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Springvale Bureau of Motor Vehicles to reopen

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Springvale branch office will reopen to the public on Monday, Nov. 23, according to Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap.

The Springvale BMV branch at 456 Main Street has been closed since March 17, when all BMV offices were closed in response to the pandemic. Due to staffing shortages and reorganization to best serve customers, the Springvale branch remained closed, while the other 12 branches reopened on June 1. All branch offices will now be open to the public as of Nov. 23, but mobile unit visits will not resume at this time.

BMV branch office hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and phone lines are open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call before visiting a branch office for information regarding documents required to process your transaction, and please be aware that wait times may be increased during the reopening period due to public demand.

Those who need to complete transactions such as registration renewals and replacements, license and ID renewals and replacements, over-limit permits and duplicate titles are encouraged to continue to use the online services whenever possible.

All BMV branch offices are complying with the State's pandemic prevention measures, including providing personal protection equipment for BMV employees, installing physical barriers to maintain distance and implementing increased hygiene procedures in an effort to conduct business safely.

For more information about BMV services and locations, visit www.Maine.gov/sos/bmv.



Jennifer Bryant, of Hilltop Boilers in Newfield, assists a customer, while following COVID-19 guidelines, in their sugarhouse store which is open Saturdays through the holidays. COURTESY PHOTO

COVID-19 testing site open in Waterboro

Opened Nov. 11, testing patients with no symptoms

Southern Maine Health Care (SMHC) is transitioning COVID-19 testing for patients without symptoms from the Saco and Sanford walk-in centers to 10 Goodall Drive in East Waterboro allowing SMHC walk-in centers in Saco and Sanford to focus on urgent and respiratory care.

The Waterboro walk-in center closed in March and staff were re-deployed to the Saco and Sanford walk-in centers to assist with the COVID-19 surge and testing.

The Waterboro site is offering testing to patients without symptoms who:

- Need a test prior to an operation
- Have been exposed to a case of COVID-19 but have no symptoms
- Have returned to Maine from a high-risk location and need COVID-19 testing to shorten time in quarantine
- Need testing to participate in school or work activities

Testing will be available by appointment only by calling 207-490-7505.

Traditional walk-in care will continue at the Saco and Sanford locations for both respiratory and non-respiratory care. Kennebunk walk-in will continue to be available for non-respiratory walk-in care needs.

Patients who are experiencing COVID-19 or any respiratory symptoms can visit the Saco or Sanford walk-in centers for an assessment, treatment, and testing if deemed necessary.

"Like the rest of the country, we are planning for the upcoming flu season and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic," said Michael Albaum, MD, Chief Medical Officer, SMHC, "We need to increase our capacity to assess

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NATIVE PLANT SPOTLIGHT:



Blue wood aster
(*Symphotrichum cordifolium*)

Blue wood aster, an exquisite fall bloom that keeps the insects busy for an extended season. Their prolific flowers sway and bob gently in the fall breezes, and provide a lovely smokey-mauve contrast to the reds, yellows and greens around them. The bees love them, too. In fact, the creamy colored centers of each bloom turn pink or maroon once they've been pollinated, a signal that there's no point in looking for nectar there!

Other bonuses are that they tolerate drought well, and are somewhat unpalatable to deer and rabbits! A win, win!

PHOTO AND INFO BY DEBBIE BRODERICK

Snowflake Trail a little different

By C.J. PIKE

The Snowflake Trail has always been a big event in Newfield, with all of our local shops open for holiday shopping. People came from miles around to make the event a huge success, not only for Newfield, but for surrounding towns that had participating shops. It's a lot of fun, going from shop to shop to get some Christmas shopping done, and buying unique gifts for family and friends. However, this year it was a little different due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Shop owners have had to make restrictions on how many visitors were in there and provide hand sanitizer for everyone. Masks were also required.

In past years, we all enjoyed trying the different refreshments that were put out for shoppers. Whether it was home baked goodies or goodies from a store, it helped to encourage people to spend a little more time in the shop.

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Maine churches to change attendance capacity

Call on Gov. Mills to serve as better "partner"

In accordance with Governor Mills' guidelines, Catholic churches in Maine will temporarily allow a maximum of 50 persons in attendance for indoor daily and Sunday Masses, no later than Monday, November 16. The Maine CDC reported 204 new cases of COVID-19 on November 9, a new single-day record. Maine's seven-day average for new cases is now 160.9, a leap from a month ago when it was just 31.9. On November 10, the CDC reported that Maine has the highest virus reproduction rate in the nation.

"At this time, the spike in COVID-19 cases has forced this temporary decrease of in-person attendance at Masses," said Bishop Robert Deeley. "I understand the great frustration felt by the many Catholics who have reached out to me. For you and me, the place in which we find Jesus is at Mass in the Eucharist. We believe that it is truly Jesus, assuring all that God is with us.

Eucharist gives us the grace to live our lives as followers of Jesus. This includes promoting and defending the common good by taking care of each other. The mission of the Catholic Church always works to guide those it encounters to live in harmony and peace. In making this temporary change, we believe that we make this sacrifice for the common good."

Strict adherence to state and diocesan protocols have led to the successful operation of the 141 Catholic churches in Maine during the pandemic. The protocols have included mandatory masks for Mass attendees; pew seating arrangements to separate individuals/families; and proper sanitization of pews and all touched surfaces after each Mass.

To date, no cases of COVID-19 have stemmed from a Mass at a Catholic Church in Maine since the start of the pandemic.

"Despite this success, com-

mitment, and a desire to work with Governor Mills' office in a spirit of goodwill and mutual respect, the Catholic Church has not been part of the discussion at any point during our state's response to the pandemic," said Bishop Deeley. "We will continue to try to make the governor and her staff understand that nurturing a healthy spiritual life is a vital part of the life of many Mainers, including the nearly 250,000 Catholics in our state. Limiting attendance at Catholic churches, which have proven protocols in place as well as space to fit more people, is not the same as limiting a restaurant or casino. For many, there is no substitute for participating in Mass and receiving the Eucharist. We are hopeful that the governor's office would consider us a partner in dealing with this terrible virus."

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be in place, and the many live-streamed Masses being offered at churches around Maine (www.portlanddiocese.org/live-streamed-Masses) will also continue, enabling parishioners to participate in Masses from home.

CALENDAR

Christmas marketplace

Members of the Bar Mills Community Church have many beautiful handmade items for the Christmas Marketplace this year. As there will be a great selection of fresh greens to decorate your home, a wide variety of baked goods, cookies, breads, pies and candy to satisfy your taste buds. Don't forget to pick up a couple of jars of Wanda's Wonderful Homemade Pickles. There will also be plenty of handcrafted gift ideas for your family, friends and even your pets.

Each year the attendance to the Christmas Marketplace increases so they have decided to extend the hours again this year to make your shopping experience more enjoyable. To keep everyone healthy this holiday season they will be following the CDC guidelines for COVID-19 so please wear a mask.

Visit www.barmillscommunitychurch.org for more information, or find them on Facebook.

The marketplace will be held on Friday, Dec. 4 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bar Mills Community Church, is located at 13 Hermit Thrush Drive, Buxton, ME 04093.

COVID-19 testing at Jetport

Community members, and Maine visitors arriving at the Portland Jetport will now have access to COVID-19 testing at this location beginning Monday, Nov. 9. Testing options include a 1-Hr Rapid Test (\$25/test, payable on-site) and a 3-Day Standard PCR Test (\$0).

The Rapid Test requires a nasal swab. Once completed, it is processed on-site using Abbott ID Now® equipment. Results are made available via a secure email, typically within 1 hour of collection. The PCR test requires a nasal swab. Once completed, it is processed by the Maine State Lab (HETL). Results are made available via a secure email, typically within 72 hours of collection. Each participant requires a separate appointment.

Community members can make an appointment by visiting <https://app.promericahealth.com/portal/~YNXev> or find the link on the Portland Jetport website. On the day of your appointment, park in short-term parking (free for up to 30 minutes), cross the street and follow signage to the entrance and testing area.

Arriving passengers can an appointment by visiting <https://app.promericahealth.com/portal/~xbrjb>. On the day of your appointment, look for signage on Level 1 and follow it to the testing area. If possible, limit baggage in the testing queue area.

The Jetport is located at 1001 Westbrook Street, Portland, ME 04102. Testing is available to anyone interested in receiving a test. You do not need to be a ticketed airline passenger. Note that participants must be at least 2 years old.

Testing is being conducted in the "public" section of the airport (Level 1) – you do not need to pass through security or into the gate area. Note that short term parking is FREE for the first 30 minutes.

Testing will be available Monday through Sunday from 11:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m.

Due to limited inventory, Rapid Testing cannot be rescheduled. We encourage previous appointment holders to check availability and make a new appointment. Alternatively, Rapid Testing appointment holders can transition to Standard Testing without a new appointment and at any time during operating hours.

No referral necessary. By appointment only.

Participants must be at least 2 years old. Testing options and schedules vary by site.

COVID-19 TESTING

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and treat respiratory illness in our Walk-In Centers in Saco and Sanford while maintaining testing for patients without symptoms. Opening the Waterboro site specifically for testing will allow us to more effectively meet our communities' needs now and through flu season in a safe way."

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SNOWFLAKE TRAIL

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This year, as a tribute to Barbara O'Brien, owner of Barnswallow Pottery, we remember her as one of the very first shops to participate in the Snowflake Trail, and to get the ball rolling on the event. She was one of the most talented pottery makers around, and most of us have a piece of her pottery to remember her.

I drove by a few of Newfield's shops on Sunday, the last day, and saw that they did have customers waiting in line to get in.

Barnswallow Pottery had several cars parked in front of the building and it was good to see that even though Barbara passed away just a few weeks ago, her daughter Alyssa was carrying on the tradition of hosting the event at the shop, which Barbara had been involved in for many years.

Humphrey's Smokers had a line outside with several people waiting their turn, and it was good to see that they were busy.

Other shops in Newfield that were open were Harris Turkey Farm and Elf Paca Meadows, where visitors could see the alpacas. Six other places were open in Limerick and Limington.



Barbara O'Brien, of Barnswallow Pottery in Newfield, was a founding member of the Snowflake Trail and passed away last month.

COURTESY PHOTO

Harris Turkey Farm reported that they used a tent and their food trailer, to keep it outside, for servings of hot food. They were open Thursday through Sunday and had a good turnout.

Hilltop Boilers was busy all week, according to owner Michael Bryant. "People were there to buy maple syrup, Jen's maple baked beans, and whoopie pies." Shoppers also bought the Christmas themed bottles of maple syrup and the snowman bottles.

The event this year was held for the week of November 2 to 8, instead of the weekend of Veteran's Day, and the weather was nice. So, as we close the book on one of our favorite traditions, I am pleased to report that Mainers are still resilient, and we always find a way to 'carry on.'

Reminder

The Newfield Library at 637 Water Street is open by appointment only on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please call (207) 608-7014.

Call ahead for an appointment at the Newfield Town Office, at 637 Water Street at 793-4348. They are open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Food pantries open

The Little Food Bank at the Newfield Church on Water Street, next to the town office, is still open if anyone needs anything. Please take what you need, it is stocked up.

The St. Matthew's Food Pantry serves residents of Limerick, Newfield, Parsonsfield and registered Parishioners of St. Matthew Church, at 19 Dora Lane in Limerick.

The Food Pantry hours are: 1st Monday of every month from 6-7 p.m. and every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Wakefield Food Pantry is also open and serves, the New Hampshire towns, as well as Newfield. Please call them at 603-522-3094 to find out their hours and their policy during this virus. Their web page says that they are open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Their email address is: info@wakefieldfoodpantry.org.

Send along your news

Anyone that would like to submit news, may do so to my email address, fudgecupboard@yahoo.com, or call me at: 793-8760. My deadline for submitting my column is Tuesday.

WATERBORO

Bean supper to-go

The Massabesic Lions are holding a drive-thru bean supper, with curbside pick-up only, on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Lions Club, 813 Main Street, Waterboro. The cost is only \$7 for a bean supper to-go, including kidney beans, navy beans, chop-suey, red hot dog, ham slices, cole slaw, homemade biscuit and butter, and dessert. While supplies last.

Food drive

The Waterboro Fire Department will be hosting their annual food drive on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Waterboro Hannaford. They will be stationed in the parking lot and observing state COVID-19 guidelines. When dropping donations off, maintain a 6-foot distance and remember to wear a mask. The food drive benefits the Waterboro Community Pantry, 26 Townhouse Road.

Holiday lights contest

The Lake Arrowhead Community Board of Trustees has announced a Holiday Light Contest with prizes going to the top three winners. If you would like to participate, register your house by calling 247-5239 or email info@lacinc.org by Dec. 9. Then, make sure your lights are on from Dec. 11 to Dec. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. for judging. The property must be located within Lake Arrowhead Community and the winners will be announced on Dec. 19.

SHAPLEIGH

Shapleigh sets record in voter turnout

Voter turnout at the General Election was the highest recorded in Shapleigh, according to Joanne Rankin, Town Clerk." This is by far the largest vote and more than I anticipated," she said. Rankin calculated a 79 percent turnout higher than what the state predicted. She commented, "many residents have lived in the town for years, but this was the first time they voted. Many people lined up early, and voters were upbeat." A total of 1,802 ballots were cast.

ACTON

Acton Library cookbook

The Acton Public Library's 100 years of Literacy Cookbook is now on sale for pre-orders on the library's website. The cookbook is \$10 and composed of recipes from the local community. It will be available for pick up at the library the week before Christmas. If you would like a copy mailed to you, shipping & handling is \$5, but are not guaranteed to arrive before Christmas. To order, email: actonpublib@gmail.com.

Seminar on beginning cooking skills

On Saturday, Nov. 14, the Acton Public Library will be hosting their third Adulting Skills Seminar on Beginning Cooking Skills taught by Jennifer Toussaint. This is a program for teens and young adults and is free of charge. It will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the library, 35 H Road.

Beginning Knife Skills, being comfortable in the kitchen, and shopping for easy and inexpensive meals will be covered. You can register by calling the library at 636-2781 or email @actonpublib@gmail.com. Masks must be worn. Space is limited. This is the last Adulting Seminar for this year. It will resume again in February.

SPRINGVALE

Holiday pie making

Springvale Library and Louise B. Goodall Memorial Library in Sanford are working together to present an online Holiday Pie Cooking Class on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 6:00 pm. The online class is offered via Zoom with Liz Barbour. Barbour is the owner of The Creative Feast and has been cooking professionally in the Boston area. In 2017 Barbour published her first cookbook. This free class is funded by the Nason Alumni Association. In this class, Barbour will share her favorite pie dough recipe so students can create their own flaky crust every time. She will also share her favorite baking tools, ingredients, and techniques and teach the class how to prepare two pies. Registration is required at springvalelibrary.com.

Joanne Bargioni

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TOWN OF HOLLIS NOTICE

Poland Spring Application Conditional Use Permit #2201-4140

The Hollis Planning Board has received an application from Poland Spring for the following three projects: installation of 10MW solar array, connection of existing Utility Well 7 (UW7), and construction of a paved access drive to offload water to the utility building.

On **Sunday 15 November 2020, at 10:00 AM**, the Hollis Planning Board has scheduled a site visit for this application. All members of the public are welcome to attend. Please follow the directional signage from the main entrance of the Hollis Bottling Facility, 400 Killick Pond Rd. to the meeting location. Please note this is an outdoor site walk, which may entail up to 3 miles of walking and tough terrain. It is advised that attendees dress accordingly.

To ensure the health and safety of participants, each attendee will be required to adhere to the following COVID-19 safety precautions:

- Contactless temperature check upon arrival
- The completion of a health questionnaire
- Appropriate face coverings (i.e. a mask that covers the nose and mouth) must be worn at all times
- Observance of social distancing guidelines
- Only Planning Board members will be reviewing the municipal offload area due to safety concerns in the shipping yard. Project information and photos will be shared outside of this area to public members in attendance.

On **Monday 23 November 2020, at 7:00 PM**, there will be a public hearing regarding this application at the regular Planning Board meeting. This will be a Zoom meeting, as town buildings are not yet open to the public. Details, including password to sign in, will be posted on the Hollis website: www.hollismaine.org.

For further information, or if you would like to submit comments to the Board regarding this project, please mail to: Hollis Planning Board, 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis ME 04042, or email to: planningboard@hollismaine.org.

Paul Mattor, Chair - Hollis Planning Board

TOWN OF HOLLIS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Hollis will be holding a Zoom Public Hearing at **7:00pm on Wednesday, November 18, 2020** for an application to obtain a Liquor License submitted by Maggie Murphy d/b/a The Pizza Garage, LLC located at 415 Hollis Road, Hollis, ME 04042. Info on how to join the Zoom meeting can be found on the Town's website www.hollismaine.org.

Posted by the Hollis Select Board

TOWN OF HOLLIS NOTICE

MEVS Hanson LLC - Conditional Use Permit #2201-4142

The Hollis Planning Board has received an application from MEVS Hanson LLC for the construction of a solar photovoltaic electricity generating facility to be located off **Amanda's Way, Map 2 Lot 98.**

On **Sunday, November 15, 2020, at 12:00 Noon**, the Hollis Planning Board has scheduled a site visit for this application. All members of the public are welcome to attend. Please park on the roadside near the driveway to 30 Amanda's Way, which is approximately 750' from Salmon Falls Road. **All attendees are asked to wear a mask and observe social distancing guidelines.**

On **Monday, November 23, 2020, at 7:00 PM**, there will be a public hearing regarding this application at the beginning of the regular Planning Board meeting. This will be a Zoom meeting, as town buildings are not yet open to the public. Details, including password to sign in, will be posted on the Hollis website: www.hollismaine.org. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

For further information, or if you would like to submit comments to the Board regarding this project, please mail to: Hollis Planning Board, 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis ME 04042, or email to: planningboard@hollismaine.org.

Paul Mattor, Chair - Hollis Planning Board

ALFRED

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Thanksgiving meals

Alfred Parish Church is offering a free boxed Thanksgiving meal to Alfred residents to be picked up curbside at the church on Sunday, Nov. 22 between 2 and 3 p.m. to those in need, home alone, or unable to cook. It will include turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, stuffing, rolls, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie.

Reservations for the meal will be required and can be placed by calling Alfred Parish Church at 324-3841 and leaving a detailed message including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address (if you have one) and the number of meals you will want. We will call you to confirm your order.

All cooking will be done in the church kitchen under strict COVID guidelines. Masks and gloves will be worn, and workers will distance appropriately.

Reservations must be received by Nov. 15 to allow for groceries and packaging supplies to be purchased. Once you arrive at the church you will need to call 324-3841 and your meal(s) will be brought out to your car. If you need a meal delivered, please indicate that when you make your reservation.

Alfred's October stats

Permits issued by Jim Allaire, the codes enforcement officer, included one to Patco Construction on Colin's Meadow Lane for a new home. To Mark Bshara of Mouse Lane, 2 shipping containers for sheds; to David Desrochers of Stone Road to construct a sunroom addition; to Sharon Desrochers of Ponderosa Drive to construct a 36' by 48' horse barn; to Albert Pelletier of Biddeford Road to install a standby generator; to Linda Farnham of Old Farnham Road to also install a standby generator; to Jason Daney of Swett's Bridge Road for a renovation; Seth McCoy of Blueberry Hill Road for construction of a 16' by 24' three sided shed; Jamey Blanchard of Jordan Spring Road to finish an apartment above the garage and to Michael LaPasta of Saco Road to renovate the basement.

Fire and Rescue Calls

There were 51 fire calls in October. Thirteen of the responders had previously had basic life support training (medical transport BLS); eleven incidents required responders with medical transport ALS (advanced life support training), six were for mutual aid fires, four were for fire alarm activation, lift assist or were cancelled, three were

for medical aid but non transport, two were for public assistance, one for a motor vehicle crash, one for a structure fire, one for medical mutual aid one for a water problem.

Here and there

Members of the Alfred Parish Church have been invited to join the Acton Congregational Church for Sunday services until Alfred has an interim pastor.

The goose count down by Shaker Pond is growing. This morning there were 52 geese resting before flying further south, and more in the afternoon.

Students at Alfred Elementary School celebrated Halloween by observing Pajama Day, instead of wearing costumes.

Remember the Massabesic Lions Club drive by supper, on Saturday Nov. 14 starting at 5 p.m.

A deer last week visited our vegetable garden, investigated the radish but decided she didn't like them. So my spouse pulled them up, scrubbed them up, and we gave them to the food pantry.

Those who are wondering what happened to Hussey's flower stand? A passing driver fell asleep and crashed into the stand.

Alfred's foreign guests

We had a telephone call from Germany this past Sunday. It was from Sabrina, a favorite 4-H Exchange Student who had spent almost a year with us several years ago. The last contact we had experienced was a card during their vacation. We immediately exchanged information with her on COVID-19. How was it affecting them in Germany?

I learned it was no different there than it is here. Her husband was working from home. Schools are closed although they expected nursery school for their little boy might be a possibility. She didn't say if she herself was working, but conditions seemed to be the same as in the U.S. I think she said masks in public were obligatory. I've since wondered how our other former guests were faring, those from Sweden, Japan, Brazil, France and South America. And some I may have forgotten. They all spoke English so communication was no problem.

Tetsu Kobayashi from Japan was our first visitor in 1967. He had come prepared to meet a family with two children but we had adopted another child by the time he arrived. He was thoroughly enjoyable, taking part in whatever activities we had planned. He was interested in how poultry were raised in Maine because his folks had poultry on their farm in Japan. We took a walk on Marginal Way in Ogunquit, (he pushed the stroller) introduced him to American cooking, and he accompanied my husband to work who at that time was doing poultry service work, checking on the flocks put out on contract by Maurice Cohen.

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SPORTS

Cloutier, Samson run well for Mustangs

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
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Junior Luke Cloutier was 10th overall with an 18:15.70 at the York County Cross Country Championship held Wednesday,

Nov. 4 at Noble High School.

Simon DiMatteo from Thornton Academy was first and Biddeford's Chris Walton was second, but Kennebunk took the team gold medal with just 31 points. TA was second with 68 points and the Ti-

gers were third with 102.

Sophomore Ian Samson had a good run for the Mustangs, finishing 16th among a field of 48 runners. Massabesic was sixth overall with 137 points in what was likely to be the final event of 2020.



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ALFRED'S FOREIGN GUESTS

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Only one farmer objected. During World War II his experience with the Japanese had not been good. He instructed my husband not to bring Tetsu back.

Another Japanese guest was Miyoshi Gamori from Brazil. We learned that many Japanese migrated to Brazil after -or during - World War II and being an industrious people soon established themselves there. His family started a farm in Brazil - I think they grew tea and had done well. He was very interested in the differences in farming practices in the U.S.

Ann Carlson from Sweden in 1973 explained to us how her father, a farmer, could not earn enough to support his family because of the system of taxation in Sweden. She felt it was very unfair and so did we. She had brought her native costume with her and spoke to our 4-H Club about Sweden. She participated in a hike we took with the 4-Hers in Massabesic Forest and immediately fit in with the other young people.

Sabrina Kortmann from Germany was picked up by my husband at the airport and immediately we learned much about Germany in the war. Her grandfather had served as a youth (the Hitler youth?) and when he came back declared he "was never going to leave home again!" Sabrina established herself as not prejudicial - she volunteered in a home for Jewish children near her home - and wondered why she saw so many American flags flying, during the ride from Portland to Alfred. We assured her that was not unusual and asked "Don't you fly your flags?" She quietly responded, "We lost the war."

Because she was with us so long, we learned a lot from Sabrina. She took advantage of every activity to learn about the U.S. She volunteered as a member of the drama club at school, studied hard, and was eager to take part in new experiences. When we went to Campobello Island in New Brunswick we took her with us, giving her an opportunity to fish in the Bay of Fundy and introduced

her to an outhouse. (At that time we had yet to convert the milk house to a "wash house" at our cottage.)

The Maine 4-H organization had provided their exchange students with an opportunity to travel up through the state when foliage was its most colorful and she took the chance to go. When she returned (I think it was a weekend trip) I could see she had been properly impressed. (No matter how many years I have admired our fall foliage, I am still properly impressed.)

Another German exchange student was Janine who left us a little early. She wasn't homesick but really missed her boyfriend! We hosted a girl from Provence, France, and Nina, who accompanied us and Sabrina when we went to the Common Ground Fair. (Nina was being hosted by someone else in Alfred.) They both had a great time. Several years later Nina really surprised us while we were on Campobello. There was a knock at the door, and when I opened it, there was Nina! She had flown into Boston, rented a car and driven to the island! I still do not know how she found us.

The last students we hosted were three boys from Chile. I didn't have enough beds so persuaded a friend to take one of the boys - it was a short term arrangement because the host would be leaving on vacation after which I had found another host. But it all worked out. The father of the boys (who were brothers) was wealthy but simply thought the opportunity for the boys to be exposed to the English language was not to be missed. Our only little problem was that we did not allow smoking in the house but I could smell nicotine upstairs and confronted the youngest boy. He had been smoking in front of an open window so thought he would not be discovered! After being confronted he changed his ways. We took them skating - they insisted they could skate - and watching the youngest boy maneuver on skates was more than comical! We should have had a video.

If anyone has an opportunity to host exchange students, they should do it. It would be an education.



Obituaries

Shirley Lee Libby

Shirley Lee Libby, of Buxton, our strong and witty mom, passed away on Nov. 4, 2020 at the Gorham house after a long illness. Shirley was born in Limington on Feb. 7, 1936 to the late Elwell Gammon and Dorothy (Usher) Gammon.



Shirley Lee Libby

She graduated from Limington Academy in 1954 and went on to pursue a career in Cosmetology. Shirley ran her own beauty salon out of her home which enabled her to raise her 4 daughters. She also worked for SAD6.

Shirley enjoyed attending her daughters and grandchildren's sporting events, sewing, knitting, reading, bingo, an occasional trip to the casino, trips to Cape Cod and camping. Shirley and Bob, along with some friends, drove to Alaska in the late 90's. She also volunteered as a pole worker at the local town hall and was a past president of Pine Crafter's Good Sam Club.

She is predeceased by her husband of 59 years, Robert Libby, son of Fred and Lillian (Nickerson) Libby, sister, Mabel Berry and brother, Gilbert (Buddy) Gammon.

She is survived by her daughters, Tracy Johnson and Bruce of Hollis; Robin Smith and Dennis of Cornish; Rhonda Feeney and Frank of Buxton; and Wendy Buzzell and Peter of Hollis, along with 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She is also survived by siblings, Elwell (Buster) Gammon, Bernard Gammon, Diane Qualey and Susan Thibedeau.

The family would like to express their thanks and appreciation to the staff at the Gorham House for their care and compassion as well as Beacon Hospice. A special thanks to Bev.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday Nov. 11 from 10 - 11 AM at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service Chapel, 498 Long Plains Road (Rt. 22) in Buxton. Burial will immediately follow at Steep Falls Cemetery. Please be mindful of COVID restrictions including masking wearing. Online condolence messages can be submitted at the funeral home website, www.maine-funeral.com

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Beacon Hospice, 52 Atlantic Place, South Portland, ME 04106

Rodger Lee Allen

Sept. 9, 1953 - Nov. 8, 2020
EAST WATERBORO

"Hey Dad,
where are you
going?"
"Crazy...
Why?
Do you want
to come?"



Rodger Lee Allen

Rodger has moved on to greener pastures for an eternal visit with family and great friends who have all left us too soon. We are positive that they are causing some sort of trouble, together again. It would be an impossible feat to list all who knew and loved him.

He leaves behind his loving wife Annette (Grondin) Allen of 46 years. He was the cherished father of three children: Loree and her husband Nick Pierce of Portland; Brock Allen and his wife Venessa of Limerick; and Audrey and her husband Gunner Smith of Standish. He was the adored Poppy to a half dozen grandchildren: Lorilye, Sydney,

Keegan, Kaylee, Damien, and Rory, and one great granddaughter, Braylen.

Rodger was the fifth son of the late Chester A. and Eleanor M. (Smith) Allen, and was the brother of Richard Allen of Florida, Randall, Ronald, and Barbara Allen of Plymouth, Mass., Beverly (Allen) Thibault of RI, and the late "Brother Bob who won the race to the pasture." Accompanied by a lengthy list of nieces and nephews, droves of cousins, and copious amounts of lifelong friends.

Rodger grew up in Westwood, Massachusetts and summered in Plymouth. He graduated from Blue Hills Regional Technical School in 1972, and worked as a machinist, truck driver, and in golf car repair. Rodger and Annette began their family in Plymouth and eventually made Maine home in 1994. Rodger opened ABL Golf Cars in 2000, which he owned and operated until his retirement in 2017. He was a founding father of the PCPH Hunting Club, several-time president of the DGBM Association, and twice held residency at the highly sought after members-only LVB community. He will be greatly missed by all. So in his memory have one-and-a-half sandwiches for dinner and dole out a funny finger chicken noogie to someone you love.

"When the fun runs out...I'm outta here" RLA

Visitation with a service to honor Rodger's life will be held for family members at Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service Chapel, 498 Long Plains Road (Rt. 22) in Buxton on Sunday, Nov. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.. Please be mindful of COVID restrictions and mask wearing. A celebration of life will be held at a later date and time due to the circumstances at hand. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough, Maine, or your local Fire and EMS.

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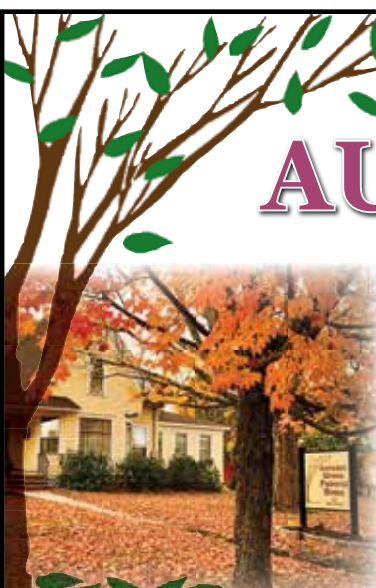
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“It’s time to hunker down, bunker in and buckle up.”

— GOV. JANET MILLS

On one day alone this week, Maine recorded 183 new cases of COVID-19, the highest single-day increase since the beginning of the pandemic. Our positivity rate, while significantly lower than other states, has more than doubled in the last two weeks and hospitalizations have increased.

The nation has surpassed more than nine and a half million total cases of COVID-19 — more than 100,000 new cases in a single day — and more than 230,000 deaths — about four times the number of American soldiers who lost their lives in the Vietnam war. 150 people in Maine have died. Not just numbers on a page, people like Tom Flacke, first selectman in the town of Morrill. People all over this state are getting sick and dying. People with loved ones. Respected members of the community. People who go to your church, your grange, your legion hall.

In a Washington Post interview recently, Dr. Fauci said “We’re in for a whole lot of hurt. It’s not a good situation. All the stars are aligned in the wrong place as you go into the fall and winter season, with people congregating at home indoors. You could not possibly be positioned more poorly.”

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and our gradual reopening process, we have constantly monitored epidemiological data, like case trends and hospitaliza-

tion rates, as well as health care system readiness and capacity, all of that has informed every one of our decisions on lifting restrictions and stimulating our economy.

Like sailors who used the night skies to navigate home, public health data has been our North Star, guiding us through this pandemic.

To combat the recent rise in cases of COVID-19 and to get us back on course, we made five changes this week.

First, we extended the “Keep Maine Healthy” program through December to promote prevention efforts at the local level; second, we returned to lower indoor gathering limits; third, we postponed bar and tasting room indoor openings for now; fourth, we removed New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut from exempt status under our travel advisory; and fifth, we required that Maine people wear face coverings in all public places, regardless of how far apart we are from other people.

These moves are very similar to moves made in other states this week in response to the tragic trajectory of this pandemic.

I take these actions with a great deal of hesitancy because I’m always mindful of how our actions might affect business, might affect our economy, but I’ve been told by so many people, we cannot have a healthy economy, a healthy

community, without healthy people. So we must all do our part to control this virus.

To keep people safe, to keep businesses open, to keep our economy rolling, to keep schools open, we each have to avoid gatherings, stay six feet apart from others, use hand sanitizer, get a flu shot, wear a face covering indoors and outdoors, and wash our hands frequently.

We can stem the tide of this virus, but it will require a team effort on the part of all of us. We are all in this together. You know that this is a fundamental matter of social and personal responsibility - like not driving on the wrong side of the road, like putting your young child in a car seat, like wearing a coat in cold weather. For goodness sakes, it’s common sense and now a matter of social responsibility.

We all worked together so hard this spring, summer and fall to make sure that we could leave our homes safely and get back to something of what life used to be like, with some adjustments. But, winter is coming.

It’s time to hunker down, bunker in and buckle up. If we don’t, as Dr. Fauci says, we’re in for “a whole lot of hurt!”

Keep the faith and please stay safe.

—Originally aired as a radio address on Nov. 7.

OPINION

We now hold truth to be self-evident

The only real truth left in America is what a majority of people believe to be true, whether it is true or not. Fact is now fiction and fiction is now fact. There once was a time when fiction was merely a story of imaginary people and imaginary events.



by Jon Simonds

Non-fiction was a story of true events depicting real people. The tragedy of Sandy Hook serves as a prime example of how America has lost sight of the difference between the two. Traditional media, such as your evening news, radio, magazines and newspapers, reported on a deranged individual entering the elementary school and opening fire, killing 20 children and six adults. Traditional media is bound by laws limiting freedom of the press and free speech. A newspaper, or newscaster, could not present a story naming you, (he or she reading this) as an individual involved in child pornography simply because said reporter, or newscaster, didn’t like you and wanted to trigger an investigation. Newscasters and professionally trained journalists understand this. There are no constitutional challenges to these laws. The constitution was designed in the best interests of the nation, not in the interest of exploitation.

There is, however, a new form of mass media flying under the radar of these laws. It’s called the internet with its countless websites disguised as news-outlets spewing more fiction than fact for social media to share and sadly mistake as the truth. For example; the same tragic Sandy Hook shooting was reported on Infowars and spread across social media platforms as a democratic plot designed to mobilize the country to create laws banning citizen ownership of weapons. The entire tragedy of Sandy Hook was just a portrayal of actors with no participant actually harmed. Many Americans took this as the truth, regardless of the facts of the matter, many families in mourning over the loss of their children were harassed and

forced to relocate on several occasions, for their failure to come clean about the ‘Sandy Hook hoax.’

Infowars is not alone in blending fact and fiction. The internet has run amok with Q and 4chan, Tik-Tok and Twitter.

Every state in the union has a named examiner (i.e. The Maine Examiner), designed to look like an on-line newspaper, but lacking accredited journalists and ignoring the laws governing traditional media. The worst of these official looking news-sites don’t even originate in America. They are owned and operated by persons in countries like Pakistan, Russia, Iran. They are designed to divide a nation, because a nation divided is easily conquered and done so in such a way, our enemies don’t have to fire a shot.

It may be time for Government to step in and not censor the internet but redefine the web address to better reflect the content. If you need to go to a government agency, the web address usually ends with .gov. Why not have dot dating for those who’s interest is in meeting others. Social media should end in dot social media. Accredited newspapers, magazines deserve dot news and should be monitored closely by the FCC for adherence to the laws governing traditional media. On the other side of the coin, conspiracy websites should fall into a categorically representative web address. Who cares if The Simpsons get it right every time? It’s still a cartoon!

Finally, do they teach the importance of liability and the consequences of false allegations as early as middle school, anymore? And are there any flat-Earthers out there because I found this website offering evidence of the round earth hoax perpetuated upon us all and I have to tell you – it makes for some pretty interesting fiction!

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

LETTERS

Feeling grateful

A special tribute is due to those who diligently transcribed the George Came diaries! They were of great importance to me

because my grandparents, Rose and Herbert Fernald, also had property on Back Road, which is now the Three Charm Farm. The passages in the diaries deal-

ing with farming, illnesses of the time, rolling down the snow on Back Road so folks could get to town, several mentions of Herbert and Rose and especially on Sept. 6, 1900, the birth of my mother, Florence, hold special interest. I am sure people who live on Back Road now would enjoy the diaries as much as I do!

We are indeed fortunate as a town to have people like Almon and Allison Williams, Louise Gray, Bruce Tucker, Barney DeHaven, and the many people who hold our history dear and have worked many hours and years to preserve it!

I am also very grateful for the Historical Committee and the Village museum where history is preserved in the form of items and genealogies.

— Carolyn Scott Alfred

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