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# Shapleigh celebrates community

#### By JOANNE BARGIONI

The sun was shining brightly for the Shapleigh Community Days Parade on Saturday, July 21 which kicked off at 9 a.m. at the Shapleigh Memorial School and ended at Shapleigh Commons. Leading the parade was Major Paul Mitchell of the York County Sheriff's Office with full sirens blaring followed by the Shapleigh Boy Scout Troop 320 Honor Guard. Bagpiper Alasdar Halliday followed the Scouts.

Fire and Rescue Squads from Shapleigh Rescue Squad 1, Shapleigh Engine 1, Shapleigh Tank 4 Squad 1, Shapleigh EMA York County Command Van and the Ross Corner Fire Company Engine 2 rolled down the Road with lights flashing and horns beeping. The Shapleigh Fire and Rescue trucks were followed by Acton Fire Truck Engine 3, Newfield Fire Department Engine 1 and Newfield Tank 1.

This year's Grand Marshals followed all the fanfare in a 1936 Ford Phaeton driven by Bob Michaud. Elsa Cook and Hazel Goodwin shared the honor of Grand Marshals this year. Elsa and Hazel were chosen as Grand Marshals in respect of their over 100 years of combined service to the 4H Club. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 4H Club. The Shapleigh 4 -Leaf Clover Club, which they like to be called, is the oldest continuous 4H Club in the State. The four H's stand for head, heart, hands and health but the organization is about much more than crops and livestock. The goal of 4H is to develop citizenship, leadership, responsibility and life skills of youth through experimental learning programs and a positive



Shapleigh Community Days Parade Grand Marshals Hazel Goodwin and Elsa Cook driven by Bob Michaud. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI



The Boy Scout Troop 320 Honor Guard helped lead off the parade during Shapleigh Community Days. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI



#### FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2018

# Alfred's festival enjoyed

#### BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

The Alfred Festival began the night before on Friday, July 20, with the Massabesic Lions Club hosting a Chili, Chowder Tasting Contest concluding with pies. There was a long, patient line under the big tent, entertained by a "Just Us" musical group. The tasters voted on their favorites the People's Choice Chili was a tie this year between Karen Diebolt for her 42 Secret Chili and Julie Canning for her Sal Chica Chili (sausage in Spanish). The People's Choice Chowder award went to Emily Cook for her East West Lobster Chowder.

Judges' vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners were Chili Contestants 1st place Paul O'Donnell for OD's Panhandle Chili; 2nd place, Donita Plummer, Chuckwagon Bean Chili and 3rd, York County Shelter Program, LuLu's Chili.

Chowder contest winners were 1st, Emily Cook for East West Lobster Chowder, 2nd, York County Shelter, Scott's Seafood Chowder and 3rd, Aline Riddle, Clam Chowder. Pie contest winners 1st, Lisa Cook for Lime Curd Pie, 2nd, Beth DeWolfe, Summer Lemonade Pie, 3rd Anne Kustron, Peach Pie. There were many other entrants.

Among Saturday's many activities were the Lion's Bench Dedication on the village green. Forty six years ago several volunteers from the SAD 57 School District saw a need for volunteers to serve their communities. It was from this initial meeting that the Massabesic Lion's Club was formed. Two charter members from Alfred are still active - Earl Morrison and Perley Yeaton. The initial members adopted the Mission Statement of the International Lion's Organization which is: "To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lion's Clubs." The Massabesic Lion's Club has been an integral part of the communities it serves. In Alfred there are many volunteers who are actively involved in Lion's fund raising activities. These funds go to support student scholarships, food for those in need, eye sight preservation, youth activities plus many other humanitarian needs. On July 21, as part of an international effort to establish a lasting presence in the communities it serves, a granite bench was

youth development approach.

In addition to her years of leadership in the 4H Club, Hazel Goodwin received the Outstanding Volunteer Leader's Award for 2018 from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. In order to achieve this distinction she had to first win the State, Regional and National Awards for Volunteer Leaders. Hazel has been involved with the 4H Club since 1931, and has been a leader since 1954.

Shapleigh Selectmen, Bill Mageary and Jennifer Roux followed behind the Grand Marshal's car.

This year's parade sponsor, Exit Realty, 20 Emery Mills Road, was represented by a car

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Parson's Memorial Library Children's Librarian Karen Spiliopulos (Miss Karen) with Charles Helms riding in the parade during the Alfred Festival on July 21. Spiliopulos was one of the honorary Grand Marshals, illustrating the theme 'Libraries are Forever'

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presented on the village green to the residents of Alfred. A saying attributed to Helen Keller is on the bench and says: "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

#### **Grand** parade

The librarians, Gus Hedden and Karen Spiliopoulos were the honorary grand marshalls to illustrate the theme, "Libraries are Forever." The bands and floats followed. Receiving first place in this category was Seth McCoy. Pond View Farm won second place and Giles Family Farm was third.

The Annual Road Race winners were Suzanne Ray, Laurie Gaudineau and Mel Meisel for the women, and in the male category were Jackson Pierce, Caleb Young and Josh Castanguay. Top Alfred contestants, in a tie, were Megan Kuprewicz and Amanda Morris for female contestants, and Jackson Pierce for male contestants. For those 19 and under it was Josh Castanguay.

In the 20-29 class, Katelyn Chase came in first; in the 40-49 class it was Laurie Gaudreau, and Bill Landberger who tied with Mark McGrew. Steve Harris was first in the 50-59 class, Dan Ghidoni was first in the over 60 class. There were six Alfred contestants this year.



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The ham and beans supper on Saturday was well attended in the big tent and a very entertaining program was given by Meca. The family picnic on Brothers Beach on Sunday continued in spite of the rain. The Simple Gifts concert will be held next Sunday, same place and time - at the Shaker Museum.

#### Village notes

Rep. Bruce Bickford was the guest speaker at the Republican Town Comm. this past Monday. He discussed "An Act to Conform to the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and Provide Tax Relief to Maine Families".

The library book sale is being continued. Book lovers may fill a bag for \$3.





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#### NEWFIELD

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#### Groovin' to the tunes of Carlton Ming

Newfield Historical Society had a good turnout at their annual outdoor music event by the bandstand, with local musician Carlton Ming. Ming played all the favorites, including the very popular "People Get Ready" to a crowd of about 40 people.

The event was held on Saturday, July 21, and there was plenty of goodies to eat, according to Curator Johanne Vaters. It was an afternoon of relaxing, enjoying the music and catching up with old friends.

Newfield Historical Society also had their new artifacts building open for anyone who wanted to stroll through to look at all of the sleighs, wagons and other items from Newfield, that they have in their collection.

The event drew people from Newfield, Limerick, Parsonsfield, and even Cambridge, Mass. Cindy Lewis, Thelma Connell's daughter came to visit with friends from town, and enjoyed the festivities. The historical society is planning another musical event in September.

### Bean supper coming soon at museum

19th Century Curran Homestead Village will have their annual Bean Supper on Saturday, Aug. 4, in the restaurant at 70 Elm Street, from 4:30-7 p.m. On the menu are beans, salads, beverages, desserts and much more. Call Robert Schmick at 205-4849 or email: thecurranhomestead@ gmail.com to reserve your spot.

The museum will be open on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4 and 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will also be open on Wednesday through Friday, Aug. 8-10. The cost of admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and veterans; and children up to the age of 18 get in free. Carousel rides are free with the admission.

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#### Not your routine visit I went for a routine doctor's appointment the other day and The Town of Newfield is i

ended up spending the entire af-

ternoon and evening in the Maine

Medical Center's Emergency

Room – a total of 8 hours. They

didn't kick me out of there un-

til 11 p.m. and by the time I got

home it was well after midnight.

I'd like to send a huge 'kudos'

to the MMC ER staff, who were

giving their all to take care of

everyone in a kind and friendly

manner; and a special thanks to

the R.N. Tristan, who was kind

enough to bring me a sandwich.

On a positive, quirky little note,

there is hardly no traffic on the

roads at midnight, so the hour ride

home alone was a piece of cake!

The Town of Newfield is in need of a few volunteers The Newfield Planning Board needs a volunteer and the Newfield Rescue needs a driver. For more information, please contact the town during regular business hours at 793-4348.

The 2018 tax bills will be mailed in August and the payments are due on Oct. 1, 2018 and March 1, 2019.

#### Meetings

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

Cub Scout Pack #329 - July 30, at Line School at 818 Water Street at 6 p.m. Perley Densmore is the Cubmaster.

Newfield Selectmen - July 31, at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road.

Newfield Firefighters training session - July 31, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

The Comprehensive Planning Board monthly meeting - Aug. 1, at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road, at 7 p.m.

Newfield Planning Board -Aug. 1, at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road, at 8 p.m. following the Comprehensive Planning Board meeting.

Tea Time - Aug. 1, at the Newfield Village Library at 637 Water Street at 3 p.m.

Newfield Rescue training session - Aug. 2, at the Public Safety Building, at 85 Water Street, at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Hazel Mc-Glincey at 793-2045 or any rescue member.

#### Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes this week go to John Turgeon on July 28, and Patricia Campbell on July 29.

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#### HUGE thank you goes out to Poland Spring

Camp Laughing Loon would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Poland Spring for their very kind donation of water for our 8-Week Summer Day Camp.

At Camp Laughing Loon, we have upwards of 70-100 campers per week on our grounds who need to stay hydrated in the warm summer months. Also, with our 100th Season celebration coming up, we will be able to keep all in attendance hydrated! Luckily, after reaching out to Poland Spring, we were gifted with a water donation to ensure our campers and guests stay hydrated all summer long.

The generosity of Poland Spring's donation allows us to be able to stretch our dollar further without having to worry about having water in the fridge for our campers. Thank you again for reminding us why our community is so great! Keara White

Director, Camp Laughing Loon

#### Thanks Poland Spring

The Hollis Honkers Snowmobile Club would like to thank Poland Springs for their recent

donation of bottled water. We gave out allot of this water at our annual Spring Craft Fair & Luncheon and will be using the rest throughout the summer keeping our volunteers hydrated during our ongoing work maintaining the snowmobile trails around town. Hollis Honkers Snowmobile Club

#### Thanks for the water donation

Poland Spring Bottling Company (a subsidiary of Nestle Waters North America) donated 78 cases of water to North Yarmouth Fire Rescue. Poland Spring donates water to many fire departments in the state in an effort to help ensure our members are able to stay healthy and hydrated on our fire scenes and trainings. Through sponsorships, donations, and volunteering, Poland Spring is able to support the health and wellness of public safety organizations throughout the State of Maine. This donation also helps our organization's budget by providing us this very important item.

Gregory A Payson Fire Rescue Chief, EMA Director North Yarmouth Fire Rescue

after the British House of Commons, is tasked with representing the interests of the people. In Maine, each House member represents about 8,000 Mainers. one-fifth the number represented by a Senator. Modeled after

the British House of Lords, the Senate is more focused on the interests of the state. Reflective of these distinct roles, our Constitution puts the power of the purse squarely with the House of Representatives. As stated in Federalist Paper 58, "This power over the purse may, in fact, be regarded as the most complete and effectual weapon with which any constitution can arm the immediate representatives of the people,"

Short answer: The House of

Representatives. Like the Feder-

al government, the Maine House

and the Senate have distinct roles.

The House, fashioned

who fill the government purse, it is up to elected representatives to determine how effectual a weapon the power of the purse will be in making sure taxpayer money is well spent. It is important for those making these financial decisions to consider the funds as if they themselves had worked hard to earn it. They must consider where this money comes

Who holds the purse strings?

from and then reflect a thoughtful and considerate approach to spending.

This power of the purse is brought home to me almost daily with the sobering re-

alization that the entire financial structure of government rests with the members of the House of Representatives. We are the ones charged with the authority to spend or not to spend. We determine what gets funded.

At times, we also help restore funds in unclaimed property to the rightful owners.

For the past four years the four main caucuses - Senate and House, Democrats and Republicans - have engaged in a friendly competition to return unclaimed property to our constituents.

My colleagues in the House Republican Caucus are the proud winners for the 4th year in a row. I am pleased to have to helped restore \$9,021 to my constituents this year. There is more unclaimed property, waiting to be



Rep. Heidi Sampson with the trophy for Unclaimed Property Performers of the Year. COURTESY PHOTO

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For more information call the office of our State Treasurer at 624-7477.

Rep. Heidi Sampson, House District 21, which includes Alfred, Newfield, most of Limerick, Shapleigh & Parsonsfield.

by Rep. Heidi Sampson

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# Much accomplished this month

The Legislature reconvened for a special session to address outstanding work last month. While we weren't able to wrap

up as quickly as I had hoped due to disagreements in the House of Representatives, I am still pleased with the volume of work that has been completed.

This week we convened for one day on Monday to take up nearly fifty vetoes. We made quick work of these and also reached an agreement on a

\$200 million bond package that will be on the November ballot

for Maine voters to weigh in on. The bond package includes three bonds that will be presented as separate questions for voters to consider.

At \$106 million, the largest part of the bond package goes to support our transportation infrastructure, including a number of projects included in the DOT's three-year work plan. \$64 million of the bond package, which would receive a match of \$49 million in both public and private funds, is for the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System so they can make improvements to their facilities and purchase equipment for new program offerings. \$30 million of the bond package would support a number of wastewater treatment projects with much of the money focusing on the protection of our shellfish harvesting areas. The Legislature successfully overrode two vetoes on funding bills that are also of great importance to many Mainers. Both of

these bills will now become law

over the governor's objections. The first is LD 924. Under this

bill, we increased reimbursement

rates for services provided to home-based and community-based care. These services cover some of Maine's most vulnerable citizens – including nearly 4,000 adults with intellectual disabilities or autism. This funding is critical because the industry is contending with a workforce shortage in conjuncture with low wages (due to set reimbursement rates), making it increasingly

difficult to recruit enough staff to fill these rewarding, yet challenging jobs that are so critical to our society as a whole.

While this funding will certainly help this year, the problem is sure to recur over the next few years as reimbursement rates continue to lag benind steady minimum wage increases under the 2016 referendum law. Unless something gives, the minimum wage is set to increase by a staggering 60 percent over a short span of only four years. These types of programs also provide services for our elderly, allowing them to age with dignity and remain in their own homes for as long as possible. These services, which are almost exclusively funded by MaineCare, are significantly cheaper than the alternative, making them a solid investment. That's why LD 924 also increased the reimbursement rate so providers can keep pace with wage changes.

passed on to property tax payers.

LD 925 is an even more comprehensive spending package that, among many other things, funds 300 additional slots on the Section 28 wait list. This wait list is for services that cover adults with severe intellectual disabilities. It has long been a goal of Republicans in Augusta to fully fund this wait list, as these are Mainers who often times can't be adequately supported at home, yet they fall through the cracks due to a lack of resources, endangering both themselves and sometimes family caregivers as well.

LD 925 also includes funding for nursing homes, which are also struggling to keep pace with the current minimum wage law. With Maine's aging population, it is of the utmost importance that we cover the bill for services that allow our citizens to age with dignity.

Also included in LD 925 is funding for a new hub and spoke model of treatment for opioid addiction. It also increases the penalty for trafficking fentanyl, a deadly drug responsible for many overdose deaths, to a Class A crime. Other funding provided in this bill will go to abate lead in drinking water, child behavior health, drug courts, school-based health clinics and more. As you can see, we have accomplished a lot since returning to Augusta last month, and only a few bills of importance remain. I am hopeful that we will be able to wrap things up soon. Sen. David Woodsome, who lives in North Waterboro, represents Senate District 33, which includes Cornish, Limerick, Newfield, Parsonsfield, Sanford, Shapleigh and Waterboro.



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The bill also covers a shortfall within the county jail system, preventing that burden from being

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#### **COMMUNITY DAYS**

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driven by John Matlosz which zig-zagged down the parade route followed by Mrs. Shapleigh America, Colleen Berry, our contestant in the Mrs. Maine America competition. Colleen smiled and waved to the spectators from the back of her convertible.

Next was everyone's favorite, the Classic Cars. The first car was a 1919 Ford Model T Woodie driven by Joe Pierce, followed by Gloria Pillsbury in an ivory 1964 Dodge Model 440. After that, a red 1965 Chevy Impala Super Sport driven by Del Lank was followed by Jake Eastman in a red 1961 Cadillac. The last car was a green 1951 Ford Custom driven by Glen Ridley.

Candidates for political offices smiled and waved from their campaign cars followed by representatives of the Shapleigh Library.

Marching next was the members of the Shapleigh 4-Leaf Clover Club, an organization that started in 1918. A spectacular float



Shapleigh Commons on July 21. Kudos to the Community Days Committee for a very enjoyable day. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

from Real Estate 2000 depicting a scene from the Wizard of Oz was enthusiastically received and was followed by Eli Knox with his Chianina Holstein Oxen named Baby and Blue. Oxen Dan and Dandy lead by Megan Knox followed. Bringing up the rear was Adrian Knox with his two oxen named Tom and Jerry.

The end of the parade was heralded by Deputy Dan Shaw. Throughout the parade, andy was thrown from the cars to the crowds and was happily scooped up by the children watching along the parade route. It was a very enjoyable event appreciated by all the spectators.

Once the parade had ended it was time to look around the booths and concession stands. The smell of hot dogs and popcorn filled the air. Pony rides for the younger children were available and a large bouncy house sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 320 entertained many happy children.

The winners of this year's Community Days Scholarships were announced and Sam Foglio and Morgan Pike received their awards.

Queen of Hearts Thoroughbred Retirement Home had a booth which sold T-shirts, pictures of horses and candy to benefit the organization which provides shelter, food, and veterinary care for Thoroughbred racing horses after their racing days are over. A fundraiser is planned the end of August at the farm to raise money for the upkeep of the retired horses.

The Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society Booth gave information about the Society to the public. The Society is currently holding a calendar fundraiser which offers a chance to win a different prize each day for the month of September. Local businesses have donated prizes and a name is drawn each day beginning Sept. 1. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar for only \$5 contact the ASHS, P.O. Box 496, Springvale, ME 04083. Calendars will also be sold at the Acton Fair from Aug. 23-26 at the Acton Fairgrounds, 550 Route 109.

Always a crowd pleaser was the Maine Trappers Association Booth. The MTA was established in 1947 to provide an organization for those with an enthusiasm for Trapping to come together to discuss their common interest. The MTA has a proud history of bringing about changes that have enhanced the image of trapping and providing public awareness of animals and their habitats. The booth offered a look inside trapping with preserved animals and demonstrations of bear trapping and how to set a trap.

There was also a myriad of local venders selling handbags, clothing, soaps and homemade items.

The Mousam Lake Pavilion (formerly the Mousam Grange Hall) was open to the public for the day. The Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society has taken up the task of restoring the building and members of the society were there to show the progress of the restoration and to answer questions. The second floor which is a large room with a stage at one end is very impressive. The first floor is still a work in progress but acknowledgment must to given to all the hard work the ASHS has put into this project thus far.

The First Baptist Church held a huge yard sale and bake sale with the proceeds going to the church's ffood pantry. Throughout the year the pantry is open on Wednesday evening to assist the people of Shapleigh in need of this service. Donations are always welcome to the Pantry and you can bring them to the church on the lower level any Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. The town hall also accepts donations of non - perishable items during their normal business hours.

Last but not least, the Shapleigh Library held a used book sale. The sale of these greatly reduced books makes room for more new books. It was a great chance to get a good book for your summer reading or stock up on books for your winter reading at a great price. The library is open Tuesday 3 to 8 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Colleen Berry, Mrs. Shapleigh America 2019 in the Shapleigh Community Days parade on July 21. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI





Merideth Knox with her oxen. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI



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#### REPORTER

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Russell (Russ) W. Reed

Russell W. Reed, 71, a longtime resident of Parsonsfield, died

peacefully with his family by his side, on July 21, 2018 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough. Russell

was born on

Russell (Russ) W. Reed

June 19, 1947 in Sanford, the son of Walter D. and Freda M. (Nutter) Reed.

Russ married Sharon Martell on June 23, 1967 at the First Baptist Church in Limerick. Together, they built their home in Parsonsfield and raised two children. Russ was a good provider for his family and had a strong work ethic. He worked at Portland Glass in Sanford for 26 years and retired from Pratt and Whitney in North Berwick after 10 years working as a bench mechanic.

Russ spent 30 years building and racing his own race cars, #60, painted in his favorite colors, orange and yellow! He raced locally at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway, Oxford Plains Speedway, Wiscasset Speedway and White Mountain Motor Sports Park, Auto racing was his passion. Russ was very particular and a talented fabricator of race cars! Going to the races was a family affair every weekend during the racing season.

Russ and Sharon enjoyed riding their Harley Davidson Motorcycle together, exploring and taking day trips. He looked forward to watching NASCAR racing on TV. He and Sharon enjoyed their winter vacations in Palatka, Florida for many years.

Russ's motto for living was: "Life's Short, Play Hard!" For those that loved and knew Russ would agree. He will be missed by his family and many friends.

Russ is survived by his wife of 51 years, Sharon Reed of Parsonsfield; his son, Dana Reed and wife Stephanie of Shapleigh; his daughter, Tracy Reed of Tuftonboro, NH; his brother, Donald Reed and wife Mary of West Newfield; and his sister, Linda Porro and husband Robert of Alton, NH; and many nieces and nephews.

Russ was predeceased by his parents, two sisters, Evelyn Mc-Carthy and Helen Dinsmore, and by two brothers, David and Arthur Reed.

#### **O'Neil Gagnon Jr.** O'Neil H. Gagnon Jr., of Day-

ton, died July 7, 2018 passed away unexpectedly



Gagnon Jr. and Genevieve (Akerley) Gagnon.

O'Neil learned early on the value of hard work and worked many years at the Pepperell Mill in Biddeford.

It was not uncommon to see O'Neil with his dog Coco, sitting by the fire enjoying the tranquility of his country home listening to Johnny Cash or Elvis Presley.

For O'Neil there was nothing better than passing time with his friends and family, playing cards or horseshoes, it can be said that he was not afraid of "taking your money" if you played against him and lost.

From O'Neil's example, David and Duane both learned the value of a strong work ethic and were very caring and loving towards their father, especially after the loss of his wife, Joyce.

An avid outdoors man he enjoyed ice fishing in the cold winter months, but as the warmer weather approached, O'Neil could be found hosting cookouts, sitting and talking with family and dear friends, enjoying his twin granddaughters, Misty and Kristy, whom he cherished, and his niece, Vickey Staples.

A generous man, O'Neil was always willing to lend a hand to others.

He enjoyed many pleasures during his life; floating in the back-yard pool with the love of his life Joyce, He enjoyed painting with Paul Sheltra, watching old movies, especially Westerns, sitting down to a traditional Maine clambake and like many Maine residents, watching the snow melt in the Spring.

He loved his family and will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

He was predeceased by his one true love, Joyce.

O'Neil is lovingly survived by his two sons, David and Duane Gagnon; his sister, Phyllis Gagnon and his two daughters-in-law, Lisa Buzynski and Martha Taylor; in

addition to twin granddaughters, Misty and Kristy Coleman; his grandson, David James Gagnon; as well as his special niece, Vickey Staples.

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

At Mr. Gagnon's request, all services will be private. The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

#### Lois M. Houston

Lois M. Houston, 79, of Mann Road in Shapleigh, passed away at Southern Maine Health Care in Sanford on July 9, 2018.

Lois was born in Springvale on

Nov. 17, 1938, the daughter of Reney and Pauline (Lord) Morin. Lois grad-

from uated Sanford High School with Class of 1957. Lois met her

sweetheart and soulmate, Bruce Houston on a blind date while he was stationed at Fort Bragg. They were married on Oct. 4, 1958 and lived in Fayetteville, No. Carolina. Following Bruce's discharge from the U.S. Army, they moved to Springvale.

Lois M. Houston

Lois worked at Sprague Electric for over 25 years and enjoyed being a part of their bowling league. She was a former member of the Eastern Star in West Newfield before joining Ruth Chapter #14 Order of Eastern Star in Springvale.

Lois loved to travel with her husband Bruce and friends. Together they bought and sold antique cars and enjoyed traveling around to many of the local car shows; Blast in the Past Diner in Waterboro and Rochester, NH, the Shapleigh Corner Store, and to Stowe and Burlington, Vermont to hang out with their friends and fellow car buffs. Lois was also a collector of Coke memorabilia. She rooted for the New England Patriots and was an avid NASCAR fan.

After Bruce's passing, Lois still enjoyed going to the Shapleigh Corner Store Monday nights and going out to eat with her girlfriends Gloria and Sue. Lois is dearly loved and will be missed by many.

Lois is survived by her brother-in-law, Barry Houston and wife Deborah of Shapleigh; her nephew, Erik Doyon of Essex, MA and her niece, Jacintha Houston and husband Joseph Cote of Shapleigh, her sister-in-law, Virginia Smith of Sanford; her nephew, William Smith and wife Mary and family of Scarborough; and many other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Lois was predeceased by her husband Bruce, her parents and by two brothers, Malcolm and Donald Smith

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 4 at 10 a.m. at the Alfred Parish Church, 12 Kennebunk Rd., in Alfred followed by a reception in the parish hall next to the church. In Lois's honor, please drive your Antique cars to her service.

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

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to your local Fire Departments and Rescue Squads.

#### **Graciano Rodriguez**

Graciano Rodriguez, 79, died at his home in Lyman on July 11, 2018.

Graciano was born on Dec. 18, 1938, in Santa Margarita, Texas. the son of Juan and Teodora (Sanchez) Rodriguez. He lived with

his family in Texas until he was seven years old, when his family moved to California. At the age of 18, Graciano enlisted into the U. S. Army and then transferred into the U.S. Air Force where he served with distinction during the Korean Conflict and in Vietnam. He retired in 1979, with the rank of TSgt.



Rodriguez

Following his military career, Graciano went to work for Prattn-Whitney in North Berwick and enjoyed the comradery with his co-workers; retiring from full-time work in 2000. He and his wife Gerti P. (Rowe) Rodriguez enjoyed living near the ocean in York. After battling too many Nor Easters' - both he and Gerti moved inland to their beautiful home in Lyman. They bought a cottage on Sebago Lake and spent many happy hours with their "children" - a pair of Pekingese dogs, Aniken and Gabrielle. It was common knowledge that the dogs ate the very best cuts of meat and Graciano put in central air conditioning for his babies. When not puttering around his yard, Graciano loved to hit the links; playing a round of golf always included good fun, food and being out with his friends.

Graciano had a special blessing happen in 1997 - he reconnected with his daughter, Orencia. He would share freely with his family and friends that knowing he had a daughter was the BEST thing to happen in his life. He welcomed her with open arms. In doing so, he was affectionately named Chano by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graciano lived a long and fruitful life. He was devoted to his family, served his country with pride, and held fast to his faith that he was taught as a youngster, so many years ago. He will be dearly missed by his daughter and her family and his neighbors.

Graciano is lovingly survived by his daughter, Orencia Usabel and husband Dragan; his three grandchildren, Vojin Alexander Margaranovic Rodriquez, Gloria Margaranovic Rodriquez, Lorena Bisevac Rodriquez; his three great-grandchildren, Cristina Martinez Margaranovic, Alexander Valvede Margaranovic, and Ivan Margaranovic Samper.

A Prayer Service was held on July 16 at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred. Committal prayers with military honors will be held later in York.

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

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A Graveside Service will be held on Sunday, Aug. 5 at 1 p.m. at Maplewood Cemetery in Parsonsfield.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House, 11 Hunnewell Rd., Scarborough, ME 04074.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**COMMUNITY HARVEST** & BAZAAR at the Cornish Fairgrounds, Route 25, Saturday, July 28 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Cornish Association of Businesses. Local farmers selling fresh produce, antiques, raffles and more! Breakfast available for early birds! FMI www. cornish-maine.org.

CAMP LAUGHING LOON 100th ANNIVERSARY CEL-EBRATION July 28 from noon to 4 p.m. Pack a lunch and bring a swimsuit. For past and present campers, staff and families. RSVP kidslovecamplaughingloon@yahoo.com.

**FREE COMMUNITY BBQ & FAMILY EVENT** Sunday, July 29, beginning at 9:30 a.m. the members and friends of South Waterboro Bible Chapel are inviting the community to our worship service and FREE BBQ following. The "Red Flannel Hash Band" will join us both in the service and the BBQ. Weather permitting there will be a large bounce house with slide for the kids and plenty of other outdoor games and activities. FMI call 247-6293.

"BEFORE & AFTER" is the title of the Aug. 2 program of the Waterborough Historical Society. Jim Carll's slide presentation will show various historic views in Waterboro as compared to the same present-day views taken by Dianne Holden. Much has changed over the last hundred years, and history will be narrated. Audience participation is welcome. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall, 31 West Road, South Waterboro. The public is invited, and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 247-5878.

**CRAFT FAIR AND ART IN THE BARN** at the Taylor/Frey/ Leavitt House Museum, 6 Old Alfred Road, Waterboro, Saturday, Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. There will also be lunch tables and museum tours. For information on craft table space contact Jim Carll at 247-5878 or carllj@sacoriver.net. For information or to register for art exhibits, call Doris Porell at 651-2207. Sponsored by the Waterborough Historical Society. **FREE KIDS BIBLE CLUB** Monday – Friday, Aug. 13-17, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. each day. Hosted by the South Waterboro Bible Chapel, this is for all boys and girls ages 5 to 12 and a no cost event. South Waterboro Bible Chapel is located at 911 Main Street (Rte. 202) in South Waterboro. Parents can register their children when they arrive. For more information call 247-6293.

GIRL SCOUT DAISY & FRIENDS FLOWER PARTY Aug. 14 at the Bonney Memorial Library in COrnish at 5:30 p.m. A sample troop meeting for girls who are entering kindergarten or first grade and their families.

The LYMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY will hold their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Lyman Community Library. For more information email lymanhistoricalsociety@ gmail.com or find them on Facebook at Lyman Historical Society.

WRITER'S GROUP at the Waterboro Public Library: Mondays at 6:30-8 p.m. (when the library is open). All writers are welcome! Bring a short piece to read and discuss.

**TAYLOR/FREY/LEAVITT HOUSE MUSEUM** 6 Old Alfred Road, Waterboro is open each Saturday morning from 9 to Noon through Sept. 22. Admission is free with donations appreciated. The museum campus includes the 1817 Deering Schoolhouse and the 19th Century blacksmith shop where blacksmith Sam Smith is at work. The barn and ell of the house contain antique cobbler, optician and barber shops. For more info, contact Jim Carll at 247-5878.

**BUXTON-HOLLIS** HIS-TORICAL SOCIETY History Center is open every Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, except for holiday weekends, through October. Join us for our interesting and varied programs and events. We welcome your volunteer help. Visit our website at http://www. buxtonhollishistorical.org and our FaceBook page. Call 929-1684 (message); email BHHS@buxtonhollishistorical.org. 100 Main Street (Rte 4A), Bar Mills, Buxton.



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