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Lights of hope



The North Waterboro Pole on Mayfair Way is known locally for their giant Christmas light display. And to join with people around the world who are hanging up lights to raise people's spirits while stuck at home, they too have created a unique display of 'HOPE', along with music, for the community to enjoy. Find them on Facebook at "The North Waterboro Pole - Christmas Light Display" for more info.

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Bonny Eagle Middle School English Language Arts Teacher, Andrew Demaris of Standish with his "Classy Snowman" that he shared with his students on Facebook.

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Keep on truckin'

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Heidi Edwards of Parsonsfield is a school bus driver, but also holds a Class A license. In times like these, she is driving a truck to help refill distribution centers, to help get food and medical supplies to the places that need it. But Edwards, like many other truck drivers, has been having some trouble finding places to rest while out on the road. On a recent trip moving Hood products from Vermont to Pennsylvania, Edwards found that all rest areas in the Keystone state are closed.

"Rest areas are closed and blocked off so trucks can't even pull in to rest," reported Edwards "I ended up having to sleep in the road at the delivery spot for a 3 a.m. delivery."

There are at least 100,000 trucks on the road each day, according to local driver Vern Dukes of Cumberland, moving goods from one place to another. Dukes also said that trucking in New England has always been hard. Why? Because there are fewer truck stops, and therefore fewer places for truckers to rest and

refuel, not only their trucks, but themselves.

Dukes explained that part of the problem is cost. "The land is so expensive, and so is the cost to build them [a truck stop]." As a result, he said, "A lot of truck drivers don't like to come up here." He continued, "There are a lot of trucks, but limited places to stop."

Dukes said that some truckers like to drive through the night, but distribution centers open at 7 a.m. and often close around 3 or 4 p.m. Depending on the distance, and the truck drivers' time on the road (following federal and state regulations), they might not be able to make this time by driving through the night, so they have to drive during the day. And even when truck stops are open, there is limited parking. At one truck stop in Massachusetts, Dukes reports that there are about 350 parking spaces. But if you are not there by 4 p.m., often all the spaces are full. Some stops now offer "reserve" parking, but in order to reserve a spot, you must pay for it.

"People don't realize how
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Home schooling

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Schools have been closed for just over a week now. Students, parents and teachers are starting to settle in to their new "normal." The school buildings themselves are closed. Custodians and maintenance workers are cleaning the buildings, to prevent the spread of germs. Food is being distributed. All this has been put in place in a short period of time.

School days

Schools were closed on March 16 and as of today, will remain closed until April 27. That is a total of 6 weeks, or rather 25 school days, encompassing April vacation. Will we need to make these school days up at the end of the year? The answer to that question is no. "Emergency legislation was passed on March 17 that allows for the Governor, in consultation with
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TRUCKIN'

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many trucks are on the road," Dukes said. Edwards added, "Everything America has is touched by a truck at some point." Both reported that there are not a lot of truck stops in New Jersey or Pennsylvania, and when they are then closed, and the clock has run out on the driver's log, "There's no place for them to go," said Dukes. "That's why around 8 or 9 p.m., you see trucks parked on the side of the road, on the on and off ramps, etc." Dukes explained. Rest areas are not just places for truck drivers to sleep, but to use the restroom, get gas and/or food.

You may have seen posts on Facebook about helping truckers who park at a stop, but are unable to go inside, due to store/restaurant closures. Stops with only drive-thrus have always been a problem, Dukes said. Some truck stops, like Dysart's, are still open, but drivers can't go inside, they can only order take-out.

"It's going to be hard to keep American rolling if they shut down rest areas and truck stops, safe havens for drivers to sleep," said Edwards. "It's definitely a scary time we live in." She continued, "Besides keeping my faith that this too shall pass and all things happen in life for a reason, we must all trust it will be okay."

SCHOOLING

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the Commissioner of Education, to waive the mandated number of school days," said Grace Leavitt of the Maine Education Association.

Teachers

With schools closed, some wonder what are our teachers doing? Are they "off" or are they working at home? Well, rest assured, they are not off. Teachers around the Reporter readership are working hard to provide students with educational experiences, those assignments that our students are working on while at home. "To say that this first week of remote learning has been challenging is an understatement," said Sacopec Valley Digital Arts teacher Sandra Taylor.

Remote learning varies district by district across the state. Many districts are using Google Classroom. Some districts are following a "schedule," where students are expected to check into classes at a certain time, following a schedule similar to the regular school day. In some districts, students are asked to check-in/sign-in each morning, given their daily assignments, and are then working on them independently throughout the day, uploading pictures and files to teachers when the work is complete.

Teachers make themselves available throughout the school day, checking emails, or using Google Meets or Zoom Conferencing. "We've assured kids that we're checking our emails almost every 15 minutes," said Sacopec Valley English teacher Courtney Ross.

Nonetheless, no matter what form remote learning takes, it is not ideal. Strong teacher-student relationships are the foundations of our schools. Some teachers are worried for their students, worried about

their welfare, and missing them. "I worry about the kids who don't have internet access at home," added Ross. "We can send paper packets home, yet we can't receive it back."

"While I worry about my students academically, I worry more about how they are handling the social distancing," said Taylor. "I have found it very isolating, so I'm trying to keep in touch through videos," she added. "I'm videoing my daily life, like making breakfast, or check on my flower garden, and posting them in Google Classroom. I ask my students to do the same. It helps me feel connected with them. It brings a smile to my face."

Ross added, "We just don't have all the answers...so we just have to take it one day at a time."

Teachers are salaried, and should continue to receive their regular pay throughout the closure, but Ed Techs are not.

Ed Techs

Educational Technicians are hourly employees that provide support for students in grades Pre-K through 12. They often provide instruction for children with disabilities, assist in both regular and special education classrooms, and are supported by the special education teachers.

In SAD 55, Ed Techs have been told that in order to receive a paycheck, they must continue to support students in any way they can, to read books for professional development and do online classes. They must send in a daily log saying what they did that day, and account for 6.75 hours per day they must accumulate in order to be paid.

On Monday, March 23, the SAD 6 School Board passed a resolution "to continue regular paychecks to all hourly employees, in

accordance with work expectations, to provide financial security in the Coronavirus crisis," as reported in the Central Office Blog.

The Maine Education Association (MEA) announced that on March 19, Governor Mills issued an Executive Order requiring school districts to pay their hourly employees for the remainder of the school year. This protects pay for what would be their normal, regular hours if the school year was not disrupted by Covid-19. However, the MEA also stated that "scheduled hours during the school closure and what work is performed, absences and sick leave are all decided locally per contract or by agreement." The MEA suggested some of this work could be "preparing meals, transporting food or educational materials, providing updated communication with the community, preparing student packets, assisting with online instruction, etc."

Bus drivers

Bus Drivers are also hourly employees, and one would think that they would also be paid through the end of the school year, but that doesn't seem to be the case.

In SAD55, they are running one bus route for 3 days to deliver breakfast and lunches. "There are not enough hours to make up for the lost time," a bus driver told us. "There are normally three bus runs a day (for each bus driver)."

According to social media, drivers in RSU 57 are also concerned, saying there are limited hours available for delivering food and cleaning the schools, and not everyone has sick time available.

Administrative offices

Administrative Offices are closed to the public, but are open with staff still working. For further information, questions, concerns regarding your school district, contact their Administrative Offices and/or check their Facebook pages.

SANFORD SCHOOLS:
324-2810

www.sanford.org

SAD 6 - BONNY EAGLE:
929-3831

www.bonnyeagle.org

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Funding available for Mousam Lake watershed projects

The Mousam Lake watershed has been the beneficiary of a federal grant awarded through the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and Administered by the York County Soil and Water Conservation District. Work began in the Mousam Lake watershed in 2019 and is continuing this summer. There is still money still available for Mousam Lake shorefront and watershed property owners to have erosion control work done during the Summer of 2020.

Individual property owners would be eligible to receive up to \$200 to offset project material costs. Additionally, labor for these erosion control projects is provided free of charge by the Acton Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corp (ASYCC). Projects that would ideally fit this program might be storm water runoff across patios, stairs, or driveways that runs down and into the lake. Additionally, retaining wall issues, walkway, and driveway issues might be eligible for grant money. Solutions are available through this grant for erosion issues around the lake. It should be remembered that storm water runoff into Mousam Lake can be a serious threat to future water quality. There is no better way to protect property values and enhance the public's enjoyment of

the lake than by protecting water quality. By taking advantage of available grant money and the free labor by the ASYCC, property owners can do projects that will help protect the lake for a fraction of the cost that a private contractor might charge.

In 2017 as part of the ongoing effort to protect water quality in Mousam Lake the watershed was surveyed and erosion problems noted. The results of the watershed survey were documented in the publication, Mousam Lake Watershed Survey. Watershed residents can review this document by going to MRLA Facebook page and search under the Resource tab. By searching in Addendum B and also checking the watershed map included in the survey, lakefront residents can see if their property was one on which a concerning amount of erosion was noted. If shorefront property owners have noted ongoing erosion or note their property listed in the watershed survey, help and in many cases money is available to address the storm water erosion issues.

Mousam Lake watershed residents can obtain more information by contacting: Mark Phelps, ASYCC Project Coordinator, 432-7821 email: eccleader@asycc.com; Jen-



Two lakefront property owners getting some erosion control advice. From left, Jen Harris, grant administrator, Joann and Robert Conlon, residents Mousam Lake, and Chris Baldwin, consulting engineer. COURTESY PHOTO

nifer Harris, grant administrator, 324-0888 Ext 208, email: jharris@yorkswcd.org; or David Landry MLRA Director, 692-3361, email: david.landry@yahoo.com.

Funding for the Mousam Lake grant is provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act. The funding is administered by the Maine DEP in partnership with the EPA. The EPA does not endorse any commercial products or services. The grant encourages local organizations, primarily volunteer groups, to work collaboratively in addressing watershed issues.

From the *State of Maine Potato Cookbook*

While we have the opportunity to stay at home and find certain food items difficult to get at the grocery store, one item stands out that is not in short supply...the humble spud!

Here in Maine we are fortunate to have the best potatoes in the country. With that in mind, the vintage *State of Maine Potato Cookbook* circa 1960's offers a "good way to use leftovers".

RAY'S POTATO CAKES

4 cups State of Maine potatoes, 2 tbsp. grated onion, 2

tbsp. chopped parsley, 1 egg unbeaten, ½ teas. salt, dash of pepper, bacon fat, salt pork or butter, ¼ cup flour.

Combine potatoes, onion, parsley, egg and seasonings. Mix well. Form into patties about one inch thick, and 3 inches wide. Chill. When ready to serve, heat fat in frying pan. Dip patties in flour and sauté in hot fat, turning until golden brown in both sides. Serves 6.

– Submitted by Joanne Bargioni

FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU.

In this time of unprecedented uncertainty, community is more important than ever. Luckily, the good people of our great state have always been known for being caring neighbors. And in our line of work, you never take a helping hand for granted.

We wanted to say how grateful we are to our community and business leaders for your support, dedication and donations. We see the daily sacrifices you're making, from closing schools and businesses to sending employees home, and we stand with you in every challenging decision.

It's because of the difficult choices you're making that our brave, committed Care Team Members can continue to be on-call for our community during this time of great need.

From all of us, we can't thank you enough.

MaineHealth

For more information and updates, please visit MaineHealth.org/COVID-19

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

State opens waters to inland fishing

Governor Janet Mills has directed Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Commissioner Judy Camuso to open all inland waters for fishing and to waive the requirement that anglers need a recreational fishing license to fish the inland waters of Maine. The order, which is effectively immediately, will run through April 30 and is intended to encourage Maine people to enjoy the outdoors as we confront the challenges associated with COVID-19. The Governor is considering additional measures to make Maine's great outdoors more accessible to Maine people. She continues to urge those who go out to employ appropriate physical distancing measures rec-

ommended by the U.S. CDC.

"As an avid angler, I know there's nothing better for the heart and soul than a little fishing," said Governor Mills. "As we continue to navigate this challenging time together, I hope this order will motivate Maine people to do what we have done for generations: take to our lakes, rivers, and streams to cast a line. The great outdoors is still open. Please enjoy it safely."

Maine has over 6,000 lakes and ponds, and over 32,000 miles of rivers and streams. With many people home and without many of their normal structured activities, this is a great time to get outside and enjoy Maine's inland waters.

"During these times, getting outside and enjoying the outdoors is a wonderful way to recharge, while maintaining social distancing practices," said Commissioner Camuso. "Waiving the requirements for a license will give people more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors."

Effective immediately, any person (except those whose license has been suspended or revoked) may fish without a license through April 30, 2020. This change does not apply to activities which require a commercial freshwater fishing license or permit.

Also effective immediately, all inland waters that traditionally open to open water fishing on April 1 will now be open to open water fishing. This change does not open any body of water to ice fishing that is currently closed to ice fishing. All other tackle, length and bag limits and special regulations still apply.

Before heading out, please make sure you let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return. If you are accessing a waterway from private land, please treat the land as if it were your own, and leave no trace that you were there.

If you are going to be heading out onto frozen waterbodies to ice fish, please continue to use extreme caution. Use a chisel or auger to test ice thickness in several places. Remember that ice conditions can vary greatly this time of year. Ice that forms over flowing water and currents, especially near springs, streams, bridges and culverts, can be particularly dangerous.

If you are fishing from a boat, the Maine Warden Service is urging boaters to wear their lifejackets. Prolonged immersion in cold water can kill, and wearing a life jacket can greatly increase your survival chances if you are in the water unexpectedly.

In conjunction with MDIFW temporarily waiving the requirement that anglers need a recre-

ational fishing license to fish the inland waters of Maine, The Department of Marine Resources also waived the requirement that saltwater anglers must join the state's saltwater registry, effective immediately through April 30.

For more information on the rules and regulations on your favorite water, please visit <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fishing-boating/index.html>.

Anglers also have a new tool that makes it quick and easy to find out the fishing regulations on any of Maine's inland waters. Maine's Fishing Laws Online Angling Tool (FLOAT), is an online map-based tool that can be accessed from your computer or your smartphone, giving you access to fishing regulations for all your favorite fishing waters.

Wondering where to go? Check out the improved Maine fishing guide at www.maine.gov/ifw/fishing-boating/fishing/fishing-resources/maine-fishing-guide/index.html. This statewide guide features the top fishing destinations in the state, broken down by species, tips on how to catch various species, and even provides advice on how to fish with children. You can even use the Department's Google Earth data layers on your desktop to select your next fishing destination.

If you would like to purchase your license now, or after April 30, you can go online at mefish-wildlife.com and get your license. There are license options for a day, a week, 15 days or a season. The cost for a day of fishing is less than you would pay to go to the movies. And kids under 16 always fish free.

Last year, over 345,000 people were licensed to fish in Maine and fishing contributes over \$370 million to Maine's economy. Money from license sales helps protect Maine's waters, it enhances Maine's fisheries and provides water access on many of Maine's lakes and rivers.

The Department stocks more than 1 million fish each year and manages more than 20 species of freshwater game fish. Wondering where we stocked fish lately? Go online at <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fishing-boating/fishing/fishing-resources/fish-stocking-report.html>.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Brayden Peck-Parker, of Waterboro, who celebrates this month!

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Local men to receive awards

The Town Selectmen of Newfield have recently announced that two local men have been recommended for the Spirit of America Awards. They have selected Joe Iannazzo and Richard King for their dedication to the community and their outstanding achievements in town. Both men have done extraordinary volunteerism in town.

Rep. Heidi Sampson, House District 21, spoke about the awards at the town meeting, on March 14.

Joe Iannazzo is involved in several organizations in town, including the Boy Scouts, Lions, and 19th. Century Curran Village. He also serves as president of the Newfield Village Library and president of the Newfield Historical Society. And, he has been instrumental in resurrecting the Recreation Committee.

Richard (Dick) King has also been involved in the community for the past 38 years in many capacities. Just to name a few, he has served on the Finance Committee, the Ethan Stone Scholarship Fund, as School Board Director and on the Newfield Fire and Rescue Squads. He was also given an engraved travel mug with the Town of Newfield logo on it, thanking him for his 38 years of service.

This award ceremony takes place in the fall and the awards are presented by the York County Commissioners Office in Alfred, to all recipients in the county who volunteer their time for their community.

Town meeting and election news

There are a few increases in the town budget for the upcoming year, which were decided at the annual town meeting.

Another \$10,000 has been added to the operation of the Municipal buildings, which covers the cost of phones, electricity, heat, security system, furnace cleanings, plowing municipal buildings, mowing, sweeping, spring clean-up, rug cleaning services, pest control services and cleaning. This is for all the buildings (Town Office, Town Hall, Transfer Station, Public Safety Building, Newfield Station, and the Cell Tower-electricity).

Fees have gone up at the transfer station from \$130K to \$150,000 due to increases in the cost of services. The account had a balance at the end of last year of only \$490.48.

The town voted to accept a parcel of land in lieu of 2019 taxes on Coolidge Street, the land abuts the



The Newfield Community Church converted the little free library next to the church into a little free Food Bank. Take what you need, leave what you can. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

town beach and adjoining 2 parcels.

The Selectmen are now authorized to enter into a contract to select cut the Transfer Station land and accept proceeds to be put in the sand and salt building account.

Next year will be the start of the 2-day annual town meeting/voting process. Voting will be on Friday, and the town meeting will be held on Saturday (morning, the -times will be determined at a later date, starting in 2021.

Shelly Gobielle was elected to the position of Select Board, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, receiving 105 votes; and Gerald Rumney was elected to the RSU 57 Director as a write in candidate with 30 votes.

2020 appointments are as follows for the Charles Hicks Scholarship: Marion Bryant for 2 years and Allen Moulton for 3 years. For the Finance Committee are: Gloria Dyer and Sara Gray were appointed for 3-year terms. Trustees for the Ethan Stone High School Fund are: Joanne Bond for 3 years; Craig Parker for 1 year; and Cheryl Cause for 3 years.

It was passed to give both the Wakefield Food Pantry and St. Matthew's \$1,000. Also voted in was to give the Newfield Village Library \$3,000 for expenses and new books. Road repair, plowing, and other municipal funds that were needed were also passed.

Meetings

Newfield Firefighters training session - March 31, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m.

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

Newfield Rescue training session - April 2, at the Public Safety Building, at 85 Water Street, at 7 p.m.

Northern York County Rod and Gun Club - April 3, 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

The American Legion - April 6, at the Brick Town Hall at 11 Main Street in Limerick at 7 p.m.



LETTERS

Dear Buxton residents,

During these unprecedented challenging times, even though the Buxton Town Hall is closed to public foot traffic, staff members remain on duty at the Town Hall. We continue to be here Monday thru Friday during normal business hours to do what we can to help you. Town Hall staff can still help with many needs. Several transactions require a few more steps, with all of the steps being completed through the mail, by email or fax. Please note that there are a few transactions that cannot be completed at this time. To find out how you can be helped with your needs, please call us at 929-6171 or email me at tclerkbuxton@sacoriver.net.

Wishing you only the very best!

— John Myers, CCM, CMC Town Clerk & Office Manager, & Staff

• P.S. Nomination papers are still being issued through the mail for two Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor positions, the Town Clerk, one Planning Board Member for three years and one for one year and two Budget Committee Members for three years and one for two years. All nomination papers are due back in the Town Clerk’s office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 10. Are you feeling the call to become more involved during these historical times? If yes, please call or email Town Hall today for more information.

• P.P.S. Have you noticed that lights of hope have started to pop up in Buxton? Seasonal lights of all colors are being seen here and there. Please consider this your challenge to join neighbors, with your lights of hope.

Maine Caring Notes initiative will electronically deliver notes, videos, and drawings to residents

The Maine Health Care Association (MHCA) has launched an intergenerational program designed to reach nursing home and assisted living residents with messages of encouragement, love, and support during these unprecedented times.

Currently, federal and state guidelines are restricting visits to nursing homes and assisted living communities to protect vulnerable residents from illness and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. MHCA recognizes the hardship this places on our long-term care residents and their loved ones. The Maine Caring Notes initiative aims to provide an online space for children to send messages to entertain and encourage residents of Maine nursing homes

and assisted living facilities. The site allows senders to upload a handwritten note, drawing, photo or video, or submit an electronic message. Those interested in participating are encouraged to visit <https://www.mehca.org/mainenotes4seniors>.

Messages received will be delivered to residents in nursing homes and assisted living communities across Maine. If you have a family member in a long-term care facility, please contact that specific home to communicate directly with your loved one by email or video. If you don’t have a loved one in a facility and would like to send a note to brighten someone’s day, please consider participating.

“With children out of school and some of our most vulnerable

Maine citizens in need of extra support, we thought this would be a safe, effective way to reach out and make sure our long term care residents feel appreciated and encouraged,” said Nadine L. Grosso, MHCA Vice President and Director of Communications.

“We hope families will take advantage of their children’s time at home to participate in this act of kindness and make these trying times a little more cheerful for many Mainers,” Grosso continued.

The Maine Health Care Association is a nonprofit trade association, representing over 225 providers of long term care services to the state’s elderly and disabled citizens. To learn more about the Association or this initiative, like! follow us on Facebook.

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY

A new website has been launched that provides COVID-19 information and resources to agriculture and food businesses. The site is designed specifically to help keep Maine agricultural producers, businesses and service providers as up-to-date as possible on health and safety issues with

the ongoing COVID-19 situation. The state plans to update it with the most recent information and guidance from the Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention and our federal and state partners. Everyone is invited to visit the page at www.maine.gov/dacf/covid19 as often as necessary and

remember that information will be added ongoing.

— Nancy McBrady
Bureau Director,
Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources at the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

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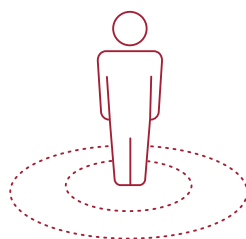
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Keeping your distance keeps loved ones safe.



BE HOME

When in doubt, just hang out. Home is the best place to be.

We are working around the clock to ensure our communities are receiving the very best care. If you’re feeling symptoms, please call your doctor first before heading to a hospital.

Now more than ever, it’s crucial to practice patience.

MaineHealth

For more information and updates, please visit MaineHealth.org/COVID-19



Chess champs!

The Bonny Eagle Middle School Chess Team after winning the State Tournament in Bangor on March 7. The National Chess Team Tournament, which was scheduled to be held in Jacksonville, Florida in April has been canceled. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

SHAPLEIGH

Joanne Bargioni

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Town hall closure

Due to the Coronavirus, The Town of Shapleigh is closed to the public. All Committee meetings have been cancelled until further notice. You can email the Town Clerk at townclerk@shapleigh.net with any questions. Access to the Public Safety Building will be Closed to all except emergency needs. The Transfer Station will remain open for normal hours, however due to social distancing of 6 feet or more the Transfer Station staff will not be allowed to assist with unloading trash or other items. People with road concerns or questions should call the Road Commissioner; North, John Burnell 207-793-4353 or South, Jeff Goodwin 207-432-0566. Those in need of General Assistance should call the town office at 207-432-7379.

Busses to deliver free student meals

RSU 57 is delivering breakfast and lunch to the students of the district. The Shapleigh buses 1 and 2 will leave Shapleigh Memorial School at 8 a.m. for breakfast and 11 a.m. for lunch for children 18 yrs and under. The bus stops every 5 to 10 minutes along the route. Please be on time at your bus stop and keep a safe distance away.

These bus routes have been set up to bring food to the areas in our communities with the greatest needs. The bus routes will run from Monday to Friday and on Fridays the students will have the option to receive two additional meals for the weekend.

If your student is in need of a meal and cannot get to one of the daily bus routes call 247-3221 x 2257 for assistance.

For more information and to see the scheduled bus routes throughout the district, visit www.rsu57.org. RSU 57 includes Alfred, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, Shapleigh and Waterboro.

Obituaries



Carlton M. Smith

Carlton M. Smith age 83 of Norwich, Connecticut passed away on Sunday night, March 15, 2020 at his residence.

He was born in Waterboro on Dec. 16, 1937 the son of Malcolm and Alice Huff Smith. He was a graduate of Sanford High School and retired from the Electric Boat Company of General Dynamics in Groton, Connecticut where he worked as a designer. He is survived by: his wife Dolores; three sons Carlton M. Smith Jr. of Ledyard, Connecticut and James and Timothy Smith of Norwich, Connecticut; his grandchildren Johnathan, Victoria and Carter; his brother Robert Smith and his wife Dawn of East Waterboro; and sister Kathleen Akerman of New Hampshire. He was predeceased by his parents, and sister Carlita. A private burial will be in New Calvary Cemetery in South Portland.

in the farmlands of the Dakotas were, according to him, he was driving tractors before he was 5 years old and taking his horse (up hill both ways in the snow) to a one-room schoolhouse. After high school, he joined the Navy, where he met his 1st wife – Putter. Through another Navy buddy, he met his second wife, Terry Macaluso, who gave him his first three daughters – Vera, Michelle, and Allyson. While that union didn't last, he later found the love of his life in the little town of Wallingford, Connecticut – Claudia Shute. Claudia was his soul mate and helped him to create his blended family that included her two children, Corrie and Brandon and very quickly added their love child – Morgan. While Connecticut was their home for several years, they eventually followed their hearts (and the chickens) to the quaint little town of Limerick, where they bought a little farmhouse that they quickly filled.

through the phone handset so that they could play solitaire. Once settling in Maine, he began work for Cyro, a plexiglass firm, while his wife happily raised a flock of prize-winning chickens and assorted farm animals and children. Together, they created a blended family full of such love and kindness, that the concept of step or half sisters and brother never entered their vocabulary. Along the way, he made many close friends, always sharing a crazy story or lending a helping hand. He continued to be involved, even after his retirement with many organizations, including the Lion's club, the Special Olympics, the American Legion and the Newfield Historical Society.

He is pre-deceased by his four siblings, Martina Welk, Sylvester Meier, Wilbur Meier and Wilfred Meier, his ex-wife Terry Macaluso and the love of his life and his last wife, Claudia Shute Meier. He is survived by his children Vera Meier-Bennett, Michelle Meier, Allyson Meier, Corrie Canning, Brandon Noyes, and Morgan Meier with her husband and Mikes "4th wife," Tim Crowley; and by his grandchildren Jacob Bennett, Matthew Bennett, Mark Bennett, Elizabeth Bennett, Shelby Biggs, Wyatt Biggs, Jaiden Crowley; and his great grandson Sirius Bennett.

Due to the current social and political situation, a memorial service will be held in late spring or early summer – details to follow.

In lieu of flowers, Mike has requested that donations be sent to the American Cancer Society.

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

Michael A. Meier

Michael H. Meier, 77, of Sanford, passed away peacefully on March 18, 2020 at Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough.



Michael A. Meier

From the rolling hills of North Dakota to the meadows of Maine, Mike "Papa Bear" Adam Meier brought his twisted sense of humor to his family, friends and any stranger who would stay still long enough to listen. The youngest of five siblings he grew up

Mike served his country in the United States Navy for four years, six months and 21 days. His tour was extended six months for the Cuban Missile crisis. He was one of the first ever Guided Missile Technicians paving the way for his future career in the infancy of the electronics and computer fields.

Mike was never one to sit still for long, having had a plethora of jobs since his retirement from the Navy, he eventually settled on work in the electronics field, and was involved in engineering a light show for Disney. His older daughters have fond memories of his bringing home one of the first computers workstations that needed a dial-up connection

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ALFRED

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It is difficult to find news when things are not open. The school children are receiving lessons via the computer. The library is closed. There are no church services except those which arrive via computer. Town Hall is closed. The Alfred Village Museum is supposed to be working on the next exhibit but planning a meeting is problematic. We consider a grant, we need one but need to sit down together to discuss it, but how do you have a meeting when meetings are a no-no? Material about a grant was distributed – I left it in doors, then came home and telephoned folks to say where it was – so everyone would at least have the information. And that’s where we stand.

In the meantime my spouse has finished a 1,000 piece puzzle almost as large as our card table. He is a puzzle freak who usually finishes a 1,000 piece puzzle in two days. This one took at least four. (It will be in the treasure’s room at the transfer station if you want to attempt it. It is all colored beads and very small toys. I gave up on it.)

Being confined to home gave me time for projects. I organized a box of old photos, then organized my recipe boxes and cleaned a kitchen shelf. What else is there to do? Tomorrow I will probably start on the other kitchen shelves.



Marigolds in an Alfred cellar will be sold to feed children in Honduras. PHOTO BY ALISON WILLIAMS

There was a time, when we lived on the farm, that time was a precious commodity. There was never enough time for things we needed to do. As soon as the snow left it was time to plant the garden, then time to transplant the seedlings. Because my folks were florists when I was growing up in Massachusetts we were accustomed to the seasonal needs in the greenhouses. After spring came summer and time to change the soil in the greenhouses. Then my cousin David went to Cornell University and learned about sterilizing the soil – a revelation to us. I have no idea what is now done but I’m sure soil is no longer shoveled out of greenhouse beds (very labor intensive) and hauled to some field for a rest, (The business owned a field for this purpose) but never sterilized. Cousin David, being an inventive soul, had made an arrangement in which soil could be sterilized.

Time changes everything. My

spouse has been busily making seedling boxes for the marigolds which have sprouted nicely. They will be sold later in the spring by the church mission committee with the funds going to “Daisy’s Children” in Honduras. Daisy had stopped feeding herself when funds were too low and used her funds to feed her children. She didn’t survive, the children did, and now members of the United Church of Christ feeds the family via its mission committees. A sad story.

This is why there is a seedling table in our cellar with a heat lamp giving the marigolds the impetus to sprout and thrive. We hope to later include daisies in memory of Daisy. My husband has been making seedling boxes in expectation. When I have to go down to the cellar I peek at the marigolds. They are doing fine. A plastic curtain holds in the heat. I suspect they get more heat than we do, upstairs.

LETTERS



Rep. Heidi Sampson, left, with Senator Susan Collins.

COURTESY PHOTO

Thank you Senator Susan Collins,

As a member of the Maine Legislature’s Education and Cultural Affairs Committee and representing a very rural district, I fully recognize and understand the struggles facing our many rural school districts.

In Augusta, we are always trying to find new ways to balance the scales to ensure that all Maine students, regardless of zip code, have access to a quality education and ample opportunities to learn and grow.

That’s why it was concerning to learn that a formula change at the US Department of Education was set to cut funding for more

than 100 rural school districts in Maine.

For many school districts across rural Maine, these funds are used to support teacher training, technology, art teachers and mental health counselors, and for some schools, the loss of this grant would mean either higher property taxes, or staffing cuts or program cuts.

Thankfully, Senator Susan Collins stepped in to advocate for our rural school districts and was able to reverse the formula change for at least one more year, and she will soon sponsor legislation to protect these important funds in the future.

– Representative Heidi H. Sampson

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Written public comments may be sent to the regional office in Portland where the application is filed for inspection: MDEP, Southern Maine Regional Office, 312 Canco Road, Portland, ME 04103.