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Restaurant hopes to open by summer

By BRIGIT MCCALLUM
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Even though the sign outside has said “opening soon,” for some time now, owner Rick Lam says it will be a while before the new China Cookie Take-Out Restaurant at 171 Main Street in East Waterboro will open its doors. “No definite date, too many things have to happen first,” is Lam’s mantra. His hope is that some time around June, or “by summer,” locals will be able to order Chinese food in Waterboro once again. Lam says China Cookie will provide a standard Chinese restaurant menu, with a few unique items, and he says that customers his restaurants have served for more than 15 years often compliment the “different flavors” of some of his sauces.

At present, Lam is focused on remodeling. The interior of the building is down to the studs and framing, with electrical, plumbing and other utility work in process.



The former East Waterboro Post Office and future site of a Chinese restaurant on Route 202, where a new septic system was just completed. Owner Rick Lam says the building is being fully remodeled and hopes it will open later in the spring. PHOTO BY KERRY DEANGELIS

Lam says it has been a challenging time to get sub-contractors with all the camps that are being closed for the winter and new construction going on.

In recent months, passersby have found themselves stopped by, or having to drive around, numerous large trucks taking fill from the site, as the hillside behind the building has been taken

down by Scott Ohman’s G & F Septic crews. The job has been a combination of septic system replacement for Lam as well as general site work for David Abbott of Abbott’s Power Sports, owner of the land abutting Lam’s.

Abbott says his taking down the steep slope on his side of the property line helped Lam do the

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Taxi!

First grader, Cooper Thyng, being wheeled to his classroom at Lyman Elementary School by Principal, Cindy Pellerin. All students who participated in the recent “Believe Catalog Fundraiser” were entered into a drawing to win a taxi ride. Cooper as the winner of the draw was met as he disembarked from his school bus by the principal and was delivered to his destination. He obviously enjoyed the experience.

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Using all the colors

Remembering Limerick artist Omer Gagnon, III

By SHELLEY BURBANK

Though artist and teacher, Omer Gagnon, III of Limerick, passed away on June 20, 2017, his art lives on, inspiring and enlightening others not only in Maine, but across the country as well.

At the end of October of this year, Omes, as he was known to family and friends, was named a Gold Medal Winner at the prestigious National Veterans Creative Arts Festival for his assemblage sculpture, “Care-of-Souls of War.” His wife, Martha Gagnon of Limerick, traveled to Buffalo, New York with the piece carefully stowed in the back of her vehicle and was able to see Omes’s work on display and to talk with other artist-veterans who were gathered there on October 23-29 to celebrate the power of the creative arts to aid in the healing process following military service.

Originally, Omer had entered



several pieces into the VA Maine Healthcare Systems 2017 art competition in Togus. The pieces included two colorful pictures done in Crayola crayon as well as his sculptural piece, “Care-of-Souls,” a carousel of metals and wood and over 100 toy soldier figures carefully painted by Gagnon to represent all the wars from Greek and Roman era up until the modern wars of our time.

Several months after the Maine contest, Gagnon was notified that “Care-of-Souls” or “Cara-Soul” had won an award. Explained Martha, “Omes put a couple of pieces in. A few months later he received notification that he had won a gold award for assemblage.”

Omer and Martha were both able to attend the reception in Togus in March for the 2017 Maine Veterans Creative Arts Competition, but by the time the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival in Buffalo was held, Omer had, sad-



Above, Martha Gagnon of Limerick, chats with a veteran artist at the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival in Buffalo, New York this October. Her late husband, Omer Gagnon’s sculpture, “Care of Souls,” shown to the left, won a Gold Award for assemblage and was on display at the festival. The sculpture will have a permanent home at the National Veterans Art Museum in Chicago. Photo to left, Omer Gagnon. COURTESY PHOTOS

ly, passed away after living with cancer for the past three years.

Trying to decide what to do, Martha finally enlisted her friend and former Line Elementary School teacher, Brenda Norris of Portland, to accompany her to Buffalo where artists had a chance

to present their pieces and attend classes and received art critique from their peers. Because Omer wouldn’t be there to introduce his work, Martha had been asked to write up a biography and description for Omes’s piece. “People came up to me at the show and

had really great comments about his piece and how awesome they thought it was and creative. I was so glad I was there. I really felt his presence with me. I’m really sure he was there.”

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5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOOPLA Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 16 & 17. All games are held at Massabesic High School. There are 12 teams in this year's tournament. 8 boys and 4 girls' teams.

BENEFIT FAIR & DINNER for Dottie Noble Sunday, Dec. 17 at Fraternal Lodge #55, 177 Waterboro Rd., Alfred. Vender Fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with vendors, crafters, raffles, baked goods and even Santa! Dinner is from 5 to 8 p.m. and costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids under 10. The menu is homemade Noble Penne with meat sauce, beans and hot dogs with brown bread, mixed green salad, bread and homemade desserts, coffee, tea.

LIMERICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS OPEN

HOUSE Sunday, Dec. 17 from 2-4 p.m. at 7 Locust Hill Road. Members and friends are invited to the home of Del Floyd to celebrate the season and view the wonderful displays and collections that she and her late mother have gathered over the years. To be cancelled if weather is inclement. Tasty goodies, tea and coffee.

LYMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY The society's next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Lyman Community Library, 10 John Street, Lyman. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE Bar Mills Community Church located at 13 Hermit Thrush Drive in Buxton would like to invite

you and you family to join us for our Christmas Eve Service at 4 p.m. to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We will sing carols and light candles. We will also inject some drama, some children's involvement and some music other than the familiar carols.

ADULT BASKETBALL Thursdays starting Jan. 11 at Line School, 6-8 p.m. Pay as you play, \$20 per player, per week. Sponsored by Limerick Parks & Rec. FMI Lisa LePage 651-1594.

COMEDY IMPROV NIGHT Fundraiser for RSU#57 Odyssey of the Mind, Jan. 26 at Massabesic High School Auditorium. Doors open 6pm, Showtime 7pm. Fun for all ages, tickets \$7.50 at the door



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SHAPLEIGH

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Community library

The Shapleigh Community Library, 607 Shapleigh Corner Road, has added many new titles to the shelves for Christmas. In the Children's section you will find *River Rose and the Magical Christmas* by Kelly Clarkson. This is a holiday tale inspired by her daughter, River Rose. *Charlie and the Christmas Kitty*, by Ree Drummond, the Pioneer Woman, is another book in the Christmas genre. This is a story of her dog Charlie and getting into the Christmas Spirit. Finally for children, *The Sparkle Box* by Jill Hardie. This is the story of how giving to others shows a little boy the meaning of Christmas.

In the Midst of Winter by Isabel Allende is recommended for holiday reading by adults. The Associated Press labeled this a sweeping novel about three very different people who are brought together in a story that journeys from Brooklyn to Guatemala in the recent past. Lastly, for adults is *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom. The story of a war orphan gifted with extraordinary musical abilities who is raised by a blind guitar teacher.

Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society

With the holidays just around the corner the ASHS, 122 Emery Mills Road, has available the book entitled, *Shapleigh and Acton* by Debbie Petersen, past president of the ASHS. This book chronicles the history of Shapleigh and Ac-

ton and has comprised pictures from the Societies archives and the private collections of town residents. The book is available at the ASHS for \$21.99. The proceeds of the book are donated to the ASHS. Contact Steve Parello, Vice President of the Society, at airbornescout1988@aol.com or Mail a check to ASHS, PO Box 496, Springvale, ME 04083 with your name and address to request the book.

Shapleigh First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church, 600 Shapleigh Corner Road, is in need of donations for their food pantry for the holiday season. Canned items and non perishable goods, along with cake mixes and frosting, are needed. You can leave donations at the church Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or alternatively you may leave them at the town hall.

Shapleigh Memorial School

This month's bottle return will go toward supplies at the Shapleigh Community Food Pantry. Please help by donating your bottles to the school.

Just a reminder that you can apply for food service assistance for students at any time. Confidential applications are available at www.myschoolapps.com.

Dog licenses

Dog licenses for 2018 are now available and due by Dec. 31. There is a late fee of \$25 which is applied after Jan. 31, 2018. You may obtain a license at the Town Hall or online at www.doglicensing.com. You must present a valid Rabies certificate at the time of registration.

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Christmas Memories of Maude Sayward

When the New Century Club met at the home of Marge Anderson this past week, the topic was things remembered of Christmases past as related by the late Maud Sayward in articles written by Frank Wood, who now is co-proprietor of DeWolfe and Wood's here is Alfred. Marge read how Miss Sayward, a retired school-teacher, told about the women of the Congregational Church holding the first Christmas fair in the history of the town. They met in Conant Chapel, then a one room building used chiefly for Sunday School and prayer meetings. They also used the Town Hall.

The men built and set up booths which the women decorated, each vying to have theirs the most beautiful. Her father built wooden chairs which were upholstered with crepe paper for the dolls. Maude (then a little girl) had visions of adding them to her doll collection furniture after the fair was over but people had insisted on buying them. So her father built more furniture for the dolls and her mother and grandmother made more dolls' clothing. The fair was a huge success, making over \$300 which was a huge sum in those days.

Then there was the Christmas concert and the family celebration. She told of her mother and grandmother repairing her dolls, but hiding their work "under voluminous aprons" whenever she appeared. She was given the task of pounding the sage which her grandmother



had raised. She was sent to the attic for the cranberries which had been gathered from the bog and spread on clean clothes. They would be used for sauce and be strung with popcorn to trim the tree. She watched her mother make English pudding and her grandmother the pies. Her father went to market, bringing home a warm wool shawl which she was told to hide for her mother until Christmas.

Verses and songs were rehearsed for the concert, and candy and popcorn balls made. On Christmas eve their horse "Old General" was hitched to the sleigh. She was tucked in between her parents, covered with the buffalo robe, and they were on their way with "sleigh bells jingling in the frosty air". When they reached the town road they were joined by other families, the Brookses, Halls, Giles, Stanleys, Moultons and others. When they reached the village they could see others coming from all directions. Many carried lanterns for there were no street lights. The horses were hitched to "the iron rings in and around the church yard or the open shed behind Littlefield's store" and blanketed to protect them from the cold.

Families climbed the stairs to the hall, where a huge tree stood decorated by strings of popcorn and bags of colored net holding hard candies. Around the tree set-

tees faced the tree; on these sat the Sunday School teachers who took the gifts brought by families, and hung them on the tree. Soon the tree was laden with gifts; none were wrapped. The gifts put on the tree by the Jordan girls were wrapped in tissue paper and tied with red ribbon. These fascinated her. She wondered if they would ever be rich enough to wrap a gift in that manner. "Common people used wrapping paper and old twine."

The pot-bellied stove in the rear of the hall "was red hot in its effort to beat back the cold". Around its base piles of overshoes and leggings were kept warm for the homeward journey.

Finally the pastor came to the front of the room, gave a prayer, and the concert began. When that was over, Santa arrived with his pack, to hand out the gifts. Sometimes joke gifts were given. (In his journal George Came told of getting, and giving these.) Eventually the last gift was given, people put on their warm coats, lit their lanterns and headed home. The snow squeaked beneath the sled runners. Maud related how, when she was young, she thought the village of Alfred must resemble the little town of Bethlehem and could almost hear the angels singing above it. The memories related here would have been in the early 1900's.

Village notes

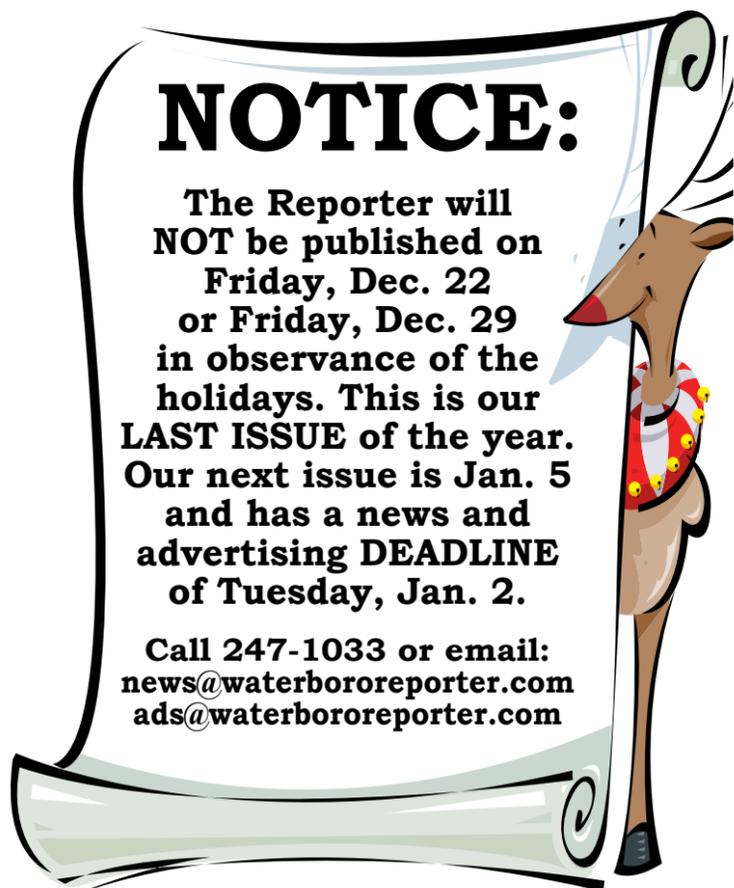
The next Family Funday will be Saturday, Dec. 16 in Conant Chapel.

The regular worship service in the Congregational Church will be held Sunday, Dec. 24 at 9:30 and the Christmas Eve service at 4 p.m. on the 24th. There will be no December free supper because it would fall on Christmas Day.

NOTICE:

The Reporter will NOT be published on Friday, Dec. 22 or Friday, Dec. 29 in observance of the holidays. This is our LAST ISSUE of the year. Our next issue is Jan. 5 and has a news and advertising DEADLINE of Tuesday, Jan. 2.

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Local church lending stories and more

“The Crippled Lamb” by Max Lucado, a childrens book, and “The Case for Christmas” by Les Stoble, are just two of the Christmas books that are now available at the new Little Free Library at the Newfield Community Church at 634 Water Street.

The focus during the holiday season this year is books for all ages, fiction and non-fiction about Christmas. And after the holidays, there will be books based on biblical stories, books dealing with modern issues, such as bullying, and many more.

According to church member Davelyn Hayes, the community church is adapting the “Little Free Library” concept to launch a predominantly youth focused small lending library. It will be housed in a replica of the church and will be mounted on a post near the basement entry of the church.

The concept is simple, and there is no book work involved. All that you need to do is just drive up to the little library and take out a book. Church members hope that when you are finished with it, you will return it for others to use. The church hopes to meet the needs of the community, especially the young people, and welcome any suggestions.

They are especially grateful to Jack Guzman, who designed and created the little library.

Churches will have joint services

The Limerick and West Newfield Congregational Churches will have joint services during the Christmas season.

Limerick Congregational Church at 57 Main Street will host the Christmas Eve service,

December 24, at 5:30 p.m.; and West Newfield at 1076 Maplewood Road will host the Christmas Day service, December 25, at 10 a.m. Rev. Shelley Snow will lead the services. Everyone is invited to attend.

Free samples at Thurston and Peters

Free samples and free tours will be given at Thurston and Peters Sugar House at 299 Bond Spring Road every weekend through Dec. 23. They will also have their maple soft serve available. Stop by from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Happy birthday

Local residents celebrating their birthdays during these last two weeks of December are: Meghan Dyer on Dec. 19, Samantha Colwell on Dec. 21, and Franklin Anderson on Dec. 30.

Happy anniversary

Louis and Patricia Campbell will celebrate their anniversary on Dec., 20 and John and Gloria Godin will celebrate on Dec., 24.

Meetings

Cub Scout Pack #329 - Dec., 18, at Line School, 818 Water Street at 6 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop #329 - Dec., 18, at the Scout Hall at 7 School Street in Limerick at 6:30 p.m. Jim Dion is the Scoutmaster. Call Joe Iannazzo at 850-6237

Newfield Historical Society at 64 Elm Street will have no meetings until March, 2018.

Newfield Selectmen - Dec., 19 at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street at 6 p.m.

Newfield Firefighters training session - Dec., 19, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m.

Tea Time - Dec., 20, at the Newfield Village Library at 637 Water Street at 3 p.m.

Newfield Rescue Squad monthly meeting - Dec., 21, at the Newfield 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 directors will meet on Dec., 22, at Lewis Hill Road clubhouse at 7 p.m.

Positions available

Nomination papers for the position of Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a 3-year term at the Town of Newfield and School Board Director for RSU 57 for a 3-year term, are now available. The deadline for filing is January 9, 2018.

A Pike family Christmas

Many years ago, the Pike family celebrated the holiday on Christmas Eve in the family home on South High Street, in Bridgton, with both sets of our grandparents, our parents and the four of us kids.

The tree was beautiful with shining lights, twinkling tinsel and the magical bubble ornaments hidden amongst the tree boughs.

After the Ho Ho Ho of Santa outside our windows, we ran for the living room, half filled with presents. Time marched on, and we grew up, and spent fewer holidays together. We lost some family members and we welcomed some new members and one by one we drifted back to Maine.

Since then, we have spent many good times together over the years and enjoyed the holiday with Mom, enjoying delicious food, opening gifts around the tree and talking about the “good old days.” Smiles were passed around like fine wine, and our little family held onto the holiday spirit, which was started so long ago. It has been a very special time together, and will always be cherished. Our family is much smaller now, but we have two young Pike boys, great grandsons of my parents, to carry on the name and the tradition.

My wish for them is that they will always have a wonderful Christmas, making their own family memories.

May Christmas 2017, be a very Merry Christmas for everyone.



Snowmobile Grass Drags

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Are you getting ready for Snowmobile Season? Well, the Sokokis Riders Snowmobile Club is. But in order to ride, trail work needs to be done. According to Assistant Trail Master Ray Phillips, maintenance of grooming equipment and upkeep of the 60 miles of trails in the Buxton/Hollis area costs the club about \$10,000. Currently, the club has about 40 active members. Membership has been low the last few years. Phillips, who has been involved with the club for over 30 years, reported that membership comes in waves as the weather changes. “This is indicative to snow conditions,” Phillips said. “Last year, there was snow, but not a good hard freeze to make good trails...people don’t pay for a membership if they think they’re not going to use it.”

So how do you maintain trails and equipment with lower numbers? You find a good fundraiser that brings people out and reminds them how much they love the sport. For the Sokokis Riders, that event is the Snowmobile Grass Drags.

The Snowmobile Grass Drags took place on a beautiful, warm and sunny Saturday in October at Pompeo Excavating in Buxton. The club hosts this event every fall for people to come and race their machines and view new inventory from neighborhood vendors, like Reynolds and White Rock Motorsports. The Grass Drags was held for years off of Route 22 on Long Plains Road at the end of Rankin Road, but when the owner of the

property sold it, the club lost the rights to use the land. “Lots of our trails are privately owned,” said Phillips. “There’s lots of farmland, so not many trails are shared (with ATV Club).” The Pompeo family are avid snowmobilers, and when the club had to close the former Grass Drag Track, John Pompeo, “a great supporter of the club,” replied, “I got a place you can use!” According to Phillips, the Club has been holding the Grass Drags at Pompeo’s for the last 4 years now.

“We started this because there was nothing like it in the area,” said Donna Flanagan, of Gorham, longtime club member and former secretary. “We did research, and then just started!” Flanagan added that people come from all over the state and New Hampshire to participate in or watch the Snowmobile Grass Drags. “We’re always to feedback,” she said, and added that they have added different classes over the years. Currently, there are 5 major classes: Stock, Improved Stock, Open, Vintage and Single Cylinder, but 23 classes overall, with different divisions. “It’s an evolving process,” Flanagan continued. “I love it! I love seeing the community come out. It’s a lot of fun!”

First, there are the time trials, then the organizers form “tree brackets”, then they call the races. They groom the track with a raker and a roller to reduce kickback. Kenneth Bouchey was out with his family. He drove in the Improved

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RESTAURANT

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excavation needed to install an entirely new septic system, including a 750 gallon tank to hold cooking grease and a 1,250 gallon tank for waste. The leach field lies upslope behind the restaurant building. The new system was required to provide adequate distance between the well on one side of the building and the septic on the other, as there is no public water in that part of Waterboro. Asked whether the site work he’s had done is a prelude to development on his land, Abbott says he has nothing in the works for the land between the China Cookie property and the old Odd Fellows Hall to the east.

Lam says he looks forward to being part of the Waterboro community, and he is confident that, once the building work is complete, the rest will go quickly. He says his equipment installation will go in a matter of days. He will bring his own cooks, and be hiring local workers as well. In the meantime, locals hankering for Chinese food will continue to travel for their treat.

TOWN OF WATERBORO

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Public Hearing December 28, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

The Town of Waterboro Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Thursday, December 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Town Hall Selectmen’s meeting room. The purpose of the meeting is to review a request to reconsider the Board’s denial of the variance application of Elijah Buda (Tax Map 045, Lot 001-677). If the Board votes to reconsider the application, it may then proceed to take additional action, which could include a public hearing and a change to the prior decision.

The applicant is requesting an undue hardship setback to the front and rear setbacks as defined in the Town of Waterboro’s Zoning Ordinance to construct an attached 14’ x 24’ garage as submitted to the Code Enforcement Officer. (The snow date for this reconsideration appeal is January 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.)

The application can be viewed at the Code/Planning Office at the Townhall during regular business hours or at www.waterboro-me.gov.

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ARTIST

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She was also glad Brenda was there with her. "At first I didn't think I could do this, but then I thought, 'Brenda will go with me. I can do this.'"

"It was an honor for me to accompany Martha to the veterans national art event," said Norris of the trip to Buffalo in October. "I was amazed at the talent and devotion the veterans share with each other and non military people. People were so thankful to Martha and I for honoring Omer and his work at the show."

Norris also said she now has a whole new level of understanding about veterans and the support they give to each other. "I wish everyone could have the experience and gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a veteran. Not something I had really ever given deep thought to. But now, I have a whole new meaning for the word veteran."

Vietnam veteran and artist

As many are aware, veterans often have complex physical, mental and emotional issues to overcome after combat. Art therapy is one way that veterans are finding help, and the competitive art shows, both at the state and national level, highlight the artistic achievements of these men and women and also demonstrate the benefit of the arts in the healing process.

In fact, speaking to the Portland Press Herald at the Togus art show in 2017, Omer Gagnon said art helped him to deal with challenges he faced after serving in Vietnam as a young man. "I figured out how to focus my energy and got into the arts."

Omer had served in the U.S. Marine Corp from 1970-72 and in the U.S. Marine Corp Reserves until 1976. For his service he received The Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/Bronze Star, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Individual Award and many others.

"He went to Vietnam when he was 17," Martha said. "When he came back he went to college." Omer graduated from the Montserrat School of Art in Beverly, Massachusetts and continued to study while working as a teacher

and builder, eventually earning his Masters in Fine Art from Tufts University, School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

He was gifted in many areas including printmaking, design, sculpture, painting, building construction, and illustration. Perhaps his most lasting legacy will be through his teaching, however, as Omer was able to reach many young people both in alternative and art-specific education programs. For example, Omer worked as a vocational director at the Penikese Island School, an alternative school for troubled teens.

"He worked in the building trades at a place called Penikese Island. It was a place where they sent juvenile delinquents between the ages of 15 and 20. He worked with arts and building and things. The island had no electricity. They had woodstove. It was a roughin'-it type place," said Martha. Omer then went on to become an instructor at Northeastern University, New Hampshire College of Art, Gibbs College in the department of Fine Arts, and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. After moving to Maine, he became a professor of art at York County Community College.

Omer and Martha built their house in Limerick in 2007. Before then, when they first met, Omer was living in an old farmhouse in Dayton and Martha was living in Limerick and working at Line Elementary School. When they met, it was love at first sight. "I just found a little book that he wrote to me," Martha said. "I had forgotten all about it. He gave it to me last year. He talked about how we first met."

When asked about Omer's philosophy regarding art, Martha smiled. "He and I were like night and day because I am not artistic or creative or anything. To me art is 'I like it. It's pretty' and that is not him at all. He was a very deep thinker and talked in metaphors a lot. He always thought out of the box and I always thought in the box." She told the story of when they were getting married and met with the caterer to pick out colors and decor. She asked him what color he wanted to use for the napkins and other decorations. His response? "I want 'em all. Let's use them all." So, Martha said, that's what they did. "We used all the colors."



A special box of military memorabilia from Limerick artist Omer Gagnon's years in the Marine Corp. PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK

Art echoes life

That approach to life can be seen in Omer's art. His paintings are full of colors and textures. He used many mediums, even venturing into digital art later in his life when many artists might chose to rest on what had worked for them in the past. He liked to use steel wool, wood, metals, and paper. He was always surprising Martha with gifts of his paintings including the crayon pieces and her portrait which hangs on the wall in their living room.

"He lived to do art," said Martha. "He kept journals. He had sketchbooks. His mind was always working."

Christopher Previte, a friend and colleague from his Katherine Gibbs School teaching days, said, "What I loved about his artwork is that it reflected his life. He had lived this life. He'd been in the military. He'd been a school counselor. He'd been around the block. He didn't take watercolor classes when he was 5. He was in the real world, and a lot of that was reflected in his artwork. I was impressed that at his age he was still experimenting a lot, trying new stuff. He was always putting himself out there."

Previte, who was brand-new to teaching when he met Gagnon in 2002, said he literally ran into Gagnon in the hallway that first day. Omer told him by way of advice, "Don't [mess] it up!"

Previte, later moving up to become head of art departments at various colleges and who is still teaching 17 years later as an associate professor at Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire, said Omer had a special way of reaching the students, how to

speak to them in ways that resonated and made a big impact. "He did not stand on formality with students. He was very fair but blunt and frank with them. The students appreciated that. He spoke in a way they understood."

Previte also said that Omer tried to give students assignments that would help them really grow as artists, including instructions on life drawing classes. Previte chuckled, recalling Omer telling the kids, "If you are going to draw an ass, draw the ass. Get every crevice. Every wrinkle."

Another colleague from the Gibbs School, Michael Stillwell, now works as a technical artist at the MIT Lincoln Laboratory and said Omer Gagnon had a powerful impact on his life and career.

"When I first met Omer I was young and naive. I had just landed my dream job as an art and design teacher at Gibbs College in Boston. I was very intimidated by Omer when I first got introduced to him. He was tall and very confident."

According to Stillwell, Omer demanded that Stillwell co-teach one class with him before being given his own class, an arrangement that ended up being a momentous learning moment for Stillwell. "My first class I was so nervous that I was standing there paralyzed in front of the students, and the words were stuck in my throat. The students just stared at me waiting for me to say something. I was terrified. At that moment Omer came to my rescue. He started asking me questions about myself, guiding me through what I should have been saying on my own."

"Omer then introduced himself to the class and excused us out into the hallway. Omer grabbed me by the shoulders and gave me a bit of shake and said 'You need to focus man! Get out of your own [beeping] head! Talk to these kids. Tell them who you are. Forget about what you have learned in school

and share your experiences with them. Tell them about your failures, your passions! Now grow a pair and go in there and own that room!' After that speech it all just clicked. Since that moment I have always looked up to Omer and became close friends with him."

Stillwell echoes Previte regarding Gagnon's approach to art. "Every piece of Omer's art is a living representation of himself. Each piece embodies a bit of his being and tells a story of his life. As wise and cultured as Omer is, he also has a tortured soul. He has lived a life that most only see in movies."

A permanent home for the sculpture

Omer Gagnon's "Care-of Souls" will travel once again when it is permanently installed in the National Veteran's Art Museum in Chicago, IL. The museum's mission statement is to collect, preserve, and exhibit art that is created by veterans and inspired by combat, focusing on the Vietnam war. All the artwork is by veterans.

When this important assemblage piece makes it to its permanent home in the NVAM in Chicago, it may be renamed "Cara-Soul," and it will be on display to inspire others and to bring awareness to the many outcomes of war--historically and sociologically for the country and the world and personally for the men and women who serve.

"Creating art was Omer's life," Martha wrote in the statement read at the sculpture's presentation at the National Veterans Creative Art Festival in October. "His sculpture...was one of the last pieces he created, and it represents the powerfulness of Omer's ability to touch all who view his art."

"Omer's art will continue to live on and inspire people, as well as his spirit and passion," said Michael Stillwell. "It was a true honor to know him."

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Massabesic NHS Induction

Massabesic High School recently released their list of students that have been accepted into the National Honor Society. New class of 2018 members include: Whitney Cass, Isabel Descoteaux, Eva Labbe, Teneyce Nadeau, Dorothy Pierce, Alana Poulin and Elijah Stitson.

The new members from the Class of 2019 are: Aaron Brown, Ivalani Callahan, Abigail Cloutier, Emily Davison, Sarah DesVergnes, Jason Guinard, Sophie Irons, Grace LaFrance, Syeira New, Marcus Ratz, Alison Ryan, Emily Stinson, Maxwell Sweeney and Winter Whitten.

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SPORTS

ICE HOCKEY

MOB hockey team seeks first win

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
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Windham/Westbrook (WW) got a goal late in the third period from Keegan Pock to help lift them to a narrow 2-1 win over Massabesic/Old Orchard Beach/Bonny (MOB) Eagle on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at USM. The win

evened WW's record at 1-1 and left MOB still in search of its first win at 0-2.

WW got on the only score of the first period, just 25 seconds into the game, when Tommy Lekousi banged home a feed from Derek Corbett. MOB played well after the early score, outshooting WW by an 11-5 count in the open-

ing period and 30-14 overall.

Alex Demers got the score even with an unassisted strike midway through the middle period and the game hung at 1-1 until

Pock's score with a little under three minutes left in the contest.

Falmouth (14-3-1 last year) handed MOB an opening night 9-0 pasting back on Dec. 8.

GORHAM/MASSABESIC/BONNY EAGLE GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

VARSITY

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
12/15	Winslow/Gardiner	USM	8:30pm
12/16	York/Traip/Marshwood	USM	4:20pm
12/22	Mt. Ararat/Morse	USM	3pm
12/27	Portland/Deering	Troubh	4pm
12/30	Falmouth	USM	5:10pm
1/4	Winslow/Gardiner	Camden	8:40pm
1/8	Mt. Ararat/Morse	Bowdoin	8:15pm
1/11	Brunswick	Bowdoin	5:30pm
1/13	Portland/Deering	USM	6:20pm
1/15	Edward Little/Leavitt/Poland	Norway	12pm
1/20	Yarmouth/Freeport	USM	4:20pm
1/31	Cheverus/Kennebunkport	USM	8:30pm
2/3	Biddeford/T.Academy/Wells	BIA	2pm

MOB ICE HOCKEY

VARSITY

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
12/16	Marshwood/Noble	USM	8:30pm
12/21	@York	Dover Ice Arena	5pm
12/23	@T. Academy	BIA	5pm
12/26-28	Gorham Christmas Tourney	USM	TBA
12/30	Cony	USM	3:10pm
1/6	S. Portland	USM	6:20pm
1/12	@Scarborough	Colissee	5:05pm
1/15	Portland	USM	1:30pm
1/17	Windham/Westbrook	USM	8:30pm
1/20	@Biddeford	BIA	8pm
1/27	Kennebunk	USM	8:10pm

WRESTLING

On the mat

Mustang wrestler Micah Fitzgerald (153) had a perfect night, pinning Alissa Hill from Bonny Eagle and going the distance for a tough 5-0 win over York's Owen Grader, at a three team meet held Wednesday, Dec. 13 at York High School.

Zander Newton (182) picked up a win with a pin over York's Jason Brangdini and James Cline (195) also went the distance for a 5-0 win in his match.

Noah Hernandez (145) secured a 2-0 win over Scot Tyler Fitz and Matthew Pooler (160) pinned Morrison Doucette, also from Bonny Eagle, in his bout. Both Pooler and Hernandez turned in excellent performances in Massabesic's annual trip to Athens, PA last weekend as both Mustangs finished fourth in their respective weight classes among a huge field of competitors.



COMPETITIVE CHEERING

Date	Opponent	Time
1/6	@ Morse	11
1/13	@S. Portland	6
1/20	Gorham	TBA
1/27	Augusta	TBA
	Regionals	
2/3	Biddeford	2:30
2/10	Bangor	TBA
	State Championships	
2/17	Scarborough	3:30

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SPORTS

BASKETBALL

Girls Hoop

Bonny Eagle held Massabesic to just 14-points in each half to pace an easy 54-28 win at home on Wednesday, Dec. 13. The Scots led 10-7 after a sloppy first quarter by both teams, but Bonny Eagle took care of the ball better than the Mustangs the rest of the way and they opened up a 28-14 lead at the break behind the strength of an 18-7 second quarter.

A choppy third quarter, which the Scots won 11-6 pushed the lead to 39-20 and Bonny Eagle coasted to the win behind 12 points from senior captain Deirdre Sanborn. Marissa Holt had 13 for Massabesic and Kenzy Ouellette had nine.

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Ouellette had 14 points and Holt had 12, but visiting Gorham won its 43rd consecutive game on Friday, Dec. 8 by a 55-34 count in varsity girls' basketball. The Rams led 16-10 after the opening period and they bumped the lead to 12 at the half. The Mustangs battled hard under new head coach Chris Aube but never managed to get the margin back to single digits after the halftime break.

"I wouldn't have taken the job had I not thought we could win," said Aube. "We played hard, having Gorham as our first game is a tough way to start."

Boys Hoop

Massabesic's varsity boys' basketball team remained winless after their first two contests. They fell 66-50 to host Thornton Academy on Friday, Dec. 8 and they followed with a tough 54-45 loss to visiting Bonny Eagle on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

The game versus the Scots was still in doubt late as Massabesic trailed by just four 44-40 when Nick Amabile's step-back three-pointer was waived off due to an apparent traveling violation much to the chagrin and surprise of the partisan home crowd. The call deflated the Mustangs who were outscored 10-5 the rest of the way as they were forced to send the Scots to the foul line in an attempt to manage the clock and get the ball back.

By Michael DeAngelis

BOYS BASKETBALL

F/JV/VARSITY		
Date	Opponent	Time
12/15	@Gorham	4/5:30/7
12/19	@Portland 4 (PHS)/4 (Expo)/5:30 (Expo)	
12/21	@Sanford	4/5:30/7
12/29	Noble	4/5:30/7
1/2	Windham	4/5:30/7
1/5	@S. Portland	4/5:30/7
1/11	Falmouth	4/5:30/7
1/13	@Cheverus	11:30/1/2:30
1/15	Kennebunk	10/11:30/1
1/19	@Scarborough	4/5:30/7
1/23	Deering	4/5:30/7
1/26	@Noble	4/5:30/7
1/30	Sanford	4/5:30/7
2/2	Biddeford	4/5:30/7
2/6	@Bonny Eagle	4/5:30/7
2/8	Marshwood	4/5:30/7

GIRLS BASKETBALL

JV/VARSITY		
Date	Opponent	Time
12/15	TA	4:30/6
12/19	@Portland 4 (PHS)/7 (Expo)	
12/21	Sanford	4:30/6
12/28	@Noble	10/11:30
1/2	@Windham	4:30/6
1/5	S. Portland	4:30/6
1/9	MGA	4:30/6
1/11	@Falmouth	4:30/6
1/13	Cheverus	10/11:30
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1/30	@MGA	4:30/6
2/2	@Biddeford	4:30/6
2/6	Bonny Eagle	5:30/7
2/8	@Marshwood	4:30/6



By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
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Katie Castle won the 400-meter-freestyle with a 5:56.14 and teammate Alison Ryan was second, helping Massabesic's varsity girls' swim team to a second-place finish with 279-points at their season opening meet on Friday, Dec. 8 at the Riverton Pool in Portland.

Deering took first place with 339 points, Portland was third with 250 and Maine Girls' Academy was fourth with 224.

Emily Cyr, Grace LaFrance, Kenadee Knight and Paige Houk turned in solid performance in the nights opening event, the 200-meter medley-relay, finish-

SWIMMING

Swim squads hit the pool

ing with a 2:30.06 and coming in second place. Deering just edged the Mustangs as they managed to capture first, touching the wall with a 2:29.75.

Cyr and Houk also swam bookends in another event, the 200-meter freestyle relay and that unit also finished second with Eryn Cretien and Alison Ryan sandwiched in between Cyr and Houk.

Houk turned in a 31.47 in the 50-freestyle, missing out on first place by less than one second to Portland's Fiona Silva (30.62). Kiana Le of Deering was third with a 34.02.

Massabesic's Taylor Semo was runner-up in the 100-back-

stroke with a 1:28.14 and teammate Cassidy Lang was right behind her in third.

The Mustang men finished third with 71 points, behind Deering's 97 and Portland's 89. Joel Van Tassel was runner-up in two events. The senior captain turned in a 2:36.64 in the 200-freestyle, getting edged out of first by Deering's Ben Archibald who finished with a 2:35.78. Van Tassel was second in the 400-freestyle behind Portland's Trevor Tucker.

Massabesic's Nick Merry was second in the 100-butterfly with a 1:25.28; Quinn Judkins was second in the 100-freestyle with a 1:11.62 and Andres Vargas was second in the 100-backstroke with a 1:25.19.

SWIMMING

JV/VARSITY

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
12/16	@Sanford	Sanford YMCA	1:30pm/2:30pm
12/22	@Scarborough	Cape	3:30pm/4pm
12/29	Windham	Biddeford	6:30pm/7pm
1/5	@MGA	Portland YMCA	3:30pm/4pm
1/12	Cheverus	UNE	3:30pm/4pm
1/19	Yarmouth	UNE	3:30pm/4pm
1/26	@Deering	Riverton	4pm/5pm
2/2	Gorham	UNE	3:30pm/4pm

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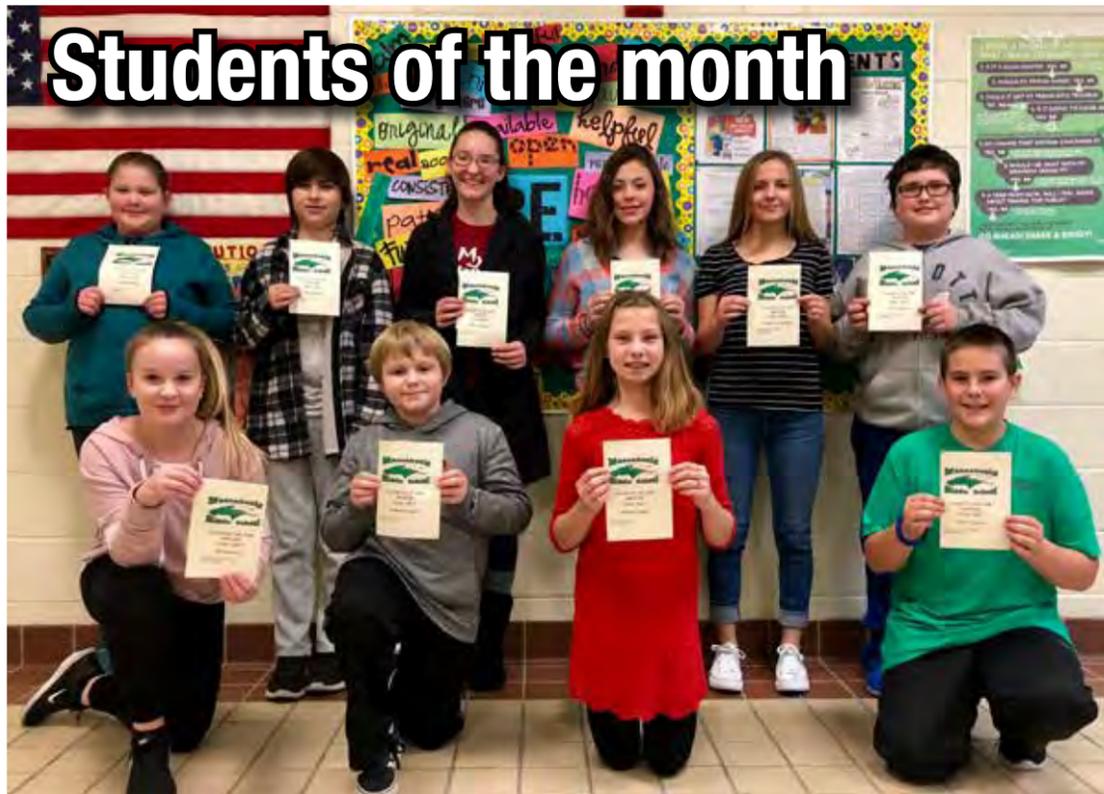
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Students of the month

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SNOWMOBILE

(Continued from page 1)

Stock Class, while his son Ken and son-in-law Tyler Day rode in the stock class. "It's all trial and error," said the younger Bouche. "You have to figure out your problem areas and adjust: stay centered, keep low, keep the front end of the machine down, and stay in line of the track." These machines go over 90 miles per hour in 400ft, that's pretty fast. All drivers must be at least 18 years old and wear a helmet. When asked if this is something you can practice, Kenneth said, "You should!" but added that many don't.

According to Kimberly Phillips, Treasurer, 72 sleds were entered in this year's Grass Drags, more than previous years, and there were over 500 spectators! The Food Shack sold burgers, hot-dogs, fries, soda and water, and the Apple Crisp truck sold apple crisp, cider, and other treats. Boy Scout Troop #349, Den 14 of Buxton had a booth selling popcorn, raising money to send military packages to the troops overseas, and to help send the scouts to Camp Hines next summer. Den mother Michelle Turgeon is a member of the club, and they had never done anything like this before and thought it would be fun.

The Snowmobile Grass Drags used to be two weekends, one in October, and one in November, but this year, the Club could only do 1 due to lack of help. A second event does help raise more money, but the Grass Drag Races couldn't happen without its volunteers, and there just aren't enough to go around. Over 40 volunteers came

out to help with this event (all active club members), collecting admission (\$5, 12 and under FREE), parking cars, and helping at the tracks – timing, grooming, announcing, filming (check out their Facebook page!), and selling Club T-shirts, sweatshirts. There was also a booth selling baked goods, with funds going to the club.

It was a gorgeous day, and a good time was had by all, but now the real work begins – grooming the trails to prepare for the snow to come. Work details have been going out on Sundays in November and December, and in addition to the two big bridges that needed to be built, there's a lot of clean up from the windstorm at the end of October. If you would like to volunteer, even for a few hours, contact Trail Master Rick Emery through the website or Facebook page. Many hands make light work, as they say.

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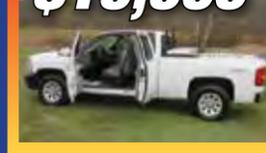
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YCCAC receives \$15,000 for food and fuel assistance

York County Community Action Corporation was awarded \$15,000 by the Leeward Landing Charitable Foundation, to be used for food and heating fuel assistance for residents in Maine's southern coastal communities. The award, which was presented to YCCAC Executive Director, Barbara Cridler, and YCCAC Outreach Worker, Heather Roberge, on November 2nd, will help ensure that households at risk of food insecurity or insufficient heating fuel in winter will have a local resource to help with these needs.

The Leeward Charitable Foundation operates thrift stores in Salisbury, Massachusetts and York, Maine, donating the proceeds to about 20 charities in the region. The non-profit organiza-

tion's mission is to "recycle, reuse and renew for charity." Its website reads: "Our objective is to feed, clothe and comfort our neighbors in need. Through the generous donations of the community, The Leeward Charitable Foundation turns unwanted/surplus clothing, furniture and household items into funds for worthy local charities. We are a unique retailer, valuable recycler and sustainable source of critical funding for important local charities."

YCCAC is deeply appreciative of the gift—our second from Leeward Landing Charitable Foundation in consecutive years: last year we were awarded \$10,000, which was also used for food and fuel assistance.

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OBITUARIES

Harold Kenneth (Bud) Pike

Harold K. (Bud) Pike, 92 of Ossipee Lake in Waterboro, died on Dec. 6, 2017, at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough.



Harold K. Pike

Harold was born on May 29, 1925 in Buxton, the first born son of John F. and Lillian (Marston) Pike. He was raised in Saco and attended Thornton Academy.

In 1943, Bud married his soulmate and wife, Louise A. Harris and then enlisted into the Marine Corps during World War II, where he served as a radar operator on land, sea, and air installations, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was in a large invasion flotilla in the South Pacific heading for Japan when the U.S. dropped the two nuclear bombs on August 5, 1945. He subsequently was part of the early occupation of Japan at Yokosuka.

Upon returning home from the war, Bud and Louise moved to Saco with their one-year old son, Ronald, and built the family home. He worked for Hunnewell Trucking Company as a trailer-truck driver for several years, driving Route One round-trip from Boston to Portland until

health problems prompted a job change.

Bud had been stationed in California during his Marine Corps service before going overseas. His wife Louise had an aunt in Compton, CA and together they decided to pack-up and move, now with two more young sons joining the family, Russell and Reed. They lived in Compton for two years, 1950 – 1952, but yearned to be closer to family in Saco and the family home. While in California, Bud entered into the GM Training program which proved handy when he began looking for work in Maine. He worked at Chadwick Oldsmobile from 1955 – 1957 when he joined Greyhound Bus Lines, where he drove for 23 years, retiring from the company in 1980.

During these years, he built a second home at Amy Lane on Ossipee Lake. It was 1967, and with true grit, Bud built the foundation, did all the framing and with the extra money they were able to set aside, their dream of living full time at the lake came to be in 1984. During his retirement years, Bud and Louise enjoyed trips across the U.S. and Canada in various RV's, usually spending the winters in Arizona. They were able to do this for over 25 years. Bud was an expert carpenter and mechanic; a CDL professional driver with hundreds of thousand miles driven without an accident. He was also a consummate deer

hunter, including a Big Buck patch. He continued to hunt and loved being out in the woods until he was 90 years old.

Bud will be remembered by most as an outstanding story-teller, charming his listeners with hunting and driving stories by the hundreds. He will be dearly missed by his wife and family and many friends.

He is lovingly survived by his wife of 74 years, Louise A. Pike; his sons, Ronald Pike, Russell Pike and wife Karen; Reed Pike from Maine; and a daughter, Lois A. McDaniel and husband Tom of Montana; his sisters, Doris Fournier of California; Carolyn Poush of Montana; Gloria Staggs of California and Muriel Romperly of California; his eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, from Maine, New Hampshire, Montana, Washington State and Nevada.

Harold was predeceased by his sisters, Evelyn Culp, Irene McDuffey, Katherine Yadrich and a brother, Arnold Pike.

A Funeral Service was held on Dec. 12 at the North Waterboro Community Baptist Church. Committal prayers and burial will be at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Saco.

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

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

OPINION

If the shoe fits



by Jon Simonds

The 90's were a spectacular time for Purdue Pharma, a drug company based in Stamford, Connecticut. If you were a shareholder of Purdue Pharma in the decade of Slick Willie, you are probably a card-carrying member of the millionaire's club, today. Purdue was the industry leader in pain medication. They were the makers and marketers of time-released products called hydromorphone, hydrocodone, codeine, fentanyl and the academy award winner of all pain management drugs, Oxi. These highly addictive drugs, however, fell victim to the human body in the same way all drugs do. Our bodies, in their infinite wisdom, build up a resistance to the most well intentioned drugs. This results in the bodies need for greater doses of dope to get the job done, leaving one to wonder who, not what, is the real dope.

According to Motherboard, an online publication, Purdue wasn't content with holding the patent on all these highly addictive drugs. They devised a marketing blitz 'including pain-management and speaker-training conferences' at resorts holding as many as 5,000 doctors a session – all expens-

es paid. They offered incentives to doctors who wrote prescriptions for the dope and an entire generation of family physicians abandoned the age old adage of 'take two aspirin and call me in the morning' for the ultimate in pain management medication.

If you're old enough to remember the likes of John Wayne, Greta Garbo and Elvis Presley then you can probably hark back upon the day when everybody who was anybody held a cigarette. This was a product peddled by several companies through a major marketing blitz. You may recall how "Winston Tastes Good Like a Cigarette Should," or how some people Would "Walk a Mile for a Camel." How about the Cowboy seated atop his horse peddling Marlboro? You know, the same dude who died of lung cancer.

Smoking was so hip most of America was doing it and the companies peddling the product were racking up. They were hooking a nation with a highly addictive product while ignoring the damage their hidden poison provided. Inevitably the truth came out. They were killing

Americans, resulting in the States of the Union banning together in a class action law-suit costing the killers a small fortune.

Today our jails are filled with heroin addicts. Our certified Corrections Officers are dealing with the pitfalls of detox. Detox isn't pretty. Denying the body the chemical it craves causes the body to rebel. As any Nurse will tell you, a body in rebellion is not a pretty sight. Corrections Officers aren't required to have medical degree's. If they were required to have degree's in the medical field, they probably wouldn't choose life as a corrections officer. The drug epidemic accounts for many incarcerated people.

Maybe county fathers in every county in America ought to take a closer look at the civil suits brought against the tobacco companies. I'm sure Purdue Pharma and their cohorts could spare the expense of setting up rehab facilities with a nine month mandatory rehab sentence before going in front of a judge and possibly off to jail relieving the tax-payer expense of housing a Wall Street spawned health crisis. If the shoe fits, isn't it time to wear it?

Jon Simonds lives in North Waterboro and is the author of "Brooklyn Encounters," a collection of short stories available on Kindle.

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