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## Sleighrides at Winterfest ❄️

By JOANNE BARGIONI

Abenaki Draft Horse Club held its annual Winterfest on Sunday Feb. 23 at the Club's property on 117 Duke Lane in Lyman. The club was founded in 1985 by 25 original members who were drawn together by a love of draft horses. According to member Susan Ole-son who was helping out at the event, the mission statement of the Club is to "help people understand the use of draft horses." Throughout the year, the club holds special events depending on the weather and interests of the members, including Octoberfest with horse-drawn wagon rides in the fall. They have also been represented at the Acton Fair Horse and Pony Show and Arundel Heritage Days. The money raised from Winterfest will go towards the ten-acre farm's taxes and insurance.

Sunday was an exceptionally warm day with temperatures in the high 40s. The sun was shining with a beautiful crisp blue sky with little wind and hundreds of people were in attendance. It took over an hour to get to the front of the line to board the sleigh but it was worth the wait. The reward you received was a beautiful scenic sleigh ride through the snow-covered woods pulled by a team of magnificent draft horses. A draft horse is a large horse bred to be a working horse doing heavy tasks such as plowing and other farm type labor. There were three sleighs in use, some carrying more occupants than others, pulled by these beautiful animals. The price was \$5 for an approximate 20-minute ride.

Hot dogs, beans, sandwiches, soup and snacks were sold in the clubhouse accompanied by live music. More people attended than the organizers had anticipated and the horses were working hard trying to give everyone their ride. The event went past the hours posted in an effort to accommodate all the

folks waiting in line and also being mindful of rest for the hard-working horses.

The Abenaki Draft Horse Club is open to anyone with an interest in horses, not just draft horses. Owning a horse is not a requirement to join the club. Members meet at the end of each month, usually at the home of Dick Fortin, the vice-president. The club's annual membership application is online and the price for membership is \$15 individual and \$25 for a family.

For more information, visit [abenakidrafthorseassociation.org](http://abenakidrafthorseassociation.org), call 749-2254 or contact the President of the Club, Tom Bragg, by e-mail at [tlb2247@gmail.com](mailto:tlb2247@gmail.com).



These draft horses were working hard pulling visitors on the sleigh during Winterfest at Abenaki Draft Horse Club in Lyman on Feb. 23. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

## Ice fishing on Rock Haven

By C.J. PIKE

It was a beautiful day for an ice fishing derby. The ice was about 15 inches thick, enough for trucks to drive on, and the sun was out all day. And, according to the members of Northern York County Rod and Gun Club, sponsors of the derby, 52 adults signed up and about 22 kids.

The Rod and Gun Club has the derby every year, but this year it was held at the town beach on Rock Haven Lake on Feb. 22. They started at 7 a.m. and the prizes were handed out at 3 p.m. for the biggest fish for adults and 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the children's competition. They moved the derby to the town beach this year, as it is easier to get to and has more parking.

But, why do they start so early? Shane and Sylvie Lamontagne explained that the best times for

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Keith Folger brought in a whopping 4.4 lb. large mouth bass at the annual Northern York County Rod & Gun Club's fishing derby held on Rock Haven Lake Feb. 22. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

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# Super Tuesday

## Presidential Primary & State Referendum

### March 3



Maine residents must be registered to vote and enrolled in the party for which they would like to cast a ballot, in order to vote in the *Presidential Primary* on March 3. Voters can register and enroll in a party on Election Day including unenrolled voters. The deadline to change parties was Feb. 14.

The *Special State Referendum Election*, also March 3, is open to all registered enrolled and unenrolled voters. A People's Veto petition to prevent a vaccine law from taking effect.

According to the state's website, maine.gov, a People's Veto petition was submitted to the Secretary of State on Sept. 18, 2019, to prevent the following law from taking effect on September 19th.

Chapter 154 of the Public Laws of 2019: "An Act To Protect Maine Children and Students from Preventable Diseases by Repealing Certain Exemptions from the Laws Governing Immunization Requirements"

The Secretary of State certified on Oct. 17, 2019 that the petition had enough valid signatures to be voted on at the next statewide election on March 3, 2020.

"Question 1: People's Veto" reads: "Do you want to reject the new law that removes religious and philosophical exemptions to requiring immunization against certain communicable diseases for students to attend schools and colleges and for employees of nursery schools and health care facilities?"

A "Yes" vote REJECTS the new law and maintains religious and philosophical exemptions to immunization requirements.

A "No" vote APPROVES the new law, which removes religious and philosophical exemptions to immunization requirements.

## Where to VOTE ✓

### ALFRED

Polls open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Conant Chapel, 8 Kennebunk Road, Alfred.

### BUXTON

The polls in Buxton are normally open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. for all elections. The polling place for all of Buxton is the Buxton Town Hall, 185 Portland Road.

### HOLLIS

Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Building, 35 Town Farm Road.

### LIMERICK

Polls open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Limerick Municipal Building, 55 Washington St.

Limerick's annual town meet-

ing and municipal elections are also coming up March 13-14. Friday, March 13 the polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Limerick Municipal Building, 55 Washington St. for the municipal election. Absentee ballots are available. Saturday, March 14 is the Annual Town Meeting at the Brick Town Hall, 11 Main Street, at 9:30 a.m.

Limerick Candidates Night will be held Friday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Brick Town Hall, 11 Main Street, Limerick.

### LYMAN

Polls open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lyman Town Office, 11 South Waterboro Road.

### NEWFIELD

Polls open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Newfield Town Hall, 23 So. Effingham Road.

Newfield's annual town meeting and municipal elections are also coming up March 14. Voting is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Newfield Town Hall - absentee ballots are available upon request (793-4348). The town meeting is

There will be a Newfield Republican Caucus on Friday Feb. 28, 6 p.m. registration, 7-9 p.m. Caucus at the Newfield Town Hall, 23 So. Effingham Road.

### SANFORD/SPRINGVALE

Polls open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WARD #1 votes at Nasson Community Center, 457 Main Street, Springvale.

WARD #2 votes at St. Ignatius Parish Hall, 25 Riverside Avenue, Sanford.

WARD #3 votes at Sanford High School & Technical Center, 100 Alumni Blvd., Sanford.

### SHAPLEIGH

Polls will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Shapleigh Town Hall, 22 Back Road.

Shapleigh's annual town meeting and municipal elections are also coming up March 13-14. The polls will be open Friday, March 13 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Shapleigh Town Hall, 22 Back Road. Annual Town Meeting - Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m. Shapleigh Memorial School.

### WATERBORO

Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Waterboro Town Hall, 24 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro.

The next Maine election will be June 9 for the State Primary. Nov. 3, 2020 is the General (Presidential) and Potential State Referendum Election.

Ranked-choice voting will be used in the 2020 State Primary and General elections.

# Community Calendar

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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.

**PUBLIC HADDOCK DINNERS** Fridays from February 28 - April 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Ignatius Cafeteria, 25 Riverside Ave in Sanford. Price \$12 adults, \$5 children, a maximum cost for a family is \$30. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. FMI call Ray 651-6636.

**JAMMING FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS - FREE CONCERT** Saturday, Feb. 29 from 2 to 8 p.m. to benefit Sweetser Services, which is a non-profit mental health provider. The proceeds will go to benefit program services in helping with suicide prevention in the York county area. There will be music from 6 bands who are lending their time and talent to this cause: Texas Pete, Barflies, Stonefree, Whiskey Bent and the Hell Hounds, Northern Charm, and Southbound. An afternoon/evening full of raffles, fun, dancing, and a cash-bar will be available. Organizers of the event include Amvets Post #3, American Legion Post #19, Sanford Elks Lodge #1470, VFW #9935, and Wolves Club. Last year's event raised over \$15,000.

**LEAP YEAR'S DANCE** Saturday, Feb. 29, with DJ Suzie Seymour at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road, from 7 pm. - midnight. Cost is \$10 and proceeds to benefit the Newfield Recreation Department Kids Summer camp scholarships. Donations accepted. This is a BYOB event and you must be 21 or older to attend.

**PERLER BEAD CRAFTS** at the Waterboro Public Library for children in grades 1 and up on Monday, March 2 from 4-5 p.m. Perler Bead crafts are made by placing colorful plastic beads on pegboards to create pixel designs. This month we are making hexagonal earrings or you can make your own design! We will supply all the materials and some idea books! Registration is required. Please register at the library or by calling 247-3363. Waterboro Public Library is located at 187 Main St., East Waterboro. For more information, call 247-3363 or visit the Calendar of Events page at waterborolibrary.org.

**BLOOD DRIVE** Tuesday, March 3 at Massabesic High School through the American Red Cross from 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Slots still need to be filled and all community members are welcome. To sign up online and find out more information, go to redcrossblood.org and enter "Massabesic High School" into the "ZIP or Sponsor Code" field. Hosted by the Massabesic High School Student Council.

## 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

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER** March 7- 4:30- 6 p.m. at the M.L.Day School Gym, Limerick Road, Arundel. Spaghetti and sauce, bread and rolls, salad, drinks and homemade desserts. Cost is \$7/per person. Children 5 and under Free. Historical displays and raffles. Donations to benefit the Arundel Historical Society.

**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, 7 p.m. at 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). FMI 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. 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. For more information or to purchase tickets 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.



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# WATERBORO

## Youth Turkey Hunting seminar

Wednesday, March 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Waterboro Town Hall, 24 Townhouse, Road, East Waterboro. This free seminar is offered to children ages 7-15, and instructed by Steve Stubbs. Learn hunting strategies, scouting, about decoys, shot types, firearms safety and more. Meet a Maine Game Warden and enter to win door prizes and raffles. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call 247-6166, ext. 115 or email rec@waterboro-me.gov.

## Farmer's market has openings

The Waterboro Farmers' Market, located at the historical Taylor-Frey-Leavitt House at 6 Old Alfred Road in Waterboro, is seeking more vendors to participate in this year's market. The market will officially be receiving SNAP/EBT payments this year and members are excited to help make fresh local food more accessible. Visit [www.waterborofarmersmarket.com/current-vendors.html](http://www.waterborofarmersmarket.com/current-vendors.html) for more information.

## Exercise at town hall

Every Monday and Wednesday evenings is a Body in Motion exercise class at the Waterboro

Rec gym, 24 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro. A fun, low-impact, calorie-torching, energizing, multi-muscle, total body, walking based workout from 6:15 to 7 p.m., no reservations are necessary. The cost is \$5 per class and the first class is free! For more information e-mail Carmen at [clauzier4@gmail.com](mailto:clauzier4@gmail.com) or 423-7811.

## Community Center update

According to the Town Administrator, Gary Lamb's report, the Community Center Steering Committee has met with Scott Simons Architects from Portland, who was chosen to create a concept design, at a cost not to exceed

\$25,000, for a possible new community center. This community center could consist of a new library, basketball gym, recreation program space, and multi-purpose space for elections, meetings and suppers. A concept design will help visually communicate the project to the public for a potential vote in the upcoming years.

The steering committee is still looking for a possible building site for the community center, of about 10 buildable acres of land. The committee is also seeking new members, especially with skills like construction, legal, finance, fundraising, civil engineering and surveying, who might help form a future building committee.

# ALFRED

Allison Williams

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## Republican County Meeting

A very well attended monthly meeting of the York County Republicans was held in the government building on Route 4 last week. Dr. Demi Kouzounas gave an optimistic review of the Maine GOP, pointing out that the RNC has developed a sophisticated computer system to keep tally of all attendees at events, and that 25 percent of Democrats in N.H. were registered as Republicans.

She commented on ranked choice voting (many more people need to become involved) and listed candidates running for office. There was much criticism of the increase in state government spending and where the spending is going. There is a need for infrastructure support, replacing old decaying bridges, etc. A review of the Maine College Republican event was given, Sampson spoke on the vaccine law, and candidates for the districts were announced.

Mike Provencher was elected to fill a vacancy for state committee member at large. The Spring Fling will be held in May and the Tri-County Group would like people from other parts of the county to attend. It will be in the Cornish town Hall at 17 Maple St. at a date to be determined.

## A bass won the contest

The fishing derby at Brothers Beach in Alfred was attended by approximately 57 eager young fishermen and their families, totaling about 100 in attendance. The winner of the biggest fish was a little girl with a 5 lb. 3 oz bass but everyone brought something home, if not fish then equipment for catching fish. Chairing the event was Dean Currier.

## Brothers' news

The latest issue of "The Clarion," the newsletter of the Brothers of Christian Instruction, announced a twinning effort between the Brothers of Christian Instruction and at least one other community of Brothers. The list of twinning communities "shows 63 linkages involving communities of Brothers in 26 countries." The Alfred community of Brothers has been linked to Rimenze in South Sudan. Two recent fundraising efforts in behalf of that school were quite successful, raising \$14,000 for their campus kitchen. The second was a Christmas appeal and helped pay for beds for their new dormitories.

## Parish Church

There was a good crowd at the Monday supper of many kinds of pasta this past week. The next free supper will be on March 23, menu yet to be decided upon.

The deacons will meet on Monday, March 2 at 4:30 p.m. followed by the trustees at 6 p.m. and Church Council at 6:30. The Bible Study group will meet on March 4 and 18 and the Nooning Group on March 4, 11, 18 and 25. Sunday school will be held March 8 and 22. The guest minister on March 8 will be Danielle Keller.

# FEATURED IN THE MARCH 12 REPORTER:

# Maple Sunday

## March 22nd

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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**NEWFIELD**

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**FISHING DERBY**

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catching larger fish, such as Bass or Trout, is at dusk and dawn. People also have to register in order to enter the derby, so it gives them extra time to get out on the ice.

The winner for the adults was Keith Folger who brought in a 4.4 lb. large mouth bass at 1:15 p.m. President of the rod and gun club Lou Polianites said that was the biggest he has ever seen. Folger won half of the entry fees, which was \$250. The other half goes to the club.

Logan McMeeken came in at 2 p.m. with a 3.36 lb. fish, and thought that he had the biggest, but unfortunately he didn't.

In the children's derby, Sydney Welch won with a 2.38 lb., 17 1/2" large mouth bass; 2nd place went to Ronan Benson, with a 2.27 lb. fish, and 3rd was Mason Moreau who brought in a 2.18 lb. fish. All of the kids received trophies.



The children's division winners of the annual Northern York County Rod & Gun Club's ice fishing derby held on Rock Haven Lake Feb. 22. From left, Ronan Benson (2nd place), Sydney Welch (1st place with a 2.38 lb, 17.5" large mouth bass), and Mason Moreau (3rd place). PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

Members of the club who volunteered were: Shane and Sylvie Lamontagne, Lou Polianites, Romeo Fortin, Bruce Hill, Bruce Ballard, Ray Hill, Bob Windsor, and Tom McCafferky. Arthur Roberge won the 50/50 raffle, which was \$115.

**Meetings**

Cub Scout Pack #329 will meet on Monday, March 2, at Line School at 818 Water Street at 6 p.m. Anastasia Ferguson is the Cubmaster.

The American Legion will meet on Monday, March 2, at

the Brick Town Hall at 11 Main Street in Limerick at 7 p.m.

Newfield Firefighters will have a training session on Tuesday, March 3, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Boy Scout Troop #329 will meet on Wednesday, March 4, at the Brick Town Hall at 11 Main Street in Limerick at 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. Jim Dion is the Scoutmaster. Call Joe Iannazzo at 850-6237

Tea Time will be held on Wednesday, March 4, at the Newfield Village Library at 637 Water Street at 3 p.m.

The Comprehensive Planning Board will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 4, at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road, at 7 p.m.

Newfield Planning Board will meet on Wednesday, March 4, at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road, at 8 p.m. following the comprehensive planning board meeting.

Newfield Rescue will have a training session on Thursday, March 5, at the Public Safety Building, at 85 Water Street, at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Dick or Hazel McGlincey at 793-2045 or any rescue member.

Northern York County Rod and Gun Club will meet on Friday, March 6 at the clubhouse at Lewis Hill Road at directors will meet at 6 p.m. and members will meet at 7:30 p.m. Lou Polianites 793-8556.

**SPORTS**

**Youth wrestlers battle**

BY MICHAEL DEANGELIS  
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finished in third place in their respective weight classes.

Massabesic area wrestlers put on an excellent showing at the annual Youth and Middle School All-state Championships held Feb. 16 at Hyde School in Bath.

In the Intermediate division, wrestling at 72-lb., it was Hunter Buzzell taking first place. He topped Spartan Brock Nice in the final to capture the gold.

Jayden Montgomery was runner-up at 96 and Connor Brunton (52) and Noah Palardy (77) both

got second place finishes from both Mason Mead (92) and Landen Richard (77). Evan Boulard (81) and Ryder LaChance (69) were both third.

Neighbor Bonny Eagle had four wrestlers come away with gold. Colbin Gadbolis-Cates won the 82-lb. Intermediate division and Nathan Collins won at 88.

Seamus Berry won the 86-lb. Novice division and Brody Taylor won the 138-lb. Novice.

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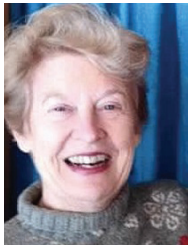
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Obituaries

**Constance (Speedie) Swensen**

Constance Swensen, 81, of Lyman, passed away peacefully at her home with her loving family by her side on Feb. 10, 2020.



**Constance (Speedie) Swensen**

Constance was born on June 9, 1938 in Newton, Massachusetts, the daughter of Gordon and Martha (Berry) Speedie.

Constance married Reverend Oscar Swensen and shared 55 years together as a loving couple. Constance graciously would take a step back to allow her husband to shine. Oscar often referred to her as "his bride," sadly, Oscar passed away in 2014.

As a minister's wife, she was very devoted to her husband's calling; on many occasions they would have gatherings at their

home during the holiday season enjoying a traditional Norwegian Christmas drink called Glogg.

Constance loved to cook and each dish she prepared was presented beautifully to those sitting around her table. Spending time tending her flower garden in the warm months was a joy for her. Constance was an exceptional knitter and enjoyed crocheting, and was a talented seamstress. When her daughter Bara announced that she was getting married, Constance gave her daughter a precious gift, sewing her wedding dress. Being the proud mother of the bride, she created her own dress for the special day.

Both Constance and Oscar shared a love for cats and through the years both were proud parents of many fur babies.

Constance was a gift and blessing to everyone that had the pleasure of loving and knowing her. She will be sadly missed by many.

Constance is survived by three daughters, Kristen Hicks of Wenham, Massachusetts; Bara Sargent and husband Steve of Kapaa Hawaii; and Sonje Swensen of Gorham, Maine; ten grandchildren;

and ten great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Constance's life was held on Feb. 15 at Trinity Episcopal Church, Saco with Rev. Dave Dalzell, officiating.

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

In lieu of flowers please consider donating in Constance's name to Trinity Episcopal Church or Safe Haven Humane Society, 1616 Post Rd., Wells, ME 04090.

**Jeffrey Joseph Wenger**

Jeffrey Joseph Wenger of Scarborough passed away peacefully on the morning of Sept. 18, 2019. Surrounded by the love of his family and the melodies of Bach, he slipped out of this life in the quiet, humble manner that he had walked on the earth.



**Jeffrey Wenger**

Jeff had a dreamy and playful demeanor, a wildly inquisitive mind, and a creative and adventurous spirit that were indicative of his leap year age. Jeff was born in Washington DC on February 29, 1936 to the late Joseph Numa Wenger and Mary deBolt Crippen Wenger. With a twinkle in his eye, he would have pointed out that, in leap years, he was just shy of his 21st birthday.

From a young age Jeff was passionate about classical music, contemporary art, and all things of the natural world. His earliest recountings were of an adventurous vagabond life with his mother, while they followed his father's naval fleet along coastal shores. As an only child, his companions included a pet alligator and a rescued barred owl, Oswald, who flew out into the evenings and returned to his playmate each morning.

Jeff attended primary school in Washington DC, and high school at Le Rosey in Switzerland while

his father was stationed in Europe. As a student, Jeff skied Kitzbühel, Davos, Garmisch and Ylläs. He bicycled Zermatt and hiked to Matterhorn huts with friends. He visited all countries west of the Iron Curtain along with Vienna and Berlin learning French, Italian and German languages. His single-gear biking and hitchhiking escapades about Europe became fodder for many later humorous tales.

On one fateful return visit to DC, Jeff found himself seated on a sofa at the edge of a dance floor and struck up a conversation with an engaging and lovely young woman next to him. He sank into the sofa (his signature posture seated anywhere) as the conversations that continued through the evening kindled a smitten love that continued for 64 years.

On November 13, 1964 he married his lifetime adventure partner Alice (Dee Dee) Gray Huettig in Cambridge, MA. Jeff graduated from Dartmouth College with a BA in Geography. He completed his military service in Stuttgart, Germany. Before finishing his MA in Architecture at MIT he was hired by firms in Cambridge and Boston, completing major projects at Brown University, Middlebury College, and Harvard University. In 1970 he launched an architecture firm in Concord, MA where he designed residential houses, home additions, and condominiums. Jeff's architectural creations were a playful echo and juxtaposition of the environment they were thoughtfully placed in. His minimal separation of outdoor and in were created through open concepts and expanses of glass.

Jeff and Dee Dee raised their children in Concord, MA; Jackson, NH; and summered on Cape Cod. They created a life for their children steeped in music, color, history, architecture, and grand tales told out of Jeff's vivid imagination. He designed homes for his family that were like living in Cubist tree houses. Beds swung from rafters and ziplines carried them across the

river out their back door. His family tagged behind him slipping over seaweed along coastal shorelines and up rocky mountainsides. Road trips took them throughout Europe with three toddlers rolling around the back of a '68 VW Westfalia camper. In later years they traveled throughout the US, piled in The Blue Bomb Suburban with canoes atop stuffed with camping gear. They skied as a family for over 50 years at Wildcat Mountain, NH. And though their wooden 36' Controversy yawl Eolande was in constant need of leak patching, it provided room enough for seven Wengers to explore the vast New England coast. In later years Jeff sailed Eolande single handed to Annapolis, MD where he gathered materials for a manuscript he committed over forty years of research and writing to honor his father and the history of electronic communications.

Jeff and Dee Dee built their retirement home in the woods of East Waterboro, ME to be closer to young grandchildren as "Nana and Poppy". Their adventures continued off Freeport on their 27' sloop Flibbertigibbet and in their truck camper to national parks and forests. Jeff was especially fond of connecting with international students as a ski instructor. Bright eyed and rosy cheeked, he'd recall daily adventures of breaking trail through woods with students in tow. Jeff skied his last run at 81 years old when his favorite ski boots literally fell apart.

When Jeff proposed to Dee Dee he had her promise they'd fill their lives with 10 children. Jeff found his dream of life bubbling over with family by their fifth child, through marriages and grandchildren it eventually became overflowing. He is survived by his wife Dee Dee of 55 years and their 5 children and spouses: Gwendolyn Wenger and Eric Goodenough of Brookfield, VT; Meghan Wenger and Celio de Costa of Hyannis, MA; Timothy and Susan Pelchat Wenger of Conway, NH; Cynthia Wenger Hoyt and Charles Lindsay Hoyt of Jackson, NH; Jeremy Wenger of Dennis Port, MA; eight grandchildren: Adam Tomasian, Amy Tomasian, Lucy Tomasian, Hunter Goodenough, Leland Goodenough, Galen Goodenough, Ishaan Wenger and Eben Wenger Raymond; and two great grandsons.

His family will greatly miss his gentle and joyful playfulness, his mischievous humor, his boundless wisdom and knowledge, and his ability to fix anything or at least rig it to function.

Throughout his life Jeff had the youthful ability of his leap year age to continue to find wonder, from the vast starry night on down to the tiniest marine phosphorescence lighting a path toward the promise of enchanting adventures through the endless seas.

A celebration of his life will be held in the spring at the Wenger family land overlooking one of his favorite views to Mount Washington.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to cancer research: The Snell Foundation, PO Box 6304, Scarborough, ME 04070.

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# New bus route between Sanford and Saco

Southern Maine Health Care (SMHC) and York County Community Action Corporation (YCCAC) have partnered to develop a pilot program offering a new bus route between Springvale and Saco.

This new route - the Southern Maine Connector - began Feb. 3 and will service four of SMHC's locations in the Sanford and Biddeford areas. Those locations include the campuses located at SMHC Sanford Medical Center, SMHC Biddeford Medical Center, SMHC - 46 Barra Road, Biddeford and SMHC - 9 Healthcare Drive, Biddeford. The new route will operate Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and offers connections to Sanford Transit at Nasson Health Care, SMHC Sanford Medical Center, Biddeford-Saco-OOB Transit (BSOOB) at SMHC Biddeford Medical Center, and the Saco Transportation Center.

"We are excited to partner with YCCAC on this important initiative," said Nate Howell, SMHC President. "The lack of affordable and accessible transportation has been identified as a barrier for the delivery of health care in York County, and SMHC and YCCAC came together and developed this option for our residents and patients."

The SMC also stops at several other locations along the route including Market Basket and Walmart in Biddeford. The SMC is open to the public, is ADA compliant, and offers reasonable fares.

"Access to quality health care is vital to the residents of any community," said YCCAC deputy director Carter Friend. "The new bus route between Springvale and Saco, with stops at SMHC facilities along the way, will certainly reduce the transportation barrier that many in our local communities experience. We're looking forward to the partnership with SMHC, and believe that the transportation initiative will be an investment that achieves positive results and delivers community impact."

Schedule and fare information can be found at [www.yccac.org](http://www.yccac.org) on the transportation webpage.

## St. Patrick's celebration concert & supper

On Saturday, March 14, Christ Church, 6 Dane St., Kennebunk will present their annual St. Patrick's Concert and Supper. The concert will begin at 4 p.m. and the buffet will be open from 5:30 to 7 p.m., serving fresh-cooked and hand-carved corned beef sandwiches, potato salad, cole slaw, and sauerkraut, with beverages and dessert.

Congregation Moderator and Chef de Cuisine Dan Moisan will prepare a delicious buffet supper of build-your-own corned beef sandwiches, with freshly cooked and hand-carved corned beef, a selection of condiments, sauerkraut, coleslaw, baked beans and homemade potato salad, as well as beverages and themed desserts. This event has drawn more attendance every year, so reservations are recommended.

Christ Church Music Director "Maestro" Warren King has gathered several excellent local musicians and singers, who will perform a varied program of nostalgic Irish music for your entertainment, with ample opportunities to sing along! Entertaining you will be violinist/fiddler Margaret Hopkins, flutist Diana McNulty, and singers Alex Pratt, Karen Stathopolos and Owen and Schuyler White, all highly polished professionals.

For both events together, the suggested donation is \$20, or \$15 for students & seniors. If you choose to attend just one event, the concert only is \$15, or \$10 for students and seniors; the supper only is \$10, or \$7 for seniors and students; children under 12 are always free for any event. Admission is open to all, regardless of ability to give. Proceeds will benefit the missions of Christ Church, supporting the homeless, the hungry, needy children, battered women, refugees, addiction recovery, and disaster relief. The church cannot process credit cards, so please bring cash or checks.



YCCAC and SMHC commemorate the kick-off of the new Southern Maine Connector pilot program that offers a new bus route between Springvale and Saco. Pictured, from left, Robert Currie, Transportation Director, YCCAC, Carter Friend, Deputy Director, YCCAC, Patsy Aprile, Chief Operating Officer, SMHC, and Susan Keiler, VP, Strategic Planning, SMHC. COURTESY PHOTO

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