro. For more information call 247-3363 or visit www.waterborolibrary.org. Events are free and open to the public.

Pet photos with Santa

The Alfred Waterboro Veterinary Hospital is offering pet photos with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. They are asking for a \$5 minimum donation with all proceeds to be donated to a local pet shelter, like Hope Harbor Cat Shelter and Pittie Posse Rescue and Sanctuary. They are located at 1251 Main Street, Waterboro. For more information, call 247-3100.

Ice rink underway

The annual set-up of the Carle's Corner Ice Rink has begun, with the frame installed this past weekend by volunteers including members of the MOB Hockey team. The liner fitting and



The MOB Ice Hockey team was among the volunteers who helped assemble the frame for the Carle's Corner Ice Rink in East Waterboro **COURTESY PHOTO**

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Sanford has the following openings:

guards will be installed on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 8:30 a.m. and the water will be delivered starting around 9:30 a.m. Rink organizers are looking for volunteers to help out that morning. According to their Facebook page the 72' x

109' liner is very heavy and will take many hands to fit it correctly to the frame and be ready to accept water that will be hauled in around 9:30 a.m. Bring your family, bring your friends. This event will happen rain, snow or shine.



Joanne Bargioni joannebargioni@gmail.com

Salt shed building

Now that the colder weather is here and the roads are getting icy, the Shapleigh Salt and Sand Facility has salt and sand available for the residents of the town. The facility is located on Shapleigh Corner Road across the road from Boonies Variety Store. It is open every day, 24 hours. There are two sheds on the property. The smaller shed is for the residents use. Just bring a five-gallon bucket and fill it up.

Food pantries in need

The food pantries are always in need of donations this time of year. After Thanksgiving their stocks are depleted and more donations are needed before Christmas. Any non-perishable food items are accepted. The food pantry in Shapleigh is located at the First Baptist Church, 600 Shapleigh Corner Road and is open Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. on the lower level of the Church. They are in need of cereal, canned goods, pasta, pasta sauce, shampoo, paper towels and toothpaste. Donations can be dropped off on Wednesday evenings at the Church Pantry or at the Town Hall, 22 Back Road during normal business hours.

St. Matthews Church Pantry, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick is also in need of pantry supplies. Gravy, pasta, canned meat, stuffing, cranberry sauce, spaghetti sauce, jams and jellies and canned soup. Plastic and paper bags are also needed. Donations can be left at the church.

Pancake breakfast

The Acton-Shapleigh Lions Club will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Street. The breakfast includes blueberry and plain pancakes, sausages, eggs, beans, toast, juice and milk and coffee. Price of the breakfast is \$5.

Christmas storytime

The Shapleigh Community Library at 607 Shapleigh Corner Road will be holding a Christmas Storytime at the Library on Thursday, Dec. 13 from 10 to 11 a.m. They welcome children to come and listen to a Christmas-themed story and make a small craft to take home. If you are interested you can email Katie Richards at shapleighlibrary@gmail.com or call her at 636-3630.

Meetings

The Shapleigh Recreation Committee will be meeting at the Shapleigh Community Library, 607 Shapleigh Corner Road on Dec. 9 at 6 p.m.

The Selectmen's Meeting is held every Tuesday at the Town Hall, 22 Back Road at 7 p.m.

Capital Improvements Committee will meet on Thursday, Dec. 20 at the Town Hall on the 2nd floor at 7 p.m.









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SPORTS



Massabesic High School and the Southern Maine Athletic Association (SMAA) recently released their fall sports awards.

For field hockey, Lacey Bean was Most Valuable Defensive Player. Grace LaFrance took the Coaches Award and Marissa Thyng was Most Improved Player. Grace Tutt took the Work Horse Award and Mary Duffy was Rookie of the Year. Emma Snyder was the Most Valuable Offensive Player and she joined sister Anna Snyder on the All Conference First Team. Micaela Jacobs made the Honorable Mention Team and Emily Jacobs made the All Rookie Team.

For girls' soccer it was Abby Stonehouse receiving the Coaches Award and Hayden Zielinski with the Most Improved Player Award. Skylar Renaud was the MVP and she was All Conference Honorable Mention.

For boys' soccer it was Noah Perry with the Coaches Award and Aidan Libby with Most Improved Player. Caleb Smalley was named MVP and he was the SMAA All Conference Honorable Mention Goalkeeper. Winter Whitten was named SMAA All Conference Honorable Mention Defender.

For boys' cross-country, it was Ryan Topham with the Coaches Award and Christian Rheel with the Most Improved Player Award. Jeffrey Waters was named MVP and he made the All SMAA First Team. Jacob Saucier made the All SMAA Honorable Mention Team. Jennifer Blair was named Coach of the Year by the SMAA.

For girls' cross-country, it was Cassidy Morrell with the Coaches Award and Emma Swett was Most Improved Player. Kylie Johnson took the MVP and she was All SMAA Honorable Mention.

For golf, Ethan Laverriere was named Most Valuable Player (MVP), Jonah Roy received the Coaches Award and Kyle Single was Rookie of the Year. Laverriere and Roy were named Second Team All Conference by SMAA.

For fall cheering, Abby Smith took the Coaches Award and Jordyn Kaskon was Most Improved Player. Marissa Goodwin took home the MVP.

The girls' volleyball MVP was Lauren Kiss. Alexis Norton took the Coaches Award and Abby Cummings and Alexis Salisbury both received Most Improved Player awards.

For football, it was Nick Roberge taking the MVP. Elliott Russell took the Coaches Award and Ricky Hendrix was Most Improved. Pierce Beaulieu took the Workhorse Award and Hunter Monahan received the Unsung Hero Award. Roberge and Elliott Russell received Captains Plaques as did Jason Guinard, who also received a Hit Man Award. Sean Wakefield was named Rookie of the Year and the Green Helmet Award went to both Tyler Ayers and Richard Lane. Owen Roberts was named Second Team Offensive Utility Player by SMAA.

SIS Bank donates \$500 to Animal Welfare Society

'Tis the season for giving, and SIS Bank is of no exception when it comes to giving back to the community. Most recently, SIS has selected Animal Welfare Society of Kennebunk as its 32nd local charity to receive \$500 as part of the Bank's Employee Donation Program.

Animal Welfare Society (AWS) is near and dear to many at SIS Bank. In fact, the no-kill animal shelter has received several donations made by SIS through various charitable campaigns because many SIS employees have found their pets at AWS.

Maureen Theriault, Teller at the SIS Bank Waterboro branch,

selected AWS as her charity of choice immediately because of her passion for helping and caring for animals.

"AWS provides care and support for so many animals, and has positively impacted the lives of those pets as well as the individuals and families that have adopted them," says SIS Bank President & CEO Blaine Boudreau. "We couldn't be happier to continue our support of AWS, especially since the shelter has provided forever pets to many of our employees."

For more information on Animal Welfare Society, including how you can donate directly visit www.animalwelfaresociety.org.

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SIS Bank President, Blaine Boudreau, right, presents Waterboro teller, Maureen Theriault with a check for \$500 after being recently selected as November's recipient for the Bank's Employee Donation Program. Theriault chose the Animal Welfare Society of Kennebunk.

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LETTERS

Thanks to Poland Spring

The Massabesic Middle School Student Council in East Waterboro, Maine, would like to publicly say thank you to Poland Springs and its employees for their recent donation to the Council for our Annual Veterans Dinner. The dinner provides an opportunity for us to say, "Thank you" to our Veterans that are so deserving of our gratitude for their service and sacrifices. As in years past, this an excellent opportunity for Veterans and the RSU57 School Community come together in celebration.

Poland Springs continues to support its local communities in supporting important causes. We are proud to share your excellent work in our community with others. You are definitely committed to giving back and helping make Maine a better and healthier place to live and work.

Again, thank you for your generous donation. It means a great deal to us that we can count on our local businesses to support our school and the community.

– Ruth A.S. Miller Student Council Advisor Massabesic Middle School









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Annual tree lighting

A yuletide celebration will be held Saturday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. when residents will gather for the lighting of the town tree. Luminaries will light the way. After the arrival of Santa Claus there will be a short stroll to Town Hall where he will read "The Night Before Christmas" and refreshments will be available. The children will then make tree ornaments to take home for their own trees. This is being sponsored by Alfred Parks and Recreation. Families are invited.

Snowmen creations

On Monday, Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. Danielle Bonney will lead a handcraft class in Parsons Memorial Library on constructing woolen snowmen. The class attendance is limited so pre-registration is needed. This is an introduction to woolen needle work – a way to make a snowman without getting your mittens wet! It is being introduced under the Jose Fenderson Trust. For more information or to sign up call the library.

Parish church

"An Alfred Christmas" will be held Saturday, Dec. 1 with Alfred musicians and the New Gloucester Theater Group at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. There will be a suggested donation of \$10 with all proceeds going to a charitable cause chosen by the church. This will include Christmas music, readings and poetry .A reception will follow in Conant Chapel.

A Children's Nativity Christmas Pageant will be held Sunday, Dec. 23 during the morning 10 a.m. service. Children of all ages are invited to participate. Cast members do not need to be church members. There will be non-speaking parts and the opportunity to speak a few lines or narrate.

Casting, costuming and planning will be Sunday, Dec. 9 at 10:30 a.m. during Sunday School. A dress rehearsal followed by a children's Christmas party will be held Saturday, Dec. 15 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. If you have questions or are an adult or older teen willing to help please call Nancy Sobanik at 608-9910.

Fire and rescue report

There were 51 incidents up to Nov. 28 with response by Fire and Rescue. Medical transport ALS included ten of them, and medical transport BLS included five. There were seven motor vehicle crashes, five medical non transports, and sixteen responses for trees, limbs and wires down. The others were more minor.

Permits issued

Code Enforcement Officer Jim Allaire issued two permits to Laraine Roux of Mast Road, one for a two bed apartment and one for land use; Mathew Leach of Rocky Ridge Road was issued one for a foundation; American Tower was issued two for stand by generators, one on Tory Hill Road and one on Biddeford Road; Stephen Kostis of Gore Road received one for demolition of a deck; Richard Smally of Clark Road, for an enclosed porch; William Walsh of Haybrook Road for a shed addition; Frank Kirk of Rail Road for three decks; Cherry Chretien of Haybrook Road for a half bath in the basement and James Marchese of Oak Street to move a house.



Organizers and part of the group of hungry guests, spent a wonderful Thanksgiving together at the West Newfield Congregational Church, for those who needed a home away from home. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

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A hometown Thanksgiving dinner

It was truly a wonderful Thanks-giving Day, as everyone gathered at the West Newfield Congregational Church to enjoy a fine meal with neighbors and friends, for those who may not have had anywhere else to go. From the turkey and stuffing to the wonderful squash and mashed potatoes. And or course, another big hit was the always popular green bean casserole.

It was the second annual Thanksgiving dinner, which was first organized by Bev Manning last year. Manning also helped to organize this year's dinner. The kitchen crew and cooks were: Bruce and Debby Colwell; Paul and Tina Colwell and daughter Samantha; Kathy Romprey; Ken and Judi Gates; and Ashley Boutilier. Rep. Heidi Sampson came with her husband Bob and helped to serve and they enjoyed a nice dinner.

Desserts were donated by local people and the dessert table had so many delicious and tempting pies, breads and other sweets, it was difficult to make a decision. However, a nice quick bread and cup of coffee was just perfect to top off a great meal – I was stuffed!

Organizers and volunteers did a terrific job of keeping us all full and happy. I was there to eat, but was also on a work mission to report how it turned out. I'd just like to say that it ranks right up there with the Thanksgivings of years past, when my mom or one of my grandmother's was in charge of feeding everyone. It was a very special treat, and after a busy week on the run, I was happy to have a hometown meal.

Historical society to celebrate the holiday

Newfield Historical Society will celebrate Christmas with their annual party on Sunday, Dec. 2 at the headquarters at 64 Elm Street. Members may bring a dish to share and a Yankee swap item for up to \$10. The party will start at 2 p.m. with a potluck meal, followed by the Yankee swap and tree lighting. The snow date is Dec. 9.

Something to smile about

I was sitting in my car outside of my doctor's office after my appointment today, organizing things, when the passenger car door opened. Startled I looked and there was a woman getting into the car, so I said "Hi." She looked at me with a very surprised look on her face. I laughed and she laughed, too before closing the door and leaving. You just never know what humorous situation will be sent your way. I love it when life makes me smile.

Wildlife sightings

On my way out of town, I spotted a lone turkey walking along the side of Water Street. I slowed down to see what she was going to do, and she started to walk in front of the car, then all of a sudden she took flight. She almost hit the windshield, but for-

tunately flew high enough to miss it. Thank goodness! Miss turkey was spared from what could have been a very fowl fate.

Happy birthday!

The following people will celebrate this birthdays this last week of November: Gerard Harvey, Tim Bruhl, Matthew Bryant, and Kevin Lofgren.

Meetings

The American Legion - Dec. 3, at the Brick Town Hall at 19 Main Street in Limerick at 7 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop #329 - Dec. 3, at Scout Hall, at 7 School Street in Limerick at 6:30 p.m.

Cub Scout Pack #329 - Dec. 3, at Line School at 818 Water Street at 6 p.m.

Newfield Firefighters training session - Dec. 4, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m.

Selectman's meeting - Dec. 4, at West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road, at 6 pm.

Tea Time - Dec. 5, at the Newfield Village Library at 637 Water Street at 3 p.m.

Comprehensive Planning Board - Dec. 5, at West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road, at 7 p.m.

Planning Board - Dec. 5, at West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road, at 8 p.m.

Newfield Rescue training session - Dec. 6, at the Public Safety Building, at 85 Water Street, at 7

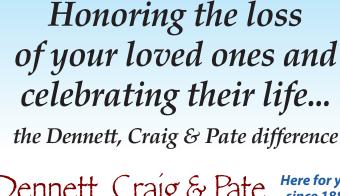
Northern York County Rod and Gun Club - Dec. 7, at the clubhouse at Lewis Hill Road at 7:30 p.m.













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The Coffee Joint

A local gathering place in Cornish

By Cynthia Matthews

The Coffee Joint opened in January and has quickly become a local gathering place. Located in the village on Main Street in Cornish, the shop offers local Carpe Diem coffee and gluten-free baked goods, quiches and soups - one of the few places in town that offer gluten free products, made on site, and other alternative dietary products. "The quiches and soup shift with the season, trying to keep it as local and fresh as possible," said owner Dan Drake. "I would say we change seasonally, as does the food we use."

The coffee they serve is local - Carpe Diem coffee comes from Berwick, and the shop also sells other local Maine products, like Grandy Oats, Fox Family Potato Chips and Maine Tourmaline water. The art on the walls is made by local artists and is for sale, promoting local art. The Coffee Joint was a big promoter of the Cornish Art Walks this summer. "I want to create a community space," said Drake, "a 'third place' – the first being home, the second being work, and this would be the third."

Drake, who owns the entire

building, added that he used to do Ayurvedic and healing massage, and would also like to bring that to this space. He would love to offer music as well, making the Coffee Joint a Coffee House, a place "with a 'Friends' or 'Cheers' atmosphere, "where everybody knows your name." In the big front window, there is a big comfy sofa that faces the road.

"I chose the name Coffee Joint because I was trying to play into the old-town feel, of a joint as a local gathering place, a place where people come together," said Drake. But others in town did't read the name the same way. "They thought [assumed] it was a marijuana reference," Drake sighed. He has been dealing with a lot of misconceptions as a result.

When he first opened in January, there was a problem with the sewer system down the street. The water usage for the Coffee Joint was limited by a town ordinance. The reason? "I was accused of growing cannabis," Drake said, "and using more water than allowed to grow plants." But there are no plants anywhere on the property.

Later, he installed a vent in the kitchen, as it is a commercial kitchen and all the baked goods, quiches and soups are made on site, but there was no vent in the kitchen. Drake had some trouble with that, as some assumed that he was installing a "grow vent" to help marijuana plants grow.

There have been other problems as well with the town Planning Board and Code Enforcement officer. One of the issues is that Drake sells a couple of hemp products, an extract (drops) and a healing balm. The hemp is grown and processed in Vermont, and the products are 100 percent natural, all batch-tested, federally accepted and registered with the state of Maine. "I sell it because I believe in the product," Drake said.

Drake says there is a misconception that hemp is the same as marijuana, and without a medical marijuana license to sell the product, he would be in violation of the Medical Marijuana Ordinance.

However, hemp, while often associated with marijuana, is not the same thing. Hemp products are legal in all 50 states as long as the CBD oil, or Cannabidiol, used



The Coffee Joint is located on Main Street in Cornish.

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in the products is hemp-derived. CBD made from a hemp plant does not contain the psychoactive chemical THC found in CBD oil made from a cannabis plant. Selling these products is like selling essential oils – they are not medicine, they are natural products that can be used as a supplement, to aid in one's health or healing.

Many locals stop by the Coffee Joint not only to buy coffee and gluten-free treats, but also to purchase these hemp products. If not for the Coffee Joint, they may have had to travel long distances to get the same product. But instead, they can buy it here in town. "The locals are awesome!" said Drake. "The Welcome from the Community has been amazing!" He added, "The Community has kept us going, and many community members have said that they are grateful to have a place like this in town."

Stop by The Coffee Joint and check it out for yourself. They are open Wednesday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come on in, sit down, enjoy the view inside the shop and out on the street, while sipping your coffee and enjoying a gluten-free treat.

You can also check out their website at www.thecoffeejoint.co, and they have a Facebook page. Starting on Sunday, Dec. 2, from 10-11:30 a.m., Joyce Folgert will be reading holiday stories. These weekly holiday book readings will take place every Sunday throughout December. Bring a pillow if you want to get comfy and cozy.

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