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Mousam Grange Pavilion
PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

Donor helps with pavilion renovations

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

Mousam Lake Pavilion (formerly Mousam Lake Grange) on Back Road received an anonymous donation of \$25,000 for renovations to the Pavilion last fall. According to Richard Neal, President of the Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society (ASHS) we now know who that anonymous donor was. His name was Bobby Vachon who recently passed away in Tennessee from complications from a stroke at the age of 83.

According to Debbie Petersen, Past President of ASHS, Vachon grew up in Shapleigh and attended the Mousam Lake School on Emery Mills Road, which is now where the ASHS is located. He was a kind and hard working man who wintered in Tennessee and came home to Maine every summer. He loved renovating old homes.

His many years of hard work paid off and he amassed a large fortune. Debbie reminisced Vachon was always looking for ways to give his money away. He would quietly buy older homes, update them and sell them to a deserving family at a discount. He sent the ASHS a check for \$25,000 for the renovations of the Mousam Grange Pavilion which are currently underway.

As part of the Community Days celebration on July 21st the public was treated to a viewing of the renovations thus far. Members of the ASHS Mousam Lake Pavilion Committee have tirelessly worked to clean and update the building including raising the cement floor under the furnace, work on heating ducts, fixing warped floors, installing footings, and installing stairs. Trees have been cut down around the building, water has been sent for testing and window repairs are underway.

The building was formally the North Alfred Grange Hall and was purchased by the Mousam Lake
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These fully-restored Model Ts were recently donated to the Curran Homestead Village at Newfield.
COURTESY PHOTO

Model Ts at Newfield museum

Curran Homestead Village at Newfield was recently the beneficiary of some entirely restored "tin lizzies." Isaac Hughes of Fayetteville, New York has made a trip with his late sister Doris, who passed away in recent months, each summer to the former Willowbrook Museum and then more recently to the museum under the new name of Curran Homestead Village while staying in the Kennebunk area. The retired mechanical engineer who ran a firm in Syracuse has been particularly in-

terested in the museum village in Newfield because he has tentative plans of creating something similar in his hometown of Penn Yan, New York in the Finger Lakes region on a farm that has been in his family for multiple generations.

There is no one to take over the family farm that is lush with hay fields; in fact, museum director Robert Schmick shared that he was taken aback by the beauty of the verdant farm land in this area of New York State that has dairies, corn grain and wine grapes as its

major crops. This area is a major producer of wine with Taylor Winery one of the major producers, but there are many small wineries as well. Schmick, a native of New York, grew up on his family's farm in the Mid-Hudson region of the state, related that he had been to the area once before in 1985 but that visit was during a Thanksgiving holiday from college and didn't impress him as much as its appearance this summer.

Hughes had kept in contact
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Eleanor Phillips Brackbill
COURTESY PHOTO

Speaker talks of ancestor in gold rush

A Portland author who has written a history of her great grandmother's life titled *The Queen of Heartbreak Trail: The Life and Times of Harriet Smith Pullen, Pioneering Woman at the time of the Klondike Gold Rush*, will speak at Alfred Shaker Museum on Sunday, Aug. 26 at 1:30 p.m. She is the third of four speakers in this season's Sid Emery Memorial Forum and the event is open to the public at no cost.

The series is sponsored by both the museum and the Sanford-Springvale Historical Society. It is grant-funded and will be videotaped by members of a Sanford High School video class under teacher James Harmon for future presentation on the museum's web site.

The author of the book is Eleanor Phillips Brackbill, who worked for 25 years as director of education at the Neuberger Museum of Art at Purchase College of the State University of New York. She holds degrees from Antioch College and Boston University where she earned a master's in art history. She also studied in an art history doctoral program at City University of New York. She grew up in Pennsylvania and has lived in many states, including Ohio, Massachusetts, California and New York before moving to Maine.

Her ancestress, Pullen, crossed the country to Alaska and, there, became a legend.

Brackbill grew up with stories about Pullen "some of which were true and some not so." But
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Limerick Community Block Party 2020 Pies anyone?

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Summer brings back lots of memories of childhood fun – swimming, camping, doing things outdoors, and, of course, parades and maybe even fireworks! Amanda LePage was thinking about these memories of her childhood and remembered Founder's Day celebrations in Limerick. "I just remember singing 'I love Mud' and 'I'm a Ford' on the stage when I was about five years old," she recalled. The stage was an open air stage down at the Limerick Airport near the hanger, and the festivities stretched down the airfield. She remembered face painting, and getting her nails done at the Girl



Photos from Limerick's original Founder's Day celebration in 1975. On the left, Steve Foglio Sr. is Abraham Lincoln. On the right, Robert Staples is George Washington.
COURTESY PHOTOS



Scouts' booth. She thought, "I bet others have memories of this, too!"

The first Founder's Day celebration occurred in 1975, the 200th anniversary of Limerick's First Settler, Isaiah Foster. That Found-

er's Day celebration sparked town pride and Founder's Day celebrations that continued into the 1980s and 90s, but then fizzled out. Before then, there used to be "Block"
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Bear season starts Monday, Youth bear hunting day is Saturday

Maine's bear season begins on Monday, Aug. 27 throughout the state of Maine, and youth hunters get their own day this Saturday, Aug. 25.

"Bear hunters should have a good early season as natural foods seem to be in shorter supply this summer, particularly up north and Downeast as bears are on the move and actively looking for food," said Randy Cross, bear field crew leader for the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Maine's black bear population is closely monitored by Department biologists through one of the most extensive, longest-running biological studies in the U.S. The study began in 1975 and continues today. Over nearly 40 years, Department biologists have captured and tracked over 3,000 bears to determine the health and condition of Maine's bears and estimate how many cubs are born each year.

"Over those forty years, it's very clear that during years with poor natural food production of nuts and berries, bears are moving more seeking out other food sources, and hunters are more successful," said Cross.

Maine's bear season is divided into three segments, as hunters can hunt with bait from August 27 to September 22, hunters can hunt with dogs from September 10 to October 26, and hunters can still hunt or stalk bear from August 27 to November 24. Maine has one of the longest bear seasons in the country since Maine has one of the largest bear population estimated at over 36,000 animals. In addition to a season that starts in August and ends after Thanksgiving, Maine allows hunters to take two bears, one by hunting and one by trapping.

In 2017, hunters harvested approximately 2,900 bears during the three-month season. In 2016, numbers were similar with hunters taking 2,859 bears.

Even with the lengthy bear season, only about 25 percent of all bear hunters are successful. By contrast, 73 percent of moose hunters were successful last year, turkey hunters enjoy success rates between 30-35 percent and deer hunters in Maine are successful 14-18 percent of the time.

Young hunters will once again get their own day on Saturday,

August 25. Youth hunters who have a junior hunting license can hunt bear with a firearm, bow, or crossbow on this day. Youth hunters may hunt bear with the use of bait, or still hunt; however the use of dogs during youth hunting day is prohibited.

Youth hunters may hunt only in the presence of an adult supervisor who is at least 18 years of age. The adult supervisor may not possess a firearm, bow, or crossbow while the youth hunter is participating in the bear hunt; however, the parent, guardian or qualified adult may carry a handgun pursuant to Title 25 M.R.S. SS 2001-A, but the handgun may not be used for the purpose of hunting. Any person who accompanies a junior hunter other than the parent or guardian, must either possess a valid adult hunting license or have successfully completed a hunter education course.

With natural food production down, hunters should have greater success, and in-state research shows that abundance of natural foods is also what drives nuisance bear complaints. In years when there is a good natural food crop, the numbers of complaints drop.

In poor natural food years, nuisance complaints increase. This year, there has been over 450 complaints through mid-August. Maine generally averages 500 nuisance complaints for the year.

Over a span of 40 years, Maine's bear study has shown that not only does the availability of natural foods drive bear cub survival and bear birth rates, but it also directly influences when bears den for the winter, as well as hunter success rates. In poor natural food years, hunter success is higher than in years when natural food is abundant.

Successful bear hunters are reminded that it is mandatory to submit a tooth from their bear when registering. Tagging agents will provide envelopes and instructions to hunters as to how to remove the tooth. Biologists age the tooth, and the biological data collected help biologists adjust season lengths and bag limits for bears. In August, hunters can learn the age of the bear they harvested the previous season by visiting <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/hunting-trapping/harvest-information.html>.

Hunters and trappers must have a bear permit in addition to a big game hunting or trapping license to harvest a bear in Maine. However, during the deer firearm season, resident hunters can harvest a bear without a bear permit. Bear hunting is most popular and bear populations are the densest in the northern and downeast regions of the state.

BRIEFS

Local lobsterman donates lobster rolls for fundraiser

Kennebunkport lobsterman Edward Hutchins is generously donating lobster rolls to Habitat for Humanity York County to raise funds for affordable housing in York County. The lunch is being held at the Habitat ReStore, 4 Industrial Drive, Kennebunk, Saturday, August 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until supplies last. Lunch will include a lobster roll, chips, whoopie pie and a beverage for \$15.

"We are extremely fortunate to have such native supporters as Christina and Ed Hutchins," said ReStore manager, Bob Haskell "Not only are Christina and Ed donating the lobsters, they are picking and preparing the lobster rolls, and donating the entire meal. Having this type of community involvement and effort is essential to our mission."

The ReStore in Kennebunk is a home improvement store featuring new and gently used lighting, plumbing, doors, windows, dining room sets, cabinets, sinks and more. All of the items for sale at the ReStore have been donated by residents throughout York County and are sold below retail prices. The proceeds support Habitat for Humanity York County's affordable housing mission. The ReStore is open Wednesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.habitatorkcounty.org or kennebunkrestore.org for more info.



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GOLD RUSH

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there's no denying that Pullen had an exciting and unusual life in Alaska.

Brackbill, who has had a varied career herself says that none of her endeavors has been more satisfying than writing about history. Her tale of Pullen is richly documented.

The first two series speakers were Steve Folven, a Babe Ruth impersonator, and Tom Cote, the mayor of Sanford, who discussed

the city's future in the year of its 250th anniversary. The last speaker in the series will be a representative from the Center for Wildlife at Cape Neddick on Oct. 14 who may even be accompanied by some of the center's "patients" – that is, animals the center tries to bring back to health after injury or misfortune to release into the wilds again. All talks will take place at the Shaker Museum at 1:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

Visit the museum's web site at www.alfredshakermuseum.com.

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Tracey Lavoisier, Member of the Mousam Lake Pavilion Committee sits on recently renovated 2nd floor of the Pavilion. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

SHAPLEIGH

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DONATION

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Grange in 1921 and was subsequently acquired by the ASHS before becoming the Pavilion. The building was taken down piece by piece and moved from Alfred to its present location on Back Road. Reconstruction was completed and the building was dedicated in 1922.

The goal of the ASHS is to restore the building. It is a large building and a costly endeavor but the members of the Historical Society believe it is necessary to preserve the past for future generations. Once complete, it is the ASHS vision to make the Pavilion available for local meetings, fundraisers, weddings, dances.

If you would like to help the ASHS complete this worthy project with either monetary donations or volunteering your time and expertise please contact the ASHS at actonshapleigh.org.



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MODEL Ts

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with Schmick and was informed about the doings of the museum through continued visits to Newfield and through the museum's frequent newsletters. Hughes was particularly interested in the development of a "car culture" theme exhibit that Schmick has anticipated developing.

"A loan from the Sanford-Springvale Historical Society for an exhibit in recent years of some enlarged photographs of a Ford Model T assembly plant that once existed in nearby Springvale has been a big motivator in wanting to tell the story of how rural Mainers had a taste of assembly lines and auto manufacturing in the first two decades of the 20th century," said Schmick.

The relatively inexpensive Model T transformed many rural lives with easy access to distant places. The plan is to create some Model T assembly line simulations at the museum as an addition to the museum's hands-on programming that has continued to develop attracting more than 1,600 school visitors this past May and June with more scheduled for September and October. Hughes saw in one of the museum's recent newsletter's "Wish List" a request for "Model T stuff."

Hughes called Schmick asking what was meant by "stuff"? Schmick related that he said the museum "...was looking for parts, a head lamp, a wheel, and maybe advertisements." Hughes responded with "what about some complete Model Ts?" Of course, that was the ultimate goal but a donation of that magnitude was not anticipated any time soon. Hughes obliged and offered three Model Ts he had thoroughly restored as well as a 1918 Model TT truck he purchased at an estate sale anticipating completing its

Lion's Club pancake breakfast

The Acton-Shapleigh Lion's Club will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday Sept. 1 at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Rd., from 8 to 10 a.m. The breakfast will include sausages, beans, eggs, toast and of course pancakes. The \$5 charge includes coffee, milk and orange juice.

Boat launch closure


Mousam Lake Public Boat Launch will be temporarily closed from Sept. 17 to Oct. 5. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has announced that the closure is due to replace the launch ramp. No launching or retrieving of boats will be allowed at this time.

Town offices closed

The Town Offices and the Code Enforcement Office, 22 Back Rd. will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 1 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

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partial restoration at some point.

What was made clear after Schmick, board president Irv Marsters, and invaluable volunteer Tom Bragg's first trip to the Hughes farm was that just because Isaac Hughes is 87 years old it doesn't mean he was donating these cars because he was bringing closure to his lifetime hobby. He now has room to continue on a number of other Model T restorations he is currently working on amidst a number of Model As that he also restored.

There have been classes in antique engine repair at the museum in recent years and a collection of jitterbugs/doodlebugs is a feature of the Fields Pond - Orrington campus and now it's starting to make an appearance at Newfield with the recent addition of a homemade Model T farmer's tractor - what is called either a doodlebug or jitterbug.

A few years ago women from the Women's Re-Entry Program of Alfred Corrections assisted in restoring a homemade Model T cord saw, a firewood saw before chain saws were portable. Tom Bragg of Kennebunk completely restored the engine, and you can see this rig at Newfield. "These doodlebugs/jitterbugs and Model T power plants were really a unique feature of early to mid 20th century farming in Maine truly embodying Yankee ingenuity in every way," said Schmick.

"If you couldn't afford a log

skidder or a new tractor you built your own. This is a story we really need to tell if our mission is focused on the Maine and New England's rural heritage," he added, "this is a spirit that we want instill in a new generation that less often makes things for themselves and has less knowledge of how things work than previous generations."

Schmick took two trips up to Penn Yan during the process of transporting the donated cars which include a 1924 four door touring, 1927 coupe, 1925 sedan, and the 1918 Model TT stake truck as well as six hit and miss engines and five additional Model T engines with transmissions. The donation also included two sand blasting outfits, power tools and antique tin smithing anvils.

The cars, truck and engines can be seen on the weekend of Sept. 1 and 2, Sept. 22 and Oct. 7, before the 2018 season ends. School groups will have an opportunity to see the Model Ts in September and October. The future may see the Model Ts serve in a visitor's auto tour with the museum a beginning point for groups that travel to a nearby restaurant for lunch.

Visitors will be able to appreciate on exhibit at the museum in the coming seasons. Contact the museum at thecurranthomestead@gmail.com if you are interested in receiving the museum's newsletter by mail or visit curranthomestead.org.

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OPINION

Honored to be your Senator

Now that the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature has adjourned and we have entered the Second Special Session, I would like to take this opportunity to say it has been a tremendous honor to continue to serve you in Augusta.



by Senator
Dave Woodsome

During my time as a member of the Maine Senate, I have been encouraged to see the significant progress that has occurred under Republican leadership. The State of Maine closed the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2018 with a budget surplus of more than \$175 million and financial reserves totaling more than \$316 million. Our healthy rainy day fund allows our state to have a better borrowing capacity and long term financial stability. Following years of budget shortfalls and high spending, the significance of these economic achievements cannot be overstated.

Maine's unemployment is at an all-time low, and the state's jobless rate has been below four percent for a record 31 consecutive months.

I am a firm believer in working across the aisle. In doing so, we were able to overturn the three percent surtax that would have been devastat-

ing to Maine's small businesses. At the same time, we made the largest one-time investment in education in the state's history, putting the state's share of funding for local public schools at 55 percent, a threshold that had eluded lawmakers for decades.

This year, I worked across party lines as Chair of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee to begin restoring confidence in public utility billing by revising the law regarding audits of investor-owned public utilities and which party should pay for those audits. This law allows the Public Utilities Commission to allocate the costs to shareholders of an investor-owned public utility when an audit finds the utility is at fault. The Legislature determined that ratepayers should not be on the hook for the cost of an audit when a utility provider is responsible for the issues.

These reforms that have been put into place under Republican leadership are working, putting Maine into a better position to succeed going forward. However, significant challenges remain. Some of my top

priorities are addressing the cost of energy, soaring health care costs and reducing tax rates in order to encourage businesses to stay or relocate to Maine.

Better job opportunities at higher wages and sensible energy policies are imperative to strengthen our economy.

I am also a strong supporter of vocational schooling and home economics being encouraged in our local schools and am incredibly proud that this Legislature expanded career and technical education programs to serve students at a younger age in grades 6 to 8. Trade schools need to be a part of the discussion for our students.

In the next legislative session, I believe we need to make these issues a top priority in our ongoing effort to make Maine a better place to live and work.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your state senator.

Senator David Woodsome is currently serving his second term in the Maine State Senate. He represents the people of Senate District 33 which consists of the towns of Cornish, Limerick, Newfield, Parsonsfield, Sanford, Shapleigh and Waterboro.

LETTERS

In response

Regarding the letter published in the Aug. 17 edition of the *Reporter* from Dr. Thor R. Neilsen protesting the shooting of squirrels:

Dr. Neilsen, please be so good as to do a web search using the term "source of bubonic plague." Depending on the source, you will find that it was either the rodents themselves or the fleas infesting the rodents that spread the plague, also known as the Black Death. Many scholars believe that certain sections of Europe lost upwards of 25% of their population during the worst outbreak in the mid fourteenth century. If that doesn't seem terrifying enough, substitute ebola (which is not spread by rodents) for a more modern example of how a virulent, contagious, and hard to treat disease can cause a population to go into a panic.

In addition to disease, rodents in third world countries have been known to eat up more of the grain and vegetable crops than what was left for the humans.

Don't make the mistake of thinking there is an appreciable difference just because they weren't squirrels. After accounting for size, rodents act similarly. Were the timid little mouse as large as a wharf rat, he would be similarly aggressive.

Those same squirrels who so amused you at your former residence would just as soon have chewed through your window screens to enter your kitchen and help themselves to your food. Squirrels aren't house-broken, so they will leave their droppings anywhere they please, including all over your kitchen counter if you let them. When cold weather comes, if there is a weak spot in your house siding, they will find it and gnaw at the wood in order to get inside and make their nest for the

winter. The nest is bad enough, but remember, they aren't house-broken. And what a pleasant experience it is should one of them die somewhere in your house, especially if it dies in a spot where you can't reach the corpse! They have been known to gnaw on house wiring. Imagine the fire hazard that would be! Farmers will tell you that squirrels will try to eat the animals' feed.

Do you think those cutesy-wootsy squirrels are harmless? Apparently you didn't have a bird feeder out there in the winter. Our squirrels chase off the birds (including the blue jays) because they are too greedy to share. They also damage one or two bird feeders beyond repair every winter.

So you propose Havahart traps for a humane catch and release. Release them to where? You'd better not release them onto private property without permission of the landowner, which I doubt you would get. If you release them in the immediate vicinity, more often than not they will come right back inside the first change they get (your personal experience notwithstanding). If you don't release them in the immediate vicinity, think of their children! You could be turning those squirrels' babies into de facto orphans by removing their parent from the home! Perhaps you ought to seek out the nest and place the babies into foster care.

Suppose you release them far away so that they won't return. Perhaps there is a State wildlife refuge somewhere near. If enough people release their squirrels there, the influx of additional squirrels will upset the local ecosystem in one way or another. Please do a web search using the term "Everglades ball python."

I'm surprised your condo association didn't get after you for feeding

those squirrels.

You didn't identify the store in South Sanford; fair enough. If that place were a restaurant, and if the health inspector should come in and find droppings, that restaurant could be closed down or at least get a bad score and a bad reputation.

I don't enjoy killing of any type. I wouldn't even kill mosquitoes if they'd only leave my family and pets alone. I'm glad that there are no-kill shelters for dogs and (to a lesser degree) cats. But no-kill is a luxury you can enjoy only when demand exceeds supply. You will never find a no-kill shelter for rodents. There are simply too many of them to go around.

Perhaps you should do a web search and find out how many squirrels you would have after three years when you start out with one nesting pair. Without various forms of attrition, you would soon be overrun with squirrels. One reason for such an abundance of progeny is that they become food for other animals. Nature is cruel like that. One animal becomes food for another. I think your opinion would have been better formed had you spent more time watching National Geographic nature documentaries (think: crocodiles and wildebeests) and less time watching Walt Disney movies.

Knowing nothing more about you than the information you willingly shared in your letter, the kindest adjective I can use for you is naïve. I highly suspect that you have a reputation around town of being a crazy old coot. I also highly suspect that these people are merely agreeing with you to your face just to shut you up and get rid of you, then doing what they please once you are gone.

Mark Anderson
Hollis Center



Vietnam War 50th Anniversary – Honoring Ceremony in Augusta (left to right) The Adjutant General — Major General Douglas A. Farnham, Representative Heidi Sampson, Thomas Collins - Commander American Legion Post 134 Alfred, Adria O. Horn, Director Bureau of Veterans' Services. COURTESY PHOTO

How is greatness shaped?

"The greatest among you, shall be your servant" a wise man mused centuries ago. Serving therefore must hold a secret ingredient to greatness. How does service produce greatness? Could it be the development of character instilled in its practice? Service implies other's needs reign supreme to personal need or gain. Repeated actions of this quality produces character. Therefore, character through service is a fundamental element to achieving greatness. We as Americans have the privilege of knowing such individuals. They are all around us, peacefully living their daily lives.

Who are they? Our veterans. These men and women repeatedly demonstrate greatness. I am honored to serve as their State Representative. I am frequently reminded of their often-thankless service as I meet and chat with them, throughout the district. I am honored to be assisting many of them currently.

Maine is among the top 5 states with the highest population of veterans per capita. 11 percent of our fellow Mainers, roughly 116,000, have served or are currently serving. The men and women who willingly put themselves in harm's way, often pay a very heavy price years later.

Post-traumatic stress, brain injuries, physical wounds and permanent disabilities are some of the 'real and present dangers' they continue to face. Many of the toxic chemicals released near troops in war-zones take their toll when cancer or lung issues arise. It can take years for the impact of toxic chemicals to wreak havoc on a body. These physical, mental and emotional challenges are truly life-changing. These individuals have the constant reminder of their sacrificial service to our country. They continue to pay the price often suffering in silence; not wanting to be a burden. This is character and greatness in action. It is my distinct pleasure to serve them to the best of my ability.

As the daughter of a veteran, the niece of a highly decorated war hero, the cousin of a dozen recent war veterans, the sister of three Gulf War veterans and the mother of an Iraq War veteran. I have living proof of the myriad of struggles these men and women face. For my constituents, my friends and my neighbors, if I am able to

be of service, it will be my privilege to come along side to help navigate the system and encourage a quicker resolution.

If you are a veteran or you know one, please allow my office to serve and assist you.

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Health Care Benefits:

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Veterans Services

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- Maine Resident Free Day Use Park Pass for Active Military Personnel Application
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Please contact me at Heidi. Sampson@Legislature.maine.gov or call my office at 287-1440.

Representative Heidi Sampson serves House District 21, Alfred, Newfield, most of Shapleigh, Limerick and Parsonsfield.

NEWFIELD

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Water rights battle was historic event in two towns

A lengthy battle over water rights is now in the pages of history and was the topic of discussion at a recent Newfield Historical Society meeting.

It's been ten years since the water rights for Newfield and Shapleigh was the talk of the town. Back in 2007, a group of individuals from Newfield, Shapleigh and Parsonsfield formed the grass roots citizens group POWWR, Protecting Our Water and Wildlife Resources, to prevent Nestle Waters North America, who bottles Poland Spring water, from extracting water from the Mann Road aquifer.

According to Shelly Teel-Gobeille, guest speaker at the Newfield Historical Society program, the group started with just 8 members, and as time went on, there were about 20 members in all. She was the chairman of the group, with other founding members Gloria Dyer and Eileen Hennessey.

Also on the committee were Denise Carpenter, Ann Winn-Wentworth, Andrea Silva, Virginia Wardwell, Barbara Britton, Mary and Bill Taylor, Sue Cormier, Walter Baily, and others. Baily's book "From Groundwater to Grass Roots" told the success story of how the small group of individuals were able to win the battle against the largest water company in the world, a billion dollar company, with headquarters in Switzerland.

The Mann Road aquifer is 90 percent in Newfield and 10 percent in Shapleigh. However, according to Teel-Gobeille, neither town officials of the two towns had any prior knowledge that Nestle had come into town and drilled several test (bore) wells in the Vernon Walker Game Management Area, a federally granted wildlife management area. The 4,000 acres of the game management makes it one of the largest aquifers in Maine, and



The founding members of POWWR Gloria Dyer, Shelly Gobeille and Eileen Hennessey helped to save the Mann Road aquifer. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

it is 98 percent pure. According to Teel-Gobeille, the company had gotten permission from Maine's Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, instead of going to the town officials of both towns.

POWWR members worked tirelessly, along with former State Representative James Campbell, to find a way to stop the company. Campbell was the only representative in the state who was behind the town. The group went into this battle not knowing anything, and had to educate themselves on how to prevent their water from being extracted. Campbell helped them to find a way, and along with the group, they decided on a rights based ordinance, for the townspeople to vote on. Taxpayers would vote for or against the ordinance, prohibiting large scale water extraction. The ordinance was passed and Poland Spring was given a deadline to remove the wells.

Later, in July, 2009, Nestle Waters came to Newfield to decommission the installed bore wells, from the Mann Road aquifer. It brought the dispute to a close between the water giant and local towns.

Local resident Gloria Dyer and Rep. Campbell, who had worked

with the state agencies and Nestle, supervised the removal of the wells. Over 23 well points were removed in 17 locations of the game management area, on the Mann Road, in a 'timely fashion.'

The day was a big victory for the towns of Newfield and Shapleigh, who had fought the battle for their water rights against huge water company for three years.

And, if it wasn't for the POWWR group and James Campbell, we might be in the same situation as other Maine towns, such as Fryeburg; they see 25,000 trips a year of trucks carrying their spring water. Both Brownfield and Hollis, currently have a water rights problem with the company. Hollis is home to the largest water bottling company in the world.

The action of the two towns against this corporate giant, caught the attention of a group of international film makers at DokLab Production Company, in Bern, Switzerland. They decided to make a documentary film on the subject of the bottled water giant, that has plants throughout the world. The largest plant is based in Switzerland and is the third largest cooperation.

Dyer, met with Swiss journal-

ist, Res Gehringer, as he investigated this money-making giant. Along with Urs Schnell, Martin Witz, who narrates the film, and creative director, Dodo Hunziker, and their production crew, have put together this extremely informative documentary to enlighten the world on the bottled water industry, "Bottled Life." The video is available on Amazon Prime Video and You tube. The book is in paperback or Kindle at Amazon.com; and locally at the Newfield Village Library.

Poland Spring has a good community neighbor policy and donates water to many organizations; and gives grants to communities for education, conservation and local causes, according to their web page.

Lunch Bunch off to Cornish

The Lunch Bunch will be going to Phat Boys Diner in Cornish at 172 Main Street on Thursday, Aug. 30. They will meet there between 11-11:30 a.m. For more information or a ride, call Janet Colwell at 793-8848. Everyone is welcome to go.

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Happy birthday!

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Remembering Hampton Connell on his birthday Aug. 25.

Meetings

Cub Scout Pack #329 - Aug. 27, at Line School at 818 Water Street at 6 p.m. Perley Densmore is the Cubmaster.

Boy Scout Troop #329 - Aug. 27, at 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.

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PIE SALE

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Parties in town. Different memories from different generations.

So LePage posted on the All About Limerick Facebook page, asking for others to share their memories of these events. "There was a HUGE response!" said LePage. "There was a great interest in sharing those memories," she continued. "Some people who don't live in the area anymore contributed."

From those responses, LePage got an idea. To bring back the old Limerick town celebrations! She put together a proposal and made a presentation to the June 4 Selectmen's Meeting, asking to create a committee for the Limerick Community Block Party 2020. Why 2020? That is the 200th anniversary of our state.

The Selectmen approved, and a Block Party Committee was formed. The Committee consists of Chair, Amanda LePage, Anne Colby, Diane Hamilton, Lisa LePage and Evangeline Irish. And though they have only met three times so far, they have been busy! "Maine's 200th Birthday" will be the theme, and they are planning a parade, games, music, a fun run, food and fireworks. They are in the initial planning stages, but would love to have your thoughts and suggestions. Watch for the newly created Limerick Community Block Party 2020 Facebook page.

"We want to create a sense of community, with lots of participation," said committee member Ann Colby. Amanda LePage reiterated that. "We hope to create a sense of town pride, of belonging, a sense of identity connected to where you live, and memories of our local area." Lisa LePage added, "We hope to create a memorable event, something that will

continue." The Committee hopes it will be an event that can be held every other year?

All these events incur a cost, so the Committee is already working on fundraisers to help pay for the event. The first is a pie sale coming up next weekend. They will be selling homemade pies: peach, apple, blueberry, raspberry, pecan, key lime, chocolate, custard and more at Carroll Beach on Sunday, Sept. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Committee is already busy baking, but could use your help. Pie donations can be dropped off at Carroll's Beach after 9:30 a.m. the day of the event. Make a pie and take a pie!

In November, they will be holding a Calendar Raffle – look for notices and places to purchase calendars in October. And soon, you may see buckets out to collect money for the fireworks, which will incur the greatest cost. The committee will also be contacting local businesses and organizations for their support.

The old Block Parties were called "Block" Parties because they "blocked off" the streets. In Limerick's case, School Street and Burbank Street were blocked off, the area around the fire station. "They were originally to help raise money for the Fire Department," said Limerick Selectwoman, Joanne Andrews. "They had a parade, firetruck rides, games, and a dance. It was a full day of events for kids!"

"The Block Party was a Highlight of Summer," said Andrews. The Limerick Community Block Party Committee agrees. The Limerick Community Block Party of 2020 will be held on Aug. 15, 2020 at the Rec Field.

For more information about the Block Party or the Pie Sale, contact Lisa LePage at 651-1594, or find them on Facebook.

Domestic violence hotline volunteers needed

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, Caring Unlimited will begin training new Hotline Advocates; individuals who provide free, safe on call support to callers on the organization's 24-hour hotline. The training will be held in Sanford, with shifts ultimately completed from the volunteer's home. Applications are currently being accepted for the upcoming training.

"My two year experience has been so fulfilling," states one Volunteer Advocate, "As a hotline volunteer, I've had the opportunity to listen to callers break their silence and offer them some words of understanding. I've helped clarify what domestic violence is, and assured callers that

they are not alone. Caring Unlimited's name says it all; throughout my training and during each shift, a backup staff member was there for me if I had questions or needed someone to talk to after a call. I am happy that I've been able to play a small role at Caring Unlimited."

Founded by volunteers in 1977, York County's Domestic Violence Resource Center continues to rely on volunteers to ensure that support and safety planning services are available 24-hours a day to women, their children, and men whose lives are affected by domestic abuse.

Training classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings,

6 to 9 p.m., at Caring Unlimited's Sanford Resource Center. Upon completion of the training volunteers select shifts according to their schedules and work from home.

"The Core Advocacy training is all encompassing, educational and moving," states an existing volunteer. "The need is so great, and with the constant support of Caring Unlimited staff my experience has been win-win-win. For a few short hours every month I can offer a bit of help. They need us!"

To learn more or to apply to join Caring Unlimited as a volunteer, visit: www.caring-unlimited.org or call Betsy at 490-3227 x102.

OBITUARIES

Mary Ann Desjardins

Mary Ann Desjardins, 53, of Sanford, loving wife, devoted mother and loving Meme, died on Aug. 18, 2018 at her home, following a courageous battle with lung cancer.



Mary Ann Desjardins

Mary was born in Biddeford on March 12, 1965, the daughter of Ronald and Evelyn (McKenney) LaCourse.

In her younger years, Mary worked in a variety of settings and jobs; including New England Mailing, the Cliff House and the Dollar Tree. But, her first love was taking care of her family and making sure her home was warm and inviting to all. She had a heart for animals and she welcomed many through the years, including two birds, two cats and one dog. Though she was short in stature, her feisty personality kept everyone on their toes!

Mary and her husband Don loved to travel together. They enjoyed going to Lake St. George in New York and to Las Vegas. She was content to go to Old Orchard Beach where she soaked up the sunshine and of course had her share of the infamous Pier Fries! Her week would not be complete without going out with the girls for a night of BINGO.

Mary loved her family deeply and she will be forever in their hearts as they release her back into God's loving care.

She is lovingly survived by her husband of 26 plus years, Donald Desjardins of Sanford; her daughter, Christine Strout and her children, Kyra, Katie and Cody of Springvale; her father, Ronald of Lebanon; her mother, Evelyn of Sanford; and her sister, Arlene Harmon of Gonic, NH; Don's parents, Robert and Garnar Desjardins and many other close relatives.

A prayer service was held on Aug. 23, 2018 at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred. Following the service, committal prayers and burial were at the Riverside Cemetery.

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

With Mary's love of animals,

please consider donating to the Animal Welfare Society, P.O. Box 43, West Kennebunk, ME 04094.

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Donna E. Brown

Donna E. Brown, 53, of Sanford, died peacefully in her sleep on Aug. 10, 2018.



Donna E. Brown

Donna was born in Baltimore, Maryland on June 25, 1965, the daughter of Jack D. Brown and Patricia A. (Guyton) Brown.

Donna attended school in Baltimore and Alaska receiving her Diploma at Massabessic Adult Education in Waterboro Maine.

Donna had lots of family and friends. She loved to sing Kara-

oke, play cribbage, and write poetry but spending time with her grandson Damien brought her the most joy which he lovingly referred to her as "Nana"

Donna is predeceased by her mother, infant brother David Wayne and by her nephew, Christopher Brulotte of California.

She leaves behind her son, Michael and his wife Charity Smith of Limerick; her grandson Damien of Sanford; her father, Jack and his wife Claire of Limerick; her sisters, Connie Baugher of Maryland, Sonia Brulotte of California; her brothers, Darrell Jones of Gafney South Carolina, Peter Brulotte and his wife Kim of Sanford and Michael Brulotte of Limerick.

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BLUES OUTDOOR CONCERT Come get the blues at the August Summer Concert Series: Vernon Northover, Local bluesman Sunday, Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. at the Parsons Memorial Library, 27 Saco Road, Alfred.

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ANTIQUÉ APPRAISALS Cindy Hamilton of Americana Workshop in Kennebunk will do free, fun-type appraisals of your items brought to the September meeting of the Waterborough Historical Society. With her knowledge of antiques and collectibles, she will try to identify and value one item per person. The public is invited to attend on Thursday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall, 31 West Road, South Waterboro. Refreshments will be served. For more info, call Jim Carll at 247-5878.

Sanford Maine Stage Theatre & the Nasson Youth Theatre have partnered to bring **TEEN THEATRE** to the stage. Our first production, "Divided We Fall", by Bryan Starchman, will be presented on Sept. 6 & 7 at the Nasson Theatre, 457 Main Street in Springvale. Show time is at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students 18 & under. Tickets may be purchased @www.nassonevents.com or can be purchased at the door. Teens, through performance address the many issues they face in today's world.

PAINTED PONY FUND-RAISING DINNER with the Bluegrass band Freshly Cut Grass Saturday, Sept. 22, 4:30-7 p.m. at the Sandwich Shop, Elm Street, Newfield. \$30 per person, \$55 a couple. This is staff member Mary's own chicken cordon blue, glazed baby carrots, corn chowder, ribbons of zucchini, scalloped potatoes, rolls w/ butter, cranberry compote, green

salad, and apple crisp a la mode. Includes a pint of local Gneiss beer or glass of wine. Other beverages. One seating at 4:30 p.m. Dinner served at 5 p.m. Reservations necessary. Call 205-4849 or 745-4426. A silent auction will include gift certificates and antiques. Come for a ride on the 1894 horse carousel at 3 or 4 p.m. with your reservation. If you can, please call by Labor Day.

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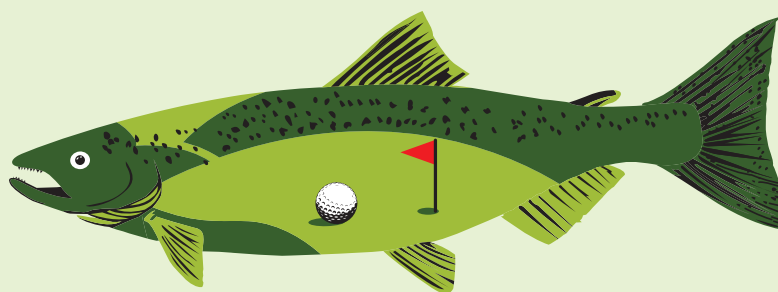
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