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## Limerick's superheroes

By C.J. PIKE

Keith and Mollie Dinsmore have been appearing at fundraisers and charity events together for more than five years now as Batman and Batgirl. They are known as the "Old Port Batman and Batgirl" because of their connection to Portland, however they have lived in Limerick for the past year and a half.

Cosplay (an abbreviation of "costume play") has been growing as a hobby since the 90s. Keith first started back in 2013 and Mollie joined him in 2015, and, it seems like that it has been a perfect fit ever since. They met online and were friends for quite a while and then Keith asked Mollie to be his Batgirl. "I was interested in being Batman ever since I was 6 or 7 years old, so it seemed like a good idea to dress up as the comic book character

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Batman and Batgirl, Keith and Mollie Dinsmore, of Limerick, enjoy the cosplay community dressing as their favorite superheroes, especially at fundraisers and other events. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE



***"Your vote is your voice. Make sure your voice is heard Nov. 3."***

— GOV. JANET MILLS

Voting is at the foundation of our democracy and voting may determine the future of our communities, our state and our nation.

I usually vote in person on Election Day cause I like to see people at the polls, but this year, I voted absentee in person in the town clerk's office cause I wanted to minimize the number of people I came into contact with and minimize the number of people at the polls on November 3rd. Voting absentee, either in-person or by mail, during this pandemic minimizes your exposure to COVID-19 and protects the health of poll workers, other voters and the community at large.

We did a pretty good job in the primary in July minimizing the people at the polls and encouraging absentee voting, but the General Election attracts far more voters, and we are stepping up efforts to protect poll workers and preserving the right of everyone to vote.

Right now you can stop by your town office during business hours, pick up a ballot and complete it right there and hand it back to the clerk. You don't

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## Fall festival & book sale

By JOANNE BARGIONI

It was exhilarating to attend the "in-person" Springvale Library Fall Festival and Book Sale on Oct. 23 and 24. Set outside the Library at 443 Main Street, booksellers, vendors, and musicians were carefully placed to accommodate the social distancing 6-foot rule. The planning for this event began three months ago. The library staff was not sure if they should make the decision to cancel the event or not due to a recent outbreak of COVID-19 in Sanford. It was of the utmost importance to Lesley Unger, Library Director, to keep everyone safe. If it could not be done safely, Unger said, "she would have canceled." Masks were asked to be worn, and volunteers passed out rubber gloves for the patrons to peruse the vast amount of books and the vendor tables. The event did not spill over into the Library itself. Everything was outside.

On Friday, just the book sale was featured on the lawn of the

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Sheila Dube, Youth Services Librarian, handing out 'create-a-pumpkin birdfeeder' kits at the Springvale Library Fall Festival. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

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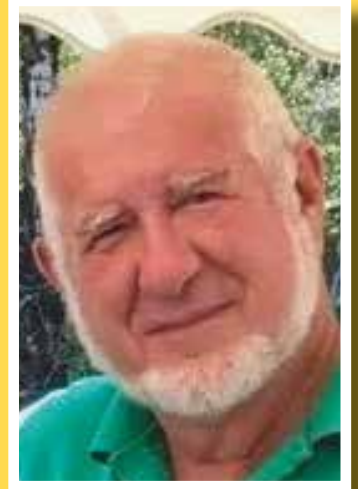
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**UNITED STATES FEDERAL CANDIDATES**

- Donald J. Trump, President
- Susan Collins, US Senate
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**STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES**

- David Woodsome, Maine State Senate District #33
- John Leifheit, Maine House of Representatives District #4
- Pamela Buck, Maine House of Representatives District #18
- Matthew Harrington, Maine House of Representatives District #19

## VOTE REPUBLICAN! NOV. 3

**YORK COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

- Carol Lovejoy, York County Probate Register
- Donna Ring, York County Commissioner District #4

**CITY OF SANFORD MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES**

- Lucas Lanigan, Sanford City Mayor
- Jonathan Martell, Sanford City Council
- Nicholas Taylor, Sanford City Council



# Where to vote Nov. 3

**YOUR VOTE**

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need an excuse. Some clerks of offices are open extra hours – evenings, weekends, even the Saturday before the election -- to accept ballots and avoid overcrowded polls on Election Day.

You can also request an absentee ballot by mail on the Secretary of State’s website at [Maine.gov/sos](http://Maine.gov/sos). And you can either mail that ballot back or deliver it in person to the clerk’s office or to a drop box.

But don’t wait. Either way, your ballot has to be in the clerk’s hands by 8 p.m. on Nov. 3.

Now, if you have requested an absentee ballot, you have committed to vote that ballot. The clerk won’t give you a second ballot unless you have somehow spoiled the ballot and you return it, or the ballot you requested does not arrive.

You can also track when your ballot is sent out and when your clerk receives your completed ballot by visiting [Maine.gov/sos](http://Maine.gov/sos) and clicking on the “Request/Track your absentee ballot” image.

Get your ballot back to your municipal clerk as soon as possible,

and no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 3, in the signed, sealed envelope. Very important.

Remember, to SIGN the envelope before returning because that’s how the clerk knows it’s the same ballot they sent you to send back.

If you are returning your ballot in person, you can drop it off at your town office during regular business hours.

We also worked to provide secure drop boxes to many towns to facilitate safe voting.

If your municipality has a ballot dropbox, you’ll find it at the city or town hall. Drop off your completed ballot - sealed in your signed envelope - at any hour, and of course ONLY in your own town or city’s ballot dropbox. You have to sign the envelope so the clerk knows it was you who requested the ballot; but neither the clerk nor anyone else will see who you voted for.

If you are returning your ballot by mail, use two first-class stamps and put it in the mail at least a week before Election Day to make sure it gets there on time.

If you are going out of state, get your ballot back before you

leave; if you mail it from somewhere across the country you take a chance it won’t be counted.

Polling places will be open on Election Day, but plan for extra wait time if you go that day because of new health and safety procedures at the polls, you know social distancing and sanitization measures.

Please wear a face covering when you go to the polls to vote and avoid face coverings or other clothing or accessories that have a political message or the name of a candidate on them.

To learn more about elections, visit the Secretary of State’s website at [Maine.gov/sos](http://Maine.gov/sos).

You know, there’s been some talk also about potential harassment or intimidation of voters in other states we’ve listened to. We don’t expect a problem with that here and we do have plenty of tools to address it if it does occur.

Just remember, you have a constitutional right to vote. No one can prevent you. It’s your civic right and your civic responsibility.

Don’t forget to vote, and please stay safe.

*—Originally aired as a radio address on Oct. 23.*

**ACTON:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road.

**ALFRED:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Alfred Elementary School, 21 Sanford Road.

**BUXTON:** 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Buxton Town Hall, 185 Portland Road.

**CORNISH:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Pike Hall, 17 Maple Street.

**DAYTON:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dayton Town Office, 33 Clarks Mills Road.

**HOLLIS:** 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hollis Community Building, 35 Town Farm Road.

**LIMERICK:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 55 Washington Street.

**LIMINGTON:** 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Municipal Complex, 425 Sokokis Avenue.

**LYMAN:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Lyman Elementary School, 39 School House Road.

**NEWFIELD:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the West Newfield Town Hall, 23 So. Effingham Road.

**PARSONSFIELD:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 634 North Road.

**SANFORD/SPRINGVALE:** all three polling locations are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**WARD #1:** Nasson Community Center Gym, 457 Main Street, Springvale.

**WARD #2:** St. Ignatius Parish Hall/Gym, 25 Riverside Avenue, Sanford.

**WARD #3:** Sanford High School & Technical Center - Voting Entrance Door #41, 100 Alumni Blvd., Sanford.

**SHAPLEIGH:** 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Shapleigh Memorial School, 467 Shapleigh Corner Road.

**WATERBORO:** 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Massabesic High School East Building, 84 West Road.

**NOTE:** If you already have an absentee ballot it is best to deliver it in person at this point, instead of mailing it, because it must be received by Nov. 3 to be counted.

All ballots must be received by the town clerks by 8 p.m. on election day. Residents who need to register to vote or update their address are encouraged to do so in advance to avoid long lines and will need to show their photo I.D. and proof of town residency.

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## SHAPLEIGH

Joanne Bargioni  
joannebargioni@gmail.com

### Lighting of pumpkins event

The Shapleigh Recreation Committee is hosting its first Annual Lighting of Pumpkins event on Sat. Oct. 31, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Shapleigh Memorial School, 467 Shapleigh Corner Road. Costumes are encouraged, but COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed. Bring your carved and painted pumpkins by Oct. 31 from 2 to 3 p.m. and help light up the night. All ages welcome to enter their pumpkins for a chance to win a gift card from Dairy Queen. Shapleigh Selectmen will judge the contest. There will be candy for the kids. The community is invited to participate in a "drive-thru" Jack-O-Lantern display.



## ALFRED

Allison Williams  
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324-5823

### Alfred Parish Church

The annual fall cleanup will be held Saturday, Oct. 31 with a rain date of Nov. 7. Come with a rake. You will only have to rake three feet on each side to maintain social distancing.

The drive-through goodbye to Rev. Sara Bartlett was held Oct. 18. Her service of release will be held via ZOOM at 10 a.m. on Oct. 31 in Conant Chapel.

### Here and there

Pumpkins to carve, paint or eat are available at Parsons Memorial Library thanks to Gile's Family Farm and Alfred Parks and Rec. There is one per child while supplies last. Many thanks to the donors.

The next drive-through supper sponsored by the Massabesic Lions Club will be held Saturday, Nov. 14 starting at 4 p.m.

Shaker Pond is a haven for Canada Geese flying south. The count varies. This morning (Oct. 20) there were 24 geese and goslings resting before pursuing their trip.

We have had no further visits on Gore Road to our bird feeders by the bear but we faithfully bring

in the feeders at night and return them in the morning. If we forget to get the feeders in the evening and go out there in the dark to fetch them, I admit to a certain amount of apprehension. There is no light out there. I hope Bear has hibernated.

### Rides to remember

We wanted to do something special on our anniversary and a trip on the Kancamagus Highway seemed like a good idea. There were no home obligations that day and sunny skies were predicted. The dog, who loves to travel, would go with us. We would take lunch with us and leave early. And so it was done, except for the early part. My husband did mention the holiday weekend but I didn't really take in the ramifications of that. I did call our daughter and told her our plans. It's always wise to let someone know in case of flood or fire or other minor emergencies happening.

We headed for New Hampshire and soon discovered many other folks had also picked this weekend to visit the White Mountains. Once we had reached Route 112 we realized we were being ac-

companied by unbelievable lines of traffic both ahead of us and behind us. Pull out areas were full of parked cars. We had brought our cameras but there was no place to park. Groups of young people and families were headed for the trails. We drove on – and on – looking for a place to pull out. We finally gave up and just kept traveling.

Eventually pull out areas were less crowded and there was even one with no vehicles or people. We immediately parked there, took out the dog for a brief walk, and pulled out our lunch. My husband had supplied us with seafood rolls, chips and sweet buns. We ate comfortably in the car and had just finished when two cars of Pakistani folks arrived. They included an adorable baby whom I would have gladly adopted. They seemed to know each other and also knew something about the nearby trail because they soon disappeared down the grassy track. We returned to Route 112.

I wanted to take some pictures but there was no place to stop with all that traffic ahead and behind. As soon as I saw a good shot – we had passed by it. I am not a fast picture taker! Checking the film

later I found that I had taken a few mountain tops but missed Mt. Washington which appeared that day to have snow on top.

When my husband spotted a rest area with a restroom he pulled in. I found it was empty and entered. The sign outside the restroom stated it was CLEANED FREQUENTLY. Who were they kidding? Anyway I was glad to find it and locked the door. But when I was ready to depart the door would not open. I jiggled the lock, and the latch, but nothing happened. After lots of jiggling I began knocking on the door. Surely someone would hear me? No one did and I began to think I would have to spend the winter there – when suddenly the lock was released! I quickly departed and told the young woman outside that the lock was not working. She just looked at me. Probably wondering how I had been able to get out.

The next day, Sunday, we had dinner at our daughter's. She is a talented cook and hosts the family for Sunday dinners. Everybody brings something but most of the meal is done by her. After we had all eaten and cleaned off the table, she asked if we would like to go for a ride to see the foliage. We had been so busy watching traffic the day before that we had not really appreciated the foliage. There were six of us who departed in her van but no dog. The dog didn't mind staying behind. Our great-grand-daughter is her favorite person and she would dog sit.

We first visited the lookout in Limerick. There may have been three cars parked there, but no more. The view was fabulous. We went on and drove through Cornish, Fryburg, Hiram, Baldwin, West Baldwin, and Springvale (not necessarily in that order) and everywhere the colors were outstanding. And hardly any traffic.

Another time I would visit Kancamagus midweek. That would leave the road available on the weekend for all those Massachusetts cars.

## BRIEFS

### Arundel Historical Society launches bicentennial book

With the holiday season approaching here is a gift idea that might be appealing to history buffs in your family. The Arundel Historical Society is releasing a book, *ARUNDEL – Roads Well Travelled* in honor of Maine's 200th anniversary, filled with stories, information, documents, and photographs of Arundel's long history.

The 60-page book spans 200 years from 1820 to the present and many Arundel families are noted, including Cleaves, Currier, McIntire, Burnham, Hutchins, Downing, Benson, Jones, and Goulet. There are news articles referencing Arundel controversies, tragedies, celebrations and accomplishments as well as personal stories and insights into Arundel's past.

If you do not live locally, you can have one mailed to you for a donation of \$20 plus \$4.30 for shipping & handling. To order your copy, email: info@arundel-historicalsociety.org.

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PLANNING BOARD  
**NOTICE OF SITE WALK**  
Sunday, November 8, 2020, 9:00 am.  
at the Outside Storage Area at Heather and Windsor Lanes

The Town of Alfred Planning Board will hold a Site Walk on November 8, 2020, at 9:00 am to review the location for a new 55 plus age subdivision application submitted by Keyword Manor EXP, LP. The properties are located on Tax Map 1, Lots 21 and 20B in the Rural Residential Zoning District for consideration by the Planning Board for approximately 91 +/- new residences. The application is available for review at the Keyword Manor Community Center at 85 Pools Crossing Road or at the Code Enforcement Office at the Town Hall.

**RE-ELECT MIKE COTE**  
**York County Commissioner**  
DISTRICT 4: ALFRED, SANFORD, WATERBORO, SHAPLEIGH & LYMAN

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**TOWN OF ALFRED**  
The Town Clerk's office will have additional hours for **IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING ONLY**  
**Friday, October 30, 2020**  
**from 1:00-5:00 p.m.**  
If you have any questions, please call 324-5872 x204.

# Meals in Sanford find way to flourish in time of turmoil

As the rain poured down on a cold early October night, teens from St. Thérèse of Lisieux Parish in Sanford and Holy Spirit Parish in Kennebunk and Wells remain focused, determined to ensure that those waiting in the long line of cars in front of St. Ignatius parish hall for a free and delicious meal would receive one (six pictures below).

"It was down pouring, but the cars still lined up for pasta," said Colby White, a senior student and member of Holy Spirit Parish. "We show our dedication to this service, and I think this is one way we can show people their community cares about them."

"It was hard in the pouring rain because our order forms kept getting wet," said Emma Houston, an eighth grader at Holy Spirit Parish. "One of the best things about curbside though is there are almost no dishes and cleanup is faster!"

On the second Tuesday of each month, teens, and a wonderful group of adults overseeing the process, provide free Matthew 25:35 Meals to anyone in the community who gathers in front of the hall on Riverside Avenue in Sanford.

Devised in 2017 as a way in which to teach local teens about the importance of service, particularly the Bible verse Matthew 25:35 ("For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me..."), the dinners have become so much more. They have built community, delivered smiles to faces that need them, and inspired generosity.

"The St. Mary's Ecumenical Food Pantry in Wells is providing all of our food. Congdon's Doughnuts provides our condiment containers and flatware packets. When they were trying to get us take-out containers, one of their vendors, Favorite Foods, decided to just donate a few hundred take-out containers to the project. Parishioners donate gift cards, fruit cups, and cookie packages. After our first meal when it became apparent that we would need portable electric roaster ovens, the Springvale Knights of Columbus just went out and bought them for us. This has truly been a blessing," said Carolyn Houston, director of faith formation at Holy Spirit Parish.

The path to this successful ministry that has grown in size and reach over the last three years has not been without obstacles. Like many programs, the Matthew 25:35 Meals were rocked by the pandemic, unable to operate from April to August. Traditionally a sit-down meal inside the hall, organizers knew for the ministry to continue, drastic changes would need to be made.

"Our team at Holy Spirit and St. Thérèse of Lisieux brainstormed about how we would tackle the COVID-19 dilemma and somehow get a hot meal to those in need," said Lisa White, a catechist at Holy Spirit Parish. "What an amazing team effort it was."

Curbside service to cars and pedestrians was the answer. There was trepidation about how the new format would be received but thankfully, that trepidation was short-lived.



"We were very nervous about how it would go for our first meal since the pandemic began, but at the end of the night, we were thrilled with the turnout and how well our plans were implemented without incident," said Lisa. "With the teens standing outside taking orders, they were able to be more visible to the public and interact more with patrons. The teens did their jobs so well. It made me proud to see them at work, making an impact on the community and being the hands and feet of Christ."

"Even though things are so different as to how we are able to serve our community, the people are so appreciate and still look forward to the meal that is served," said Theresa Guillemette, a teen at St. Thérèse of Lisieux Parish.

"To see the kids being able to adapt to the new way of doing things and to know that they are still coming to help out no matter what is really an uplifting testimony to God's work in their lives," said Michelle Guillemette, Theresa's mother. "It's a beautiful thing. God is good."

Despite the temporary absence of the camaraderie and conversation so obvious during the meals served at the tables inside the hall, connections continue to be made at the curb.

"I always look forward to talking to the people we serve and hearing the life experiences they share with me," said Colby. "There is more to the lives of the most vulnerable than meets the eye, and I am usually taken aback by their deep wisdom. I usually hear something along the lines of: 'Don't make the same mistakes I made when I was your age.' The meal is truly a communal experience, in which we all can learn from each other."

"The take-out version is good, too," said Emma. "I think it lets people know that others care about them and haven't forgotten them."

"I think the curbside meals may be teaching our youth that service isn't about convenience. If there is a need and an obstacle to addressing that need, we as a community should find a way to overcome the obstacle," said Carolyn. "We are so blessed with a caring community."

And those being served end up receiving more than a meal when they swing by Riverside each month.


"In light of the Pope's encyclical of brotherhood, Fratelli tutti, I think the Matthew Meal plays a role in this fellowship," said Colby. "In the rain, during a pandemic, and in the course of political turmoil, I think that the meals have demonstrated what it means to be compassionate, to show understanding, and to stand in solidarity with all."

The next meal is set for Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend the event which, of course, will always be held rain or shine.

"My prayer is that all who serve and all whom we serve are able to see that these kinds of small gestures are driven by the same Spirit who cherishes each one of us," said Carolyn.

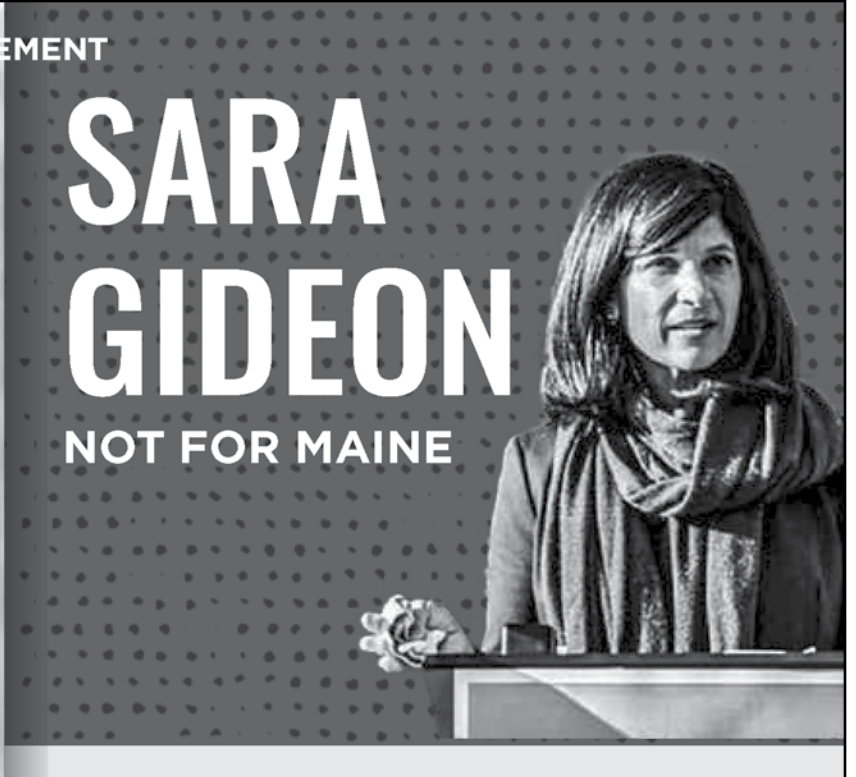
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# Officials request the public's help locating Ash trees sold at Maine Lowe's locations

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) seeks the public's help in locating ash trees sold at

Lowe's stores in Maine during spring and summer 2020. DACF Horticulture and Forest Health officials are concerned that the trees

may contain emerald ash borer (EAB), an invasive insect that kills ash trees. The trees originated at a nursery located in an EAB infested and quarantined area. Customers purchased thirty-six of these trees during spring and summer from Lowe's stores in Auburn, Augusta, Bangor, Brewer, Brunswick, Portland, Sanford, Scarborough, Thomaston, and Windham. The trees were potted, sold for \$29.98, and labeled as Ash Green, *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*. (A tree tag sample follows this news release.)

Customers who have not already been contacted by Lowe's are asked to get in touch with Maine State Horticulture Program, by emailing [bugwatch@maine.gov](mailto:bugwatch@maine.gov) or calling directly at

207-287-7545

DACF suggests that everyone refrain from planting any ash tree (*Fraxinus* spp., not mountain-ash) and the white fringe tree (*Chionanthus* sp.). EAB is established in Maine, and EAB infestations surround the state in Vermont, New Hampshire, New Brunswick, and Quebec. Ornamental ash trees in areas with EAB infestation require regular application of insecticides to survive and thrive. Visit <https://www.maine.gov/eab> for more information about emerald ash borer.

DACF extends its gratitude to Lowe's and Clinton Nurseries for their response to this ash tree incident. DACF and Lowes staff worked collaboratively to address the situation, inform cus-

tomers who purchased ash trees, and hang informational signage at Lowe's stores throughout Maine.

*About EAB in Maine*

*EAB, first detected in Michigan in 2002, has spread across 35 states through wood products, including firewood and trees sold for planting. In Maine, EAB currently infests a small percentage of our ash trees. Current EAB quarantine areas in Maine include all of York and Cumberland Counties, parts of Oxford County, and the northeastern corner of Aroostook County. The quarantine boundaries were drawn to form a buffer on those towns where EAB had been detected. EAB was found in northern Aroostook County in May 2018, western York County in September 2018, and Cumberland County in September 2019. DACF remains committed to delaying this pest's impacts in uninfested areas through education, survey, quarantine, and biological control efforts.*




**Donna Ring**  
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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Please share with your family and friends I'm running for York County Commissioner after 40 years as an employee at the Sheriff's Office. We need commissioners who will listen, ask real questions and make tough decisions. My qualifications are perfect for this position, I will be honored to serve and I look forward to working for the citizens of this county when elected. Please vote for me if you would like true transparency, accountability and change!

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- ★ Experienced in all financial, payroll, and most law enforcement programs utilized by York County
- ★ Reserve Deputy Sheriff for over 10 years
- ★ Resident of York County for 55 years; mother of 3 and grandmother of 6



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## COLLEGE LIFE

### Local students shine

Acadia Byther of Lyman, who is majoring in Early Childhood/Elementary Education, has been named to the Champlain College President's List for the Spring 2020 semester. Students on the President's List have achieved a grade point average of 4.0 or higher during the semester.

Ivy Whittaker-Deming, of Waterboro, became a new student at Lasell University this fall. Whittaker-Deming, a resident of Waterboro, will study Biology.

Owen Bradley of Waterboro, graduated from Roger Williams University. Bradley was also recently named to the Spring 2020 Dean's List, earning 12 or more credits and a grade point average of 3.4 or higher for the semester.

Leah Ryan, class of 2021, from Lyman, was named to the President's List for the spring 2020 semester at Bryant University. The President's List is an academic distinction reserved for Bryant's highest achievers who earn a GPA of 4.0 or better for at least 12 semester hours of work.

Dorothy Pierce of Lyman was recently named to the Spring 2020 Dean's List, earning 12 or more credits and a grade point average of 3.4 or higher for the semester.


Thomas Charlton of Limington, who is majoring in Game Production Management, has been named to the Champlain College Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the semester.

Making the President's List or Dean's List is a tremendous achievement in any year, and the global pandemic added unprecedented challenges for all students who often juggle academics with many other responsibilities.

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**SUPERHEROES**

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once I got older in order to do fundraisers," said Keith. They usually go to a fundraiser every couple of weeks, but back in 2018 and 2019 they sometimes had as many as two per day. Now they attend about four to five events a year.

Recently they were helping to raise money for fuel assistance for the RSU 57 school district, and back in September, Batman walked with Lt. Ron Smith from Limerick to Waterboro, to help with the Walk for Warmth fundraiser, which was quite successful.

Since they have been involved in the cosplay group, they have been to fundraisers all over the country, like Boston, Times Square in New York, San Diego, California and many other places. They attend conventions, birthday parties, charities and anyplace where they can make a difference.

Members of the cosplay group enjoy dressing in superhero costumes to do fundraisers. The individuals dress up as characters from a movie, book or video, that will especially make an impression on

the children. Mollie said "I loved it, when I saw the kids reaction."

They usually work with the other superheroes in the area, who enjoy the cosplay group, as well, and attend the local functions.

Keith is also the 2020 Guinness world record holder for having the most functional gadgets that go with his costume. He has 30 in all that go in his costume, and everything has a place, some are in his belt, some in his gauntlets and some in his utility belt. When they are not in use, he keeps them in a glass case to display them.

The Dinsmores make their own suits by cutting pieces out of the fabric and Mollie sews everything together. It has been a real fun time for them working together, as one of America's most 'Dynamic Duos.' "Pick the character that you want to be, and when you put on the costume, you will know that is who you are meant to be," Mollie said.

According to research, the fictional comic book character first appeared back in the 1930's in detective comics as a Dark Knight superhero who saved people, and protected Gotham City from evil.

Their future plans are to be at

the Christmas parade in Limerick on the first Saturday in December.

The Dinsmores have built their name as two of the most loved comic book characters, and will continue doing all that they can to help those who are in need, whether to raise money for heating assistance or just putting a smile on a kids face.

At right, Batman shows his many tools that are all part of his costume, which he holds a Guinness world record for the most functional gadgets.

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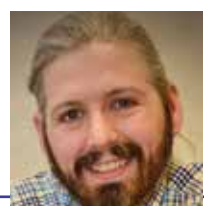
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# Maine Tourism Association reports struggles for tourism businesses

The Maine Tourism Association (MTA) reports on the state of tourism and surveyed tourism businesses to determine how they fared over Indigenous People's Day weekend compared to 2019.

Some 36% of businesses responding said they were down over 50% from last year. Of those, 15% were down over 75%. Businesses that lost less than 50% numbered over 25% of respondents. Those with the same amount of business as 2019 accounted for 25%; and those with more businesses accounted for almost 13%. Nearly 6% of respondents said they were unable to open this year.

Different areas of the state tell different stories as well. Many Bar Harbor and Acadia area establishments were nearly full, although capacity for most businesses are reduced. Some areas of Aroostook County are faring well also with a lot of in-state travelers. In addition to Mainers, most travelers are from (in no particular order) Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey, with the rest of the New England states making up the bulk of visitors.

A common theme cited by respondents is that staffing shortages continue to be problematic. The lack of H2B and J1 visa workers has hurt lodging properties in particular. Also, the additional COVID protocols and visitors who require more attention due to the COVID regulations

and precautions contributes to an increased workload for the lean staff.

"This is just a snapshot in time from one survey but it's very telling," CEO Tony Cameron said. "August was great month by 2020 standards due to the weather and the lifting of travel restrictions on visitors from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. This holiday weekend improved business for those few days but it is a long way from normal. The people working in tourism are still struggling greatly."

"We will feel the impact for months, if not years, to come. The effects of being closed in the spring and having such limited capacity and visitors through the summer will catch up. Some businesses are persevering this year but may not be open next year."

In 2019, the tourism industry in Maine supported over 116,000 workers, generated \$9.7 billion in total sales, and brought in nearly \$650 million in tax dollars to the state coffers.

Cameron continued, "Tourism is Maine's largest private industry. Tourism's recovery is the key to the state's overall economic recovery."

"The good news is that tourism is resilient. It is one of the few traditional Maine industries still going strong after 200 years of statehood. Tourism will survive and thrive."



Local musicians Hanz Araki and Colleen Raney play Irish tunes on the Springvale Library lawn. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

## FALL FESTIVAL

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library. "The sales of books on Friday were very successful," reporter Unger. This was the only fundraiser for the library this year, and many people who bought books gave additional money as a donation to the Library.

There was a variety of wares for sale at the vendor's booths. Flying Pigs Bath Products, jewel-

ry, dollhouse furniture and accessories, penny rugs, artwork and all genres of books were exhibited.


Partners Bank sponsored three concerts held at the festival. At 10 a.m. on Friday, Zac Stearns performed on the makeshift outside stage beautifully set amongst the fall leaves and trees. On Saturday, Colleen Raney and her husband Hanz Araki, International touring musicians, played Irish music. Raney and Araki were original-

ly from Seattle, Washington and moved to Springvale about five years ago. Big John Rachkosie completed the lineup and performed at 2 p.m.


Partners Bank also sponsored the 'create-a-pumpkin birdfeeder' craft for children. The kit including birdseed, a pumpkin, and instructions, and was made available for children to take home to create their bird feeders (See related photo on Page 1.).

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# SPORTS

## Massabesic gets sports rolling

BY MICHAEL DEANGELIS

York County schools were cleared for sports and, at least locally, it didn't take long to get practices rolling and get some limited schedules released.

Both football and volleyball at Massabesic have no games scheduled, but are practicing. The Mustangs will have varsity and junior varsity soccer for both boys and girls with teams playing six games each.

Cross Country teams so far only have state qualifiers to run in. Belfast was set to host, as they most often do, but a bump in COVID-19 cases in the county has the MPA rethinking the location.

### Field Hockey

Michele Martin-Moore, long-time varsity field hockey coach at Massabesic, said it was good to be back on the turf with the girls. "They are all working really hard and enjoying being out there together."

The Mustangs were set to visit Kennebunk for their opener on Thursday, Oct. 29 and then host Sanford on Monday, Nov. 2. Massabesic will finish their five scheduled games on Nov. 12.

"It's cold by the end of practice some days, but we're grateful for the time we have together and making due," said Martin-Moore.



The Massabesic senior field hockey players, from left, Kendra Rodriguez, Emma Snyder, Kate Mynahan, Camryn Champlin, Izzy Hurlburt, Anna Snyder, Grace Frechette, Marissa Holt and Noelle DesVergnes. COURTESY PHOTO

### CROSS COUNTRY

- 11/4 Boys Qualifier @Noble 3:45pm
- 11/5 Girls Qualifier @Noble 3:45pm

### GIRLS' SOCCER

- 10/28 @Biddeford 5pm
- 10/30 Kennebunk 4:15/6pm
- 11/4 @Thornton Academy 5/7pm
- 11/6 Sanford 4:15/6pm
- 11/10 @Noble 4:30/6p
- 11/14 Biddeford 10am/12pm

### FIELD HOCKEY

- 10/29 @Kennebunk 4pmV/5:30 JV
- 11/2 Sanford 5V/6:30 JV
- 11/6 @Biddeford 4V/5:30 JV
- 11/9 Biddeford 4V/5:30JV
- 11/12 Kennebunk 4V/5:30 JV

### BOYS' SOCCER

- 10/28 Biddeford 6pm
- 10/31 Sanford 10/11:30am
- 11/6 @Sanford 4:30/6:30pm
- 11/10 Noble 5:30/7:15pm
- 11/13 Kennebunk 4:15/6pm
- 11/14 @Biddeford 10am

## XC returns, lady Scots win

BY MICHAEL DEANGELIS

Bonny Eagle was first with 37 points, 10 better than second-place Falmouth at the Cumberland County State Qualifier held Saturday, Oct. 24 at Gorham High School.

Falmouth's Sofie Matson (18:08.85) and Karley Piers (18:35.46) took first and second place, respectively, but the Scots took the next three places with

juniors Delaney Hesler (18:48.05) and Emmaline Pendleton third and fourth and freshman Abby Thibodeau fifth.

Matson and Piers went 1-2 at the Class A State Championships last November in Cumberland. At that race, Hesler was fourth and Pendleton was 10th, but the Scots had the bigger celebration when they posted a dominant win with just 72 points. Falmouth was well back with 114 and Gorham was third with 120.

Back in action just about a year later the results stayed the same with Falmouth keeping it close

thanks to a seventh place finish from Eva Clement, but the Scots put thoughts of an upset to rest with a 12th from Ella Dunne and a 13th from Hannah Stevens. Sixty runners competed on the day.

Host Gorham had an excellent outing with 66 points good for a third place finish. More below:

SCOTS	37 (3,4,5,12,13)
Falmouth	47 (1,2,7,14,23)
Gorham	66
Cheverus	118
Portland	120
Windham	164
Scarborough	182
S. Portland	198

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- ★ Continue work to reduce the cost of electricity and energy for home heating.
- ★ Oppose higher taxes which harm our families and our economy.
- ★ Support efforts to always, always protect access to health coverage for pre-existing conditions, while prohibiting surprise medical bills.



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# The Zombies of Rock Haven

A HALLOWEEN STORY  
By C.J. PIKE

A man and woman sat on a bench by the water's edge of Rock Haven Lake one evening in the month of June. They talked, laughed and kissed passionately. It was a warm night with just a slight breeze, which helped to keep the bugs away.

As they sat there, it seemed like the sky got even blacker and a very cool breeze came up from the lake, so strong that the woman shivered. "Wow, it cooled off fast." She said. Then, all of a sudden, a big gust of wind, practically blew her over. Her hair stood on end, and her clothes were being blown every which way.

"What is going on?" He said. The temperature had dropped at least 40 degrees in a matter of minutes.

"Let's get out of here." She said in a frightened voice. But, there was no leaving, the wind pinned them down to the bench and they couldn't move at all. It was a strong force to be reckoned with, for sure. Due to the blackness of the night, neither one of them could see anything, not even each other. But they clung together and held on tight, for fear of being blown away.

This frightening scene lasted for a good half hour, but seemed like much longer. She begged him to do something, but of course, he couldn't even move. He could barely talk, but managed to hold



onto her, whispering, "Don't worry, this will pass."

A short while after that, they started hearing noises, like a wolf howling or some wild animal giving a death call. A howl so blood curdling that she began to scream out loud "Aaaahhh, please stop." Tears streamed down her face, as she cried uncontrollably. "I want to go home."

The man could only console her by reassuring her, as he kept saying, "Don't worry, everything will be alright." But, he was not too sure of that himself, and only said that to calm her. Inside he was all torn up, but had no idea what to do.

The wind eventually died down and a break in the darkness came with a ray of light through the black sky. But then, out of the night walked a tall, dark figure all dressed in black, carrying a large sword. He waved the sword around in front of them, which made the woman scream right at him "Why

are you doing this to us?" And he came right up to her and screamed back in her face.

"I am the ruler of this lake and the beach, and you are in my way. This is my spot to sit at night to look at the moon."

"Okay, okay, let us go, and we'll never come back here." She begged the dark figure. "And, who are you, anyways, do you live here?" She asked. Just as she said that, several more like him showed up, which made the situation even more terrifying. She sobbed and sobbed as they surrounded the bench and hovered over them.

"You see, my friends and I enjoy this area, and always come over when there is a full moon. I am Count Carl Von Heggenminor and these are my zombie friends."

"You're ZOMBIES?" She choked the words out, as the man just shook all over. He might have been even more terrified than she was, as he hadn't said a word the whole time, since the zombies showed up.

Generally speaking, zombies don't talk since they are dead people that have come back to life, but this one was a real chatterbox.

"So, how about if we get up off the bench and just slip out of this area, and then you and your friends can have your fun?" She asked.

"Hmm, that sounds like it would work out. Do you promise never to come back over here again?" The Count asked.

"Oh, yes, yes, yes, yes!" She was relieved that the situation was coming to an end.

They waved their swords around and rested them right next

to the man and woman's throats.

"If you don't keep your word, we will find you and we will kill you. You will be condemned to come back to walk the earth as we do, zombies with no place, and no rest, forever wandering, forever and ever."

Those words hit her hard as she cried out loud even more. "Please let us go. Please. Please. We'll never come back. Ever!"

The Count consulted with his friends for quite some time, but they all kept their eyes on the couple.

"We don't know if we should trust you. But, I will cut off the fingers on both of your right hands, as insurance." He got his sword ready and grabbed the woman's hand first. Without a second thought, he sliced four of her fingers off, and the blood spurted out everywhere.

The fingers dropped to the ground, and the other zombies grabbed them and gobbled them up, then they sucked the blood off her hand.

She screamed and cried, while he grabbed the man's right hand, and when he finished that, he said to the man, "Maybe I should cut out your tongue, too, so that you won't talk about this to anyone."

Terrified the man begged and swore up and down that he would never utter a single word. "We'll just leave and never even speak of this between the two of us." He said to the Count.

Meanwhile the other zombies ate the man's fingers and sucked the blood off his hand, too.

They were quite satisfied with their tasty little treat and shoved the

couple off the bench, so that they could sit down to look at the moon.

Finally, the Count was convinced and let them leave. They made a run for it to get away as quickly as possible, before he changed his mind. And from that day on neither one of them ever spoke of that evening again.

They moved far away from the place, but they never felt safe and always looked over their shoulders, to make sure nothing was behind them.

At night when they went to bed, they clung to each other, as if the world was coming to an end, the same way that they did that night. Life was never the same after that terrifying ordeal, and it felt like they were always haunted by the experience.

They lived in fear day and night, but their love was always strong. As the years went by, they both had serious medical problems, and knew that their time to leave the world was near, but they accepted it.


He was the first to go, and died in her arms as they snuggled; she felt the life go out of his body, and knew she couldn't go on without him. They were each others rock and salvation and stayed together even through the tough times.

Within an hour, she passed away, too, joining him on the road to peace and tranquility, putting an end to the horrible nightmare they had lived for all those years.

It was on the very same night that they were terrorized twenty years earlier by the zombies.

**Happy Halloween!**

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**Grace Darling (Boyd) Gilpatrick**

Grace Darling (Boyd) Gilpatrick, wife of Delbert R. Gilpatrick passed away at her home in South Hiram after a period of declining health. She was born in Cumberland, Rhode Island, the daughter of Abraham L.



**Grace Darling (Boyd) Gilpatrick**

and Flora E. (Hamilton) Boyd. Her family moved to Durgintown when she was a child. She was educated in local schools and was a graduate of Porter High School. Grace worked her way through college and received her Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Education from Gorham State Teachers College. Following college she was hired as an elementary teacher at Parsonsfield Seminary and later at the Fred Morrill School. She taught a total of forty-three years, thirty-seven of which as Principle. During her teaching career she served on the Maine Teachers Association Executive Committee and was in charge of the MEA booth at the National Education Association Conventions held in Miami Florida, New York City and Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota.

She married her childhood sweetheart Del, on June 28, 1952. Together they raised their sons. Grace and Del enjoyed riding,

buying and selling motorcycles, antique automobiles and traveling. Especially memorable was their trip to Germany and Italy while their son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Elizabeth were stationed there.

Grace and Del, were members of Calvary Bible Church. Members of the Sacopee Valley Agricultural Fair and put on numerous parades for the fair. Grace was a founding member and volunteered many hours to the Friends of Parsem, served on the S.A.D.#55 School Board and Town of Hiram zoning board of appeals. Gracie was proud to be a lifelong Republican.

Grace is survived by her beloved husband Del of 68 years, son, Larry R. and Elizabeth of Parsonsfield, son, Garry R. and wife Debbie of Hampden. She is also survived by a sister-in-law Gwen Gilpatrick, many nieces, nephews and a neighborhood of wonderful friends. She was predeceased by her parents and siblings, George, Flora, Margaret and Lincoln.

Visiting hours were held on Oct. 15 at the Poitras, Neal & York Funeral Home, 71 Maple St., in Cornish. A private family funeral service was held prior visitation. Burial will be at Stanley Cemetery in South Hiram at a later date. Online condolences can be submitted at [www.maineFuneral.com](http://www.maineFuneral.com).

Special thanks to Pastor Dan Ahern and the church family for their support during this difficult time. We are forever grateful to Beacon Hospice for the wonderful and loving care shown to our wife and mother. Without them it would have been impossible for her to pass away in the home she

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**Linda L. Porro**

Linda L. Porro, age 67, of Osprey Road, Alton, New Hampshire, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family, Oct. 15, 2020.

Born April 17, 1953 and raised in Parsonsfield, a daughter of Walter D. Reed and Freda M. (Nutter) Reed, she had resided in West Newfield, Sanford and Lebanon and lived in Alton the past 22 years.

Linda was retired from Albany International in Rochester, New Hampshire.

A quilter, she made a quilt for each of her siblings, she loved to sew, play cards and to travel, "on the road again." She especially loved family gatherings.

Survived by her husband Robert A. Porro, her daughter Veronica Freda (Monroe) Kaminski and husband Jonathan Kaminski, three stepsons: Robert A. Porro, Jr., Todd A. Porro, Bryan C. Porro and wife Nicole, two granddaughters: Maisen and Ellie Porro, her brother Donald and wife Mary Reed, also many nieces, nephews and her dog "Sissy." Predeceased by her parents, her son Michael Allen Mon-



**Linda L. Porro**

roe and five siblings: Helen, Arthur, David, Evelyn and Russell.

A graveside service will be held at Maplewood Cemetery in Parsonsfield. If desired, memorial donations may be made in her memory to your local Humane Society. Cremation care by Peaslee Alton Funeral Home, to express condolences visit: [www.peasleefuneral-home.com](http://www.peasleefuneral-home.com).

**Barbara O'Brien**

Barbara O'Brien, a well-known Maine potter and owner of Barn-Swallow Pottery & Antiques in Newfield since 1976, passed away at home on Wednesday, Oct. 7. She was watched over and cared for by her daughter, Alyssa, various close family friends, and of course, Tucker, her beloved cat.

Barbara was born in Queens, New York, on June 21, 1945, to Richard and Sally von Philp. She graduated from The Wheatley School in Old Westbury, keeping in touch with a few classmates until the end of her life. Barbara did her undergraduate and graduate work at Stony Brook University, preparing for a career in teaching literature. After teaching for a few years she determined it was not her calling. She then found her true passion: ceramics.

She taught herself pottery with a homemade wheel she built from a kit in The Whole Earth Catalog and a "how to" book from the library propped open next to her, eventually having enough product to sell from a card table in the barn doorway of her then home in Waterboro. In 1976 she moved to Newfield, where she made a home and business in the village next to Willow-

brook Museum.

Her work could also be found elsewhere. For forty-four years she sold pottery at United Maine Craftsmen's Cumberland Arts & Crafts Show, set up in the exact same spot. Other shows she participated in included Laudholm Nature Crafts Festival, League of Maine Craftsmen Christmas Show, School Around Us, Seacoast Home & Garden Show and many others. She was a former Show Director of the Fall Festival of Crafts at Smiling Hill Farm. Barbara was a member of United Maine Craftsmen, Maine Crafts Association and Society of Southern Maine Craftsmen. She was involved with the Snowflake Trail, Stone Soup Artisans and Amicus. Her work was featured in the *Better Homes & Gardens, Kitchen & Bath Issue*, Nov/Dec 2005. She did her last craft fair in 2015 and continued making pottery until 2018.

An avid reader, and lover of all animals, she greatly enjoyed traveling, especially if it involved going to the theater or museums. She was known for both her strong personality and sense of humor. Passionate about her beliefs, people were naturally drawn to her. She greatly enjoyed interacting with her customers, who often visited again and again. Many became friends.

Her tremendous legacy will live on in the thousands and thousands of pieces of her work that are cherished by people across the country and beyond, and in her shop, which will remain open. A celebration of life will be planned for June.

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# OPINION

## LETTERS

### Mr. Simonds,

Thank you Jon for the interesting article. I hope everyone took time to read it. I doubt most people know how York County's government is managed, let alone the history of their town.

Part of my young years were lived in Eliot, Maine. I loved growing up on the Piscataqua river, and helping my friends work at dairy and horse-farms. There are few reminders of farms now in Eliot and York, but there are many houses where I once roamed to hunt deer.

In seventh grade, I had a class called "Maine History".

Mr Rupert Baglivo was a notoriously strict teacher. He took no guff from any student. One day he assigned a homework project.

Write a 500-word essay about "something of historical significance in where you live."

Mr Baglivo was not only a dead shot with a dusty chalkboard

eraser; Often deployed against whisperers and test cheaters...he had outstanding hearing.

I muttered, "nothing in Eliot ever happened that was worth writing about." He heard every word.

"Mr. Stubbs, your 500-word count essay cannot include words less than 4-letters"!

Getting a dusty chalkboard eraser bounced off of my forehead would have been an easier punishment to accept. But I feared and respected Mr. Baglivo. I spent many evening in the town's library and still remember how the town got its name.

Some might say Mr. Baglivo was abusive to disruptive students. He was an authoritarian. I still remember Rupert as "Mr. Baglivo".

Thank you Jon for the informative article and jogging an aging memory.

— Ed Stubbs  
West Newfield

### In reponse

My letter is a response to the Sanford Republicans ad in the Oct. 22 issue of the *Reporter*.

Dear Sanford GOP,

Your ad is misleading as it implies that Governor Janet Mills deliberately shut down the Sanford Bonanza Restaurant herself. She did not shut it down, the COVID-19 virus shut it down.

Governor Mills' first priority has been the safety of all Maine citizens and tourists.

This virus does not care what race, religion, political dogma, age of any one, or the self-delusion that some people feel that are protected or immune against the virus. You may feel it is your "constitutional right" not to wear a mask. You can gamble with your life and take responsibility of infecting people that you do not want to purposely hurt. What fool wants to intentionally contract the virus?

The Sanford Republican Party, the National Republican Party, and Mr. Trump are imploring people to spend money to keep the economy "running." The National Republican Party does not care if you get sick or die. This self-serving justification for "opening up the economy" is the biggest hoax this country has ever experienced. It's all about money, greed, and that your lives are expendable with no regret for over 200,000 deaths.

Many businesses have made many accommodations to help protect their customers. They understand that there is no simple or immediate cure for the virus. These businesses understand their profits will not be as large due to self-isolation. What business can survive without healthy, trained employees? These businesses are trying to be creative in supporting their customers. They do not blame Governor Mills for protecting us. All of us are hoping for a cure as more people throughout the world get sick.

— Paul Baresel  
Buxton

## Invasive species hits Maine

Governor Mills and Dr. Shah, the head of the Maine CDC, have yet to address a recent epidemic spreading across the state. This viral infection is a direct result of the current pandemic, forcing people all across the country to work from home. When an office



by  
Jon Simonds

commute consists of little more than going from the bedroom to the kitchen, home might as well be anywhere in the world. As a result of this new norm, Maine finds itself leading the nation in a surge of epidemic proportions as the growth of an invasive species, otherwise known as The New Yorker, threatens to unhinge the peaceful tranquility of Maine.

Local realtors have pointed to a spike in home sales, many sight-unseen. The New York Post is featuring articles on ex-pats living life in the beautiful state of Maine. As a transplanted Brooklynite, now in my tenth year, I feel obligated to share some insight in the hopes of enhancing your coping skills. New Yorkers, with the possible exception of Yankee fans coming out of the Bronx, should not be taken for rude snobbish people simply because they avoid your friendly glance. New York is a City of two million dog owners. Two million dogs make for a large variety of – well, you know what I'm talking about. Our eyes are trained to focus on the path ahead. We don't have time to look at you. It's not in our nature. Besides, with twelve million people walking in and around one another, if New Yorkers were to appear as friendly as they really are, they would eventually look like Joaquin Phoenix from *The Joker*, complete with permanent grins plastered across faces. Do you know what that would do to the tourist industry?

There's a reason why they call it the City that never sleeps. There are construction projects going on 24 hours a day, seven days a week. These projects compete with sanitation trucks, fire trucks,

police cars, ambulances, trains and the kids running back and forth in the apartment above your bedroom. We are not an angry people in spite of the fact we're always yelling at one another. With all that noise going on, we've

simply learned at an early age the level of volume required in order for us to be heard. When I first got here the most popular phrase in Maine seemed to be, "okay, sir. You don't have to yell." "I'm not yelling!" I explained, still baffled over why everyone in Maine whispers.

The car horn. Get used to it. We don't signal when we switch lanes. The traffic in New York City is bumper-to-bumper. If the guy in the lane you want to get into leaves you an inch and you signal before changing lanes, he pounds the gas pedal and you're stuck for another hour in a line of traffic that disappears into the horizon. You think the wife will understand where you've been all night? Trust me. They teach this in driving school. If you plan on a lane change, glance in the side view mirror at the plate of the car you think you want to signal. If it's from New York, don't do it!

Yellow lights. Don't stop, or at least keep everything in your trunk safely packed away on the floor of the backseat. In New York, a yellow light means hurry the Bronx cheer up. I once read a study by the transportation bureau showing New York drivers spend 81% of their drive time standing still at lights. You'll never find an alarm clock in a Manhattan apartment. You ever hear the sound of a gridlocked intersection at six in the morning? Did I mention the car horn? Get used to it.

There is of course, a light at the end of this tunnel and you can finally point to one good thing about climate change. It will affect the invasive species in such a way they will become docile, looking like actors auditioning for *The Walking Dead*. Do you have any idea what it's like to crawl into bed each night and have to listen to all this quiet? It's absolutely maddening. I still have nights wondering how anybody gets to sleep around here. So, while Governor Mills and Dr. Shah remain silent, the epidemic has begun and it's about time someone start spreading the news...

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