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## GRAND OPENING of Hansen Pond Trail

*Three Rivers Land Trust opens scenic 2.4-mile route for public access*

Three Rivers Land Trust will open a new public trail at Hansen Pond Preserve in Acton this Sunday, Nov. 29 at noon. The event is open to the public and attendees can arrive anytime between 12 and 2 p.m. to walk the trail at their own pace. Staff and board members of the Three Rivers Land Trust will be present to greet visitors and answer questions. The trail is 2.4 miles out-and-back, takes approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes to complete, and will be open year-round to hiking, leashed dog-walking, mountain biking, skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling. The trail's terrain is moderate.

The Hansen Pond Preserve is a rolling landscape of forests, ridges, extensive wetlands, and the unique Hansen Pond: a 30-acre undeveloped pond adjacent to the Little Ossipee River. The property has incredible ecological value and was acquired primarily for wetlands preservation with funding from the Maine Natural Areas Conservation Program. With the opening of this carefully-planned trail, the public can now enjoy



Claire Bragg recently received the Boston Post Cane for the town of Acton. PHOTO BY DENISE BOWDEN

## Oldest citizen receives Boston Post Cane

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

Claire Bragg is the new Boston Post Cane recipient for Acton. This honor is given to the oldest citizen of a town. Bragg was awarded the cane on Nov. 21 at the Acton Town Hall with a small gathering of about 20 family and friends.

According to documents at the Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society, the history of the Cane goes back to 1909 when Edwin A. Grozier, the publisher of the Boston Post newspaper, entrusted a gold-headed ebony cane to the Selectman of 700 towns in New England, with the request that it be presented with the compliments of the Boston Post, to the oldest male citizen of the town for as long as he lives and at his death, it was to be handed down to the next oldest male resident of the town. The only stipulation being the Cane would remain the property of the town and not the recipient.

The canes were all made by J.F. Fradley and Co., of New York, and were made from Ebony imported from Africa and a 14-carat gold head engraved with the inscription "Presented by the Boston Post to the oldest citizen of (the town) - to be transmitted."

In the late 1930s, about ten years after the Equal Suffrage Amendment was passed, eligibility for the cane was open to women as well. Over the years, only 411 canes have been located out of the 700 issued. Maine has 179 of these canes, a replica of which is now in possession of Bragg.

The original cane is still held by the town. Due to the original cane's rarity, a replica was purchased by the society, and is kept by the Society until presented to a recipient. Selectman Ed Walsh officiated at a brief ceremony and presented Bragg with the cane. Tracey Levasseur, Vice-President of the Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society, presented Bragg with a card and commemorative pin on

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a route from H Road to a scenic overlook of Hansen Pond. Three Rivers has also collaborated with the Mousam Valley Snowmobile Club to make this trail accessible to winter snowmobile use as part of their larger trail network.

The new trail winds through hemlocks and pines, traverses old woods roads, runs along an elevated ridge, then connects to older trails through the woods, leading eventually to a fine overlook of Hansen Pond. Three Rivers will work toward creating water access for canoes and kayaks in

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Hikers touring the unfinished Hansen Pond Trail last October. PHOTO BY THREE RIVERS LAND TRUST



Hansen Pond Overlook. PHOTO BY THREE RIVERS LAND TRUST

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## Puritan to produce three million additional COVID-19 testing swabs per month

Senator Susan Collins has announced that Puritan Medical Products, a medical supplies manufacturer based in Guilford, has been awarded \$11.6 million to expand its COVID-19 testing swab production. This award, which was funded through the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act enacted in April, will be used to increase production of swabs by three million per month.

“Increased testing is crucial to tracking and slowing the spread of COVID-19 and keeping our communities safe. Puritan Medical Products has risen to this challenge by exponentially increasing its production of testing swabs, creating hundreds of jobs in Guil-

ford and Pittsfield in the process,” said Senator Collins. “I am very proud of the dedicated Mainers who have been involved in this manufacturing effort that is so critical to the health of our nation, and I will continue to advocate for the resources that they need to keep up the fight.”

As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Collins worked to secure a \$75.5 million investment for Puritan using Defense Production Act funds in April, which increased Puritan’s production of testing swabs and helped to build a modern manufacturing facility in Pittsfield. In August, Senator Collins announced a \$51.2 million grant that allowed Puritan to retrofit an

additional facility in Pittsfield. Together, these contracts brought Puritan’s total production of flock tip swabs and foam swabs to at least 90 million per month as well as allowed the company to hire hundreds of additional employees.

The new award will help modify the newest plant in Pittsfield to accommodate additional object flocking machines to make swabs for Cue Health. This funding will cover additional engineering work, changes in utilities, and overtime needed to keep the overall project on schedule. The complete project timeline has not changed, and Puritan will have intermediate operational capacity as a result of this additional funding.

## New visitation restrictions in place in response to COVID-19

In response to the ongoing pandemic, Southern Maine Health Care (SMHC) is immediately implementing temporary visitor restrictions. This is being done to prevent or limit community spread of the virus.

The new guidelines for visitors are as follows:

- Visitation hours at SMHC are now limited to Mon.-Fri. 3 to 6 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. to noon
- Hospital Inpatients areas:
  - Critical Care: 2 visitors daily
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  - All other inpatient areas: One visitor daily
  - COVID-19 Patients: No visitors except for end of life
- Emergency Department: No visitors allowed in the waiting rooms. Pediatric patients may be accompanied by two parents/guardians.
- Outpatient Surgery, Procedural Areas, Ambulatory/Diagnostic Areas: Patients should come alone or arrange for drop-off and pick-up unless they need

special assistance. Pediatric patients may be accompanied by two parents/guardians.

All visitors/escorts are subject to screening for COVID-19. Visitors/escorts with any COVID-19 symptoms will NOT be allowed to enter SMHC facilities.

Visitors and Escorts Must:

- 1) Perform hand hygiene prior to entering and upon leaving the patient’s room/care area;
- 2) Remain at least six feet from the patient at all times (as much as possible);
- 3) Wear a mask at all times in the facility, including patient rooms;
- 4) Cover mouth/nose when coughing or sneezing, use and dispose of tissues and perform hand hygiene after contact with respiratory secretions; and
- 5) Not go to any locations in the facility other than the room of the patient they are visiting. Hospital cafeterias are closed to visitors.

To learn more, visit [www.smhc.org](http://www.smhc.org).

## 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](http://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.

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A washboard may have been on your shopping list back in 1901, if you needed kitchen items from the Hannaford Store in West Newfield. Other items shown were used back then, as well. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

## NEWFIELD

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### A look back at prices over 100 years ago

Shopping in today's world is so much different than it was over 100 years ago.

The prices are higher and there were things on the shelves that we've never even heard of before. If you needed a washboard, it would cost you 68 cents and L.F. Atwood bitters were sold for 25 cents a bottle, which was supposed to help digestion.

I came across an old brochure from the Newfield Historical Society from 2001, where they listed several items that one might find in Hannaford's Store in West Newfield, in 1901. Hannaford's was a general store right in the center of town where most of the locals did their shopping.

I have made a list of some items that may have been on their shopping list. Just to name a few:

- Bicycle shoes were 75 cents a pair
- A horse blanket was \$2.85
- 2 sticks of liquorice sold for 1 cent
- A can of sardines was 4 cents
- Sleigh bells were 90 cents a pair
- Lantern globes were 6 cents each
- A bottle of ink was 3 cents
- Axle grease was 10 cents a can
- A harmonica was 37 cents
- A dozen pearl buttons was 9 cents
- A 3-quart bean pot was 21 cents
- A box of reversible collars was 16 2/3 cents
- A yard of gingham (fabric) was 8 cents
- Lady's underdrawers (panties) 17 cents pair
- A watch chain was 27 cents

The president of the historical society at that time as Ken Colwell. The recording secretary was Brenda Wellman and the corresponding secretary was Ruth Ayers. The treasurer was Dot McGlincey

The collections committee chairman was Thelma Connell and the program committee chairman was Doris Carpenter. The fundraising committee chairman

was Thelma Connell and the old cemetery committee chairman was Shirley Moriarty. Arthur Cote was the auditor.

Many of the older founding members have passed on, but there are still many members to carry on and preserve the history of the town. The artifacts are kept in the building that was donated to them by the 19th. Century Curran Village and in the historical society headquarters on Elm Street.

Officers now are president Joe Iannazzo, v.p. Cheryl Cause, recording secretary Mary Ritchie, and treasurer Tina Colwell. The correspondence secretary is Ruth Ayers and the board of directors are: Janet Colwell-2020, Denise Carpenter-2021, and Johanne Vaters-2022.

At that time, they were having their monthly meetings in the Hicks Carriage House on Water Street. The new headquarters building on Elm Street was built in 2006, where they now have their meetings and programs.

The Historical Society was established in 1994, and during the 26 years that they have been operational, they have had many interesting programs on the history of Newfield that are open to the public.

### Library raffle

Newfield Library has a painting of the old Moulton Mill to be raffled off, which was donated by artist, Linda Rankin, from Springvale. The raffle tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or 13 for \$10. Please place your money in an envelope with your contact information and leave in the library book drop at 637 Water Street.

The drawing will be next year. For more information, contact Cheryl Cause at the library at 809-7014.

### Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go to Gerard Harvey, Tim Bruhl, Matthew Bryant and Kevin Lofgren.

### Meetings

The Newfield Selectmen will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road at 6 p.m.

The Newfield Planning Board will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road to discuss the NBD Solar Energy at 66 Water Street. The meeting starts at 7 p.m.

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## A florist family

My cousins living over the Canadian border led what we considered very exciting lives. Until the Roosevelt Bridge was built you had to wait for the ferry to reach Campobello Island. If you weren't there in time you had to wait for the next time it arrived. Once on the island, if you were lucky and your uncles were seining, you could hitch a boat ride out to the weir. Seeing the men haul in the net was what I considered the most exciting thing in the world. If there were herring in the weir the men hauled in the net and we could see thousands of them flipping their tails, an unforgettable sound. They were conveyed to the hold of the seining boat which conveyed them to the canning factory.

Modernization has changed the process. I remember seeing a Russian boat out in the bay, waiting for the catch. They had to stay beyond the border before taking the catch home. Why the Russians? Because they were paying more than the Americans. But that was some years ago.

If my father had stayed on the island where he grew up he would have been part of this process. Instead, he met my mother at a dance (in Massachusetts) and became a florist. The family business in Massachusetts had needed someone to run the greenhouses (This was in the depth of the Great Depression and he needed a job.) Fortunately he loved flowers and was happy to

get the job. He also loved to hunt and fish. So on Sunday afternoons fishing poles and boots were piled in the truck and off we went.

We rarely visited the same pond or stream twice. I don't recall that we ever caught many fish. I recall a river in Connecticut where our parents launched the rowboat and went downstream while we played on the bank. An elderly gentleman stopped by and began to talk to us – he obviously liked children- and learned all about us until our parents returned.

My father kept a racoon under the barn for the field trials – you took a racoon through the woods to the appointed tree, let the racoon climb the tree, then released the dogs – and the dog who arrived at the tree first (following the scent) won the prize. This was almost as exciting as watching the fish being netted in the weir. But not quite. I suspect our cousins living in other states (They were mostly florists families) would have considered either activity more exciting than their own Sunday activities. As a devoted Rod and Gun Club member my father's Sunday activities always centered around fishing or hunting. I am surprised that my brothers haven't become either fishermen or hunters. But they haven't been attracted to either occupation. And neither one decided to become a florist. Too much work!

But they loved the island. My youngest brother hasn't been to visit his cottage this year – he lives in hope. We sold ours just before the border was closed. My hospitable cousins offered their homes just in time but we know eventually the border will be opened. Even if you don't care for fishing the island offers lovely trails, and there are always opportunities to hike on both sides of the border.



Selectman Ed Walsh presents Claire Bragg with Acton's Boston Post Cane, while Selectman David Winchell waits to present flowers. COURTESY PHOTO

## BOSTON CANE

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behalf of the ASHS. Jay Carter, Treasurer of the ASHS, was also in attendance. Selectman David Winchell presented Bragg with a large bouquet of flowers.

Bragg said a few words following the presentation, "I am proud to receive the cane, cards, and flowers, and thank you to the Acton Selectman and the Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society." She also wanted to thank the people who sent her three more bouquets of flowers. She ended by saying, "Today was wonderful. Thank you."

Bragg was born Sept. 7, 1926,

which makes her 94 years old. She was born in Lyman but moved to Acton when she was a few weeks old and was raised by her grandparents. She was married to her late husband, Earl, for 57 years, and they had five children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She worked at various jobs throughout her life and recalled her years working in apple orchards and also in homemaker services, which involved aiding the elderly with cooking, laundry, or grocery shopping in the area.

Bragg enjoys knitting and crocheting, keeping her house clean, and still mows her lawn. She says she doesn't know anyone else her age that has so much to do.

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- (1) Town Clerk & Tax Collector: 3 years
- (1) Director, Regional School Unit #57: 3 years
- (2) Trustee, Shapleigh Community Library: 3 years
- (1) Trustee, Shapleigh Community Forest: 3 years
- (1) Budget Committee Member: 1 year
- (1) Budget Committee Member: 2 years
- (1) Budget Committee Member: 3 years

**Papers are available through the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours and must be filed by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021**

**At least 25 but not more than 100 signatures of registered shapleigh voters will be required to place a name on the ballot.**

**PLEASE TELEPHONE 636-2844 EXT 1 OR 6 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

## TRAIL OPENING

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2021. Updates on trail and water access at Hansen Pond as well as other projects will be posted on the Three Rivers Facebook page.

Three Rivers sincerely thanks the volunteers and funders who have contributed to this trail effort. Students from the Maple-Stone School in Acton cut the trail during 2019, making major progress toward trail completion, and also removed a large decrepit structure from the shores of the pond. Work on the trail resumed in fall 2020, and teams of individual volunteers helped to widen and clean up the trail all the way to the pond. Members of the Mousam Valley Snowmobile Club also volunteered to improve the trail, remove stumps, and install signs. The trail and access project received generous support from the Davis Conservation Foundation and the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund. An additional grant from the Fields Pond Foundation will support ongoing stewardship of the property and the trail.

For questions about the event or the trail, call or text 358-9695 or info@3rlt.org. Updates will be posted on the land trust's Facebook page, or on their website at www.3rlt.org.

*The Three Rivers Land Trust is a membership-supported organization dedicated to building stronger, healthier communities through the protection of wild and working landscapes in Acton, Alfred, Lebanon, Shapleigh and Sanford/Springvale. Named for the Little Ossipee, Salmon Falls, and Upper Mousam Rivers, Three Rivers Land Trust holds conservation easements to protect farms, forests, and wetlands, and maintains preserves which provide recreation and hunting access.*

## BRIEFS

### Waterboro has a Secret Santa

If you are a Waterboro resident and have children 16 and under and find yourself needing help with Christmas this year, write a letter to: Santa's Little Helper, PO Box 80, East Waterboro, ME. 04030. Letters must be received by Dec. 15.

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**A \$25.00 late fee will be assessed as of Feb. 1 (in addition to the regular licensing fees).**

**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.**

BUSINESS NEWS



The Sanford /Springvale Chamber of Commerce celebrated Vetted Maine on their one year anniversary; a family owned Medical Cannabis dispensary and Patient Office at 1609 Main Street. Cannabis, a plant based medicine, is grown on site and tested for medicinal chemical profiles so that patients can see and learn about which medicine is best for their ailment. Referring to the test results provided, patients are taught how particular strains are more effective for specific conditions so they can become the driver of their care. The owners Merideth Albert is a nurse and her mother, AnnMarie is nurse practitioner and together they provide free medical consultations and issue Medical Cannabis cards. It's a one stop shop, they cultivate, educate and medicate. Vetted is comprised of owners Merideth Albert and her parents AnnMarie & Jack Fredericks and their talented team: Brooke Wilson, JT Freeman, Dennis Goncalves, KevinPequin, Michael Schmidt and Steve Austin. Also pictured are the Chamber Ambassador Committee.

COURTESY PHOTO

## Sanford's St. Thomas School names new principal

St. Thérèse of Lisieux Parish in Sanford is pleased to announce that Jessica Rice has been named principal of St. Thomas School, located on 69 North Avenue, effective immediately. Rice has served as interim principal at the school for five weeks and is the adult faith formation coordinator of St. Matthew Parish in Limerick, a position in which she will also continue.



Jessica Rice

"We are incredibly blessed to have a team of faithful and knowledgeable staff to work with our children at St. Thomas," said Rice, who is set to earn a master's degree in theology from Saint Leo University in Florida in the spring. "These men and women cheer them on, help them overcome obstacles, and celebrate with them as they meet and surpass their goals. Most importantly, they pray for and with our children, helping them to be ever mindful of the great love our God has for them."

"Many in our parish and school community have already witnessed her amazing confidence, enthusiasm, and attentiveness," said Fr. Bill Labbe, pastor of both St. Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Matthew. "Jessica is steeped in faith."

Her appointment brings an end to the tenure of Principal Donna Jacques, who has served in a variety of roles at St. Thomas School for 41

years. Jacques is currently recovering from a health ailment.

Rice hopes to build upon the great foundation Jacques established, further cementing her contributions as an administrator and educator over the last four decades.

"Mrs. Jacques poured herself into St. Thomas, an act that is not only a sign of her love for it, but of her love for Jesus and her desire to share that love with others," said Rice. "There is no doubt the shoes that I am about to fill are enormous, but the heart that stood within those shoes is even bigger."

"None of us will ever forget all that Donna has done to make St. Thomas School a place of learning and faith," said Fr. Labbe. "There are not enough words to express our gratitude for her generosity and sacrifice over these years."

A celebration of Mrs. Jacques and her legacy will be held after the pandemic, providing students, staff, alumni, and friends with an opportunity to give thanks for the many gifts Donna has brought to the school.

Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, St. Thomas School aims to nurture the personal development of the whole child from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. For more information about the school, call 324-5832.

# 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**  
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*After the tree lighting...*

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**Harold Albert Tuttle Sr.**

Harold Albert Tuttle Sr. 87, of Newfield, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020. He was born in Salem, Massachusetts.



**Harold Albert Tuttle Sr.**

Harold began his working career at J.C. Pitman and Company making Pitco Frialators.

He was a PFC in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955 as a member of the Quarter Master Corps. After his honorable discharge he embarked on a life-long entrepreneurial career. First owning and operating his own gas station in Beverly, Massachusetts then working for Canon Electric Company. Working with his hands was his passion in construction and producing custom cabinets.

An opportunity arose for him and his family to move to Newfield in 1967, a place he once visited in 1947 to fight the Great wild fires as a 14-year-old boy. He transitioned from making cabinets in Massachusetts to opening his own cabinet shop in Newfield supplying the surrounding towns in York County with his craftsmanship.

While continuing to make cabinets and work with wood he opened the first True Value hardware store in Newfield. Expanding the hardware store and opening and operating a small engine repair shop before a new opportunity presented itself in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Moving to Virginia in 1979 he and his family operated a True Value hardware store and small

engine repair shop finally transitioning to opening and operating a thriving plant nursery.

After 14 years in Virginia Harold and his wife Rita moved back to their roots in Newfield, Maine where he opened the Galloping Goose gift shop that transformed into the Galloping Goose soda company while continuing to build custom cabinets and rustic farm style furniture. He built and operated a small nursery. At the age of 84 he began Popah-T's popcorn and fudge. He popped, bagged, and delivered popcorn and fudge till just a month prior to his passing.

Harold was active in the Newfield community from the mid 60's until he moved to Virginia in 1980. He was a Master Mason with 51 years of service and a member of the Day Spring Lodge of West Newfield. He was a member of the Newfield Library, Newfield Fire Department and rescue squad. He also served the town in several public positions to include town selectman and plumbing inspector.

Harold's handy work can still be seen today at the old Willowbrook Museum where he helped build several of the buildings, including the town Post Office still in use today.

Harold's rough hands that built many things and his green thumbs that grew beautiful flowers left a legacy that will live on throughout time in the qualities and work ethic he instilled in his sons and family.

Harold is survived by his wife of 66 years, Rita Tuttle; children Harold Tuttle Jr. (Sue), Arthur Tuttle (Christal), Mark Tuttle (Trish), Steven Tuttle (Liz), 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and his sister Arlene Tuttle.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Gladys Tuttle and sister Honey Ballard

There will be no formal funeral services.

**Charles Parsons Liversidge**

June 17, 1947 - Nov. 19, 2020

Charlie was the son of the late Thomas Kinnard and Mary Curry (Parsons) Liversidge of Kennebunk, Maine. He was named after his grandfather, Charles Parsons, whom he looked up to and loved very much.



**Charles Parsons Liversidge**

Charlie was born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, the third oldest of six children. A lover of travel, he saw the world while living in Glenmoore, Pennsylvania; Dexter, New York; Cape Coral, Florida; Kennebunk; before finally residing in Newfield.

Charlie married his wife Deborah (McCurry) on Sept. 17, 1983 and they were married for 37 years before his passing. They knew each other well from childhood, as their parents were great family friends. They met again at one of his brother's weddings and were inseparable ever since. Deb was always by his side in life, from business ventures to doctors appointments, adopting new pets to marshmallows by their home campfires, they held each other's hands through it all.

Charlie and Deb have a daughter Katherine, married to Daniel Halle, who have two children, Charlie's granddaughters, Eleanor and Genevieve residing in Oregon.

From his first marriage Charlie has a daughter, Laurie Liversidge and her daughter, Charlie's granddaughter, Sloane Parker residing in Texas.

He joined the Marines in 1965 and served in Vietnam in the Am-Trac division, and was medically discharged in 1968. He often reminisced of his time in the Marines, and made many friends through the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans Administration.

In his life Charlie had several successful businesses from his Scientific Window Cleaning Co, -Post Construction Cleaning including at Liberty Place in Philadelphia, PA; a flooring business in Chester County, PA; to farming all of Valley Forge National Park, PA. He was a farmer and dairyman at heart. "Making hay" brought joy to his soul.

Charlie was an animal lover. He loved them all: his 85 girlfriends he milked at the farm he worked; his horse, Colorado Chimes; his beloved Meow-Kitty; and his many treasured dogs: Mutnick, Chester, Lucky, Goldie, Nicky, Cleo, Lily, Chili, Lulu, Smiley, Linus, and Redmund.

When he was able, Charlie could always be found on the water: boating, fishing, or swimming in the ocean, and loved to be outdoors, especially on a tractor. He always loved going to the beach on a sunny summer day, and get-

ting to the top of Mt. Washington either by hiking, driving or riding the cog railroad. He loved to tinker in the barn from fixing, building, or painting he always had a project he was working on.

Charlie had the biggest sweet tooth, from his mom's famous blueberry muffins to Deb's delicious blueberry pies, he was always looking for a delicious treat. He loved black raspberry milkshakes, Reese's peanut butter cups, KitKat bars, peach cobbler, pies, and Deb's yearly Christmas butter cookies.

Charlie was able to make a new friend everywhere he went. He was a great friend of Bill W., and was a friend to many others. He had many friends who helped him over the years including Bob Buccini, Jim Campbell, Chuck Troisi, Al Marshall, Steve Thomas and Robert Scally. His Drs., Dr. David Gailbraith, Dr. Mark Marin, Dr. Christine Blake-Smith, Dr. Tarek Ead, Dr. Stephen Rodrigue, Dr. Barry White and the countless other doctors and nurses who helped him with his challenges over the years.

He is survived by his wife Deborah, daughter Kate and her

husband Dan, daughter Laurie, three granddaughters Sloan, Eleanor, and Genevieve; four brothers: Kin and his wife Sandee of Kennebunk; H.P. and his wife Peggy of Kennebunk; Joe and his wife Vicki of Perryville, Maryland; Sandy and his wife Jillian of Stockton Springs; and his sister Beth and her husband Gordon Fluke of Philadelphia, PA; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Charlie dearly loved his wife Deb. They travelled the world together hand in hand. He was totally devoted to her, his daughter Kate and her family, his dogs Linus, Redmund, and his devoted Smiley who was waiting at heavens gate with tail wagging, to guide him on their next adventure.

Charlie will be greatly missed by all those who knew, loved, and cherished him.

Donations in his honor can be made to the Animal Welfare Society of Kennebunk, P.O. Box 43, West Kennebunk, ME 04094 or to the DAV. The Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 3151, Augusta, ME 04330.

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## “I am thankful for the ways you have adapted to keep us all safe.”

— GOV. JANET MILLS

Reconnecting with family and friends around the table sharing a good meal and expressing our gratitude for the gifts we’ve been given — all of that is at the heart of Thanksgiving. It’s also one of the riskiest things we can do right now for our health and the health and lives of our loved ones.

I have three brothers, a sister, five daughters, and five grandchildren, including two little girls that I love to hug and hang out with — I would love to get together with them over the holidays, but I don’t want COVID-19 to be the uninvited guest in our home.

For the upcoming holiday, some of my family will be hunting; some will be hiking; most will be outdoors in some way, and some will be taking part in a small, safely distanced get-together, with face coverings and inviting others to join virtually. It won’t be the same as everyone getting together in-person, but it will allow us to see each other, talk to each other, while making sure we are all safe — and that is what is most important now.

We’re all in the same boat here. So as you make plans for Thanksgiving, please consider whether an in-person gathering is absolutely necessary — although it’d be nice, but is it necessary? — and, if you think it is, how can you make it safer. Please remember that while a negative test is another tool to help you stay safe,

it is just a snapshot in time. It’s not a free pass to skip the simple actions that we know limit the spread of the virus.

**If you plan to host or attend any in-person gathering over the holiday season, anywhere, outdoors or indoors, consider taking the following steps recommended by the U.S. CDC to reduce COVID-19 transmission:**

**1.** Limit the total number of people you invite to allow people from different households to stay six feet apart.

**2.** Host outdoor, rather than indoor gatherings. I know we are entering the colder months, but crowded, poorly ventilated spaces pose a big risk of COVID-19 spread.

**3.** If you do host an indoor event of any kind, open the windows and doors to allow for greater air circulation.

**4.** Have everyone wear face coverings when they are not actually eating or drinking. It’s important to remember that even with face coverings, people from different households should stay six feet apart from each other.

**5.** Make sure your bathroom is stocked with enough soap and single use towels, or provide hand sanitizer as well if soap and water aren’t readily available, so guests can clean their hands often.

**6.** Try to limit contact with commonly touched surfaces and

items, like serving utensils. Have one person who is wearing a mask serve food to everyone. That’s safer than everyone using the same spoon out of a bowl of mashed potatoes.

**7.** Wash dishes right after dinner, as well as tablecloths or cloth napkins you may have used. Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces and use gloves and wash your hands when handling or disposing of trash as well.

All of these tips are found at the national CDC.gov website.

We got news recently that two vaccine candidates are showing promise, but the fact is returning to normal life sometime next year, which we hope for, first requires us to survive the holidays this year.

To the Maine people who are listening, it’s not fair that so much has been placed on your shoulders these last few months. I want you to know that I am thankful for the ways you have adapted to keep us all safe.

Please hang in there, hope is on the horizon.

Meanwhile, wear a mask, watch your distance, and wash your hands.

Keep the faith. We will get through this and we will have so much more to be thankful for next Thanksgiving.

—Originally aired as a radio address on Nov. 20.

## LETTERS

### In response

Thank you Jon Simonds for the second part of your article about York County government and the Sheriff’s department.

I take issue with “a large part of the country is bent on defunding police.”

In a July 22nd poll by *The Washington Post*, results were clear. Most agree police should undergo changes. But only 15 percent supported getting rid of police.

In a June 19th poll it suggested “only activists and democrats” want to disband police.

Why shouldn’t they? They were free to riot, loot, burn their own cities. They destroyed both black and white businesses. There are clear cases of violence against non combatants and murder. All while many police departments were told to stand down.

I don’t know why every officer didn’t resign on the spot! They

were charged to “protect and serve.”

In the June 19th Pollapalooza poll, most Americans, 31 to 58 percent opposed defunding police. The article stated, “defunding is unpopular in most demographic groups, with the exception of some blacks and democrats.” The poll recognized mostly white people see police in a favorable light. Black people were more likely to have experienced violence at an officers hand.

Blacks take this issue seriously, so do I.

All lives matter. “Red, yellow, black or white, they are precious in His sight.” God sees no color.

When MPBN broadcast, “all lives won’t matter until black lives matter” I withdrew my annual support of MPBN. Why? See above.

I’ve been lucky enough to have friends that were officers in various police departments. Ev-

ery one would acknowledge that some people should not be police officers. That, there should be rigorous screening of applicants and ongoing training. Mostly are honorable men and women.

I am confused as to why any man, woman, or child would not obey the command to stop or freeze. It just seems like a wise thing to do unless someone is bent on evil.

Activists and democrats wanting to defund or abolish police are complacent to what Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev stated. America will destroy itself from within.

We are seeing that now.

— Edmund Stubbs  
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# OPINION

## Life during war time

Retirement isn’t all it’s cracked up to be. Especially in the midst of a pandemic. We have to socially distance, wear masks and scrub large gatherings to say nothing of our hands. We probably shouldn’t travel; dine in or partake in religious activities. Funerals are



by  
Jon Simonds

limited and we should disinfect the mail. We have to carry hand sanitizer and horde toilet paper. While there hasn’t been an official stay at home order, the Pandemic leaves one with few other options and in spite of my going into the doghouse for what I am about to say, I’m not sure what’s worse. The pandemic or being stuck at home with your significant other.

My significant other has taken to the internet during times of absolute boredom to ask me questions like, “what do you think of these curtains for the living room?” This usually prompts an answer along the lines of my pointing to the curtains hanging in the living room and asking, “what’s wrong with the curtains already hanging in the living room?” She looks up at me snapping about how old our curtains are and it’s time to change them.

There’s a young woman in the neighborhood who walks her dog past our house. Her timing during this particular exchange is impeccable. I toy with the idea of asking, but my warped sense of humor gets me into more trouble than I deserve. For example, in the early days when introducing my wife to someone I would point out her veteran status. She served in the Woman’s Army Corp. In other words, she was a WAC in the Army. Now, I tell everyone, she’s just wacked. New curtains in the living room usually means my having to hang them and there is nothing wrong with the old curtains in the living room. They’re a lot like me. Old, with a few wrinkles and stuck hanging around.

One fine morning my significant other woke at the crack of dawn, probably having the best nights sleep of her life because she was so full of energy, she decided it was time to rearrange the cabinets in the kitchen. I am not a morning

person. I tend to wake up in a fog stumbling into the kitchen on autopilot for my morning coffee. I open a cabinet, reach for a mug, fill it and wait for the jet fuel to kick in. Am I wrong to get a tad bent out of shape because I’ve just poured a mugs worth

of coffee over a box of pancake mix? “What do you mean, you rearranged everything? You couldn’t find something better to do?”

“Open your eyes!”

I usually check the mail around 3 in the afternoon. This consists of my walking out to the car and driving to the Lake Arrowhead mailboxes, where I get out of the car and check the mail, going through the mail, separating the actual mail from the junk mail which I deposit into a trash bin at the end of the mailboxes. I then get into my car and drive back to house only to find the front door locked. I ring the bell and the ring of the bell is answered by the ring of the phone which I answer since the call is coming from inside the house. “You can’t come in!” She says. “Why not?” I ask. “I mopped the floor. You’ll have to wait for it to dry.”

On the bright side, three different companies are in the process of awaiting FDA approval for vaccines promising to lead us out of the Pandemic. I know a lot of people who are calling this an answer to their prayers. They’re all married. I only have one friend whose uttered disappointment. His name is Al. He’s a divorce lawyer in Sarasota, FL. He says the Pandemic has kicked him up two tax brackets. He says another year of this and he could dump his cruise ship vacations for his own cruise ship.

I look at my wife and think of Al, but she’s peering out the living room window. I turn my gaze to find a young man walking a dog past our house. “Shouldn’t you be looking for new curtains?” I ask.

She looks at me. “Why? You have a problem with the old ones?”

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