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Mountain of daylilies

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Each summer, the last two weekends in July, a sign appears at the place where Bagley Road meets Sokokis Trail in East Waterboro. The sign says, "Ossipee Mountain Daylilies," and those who heed and follow it up Bagley Road for a little over a mile, find themselves in a wonderland of stone walled terraces surrounding a field of rainbow daylily hues and shapes.

Walking through the gate in the picket fence, the visitor's eyes take in what looks like a sea of daylilies, a scene of beauty and richness that the care and devotion of Cynthia and Harvey Libby have brought into being. "It's more of a hobby than a small business," they both agree. "We want it to remain a pleasure," says Harvey, and Cynthia adds, "We treasure it as a hobby we share together. It gives us time together, as we plan, plot and weed it together."

The couple has been together for seventeen years, and started growing daylilies about eleven years ago. It was Cynthia's idea, but she got "the bug for daylilies" from Harvey's mother, Janet Bridges of Gorham. As a child growing up in South Portland, Cynthia dreamed of living in the country, and of having a horse. Finally, at fifteen, Cynthia got both of her wishes when the family moved to Buxton. "There was no space to grow anything in the city, but in Buxton I loved the lilacs and irises and the forsythia bushes, which we called 'For Cynthia' bushes. I loved anything outdoors!"

Harvey, living in rural Gorham, started gardening at the age of eight, growing strawberries and managing his own vegetable garden. The large vegetable gardens he started after moving to Waterboro shrank to four raised

beds, when the rest of the space, enlarged with the removal of a number of trees, was given over to the daylilies. The vegetable beds may have shrunk, but they are still substantial enough to have provided him with onions that not only won Blue for Best Onions, but also the Best Vegetable Trophy at the 2015 Acton Fair. Cynthia distinguished herself there also, when she not only won blue ribbons for floral arrangements, but also received Best in Show for one of them.

Once the daylilies were established, Harvey and Cynthia started selling some of them to the public, to raise funds to buy more varieties of plants, as some daylilies can cost up to \$100 a plant, as well as fertilizer and other growing necessities. They consider the operation a non-profit hobby "and good therapy!" In addition, Cynthia's daughter, Kara May Laperre of Eliot, through her church, is actively involved supporting the work of "Hope for the Hopeless Orphanage in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and part of the funds raised in the sale of the daylilies goes to that work.

Three or four years into the operation, they developed an interest in hybridizing, and read everything about it. Cynthia recalls stacks of books, as the couple does not own a computer and has no Internet access. She was amazed, saying, "To know that every single seed can create a whole new variety, is exciting and interesting to us." Harvey explains, "If you see a characteristic you want to develop in a plant, like maybe you see the frilly edges on one flower, but you love the color or the height, or the shape of another, you try to bring them together in a new variety that combines both." But, he cautions, "You must work with two plants of the same type or ploidy, the genetic term for the number of chromosomes in the

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Cynthia Libby in the sea of blooming daylilies at Ossipee Mountain Daylilies in early August. Since 2005, the daylily operation, run by Cynthia and her husband Harvey Libby on Bagley Road, has been open the last two weekends in July, and at other times by appointment. Photo inset, Harvey Libby of Ossipee Mountain Daylilies demonstrates how to pollinate one variety of daylily with the pollen of another variety as part of the hybridizing process. The goal is to produce a new variety possessing qualities of both parents. PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM



Brooke Laroche, left, and Olivia Milliken, three-year-old neighbors and BFFs from Hollis, had a blast at the Hollis Pirate Fest on Aug. 13.

PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Ahoy!

Hollis Pirate Fest a success

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Despite the heat and humidity, the mist or torrential downpour, the community came out to the Hollis Sports Complex last Saturday, Aug. 13 to celebrate all things Pirate. "We were very pleased with the community turn out!" said Rande Gray, Chair of the Hollis Pirate Fest committee.

Seventy people signed up
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Celebrating 100 years

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Anyone who has lived long enough to be at or near their 100th birthday has obviously had life experiences so much different from today. Ruth Holmes, mother of Judy Tarazewich and Sue Bornstein of East Waterboro

and the Tampa, Florida area, recently celebrated that milestone, at a party with neighbors from near and far, and immediate and extended family, at Camp Laughing Loon on Little Ossipee Lake. There, the last of her generation in the family, Holmes regaled some of her eleven great grandchildren

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At left, Ruth Holmes, a summer resident on Sokokis Trail, celebrated her 100th birthday at Camp Laughing Loon with family and friends. Here she comes face-to-face with her youngest great-grandchild, Rosina Tarazewich, the two born one hundred years apart. Rosina is the daughter of Ashley Whittaker and Chris Tarazewich of Briar Brook Farm on West Road. From left, Ruth Holmes, Rosina Tarazewich and Ashley Whittaker. COURTESY PHOTO



From left, Brandon Millwood, of Auburn; Capt Dann Levesque, of Hollis and Fred Hardy, of Hollis raising the flag to open the Hollis Pirate Fest on Aug. 13. PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS



The Hollis Animal Clinic crew, front row from left, Marlo Weymouth, 7, Elden Weymouth, 8, Lydia Weymouth, 9 of Buxton. Back row from left, Samantha Simmons, 15, of Hollis, Gary and Amber Grenier of Hebron and Kelly Weymouth of Buxton.



Jamin Badger has his own company called, Stache Bomb, stache wax.



From left, Devon Rucker of New Hampshire, Adam Kimball of Hollis, Trea Dean of Portland and Roger Paradis of Dayton, volunteering at the pirate match game.

PIRATE FEST

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for the Rum Runner 5K and the 5-mile walk/run, three times as many as last year. After the races, the cannon blast announced the official start of the Pirate Fest, and the Jolly Roger, the official red flag with the skull and cross bones was raised by three pirates, Brandon Millwood of Auburn, Captain Dann Levesque of Hollis and Fred Hardy of Hollis. When asked how they became involved, they said, "We saw the word 'Pirate' posted on a flyer outside the town hall, and we had to be involved!" The three have known each other for years, and travel around the state sporting their pirate garb for local pub crawls and other pirate festivals. "We just really enjoy it," said Capt Levesque. The trio hope to throw Portland's first Pirate Convention in 2017. For more information, contact Hardy at fred@hollisapartments.com.

The Saco River Jazz Band performed on the stage with band members from all over the state. During their break, the band presented trombone player Justin Leach, a 2016 graduate of Massabesic High School, a \$500 check for his studies at the University of New Hampshire, where he will study music.

On stage, Representative Justin Chenette of Saco was the emcee, announcing various events and those that were thrown in the Brigg, run by Sherry Estabrook, Jean Paul Roneau and Barbara Lawson.

And then there were the games. There was a raffle sponsored by the committee, as well as The Pirate Map Ring toss, Hook the Treasure, the Pirate Match Game, the Parrot Bean Toss and the Man Overboard "fishing" game. Best friends and neighbors Brooke Laroche and Olivia Miliken, age 3, from Hollis, looked like twins in their matching pirate costumes. Their costumes came from Olivia's third birthday party in March. These girls love pirates!

"All of the people we spoke to were happy and surprised by the size of the event, especially for the 1st year," said Gray. "We were pleased with it in general."

Many local community organizations had booths with games, giveaways and raffles. The Hollis Animal Clinic was there to provide information on oral and parasite care for pets, but also offered a Ring Toss for prizes, and a Guess How Many Jems in the Jar game. Volunteers were dressed for the occasion.

The goals for the event were to bring the community together, provide a low cost day for families away from technology, and to raise money to provide scholarships for children to go to summer camp. "We have an amazing group of volunteers that worked very hard together to make this happen," said Gray. From Anne Duffy and Cathy Wakefield who ran the raffle, Kristin Carll who ran the stages, Jack Rogala who handled logistics and helped everywhere, to Deb Tefft who ran kids activities and games, and Len Van Gaasbeck who did recycling. "We accomplished all of our goals!" said Gray. "We are very excited about the event!"

If you would like more information on how you might be able to help with next year's Pirate Fest, visit www.hollispiratefest.com or their Facebook page.

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House numbers needed

The goal of the E911 Address-

ing Ordinance is to enhance the easy and rapid response of emergency services, postal delivery and business delivery. Lack of such numbering will delay such response. Waterboro's E911 Ordinance requires that residents post the physical address so it's clearly visible from the road. Any questions can be addressed to Glenn Charette, E911 Addressing Officer, Waterboro Town Offices, 247-6166 x 120.

Minecraft at library

Waterboro Public Library will be hosting its annual end-of-summer Minecraft Night on Friday, Aug. 26 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Library located at 187 Main Street, East Waterboro. Participants must be 18 years old or younger and all participants must have their own wi-fi capable devices (Ipad, Ipad, Macbook, Windows laptop, Android tablet, Android or Apple smartphone, or a Kindle Fire) with the latest version of Minecraft preloaded, and the device's charging cord (the library will supply extension cords). For more info, call the library at 347-3363 or email to librarian@waterborolibrary.org. Kindle Fire users should be aware that Kindle Fires have previously experienced

connectivity issues when trying to access the Library's wi-fi. Along with the Minecraft program, participants should make sure to have the latest version operating system.

Volleyball at Friendship Park

Anyone interested is invited to play volleyball. Play is from 6 p.m. to dusk at Friendship Park until school starts. Just bring a water bottle and a great attitude.

Once school starts up it'll be Wednesday nights at the Line elementary school from 7-9 p.m. Contact Candice Lurvey at lurvey628@yahoo.com.

Daisy Troop to start second year

Girl Scout Daisy Troop #2132, serving Line and Waterboro Elementary schools is starting its second year of Daisies and has room for girls entering first or second grade. The troop meets every other Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Lake Arrowhead Community clubhouse on Old Portland Road. The first meeting will take place Wednesday, Sept. 7. Contact Jenni Angel at 951-5724 or Amanda Campbell at 651-6855.

POLICE LOGS

from the York County Sheriff's Office
MAY 11-13

Wednesday, May 11

Stephanie Joan Macleod, 45, of Pequawket Trail, West Baldwin was charged with theft by unauthorized taking or transfer and violation of condition of release during a larceny/forgery/fraud call on Maple Street in Cornish at 10:09 a.m.

Shawn Brown, 33, of Moody Road, Limington was charged with violation of condition of release after a suspicious activity call on Moody Road at 2:08 p.m.

Stanley H. Taylor, 45, of Hanscomb School Road, Liming-

ton was charged with leaving the scene of an attended PD accident and operating without a license after a motor vehicle complaint call on Hardscrabble Road and Hubbard Avenue in Limington at 7:23 p.m.

Thursday, May 12

Kaija L. Cabading, 22, of Wadleigh Street, Parsonsfield was charged with operating after a suspension during a motor vehicle stop on Maple Street in Cornish at 7:29 p.m.

Richard Jason Murch, 33, of Cape Road in Hollis was issued a warrant during a motor vehicle stop on Bartlett's Bridge Road in Lyman at 7:44 p.m.

Friday, May 13

A 14-year-old was charged with assault on Old Alfred Road

at 1:19 p.m.

Seth Timothy Alan Thibodeau, 20, of South High Street, Bridgton was issued a warrant during a motor vehicle stop on Sokokis Trail and Trafton Street in Cornish at 5:25 p.m.

Whitney Frew, 21, of Cumberland Street, Cornish was issued a warrant during a motor vehicle stop on Sokokis Trail and Trafton Street in Cornish at 5:25 p.m.

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STATE NEWS

Senator honored for environmental work

Sen. David Woodsome (R-York) has been named a 2016 Environmental Champion by the Maine Audubon Society.

Woodsome, who serves as Chair of the Legislature's Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee, was honored for his work to negotiate a compromise version of the solar bill last session. The solar bill, officially titled "An Act To Modernize Maine's Solar Power Policy and Encourage Economic Development" sought to make several changes to Maine's solar policy.

"I am honored to be named as an Environmental Champion by the Maine Audubon Society," said Senator Woodsome. "My goal has always been, and always will be, to work across party lines to reach agreement on policies that are good for Maine. While the solar bill ultimately failed this year, I will not stop advocating for what I believe to be a solid balance between environmental and renewable energy concerns and the needs of Maine's economy."

In addition to his work on the solar bill, Senator Woodsome was also recognized by the Maine Audubon

Society for his vote to extend the Land for Maine's Future bond.

Senator helps citizens reclaim money

With the assistance of Sen. David Woodsome (R-York) the citizens of Cornish, Limerick, Newfield, Parsonsfield, Sanford, Shapleigh, Springvale, and North Waterboro, and Waterboro recouped nearly \$150,000 worth of property from the state of Maine.

"Helping people out is the best part of serving in the Legislature, and I'm glad to be able to help so many local citizens recover their property from the state," said Senator Woodsome. "If you haven't checked the list yet, I highly encourage you to do so, especially if you have moved in recent years."

Unclaimed property consists of money or other personal assets that are considered lost or abandoned when an owner cannot be located for a specific amount of time.

Mainers can still search to see if they or family members have unclaimed property by visiting www.maine.gov/treasurer/unclaimed_property/online or contact the treasurer's office by phone at 624-7470.

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OPINION

Good healthy laughter

Studio 55, of 55 Market Street in Portland, is rapidly becoming the epicenter of Avant Guard for the Northeast. Drawing crowds from as far South as New York City and a horde of Millennial from the Greater Boston area, the club is reminiscent



by
Jon Simonds

the local talents of both Dark and Stormy and Becky Bottoms.

Dark and Stormy began her career as part of Music, Inc., where she discovered the gift of mesmerizing audiences with her uncanny ability to ignite a stage. She fell in love with the idea of

burlesque performance and has packed houses ever since. This recent addition to the group has pushed them into the forefront of an art form re-emerging as a must-see in the entertainment world.

Becky Bottoms has been around the Portland scene since 2008 when she co-founded Atomic-Trash. She is the director of the Avant-Garters as well as the persona of Jabba. "Becky fires up the audience with energetic performances and innovative costumes celebrating the human body and her love of dance.

It's fitting to note numerous medical journals report on the importance of laughter. For example, a good laugh will decrease stress hormones while increasing immune cells and antibodies essential to fighting infections. It releases endorphins, which is the body's natural feel good chemical. These endorphins promote a sense of well-being and are even credited with easing pain. A trip to Studio 55 on a night featuring the Avant-Garters could be as beneficial as a doctor visit only you won't pay any out of pocket costs for the medicine. The belly full of laughter is on the house. The Avant-Garters are cutting edge and kicking open the door on a whole new realm of entertainment.

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

of the early days of CBGB's when you never knew who you were going to see, but always knew those you saw would soon depart the legendary club on the Bowery for the stages of SNL and Madison Square Garden. Studio 55 is offering such a glimpse into the future of entertainment, an opportunity not to be missed.

Star Wars fans will want to take notes as the Avant-Garters will take over the stage on two Saturdays, Aug. 20 and Aug. 27. This richly talented group consists of Princess Leia, C3PO, Han Solo, Chewbacca, Luke Skywalker, Darth Vader, a Storm Trooper, Jabba the Hutt and more. This is a progressive burlesque cabaret group of professional dancers, comedians chock full of wit, wisdom and charm. Earlier reviews promise a four-star production.

Among the performers of this far out production is Lady Stardust, an alumnus of Sony Entertainment, Disney and X-factor. A restless spirit brought her to the Avant-Garters and she couldn't be "more thrilled than to hit the stage of Studio 55."

Rebel Reigns rolls into the being of both a storm trooper and the Emperor. His funky beats and risqué rhymes will have you dancing in the streets long after the show has ended. Other members include Melody Amor taking on the role of C3PO, Princess Panties as Yoda, and Simone De Boudoir in the role of Luke Skywalker and

In response

Let's clear up a few statements made by Jon Simonds in his column of Aug. 12, entitled 'Black lives matter.'

He talks about the 'stand your ground laws' which are in effect in 23 states (and, by the way, only eleven of those states are from the south not 'mostly southern' as Mr. Simonds says. Why our neighbor, New Hampshire has such a law and so does Alaska. So what is this law that Mr. Simonds finds so offensive? The law states that a person has the right to stand his/her ground and defend himself/herself rather than run away if he/she feels that by doing so it will prevent death or great bodily harm. It isn't a law enacted for people to go vigilante hunting on 'hooded blacks' as Mr. Simonds believes. These laws protect the individual in situations where there is no alternative. If he doesn't like this law, then what is the alternative? A person protects himself/herself and is open to a lawsuit for surviving an attack by a mugger or rapist?

And what about the Black Lives Matter movement? I agree with Mr. Simonds that racism exists in all walks of life. Unfortunately, in a diverse society like ours, there's no way to eradicate every bit of racism...and that includes within the BLM movement. Surely, even he would admit that this movement is inherently racist since it calls for only protecting blacks in America and preying on whites and white police officers to 'get even'. All the BLM does is polarize blacks and whites to the point where there is no room for compromise. I believe that the BLM is a direct result of the totally inept racial policies coming out of the White House. Whatever happened to Obama's promise to bring us together? After eight years of helping fuel the black and white problems, we are further away from solving the racism issue than ever before.

One last point to be made as far as white police officers preying on the black population. The stats tell us that black males commit over 52 percent of all homicides and yet are only about 13

percent of the population. Put this up against the fact that the majority of police officers are white and you have situations where it's almost impossible to avoid a white cop trying to stop a black criminal. Should the officer walk away because he fears the repercussions of the Black Lives Matter movement? I certainly hope not. That police officer is the only thing between order and chaos.

Thanks for listening.

*Carmine Cataldo
North Waterboro*

In favor of town meeting

I am very interested that the town should continue the Annual Town Meeting. If this change of government is made it will take away more of our democratic rights. There has been much discussion by those in the administration in Waterboro about making this change for a long time. (Is it about full control?) There never have been many people at most of the town meetings since the day for the meeting was moved to June. When it was in March the meetings was better attended. I have not been at the last 3 Annual Town Meetings because my family is growing and many things are happening in the summer, so my family has to take priority. Summer is the time people take vacations, so one cannot expect a big turnout. Wouldn't be better to have the meeting in March? Why do you think it was that way "in the good old days?"

The town warrant now days has mostly money issues to vote on and they are sort of boring for most people because ordinary citizens do not understand what amounts are necessary to operate the government departments. If there were issues other than money, many more people would come to the Annual Town Meeting to vote on those warrant articles. The selectpersons make all the decisions that affect us and we have little say because we normally have no forewarning that an issue is to be considered unless one looks at the agenda on the website. They vote among themselves at the selectpersons

meetings. The usual input is from members of the town government.

We surely and definitely need to keep the Annual Town Meetings so when individuals decide to participate they will be able to do so. This allows democratic opportunity for those who wish to have their voice heard. If we do away with the Annual Town Meeting the Town will become less democratic. An autocratic government is not the American way.

It seems that people these days feel they have no say, so why bother and they also say that their votes do not count. We see this is apparent by the votes cast on election days. The real question is, how do we change the apathy? I say it is not by changing a democratic government to an autocratic one

*Richard Sevigny
North Waterboro*

Thanks to Poland Spring

We would like to thank Poland Spring and the Nestle Corporation for their generous support of our Project Graduation event. We celebrated the graduation of Massabesic High School on June 9 at St. Joseph's College and it was a tremendous hit! Without the support of businesses and the public, including parents and teachers, we would not have the event that we currently provide.

This event is funded almost entirely from donations, fundraising efforts and the generous support of the six towns that are involved in RSU 57. With the donation of 20 cases of water, we are able to put our funds towards other items needed to make the night a success. Poland Springs has helped us to keep our students happy and hydrated throughout the night and we are so grateful for their support.

*Nanette Walton and all the
Parents of Project Graduation*

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DAYLILIES

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cells of the plant.”

He explains that daylilies are either diploids, with 22 chromosomes or tetraploids with 44, and that tetraploids have more substance, and bigger fans, or sets of leaves, because they have a larger gene pool.

The hybridizing process consists of working with two plants of the same ploidy, and in late morning, plucking one of the six stamens from one plant, and brushing the pollen from the anther located at the tip of the stamen onto the pistil, or female part, of the second plant. The pistil is a hollow tube, and the pollen goes down the tube into the ovary located at the bottom of the pistil. This is where the seeds will develop in the pod if the plant accepts the pollen

It takes about six weeks for the seed pod to fully develop at the top of the scape or stem of what is called the “pod parent.” That plant is labeled with a length of flagging tape showing the parentage; the pod parent is always listed first, and the pollen parent second. This record keeping is essential for future crosses and for possible registration with the National American Hemerocallis Society.

The Libbys started hybridizing about 2005, eleven years ago and now have a few of their new varieties registered in the society. They share that the main purpose of registration is to ensure that the name will not be duplicated. Harvey laughs, “People who come to buy plants are not interested in whether it’s registered though; they just want it to look good in their garden.”

Cynthia describes one experi-

ence where she loved the raspberry colored rim of one plant and the gold rim of another, and desired to see if she could combine them, so to produce a double ring of color around the edges. When she succeeded, she registered the new variety as “Raspberry Lace.”

Harvey laughs as he described a hybrid he developed that began blooming each season as a double, meaning it had a double ring of petals that filled the center, hiding the pistil and stamens. But, to his surprise, as subsequent blooms opened on the fans, all of a sudden it stopped producing doubles and instead the blooms were single rings of petals. “So I named it Harvey’s Mysterious Double!”

Early on in their selling process, Cynthia learned that what “looks good” to one person is not necessarily attractive to others. “I looked at Margaret Seawright, one

of the first lilies we bought and said, ‘It’s homely.’ It was orange and rust. Well, wouldn’t you know, our very first customer bought it!” I have since learned that those colors are not my favorite; I am all about pink! But they are very popular!”

One lesson they learned the hard way occurred when they bought a number of plants from southern growers who plant a lot of evergreen daylilies. They had not realized that in the north, people generally grow daylilies that go dormant after blooming. “We lost a lot of expensive plants that couldn’t survive our winters. We learned that there are three types, dormant, semi-evergreen and evergreen. The latter don’t ever go truly dormant, and the semis are not completely evergreen. Some semis are okay in the north, but Mainers avoid anything but dormant.” Cynthia adds, “We don’t want to pam-

per anything here.”

When people come by to look at plants to buy, some options to consider include choosing a daylily, for its time of bloom, as there are early, mid and late-season bloomers, as well as time of day for bloom opening. “Harvey, a morning person, says, “Early birds like EMOs, or early-morning-openers, while the others open up when the day warms up.”

The other advice they offer is to divide plants every few years when they get large. According to Cynthia, “When the plant is large, only the outer edges get the nutrients from the soil, so the middle fans get starved and stop blooming. When you divide them, they all grow better!”

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CELEBRATING 100

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with stories about her life growing up in Maine.

“Communication is one thing that is so very different now. Back then, when there was a presidential election, we didn’t know for days who had won! It’s a long way from the east to the west coast, and news didn’t travel fast like it does today!” She also remembers how exciting it was to go to the movies when the actors actually talked! Another story the children enjoy is about transportation. “We didn’t have a school bus; we had a school wagon. There were two horses in the muddy season, and one the rest of the time.” She describes times when it was muddy, and the passengers would have to

get out and walk along the sides of the road to lighten the load for the horses. “Once we got by the worst mud, we got back in and rode.” Children sat on benches that ran along the length of the two sides, and there was a cover overhead, much like the Conestoga wagons that brought settlers to the west.

“Gram,” as many call her, began life as Ruth Holt in Clinton, Maine, near Waterville, on a farm. As a teen she was a capable driver of the family tractor, hauling the wagon full of hay and backing it into the barn where the men forked it in for storage. The younger of two sisters, Ruth valued her father, who, as she says, “Treated me like a person!” She remembers her mother as more “Babying me, and I didn’t like it,” as the younger daughter, and Ruth

went on through life showing any observer that she was anything but “the baby!”

After graduating from Clinton High School, Ruth moved to Fairfield, ME, marrying Arthur Holmes, a Merchant Marine, who went on to become a sea captain. Since he was away for much of the time at sea, Ruth managed the home, the family and a business on her own. A fiercely independent woman, she made the decisions when it came time to buy a house, or a car, and when her husband was at home, nothing along that line changed a bit, “Did I stop to ask him? No!” According to her daughters Judy and Sue, “Other kids had to go home to get permissions from their father or mother, but we always knew what our mother preferred, and there was no question about it!”

Sue says, “She was ahead of her time. The owner of her own beauty shop, she had four operators, in summer.” She says, “Back then summer was always the biggest time. In winter, there were

not so many things going on.”

Asked if World War II had much of an effect on their lives, she says, “Not really. It did affect us in that we, like all Americans, were asked to sacrifice. One way was to give up any extra pots and pant for the war effort. Then, when the war was over, we found lots of the pots and pans at the dump! They never used them, but it was a way everyone could help.” She considers those war years, “The last time the country really pulled together and made sacrifices.”

Sue remembers her mother chasing away prowlers, and peeping toms, “All four foot eleven inches of her, she stayed awake, making sure we were all safe,” and Ruth agreed, “I needed to be alert and on guard.”

One of Ruth’s loves was going to the beach, and she remembers, “My children went to camp in the summer and I could go to the beach,” and that love later translated into wintering in Florida. She has wintered sixty years in central Florida, and after her hus-

band passed away, she moved in with daughter Judy, and they winter near Tampa, not far from other daughter Sue.

A lover of travel, Ruth planned cross-country car trips with her family, and trips around Florida, especially to Key West. She has also flown to Hawaii and taken a number of trips to Europe, including educational tours.

Today, Ruth enjoys dining out, with her two now-retired schoolteacher daughters, and others. Another favorite pastime is reading, especially novels, some mysteries and historical fiction. A few favorite authors are Anne River Sidons, James Patterson and Patricia Cornwell. She says, “I like to change authors occasionally; they get so that in new books they’re repeating what happened in earlier ones.”

As for turning 100, she is quick to point out, “Everyone has a birthday, every year. I’ve outlived my doctors, dentist and hairdressers, but I don’t give it any special spot, it’s just another birthday!”

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OBITUARIES

Lloyd George (Bo) Thibodeau, Jr.

Lloyd George (Bo) Thibodeau, Jr., 55, of Sanford, died from complications of cancer at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough, on Aug. 12, 2016.



Lloyd George Thibodeau, Jr.

Lloyd was born on Nov. 4, 1960 in Millinocket, the son of Lloyd G. and Marion E. (Kerr) Thibodeau, Sr.

Lloyd married Judith Knight 38 years ago and they were blessed with two daughters, Crystal and Courtney. His two girls were his world and he was a devoted family man. Lloyd was a man who wanted to care for his family and was never one to be without a job. He worked at AeroFab, Lavalley Lumber, for Sanford Housing and was employed with Central Tire in Sanford, before he was stricken with cancer.

Lloyd was an avid outdoorsman, who loved to go hunting and fishing, especially with his best friend, Jeff. Bo was happiest when he could be home with his wife Judith and the girls, enjoying a cook-out in the back yard. He was fond of watching the cooking channel and experimenting in the kitchen. Another past time was spending Saturday nights at Beech Ridge Speedway and or watching a NASCAR race on television. Bo could hold his own when it came to playing cards – you wanted him to be your partner!

Bo was a member of the Wolves Club in Sanford and played pool and in tournaments with the winning team! He would be glad to know they are still in first place. Bo could be just as happy to take a road trip in the country or down by the beach with Judith. Sitting around a campfire with his in-laws brought a night of stories and reminiscing about the “Good Ole Days.”

Lloyd was very personable and his laid back manner put everyone at ease. He was a man of few words, but he was generous with his time and talents. He was not defined by his battle with cancer; he was strong in heart and mind. He loved unconditionally and will be deeply missed by his family and his many friends.

He is lovingly survived by his wife, Judith Thibodeau and his

two daughters, Crystal and Courtney Thibodeau, all of Sanford; his two sisters, Barbara Gagne of Springvale and Janet Boivin of Oklahoma; and his brother, Robert Thibodeau of Limerick; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

A prayer service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 1 p.m. at the Waterboro Grange Hall, 31 West Road, in Waterboro, with Lt. Dennis Knight, of the Salvation Army, and family member, officiating. You may share memories and stories with Lloyd’s family following the short service until 4 p.m.

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

In lieu of flowers, Lloyd would be proud if you helped someone in need and as the saying goes, “Pass it forward.”

The Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, in Alfred is respectfully handling arrangements.

Anita L. Birmingham

Anita L. Birmingham of 38 Pleasant Street in Patten, died on Aug. 16, 2016 at Fallbrook Woods in Portland.



Anita L. Birmingham

Anita was born in Stacyville, on June 30, 1936, one of seven children loved and raised by the late Chester and Winona (Hanson) Birmingham.

She grew up with her siblings on a farm in Patten. Anita enjoyed life on the farm and she was always available to care for her younger siblings by drawing pictures or playing the piano while we sang. She became a second mother to all of us.

Anita graduated from Patten Academy and then moved to Portland. She worked at J.E. Gould for over 25 years. Anita began her career at the Data Processing Manager and after 10 years and further education; she was promoted to Office Manager/Data Processing Manager. Later she was promoted to Administrative Vice President, VP of M.I.S., and Corporate Auditor.

Anita was a very active member of The Assembly of God Church at 243 Cumberland Ave. in Portland. She played the piano for church services, served as

Sunday School Supt., and supervised Bible School session for two weeks in the summer.

Anita was predeceased by her parents, Chester and Winona Birmingham, and her brother, Wayne Birmingham and his first wife, Helen and his second wife, Barbara, a niece, Tina Birmingham, a nephew, Wayne Birmingham, Jr., two great nephews, Tyler Woodsome and Gary Nealey, Jr. (2E) and a brother-in-law, Rev. Bernard Hinman.

She is survived by her brother, John Birmingham and wife Mari of Patten; and sisters, Sherry Woodsome and husband Alton of North Waterboro; Louise Guptill and husband Robert of Patten; Maureen Guerin of Veazie and Peggy Hinman of Portland; also by several nieces, nephews, their children and their grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 2 p.m. at Patten Cemetery in her hometown of Patten. She will be laid to rest with other family members who have entered into eternal peace.

In lieu of flowers or donations of money, please honor Anita’s memory by going to church as a family.

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

Sophie Elizabeth “Betty” Hurd

Sophie Elizabeth “Betty” Hurd of Springvale was born on Feb. 3, 1921 in Saco, Maine.



Sophie Elizabeth Hurd

She was the last survivor among Frank E. and Sophie Ramsey’s eight offspring. She spent most of her childhood in a farmhouse in Milton, NH, attending the local schools and the former Acton Milton Mills Baptist Church. She accepted Christ as her Savior as a teenager and at 95 was still praising him with uplifted hands, whether to a well-loved hymn or a more contemporary praise song.

In her youth, Betty worked at Frisbee Memorial Hospital and as a nanny in Rochester, and in 1942, she married Carl Hurd, one month before he was drafted. She followed him to Louisiana, Arkansas, and other destinations south and west; she helped pay their

rent by helping the landlady make wax-paper wrapped sandwiches to sell to soldiers. Betty and Carl started a family in 1943, and in 1947 moved to a big farmhouse in Springvale, Maine. Among many other renovations, she asked that the house be painted yellow, having always wanted a yellow house after passing one on the way to school for many years. Her children fondly remember their father trying to teach her to roller skate in what is now the dining room of that house. At the farm, she helped with many chores, such as gardening, milking, and raising chickens and pigs. She brought hot meals to her husband and sons in the distant hayfields. When her grandkids eventually started doing the haying, they looked forward to coming in to a lunch of a hamburger or grilled cheese sandwich on homemade bread with a tall glass of lemon iced tea.

A humble woman who truly loved to serve others, Betty was a 4H leader for eight years and served at her church as a Sunday school teacher, deaconess, and missionary treasurer. She is especially well remembered for the big meals she served to visiting missionaries and church speakers, as well as to her own extended family. As a grandmother, it was rare for a weekend evening not to find her with two or three sets of grandkids around the table. She loved to pass on her homemaking skills and traditional recipes; among many favorites, the homemade bread that she made huge batches of nourished many a hungry belly or hurting heart.

Betty was gutsy; she was witty. She was joyful and wise. She never knew she was any of these things. She knew a practical solution to almost any household or

farm problem, but she never knew how smart she was. She taught many life lessons purely by example, without lecturing. She taught her family a good work ethic simply by working hard and expecting the same of them. At least two of her children-in-law say that she was the epitome of a great mother-in-law, never nagging, accepting them as one of her own. Just when you thought she was matter-of-fact and no nonsense, she—especially in the company of her sister and best friend, Jennie—would turn mischievous and giggly. She was self-sacrificing without ever acting like a martyr. She was a treasure.

She is survived by her children, Carl Hurd, Jr and companion Joan Holt; Mark Hurd and wife Susan; June Robertson and husband David; Frank Hurd and wife Deb; and Mary Waterhouse; 14 Grandchildren and 20 Great Grandchildren and her sister-in-law, Ruth Ramsey; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Carl Sr., and her siblings, Earl Ramsey, Ruth Ramsey Tanner, Lawrence Ramsey, Frank Ramsey, Mary Ramsey Stowe, Jennie Ramsey Hurd Craib, and Charlie Ramsey.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. at the Shapleigh First Baptist Church, 600 Shapleigh Corner Rd., in Shapleigh.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Betty’s name may be made to the Missions Fund of the Shapleigh First Baptist Church, 600 Shapleigh Corner Rd., Shapleigh, ME 04076.

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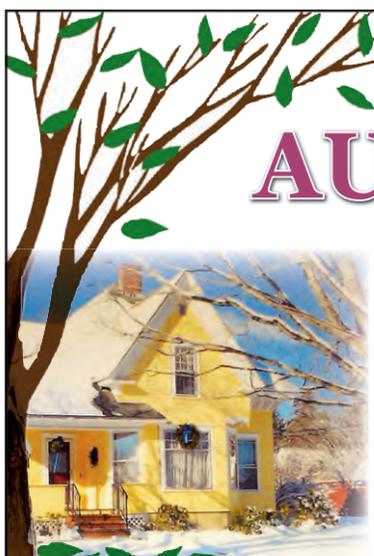
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Poland Spring employees helping Maine communities Food drive delivers more than 7,000 pounds to local pantries

Poland Spring announced that its employees donated over 7,000 pounds of non-perishable goods to local food pantries during its Spring food drive. In June, Poland Spring facilities in Hollis, Kingfield and Poland participated in the "Better Lives Food Drive" to help children eat well. Employees were encouraged to donate low fat, low salt and low sugar foods. These items were collected throughout the month at each Poland Spring location.

"Poland Spring and our employees are deeply committed to serving Maine communities and we wanted to do our part to ensure no Mainer goes hungry this summer," said Heather Printup, community relations manager, Poland Spring. "As they often do, our employees went above and beyond to donate items during our food drive."

Employees at the Poland plant collected 2,003 pounds of food which was donated to the Poland Community Foodbank. The plant also made a \$1,000 donation to the MANNAFEED Backpack Program, which helps to provide nutritious foods to children over the weekend that may not have enough to eat when they are not receiving school lunch.

Employees at the Hollis plant collected 4,906 pounds of food for the United Methodist Economic Ministry Food Bank, and workers at the Kingfield plant collected 200 pounds which was donated to the Salem Food Pantry.

In keeping with the spirit of the food drive, Poland Spring also sponsored exterior painting renovations at the Poland Community Food Bank.

"I am incredibly proud of our employees and their commitment to helping others in their communities – particularly children," added Printup. "Since every 1.2 pounds of food collected equates to one meal, I know this initiative will go a long way toward helping Maine families fight hunger this summer."

David Egan, 49, of Waterboro, died unexpectedly on Friday, Aug. 12, 2016. He was a man greatly loved and appreciated by friends and family, who spent much of his time helping others.



David Egan

OBITUARIES

David Egan

Dave loved cooking and watching football, wrestling, and NASCAR with anyone who would join him. Dave loved and lived his life through music, playing the drums in the bands Dangerous Age and Illusion, always ad-libbing words into songs, and drumming on the dashboard of his truck. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was an avid snowmobile and motorcycle rider. He was a dedicated member and president of the Shaker Valley Snow Travelers for 15+ years. He was also the regional president of the Maine Snowmobile Association. You could always count on Dave to lend a helping hand for any cause.

David is survived by his three children, Debra, 23, of Boston, Danielle, 21, and David, 19, of Waterboro, in addition to his spouse Betty, of 29 years, of Westbrook. He also leaves behind his brother and sister-in-law, James and Kris Egan, his niece Laura, of York, and stepsiblings Stephen Page, Louanne Page, Sherrie Smith, Tina Lilly, in addition to many nieces, nephews and cousins. He is predeceased by his father James John Egan, mother Doris Jean Page, stepfather Theodore Page, and sister Rene Hutchinson.

A celebration of David's life was held on Aug. 17 at the Hollis Baptist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service, Buxton, www.maineFuneral.com

In lieu of flowers, David's children request that donations be given to the Shaker Valley Snow Travelers, located at 413 Federal Street, Waterboro, ME, 04087.

Donald (Don) R. Sauls

Donald (Don) R. Sauls of Waterboro died peacefully on Aug. 3, 2016, after a courageous fight with cancer, at the age of 73.



Donald (Don) R. Sauls

Don is survived by his loving wife Jo-Ann of Waterboro Maine, his step-sons and daughters-in-law Brian and Lisa of Natick, MA; Paul and Sherri of Waterboro and Todd and Beth of Southboro, MA. He was also the loving grandfather of Danny, Tyler, Cameron, Angela, Maxwell, Cole, Emma, Nicholas and Caroline Alcock.

Don was born on Oct. 10, 1942 in Illinois to Theodore & Martha Sauls. Don was a proud Veteran of the U.S. Army and worked many years as a self-em-

ployed contractor. He took great pride in caring for his wife, his home, his yard and his family.

A private service is planned at a later date.

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

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Patricia J. Lord



Patricia J. Lord

Patricia J. Lord, 78, of Cat Mousam Road, Kennebunk, passed away on the evening of Aug. 12, 2016 at St. Andre's Health Care Facility, with her loving family by her side, after a courageous battle with (PSP) Progressive supranuclear palsy.

Patricia was born on Sept. 26, 1937 in Gray, the daughter of Harry and Lottie (Cates) Libby.

Patricia was a longtime manager of Courtney Cleaners in Kennebunk, where she was a respected team member and enjoyed helping the customers.

Patricia's enjoyments in life were raising her children, sewing, gardening, art and music. She loved to spend time spoiling her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Patricia will be deeply missed by her family and friends and has now entered into eternal peace.

She was predeceased by her parents, her sisters, Mary Jane Merchant, Ann Libby Cahill, her first husband, Lawrence (Stubby) Stetson, and her second husband, John R. Lord.

Survivors include her sisters, Shirley Harriman of Cape Porpoise and Alice Ashley of Gray; her brother, Lee Libby of Gray; her children, Linda Gregoire of Biddeford; Gail Sorin of Mount Laurel, NJ; Rhonda Tetherly of West Kennebunk; Collette Couture of Sanford; and Daniel Stetson of Kennebunk; 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service was held on Aug. 18 at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred followed by committal prayers and burial at Hope Cemetery in Kennebunk.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Patricia's name to the Activities Fund, St. Andre's Healthcare, 407 Pool Street, Biddeford, ME 04005.

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