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## Local trust working on trails

On a recent warm November day, as part of its directives of preserving special places and maintaining critical habitats, Mousam Way Land Trust worked with the Sanford Trails Committee and a generous donor to complete a project along Sanford's Rail Trail.

Spring time typically brings snow melt and spring rains, causing water runoff. With that, beaver get busy repairing and building up their dams to hold back, or impound, water for summer storage. This creates the habitat that the beaver need to survive. This activity has often resulted in the water at Deering Pond to rise to a level where overflow has caused erosion to wash out a section of Sanford's Rail Trail.

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Skip Lisle with his latest 'Beaver Deceiver' installation along Sanford's improved Rail Trail, in background. PHOTO BY KEVIN MCKEON.

## Veterans honored at Shapleigh School

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

During this time, when COVID-19 has caused many celebrations for Veterans to be canceled, the students of Shapleigh Memorial School wanted to remember veterans in their own unique way.

Although it did not look the same as last year's celebration when the students performed for the veterans in the school auditorium, they wanted to honor veterans for all that they have done for this country." The students made the outside of the school reflect their gratitude," said Assistant Principal Marisa Penney.

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, Thursday, Nov. 12 and Friday, Nov. 13, the public was invited to ramble

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Placards lined the entrance to Shapleigh Memorial School for Veterans Day. Assistant Principal Marisa Penney is shown with Goody Bags for the Veterans PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

## Governor urges USDA to include Maine farmers in food box program

Gov. Mills is urging Secretary Sonny Perdue to reevaluate the latest round of Farmers to Families Food Box program contract awards to include Maine-based food distributors.

"Maine farmers, distributors, and local partners are ready and able to feed our families impacted by food insecurity," wrote Governor Mills. "As it stands now, with a contractor from Maryland selected by the USDA to begin handling distribution for our state, Maine people will receive imported food from elsewhere, and we will have no control over the quality of food included in the boxes."

As part of the Farmers to Families Food Box Program, the USDA is partnering with food distributors to purchase fresh produce, dairy, and meat products for food boxes for Americans in need. Maine Farmers Exchange, a Presque Isle distribution company, and Native Maine Produce & Specialty Foods, a Westbrook distribution company, received contracts as part of the Farmers to Food Box second round of awards during July. Still, no Maine-based food distributor was included in other program funding rounds, including the fourth round of contracts announced on Oct. 30.

"We are once again urging you to quickly reevaluate the contractor selection process and include a Maine distributor (or distributors) in the Program's fourth round and all subsequent contract awards," Governor Mills wrote. "This step will allow Mainers to execute the Farmers to Families Food Box Program responsibly and put our experience and good common sense to work for the USDA and the people of Maine."

Gov. Mills, Maine Department

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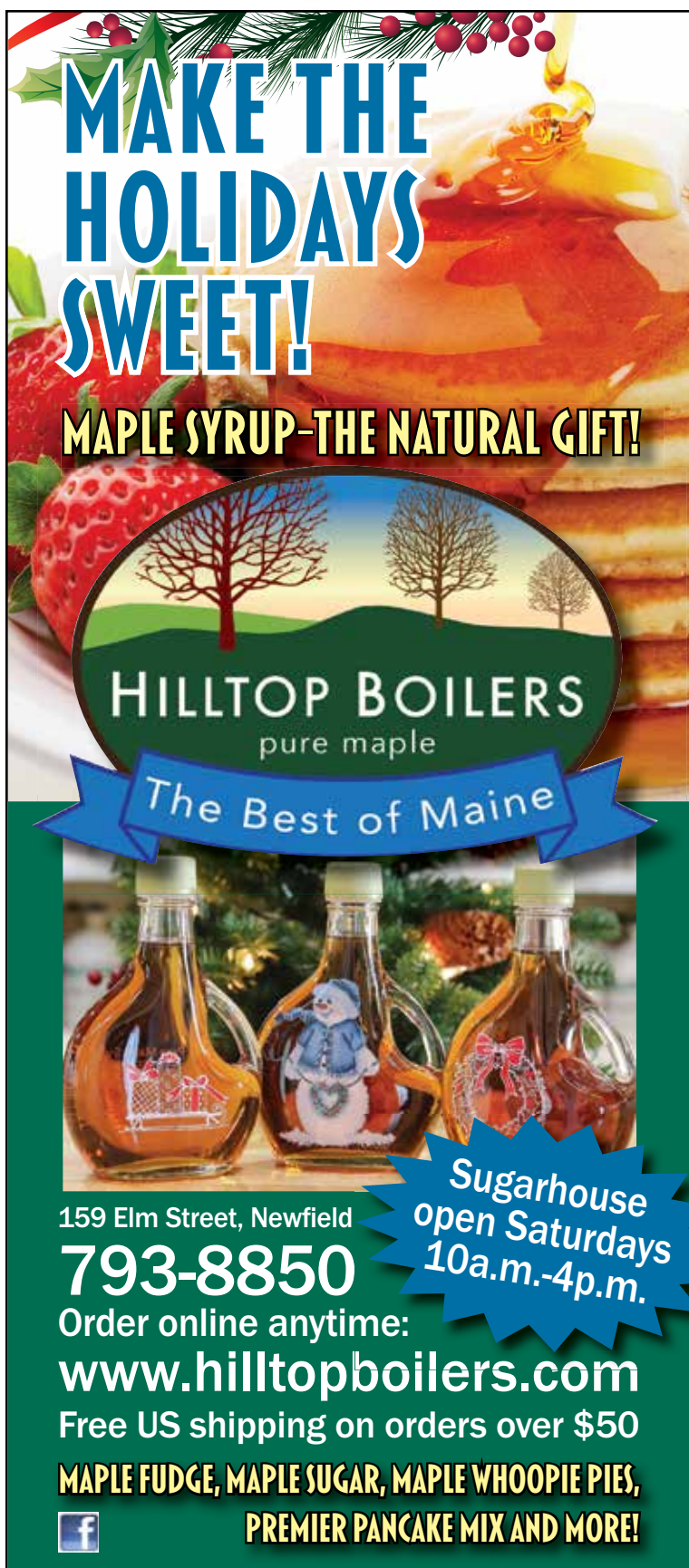
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The monument at the Newfield Town Office "In honor of the men and women who served in defense of our country." PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

## NEWFIELD

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### Newfield honors those who served

Newfield Historical Society held the annual Veteran's Day ceremony at the Newfield Town Office at 637 Water Street on November 11, which drew a good crowd of about 42 this year. It was a beautiful day to celebrate our veterans and heroes.

According to NHS president Joe Iannazzo, the ceremony was opened by local resident Bruce Bryant who gave the invocation and a message. BSA Troop 329 and Massabesic High School's NJROTC, Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, raised the flag, and led the pledge to allegiance. A wreath was placed on the monument by local resident and veteran Peter Washington.

Guest speaker was Master Sgt. Bricke, from MHS NJROTC, who gave the keynote speech.

The students who represented RSU 57's NJROTC at the Veteran's Day program were Rachel Bonia, Gabby Harimann, Garrett Stevens and Jared Fournier. They helped out during the ceremony, and did an excellent job. Prior to the ceremony, they spent time teaching Scout Troop #329 some drill exercises.

Historical society members would like to thank them for doing a good job and for looking sharp in their uniforms for the ceremony.

At the close of the ceremony, Librarian Cheryl Cause read a message from Senator Angus King.

The program ended with Bruce Bryant giving the Benediction, followed by Taps.

### Get out your decorations

Newfield and West Newfield will be having a Christmas decoration contest this year and the winner will be announced on December 24 on the Newfield page of Facebook.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three winners. First place will receive a \$100 gift certificate for K&D corner store; second place will receive a \$65 gift certificate

for Hilltop Boilers; and third place will receive a \$35 gift certificate for Harris Turkey Farm.

The qualifications are that you must live in Newfield to participate; and please don't bash another persons decorations. It will mean immediate disqualification.

### Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go to: Ryan Illig, Andrew Dailey, and Phillip R. Libby, Jr.

## COUNTRY CUPBOARD

Thanksgiving is just a week away and some of us will be having a small dinner at home to celebrate the holiday, rather than with relatives and friends. I found an easy and quick recipe for delicious mashed potatoes that will make the holiday special.

### Buttermilk Boursin Mashed Potatoes

- 4 lb. medium Yukon gold potatoes
- 2 packages herb-garlic cheese, such as Boursin
- 6 tbsp. softened butter
- 1 cup fresh chives
- 1 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. freshly ground pepper
- 1 3/4 c. whole buttermilk
- Fresh chives

Bring potatoes and cold salted water to cover to a boil in a large Dutch oven. Boil 20 to 25 minutes or until tender; drain. Let stand until cool enough to handle and peel.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Press peeled potatoes through a potato ricer or food mill into a large bowl. Lightly fold cheese, 4 tablespoons butter, and next 3 ingredients into potatoes. Stir in 1 3/4 to 2 1/4 cups buttermilk, stirring just until smooth and fluffy, do not over-mix. Spoon into a lightly greased 3-quart baking dish. Dot the top of potatoes with remaining 2 tablespoons butter and cover with aluminum foil.

Bake, covered, at 400 degrees for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake 10 more minutes or until thoroughly heated. Sprinkle with additional chives before serving.

## TRAIL WORK

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In an effort to mitigate this costly issue, Skip Lisle, president of Beaver Deceivers International, was contracted to install a "Flow Device" called a "Beaver Deceiver" at the pond's outlet, where culverts were installed years ago and where beaver have since been active in damming the culverts, greatly slowing the outlet flow and causing the erosion. This particular Beaver Deceiver installation will act to protect the culverts from becoming dammed, while also allowing the beaver to impound enough water for the pond to maintain its traditional healthy habitat. Concurrent with this install, the Rail Trail was re-engineered to a higher level at the area subject to erosion, and a secondary overflow culvert installed.

Realizing this new culvert would attract beaver damming activity, Skip returned months later and donated his time, his materials, and most importantly, his expertise in beaver knowledge, and installed

another Beaver Deceiver to protect this new culvert. Working with volunteers from the Trust and Committee, Skip has helped to ensure that the Rail Trail remains intact for the community's use, that the resident beaver population will continue their instinctive water-based activities, and that Deering Pond will be maintained at a biologically healthy level in support of the myriad of fawn and fauna within the pond's surrounding landscape.

Skip has solved beaver damming issues world-wide with his devices, which are site-specific and custom made for each site's particular issues. He's been doing this for decades, applying the knowledge gained over the years to allow beaver, a "keystone species" to build and maintain their valuable habitat while mitigating the damage that can be caused by uncontrolled water-level rises affecting human properties. Mousam Way Land Trust thanks Skip for sharing his expertise, hard work, and leadership in safeguarding the hundreds of beaver habitats his Flow Devices have enhanced.

## LIMERICK

### Red bows for sale

The Research Club of Limerick is selling red bows to decorate the town's Holiday tree at the Academy Gazebo with proceeds benefitting the food pantries of St Matthew Parish and Faith Christian Center. The Research Club will not be selling them in person at local businesses this year. If you wish to purchase a red bow call Trula Woods at 793-3998 or by email rtdwoods@hotmail.com.

### Parade of lights

As part of the Christmas in Limerick activities, there will be a "Merry & Bright Parade of Lights" on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. on Main Street. To participate in this family-friendly event, call Deedee at 636-6723. Participants will line up on School Street at 3:30 p.m. before the parade. A tree lighting will follow at 5:30 p.m. at the Academy Gazebo.

# Christmas in Limerick

## Saturday, Dec. 5

### Main Street

**Friday, Dec. 4**  
**6 p.m. Outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest Judging!**  
 This event is open to ALL residents and businesses that have a Limerick address. To nominate someone or sign up, call or text Deedee at 207-636-6723.

**Saturday, Dec. 5**  
**4 p.m. Merry & Bright Parade of Lights**  
 Parade participants meet on School Street at 3:30 p.m. to be lined up. All parade participants MUST be lit up with family-friendly Christmas lights for all to enjoy. FMI call or text Deedee at 207-636-6723.

*After the parade...*

- Visit with Santa, Mrs. Clause, Rudolph, Elsa, Anna, Cinderella, Belle, Batman & Batgirl outside of the Brick Town Hall.
- Stroll through the **Happiest of Holidays Decorated Path** between the Brick Town Hall and Uptown Auto.

**5 p.m. Pre-Tree Lighting Festivities**  
 at Main Street Gazebo: Come sip on hot cocoa or coffee and eat delicious treats of the season, all while listening to the angelic voices of some of Santa's helpers! PLUS, the Award ceremony for the Outdoor Christmas Decoration Contest!

**5:30 p.m. Tree Lighting at Main Street Gazebo**  
*(Sponsored by the Limerick Research Club)*

*After the tree lighting...*

- Reading of "The Night Before Christmas" with Santa & Mrs. Clause at the Main Street Gazebo.

**CHRISTMAS Parade Saturday at 5 p.m. on Main Street**

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## ALFRED

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### New children's books

Parsons Memorial library has many new books for its youngest readers to enjoy. Because so many things are closed (Scouts, Sunday School, and other activities) the new books should be especially enjoyed. There is "Chowder Rules" by Anna Crowley Redding, "Hotel Bruce" by Ryan T. Higgins, also "Today I Will Fly!" "I Am Invited to a Party!" By Mo Williams, "I will take a Nap", "Watch Me Throw the Ball!" and "I Really Like Slop"! Also "Santa Bruce" by Ryan T. Higgins, "Too Many Tamalas" by George Soto, "Over the River and Through the Woods" BY Linda Ashmaer.

Junior fiction includes "The Line Tender" by Kate Allen, "Orange for the Sunsets" by Tina Athaide, and "This Was Our Pact" by Ryan Andrews.

### FOOD BOX PROGRAM

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of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Commissioner Amanda Beal, and Senators Collins and King and Representatives Pingree and Golden have repeatedly encouraged Secretary Perdue to include Maine food distributors and farmers in the USDA's Farmers to Families Food Box Program and advocated for funding for agricultural producers negatively impacted by market disruptions due to COVID-19.

### Here and there

A call to the elementary school reveals there isn't much going on except Mismatch Day on Nov. 24, (wearing things that do not go together) also Thanksgiving break is Nov. 25-27.

### How to save postage

The variety of unneeded stuff in the spare bedroom was piling up on the hope chest - boxes of books, an 18 pound family bible, (honest!), a crocheted bedspread, handcrafted Christmas decorations (Who will care about them when I am gone?) birthday presents (The birthday was in August, in Aroostook County), and more I cannot remember. The problem is that no one wants to make a long trip to deliver these things. And I didn't want to pay the postage to deliver them.

The only solution was to find someone going north - or east, or south. I considered meeting someone halfway. We are retirees, but not everyone can take the time from work to go traipsing around with someone else's stuff. Before the coronavirus arrived, we would make a detour to Aroostook County while heading home from our vacation on Campobello Island. It was a fine chance to catch up on the news of relatives. We would take them out to eat, stay overnight, celebrate the birthday, then head for home. Why didn't they join us on the island? You know what the Canadians did to the border. They closed it but fortunately it happened before we left. And we do not have dual citizenship. A cousin who lives in Brewer almost got stuck on the border. She has dual citizenship but her daughter doesn't, so the daughter had to

walk back across the bridge (and call cousins in Canada for a ride or whatever - I don't really know how they solved this problem.)

The daughter recently needed surgery on her shoulder. I received a telephone call from her mother asking if I would like to help her wait while the shoulder received attention in surgery. There isn't much I wouldn't do for this cousin so I said sure and we headed for Auburn and the hospital on the appointed day, with a bunch of books in the car which needed transportation to Campobello - I pick them up for a little boy with autism, also for a quilting friend on the island. The cousin lives in Brewer but eventually will be going to the island. Problem solved. We took the turnpike to Auburn (lots of traffic) but returned on route 202 and made better time. My cousin had brought along sandwich fixings. We made sandwiches and ate in the hospital parking lot.

My next attempt at saving postage worked out even better. I thought about it and wondered how often a nephew in N.H. visits his family in Massachusetts. When I called he was very willing to pick up everything and transport it south. After all, Thanksgiving is coming up. He arrived the next morning with his pick-up truck. He seemed surprised at the accumulation needing transport - an antique sewing stand, my handcrafted Christmas angels, a calico wreath, books, etc, etc. After a short visit we agreed to get together soon. We had worn masks during the visit and felt safe from viruses.

But there are two more destinations to be considered. We still have those birthday presents for my sister-in-law in Aroostook, also clothing, and the weighty bible for

the second cousin in Nashua who says she will come before Thanksgiving. I wonder. She works full time and visits her mother in a nursing home on the week-end. I copied the genealogy section but not without problems. We tried to hold up the bible at the copy machine and the cover fell off! Why didn't I think of Staples? It would have been easier!

The bible also needs restoration work. I have saved some photos which I'm sure my cousin will enjoy - of her grandparents when they were young, and a daguerreotype of Martha Whittemore (Civil War era) for whom she was named. I inherited all this stuff because we lived in the family home. And now I would like to pass things on - especially the books. Like the 9 volumes of Louisa May Alcott's work, circa 1880. And a series on Grace Harlowe, 13 volumes in the early 1900's which belonged to my husband's mother.

I have a sneaky feeling there isn't much of a market for old books, unless they are first editions. All of these need dusting. I suddenly had what I thought was a good idea. I called the Aroostook relatives and learned that my sister-in-law had a doctor's appointment in Brewer the day after Thanksgiving! Was she driving down? No, my brother-in-law would drive. How lucky could I get? We could meet at the entrance to the Bangor mall, where the brothers could enjoy an impromptu picnic (I would bring the makings). We would hand over the books, presents, etc. I would return home to contemplate how to contact the Nashua cousins about the other things, including that weighty bible. Good fortune really did smile on me THIS TIME.

## SHAPLEIGH

### VETERANS

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down the school's driveway in order to see the student's presentation. Placards lined the driveway acknowledging veterans and thanking them for their service. Goody bags made by the students for the veterans we're also available. Some of the students who had family members who were veterans had the veterans' names already placed on their goody bags to be picked up.

Penney stated that "all the children were invited to participate in the celebration's planning, and it also helped the students remember the meaning of Veterans' Day."

On the 11th hour, on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the Armistice was signed, officially ending World War 1. In 1919 President Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first observance of Armistice Day to remember the heroism of those who died for their country, and in 1954 the Act was amended from Armistice Day to Veterans' Day and honors all American Veterans of all wars living or deceased.

### Food Pantry

The Shapleigh First Baptist Church, 600 Shapleigh Corner Rd., is in need of donations for the upcoming holidays. Staples such as cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, cranberry sauce, gravy, packaged stuffing mix, cake mixes and frosting, shampoo, paper towels, and toothpaste are welcome.

Donations can be dropped off at the lower Education Center entrance during the hours of 6 and 7 p.m. on Wed.

## SPRINGVALE

### Springvale Library

Springvale Public Library, 443 Main St., is having a Take It -Create - It craft program for kids. Call the library any time on Monday at 324-4624 to pick up the craft of the week to create at home. You can also visit their website at springvalelibrary.org for more information.

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The Hollis Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting and holding a public hearing on **Monday, November 30, 2020 at 6:30 PM** for the following appeal:

A request by Joseph Colby for a setback variance for property located at 407 Cape Road, Hollis ME, Map 9 Lot 9-1, in accordance with Hollis Zoning Ordinance, Article 3, Section 3.7.3.2.b. Variance from dimensional standards.

This will be a Zoom meeting, as all Town buildings are still closed to the public. Details, including password to sign in, will be posted on the Hollis website: [www.hollismaine.org](http://www.hollismaine.org). Any affected property owner or person with information about the lot may join the Zoom meeting. Comments may be submitted prior to the meeting by writing to: Board of Appeals, Town of Hollis, 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis ME 04042, or by email to [planningboard@hollismaine.org](mailto:planningboard@hollismaine.org).

**Bart Sughrue, Chairman**  
Hollis Zoning Board of Appeals, November 12, 2020

**TOWN OF ALFRED NOTICE**

*Due to the current COVID19 situation, the Town of Alfred will not be doing a community Christmas tree this year.*

We realize this is disappointing to the many who have participated in past years. We would like to suggest a monetary donation, if you choose, that would go to our **Fueling February** heat assistance program. This program helps Alfred residents in need of heat who are having a tough time and can't afford it. You may either drop off your donation at the Town Hall during regular business hours or mail it to:

**Town of Alfred, General Assistance Office**  
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**NOTICE TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH**

**The town hall offices will be CLOSED for the Thanksgiving holiday:**

**THURSDAY, November 26**  
**FRIDAY, November 27**  
**SATURDAY, November 28.**



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## More than \$36 Million in trade relief has been awarded to Maine lobstermen and women

U.S. Senator Susan Collins announced that Maine lobstermen and women have been awarded a total of \$36,284,110.12 to date to help offset the financial harm they have experienced due to China's retaliatory tariffs. The funding has been provided through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Seafood Trade Relief Program.

"Unfair retaliatory tariffs as well as the COVID-19 pandemic that has closed restaurants and reduced exports have placed increasing financial pressure on Maine's hardworking lobstermen and women," said Senator Collins. "These direct payments I worked to secure will help provide some relief. Maine's lobster industry has sustained coastal communities and families for generations, and I will continue to fight to keep this industry strong."

The USDA will continue to accept applications for the Seafood Trade Relief Program until December 14, 2020. Click here for more information: <https://www.farmers.gov/Seafood>

The Maine Delegation has consistently stood with the lobster

industry, which faces a number of serious threats, including the ongoing trade war with China and potential federal regulations associated with the ongoing right whale issue. Following a letter the Maine Delegation sent to President Trump in June 2019, the Administration issued a Presidential Memorandum that called on USTR and USDA to provide the lobster industry with the same form of financial assistance that has already been extended to farmers suffering as a result of China's retaliatory tariffs.

In November 2019, Senators Collins and Angus King and Representative Chellie Pingree urged the USTR to pursue a trade deal with the European Union that would prioritize lobster; in a February 2019 letter, the Delegation asked the USTR to prioritize lobster in negotiations, noting that live lobster exports to China dropped by 64% in the first month after the retaliatory tariffs were imposed. The Maine Delegation has also pressed for the Administration to offer funding to help the lobster industry access new markets.

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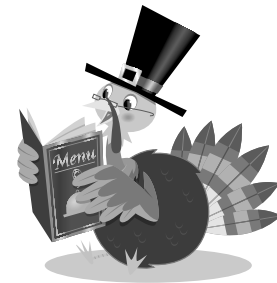
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Obituaries 

**Anita F. (Landry) Chauvette**

Anita F. (Landry) Chauvette, 86, of Waterboro, passed away peacefully at the Lodges Care Center in Springvale, on Nov. 12, 2020.

She was born on Sept. 13, 1934, the daughter of Leo and Irene (Caouette) Landry. She was predeceased by her husband Joseph G. Chauvette, Sr., both parents, her only brother Michael Landry and her son-in-law Michael Bean.

Anita was a homemaker most of her life. She would grow vegetables and purchase fruits and can them for the winter months. Anita loved to bake, and her family enjoyed all the fruits of her labor. She was always baking cupcakes, brownies, whoopie pies, cookies, fudge, and all sorts of other treats. For a few years, she worked at Sprague Electric.

Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family. She also enjoyed ice-skating on the family pond behind the family home, sewing, knitting, crocheting, reading, and walking on the beach.

She was truly the family matriarch and we shall miss her dearly and we will remember her devotion to all of us.

She is survived by her daughters Joanne Bean, Deborah Welch and husband Jonathan, her sons Daniel Chauvette, Robert Chauvette and wife Barbara Korpaczewski, David Chauvette and wife Danielle, Joseph G. Chauvette, Jr. and wife Dayle, Marcel Chauvette and longtime girlfriend Jessica Buzzell. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Carol Landry, 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.



Anita F. (Landry) Chauvette

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, in Alfred. A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, Nov. 20 at 11 a.m. at Pine Grove South Cemetery, West Road, in Waterboro.

We ask that you wear a mask and practice social distancing as we can have 50 people at a time in the funeral home.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit [www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com](http://www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com).

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

**Shirley "Hussey" Babcock**

Shirley "Hussey" Babcock of Alfred, passed away peacefully after a brief illness at the Gosnell House in Scarborough on Nov. 13, 2020 at the age of 84.

Born in Sanford on Sept. 28, 1936 to Irma Phillips Hussey and Charles Hussey, Shirley lived in Sanford until marrying the love of her life Walter "Sonny" Babcock on Jan. 30, 1954 and had 2 children, Cathy Babcock Bennett of Washington State and Bonnie Babcock Schill also of Washington State.

Sonny was in the U.S. Airforce and traveled all over the world with his family, they went to France, Germany and England and eventually settled in Alaska where she worked for Civil Service on the Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage, Alaska.

Shirley and Sonny moved back to Alfred several years ago and resided in his family home.

She leaves behind her 2 daughters, her grandchildren, Jenny Belanger and Christopher Bennett, Jason Schill, Josh Schill and Samantha Schill. She also leaves her sister Sylvia Bshara and her husband Arthur of Alfred, her sister



Shirley "Hussey" Babcock

Joyce Rodrigue and her husband Charlie of Shapleigh, her sister Charlene Hill and her husband Buster of Wells, her brother Herbert Hussey and his wife Nancy of Wells, 5 Great Grandchildren, 1 Great Great Grandchild and many nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all but, especially missed by her nephew Phillip "Butch" Hussey Jr. who was a big help to her and a companion for many years.

She is predeceased by her husband Walter, her parents, her sister Diane Hussey Botting and her brother Phillip C Hussey.

The family would like to thank all the folks at the Gosnell House, the Nurses that helped during her last days, her granddaughter Jenny for flying to Maine to be with her. There will be no service at Shirley's request.

**Donna M. Bonner**

Donna M. Bonner, 66, of Sanford, a beautiful spirit who was a wife, mom, grammy and sister, entered into the welcoming arms of her Lord Jesus Christ, on Nov. 14, 2020.

Donna was born in Sanford on Sept. 24, 1954, the daughter of Leon J. and June D. (Greenleaf) Rousseau. She grew up in a home with two other sisters and was a Sanford High School graduate.

Donna married James Bonner on Aug. 10, 1973 and were a loving and supportive couple for 47 years. They were blessed with a daughter, Katrina, and made their home in Sanford. Donna was nicknamed "Spunky" by her family and many friends. She possessed a "Can Do Attitude" with true grit and a good dose of stubbornness. Even with her cancer diagnosis, Donna would not let the illness or side effects from her treatments keep her down. With her interest in people, she worked in a variety of hospitality job settings.



Donna M. Bonner



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Donna found peace and began a fulfilling journey when she became a member of the Sanford First Baptist Church, where she has attended for over 20+ years. She was involved with the many church activities, served as a Deacon, the hospitality committee, and the nominating committee. Donna was a volunteer driver for folks that needed help getting to their appointments. Just her calming presence and warm smile would put them at ease.

Donna loved painting, gardening, reading, and solving word puzzles. She was an excellent cook and baker. She shared her baked goods with family and friends. For a while she even decorated wedding cakes. But her favorite was being a loving Grammy to her three grandchildren, Corey, Sarah, and Tristin. She was a beloved church member and will be dearly missed by her family and many friends.

Donna is lovingly survived by her husband James Bonner of Sanford; her daughter Katrina Hale and husband Chris of Sanford; her two sisters, Patty Polley of Florida and Lynda Kennedy of Virginia; her three special grandchildren Corey, Sarah and Tristin; nieces and nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents and one sister, Judy Tress.

Calling hours with a viewing were held on Nov. 18 at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred. Committal prayers and burial will be private for the family. To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit [www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com](http://www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com).

With a heartfelt thank you to hospice, please consider donating to Hospice of Southern Maine, 390 US Route One, Scarborough, ME 04074

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**BRIEFS**



**Food pantry distribution & donations**

The York County Shelter Programs' food pantry will be giving out Thanksgiving boxes Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 23-25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The pantry is located at 5 Swetts Bridge Road in Alfred.

Boxes include a turkey and all the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal. They are doing this on a drive-through basis, as they do with weekly food distributions.

If you would like to make a food donation, contact Food Pantry Coordinator Mike Ouellette at [mikeo@ycspi.org](mailto:mikeo@ycspi.org). If you would like to make a monetary donation, contact Executive Director Megan Gian-Gendron at [megang@ycspi.org](mailto:megang@ycspi.org).

Thanks to all who have already made a donation or a contribution. You are helping hundreds of people and families in our communities have a Thanksgiving meal!

**Turkeys needed in Waterboro**

Turkey donations are also needed for more than 100 Waterboro families in need. Turkeys can be dropped off at the Waterboro Community pantry on Townhouse Road, East Waterboro next door to town hall, on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 8 a.m. If this time doesn't work for you, you can text Shannon Batson directly at 207-608-1669.

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*“We can stem the tide of this virus, but it takes a team effort.”*

— GOV. JANET MILLS

Many of us read the appalling saga of our friend Dennis Bailey’s struggle to stay alive while fighting COVID-19 recently. For his sake and for the sake of all of us we’ve been praying for an effective vaccine that’ll let us all get back to work, back to school, and back to business.

While we got news recently that one vaccine candidate is showing some promise in early trials, the fact is, even when a vaccine is approved, it’ll be many months before it is fully distributed and administered. In the meantime, this deadly virus remains among us and threatens our families, our communities, our health care system and our economy.

We can’t let down our guard now. There is no fairy tale ending to this nightmare yet — and we all have to do our part to stay safe.

The simplest thing we can do is the most effective tool we’ve had for months: wearing a face covering.

COVID-19 as you know is an airborne virus that spreads among people who are in close contact with one another, through respiratory droplets expelled when a per-

son coughs, sneezes, sings, talks, or even breathes.

Wearing a face covering is one of the most significant, effective, and easiest ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

In light of the significant increase in cases and in hospitalizations and positivity rates in our state, I signed an Executive Order last week requiring Maine people to wear a face covering in public settings, including indoor settings.

Previously, we required face coverings when physical distancing was “difficult to maintain” — well, that was confusing. Now, we have a bright line that says if you are in a public setting, wear a face covering.

Of course, if you’re hiking alone on the Appalachian Trail or hunting in the woods, you don’t need to wear a face covering if there’s no one else around — that’s just common sense — but, if you are asking yourself the question whether you should wear a face covering, the answer is likely yes. Go ahead and do it, what’s the harm.

We wear face coverings to protect ourselves. We wear them

to protect people we don’t even know — the people we meet on the street; the folks who work in the corner restaurant, the store or the packing plant; the nurses, doctors and CNAs who care for the sick and put themselves at risk; the combat veteran who deserves to live the remainder of their heroic life with health and happiness, not to be left to die from a painful contagion alone and separated from family and friends.

We can stem the tide of this virus, we can save lives, keep our economy moving, and keep schools and businesses open, but it takes a team effort.

All of us worked together last spring and summer and fall and ensured that we could leave our homes safely and get back to something of what life used to be like. This winter, let’s stay vigilant, let’s stay smart.

Wear a face covering indoors and outdoors. Use hand sanitizer. Stay six feet apart. Wash your hands frequently. Stay home if you feel sick. Avoid travel.

Keep the faith and please stay safe.

*—Originally aired as a radio address on Nov. 13.*

## LETTERS

### Let’s get going

Congratulations go to those running for public office in winning their campaigns for election or re-election. Now that the November election is done, it is time to prepare for much needed work to be done. Concurrently, much needs to be done to address, fix, clean up and resolve many neglected issues and messes left behind by the former legislative “leadership.” It is time for much better, more responsive legislative leadership from all, with better and improved constituent services and problem solving in Augusta and for we constituents! Granted, the current Governor and her administration have many of their own issues to boot for addressing

and resolving.

It is time for better, more timely responsiveness for services and benefits for all Mainers. This includes, but isn’t limited to timely payments of weekly unemployment (Ui) claims for all unemployed Mainers, for resolution and for settlement of unpaid weekly Ui claims and for SNAP/Food Stamp benefits for those eligible for them. Also, it’s time for real assistance in providing improved services for job seekers and job placement etc., including for Voc. Rehab. clients and for all others. Concurrently, it is time to get very serious about assisting all area communities here in southwestern Maine and beyond, including to our north and east! This

includes improved economic vitality and better job opportunities in this area and beyond, including all of rural Maine. Let’s get better, more meaningful jobs and companies here in southwestern and all of rural Maine. We can and should have better opportunities for all generations for all able-bodied people vs. having long/extra-long commutes for jobs. Budget issues exist presently that must be timely and properly addressed and handled in a careful and judicious manner. In addition, agency accountability with bold corrective action and measures are necessary, including for Dept. of Labor, among others, IMHO.

Let’s get going and get on with it, to address, fix and cure many challenges, ills and problems that were neglected during the previous legislative session. Much to be done and get done expeditiously and responsibly. Frankly put:

“Failure is NOT an option”, with all due respect to this current administration and to the new ME Legislature.

— David Hall  
Cornish

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## OPINION

# The more you know: Part II

Fifty percent of the annual York County Budget is designated for the Sheriff’s Department, a Department whose roots date back to 9th Century England. The Sheriff is the oldest, longest running non-military public servant tasked



by  
Jon Simonds

with enforcing rules and regulations beneficial in the success of a civil society. The word Sheriff originally comes from the term Reeve. In England, a Reeve was appointed by the King to keep the peace throughout The Shire, or as we call it today, the County. Said Shire-Reeve bore the single term we use today — Sheriff.

The Sheriff of York County, unlike his English predecessors is not an appointed official, but an elected one and our Sheriff, William King is a nationally known figure in Law Enforcement. He appoints a Deputy Chief and together the two oversee three separate divisions accounting for half the County’s annual budget. While a large part of the country is bent on defunding the police you should know The Sheriff’s Department assisting non-county supported Police Agencies, in Wells, Buxton, Sanford, Biddeford, Saco, Eliot, Kittery, York and the Berwick’s have helped to keep Maine listed as one of the two safest States to reside in with York County among the States safest. This is based on crime statistics annually compiled and released by the FBI. This Patrol Division, the most obvious, are a group of award-winning men and women who devote their lives in serving and protecting we, who reside here. They are tasked predominately with crime prevention and while most of the crimes in York County are domestic, or involves the use, or sale of illegal drugs, these crimes produce arrests and an arrest leads the way to a second division under the command of the Sheriff’s Office: The Corrections Division.

The Corrections Division occupies the York County Jail. It’s important to note a jail is not a prison. Prisons are designed for those convicted of crimes and sentenced to serve time for the committed offense. Jails contain those who allegedly committed an offense and as such are innocent until proven otherwise. Other occupants of the County Jail are serving short sentences

for traffic violations or unpaid fines. Corrections Officers are a special breed in the line of Law Enforcement. Many share a wealth of patience, well versed in the way of de-escalation. A career at the York County Jail can be a

rewarding one as well as a steppingstone in law enforcement.

The third division falling under the Sheriff’s Department is the Civil Division, consisting of Civil Deputies. These are the Officers who show up at your door and let you know your spouse is leaving you, or your landlord wants you out — or worse, the guy you hired to fix your roof took it and never brought it back. In other words, you paid him for a job he didn’t complete. The Civil Deputy is the guy you want to knock on his door. These are civil matters as opposed to criminal issues. Civil Deputies serve papers informing you of your day in court. Failure to appear can translate into victory for the party who has chosen to have you served. The tax dollars no one wants to pay support these services as well as less obvious expenses, such as salaries for support staff, health insurance, building maintenance, Civil Court Judges, registry of deeds, checking for liens on property. Last years annual budget was in the neighborhood of 20 million dollars. With a County population of 200,000, it comes out to about five dollars per resident. Not a bad deal considering we reside in one of the safest counties in the country.

### Here are some fun facts:

A career in law enforcement is not an end-all. Grover Cleveland, the 22nd and 24th President of the United States, served as the Sheriff for Erie County in New York. Pat Garrett lives in infamy as the Sheriff of Lincoln County, New Mexico for his killing of the equally famous Billy the Kid. Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States and a fixture on Mount Rushmore started out as a Deputy Sheriff in Medora, North Dakota. And certainly, you’re probably familiar with Sheriff Andy Taylor, serving the folks of Mayberry, North Carolina?

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