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The People's Perch

East Baldwin water tower becomes a community space

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

One day last year, Ian Klepetar of Bicycle Benefits (www.bicycle-benefits.org) was riding his bike from Burlington, Vermont to Maine. As he was riding down Route 113, he spotted it, the old water tower in East Baldwin. He couldn't resist – he climbed up it! "What a spectacular view!" he thought. He wondered who owned it, how long it had been there, etc. When he returned to Wisconsin, he did some research, found out who owned the property (which included a small house next to the tower), and wrote a letter to the owner, Billy Blake. It turns out the owner hadn't lived in the house for 20 years. Klepetar explained his

vision for turning the property into a community space, making the view from the water tower accessible to others. According to Klepetar, Blake "appreciated my vision and agreed to sell me the property!"

So Klepetar packed up his stuff and moved to Maine with his partner, Montana Morris, "the garden guru," and they began getting people together to make it into a gathering space. They have already added an outdoor shower, a bike shed, and cleared out some space out back for people to camp on the property. They have planted a garden, a community initiative, with the hopes of using it to give out food. They are working on a Fun Hub which will have a swing bar, and homemade

instruments for children of all ages to enjoy. They also plan to have an interactive sculpture park on the grounds, and a Historical Station here and across the road.

The tower was built in 1946 by the Pittsburgh Des Moines Steel Company, the same company that built the St. Louis Arch in Missouri (completed in 1965). It stands 125-130ft, and can hold 100,000 gallons of water, originally built as a fire suppressant for the mill that was across the street. Klepetar says, "it is the most unique feature on the way to New Hampshire."

Originally from New York state, Klepetar saw the tower as a place with "lots of potential beauty" that

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Ian Klepetar standing in front of the People's Perch water tower and gardens in East Baldwin. Below, Ian Klepetar and Montana Morris on top of the People's Perch. COURTESY PHOTOS



A whale of a time!

It took a village...and volunteers, to bring ideas to life for the opening program of the 2021 season of the new Hiram Cultural Center (HCC), the umbrella that embraces Soldiers Memorial Library and the Arts Center at 8 Hancock Avenue. It was an all-around enjoyable afternoon in Hiram village – informative and fun, what could be better?

At the Arts Center at 8 Hancock Avenue, the 40-foot, life-sized, inflated humpback whale model, and the presentation excited enthusiastic questions from children and adults. Outside, Route 160 Ice Cream provided free ice cream and toppings. Also outside, crafts activities and seating areas sheltered attendees from the sun. In the library, displays of related books and puppets invited attention. Good weather, good ideas and good attendance provided for a "whale of a good time."

Andrea Guimond Nichols provided art activities that kept the kids happily creating beautiful painted seashells. Andrea

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Marcus Craig of Cornish enjoys pulling the bell at the Arts Center at 8 Hancock Avenue in Hiram while attending a program on humpback whales. COURTESY PHOTO

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COMING EVENTS



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FOREST CONSERVATION PRACTICES TO IMPROVE YOUR FORESTLAND Re-scheduled to Friday, Aug. 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. Join the Oxford County Soil and Water Conserva-

tion District, NRCS, and Maine Woodland Owners Western Maine Chapter at the Tenmile River Demonstration Forest in Brownfield, for this second of three events about NRCS programs available to woodland owners. This session will focus on what forestry practices NRCS conducts and get a chance to see what they look like. Learn about the different kinds of practices you can implement on your land for improving timber stands, protecting water resources, and enhancing wildlife habitat. Merle Ring, retired Maine District Forester, and Michael Richard, Maine District Forester, will explain how these practices work to improve your forestland and meet forest management plan objectives. Some of these practices can be implemented as part of NRCS cost-share programs which can assist landowners by reimbursing them for some of the costs. NRCS staff will be present to answer questions. Contact Michele Windsor at oxfordcountyswd@outlook.com to register and to find out more.

BAKED BEAN & CHOP SUEY SUPPER The First Congregational Church is hosting an indoor dining and take-out baked bean supper on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the church, 141 North St., Kennebunkport. Church volunteers will offer two types of home baked beans, American Chop Suey, hot dogs, rolls, and cole slaw, topped off with a slice of homemade pie. Church members are hoping that everyone will enjoy the meals as they have in the past, safely indoors. An outdoor dining option may be available depending on weather. Exact change is required: adults and children age 12 and up \$8 per person, and children under 12 is \$5 per child. There will be two more suppers for this year, one each on the last Saturday of September and October.

PORTLAND FINE CRAFT SHOW 2021 Saturday, Aug. 28, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free Street Parking Lot @ 120 Free Street, Portland. Produced by the Maine Crafts Association (MCA), the Portland Fine Craft Show returns

for its 6th season with a festive one-day, outdoor downtown juried fine craft show in Portland on Aug. 28. After five seasons taking over Congress Street the show is moving to the large parking lot beside the old Children's Museum on Free Street. The much loved show features over 100 artists from Maine and the Northeast exhibiting fine baskets, ceramics, fiber, furniture, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, paper goods, printmaking, stone and wood. Shoppers will be pleased to visit outreach booths to learn about other Maine arts organizations alongside artist exhibitors offering handcrafted items for dining, wearing, collecting, gifting and decorating. Everything is better when it is handmade! Admission is FREE and open to the public!

COOK THE BOOK will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 5:30 p.m. Ask to see the cookbook at the main desk. The book is entitled Secret Ingredient Cookbook. Just pick a recipe from the cookbook. Make the recipe at home and bring it into the library on Sept. 14. For more information go

to the library's website at www.springvalelibrary.org. **BOOK SALE** The annual book sale will be held on Friday, Sept. 17 and Saturday, Sept. 18. Springvale Public Library, 443 Main Street.

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PLANT LOVERS: Join the FREE Community Plant Exchange on Saturday, Sept. 4 (rain date Sept. 11) from 9 a.m. until 12 noon in the parking lot of the Sanford Elks Club and the Traf-ton Senior Center located at 13 & 19 Elm Street in Sanford. Bring your extra plant divisions, seeds, cuttings, and house plants. Exotic invasive plants in the State of Maine will not be accepted. FMI call Bridget at 267-261-2122.

ONGOING EVENTS

The Acton- Shapleigh Lion's Club is happy to be bringing back their **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Saturday of every month. The price is \$7, which includes pancakes (plain or blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausages, toast, orange juice, beans, and coffee, tea, and milk. The breakfast will be served from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road. All are welcome.

Buxton Centre Baptist Church, 938 Long Plains Road, Buxton, weekly **SOUPER SENIORS SOCIAL**. Gather for conversation, cribbage, puzzles, and other games, every Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a free lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Adults of all ages are welcome. Masks are not required, but we encourage people to be considerate of the health of others.

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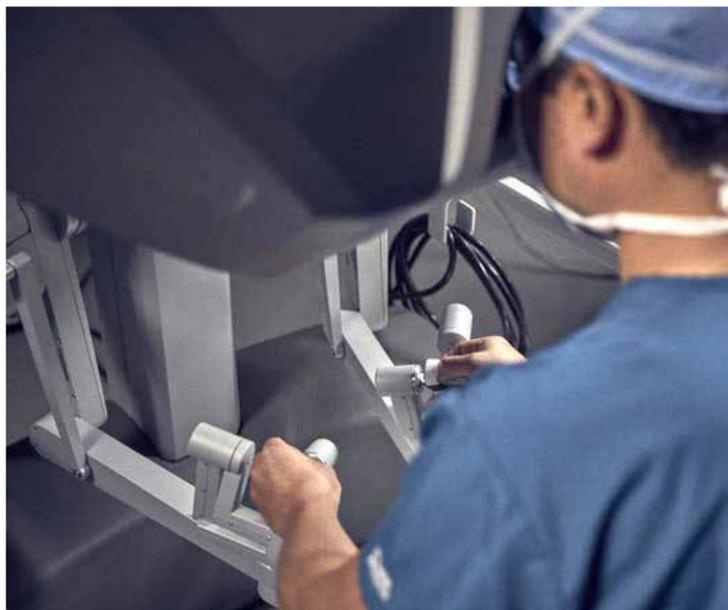
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Election results

Results for Town of Limerick Recall Election and Special Town Meeting held on Tuesday, Aug. 24 are as follows:

RECALL REFERENDUM: Shall Heath D. Ederly be recalled from the position of Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor? **334 YES, 141 NO, WITH 4 BLANKS.**

ARTICLE 2: To see of the town will vote to establish a Capital Project Bandstand Account for the bandstand located at the corner of Route 5 and Locust Hill and appropriate \$18,000 from the Capital Project Reserve Account to fund said account for necessary repairs including inspection of work in progress and completion. **310 YES, 169 NO, WITH NO BLANKS.**

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with Maine PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) for its full-time employees (as defined by the Town's personnel policy) with an effective date of Oct. 1, 2021, and to raise and appropriate \$8,500 for the employer's share of the program for the remainder of the budget year, ending Dec. 31, 2021. **312 YES, 164 NO, WITH 3 BLANKS.**

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell a certain lot or parcel of land located in the Limerick Business Park known as Lot 11 and more particularly described as Tax Map 38, Lot 132-11 to Amanda A. LePage and Misty L. LePage, of 87 Main Street, Limerick for the sum of \$5,000. **278 YES, 183 NO, WITH 18 BLANKS.**

Budget committee

The town is looking for registered voters interested in filling two vacant Budget Committee seats. Anyone interested should call the Selectmen's Secretary at 793-2166 ext. 16 or email selectmenssecretary@Limerickme.org.

Selectmen's meetings

Selectmen's Meeting are every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Brick Town Hall on Main Street. (Meeting is on Tuesday if Monday is a holiday.). Anyone can attend in person or watch meetings on Spectrum Cable Channel 5 or the internet Livestream on SRC-TV.org. Minutes can be found on the town's website at <http://limerickme.org/about-us>.

Library is open

The Library is OPEN for visits (no appointments required). If you would like a special appointment, call 793-8975, and they will try to accommodate you. Browse the shelves and pick out your books, use a computer, use the fax or the copier. Curbside pickup is still available. Reserve your books by calling 793-8975, emailing ll-cs@limerick.lib.me.us, or use our library card catalog at <https://limerickme.booksys.net/opac/lplme/inde.html#menuHome>.

Following CDC guidelines, face coverings are optional for those who have been vaccinated. Unvaccinated patrons should wear a mask. The library is located upstairs in the Municipal Building at 55 Washington Street and is open Monday to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon and 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 1 to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lots available in business park

Lots are available in the Limerick Business Park, located on the corner of Dole's Ridge Road and Burnham Road. If you would like to explore this opportunity contact committee member Martha Hamilton at mehamilton@roadrunner.com. For more info visit <http://limerickme.org/business-park>.

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Fiddlers on the lawn

The Fiddling Thomsons (Ryan and Brenish Thomson) will entertain at Parsons Memorial Library on Sunday, Aug. 29 at 3 p.m. on the library lawn. The public is invited to the performance and will need to bring their own chairs. This free event is sponsored by the Jose Fenderson Trust.

New Century Club

The meeting of the New Century Club originally planned for the 23rd has been rescheduled for Monday, Aug. 30, at the home of Alfred and Barbara Carlson at 6 p.m.

Selectmen's meeting

There were the three selectmen and eight other townspeople present for the Aug. 17 meeting. The 2021 Municipal Evaluation Return was signed and all voted in favor. The Aug. 10 minutes were accepted and the Aug. 11 warrant was accepted and signed by all. Mr. Dochtermann moved \$626.98 from the MMA Safety Grant and \$325 for sign replacement be accepted and all voted in favor.

Under old business the American Rescue Plan Act update was discussed. It was felt more information is needed. On the ordinance change for trailer park setbacks the Planning board shared that they are against the setback reduction and would like the current setbacks to remain.

Erik Grove gave an overview to the harvest process and differences between chipping and cut to length processes. Tony Palminteri noted that because the Brothers Beach is a town park the harvested area should be pleasant for the community to see and use, being a recreational area, not a wood lot. Cut to length would leave slash needing to be cleaned. Further discussion ended with Mr. Grove stating he will check with area loggers for quotes to do the job this winter at the Transfer Station and

Brothers Beach. Jon Lord stated the paving is complete on Mouse Lane.

A change of polling location must be completed to change the Oak Street Bistro location for Nov. 2 polling. A change of locations was discussed, possibly having the polling in the library community room. More info will be gathered. A transfer station alternate sub was voted.

Under other business there was a request to accept Pheasant Run as a town road and a call list of town officials to assist State Police in dealing with trespassers after dusk at the town park on School Street. There will be six persons on the list. A purchase and sales agreement was signed for a parcel sold to Patricia and Carroll Guertin.

Church fair

There will be all kinds of interesting things available during the Alfred Parish Church Fair on Sept. 24, 25 and 26 with a Bake Sale, Penny Raffle, and Strawberry Shortcake Social (\$5), being chaired by Eric Ducharme. Items are presently being accepted for the Penny Auction. There will also be a Free Concert on the lawn between 6 and 7 p.m. on the 24th.

If it rains activities will move inside. The Penny Raffle and bake sale will reopen for 1 hour following the concert. On Saturday, Sept. 25 vendor set up time is 7 to 8 a.m. It will be \$10 for a 10 x 10 spot on the lawn. Items for the bake sale accepted 8 a.m. until sold out. Craft vendors will be on the lawn open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will also be Sanctuary Tours from 10 a.m. to noon. Masks may be required.

The 50/50 Tickets will be sold 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the Penny Raffle Drawing will be 3 p.m. until done.

The Sunday Morning Worship on Sept. 26 will be 10 to 11 a.m. in the sanctuary with lemonade to follow. Masks may be required for all of the above. Changes to the above may be made due to COVID-19.

Native plant sale

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension's Master Gardener Volunteers will be hosting a Native Plant Sale at Wells Reserve at Laudholm Farm located at 342 Laudholm Farm Road, Wells on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 9-11 a.m.

The sale is expected to include 18 herbaceous native plants including: Blue Lobelia, Blue Vervain, Bradbury's Monarda, Blue Stem Goldenrod, Butterfly Milkweed, Foxglove Beardtongue, Heart-leaved Alexander, Hoary Vervain, New England Aster, New York Aster, Purple Coneflower, Red Cardinal Flower, Red Columbine, Rose/Swamp Milkweed, Smooth Blue Aster, Spotted Bee Balm, Spotted Joe-Pye Weed, Sundial Lupine and White Turtlehead.

Native plants attract native insects and provide food for native birds. The public is becoming increasingly aware that development has fragmented habitats and interrupted migration corridors for native plants and animals. Native plants are essential inhabitants of our ecosystem which co-evolved over millennia, thus needing each other in sufficient numbers to survive, thrive and support that ecosystem. We can all help create and restore beneficial environments for these essential inhabitants—and for us—in our home gardens.

The sale will be held rain or shine and educational information on plant growing conditions, benefits to wildlife, and complementary species will be provided by knowledgeable Master Gardener Volunteers. The public will also be able to tour the Native Plant Demonstration Garden on the grounds of Laudholm Farm. Proceeds will benefit York County Master Gardener Volunteer programs and activities at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm.

Have a mask on hand if you are not vaccinated and/or feel safer being masked in a group setting. FMI email frank.wertheim@maine.edu.

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Looking down at the house and (early) garden below, from the top of the People's Perch in East Baldwin. COURTESY PHOTO

WATER TOWER

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just needed a little “time, energy and resources.” It was still here after more than 70 years, and hadn’t been taken down and used for scrap metal. “The tower is still really solid,” Klepetar said. “We are cleaning out areas of vulnerability.” To make it accessible, they have added a safety harness with a safety line, anchored to the top so that folks could climb the tower, but clipped in “like a lineman” Klepetar explained.

John Brooking of Westbrook climbed the tower. “When else in your life will you have a chance to climb a Water Tower with a safety harness,” he said. Brooking biked to the People’s Perch with the group Cycling Savvy (www.cyclingsavvy.org). The plan was for the group to ride up Sunday night and stay a few days to help out, but Brooking ended up being the only one who stayed. Brooking’s career is in computers, but he has been commuting by bike to the Maine Mall area for about 20 years. “I just started getting into bike trips,” he said, and has been doing one per summer, through the Bike Coalition of Maine, and his volunteer work with Cycling Savvy. During his short stay, he had put some concrete around posts for the Fun Hub, broke up some palettes for food, and was working in the garden when we conducted our interview. Brooking has no gardening experience, but said that he was learning as he goes.

Working with him in the garden was Maria Lopez from Milwaukee. Lopez and Brooking were making tomato cages, and harvesting vegetables – cukes, cabbage and herbs. “I’m from the city,” she said. “I’m new to living this way.” Lopez met Klepetar at the Milwaukee Bike Collective and discovered they had common friends. “About 6 months ago, Ian reached out to us and asked if we wanted to come and help,” Lopez explained. “We loved the ideas of community, gardening, making

art and music.” Lopez and her partner have been here for about three weeks, and helped build the outdoor shower, the bike shed, and are currently building an A-frame hut for a dwelling. “We are making areas more intuitive for guests,” Lopez said. They plan to stay until mid-October. “I love it here,” she said. “It’s a real learning experience, and the community is so welcoming.”

“Lots of neighbors have been offering help,” Klepetar said, “lending a hand, materials, ideas.” He continued, “People have stopped by to meet us, tell us their stories.” The Historical Society has been a great resource and help, he said.

Klepetar, Moore and the People’s Perch team hope to offer gardening and fermentation classes, and perhaps a little free café with a self-serve coffee station and other unique amenities. They hold an ice cream social every Sunday, from 2 to 4 p.m. — “bring your own bowl, spoon and favorite topping.”

They are currently looking for volunteers, people who want to offer a hand, materials or ideas. “We really want this to be a community project,” Klepetar said. “We’re looking for input.” The mission: To Collaboratively create an awe-inspiring and welcoming space for all people that inspires their creativity and curiosity by connecting with their minds, bodies and each other. If you would like to help, send an email to peoplesperch@gmail.com, info@peoplesperch.org or give Klepetar a call at 518-396-8376.

The People’s Perch will be holding a 75th Anniversary Party for the tower at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12. There will be a Portland 2 People’s Perch Bike ride, as well as lots of other activities. Visit their website at www.peoplesperch.org for more information, to find a list of needs and/or to make a donation.

You can find the People’s Perch at 243 Pequawket Trail (Rte 113) in East Baldwin, across from the Whistle Stop, next to Dodge Oil.



Museum-on-the-Go

Lisa shows dorsal fin hump on humpback whale as it inflates Children’s Museum & Theatre of Maine’s “Museum-on-the-Go” program – Ishtar, the Humpback Whale traveling exhibit in Hiram on Saturday, August 21. COURTESY PHOTO

WHALE PROGRAM

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made it look easy, as the best teachers do. Each child had a paint pallet made of a small scrap of wood, and Andrea spoke to them as artists as she gave them guidance. She also had pre-painted some pieces using the process of “paint pouring” to create ocean backgrounds on which children could glue sea glass to complete the body of a whale. Not yet finished, children will have another opportunity to continue their work on the whale. When completed, we will hang the whale art of sea glass in the library for all to enjoy.

It was a perfect day for ice cream and Route 160 exceeded expectations. In a portable freezer the staff set up a “pop up” ice cream stand with all the fixin’s for sun-

daes. Kevin, Nicole and Maddie were very efficient and friendly, which helped make the event super fun. The ice cream wass made by Shaker Pond Ice Cream of Alfred.

In the library, besides the selection of ocean themed books and stuffed ocean animal puppets, volunteers made a “Hopes & Dreams” poster on which children and adults were (and are) encouraged to share their ideas for the Hiram Cultural Center. If you visit the library, take a moment to jot down an idea you may have to enhance their programs, resources, and indoor and outdoor spaces and tape

it to the poster. Exhibits will be in place for a few more weeks kids are encouraged, and kids-at-heart, to come to browse the books and play with the puppets.

Volunteers of HCC organized the setting up of tents and tables and seating for crafts and lounging, and managed an excellent, entertaining, and much-enjoyed program at the Hiram Cultural Center - as many families can attest – about 40 families, from Hiram and beyond. “Thank you, and come again!”

–Submitted by Sally Williams
President of Hiram Historical Society

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Volunteers recognized

This summer, the town of Shapleigh decided to recognize the contributions of the many volunteers in the town. In the last few weeks the town recognized volunteers Ronald Rivard, Roger Allaire, Madge Baker and Roland Legere.

Ron Rivard, Superintendent of Cemeteries, volunteered to take care of the Cemeteries in 2003. Rivard stated, when he began, most of the 47 cemeteries where veterans were buried had not received any maintenance for many years. They had been overgrown with brush and saplings. With the help of his wife Rita, he brushed and cleaned all 47 Cemeteries. He also discovered an additional 13 Cemeteries where veterans were buried, but their graves were never flagged.

With help from Rev. Jonathan Bosse, retired Pastor of the Shapleigh First Baptist Church, they were able to identify the unmarked graves of veterans from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War, and they obtained headstones from the National Cemetery Administration at no cost to the families or the town. Rivard said, "I am honored to care of the graves of veterans, and this shows that the town of Shapleigh has not forgotten our veterans."

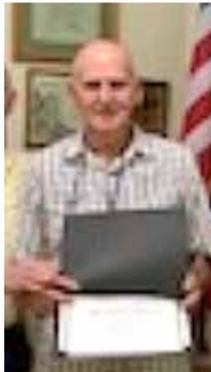
Roger Allaire, Chairman of



Award recipient Madge Baker with selectmen, from left, Mike Cote, Bill Mageary and Scott Cudworth. PHOTOS BY JOANNE BARGIONI



Roger Allaire



Ron Rivard



Roland Legere

the Planning Board has volunteered on the Board for more than 30 years. He also assisted in changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance. Allaire states, "it has been very rewarding to see the town, and its residents through the permitting process."

Madge Baker also served on the Planning Board for many years. She is a member of the Williams Property Advisory Com-

mittee, the Williams Town Park Committee for ten years since its conception, and the Three Rivers Land Trust.

Roland Legere is serving on the Planning Board and is the Chairman of the Mousam Lake Dam Coalition.

All the volunteers honored received a certificate of appreciation from the Town and a coffee mug commemorating Volunteers.

NEWFIELD

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Homemade pies and more at the library

Who doesn't love a good homemade pie? There are plenty available at the Newfield Library at 637 Water Street on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., so get there early to get your favorite. The sale will be held outside in front of the building and books will be for sale inside. According to Librarian Cheryl Cause, she has about 33-35 pies already and 7 pie plates filled with other baked goods. Included are fruit pies and cream pies. Also on the table this year are pot pies and quiche, and a variety of other delicious baked goods. Pies will sell for \$15 and the baked goods will sell for \$10. If anyone else would like to donate pies, baked goods and books, please drop them off at the library on Saturday morning. The annual fundraiser is to raise money which will go towards new books, audio books, DVD's and best sellers.

In related news, Cause is organizing an Old Library Fundraiser to repair the old library building on Elm Street, one on Newfield's oldest buildings that survived the 1947 fire. A craft fair is planned for Saturday, Oct. 9, at the West Newfield Town Hall, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. With the advice of Bev Manning, who has planned many craft fairs, Cause plans to have 12-16 tables available for crafters at \$35 each. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the space is

limited. Her plans for the old building are to have book signings, display collections and have it open on Maine Maple Sunday. A historical plaque will be made to commemorate the many years that the building has been on the Newfield landscape, as a library, lawyer's office and more. It was built in the 1800's and is a Newfield treasure.

On the road again

It's been 4 days since my car, I call her Max after my mom, broke down in Portland, while I was at the doctor's. I called my brother for help after the AAA guy said that there was nothing that he could do, because the engine was hot. My brother dropped everything and came right over, after picking up oil and transmission fluid, just in case.

He checked both and added transmission fluid and we worked our way back to Gorham. Stopping at auto parts stores and adding more fluid, we finally got back to West Newfield and went right to Kaminski Auto. Jon said that he would take a look, and due to the weekend, Max spent it in the comfort of his garage.

But, this afternoon, he brought her back home, and she is running great. I took a little test drive and the very first song that came on the radio was "On the Road Again" by Willie Nelson. I certainly have felt that I was back in high school and grounded, but I'm a happy camper now.

I owe a huge thanks to my brother Kim and to Jon for coming to my aid during this crisis.

Happy birthday!

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Anyone interested in either position may go to www.shapleigh.net and click on the Town Administrator page to download the application.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, SEPT. 17, 2021 BY 4:00 PM.
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Ralph L. Petit

Ralph L. Petit, 89, died on Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021 surrounded by family and friends.



Ralph L. Petit

Ralph was born on Sept. 9, 1931 to the late John W. and Annie Caron Petit in Biddeford.

He attended St. Joseph and St. Louis High Schools through his sophomore year and graduated from Old Orchard Beach High School with honors in 1950.

He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy - Air where he was the radar control operator member of the air crew. Upon his discharge Ralph attended the University of Maine at Orono for two years.

Ralph worked at IBM for a few months and from there went to work at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as a Computer Systems Analyst. Ralph had a long career at the Shipyard and when he retired in October 1986, he managed the entire microfilm division.

Ralph married Doris M. Laflamme on Sept. 8, 1956. Together they had 3 children (Carol, Susan, John). The family enjoyed many happy times at the Camp on the Flowage (Lake Arrowhead) in North Waterboro.

He loved his children, grandchildren, and great granddaughter dearly and enjoyed playing cards, gatherings, or just socializing with

them. He also started the annual "Laflamme" family reunion.

Ralph was very involved in different organizations, and was highly regarded for his frugal ways, especially in the Little League and Senior League organizations which allowed the young players to enjoy new equipment and special stops at Mc Donald's after big games. Ralph was a key participant in the Eagles Club, St Jean de Baptiste, as well as the St. Louis Alumni Association.

Ralph loved sports and was an avid Red Sox, Celtics, Patriots and Bruins fan. His most favorite teams to watch were the ones his children and grandchildren participated in. He made many trips up and down Route 1 bringing young bowlers to the Big 20 in Scarborough for tournaments.

Upon retirement, Ralph and his wife Doris spent 6 months in Hawaii where they were fortunate enough to meet new friends who brought them to areas of the islands that only natives knew about. From there Ralph and Doris spent 28 winters at Nalcrest, National Letter Carriers' Retirement Community, in Florida. There they enjoyed numerous activities and many new friendships which lasted decades.

Ralph was pre-deceased by his brothers Paul and Roland, and two sisters, Lorraine Verge and Joanne Hughes. Ralph is survived by his wife Doris, children, Carol (spouse Bill Cornwell), Susan M. Petit, and John (spouse Susan Sisca Petit), 6 grandchildren, Andy Cornwell, Christy Cornwell Humphreys (spouse Bryce Humphreys), Alex Cornwell, Kevin Hatch (spouse Kristy Drouin

Hatch), James Hatch (spouse Malori Alfano Hatch), Zoe Petit, and one great-granddaughter, Addalynn Humphreys and two sisters, June Champagne and Jackie Drown.

A memorial graveside service will be held on Thursday, Sept. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Springvale.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the following charities: American Cancer Society of Maine by mail at P.O. Box 350 Westbrook, Maine 04092; or Hospice of Southern Maine - In Home Program, Hospice of Southern Maine, 390 US Route One, Scarborough, ME 04074.

Arrangements are under the direction of Black Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, Sanford-Springvale.

Robert T. O'Keefe

Robert T. O'Keefe, 79, of North Waterboro, died peacefully on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021 at the Gosnell House Hospice, after a fall and a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.



Robert T. O'Keefe

He was born in New Haven, Connecticut, the son of Lawrence P. O'Keefe and Helen McGarry O'Keefe. He is survived by his beloved wife Jean and by his seven sons Michael O'Keefe (Briana), Ian O'Keefe, Kevin O'Keefe (Megan), Francis Minitier (Melissa), Christian Minitier (Mikal Lynn), Brendan Minitier and Kevin Minitier. In addition, he is survived by 15 grandchildren (Ian, Khloe, Liam, Natalie, Bentley, Harper and Emerson O'Keefe, Taylor, Kaitlyn, Kayla, Logan, Kevin Minitier, Miranda Gilson, Caden Thibodeau and Joseph Trick), and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by his sister Carol (Paul) Hanley, sister-in-law Barbara Bishop O'Keefe and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. O'Keefe was predeceased by his brother Lawrence C. O'Keefe.

After graduating from Colgate University, Bob went on to earn his master's degree in clinical psychology and counseling from St. Lawrence University and spent the next 5 years working in New York and Connecticut. He then entered the insurance business where he spent the next 29 years, retiring in 2007 as Vice President

responsible for the recruitment and training of field managers throughout North America for the Knights of Columbus Insurance. He lived since then with his wife at their home on Lake Arrowhead in southern Maine, where he enjoyed boating and swimming, with his many grandchildren. In retirement, he was very involved with the Alzheimer's Association of Maine and served on the national board of the Alzheimer's Association.

A graveside service will be held at St. Peter's Cemetery in Danbury, Connecticut at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please send any remembrances to the Alzheimer's Association of Maine, 383 US Route 1, Suite 2 C, Scarborough, ME 04074 (www.alz.org/maine).

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

Robert Leon Frechette, Jr.

Robert (Bob) L. Frechette, Jr., of North Berwick and formerly of Sanford, beloved husband of Denise S. Frechette, passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 22, 2021.



Robert Leon Frechette, Jr.

Bob was born in Sanford in Nov. 1952, the son of Robert L. and Gertrude B. (Morin) Frechette, Sr. He was later raised by Joseph and Gertrude Letourneau.

Bob attended Sanford schools and in 1971 enlisted in the U.S. Navy serving until 1975. He was married to Denise Desruisseaux, now Paquet of Sanford in 1972. They were married 32 years and raised two children Robert C. Frechette and Jill C. Frechette.

Bob was gifted in multiple trades, which led to many different jobs along his life journey. He installed floors, did roofing, delivered for Schwann's and had his own landscaping business for 10 years. His son quickly realized, by working alongside his dad, how evident his work ethics were and realizing how physically strong he was. There was a deep and emotional side to Bob. He was his son's best man at his wedding and walked his daughter down the aisle. She had to remind him to slow his pace down!

Bob was a hardworking, strong, and kind man. He was a cancer survivor. He spent 12 years working for Pratt and Whitney where he met his wife, Denise

S. (Cushing) Brown in 1997. He retired from Pratt & Whitney in 2008.

He married Denise S. Brown in 2006. They enjoyed projects around their home, including gardening, woodworking (ladders were his nemesis) and shared a love for the Caribbean. Bob was an avid outdoorsman who liked to hike and hunt each fall. His genre of music included the music of the 60's and 70's with the Beatles at the top of the list. To relax they played pool and listened to his vinyl music collection.

He and Denise were co-captains in life. There wasn't anything they wouldn't do for one another. They weathered the challenges of life with warm affection and daily humor. Together they enjoyed antiquing and going to auctions to find that unique piece of art and furniture.

Bob is lovingly survived by his wife, Denise S. Frechette; his son's family Robert and Wendy Frechette and their children Dylan and Gabriella; his daughter's family Jill and Michael Pelletier along with their children Emma and Sadie; his stepdaughter's family Angela and John Ciani and their son Brennan; his stepson Michael and Samantha Brown and their children Dylan and Kaylee. Also, his sister Patricia Worsham, stepsister Linda Letourneau and stepbrother Gary Letourneau, and nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service will be held on Monday, Aug. 30 at 11 a.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred followed by an hour of visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Committal prayers with military honors will follow at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery, 83 Stanley Road, in Springvale.

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

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SERVICES

Anne Anastosopoulos

The family of Anne Anastosopoulos invites you to join them for a long awaited memorial service in her honor. She passed away in May of 2020, but due to covid restrictions a gathering was not possible at that time. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday Sept. 4, 11 a.m. at Hollis Center Church; 388 Hollis Road, Hollis Center ME 04042 with a luncheon to follow.



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