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Local food pantry for pets relocating

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Times have been tough, and food pantries have been busy collecting food to help those who in need. Those tough times not only affect people, but their beloved pets as well. “Pets are family,” said Nadine Molloy, founder of No Bowl Empty Pet Food Pantry in Waterboro. “Pets are good for people, keeping them mentally and physically well.” She continued, “For some people, their pets are all they have.” And when people can’t keep their pets, they end up being turned over to a shelter. This not only affects the owner’s health, but the health of the pets as well. “Like people, pets will go into depression, and stop eating, etc.” said Molloy. No Bowl Empty’s mission is to prevent that from happening.

Molloy opened the pantry five years ago in her home in Hollis. When she started, she supplied pet food for 25 animals. Now she serves almost 600! “I have worked hard to make certain that No Bowl Empty is not just about the pets, but also about the people,” Molloy said in an open letter to the community. “I have had the honor to meet so many wonderful people and to get to know you all. Your stories have touched my heart and filled my soul,” she wrote.

We first met Molloy at her

home in Hollis in 2018 for an article that appeared that February. Since then, Molloy has moved to Waterboro, with a bigger space for the pantry in her garage. She maintains her philosophy that the pantry be a “judgement free zone.” People come to her and say what they need. “There is no ‘grilling,’” she said. “People shouldn’t have to be dehumanized to get what they need. People should keep their dignity, keep their pride.” Molloy added that for her, it is the personal touch that matters, and she has a personal relationship with everyone that comes through her doors. A lot of times, people come to chat and she is there just to listen.

No Bowl Empty is a non-profit organization, run by volunteers, with Molloy as the driving force, the #1 volunteer. She has been working seven days a week for the last five years, without a salary. She collects and shops for food and other items for the pantry, but also does marketing and promotions. On the weekends she can often be found set up at a local store or event, spreading the word about No Bowl Empty. This one woman show has become more than one woman can handle, even a strong, motivated, caring woman who has put her heart and soul into the organization she created, her passion. She had to make a decision. “After spend-



For the love of our pets

Nadine Molloy with her dog Nika at No Bowl Empty’s current location in Waterboro. COURTESY PHOTO

ing a lot of time really looking at everything and being brutally honest with myself, I came to the conclusion that the needs were greater than what I could do alone,” Molloy said. “I realized that it wasn’t fair to the clients, to the donors, or to myself,” she said. Her passion had outgrown her. “But I was not willing to simply close the doors and walk away,” she continued. Molloy needed a posse, a group of people with a common purpose. Pittie Posse Rescue and Sanctuary came to her aid!

Molloy has had a long relationship with Pittie Posse. Pittie Posse founder Britt Bolnick found Molloy years ago. “I was taken by her vision and work,” said Bolnick. Molloy’s dog, Nika, came to her through Pittie Posse. And one of the Board Members from Pittie Posse designed the original No Bowl Empty logo. “We’ve always helped each other,” said Bolnick.

Bolnick and her husband, Todd Sullivan founded Pittie Posse Rescue and Sanctuary in 2017. “I wanted to rescue animals, especially this bully breed who had been so maligned,” said Bolnick. “I wanted to focus on the social issues that caused these dogs to

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Gobielle to run unopposed for Newfield selectman

BY C.J. PIKE

Town Selectman Shelly Gobielle’s term is up in March, and she has announced that she will be running again for another 3-year term. She has enjoyed working hard to keep our wonderful community strong, and says that she will continue to work hard for everyone in the community.

Gobielle is running unopposed for the position of Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor. She was elected in March of 2016 at a special election to finish the term on a temporary basis, and was elected in 2017 for the 3-year position.

She would like people to know that she has worked hard for the town, and is knowledgeable in researching any and all issues that pertain to the town, especially the legal matters.

According to her, she has always done her homework to prepare for any meetings or events, and feels that in a small town it’s important to be hands-on and



Shelly Gobielle
COURTESY PHOTO

available for any concerns or issues.

She states that there are many projects coming up in town, and she has worked endlessly on getting the new salt and sand building project going. And, she works especially hard on the budget.

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Todd Sullivan and Britt Bolnick of Pittie Posse, a bully breed rescue and sanctuary located in Saco, with their dog, Baxter Bean.

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Community Calendar

EMAIL NON-PROFIT EVENT LISTINGS TO: NEWS@WATERBOROREPORTER.COM

UPCOMING EVENTS

BENEFIT PENNY AUCTION & 50/50 RAFFLE Saturday, Feb. 22 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Springvale Social Club, 22 Bridge Street, Springvale. This benefit is for Kelly Spencer to help with funeral expenses for her son Travis Spencer. Cash bar, music and light refreshments.

SONGWRITING CIRCLE CONCERT & POTLUCK Sunday, Feb. 23 at 4 p.m. at the Denmark Arts Center at 8 Hancock St. in Hiram. Event is free, bring food for potluck supper

CALLING ALL QUILTERS! The Evergreen Quilt Guild will meet on Monday, Feb. 24, from 6-9 p.m., at St. David's Episcopal Church, Route 1, two miles south of Kennebunk Village. Evergreen Quilters usually meet the 4th Monday of each month except July and December, and the 3rd Monday of May. Newcomers are always welcome.

Meet your local heroes

Come to meet some Local Heroes and Super Heroes. There will be a Community Event on Saturday, Feb. 29 at the Limerick Fire Dept. on School Street, from 9-11 a.m. Local fire and rescue squads will be there to meet the members of the community that they serve. Delicious baked goods will be available for purchase, and there are some amazing raffle basket prizes. Tickets are \$10 for 15 raffle tickets. They are also offering free coffee or hot chocolate. Get your picture taken with the local heroes and/or the trucks. Proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics at the Line Elementary School

TRI-COUNTY AREA REPUBLICAN (GOP) MEETING will be held in Cornish, ME on Tuesday evening, Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m., at Pike Memorial Hall, lower level, 17 Maple St. in Cornish. Invited guest speaker is Demi Kouzounas, D.M.D., Chairwoman of the ME GOP. Area republicans living in central and northern York County, as well as northern and western Cumberland County and southern Oxford County are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Also, "Super-Tuesday" Presidential Primary is Tuesday, March 3. E-mail: freedom111d@yahoo.com or call 651-8645 for more information.

GIRL SCOUT SIGN-UPS Girl Scouts of Maine (GSME) announces that it will host new member sign-up events for potential members and volunteers on Feb. 25 at Carl J. Lamb School, Springvale at 6 p.m. For more information about Girl Scouts visit girlscoutsofmaine.org or call 888-922-4763.

BINGO NIGHT at Massabesic High School Thursday, Feb. 27 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. Cost is \$5 to play all night. All ages welcome. There will be baked goods and prizes. Organized by the MHS Student Council with proceeds going back into school events.

LEAP YEAR'S DANCE Saturday, Feb. 29, with DJ Reggie at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road, from 7 pm. - midnight. Cost is \$10 per person and BYOB for anyone over the age of 21.

MAINE POWER FOR MAINE PEOPLE Tired of unnecessary power outages? How about that CMP Smart Meter Disaster? Do you want CMP's parent company in Spain penny pinching our utility services and charging higher rates? Join the discussion: March 12, 7pm Old Brick Town Hall Limerick. Main St. next to Post Office. LD 1646 (An act to Restore Local Ownership and Control of Maines' Power delivery System) Info-625-8189

BOSTON FLOWER SHOW The Springvale Public Library is hosting a trip to the Boston Flower Show at the Seaport World Trade Center on Thursday, March 12 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Garden Party: Celebrating Friends And Family." The ticket price is \$65 and includes travel and the flower show admission. Food is not included. Food and drinks may be brought in a cooler, or purchased in Boston. Tickets will be given out as you exit the bus in Boston. The bus will depart from Springvale Library, 443 Main St, at 8 a.m. Arrive 20 minutes prior to departure. Parking is available at the church parking lot across from the library. For more information or to purchase tickets please call Springvale Library at 324-4624 or visit www.springvalelibrary.org.

OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION Come celebrate Maine's 200th and Lyman's 242nd birthdays at an Open House on Sunday, March 15, from 1-4 p.m. the Lyman Community Library. Come for cake, refreshments and history! The event is sponsored by the Lyman Historical Society. The snow date is March 31. Visit www.lymanhistoricalsociety.org for more information.

GRAHAMTASTIC AUCTION & CELEBRATION March 28, 5-9 p.m. at the Sanford Town Club, 4 Washington Street, Sanford. There will be Raffles, Silent Auction, Prizes, Appetizers, Desserts and a Cash Bar. Music generously provided by Rob Butler. Cost per person \$20. Proceeds will support our mission to connect kids when their world is out of reach.

ONGOING EVENTS

SCRABBLE with FRIENDS meets every Wed. at 1 p.m. at Soldiers Memorial Library, 85 Main Street, Hiram. New members welcome. Library Hours: Tues. 2-5 p.m., Wed and Thurs 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 625-4650 or visit www.soldiers.lib.me.us.

POETRY WORKSHOP, Limerick Public Library, 2nd Thurs. of every month at 6:30-8 p.m. All poets from beginners to advanced are invited to bring an original poem to discuss.

SUNDAY SERVICES of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is from 9 to 11 a.m. at 25 Westview Drive, Sanford or from 10 a.m. to noon at 15 Smith Lane, Saco.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP Free and open to anyone that has a loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's or any form of dementia. Understand the process of the disease and allows for sharing and questions. Third Wednesday of each month 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Southern Maine Health Care Pavilion Conference Room, 35 July Street, Sanford. FMI 490-7600 Kathy or Jeri.

SANFORD MAINE STAGE is seeking volunteers to help the theatre in various capacities. We are looking for volunteers to help in selling concessions, to work backstage during shows, help with costumes, sets, lights & sound, raffle table, etc. We have 5 shows scheduled for this year starting with "When Irish eyes are smiling" on March 14 at 7pm and March 15 at 2 pm. Other shows, dates, times will be posted on our facebook page next week. If you are interested please let us know via our facebook page or maria.troopstair@gmail.com. This is a good way to get credit hours for those of you in high school.

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LYMAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY WEEKLY PROGRAMS Tuesdays drop-in knitting and fiber optics group; Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. children's and family movies in the activity room; Fridays at 10 a.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. is preschool storytime. The library is located at 10 John Street. Call 499-7114 FMI.

TOPS is a weight loss support group that meets every Wednesday from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. in the lower level of the Springvale Public Library. Meetings are open to all. For more information, contact group leader Linda Rose at lrose4180@yahoo.com or 676-9063.

FIBER ARTS GROUP Do you love to knit, crochet, sew, or spin? Waterboro Public Library invites you to join us every Thursday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for an afternoon of crafting and conversation with fellow artists. Sharing is encouraged. Bring your own tools, materials and current project with you. Assistance with knitting will usually be available. We welcome crafters of all skill levels. Registration not required.



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Pittie Posse Rescue's



No Bowl Empty PET PANTRY

PET FOOD PANTRY

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be in the [shelter] system, to work with them through rehabilitation and training to help them have the best lives, and to be ambassadors of their breed." She continued, "I also wanted to help dog owners, through education, helping them to be responsible for their dog's care, and show/learn how humans and dogs can get along." The goal is to bring down the owner surrender rate, and to keep dogs in viable homes. Sometimes that means spaying/neutering animals. Sometimes that means providing food for the dogs, or their people. Taking on No Bowl Empty seemed a natural fit.

Bolnick has a Masters in Adult Education, and is a Business Coach. Her approach to Pittie Posse is both an educational and a business model, where they are not simply relying on donations for support. "We have the structure for it [No Bowl Empty]," she said. Pittie Posse is made up of several "crews," and Bolnick has already established a crew for No Bowl Empty. For now, the physical food pantry will remain at Molloy's home in Waterboro while Pittie Posse is looking for land to build a facility of their own. "There is a list of services we want to be providing," she added.

Moving forward there may be alternating pick up times at different locations throughout Southern Maine. One thing is for sure, Molloy will stay on as needed. "I will never be totally gone," she said. "I will always be committed to serving the animals and people of the community." Molloy has already started on a new journey, training to be a State of Maine Animal Control Officer. She has completed online training, and has a 5-day "boot camp" in the Spring. She will be officially certified by the end of Spring/early Summer. "I am excited to have direct contact with people who may need help, but don't have the resources," she said. "And happy that I can continue to help the pets and people of our wonderful community."

Pittie Posse is a non-profit 501c3 based in Saco. They are always looking for sponsorship, for friends to help in the community, patrons, and now, help with food storage as they grow. If you would like more information about Pittie Posse, call 619-0027, email pittieposse@gmail.com, check out their website www.pittieposse.com or find them on Facebook. You can mail donations to 4 Scammon St, Suite 19-324, Saco, ME 04072.

"Helping to feed your furry family in tough times."

Funky Bow Brewery & Beer Company in Lyman is hosting a Pet Food Drive for No Bowl Empty on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 3-6 p.m. Bring a donation, and enjoy some beer, wood-fired pizza and live music. They are currently looking for canned and dry dog and cat food, dog and cat treats, clumping cat litter, and tick preventative for dogs and cats. The brewery is located at 21 Ledgewood Lane, Lyman.

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Museum Addition

An unexpected donation to the Alfred Village Museum was the Indian Pump which one of our neighbors recently donated. I had no idea what an Indian Pump was until she brought it down to the house. She explained it was used by her father, Frank Abbott, to help save their home on the West Road in Waterboro during the '47 fires.

Because the fires were coming closer, her mother and her two sisters had evacuated the home. Her father had stayed behind with the pump and used the pump to discourage the busy flames. At one point the smoke was so thick he had to retreat under the bridge adjacent to their property, and survived by keeping a wet handkerchief over his face. And that is how he saved their home. I know there are many other stories of people saving their homes, and probably many used Indian Pumps. I was happy to accept the pump which had saved theirs.

Parish Church

Rev. Sarah Bartlett is on vacation this week. Rev. LeeAnn Gagne will lead the service on Sunday, Feb. 23.

The free Community Supper will be held Monday, Feb. 24 from 5 to 6 p.m. It will feature pasta dishes. On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26 there will be a supper featuring soups at 5 p.m. followed by worship at 5:30.

Sunday school will be held March 8 and March 22.

Historical Society Meeting Cancelled

The Alfred Historical Society meeting was cancelled because of the weather on Feb. 18 but Bruce Tucker will give his topic on the "Pauper Graves" at the next meeting in March. The program in April will be "My Mother's Scrapbook" by this writer.

TOWN OF WATERBORO NOTICE: Town Hall Front Counter Hours March 3, 2020

The Transaction Area (front counter) will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Presidential Primary Election Day, March 3, 2020. Front Counter Staff will then be at the polls assisting with the election. All other offices will be open as usual. Normal business hours will resume on March 4, 2020.

Herbal tea class at the library

By JOANNE BARGIONI

An herbal tea making class was held at the Waterboro Library on Feb. 11. The class instructor was Cindy Simon, M.A., NCC, RMT, Health, Living and Writing Coach/Community Educator. Simon says she started getting involved with teaching wellness because she had "a passion for wellness, to inspire people and for serenity and joy."

Simon began the class by saying we would be preparing our own herbal teas for uplifting, relaxing and aid in healing. Teas can be used for a variety of benefits and she suggested buying a book on Herbal Tea Making for more ideas and descriptions of herbal preparations and usage. The herbs can be acquired in different ways. You can buy them locally in specialty stores, or natural food stores, or you can grow them at home and dry them yourself. She also handed out some empty disposable tea bag filter papers pouches.

Simon then went on to explain about the benefits of specific herbs that she was demonstrating in the class. She says an uplifting tea can be produced with a blend of Rose Hips, Peppermint and lemon ginger and have anti-aging properties and can aid with depression, immune boosting and an increase in well-being.

A blend of Chamomile, orange and lavender may help with insomnia and tension, and is a relaxing tea and a tea that can aid in healing. It requires a blend of licorice root, rosemary, and nettle. It also is used to sharpen memory, treat allergy



Cindy Simon at the Waterboro Public Library on Feb. 11. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

symptoms, colds, upset stomachs, headache and aches and pains.

Simon stressed in her class that while taking the teas can be beneficial they should not eliminate the need to see a doctor.

To make the tea blend you take one of the empty tea bag filters and add about a half-teaspoon of each herb to the bag. Tie the bag and infuse in boiling water for about 3 minutes and your tea is ready to be enjoyed. Simon cautioned that some herbs could be toxic and care should be taken that these are not used without knowledge on how to handle the plant. For example according to a normsfarms.com article "Are Elderberry Bushes Poisonous," the stems, seeds, leaves and roots are poisonous to humans, but cooking the berries will make it safe to eat. This is why a book would be useful.

For more information on tea blending you can contact Cindy Simon at scmbsim@aol.com.

TOWN OF WATERBORO

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Public Hearing

The Town of Waterboro Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **March 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Town Hall. The purpose of this hearing is to review the variance request of Joseph & Jade Coppolino (Tax Map 32 Lot 21). The applicant is requesting a hardship variance to construct a second floor addition to a residential structure within the Town of Waterboro Shoreland Zone.

The application can be viewed at the code enforcement office during regular business hours.

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She believes in saving for the future and not having large projects such as the reevaluation, fire truck, or ambulance all paid for in one year.

"We are a small community that needs low taxes. I strive for this; Newfield is my heart beat and I love serving the community. I am running unopposed but do not and will not take that for granted. I own a small business in Newfield and employee local people."

Voting will be held on Saturday, March 14 at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road.

Nobody took out papers for the position of Director of School Board of RSU #57 from Newfield, which is also up for vote, for a 3-year term Write-ins can be made on voting day.

Also on the ballot is the Referendum question: "to see if the town would vote that the positions of Town Treasurer and Tax Collector, be appointed positions." Most of the positions with the town government are elected positions for 3-year terms.

Rod and Gun Club hosts fishing derby

Northern York County Rod and Gun Club will hold their annual Ice fishing Derby at the Rock Haven Lake town beach on Coolidge Street on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kids 16 and under fish for free and adults pay \$10. Kids receive trophies for the biggest fish for first, second and third places; and adults receive half of the entry fees. Food is available.

Dance, dance, dance

There will be a Leap Year's dance on Saturday, Feb. 29, with DJ Reggie, at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road, from 7 p.m. to midnight. It is \$10 per person and BYOB for anyone over the age of 21. Reggie plays a mix of oldies, country and more.

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go to Jeremy Burbank, Abby Greenleaf, and Lois Greenleaf. Feb. 20 would have been my Aunt Phyllis's birthday; wishes to her in heaven.

Meetings

Cub Scout Pack #329 - Feb. 24, at Line School at 818 Water Street at 6 p.m. Anastasia Ferguson is the Cubmaster.

Newfield Selectmen - Feb. 25, at 23 So. Effingham Road at the West Newfield Town Hall at 6 p.m.

Newfield Firefighters training session - Feb. 25, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Tea Time - Feb. 26, at the Newfield Village Library at 637 Water Street at 3 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop #329 - Feb. 26, at the Brick Town all at 11 Main Street in Limerick at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome. Jim Dion is the Scoutmaster. Call Joe Iannazzo at 850-6237.

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LOCAL WRITINGS

CLIMATE CHANGE

We thought those in charge would listen, do something to change the inevitable catastrophic path we were on. But no!

All the people in Fiji and Bora Bora were evacuated in twenty twenty-nine Trinidad and Tobago were next to go.

Seas rose. Islands disappeared. Cities along coasts are the new Atlantis. Oh, how the winds of change did blow

with hurricane force onto coastal zones, tornados twisting the heartland, fire and mudslide on once fertile plateau.

As seas continued to swallow the land climate refugees searching for shelter were herded into ghetto camps as though

they were so much less than human, as though they were the ones at fault for causing climate devastation to grow

while politicians sat in their opulent silence spoon fed by oligarch greedy bankroll now claiming that they didn't know

inaction would lead to this critical event and be the cause of bringing the planet to the brink of this climactic horror show.

Is our fate sealed? Our destiny confirmed? Do we hear the voices of youth demanding we pay the price now for the debt we owe

for neglecting to curb fossil fuel use? If we expect to avoid our extinction we reject environmental status quo!

This poem has a moral to heed. Our fate is in our own hands, you see. Vote as if we have nowhere else to go.

-by Gil Harris
Limerick

OPINION

No Governor, Big Pharma pulls the Strings

Trust but verify!

Recently, Dr. Laura Blaisdell told Mainers during a radio interview that her 'No On 1' coalition includes a group of trusted, local physicians. These are the same people who stroll around the state capitol donning their lab coats. Their subliminal message of superiority is not missed on the discerning.

Blaisdell's mantra, "Trust us", implies no need to question, no need to be informed, no need to make your own decisions about your body or that of your child. She and her colleagues know all, so check your brain at the door. Why question?

Unsurprisingly, Blaisdell never mentions that she left her medical practice to become a political lobbyist enhancing Big Pharma's profits.

As a member of the legislature who engaged in the entire bill process, I asked lots of questions. According to the CDC's testimony, we don't have a problem. We are already at the desired threshold of 95% compliance. No need for this law. However, Big Pharma got its way—thanks to the likes of Blaisdell and her "trustworthy" coalition.

This law, the most punitive and overreaching vaccine mandate law in the nation was shoved through our legislature despite the unprecedented number of people who were in strong opposition. It removes both children and adults from school (public, private, parochial, online and trade schools including higher education) and employment (including employees at daycare and healthcare services) should they miss even one dose of a required vaccine.

Yet we are told to trust!

Eliminate the opportunity to verify truth and trust is destroyed.

Where is the trust when:

- Physicians get a financial bonus if their practice achieves a specific vaccine compliance rate?
- According to the Director of the World Health Organization's Vaccine Confidence Project, "In Medical school, you're lucky if you have a half day on vaccines, never mind keeping up to date with all of it?"
- The CDC, holds over 50 patents making them a part of the vaccine manufacturing industry?
- The vaccine manufacturers have no incentive to make safe



Representative Heidi Sampson (R-Alfred) COURTESY PHOTO

products because the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 gave them immunity from lawsuit?

- The W.H.O. (World Health Org) reveals the science is not settled, because no safety studies have been done?
- Mandate laws benefit Big Pharma's bottom line, and Merck's profits for only their childhood vaccines grossed \$8.4 Billion in 2019 alone?

Where is the trust when:

- Outbreaks of diseases like measles, mumps and pertussis are happening in populations with 100% vaccination rates?
 - The CDC manipulated data presented to the Education Committee by omitting the first-grader data field, resulting in a false narrative that rates in Maine are dropping when in reality they are not.
 - Those recently vaccinated pose far greater risks to the immunocompromised than does any unvaccinated child?
- Where is the trust when:
- Well paid lobbyists earn nearly \$50,000 in a few short months to wine & dine legislators to do their bidding?
 - The lobbyists mock, intimidate and harass parents exercising their constitutional right to petition their grievances?
 - Elected representatives turn a deaf ear to well over 600 people who testified in opposition to this law?

Where is the trust when:

- Nearly \$500,000 from Big Pharma pours into ads using fear tactics and manipulated statistics aimed at convincing people to give away their constitutional rights?
- One follows the money discovering Big Pharma is actually pulling the strings on this vaccine mandate law?

The Yes On 1 Campaign has been vindicated in using "Reject Big Pharma" as their tagline. Big Pharma with their group of 'trusted physicians' have been responsible for the opioid crisis that is still ravaging our state. Why should we trust them now? We as Maine citizens have not only the right, but an obligation to reject this gross governmental overreach masquerading as public health.

- Rep. Heidi Sampson (R) Alfred

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- by R.A. BURNS
North Waterboro

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SPORTS

SWIMMING

Mustangs swim at states

Massabesic picked up 74 team points, placing them 13th, at the annual Class A Varsity Swim Championships held Monday, Feb. 17 at University of Maine, Orono.

Kennebunk came away with the title, posting 235.5 points. S. Portland was next with 218 and Bangor was third at 213. Swimmers from 24 high schools competed.

Mustang Maia Alling, a sophomore, swam a 25.89 in the 50-freestyle, good for third place. Senior Mae Causey of Falmouth was first with a 24.87 and junior Kiley Matthews of S. Portland was second with a 25.70. No other swimmer cracked 26 seconds flat and just eight kept their times under 27.00. Alling also swam the 100-backstroke and finished 11th.

Freshman Emma Hartigan had a solid day with an eighth-place finish in the 200-freestyle and an eighth-place finish in the 500-freestyle.

— By Michael DeAngelis
Sports Editor
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WRESTLING

Massabesic 3rd at state wrestling meet

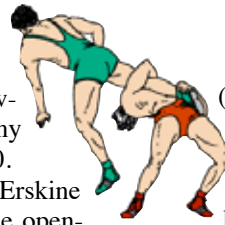
Noah Hernandez won the 160-lb. weight division, and Massabesic had five other wrestlers make the podium to help them to a third place overall finish with 88.5 points at the annual Class A state wrestling championships held Saturday, Feb. 15 in Sanford.

Noble took first place with 115 points and Mt. Ararat/Brunswick was second with 92. Marshwood

was fourth at 74, Skowhegan had 68 and Bonny Eagle was sixth with 60.

Timber Parlin of Erskine fell to Hernandez in the opener and Andrew Martin of Windham fell next, via pin, in the first round. Hernandez, who was second at states last year, finished off his gold with a pin of Hunter McEwen of Skowhegan in just 35 seconds.

The Mustangs got a silver medal from Matthew Pooler



(152) and a bronze from Sean Wakefield (182). Jack Carroll (126) and Garrett Francouer (132) both finished fourth.

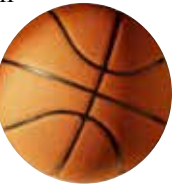
Scots wrestle sixth

Caden Frost won the 106-lb. weight division and brother Colby won at 126, helping Bonny Eagle post a sixth place finish at the annual state wrestling championships.

BASKETBALL

Spartans bounce Mustangs

Paige Cote led all scores with 26 points, helping #6 Sanford topple host #3 Massabesic in the first round of the Class AA South varsity girls' basketball playoffs held Feb. 13. Grace Frechette had 11-points for the Mustangs.



FEATURED IN THE MARCH 12 REPORTER:

Maple Sunday

March 22nd

BRIEFS

Senior FarmShare Program accepting applications

The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's (DACF) Division of Agricultural Resource Development (ARD) has announced that the application period for new farms is now open for the 2020 Maine Senior FarmShare Program. Applications, including the full details for new farms and eligibility criteria, are available on the ARD website.

New for 2020, the Maine Senior FarmShare Program is welcoming more farms from throughout the state. Also, the USDA provided additional funding for 2020 that will help increase the number of participating farms from across Maine.

The Maine Senior FarmShare Program is administered by ARD and funded by the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service Program. Following the Community Supported Agriculture model, a Senior FarmShare is an agreement between a participating farmer and a qualified senior for \$50 of fresh produce.

Eligible farms must have one or more acres of mixed produce and the ability to offer a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, over 8 weeks. The application deadline is end of business, Tuesday, March 31, and farms are encouraged to apply early as openings are limited.

For program information or to apply, farmers should contact Donna Murray, Program Manager with Maine Senior FarmShare Program, at 287-7526 and donna.murray@maine.gov. Farms are invited to apply now on the Maine Senior FarmShare website.

The 37th annual Maine Maple Sunday is March 22 and the Reporter will be featuring the event in its March 12 issue with a list of local places to visit along with a map of the area.

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Obituaries

Sophia Ivory Willard

Sophia Ivory Willard, 26, of North Waterboro, Maine, was lost to us on Feb. 15, 2020.

Sophia was a free spirit, a talented artist, and a loving daughter, sister, niece, and grandchild. Sophia is survived by



Sophia Ivory Willard

her mother and father, Nicole and Jonathan Willard, her brother Nickolaus Willard, her aunts Tara Judish, Caroline Judish-McKale and her husband Michael McKale, her uncles Jack Judish, Christopher Willard and his wife Laurel Willard, and Ethan Willard, her cousin Etienne Charron-Willard, and her grandparents Nancy Hartley and Paul and Jane Willard, great uncles and aunts and cousins, and pre-deceased by grandparents Joe and Joanne Judish and Bill Hartley.

Sophia loved her family, animals, theater, music, capturing the sunset, and had a spectacular sense of humor. She was a talented and multifaceted artist, continuously creating and producing new pieces. Her mediums included, but were not limited to, painting and visual arts, performative art, and theater. Her creativity was captured in these mediums and within her humor-- constantly vibrant, funny, full of emotion and beautiful. Sophia will also be remembered for her sharp wit and striking sensitivity.

Sophia spent much of her time giving back to others, working at Creative Work Systems and serving with the NCCC in AmeriCorps. During this time she brought her humor and grace to the projects she worked on and the people she met. While in AmeriCorps she helped with the cleanup efforts in Texas after Hurricane Harvey as well as working on tree farms in Illinois. During her time with Creative Work Systems, Sophia was a Life Skills Coach and brought compassion to multiple individuals.

Sophia spent her free time with her family and friends travel-

ing and exploring the world. She took two family trips to the American west to visit national parks, a trip to Scotland to see the country and her brother, time in Canada to hear music, and traveled extensively with AmeriCorps. Sophia graduated from Massabesic High School in 2011 and attended the University of Southern Maine.

Friends and family may call on Thursday, Feb. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, in Alfred, Maine.

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

In lieu of flowers, please donate to MaineTransNet, your local animal shelter, or a charity of choice.

Andrea B. Johnson

Andrea B. Johnson, 77, a longtime resident of Sanford, died peacefully with her family by her side, on Feb. 13, 2020 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough.

Andrea was born in Biddeford on April 14, 1942, the daughter of Andrew T. and Laurianna A. (Archambeault) Zimmicki. As a young adult, she enjoyed going dancing and going to the beach.

One of Andrea's first jobs was working at Kesslen Shoe in Kennebunk and in her later years she provided respite to caregivers of elderly family members. Other jobs she held were working as a convenience store clerk, in the deli at the grocery store and at the Kittery outlets.

Andrea enjoyed country and western music and was an avid knitter. She kept busy with numerous knitting projects which included hats, mittens and baby outfits. She was content to be home either putting another puzzle together or mastering Sudoku. Andrea was lovingly called 'Ma' by her family and she had a big heart that welcomed many of the neighborhood kids into her home when they needed a mother's touch. She was an excellent cook who could make a mean macaroni salad.



Andrea B. Johnson

During Andrea's 30's she had the good fortune of exploring and traveling to Greece not only once, but twice! She enjoyed Greek culture, the music and attending the annual Greek Festival in Saco. Andrea was devoted to her family and was a cherished memere.

Survivors include her children, Bruce Sharpe and Scott Sharpe and wife Verna; four grandchildren, Michael Sharpe, Elyssa Stuart, Corinne Stuart and Avery Stuart; her sister Theresa Coburn and husband George and her brother Stanley Zimmicki and wife Amy; and many nieces and nephews.

Andrea was predeceased by her husband, Paul Johnson in 1997 and by her brother, Robert "Zeke" Zimmicki in 2012.

Family and friends are invited to call on Friday, Feb. 21 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, in Alfred where there will be short prayer service held.

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

With Andrea's love of animals, please consider donating to the Animal Welfare Society, P.O. Box 43, West Kennebunk, ME 04094.

Mary T. Davidson

Mary T. Davidson, 89, of East Baldwin, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend to all, passed peacefully on Feb. 8, 2020, on a crisp New England night with a full moon to lead her home in Heaven.

Mary was born on June 25, 1930 in Roxbury, Massachusetts the daughter of Leo and Beatrice (Arsenault) Gallant.

Mary met and married Robert D. Davidson, Sr. on January 26, 1949 and raised six children together; where Mary was primarily a homemaker, and kept the household running efficiently with a good dose of humor. She was an excellent cook and baked all her cakes, cookies and pies from scratch. She was the glue that kept the family together and also the disciplinarian of the family!

Both Mary and Bob believed in giving back to their communities and found lifelong friendships with their memberships with the Ruth Chapter #14 Order of Eastern Star in Springvale. Throughout the years she held many offices and was a true example of service to others. She also delivered Meals on Wheels locally and belonged to the Red Hat Society. Mary and Bob were longtime parishioners of Alfred Parish Church and made their home in Alfred for

over 40 years.

Together as a family, they took trips to Northern Maine, Canada and drove cross country to Missouri; where Mary drove in five lanes of traffic with ease - going over 80 mph! Needless to say, she kept her foot to the pedal with her ever present smile intact! She looked forward to her craft meetings which were known as the "Stitch-n-Bitch Group." They discussed world politics, religion and what was new with each family member. Mary was kind hearted, loved her family and many friends and was always there when you need her. She will be dearly missed and is now at peace.

She is lovingly survived by her children, Bruce C. Davidson, Jr. and wife Barbara of Westbrook; Jon S. Davison and wife Mel of Mesa, AZ; Patricia J. Sheehan and husband James of East Baldwin; and Mark P. Davidson and wife Sharon of Nevada; 12 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; three sisters, Peggy Flynn and Priscilla Macland, both of Bath and Lorraine Williams of Missouri; and many nieces and nephews.

Mary was predeceased by her husband of 69 years, Robert D. Davidson, Sr.; her son Robert Jr. and daughter Linda.

A Celebration of Mary's life will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, in Alfred where a reception will be held immediately following the service. Please bring your love, stories and memories to share with Mary's family.

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In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, New England Division, Inc., 1 Bowdoin Mill Island, Suite 300, Topsham, ME 04086.

Denis Ward

Denis Ward, 63, of Waterboro, passed away on Feb. 4, 2020 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough.

Denis was born on March 3, 1956 at the Clover Hill Hospital in Lawrence, Massachusetts, the son of Charles and Rita Ward.

Denis had a wonderful sense of humor, which he accredited to being born and raised in Massachusetts. He was a huge fan of the comedian Andrew Dice Clay as well as alternative-rock music.

In 1997, Denis married his true love Stephyne Silva-Read, and with an open heart became a loving stepfather to her son Heath.



Denis Ward

Sadly, after 11 years of marriage, Stephyne passed away in 2006 after a courageous battle with cancer. Denis and Heath continued to share a close and loving relationship and friendship.

Heath reflected that "neither he nor his mother ever saw Denis without his signature beard, he was a great father figure, husband, and friend." "Denis treated me just like his very own son."

He is lovingly survived by his stepson Heath Silva; five grandchildren; Thomas; Beau; October; Brady and Ella-Ann; one great grandson Brayden.

Family and friends may call on Wednesday, March 4 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred. Committal prayers and burial will be held at a later date.

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

Katharine Kinne Tryon Young Shortsleeves

Katharine Kinne Tryon Young Shortsleeves passed away on Jan. 10, 2020 surrounded by those she loved. Kate was born on April 15, 1920 to Ralph and Emma Tryon in South Glastonbury, Connecticut. She was raised there on the family farm, the third of four children.

She graduated from Edgewood Park Junior College and worked as a medical secretary until she married Roger G. Young in May, 1941. They had three children.

Widowed at age 34, she married Gordon H. Shortsleeves in September of 1955. They moved to Weslind Farm in Mansfield, Massachusetts, where they raised four children and registered Guernseys. In 1987 they retired to West Newfield.

Kate was a faithful and active member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in South Glastonbury, CT; St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in Mansfield, MA; and West Newfield United Church of Christ in Maine. She worked as a church secretary in Mansfield and West Newfield, sang choir and worked with the youth. She volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and Hospice in ME.

Kate lived out the Great Commandment to love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself.

She is survived by her son, William C. Young and his wife Dianna of Eidson, Tennessee; her daughters Karen Farris and her husband Richard of West Newfield, Martha Simerl and her husband James of Rogersville, Tennessee and Anne Harrington and her husband Kent of Canton; her bother Charles Tryon of South Glastonbury, CT; 11 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the church of your choice or Doctors Without Borders, P.O. Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5030.

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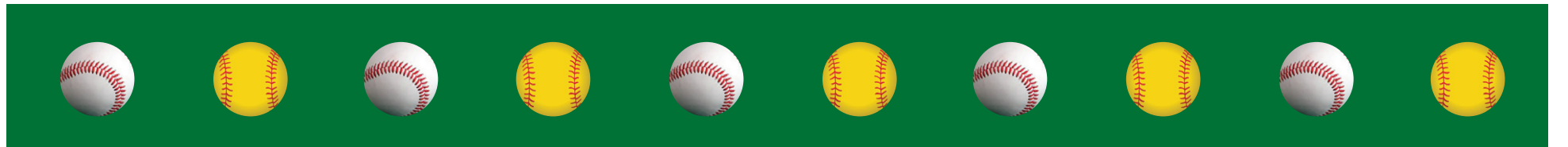
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