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## Schools close in Maine

Local district responses

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Schools in Southern Maine have closed as of Monday, March 16, in order to maintain appropriate social distancing and to help flatten the curve of potential transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Local school districts are doing their best to provide information to their families and communities on a regular basis, many using social media, video chatting and other online learning applications. School lunches are also being provided to students who need them, through different locations.

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Parents and students were asked to pick up packets and personal items on March 17 at Bonny Eagle Middle School, but were not allowed in the building. Tables were set up outside, with teachers at each "station" to assist parents with pick up.

PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

## Maple Sunday POSTPONED

The Maine Maple Producers Association (MMPA) and its members have issued the following statement about Maine Maple Sunday Weekend,<sup>®</sup> originally scheduled for March 21 and 22.

"As COVID-19 continues to

spread and based on the recommendations from the CDC and local government officials, the Maine Maple Producers Association has announced that all Maine Maple Sunday Weekend<sup>®</sup> events should be postponed.

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For the past three years, Massabesic Middle School has done a food drive for York County Shelter Programs. Led by teacher Ruth Miller, the classes compete with each other to see who can bring in the most food. They form teams named after Maine towns. This year, the school collected over 2,000 items. Food Pantry Coordinator Mike Ouellette recently went to the school to speak at an assembly about what the Food Pantry does; afterwards, the Massabesic Student Council, seen in this photo, went to the pantry for a tour.

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Kindergarten registration for 2020/2021 is open as of **February 24th!** Please go to <http://www.rsu57.org/parents/registration> to register your child. Once you have completed the online registration, you will need to schedule an appointment with our District Registrar and bring the following documents to complete the enrollment process.

- Original proof of birth document (we do not keep)
- Immunization Records
- Proof of residency (utility bill, lease agreement/title of primary residency, paycheck stub)
- Court issued custody paperwork (if applicable)

The Registrar's Office has two kiosks that can be used for online registration.

***If you already have a student in the district and have a ParentVue account, you would use that existing account to register your student.***

***If you have a child in PreK this year, you do not need to enroll them in Kindergarten. They will automatically be enrolled for the 2020/2021 school year.***

Please complete registration by **APRIL 24, 2020** and setup a time to meet with the Registrar. Screening appointments for May will be made at the registration meeting.

For more information call: (207) 247-3221 ext. 2264

# ALFRED

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## New books at library

Among the non-fiction arrivals at Parsons Memorial Library are "Mills on the Mousam" by Joseph Hardy, which is a history of the river flowing through six of our York County towns. "Maybe You Should talk to Someone" by Lori Gottlieb, a therapist. "The Warsaw Protocol" is by Steve Berry. "The Lost Kitchen" by Erin French is recipes and a good life found in Freedom, Maine. "American Sherlock" by Kate Winkler Dawson is the birth of the American CSI, and "Chasing the Rabbit" by Derek Volk tells the story of a dad's life raising a son on the spectrum.

Youth books include "The Heart of a Whale" by Anna Pignataro; "My Papi Has a Motorcycle" by Isabel Quintero and Zeke Pena; "River" by Elisha Cooper; "In a Jar" by Deborah Marcano and for young adults, "The Shortest Day" by Susan Cooper.

New mysteries include "Catch and Kill" by Ronan Farrow; "Children of Blood and Bone" by Tomi Adeyemi; "The Big Lie" by James Grippando; "Blindside" by James Patterson; "Golden in Death" by J.D. Robb; "One Minute Out" by Mark Greaney. These will all be available at the library.

The Alfred Historical Society talk by Bruce Tucker, "The Pauper Graves" will be rescheduled at the library; the library is presently closed. Hours at Town Hall will continue as usual. Elementary School is closed.

## The men who made Maine

Harland Eastman, the speaker for the New Century Club meeting this past week had planned to give an in depth analysis on Maine's constitution but changed his mind when he discovered that was actually a boring topic. He decided instead to speak of the three men most responsible for Maine's constitution.

Similarities included Albion Parris and William King becoming early Maine governors. Parris and Holmes were lawyers, they represented Massachusetts in the House of Representatives before Maine became a state, both represented Maine in the U.S. Senate after Maine became a state. He noted Albion Parris was extremely popular based on the fact that more baby sons were named for him than any other public figure!

William King, born in 1768, was the son of a merchant and shipowner. His formal education ended when he was 13. He became (on his own) a ship builder, then a ship owner, then the largest merchant owner shipping in Maine. He opened the first cotton Mill in Maine and founded the first bank in Bath. By 1795 he had become politically active and when the War of 1812 began he was made Maine's major general of the militia. His effort to separate Maine from Massachusetts began in 1813; when this became a reality in 1820 he became Maine's first governor. Although his own education was limited he served as a trustee of Bowdoin College and Waterville College, now known as Colby College.

Albion Parris, the son of Judge Samuel Parris was a bright young man who entered Dartmouth College at 15 and graduated when he was 18. He then studied law, was 21 when admitted to the bar of

Cumberland County. At 26 he became a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, moved to the Senate a year later. He continued in high offices and by 1822 was elected Governor of Maine. In 1852 he became mayor of Portland.

John Holmes, born in Kingston, Mass. was educated in the public schools then graduated from what is now Brown University. He was admitted to the bar by the time he moved to Alfred and commenced his practice. His work included representing wealthy landowners to remove squatters from their lands, which helped his finances. He became a member of the Mass. Senate, then the U.S. House of Representatives. He resigned the day Maine became a state, then was elected to represent the new state of Maine in the U.S. Senate.

All of these men who worked toward Maine's statehood were well versed in law which was an advantage for Maine. Copies of all John Holmes' letters are in the Alfred Village Museum. We are fortunate to have had such figures to lead our state toward statehood.

## As snow melts, litter is revealed

Although most village activities are being postponed until the coronavirus scare subsides, one activity continues and that is the need for litter picking. We have been finding an unbelievable amount of litter on Gore Road, Federal Street and Dane Hill. Some is returnable for cash, some is not. My spouse has been finding multiple bags of litter on his daily treks when walking the dog. Holding onto a leash when climbing down into a ditch isn't always feasible. I wish more homeowners would at least pick up the litter in front of their property.

Years ago, when we were 4-H leaders, we held a town wide drive in the spring. Parents brought their pickup trucks and with their

youngsters carted everything from old chairs and beer bottles to correspondence to the dump. Finding correspondence turned out to be an asset. Our local police visited the recipients ( no one had ever worried about removing their addresses! )and made them pick up the trash. That is why the road through Massabesic Forest was finally closed at the further end. It still is. Some folks have difficulty realizing that a forest is not acceptable for trash disposal.

I wish either the Scouts or 4-H Clubs would hold litter pick-up activities today. The forests would be cleaner and the youngsters would learn the value of abstaining from littering.

When my spouse was growing up in Aroostook County, his school mates picked up metal litter for a very good reason. They wanted electricity in their school! So they scrounged roadsides and came up with a small mountain of metal roadside litter. This was sold and the funds put electricity into the Ross School, a one room schoolhouse (and to help the war effort.) Children in other schools were jealous. How come they have electricity and not us? Some then were provided with electricity with no effort. Or so the story goes. An old photo shows the jubilant crowd of youngsters in Littleton, Me. on top of their pile of scrap metal.

If you ever happen to be in Littleton - and it's so small you might not know you are there but it is just beyond Houlton- stop at the museum. The school has been moved and keeps other buildings company. For a tiny village, it has a great museum. It is really worth a stop.

## Resume writing class

There will not be a resume writing class at Parsons Memorial Library on Saturday, March 21 hosted by Veronica Turk. The session would have walked attendees through the basics of writing a professional resume. It will be announced at a later date.

## BRIEFS

### York County Shelter Programs' response to COVID-19

York County Shelter Programs in Alfred has implemented stringent protective protocols in order to prevent outbreaks or transmission of the COVID-19/coronavirus.

"We have been in constant communication with Maine's Center for Disease Control to ensure the safety of shelter residents and staff," said Megan Gean-Gendron, YCSP's Executive Director. Classified as a pandemic by the World Health Organization last week, COVID-19/coronavirus cases have been on the rise in the U.S. Maine's first cases were identified last week.

Gean-Gendron says that over two weeks ago all staff members were given protocols that were implemented regarding cleaning/disinfecting shelter facilities. Staff have also been briefed on recognizing symptoms and how to proceed in the event it appears that someone is infected.

"Science shows us that preventive measures are highly effective in stopping transmission," Gean-Gendron said.

Currently, YCSP is limiting visitations from outside the shelter to staff only, and those staff members are being screened each time they re-enter the building. Residents are not leaving the shelter, except for essential situations such as a medical appointment.

"We will get through this," Gean-Gendron said. "We are doing our part to flatten the curve -- in order for that to happen as quickly as possible, it is critical that we all take every protective measure possible."



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## TOWN OF ALFRED - NOTICE

### TOWN HALL CLOSURE

The health and safety of our residents and staff is our most important responsibility and we must make decisions that are in their best interest.

As the Coronavirus (Covid-19) continues to spread throughout Maine and the Nation, the Town of Alfred has decided for the health of its citizens and employees to join a growing number of Maine communities and close the Town Hall to the public effective Thursday, March 19, 2020.

We realize this will impact our residents in unprecedented ways. Residents will not be able to re-register vehicles, ATV's, purchase fishing licenses or license your dog at the Town Hall, but the State of Maine has passed emergency Legislation that will ensure vehicle, ATV, boat & trailer registrations and dog licenses that expire while the Town Hall is closed will remain valid until this health crisis abates. The State will keep this in effect until after the Governor has lifted the emergency declaration now in place. We do offer several on-line options to our residents that can be assessed through our Town website that will process all of the aforementioned needs. Please visit our website, [www.alfredme.gov](http://www.alfredme.gov) and click on "On-Line Services".

Until further notice Selectmen's meetings will be held via telephone conference call as it is now allowed with the emergency legislation. Agendas and minutes will still be posted on the Town website.

One area that has not been addressed by this Legislature is required permitting through the Code Enforcement office. Please email our Code Enforcement Officer, James Allaire, with questions or permitting concerns at [jallaire@alfredme.gov](mailto:jallaire@alfredme.gov) or leave a voicemail at 324-5872 x206. He will respond to your needs as soon as practical. It is our intention that no permits will be delayed in being issued.

Anyone requiring assistance through our General Assistance program can contact the General Assistance Agent, Donna Pirone at [dpirone@alfredme.gov](mailto:dpirone@alfredme.gov) or 324-5872 x207. All telephone lines in the Town Hall will be operational and checked on a daily basis.

With the second half of the 2019 Real Estate Taxes due on April 1, 2020 please ensure all payments are mailed to P.O. Box 850 in Alfred and are postmarked by April 1 to avoid any interest being charged to your account. Our work will continue, but will be done in relative solitude. You may notice staff in the building periodically as we continue to operate at a minimum but no one will be allowed into the building except for Town Hall staff.

Please feel free to email or call the Town Hall for any assistance. Emergency needs will be addressed as soon as possible and others on an as needed basis.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this very trying time, and we will continue to post updates and information on our website as soon as they are available.

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## NEWFIELD

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## Local scout presents Eagle project

Conner Robles from Scouts BSA Troop #329 in Limerick has recently completed his Eagle Scout project and is in the process of applying for his Eagle Scout badge.

Just a couple of weeks ago, on March 1, he presented his completed project, a S.C.B.A., a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, to Chief Jason Neville and the Newfield Fire Department in a small ceremony at the fire station. The department will be able to use the equipment as a storage and work station, when they are out fighting fires.

Robles has to submit his papers to the Board of Review, and once that is done, he will learn if he has been approved or not to receive his badge.

Several people from the fire and rescue departments were at the ceremony: John McConologue, Chris Taylor, Nathan McConologue, Wendy Elliott and Rob Elliott.

The scoutmaster from Scouts BSA Troop #320 Dave Wade from Shapleigh was also there, as well as some of the scouts from that troop.



Conner Robles with Chief Jason Neville, in center, and scouts from Troop #329 in Limerick and #320 in Shapleigh, and their leaders. They were all there for Conner's donation of a S.C.B.A. to the Newfield Fire Department, for his Eagle Scout project.

Scouts from Troop #329 that were there were: Andy Michaud, Daniel Harriman, Jr., Bethaney Scott, Charlie Scott, and Gavin Richardson.

Other people who attended the ceremony were: Kathy Michaud, Jed Cobb, Jacob Lanoue, Dan Harriman, and the Robles family.

Conner is from Newfield and has been in the scouts since he was in the 4th grade, for 9 years. He is a senior at Massabesic High School now, and will graduate this year.

The Scouts BSA Troop #329 meets on Wednesdays at the Brick Town Hall in Limerick at 6:30 p.m.

## Voting Results

Newfield voters have reelected Shelly Gobielle for another 3-year term as Selectmen, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor: Shelly Gobeille received 105 votes.

Gerald Rumney was elected as School Board Director for RSU #57 as a write-in candidate and

received 30 votes.

On the Referendum question on whether or not the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer should be appointed positions, the 'Yes' votes had it with 66 to 54 for 'No' votes.

## Pancakes and more

Newfield Fire and Rescue will not have their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 22. It has been cancelled, but they plan to do a breakfast sometime in the future.

## More cancellations

The St. Patty's Dance, and other activities planned for the month of March at the West Newfield Town Hall have all been cancelled. The Recreation Department plans to reschedule activities as soon as it is possible.

## Wildlife sightings

I was rushing to get out of town the other day, because I had an early appointment at my doctors, when I came upon several turkeys trying to cross Wakefield Road. Immediately, I hit the brakes, to let them cross, and thank goodness they all made it across safely. Phew! That was a close call, it could have been disastrous.

## Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go to: Lisa Richardson, Tyler LeBlanc, Graham Michael Pike, Kathy Romprey and Doreen Lofgren.

## Meetings

Newfield Firefighters training session - March 24, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

There will be no Scouts BSA Troop #329 meeting this week.

Tea Time has been cancelled until further notice.

Send your news to:  
[news@waterboro-reporter.com](mailto:news@waterboro-reporter.com)



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## ACADEMICS:

**RSU57 - Massabesic:**  
[www.rsu57.org](http://www.rsu57.org)  
247-3221

Superintendent Larry Malone, in his update from March 13, told members of the RSU57 community, "As educators our first priorities are to keep students safe and to educate them to the best of our ability." He said then that distance learning plans were being prepared. Schools were closed to students Monday and Tuesday. Then, in his Community Update of Tuesday, March 17, Malone unveiled their Continuous Learning Site: <https://sites.google.com/rsu57>. Included is a continuous learning plan with lots of ideas and suggestions for parents. Learning will be online and on paper, depending on the school.

Waterboro Elementary was open on Tuesday, March 17 for students to pick up the necessary technology and learning packets, etc. Parents were asked to remain in the car, and a staff member came to the car to assist them.

At the high school, teachers are using Google Classroom for assignments, and are available by video through Zoom. Students have been given a daily schedule to follow to assist with their learning, following a Block schedule. "I think we're doing the right thing," said High School French Teacher Taylor Poulin.

**SAD6 - Bonny Eagle:**  
[www.bonnyeagle.org](http://www.bonnyeagle.org)  
929-3831

According to Superintendent Paul Penna in his Central Office Blog for Tuesday, March 17, "The District staff and administration have been working hard this week to develop a distance learning plan for all students." He continued, "Whenever possible, students should follow a structured routine throughout the day." Bonny Eagle Teachers, at all levels, "will be available for communication and remote instruction between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m." A Choice Board format will be provided for students in Grades PK-5, and Google Classroom will be used by the middle school and high school teachers. This is designed as self-directed learning, but also allowing for a personal, face-to-face connection. He added, "Don't forget to include physical activity and/or outdoor play into each day."

At Bonny Eagle Middle School, students were able to pick up laptops, musical instruments, locker items and medications on Tuesday, March 17. Tables were lined up along the busport for parents to "drive through" and pick up items.

**Sanford Schools:**  
[www.sanford.org](http://www.sanford.org)  
324-2810

Superintendent Matt Nelson reported in his Corona Virus Update that "Our Teachers have been working to develop meaningful learning opportunities for our students." Home packets were sent home last Friday to students in Grades K-4, and students in

Grades 5-12 left school on Friday, March 13 with their laptops in order to use Google Classroom. Students began their remote learning on Monday, March 16.

According to Sanford parents, Sanford had been looking ahead and had everything ready to go on Monday. Students left last Friday knowing what they had to do, and were working hard on Monday.

**SAD55 - Sacopee Valley:**  
[www.sad55.org](http://www.sad55.org)  
625-2490

"SAD55 is working to ensure that your child's learning experience is as authentic as possible," said Superintendent Carl Landry in his Letter to Families on Sunday, March 15. "This may include a combination of online materials, digital conferencing, and paper materials." Schools were open from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 for students to pick up their belongings, instructional materials, laptops, etc. Now, all schools are closed to the public.

"I think this is a time to be cautious, but not a time for panic," said Sandra Taylor, Digital Arts Teacher at the High School. "I'm concerned about my students for many reasons, but mainly I want them to feel safe."

"When I heard my school was shutting down for two weeks," said Senior English Teacher Courtney Ross, "I quickly understood the severity of this virus." Ross continued, "Our goal as educators is always to keep our students safe, and sadly, that meant (for now) keeping them away." She added, "I'm hopeful that more people start taking this seriously."

## INTERNET

Spectrum Signup: Spectrum is offering free/low cost Internet service for 60 days to qualified homes. Any household that currently qualifies for free or reduced lunch and is a first-time subscriber to Spectrum can complete an application at [www.spectrum.com/browse/content/spectrum-internet-assist](http://www.spectrum.com/browse/content/spectrum-internet-assist).

## FEEDING OUR KIDS

All districts are providing meals to our communities' children. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided to ANY child 0-18 years old, and special needs children to 21. All are following strict sanitation guidelines to ensure the safety of our communities.

**RSU57:** Meals will be available Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m.-9 a.m. and 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at Line Elementary School in Newfield, and Massabesic Middle School in Waterboro. Pick up will be at the front doors of each location. Parents are reminded to please stay in your car, staff will be available to assist you. Here, children have the option to receive breakfast and lunch each day, and can take up to three days worth of meals. If you are unable to access either site during the designated times, contact Cathy at the School Nutrition Office at 247-3221 ext 2257.

**SAD6:** Grab and Go Breakfast and lunch drive up service available Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m. or 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at Buxton Center Elementary School in Buxton, Edna Libby and George E. Jack Elementary Schools in Standish, and HB Emery School in Limington. For menu and other information, visit [www.bonnyeagle.org](http://www.bonnyeagle.org) and click on "Grab n' Go Meals"

**Sanford:** Lunch and breakfast for the next day provided free from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Lafayette School and Moore Gym. The Backpack program will also continue Thursdays and Fridays from 4-6:30 p.m. at Lafayette and Willard Schools. For more information, contact the Sanford School Nutrition Program Office, 608-8762 or email [lori@strongersanford.org](mailto:lori@strongersanford.org).

**SAD55:** Meals were given out on Tuesday, March 17, and will be delivered via the bus routes, following an early release schedule, starting on Thursday, March 19, and then Monday, March 23, Wednesday, March 25 and Friday, March 27. "Be at the Bus stop to collect the food," said Director of Food and Nutrition Services, Samantha Wedgewood in her memo. For more information, contact Wedgewood at 625-2490 ext.1143. "Even if you don't think you need it, take some stress off your plate, and know that the kiddos will get breakfast and lunch to help with their studies!"

"I'm sad for my senior students because this should be such an exciting time for them, but so much could be taken away..." said Sandra Taylor of Sacopee.

"As a teacher of HS seniors, my heart broke as I realized that my students were going to miss almost everything in their remaining year of high school: proms, spring sports, and possibly even their graduation," said Sacopee Senior English Teacher Courtney Ross. "I miss my students, and I hope to see them soon."



**STATE POSTPONES MAPLE SUNDAY**

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This was a very difficult decision and will significantly impact all members across the state, but as an association we feel this is the right thing to do for public health. We plan to host Maine Maple Sunday Weekend® when the timing is right. In the meantime, we encourage you to support your local maple producers in other ways during the maple season. You can find updates on a future event date and a member directory with phone numbers and websites to order products from your local Maine maple producers at [mainemapleproducers.com](http://mainemapleproducers.com)," said Scott Dunn, president of the MMPA.

Maine Maple Sunday Weekend® attracts up to 100,000 visitors annually to sugar shacks throughout the state. In previous years, more than 60 sugarhouses offering activities from Aroostook to York County.

The industry is made up of more than 450 maple producers licensed to sell maple products. The MMPA represents more than 250 members that are licensed maple producers. Producers range from small artisan producers to bulk syrup providers that serve major grocery store chains, foodservice distributors and retailers.

The state makes more than 575,000 gallons of syrup annually, generating more than \$27 million for the Maine economy and supporting more than 560 full-time and part-time jobs that generate more than \$17.3 million in wages.

**About the Maine Maple Producers Association:**

The Maine Maple Producers Association ([www.maine-mapleproducers.com](http://www.maine-mapleproducers.com)) is a membership-based nonprofit that represents the state's growing maple industry. It provides educational resources to help members produce the highest quality maple products and promotes Maine maple syrup and maple syrup products to a national and international customer base. It is the host of Maine Maple Sunday®, an event that attracts up to 100,000 visitors annually to sugar shacks throughout the state.



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**Local sugarhouses have cancelled weekend activities but many are still offering products from their stores.**

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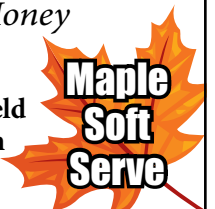
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**793-8886 or 793-8040**



**Stay well during these challenging times!**



**Under the direction of the CDC and Gov. Janet Mills, Hilltop Boilers has decided to cancel Maine Maple Weekend.**

All other events at our farm have been cancelled for the near future as well. As people must still eat during these trying times, our maple store will be open extra hours this week in an effort to encourage personal distancing. We are working diligently to sanitize and clean our store as we take everyone's well being very seriously.

Please visit us any day this week from **through Friday 3/20 from 1pm-6pm or Saturday 3/21 & Sunday 3/22 from 9am- 4pm.**

After this week, we are open year round on **Saturdays from 10am- 4pm.** We hope that maybe a few maple treats will bring a smile to your face and warm your heart as we struggle to get through this together.

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# Obituaries



## Cheryl J. Adams

On Feb. 8, 2020 Cheryl J. (Clark) Adams, 74, of North Waterboro, passed away peacefully and surrounded by her family at Portsmouth Regional Hospital. She was born on Sept. 29, 1945 and raised in Wrentham, Massachusetts as the oldest of five children. Cheryl was a graduate of King Phillip Regional High School, Class of 1963 and studied at Bridgewater State University.



Cheryl J. Adams

Cheryl was married to her husband Dale for over 50 years, and they made their home on Evergreen Drive in North Waterboro beginning in 1978. She was the mother of two children, Jennifer Adams, currently of Wayne, Pennsylvania, and Thomas Adams, currently of Boylston, Massachusetts, and the grandmother of four: Helen, Eleanor, Ralph and Hazel. She was predeceased by her parents, William Clark and Doris (Young) Clark and is survived by her four younger siblings: James Clark, William Clark, June Allen and Valerie Dias.

Cheryl worked for almost 20 years for the United States Postal Service in Alfred, where her warm smile greeted so many community members at the post office counter. In her free time, she was an avid reader, and excellent cook and a fan of oldies music and classic films. She enjoyed planting and tending to her flowers and loved drives along the coast

on a beautiful day. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her friends and family. She gave everything to her family, and inspired her children to push against their limits and live adventurous, generous and joy-filled lives. She was a bright light of love to her grandchildren, fully engaged with all of their wonder, curiosity, and interests. She brought a supportive hand, kindness, happiness, laughter, and love to everyone that knew her.

A service and remembrance of her life was held on Feb. 14, at Swan Point Cemetery in Providence, Rhode Island. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Cheryl's name to the American Diabetes Foundation, 80 Elm St., Portland, ME 04101.

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

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.



The MHS Student Council sponsored school and community Bingo night held Feb 27th was a very fun evening. Thank you to all who participated and to the local businesses who donated: Drs. Gailbraith, Shaker Pond Ice Cream, Run of the Mill, RSD Graphics, Shapleigh Corner Store, Dunkin Donuts, and Wolf Pine Farm.

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## SHAPLEIGH

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### Annual Town Meeting results

Amid discussions on whether or not to hold this year's Annual Town Meeting due to the Coronavirus the Town did have it's meeting on Saturday, March 14 at the Shapleigh Memorial School as planned. Precautions were taken asking the townsfolk to stay home if sick, practice social distancing and the EMS staff was at the door of the school.

Approximately 40 people were in attendance (approximately half the previous year's amount) and the attendees were told that the proceedings would go as quickly as possible. There were 80 Articles to be voted on in the warrant which would normally have taken at least 3 hours to get through. This year however, was very different and with the cooperation of all, the Articles were passed in 50 minutes. The elected officials were sworn in. All were running unopposed and therefore elected with the exception of Forest Trustee who had 11 candidate write in votes, all with just 1 vote each. That position will have to be determined by the Selectmen and announced later.

The meeting began with a Certificate of Merit and flowers given to Hazel Goodwin who was recognized for 57 years of service to the town of Shapleigh. Goodwin has been a Ballot Clerk since 1962. This year's annual report was dedicated to Mike Perro. Perro was our Selectmen until recently when he moved to New Hampshire.

Much of the articles in the warrant were routine in nature with monies to be designated for road repairs, maintenance of town buildings, wages of employees etc. One of the residents questioned Article 73 which concerned raising \$2,000 for the Dam Reserve fund. He asked about the repair of the Emery Mills Dam. The Emery Mills Dam had to be repaired and last October Mousam Lake had to be drained 2 feet in order for these needed repairs to be performed. Mike Perro answered by saying the work had been completed and the Dam had been strengthened. \$400,000 was the bill for this repair with 50 percent of the bill paid by Sanford and 25 percent each paid by Shapleigh and Acton.

When the town meeting was completed the people in the crowd were overheard to say, "it was the shortest town hall meeting in 30 years" and another said jokingly, "it took longer to drive to the school than to attend the meeting!"

### Dinner cancelled

The Acton-Shapleigh Lions Club Turkey Dinner which was to be held on Saturday, March 28 at the Shapleigh First Baptist Church has been cancelled.

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## FROM THE OFFICE OF SENATOR ANGUS KING

# EIGHT WAYS TO COMBAT CORONAVIRUS

Friends, the challenges created by the coronavirus epidemic are unlike anything that we've seen in the last 100 years. The situation is changing rapidly, but this much is clear: we all need to change our behaviors and adopt new approaches to protect ourselves and our loved ones. As I push for a number of policies and remedies in the Senate, there are a few simple and immediate things we can all do to help slow the spread of coronavirus in our communities.

1. If you're sick, stay home. Probably the most obvious step you can take, but it's so important that it's worth repeating. The most common symptoms of coronavirus are a fever, a cough, and a sore throat – if you have any of these symptoms, stay home. Don't try to go to work, don't head over to a friend's house. I know it's inconvenient, but it's vital.

2. If you're worried you might have coronavirus, call your doctor. Don't just go into your doctor's office without giving them a heads up. Call your doctor first, tell them what symptoms you're experiencing, and work with them on a plan. This isn't about making you wait – it's about preventing spread, especially to the medical professionals who we'll need to get us through this crisis. If you can't reach your doctor or don't have one, call the Maine coronavirus hotline at 2-1-1 to connect with someone who can lay out next steps.

3. Even if you're not sick, stay home as much as you can. This is a major shift from the way Maine handles crises; in our state, we respond to emergencies by coming together and helping. However, one of the reasons this disease is spreading so rapidly is because

some people who are infected with the coronavirus do not display symptoms and don't realize they may be spreading it inadvertently. By staying home, you're doing the right thing for your community by preventing yourself from possibly unwittingly spreading this disease or having it unwittingly spread to you. Telework where possible, and avoid large gatherings.

4. Wash your hands – a lot. This one is simple, but it's so important. Wash your hands often, for 20 seconds, with soap and hot water. If you're not sure how to measure 20 seconds, sing a song – if you sing Sixteen Counties on the slow side, you'll be all set!

5. Don't shake hands! Elbow bumps can work, or a hand on your heart – but it's most important to keep your distance when greeting people. Personally, I've started to adapt Spock's hand greeting. Figure "live long and prosper" is the right sentiment for this moment.

6. Limit visits to nursing homes. Again, something that feels counterintuitive – why would we not want to check in on our most vulnerable citizens during a crisis? The fact is, more contacts with vulnerable people means more opportunities for them to catch the disease. We should all be checking on our older loved ones, but for now, let's do it by calling them on the phone or using video-chatting on your computer or phone. If you have elderly neighbors or loved ones, check on them remotely, and see if they need help picking up groceries or other pressing needs.

7. Think about your local businesses. Order take-out or delivery from restaurants; a call to your bookstore can get you a book as

quickly as any on-line service; local retailers can put items aside for you for pick-up. This period is going to be especially tough for them; a little extra love now can go a long way toward ensuring they'll be there when this is behind us.

8. When in doubt, listen to the experts. The most-up-to-date information and guidance is constantly evolving, so it's important to check for updates. The Maine Center for Disease Control and the Governor are monitoring this situation closely, so check in on the Maine CDC's website and call 2-1-1 if you have questions. Also – the national CDC has collected many helpful resources and guidelines at [coronavirus.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

This is an unprecedented moment, at least in recent memory – but we can always find lessons in history. And the key takeaway is: there's almost no such thing as 'being too careful' and you don't want to look back at this moment with second thoughts. When the Spanish Flu struck in 1918, cities across America took different approaches to combat this disease. St. Louis acted decisively, canceling a pre-planned parade honoring America's victory in World War I, while Philadelphia allowed its victory parade to continue. In the following month, Philadelphia saw more than 10,000 deaths from the Spanish Flu; St. Louis, only 700. In hindsight, the decision seems obvious. I'm hopeful that if we can take these sometimes uncomfortable or inconvenient steps now, we can look back and know that we did everything possible to protect our state. Be safe, and stay healthy – we will get through this, together.

–Senator Angus S. King, Jr.,  
Maine

## Social Security offices will only offer phone service

All local Social Security offices will be closed to the public for in-person service starting Tuesday, March 17, 2020. This decision protects the population we serve—older Americans and people with underlying medical conditions—and our employees during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. However, we are still able to provide critical services.

Our secure and convenient online services remain available at [www.socialsecurity.gov](https://www.socialsecurity.gov). Local offices will also continue to provide critical services over the phone. We are working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state and local governments, and other experts to monitor COVID-19 and will let you know as soon as we can resume in-person service.

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## Animal Welfare Society update

As the COVID-19 situation continues to quickly evolve, the Animal Welfare Society (AWS) wants to share with you some changes that we are putting into place so that we can continue to serve the pets and people of our community while keeping our staff, volunteers, and visitors protected.

Casual visits to the Adoption Center are restricted. For our animal loving friends who simply enjoy visiting, we ask you to refrain from casual visits at this time.

Donations of gently used supplies (blankets, toys, etc.) cannot be accepted at this time. While we are grateful for your consideration, we are not able to accept these items.

Donations of pet food donations ARE ENCOURAGED. Cat and dog food (canned and dry, in original sealed packaging) are very much needed to support our foster families and to help people with food insecurity have food for their pets. We have a comprehensive Amazon wish list on our website so you can donate from the comfort of your home!

Animals are available for adoption by appointment only. We want the animals at the adoption center to have the chance to go home so we will arrange a meeting with interested families at AWS. Please visit our Adoption pages for more information.

Animals in need of admissions will continue to be accepted. If the need to surrender your pet is not urgent, we ask that you wait to bring in your animal. This will allow us to ensure room for emergency cases. Rest assured we are here to help if needed. Please visit our website for more information; intake is by appointment.

The AWS Community Veterinary Clinic will be providing limited service. We will be available to help pet owners with sick animals and emergencies, and with critical care as we are able. Please call the Clinic at (207) 292-2424 to see if we can assist you and your pet. Wellness, Spay/Neuter and other nonessential services will be (re)scheduled as soon as we can.

The Cleo Fund program is suspended until further notice. Please check the website for ongoing updates.

All Training Classes, Behavior Consultations and Youth Programs are suspended until further notice. Please check the Training page and Youth page on our website for current information and updates.

The AWS Volunteer Program is suspended temporarily. All regular volunteer shifts are on hold and orientations canceled as we seek to keep everyone safe right now. We can't wait to welcome you back as soon as we can! In the meantime, the AWS staff is here every day to give the animals in our care lots of love and enrichment.

We encourage every pet owner to develop a preparedness plan should you become ill or hospitalized. Here are some tips:

- Identify a family member or friend who can care for pets if someone in the household becomes ill.

- Have crates, food and extra supplies on hand for quick movement of pets.

- Keep all animal vaccines up to date in the event boarding becomes necessary.

- Ensure all medications are documented with dosages and administering directions. Including the prescription from your veterinarian is also helpful.

- Pets should have identification: collar with ID tag and microchip (best practice is microchipping).

Our Adoption Center will make disaster preparedness supplies available to the public on an as-needed basis in the event of emergency. Supplies include dog crates, bedding and pet food are available. Please call our Adoption Center if you are in need of supplies. (207) 985-3244 ext. 125.

Helping pets in your community - We are encouraging community members to check in with friends, neighbors and relatives that may be living alone with pets or be more vulnerable to this virus to make sure they are ok. If you have room in your home, consider offering emergency housing to those that may need to separate from their pet due to hospitalization.

For more information, contact Abigail Smith, Executive Director, 985-3244 ext. 106 or Stephanie Kelley, Marketing Communications Manager, 985-3244 ext. 130.

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