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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

SHAPLEIGH Town warrant reviewed via Zoom video

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

On Tuesday, Feb. 16, a public town meeting was held to discuss the Shapleigh town warrant and the referendum ballot. For the first time, this town meeting, which usually takes place at the Shapleigh Memorial School, was held via Zoom. The public was invited to attend at 6 p.m. and Selectman Jennifer Roux opened the meeting. She said that due to COVID-19 limitations set for public gatherings of not more than 50 people, it was the only option to have a secret ballot for the election of municipal officers and the town warrant this year. She said that this was not an easy decision

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SANFORD Former Mainers to coach in Red Sox system

Two former Sanford Mainers players have been hired as assistant coaches in the Boston Red Sox minor league system.

Mike Montville (2011) will be the assistant coach for the Triple A Worcester Red Sox in their first season since moving from Pawtucket, and Ako Thomas (2016) will also serve as assistant coach for the Double A Portland Sea Dogs.

Montville played 27 games for the 2011 Mainers, which finished third in the then-named Eastern Division and were eliminated in the second round of the postseason. Joining the team from the University of Maryland, Montville led the Mainers in home runs and RBI with 7 and 21 respectively.

"I always liked the home atmosphere [at Goodall Park]," Montville said. "We had a great staff and group of guys so it just made

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Ice Hole

Ice Hole inventors, Mike Ridley, right, and Jason "Jay" Cooke, left, toss some skids at a friend's camp on the Kennebec River in Skowhegan.

PHOTO BY JULIE COOKE

LIMERICK



Brandon Marby of Limerick holds up a sign to thank Limerick Fire & Rescue's Lt. Derek Welch and Lt. Ron Smith for the drive-by in the fire truck. Brandon was one of six kids who submitted an entry into a recent fire safety contest. (See Page 8 for more.) COURTESY PHOTO

Ice-fishing has a new game

BY SHELLEY BURBANK

In late January 2020, three ice-fishing buddies from Maine launched Ice Hole, a new game for people who love to ice-fish or spend time outdoors in the winter months. Friends for many years, Mike Ridley of West Baldwin, Jason "Jay" Cook of Cornville, and Craig Burbank of Limerick joined forces to set up their new business, Ice Hole, LLC in order to market the game, and they have already sold close to 300 games after just a few weeks in operation.

The idea to refine and market the tossing game, which is similar to the Cornhole lawn game, originated on a 2012 ice-fishing trip on Spring Lake located just north of Flagstaff Lake in Somerset County. The group was looking for a way to pass the time waiting for the flags to pop. Ridley said he decided to drill a couple holes in the ice and everyone began tossing rocks toward the holes.

"We were bored of catching so many fish," Burbank wisecracked during a recent Zoom interview with Cooke and Ridley.

"It's a winter version of lawn darts," added Cooke.

"Everyone had a little bit of input about how to do the scoring," said Burbank.

That first, original game was so much fun it became a regular activity in following years. Ridley, Cooke, and Burbank talked a lot about how much fun it would be to refine it and make it available to other ice-fishing enthusiasts. Cooke, in particular, pushed the idea of creating a business, but it was several years before the game evolved into something that could actually be a marketable product.

For one thing, they had to have something to toss besides rocks dug up from beneath snow and ice on a frozen shoreline.

The first breakthrough came one day when Ridley headed out to meet Burbank and another friend

for ice-fishing at Little Ossipee. On the way out the door, his eyes fell on his daughter's orange ice hockey pucks in the mudroom. "I thought I ought to grab some of those and shoot 'em around, so I brought 'em with me. We drilled a few holes and we started sliding them back and forth trying to get them in the hole."

While pucks slide great on perfect ice, with regular ice there are lots of bumps and rough surfaces. The edges of a regular puck catch those, and it redirects the puck so it veers off course. Ridley decided to create a disc that would work better. He got a couple blocks of rubber and used a rotary tool to create beveled edges, allowing the discs (also known as skids) to slide easily over imperfections.

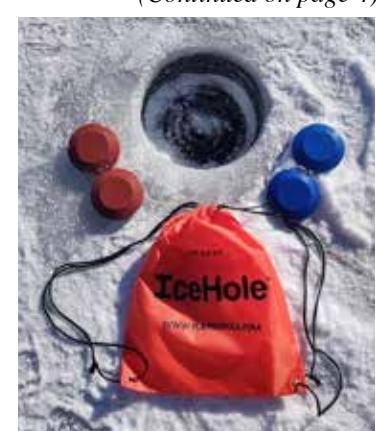
Ridley tested various prototypes against regular hockey pucks side by side to be sure his design really was superior in most conditions, even on slush or hard-packed snow.

He then brought the prototypes to last year's ice-fishing trip. "Everyone had a blast up at Sebec Lake," he said, mentioning that other people noticed what they were doing and came over to play, as well. "They really liked it."

"It changed the whole game," said Cooke.

And that's when the idea of

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Ice Hole is a new game invented by Mainers. COURTESY PHOTO

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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Rep. Dwayne Prescott Joins the Labor and Housing Committee
Responsible for Oversight of Dept. of Labor, Worker's Comp and Unemployment

Representative Dwayne Prescott of Waterboro has been appointed to the Legislature's Committee on Labor and Housing, which has already started briefings with department heads.

Reached for comment this week, Rep. Prescott is looking forward to reviewing new bills this session. "There are plenty of challenges for all state departments right now due to COVID-19, and there are a lot of people wondering if our unemployment system is up to the task of distributing benefits efficiently. I think we'll have to take a serious look at how to make sure improvements are made in a responsible and sustainable way."

This committee faces an ambitious workload this session including the review of legislative proposals relating to the Department of Labor; wage and hour laws; working conditions, including health and safety; unemployment compensation; workers' compensation; labor relations; collective bargaining; private sector retirement; Workers' Compensation Board; Maine Labor Relations Board; retirement eligibility and benefits for state and municipal employees, including teachers; judicial and legislative retirement systems; Maine Public Employees Retirement System; insulation; Maine State Housing Authority; affordable housing; homelessness; public services.

COVID-19 will impact the way members of the 13-person committee will interact with the public. Hearings and work ses-



Rep. Dwayne Prescott
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Rep. Heidi Sampson
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sions will be conducted virtually by zoom for the foreseeable future. Rep. Prescott continued "I hope to hear from more residents of Waterboro and Lyman this session. Please make sure to contact me if there is a bill you hear about which could make a difference in your life."

Fourth-term Representative Prescott is serving House District 17 which includes Waterboro and part of Lyman.

Rep. Heidi Sampson Chosen to Continue on Education & Cultural Affairs Committee
Charged with Oversight of DOE, Curriculum, UMaine System and School Choice

Representative Heidi Sampson of Alfred has been appointed to the Legislature's Education & Cultural Affairs Committee, where she has been serving since first elected in 2016 by residents of Alfred, Newfield, and parts of Limerick, Shapleigh and Parsonsfield.

Reached for comment this

week, Rep. Sampson is looking forward to continuing to serve on a legislative panel which has a direct impact on the next generation of Mainers. "Education is exactly what brought me to the Legislature in the first place, where I have advocated for homeschooling, school choice and more opportunities for our youth. Especially when it comes to evaluating top-down approaches like common-core or proficiency based diplomas, Maine's Legislature has a responsibility to consider proposals thoughtfully and responsibly. That work continues this session, and I'm proud to be part of the committee which advances the mission of educating our youth."

This committee faces an ambitious workload this session including the review of legislative proposals relating to the Department of Education; State Board of Education; school finance, governance and administration; school budgets; school facilities; curriculum, instruction and assessment; teachers and administrators; special education and child development services; education of deaf and hard-of-hearing

students; career and technical education; charter schools, alternative education, school choice and homeschooling; school district reorganization; online learning; student health, nutrition and safety; truancy and dropouts; educational services at juvenile correctional facilities; adult education; Maine Education Policy Research Institute; University of Maine System; Maine Community College System; Maine Maritime Academy; postsecondary education finance and governance; Maine State Library; and cultural affairs, including Maine Arts Commission, Maine State Museum, Maine Historical Society, Maine Historic Preservation Commission, Maine Humanities Council and Maine Public, formerly known as Maine Public Broadcasting.

Rep. Sampson: "please don't hesitate to reach out to me with your suggestions or concerns with proposals you hear about in Augusta, after-all, it is through your input that I can best represent your interests in Maine's House of Representatives."

For the first time, Members of the public can watch recordings of live-streamed public hearings and work sessions on youtube here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ_s3rqajVpQibEh-5bupEoA

Rep. Theodore Kryzak to serve on the Taxation Committee

Kryzak will be the Ranking Member on the committee that helps shape Maine tax policy

State Representative Theodore Joseph Kryzak (R-Acton) has been appointed to the 130th Maine Legislature's Joint Standing Committees on Taxation. He



Rep. Theodore Kryzak
COURTESY PHOTO

will serve as the Lead Republican on a committee that is responsible for State and local taxes; tax credits and exemptions, taxpayer relief programs, and other tax issues. He was also recently appointed to serve on a 15-member redistricting advisory commission responsible for drawing legislative and congressional district based on the census.

"Low taxes create jobs and economic activity," said Rep. Kryzak. "Responsible tax policy in the form of lower taxes, pro-growth policies, and responsible budgeting will be key to surviving the pandemic and prospering when Maine safely recovers. The Tax Committee has already had to weigh in on the Governor's proposal to remove and then reconsider taking over \$100 million from Maine businesses linked to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Businesses, workers, and the families that depend on them, desperately need our support and attention."

Rep. Kryzak, a farmer and educator, represents District 20: Acton, Lebanon and Shapleigh (part).



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Allison Williams

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324-5823**It's Girl Scout Cookie time!**

All those who enjoy Girl Scout Cookies will be glad to know that in spite of the pandemic the Girl Scouts are selling their cookies. Kristen DalPra of Troop 426 has announced this year's offerings include Toast-Yay! Girl Scout S'mores, Lemonades, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, Caramel DeLites, and Peanut Butter Sandwiches.

The cookies are \$5 per box and they are taking orders through the end of the month. They will have some cookie booths in April as well. She says if you need more information don't hesitate to reach out to 207-615-7887.

Boxed Meals

APC is offering a free boxed meal to Alfred residents to be picked up curbside at Alfred Parish Church on Sunday, Feb. 21 between 2 and 3 p.m. to those in need, home alone or unable to cook. It will include bean and ham soup, cornbread and dessert.

Reservations for the meal will be required and can be placed by calling APC @207-324-3841 and leaving a detailed message including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address (if you have one) and the number of meals you will want. We will call you to confirm your order.

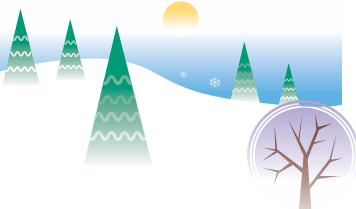
All cooking will be done in the church kitchen under strict COVID guidelines. Masks and gloves will be worn, and workers will distance appropriately. Reservations must be received by Feb. 17 to allow for groceries and packaging supplies to be purchased.

Once you arrive at the church you will need to call 207-324-3841 and your meal will be brought out to your car. If you need a meal delivered please indicate that when you make your reservation.

SPRINGVALE**Springvale Public Library**

Springvale Public Library, 443 Main Street has announced that the library is now open for five patrons at a time for 30 minutes. The library hours are Mon., Thurs., Fri., 9:30 am - 5 pm and Tues. and Wed. 9:30 am - 7 pm and Sat. 9 am - 2 pm.

Masks, hand sanitizers and social distancing are still required.



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NEWFIELD

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793-8760**Rock Haven Lake Dam repairs**

A couple of weeks ago, I reported on the repairs that were done to the dam at the old Newfield mill. There was quite a lot of unexpected labor involved in the removal of the cofferdam, which meant hundreds of volunteer hours and bringing in heavy machinery to remove 50 1-ton sandbags and 350 50-lb. sandbags.

If anyone would like to donate to the Rock Haven Lake Dam Fund, checks can be made out to: Rock Haven Lake Dam Fund, P.O. Box 147, West Newfield, Me., 04095. For more information, contact: rockhavenlake.dam@gmail.com. At this time, they are hoping to get more donations to help with the expenses of this project.

Local food pantries

The Little Food Bank at the Newfield Church on Water Street, next to the town office, is still open if anyone needs anything; take what you need.

The St. Matthew's Food Pantry serves residents of Limerick, Newfield, Parsonsfield and registered Parishioners of St. Matthew Church, at 19 Dora Lane in Limerick. The Food Pantry hours are: 1st Monday of every month from 6-7 p.m. and every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Wakefield Food Pantry is also open and serves, the New Hampshire towns, as well as Newfield. Please call them at 603-522-3094 to find out their hours and their policy during this virus. Currently they are open on Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Their email address is: info@wakefieldfoodpantry.org.

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go to Kali Goodfield, Mason David Bonhert, Sean Iannazzo, Jeremy Burbank, Abby Greenleaf and Lois Greenleaf.

Meetings

The Municipal Officers of the Town of Newfield will hold a public hearing on the Marijuana Manufacturing Ordinance, on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road, at 6 p.m.

Scout Troop #329 will have Zoom meetings on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. until further notice.

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**TOWN OF ALFRED****Notice of Public Hearing**
Saturday, February 27, 2021; 10:00am
Alfred Elementary School, Gymnasium

Masks and social distancing will be required.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR:
Sean Kirby/Alfred Crossing, LLC
110 Marginal Way, #265
Portland, Maine 04101
RE: Tax Map 13 Lot 32 p/o

A Contract Zoning Project at 24 Sanford Road; Tax Map 13 Lot 32 p/o has been submitted by Alfred Crossing, LLC (Sean Kirby, Applicant). The applicant proposes to re-establish principal commercial uses on part of the property utilizing the existing former Roux Cabinet building, in addition to constructing additional structures as permitted. The applicant is also proposing to develop two 15-unit residential apartment buildings on the westerly end of the lot. Apartment units would be strictly rented exclusively to 50+ community.

The complete application is available for review at the Alfred Town hall. If you would like an electronic copy of the application packet, please email Tammy at tbellman@alfredme.gov to make the request.

THE COUNTRY CUPBOARD

One of the nice things about winter is that we get to make some great casseroles, stews, and other recipes that make a large quantity, so we can have them for supper twice or invite some friends over. It's a meal that really warms us up and satisfies our appetites; you have your protein, carbs and veggies all in one meal.

So, let's sharpen our kitchen skills and cook up something good for the gang.

Our recipe is for a Beef and Broccoli Stir Fry, which is good for a 'cabin fever' crowd to go along with a game of cards.

You may substitute fresh snow peas for the broccoli or feel free to make any other substitutions on the recipe.

BEEF AND BROCCOLI**STIR FRY**

1 lb. boneless sirloin steak
1 Tablespoon cornstarch
1 Tablespoon olive oil
1 large clove garlic, minced
1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger or powdered

1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
1 bunch fresh broccoli
1/2 lb. mushrooms
1 cup uncooked rice
1/3 cup bottled teriyaki sauce
2 Tablespoons salted cashews

Cut beef into 1/4 inch strips, about 2 1/2 inches long and combine with cornstarch, oil, ginger, salt and pepper in a bowl. Chill for 30 minutes.

Pare broccoli stalks to remove tough skin. Cut stalks from top and 1/4 inch thick. Cook in pot of boiling salted water for 2 minutes, then drain; transfer to bowl.

Remove stems from mushrooms and slice 1/4 inch thick.

Cook rice following package directions. When almost cooked, coat large skillet with cooking spray; heat over medium high. Add mushrooms, saute 5 minutes, until wilted then add to broccoli. Add beef to skillet, and stir fry for 2-3 minutes. Add broccoli, mushrooms, teriyaki sauce and heat through. Transfer to serving dish and sprinkle with cashews. Serve with the rice.

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ICE HOLE GAME

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starting a business really solidified. Ridley recalls the conversation. "Jay said, 'Look, if you don't do this, I'm gonna do it,' so I said, 'all right, I'll start it.'" Burbank agreed that it would be a good bet, and they began to work out the details for the business. They became an official LLC, applied and received a trademark, and have a patent pending status which will take a couple years to finalize.

Meanwhile, Ridley called a bunch of rubber companies in New England to get quotes on manufacturing the discs/skids. He then ordered some bags with the company logo.

Cooke took charge of the marketing side of things, joining all the ice-fishing groups he could find on Facebook and posting photos and descriptions of the game. It didn't take long for people to notice. Orders through the company website, PlayIceHole.com took off, mostly from people out of state at first. There were orders from Michigan, South Dakota, and Wisconsin, as well as a few from Maine. They sold 100 games in the first three days.

"I had to take a day off from work," said Ridley, who is doing order fulfillment.

"It's the power of the Facebook," said Cooke, laughing.

People followed the Ice Hole Facebook page and began to post



Ice Hole inventors on a Zoom video interview. Clockwise from top left, Craig Burbank, Jason "Jay" Cooke, and Mike Ridley.

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videos and photos. A community is already beginning to form around the game. Ridley and Cooke, along with their wives and some buddies, have made it a point to go out on the ice at various locations in Maine every weekend, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

"Ice fishing can be really boring. You stand around for lots of hours. Ice Hole is good for people who want something to take up the slack," Cooke said.

"It also keeps the kids occupied," Ridley added. "The idea is just to have some fun." That's why they created the game in the first place, he said, and what they hope to accomplish as a business. "We want to spread the fun around."

Burbank, who is currently living and working in southern California, is disappointed not to be able to fly home this winter due to the pandemic. He is missing not only the ice-fishing but also the chance to be part of the Ice Hole tournaments taking place on frozen Maine ponds and lakes every weekend.

In fact, the company has planned the first "official" Ice Hole World Championship on Feb. 20-21 on Lake George in Canaan. Anyone interested is welcome to join in. Check the Ice-Hole public group on Facebook to see videos and find out where the group will be hanging out next. Look for the bright orange game bags and new banner.

Ice Hole can be ordered on the company's website www.playice-hole.com and in limited numbers at a few stores in central Maine. Each game comes with the discs, a tape measure, and the official Ice Hole rules. In order to play, you will need to bring a shovel to clear off your ice and an auger to drill partial holes. You do not drill all the way through the ice as the discs do not float.

And what if you don't have an auger?

"People have asked me that online," said Cooke. "I just tell them, become friends with an ice-fisherman. You know, they're pretty cuddly folk."

Shelley Burbank is a former regular contributor at the Reporter. For more check out her website at www.ShelleyBurbank.com



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TOWN WARRANT

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to come to, but the Board of Selectman needed to ensure the safety of the voters and also preserve the voters' rights. The town must continue to run, and this voting process could not be delayed.

Joanne Rankin, Town Clerk, advised the voters that the polls will be open at the Town Hall, 22 Back Road, on March 12 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. There are eight candidate positions on the ballot and 67 warrant articles to vote on. It will take time to read each article, and she encouraged everyone to consider taking an absentee ballot so they could review each warrant article at home. The warrant articles can only be voted 'yes' or 'no,' and there can be no typical discussion, but before voting, you can view a copy of the warrant and the municipal election candidates on the town website at www.shapleigh.net.

Rankin also said that only 5 or 6 booths would be available at the town hall on voting day, and with the addition of reading and voting on the warrant articles, it may take a while to get to a booth. March 9 will be the last day to obtain an absentee ballot. Call the town hall 636-2843 ext 1 for more information on absentee voting.

In addition to Roux and Rankin, Michelle Rumney, Treasurer, Selectman Scott Cudworth, Bill Mageary, and Karla Bergeron, Town Administrator, were in attendance of the Zoom meeting.

Most of the warrant articles are self-explanatory, but there were a few articles that needed further discussion.

Article 14 – to raise \$81,891 for the Fire Department to spend on Operations and maintenance and salaries of Fire Chief, Asst. Chief Captain, Safety Officer. It was mentioned that this was for a slight increase in salaries, new radios, and maintenance. The Fire Dept. has been working harder than ever with COVID-19.

Article 15 – to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,501 for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Dept. The BOS approved this amount, but the Budget Committee (BC) did not. According to the BC, they felt that the current amount of 15 tanks were enough. Steve Guillemette, Fire Chief, explained that recently at a fire, they used five breathing tanks and will have to wait until they can be refilled with air in Newfield. He felt the remaining ten tanks would not be enough if needed right now. Fire Chief wanted to get three more.

Article 33 – to see if the town will appropriate \$9,175 to be used for mileage/salary/expenses of the Animal Control Department. The BC only approved \$8,000. They felt that \$9,175 was too much money. It was explained that the ACO needed to have a cell phone (shared expense with Acton), a small 3% salary increase, the mileage reimbursement had increased, some equipment was outdated, cages were needed, etc.

Article 53 – raising \$75,000 for the Bridge Repair Fund. A major project is the Emery Mills Bridge replacement. Money needs to be put aside for its repair. This is an approximate \$1.3M project, and there are some reserve funds, but this is not enough. A resident inquired about the bridge repair's completion date and was told the Engineers have not given them that information and it is still early days in the planning stage.

Article 56 – to appropriate \$22,000 for Acton/Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corp. The Budget Committee voted to increase that amount to \$26,400 as requested. Chairman Roux started that we can't increase the amount on the warrant.

Article 67 – New to town this year. Using the funds from the Undesignated Fund Balance to reduce the taxation. The effort is to have the BOS look at all revenues to offset our taxes.

It was noted by Roux that if the budget is passed as written it would be an increase this year of \$15,664. This is a very small increase (0.54%) from last year's \$2.8m budget.

In closing Selectman Scott Cudworth wanted to impress upon the voters the importance of passing Articles 15, 33, and 56.

Bill McGreary also added that Article 48 concerning town scholarships are for two \$1,000 scholarships and none of this is paid for from tax dollars.

A video of this Zoom meeting will be available on the town website at www.shapleigh.net.

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Mike Montville.
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MAINERS

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the whole experience more fun."

Montville will now serve as assistant coach for the newly established "WooSox", the Triple A International League affiliate of the Red Sox, in their first season since relocating from Pawtucket.

"I think taking pieces [of advice] and being around so many different stadiums, players, coaches, and all the things that you experience in a baseball season in summer ball has a huge role to play in how I coach," Montville said.

Ako Thomas played 22 games for the 2016 Mainers, and started at second base for the North Division All-Stars at the NECBL All-Star Game. Thomas led the Mainers to a Northern Division crown and the NECBL championship series with a .313 average, good for best on the team. After Sanford, Thomas excelled at the University of Michigan where he was named to the All-Big Ten first team and College World Series All-Tournament team.

"What I remember most about playing for the Mainers is playing under the lights at Goodall Park and being supported by such a welcoming fanbase," Thomas said. "I learned a lot from Sanford but most of all I learned how to bond well with the coaches and players to create a family-like environment."

Thomas joins the Sea Dogs, the Double A Eastern League affiliate of the Red Sox, as an assistant coach.

"I am very honored with this opportunity to be a member of the Red Sox organization," Thomas said. "I'm excited to showcase the skills and knowledge I have acquired while playing [for the Mainers and Wolverines] and coaching at Michigan."

— by Joe Skinner

Sanford Mainers, Director of Broadcasting & Media



Ako Thomas.
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SPORTS

Massabesic High School Sports Schedules



MHS home events will be live streamed on the RSU 57 Facebook Page!

BOYS BASKETBALL (JV/V)

2/19	@Biddeford	5:30/7:30pm
2/23	@Sanford	5:30/7:30pm
2/25	Sanford	5:30/7:30pm
2/27	@Bonny Eagle	1pm (Varsity only)
3/3	@Kennebunk	5:30/7:30pm
3/5	Kennebunk	5:30/7:30pm
3/9	Noble	5:30/7:30pm
3/11	@Noble	5:30/7:30pm

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

2/19	Biddeford	6pm
2/23	Sanford	6pm
2/25	@Sanford	6pm
2/27	@Bonny Eagle	10:30am
3/3	Kennebunk	6pm
3/5	@Kenebunk	6pm
3/9	@Noble	7pm
3/11	Noble	6pm

BOYS AND GIRLS SWIM (All meets @Sanford YMCA)

2/19	Cheverus	6pm
2/26	Westbrook	6pm
3/5	Scarborough	6pm
3/12	Greely	6pm

BOYS ICE HOCKEY (All games at Biddeford)

2/27	Kennebunk	3:30pm
3/2	South Portland	9:10pm
3/5	Scarborough	9pm
3/9	Scarborough	9pm
3/13	Lakes Region	2pm (@Bridgton)

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

2/18	@Falmouth	1pm (@FIA)
2/25	@Biddeford	8pm (@ BIA)
2/26	Mt. Ararat	8pm (@ Casco Bay)
3/2	Mt Ararat	8:30pm (@ Colisee)
3/6	Cheverus	5pm (@ Troubh)
3/8	Brunswick	3:50pm (@ Casco Bay)
3/10	Portland/Deering	4pm (@ Troubh)

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3/17	@York	4/5:30pm
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When your toe is the boss

Minor surgery does not sound serious, especially when it is just to a toe. To anyone except the victim, that is. After all, it was just to a toe. But when I began to realize it involved anesthesia and no breakfast, I began to wonder.

I should have realized the preparations spoke of something a little different. This was to be a bunionectomy (removal of a bunion) which would allow me to sleep at night without getting up for an ice pack. And when that ice pack warmed up, climbing out of bed for another one. A bunion should not hurt but mine did. I blamed it all on hereditary. If your toes crowded each other for no reason, you probably inherited them from your mother. One of the PA's (physician's assistants) agreed. So, I signed up for a bunionectomy and a good night's sleep. I also consulted my computer.

Some of the information on Google sounded a bit strange. With some I agreed. I knew I should stick to comfortable footwear, and I did. Men's slippers were about as comfortable as I could get. One of the suggestions on Google was to lose weight! My mother, who was skinny, sometimes had a bunion. She did NOT need to lose weight. So, Google doesn't know everything. Now that I have had the surgery I am waiting for the time when I can graduate from men's slippers into shoes.

I have learned lots of new terms. A bunion is a hallux valgus, meaning a foot deformity. There are ointments and medications to help the thing shrink. If you have to have surgery, I recommend also having a husband who likes to cook. He should also like housework. I haven't asked him about this, but he has done it anyway. He did forget to water the plants last week but that is a minor problem.

Since surgery I have been humping around the house with

The stitches could not be removed during the next visit — I would have to wait another week. They were apparently not quite healed. This has since been done. I missed taking our little dog for her walk but since it has snowed I would have to get a ride anyway to the village where there is a sidewalk. What do I miss most? Driving!! If I want to go anywhere, my spouse has to drive. Make sure you have a spouse agreeable to all these matters if you decide on a bunionectomy.

— By Allison Williams

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Laurette M. Cole

Laurette M. Cole, 81, of Sanford, loving wife of Arthur W. Cole and mother to Keith Cole passed away at the Newton Center on Jan. 4, 2021 after a long illness.

Laurette was born in Sanford on July 3, 1939, the daughter of Frank and Mary (Bernier) Butler.

During the Depression and being the eldest of 10 children in the family, Laurette recognized that she was needed at home and placed her education on hold and helped to care for her siblings until she married her husband Arthur.

When the "love birds" decided to share their lives together, Laurette was just 16 and Arthur was 20. They had to get their parent's signature because they both were underage. Arthur and Laurette were married on September 3, 1955 at Judge Hutchburg's residence; the wonderful couple recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this past September.

Laurette's loving temperament and kind open heart came natural for her. If there was anyone whom she met that needed a lending hand, Laurette would extend hers to them. During her marriage she sheltered and cared for her many friends and siblings. As Arthur described, "if the Devil knocked on the door needing help, she would have invited him in for dinner". Laurette never turned a blind eye to anyone in need; she lovingly took notice of a particular neighbor who was struggling. Many would not have noticed how much this neighbor needed help, but Laurette took him in and showed him unconditional kindness. With her help and encouragement, he found his way and later in his life married and fulfilled his dream of having a child of his own.

Laurette was the matriarch of her family; she was slight in stature, but Laurette was extraordinarily strong-willed, compassionate, and hard working. Laurette

loved her family, especially the grandchildren and the great grandchildren. The one request she ever made of them all was to, "please remember me, remember our times together and remember I love you".

Laurette is lovingly survived by her husband Arthur W. Cole of Sanford;



Laurette M.
Cole

son Keith Cole and wife Eileen of Sanford; grandchildren Jessica Damuth of Acton, Deanna Abrams of Sanford, Richard Bernotas Jr. of Waterbury, CT and Jonathan Bernotas of Graham, NC; great grandchildren, Abraham Damuth, Benjamin Damuth, Caleb Noble, Hailey Noble, Paige Abrams, Joseph Abrams, Vittoria Abrams, Anthony Savarese, Juliana Bernotas, Jayden Bernotas and Adalind Bernotas; and his brother Richard Cole of Arundel.

Laurette was predeceased by two brothers, Frank Butler and Ronald Butler and by two sisters, Rena Plummer, and Lorraine Butler.

There will be a celebration of her life in the spring. Her family will notify everyone in advance of the date, location, and time.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that you consider making a memorial contribution to the Dementia Society of America <https://www.dementiasociety.org>.

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The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling her arrangements.

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Arthur W. Cole

Arthur W. Cole, 86, of Sanford, loving husband of Laurette M. Cole and father to Keith Cole

passed away at the Gosnell House Hospice on Feb. 1, 2021 after a brief illness.

Arthur was born in North Berwick on Nov. 7, 1934, the son of Ray and Grace (Murray) Cole.

Arthur attended Sanford schools and after graduation joined the US Army and later completed his service as a member of the US Army National Guard. After his civil service Arthur went to work for Hussey Seating in North Berwick, as a welder until his retirement 45 years later in 2000.

Arthur had an adventurous side to him and at times was a little mischievous. He once decided to try to play "Rodeo" so he saddled his grandfather's cow in the barn. He said the ride was pretty short once he climbed on. And, when his grandfather asked him where all the bruises came from, he told him, "I fell down the stairs".

In 1953, Arthur met the love of his life, Laurette and they married on September 3, 1955. Regardless of everyone saying, "It will never last", the love birds celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this past September.

Arthur was a quiet and unassuming man who was known to play pranks at times. Because of his quiet personality, no one ever suspected he was involved, but those of us who knew him well could always tell because of his "innocent smirk" he'd give when the prank succeeded.

Arthur enjoyed helping people and believed there were no strangers, only friends he hadn't met yet. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was soft spoken and lovingly had the nickname of "The Pied Piper" because anywhere he sat the little children would gather around him to play. He used to keep his wallet in his shirt pocket and the kids loved to sit on his lap and play with it and look at the pictures.

Arthur is lovingly survived by his son Keith Cole and wife Eileen of Sanford; 4 grandchildren Jessica Damuth of Acton, Deanna Abrams of Sanford, Richard Bernotas Jr. of Sanford and Jonathan Bernotas of Graham, NC; 11 great

grandchildren, Abraham Damuth, Benjamin Damuth, Caleb Noble, Hailey Noble, Paige Abrams, Joseph Abrams, Vittoria Abrams, Anthony Savarese, Juliana Bernotas, Jayden Bernotas and Adalind Bernotas, and his brother Richard Cole of Arundel.

Arthur was predeceased by his beloved wife, Laurette Cole this past January.

There will be a celebration of his life in the spring. His family will notify everyone in advance of the date, location, and time.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that you consider making a memorial contribution to the American Kidney Fund <https://www.kidneyfund.org/>

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The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling his arrangements.

Richard L. Cote Jr

Richard L. Cote Jr, 42, of Buxton, passed unexpectedly and peacefully into God's love on February 6, 2021, while residing with Motivational Services in a group home in Augusta, for the last 14 months. He had a long and arduous struggle with his mental illness and subsequently drug addiction, but he was fortunate to always have the fierce and never-ceasing love of his mom and dad who never gave up on him.



Richard L.
Cote Jr

He was born March 24, 1978, to Joyce (MacDonald) and Richard Cote Sr. of Buxton, Maine. He graduated from Bonny Eagle High School and completed several college courses, training at one point to be a welder and another to be a nutritionist/fitness instructor. He is survived by his beloved mom and dad, his son,

Dylan Cote Landry of Buxton, his sister Renee and her husband Russ Pitre of Hatfield, MA, his three brothers, Joseph of Brownfield, John of Buxton, and Jarid York of Gorham; along with several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Prior to the progression of his illness, Ricky worked as a diver tender, a carpenter, a roofer, a fisherman, and a cook. Rick could easily do anything he put his mind to. He spent a good part of his young adult life living in Portland Maine and truly loved to be on its streets with the only friends who he felt could understand him.

Growing up he was always prone to push the boundaries or perhaps he was simply overly curious beyond what the rest of us were comfortable with. He became a very soft, vulnerable, compassionate, and thoughtful man whose mind became increasingly clouded by his mental illness and subsequently addicted to the drugs that brought his mind relief. He lived inside a reality that the rest of us will never fully understand and that few had the capacity to fiercely love him still, even if that was from a distance.

May peace be with you, Rick, as you're now freed from the torture of your own mind and the challenge of navigating a world that felt unsafe to you. Nana, Jean MacDonald missed you and she's excited to have you home with her - paddling in the pond of eternal life without strife.

Family and Friends are invited to visit and celebrate Rick's life on Saturday, Feb 20th, from 10-12PM at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service Chapel, 498 Long Plains Road (Rt. 22) in Buxton. Please be mindful of strict COVID restrictions including mask wear inside and outside the funeral home. Online condolence messages can be submitted at www.maine funeral.com.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in his memory for his son Dylan's future education.

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