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THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020

New director for Springvale Library

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

The new director, Lesley Unger, began working at the Springvale Library on Feb. 25. The position had been vacant since October 2019. Dawn Brown, Assistant Library Director had been acting as Interim Director until the installation of the new director.

Unger hails from Manitoba, Canada, and moved to the United States several years ago. She achieved her B.A. from the University of Manitoba and is currently enrolled in her Master's Degree at the University of Rhode Island.

Unger previously worked in New Hampshire at the Rochester Public Library for over two years in the Children's Room, Somersworth High School as a Library Media Specialist for five years and Laconia Public Library for three years as a Head Cataloguer. She also ran programs for adult crafts including embroidery, and a children's program and was subsequently promoted to Administration Technology.

When asked what motivated her to apply for the director's position she said, "it was a natural growth of her career." She wanted a more challenging role to exhibit her skills.

Unger is very enthusiastic about her role as director. She is full of ideas for the success of the library and for the patrons. She feels it was "like coming home to this library. The staff and public have been very welcoming to me."

The number one project she would like to institute is a "friends of the library" group. "Library Friends" would be an integral part of the library's function. With only 50 percent of the library's funding coming from Springvale, there will need to be a group to help with fundraising, help with projects and sponsor authors, and fit the needs of the community. She would also like to hold an Artisan Fair in the fall and also a book fair.

Another project for Unger will be to re-do the library website. Unger would like it to be "beautiful to represent the community." She is helped by her very supportive Board of Trustees, the staff and library volunteers. Unger states the staff have amazing ideas for programs and she encourages them to come to her with them.

Unger would like to bring a program to the library that would serve as an outreach for the patrons in the winter. Many people can not get to the library due to weather, illness, etc. and she wants to arrange a distribution service to these shut-ins.

With the help of nine staff members and volunteers there are
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Winners of the Freshman Film Festival held at Massabesic High School on Feb. 25, from left, Saige Doiron, Olivia Adriance, Dakota Boudreau, Jack Carroll, Camden Yale, Nora Thorson. COURTESY PHOTO



New Springvale Library Director, Lesley Unger, in Genealogy Room. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

Film festival a success

The 8th annual Freshman Film Festival was held at Massabesic High School on Wednesday, Feb. 25. Ten films made by the students were shown in the auditorium in front of a crowd of over 50 student filmmakers, their family, and friends.

The Film Festival is the culmination of a multi-week project put forward by the Freshman English teachers Anthony Bitettit, Christina Hoar, Mark Mercier and Ian Villmore. Students are instructed to come up with a mood, craft a story, visualize that story through a process called "storyboarding", then execute that vision. When asked about the Film Festival, Mr. Mercier states without hesitation, "It's easily the most fun I have with a unit all year. The kids who choose to do the film work really hard to put it together and the results of that work are clear on screen."

Due to the requirements of filming, students who create a film often have to stay after school, work at home or on weekends in order to complete the film, as it is not possible to film during class time. The student's who do this

project put their leadership skills on full display, becoming directors and producers trying to locate filming times and scouting locations, while also troubleshooting the many, many issues that always come up during the filming process. Finally, they then edit the film on a shared cart of school Macbooks using iMovie, adding in sound effects, music, visual effects, and title cards. Each teacher then selects a few films to show during the festival, where they are scored by judges based on a rubric looking at quality of story, editing, technology use, and sound/music. The guest judge this year was Michelle Martin-Moore.

The first place film this year was "THAT," by Olivia Adriance, Dakota Boudreau, and Josiah Vigue. This was a spoof on "IT," except Pennywise tries to encourage Georgie to come down to the sewer to "float," but in this version, Georgie is aware of Pennywise's murderous nature and declines, flustering the creature to comical end. The group was surprised by their victory, and when asked where the idea came from,

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Community Calendar

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

YORK COUNTY REPUBLICANS TO MEET Change in day and location for York County Republican Committee monthly meetings for 2020 to the second Wednesday of the month in the new Community Program Room at the Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Rd. (Rte. 1). The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11.

Doors open 6:30 p.m.; business meeting begins at 7 p.m.. Special Guest Speaker will be Julie Rabinowitz, Director of Policy and Communication for Maine People Before Politics, who will discuss the details of the 2020 Supplemental Budget currently being negotiated and Maine's participation in the Transportation and Climate Initiative. The remainder of the meeting will be devoted to hear-

ing from York County Republican candidates and legislators. FMI or to be added to YCRC email list, contact communications@york-gop.org 468-2395.

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.

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.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

MONDAY WRITERS at the Waterboro Public Library: First and Third Mondays of every month (when the library is open) at 6 to 8 p.m. All writers are welcome! Bring a short piece to read and discuss.

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 57

2020/2021



Children **MUST** be
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OCTOBER 15, 2020!

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



RSU #57

2020-2021 BUDGET REVIEW SESSION

The Finance Committee of RSU #57 would like to invite the public to a review session of the preliminary 2020-2021 school district budget.

March 16, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Massabesic High School Auditorium

FILM FESTIVAL

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or how they prepared, Dakota said, "We watched IT," getting inspiration directly from the source!

In second place was "My Odd Obsession," by Camden Yale, Nora Thorson, and Jack Carroll. This film was a spoof of the show, "My Strange Addiction," where the main character is plagued by a desire to drink cleaning fluids in a variety of ways, such as drinking from the bottle, or spritzing it into his water. The group indicated the biggest challenge for making this movie was the filming itself.

In third place was "Creepy Family Heirlooms," and original thriller by Saige Doiron, where the main character is gifted a pair of dolls from her grandmother and they appear to have minds of their own, moving around the house when she isn't looking. Saige said the movie was inspired by real life, when her grandmother gave her those very dolls as a gift. At this time, the real-life dolls have shown no signs of paranormal activities.

- Submitted by the MHS English Department



From left, Charlotte DalPra, Keira LeBrun, Eliza Lowell, Monica Wardwell, Brielle Densmore and Janice Teasenfitz. COURTESY PHOTO

DAR American History contest winners

Four local students from Line Elementary School and Massabesic Middle School were honored at an awards ceremony and reception for their award winning essays in the annual DAR American History Essay Contest. The awards ceremony and reception was held by the Rebecca Emery Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at the Waterboro Fire Station. All students in 5th through 8th grades in public, private or parochial school, or are home schooled are eligible to participate in the DAR American History Essay Contest.

The purpose of the contest is to promote learning about significant historical people, events, places and dates.

Janice Teasenfitz, Rebecca Emery Chapter Regent, welcomed the students, their parents and friends and introduced each student before the student read their essay. Cynthia Fontneau, American History Chairman, presented each student with a DAR bronze medal, certificate and gift from the Chapter. The essay contest topic was "The Voyage of the Mayflower" as 2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower and the

founding of the Plymouth Colony. Students were asked to imagine that they were a passenger on the Mayflower and to write about their experience, what items that they would pack for the trip and starting a new life in the wilderness and after landing what different choices they would have made.

Brielle Densmore of Line Elementary School earned first-place in the fifth-grade contest. Her parents are Perley and Melissa Densmore. Her essay is about two sisters packing toys, clothing and a favorite doll to take on the voyage, the hurricane that blew the Mayflower far off course to the north and the very cold weather that they encountered upon landing along with their discovery of cranberries.

Keira LeBrun of Massabesic Middle School is the sixth grade winner. Her parents are Emily Enger and Tom LeBrun. Keira's essay is a diary of a year of events of what happened on the voyage and after the landing including their experiences with the Wampanoag tribe.

Charlotte DalPra of Massabesic Middle School is the seventh grade winner. Her parents are Kristen and Benjamin DalPra. Her essay portrayed Agnes Marbury, a 17-year-old English woman who talks about the events leading her becoming a Mayflower passenger and the cold and difficult times for

the women in the winter after landing.

Eliza Lowell of Massabesic Middle School is the eighth grade winner. She is also the 8th grade winner of the DAR State American History Essay Contest and will be invited to read her essay at the Maine State DAR Conference that will be held in April. Her essay has been submitted to the DAR Northeast Region level to compete with other 8th grade student essays from the New England States and New York. Her parents are Lynne and Justin Lowell. Eliza's essay is written in the form of a journal and documents the conditions and events that occurred during the voyage of the Mayflower from early September 1620 through landing in November 1620.

Monica Wardwell attended the award ceremony. She is the students' teacher in the gifted and talented program at Massabesic Middle School and the Line Elementary School. Over the years, many of her students have become DAR State level winners. She was given a warm round of applause by the students, parents and all those at the ceremony in recognition of her strong support of the DAR American Essay Contest and encouragement of student participation.

- By Deborah Bragdon
Rebecca Emery Chapter NSDAR

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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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Superheroes a big hit in Limerick

Local people had a chance to meet their superheroes at the Limerick Fire and Rescue on Saturday, Feb. 29, in a fundraiser for the Line School Special Olympics. They raised \$574 for the program with over 100 people attending the event. Organizers were pleased with the turnout and the kids got to meet Smokey the Bear, Batman, Batgirl, Bat Woman, Wonder Woman, Dead Pool, Spiderman, Captain America, Ant Man, Night Wing, Cyclops, Spider Boy, 2 Robins, (male and female) and Storm from X-Men.

The superheroes travel all over Maine and most are part of H.O.N.O.R., which is the Heroes of the Oxford Norway Region. Some of them were part of Pine State Heroes from Bangor. Batman and Bat Girl are from Old Port Batman and Batgirl.

Dustin Holms, who is a Spiderman, was from the Oxford/Norway region and said that the group does about 7 events a year. Batgirl said that she and Batman love to do the charity events. They plan on doing the 'Walk for Fuel' in September with Ron Smith, who walked from Limerick to Cornish this past year. "We love to do the charitable work. It's what we live for." She said, and



Children's favorite superheroes and the Limerick Fire and Rescue gather for a morning 'meet and greet' at the fire station on Feb. 29. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

I can see why. Who wouldn't want to get dressed up as a superhero to put a smile on a kid's face?

Ron Smith, Steve McLean and the Limerick Fire and Rescue Squads were also dressed in their Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) or bunker gear, which was a treat for the kids, too.

While I was standing taking notes, a young boy came up and offered me a cup of coffee. I said thank you and that it was just what I needed. He said that his name was Gavin Fletcher. So I asked, "Which one of the super heroes is your favorite?" He replied "Captain America, that's my dad."

Fire department member Steve McLean commented that this was

the first time they had hosted it, but will have it again next year, maybe in April.

For more information on getting in touch with the superheroes, their addresses are as follows: Batman and Batgirl are on Facebook@oldportbatman; Captain America is on Facebook at Pine State Hereos; and H.O.N.O.R. is on Facebook at HONORHeroosofNorwayOxfordRegions.

Town voting news

The Town of Newfield selectmen would like to make changes in the positions in town, that require the elections of the Town Treasurer and the Town Clerk. According to town secretary Nich-

ole Hubbard, the positions now have only 3 qualifications from the state, which are that they are: must be over 18, be a U.S. citizen and a Maine resident.

The selectmen would like to see these positions be more in line with the way businesses are run, if an employee does not work out, then they could be fired. Due to the fact that it is an elected position, as it stands now, they would have to be impeached. This change would also limit who could apply for the positions; and the town would be able to give that person more training. According to selectman Shelly Gobielle, the treasurer Nichole Hubbard and Clerk Justine Perkins have 16 years combined ex-

perience. It would effect also the excise tax collected to keep taxes down

If passed, it would not go into effect until next year.

This question will be on the Town Warrant and will be voted on at the annual Town Meeting, which is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, at the West Newfield Town Hall.

Pancakes and more

Newfield Fire and Rescue will have their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 22 at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street, from 8-11 a.m. This is a donation only breakfast with pancakes, bacon or sausage, juice, coffee and local maple syrup. Proceeds will benefit the Public Safety Building.

Meetings

Newfield Firefighters training session - March 10, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m.

Newfield Selectmen - March 10 at the West Newfield Town Hall, 23 So. Effingham Road at 6 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop #329 - March 11, at the Brick Town Hall at 11 Main Street in Limerick at 6:30 p.m.

Tea Time - March 11, at the Newfield Village Library at 637 Water Street at 3 p.m.

The Limerick-Newfield Lions - March 12, at the Newfield Historical Society building at 64 Elm Street at 7 p.m.

Newfield Firefighters - March 12, at 85 Water St. at 7 p.m. call Dave at 793-2055.

ALFRED

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How Alfred Voted

There were 934 votes in all. There were 240 yes and 690 no on the referendum for the vaccinations. Democratic votes for president nominee were Biden 173, Sanders 144, Bloomberg 49, Warren 47 and remaining candidates a

total of 22. Republican votes for Trump totaled 269.

It was a long night for those working at the polls, because when the counts were concluded everything had to be picked up and taken to the town hall.

New Librarian

A new assistant librarian will be leading the Children's Storyhour. She is Caley MacKenzie, an Alfred resident. Storyhour will continue on Tuesdays at 10; Janet Tucker led it this week. Dr. Seuss' birthday was celebrated by a read-

ing of "Green Eggs and Ham" as this week's topic after which the children made green hats. Parents are encouraged to join the children for the stories and easy crafts.

Library Holds Annual Trivia Game

The second annual Trivia game following a potluck feast was held in Parsons Memorial Library last Saturday evening. It was very well attended with many friends bringing more food than anyone could eat. Beth DeWolf then led the question session which was divided into three parts, with ten questions in each.

"What is someone called who is born on Leap Day?" In Scotland what color petticoat was worn by a woman to indicate she was willing to marry?" "What movie won eleven Oscars in 2004?" "Who was the maid in "Gone With the Wind" who said "I don't know nothing about birthing babies."



Beth DeWolf announced the Trivia questions during the annual Trivia game at the library. PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

These are just a few of the questions. (Answers are on Page 8.)

Sign Ups at Library

Who was baseball's first Indian player? There will be an opportunity to sign up for a talk about him at the library on May 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. In case you didn't know, the first native American player was Louis Sockalexis and Ed Rice has written a book about his career. He will speak about the book in May.

Fire Department Calls

February was a busy month for the Alfred Fire Department, with a total of 65 incidents. There were 19 calls for medical transport, BLS (basic life support); and 12 for medical transport ALS (advanced life support training); there were six calls for mutual aid fires, also six for medical non transport. Four calls were for tree limbs or wires down, one chimney fire, two motor vehicle crashes, three for lift assistance, two for medical assistance transported by mutual aid, two for mutual aid medical, one for a fire alarm activation, two for public assistance, two for public assistance, and one each for no manpower, medical (code) and ALS intercept.

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SPORTS

Wrestling hat trick for Hernandez

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
news@waterbororeporter.com

Massabesic wrestler Noah Hernandez completed the hat trick with a win, his third consecutive gold medal, at the annual New England Qualifier (NEQ), held on Leap Day, Feb. 29 at Noble High School.

The junior, wrestling at 160, began the playoff season with a victory at Regionals on Feb. 8 over Chris Pilcher (third at NEQ) of Noble. One week later at the State Championships Hernandez took down Hunter McEwen of Skowhegan. Both victories were via pin.

At the NEQ it was Greg Stone of Dexter, who entered as the #2 seed, taking Hernandez to overtime, but the Mustang came away with a 4-2 win. Hernandez advanced to the final after a 4-1 win

over Anthony Mazza of Mountain Valley.

In 2018, as a freshman, Hernandez finished third in each of the aforementioned championships. Wrestling at 138, he was third at regionals, states and at the NEQ.

The next year, 2019, wrestling at 152 showed improvement. Hernandez was the champ at regionals, he was runner up states and he was third at NEQ. For good measure, after dropping his first match as a sophomore at the New England Championships, he rattled off four consecutive wins and posted a 4-3 mark and a sixth place finish.

Hernandez will head to Methuen High School in Massachusetts for the New England Wrestling Championship, held March 7 & 8.



Matthew Pooler was third in his weight class at the New England Qualifier at Noble High School on Feb. 29. COURTESY PHOTO

Pooler wrestles up a bronze

Matthew Pooler turned in a gritty performance, capturing third place and earning himself a trip to the New England Wrestling Championships (NEWC) in Methuen, MA. on March 7-8.

Pooler, wrestling at 152, got the tourney going with a pin of Nathan Schobel of Dexter. Next, Mark Ward of Mt. View managed a 12-9 win, meaning the Massabesic senior would need to win his final two matches to keep his travel plans intact as just the top three from each weight class are invited

to the NEWC.

No problem for Pooler. He topped Evert Roy of Mountain Valley 2-0 and followed with a 9-5 win over Brunswick's Brett Raio.

Last year, at 170, Pooler won the NEQ. He was runner-up at states and was champion at regionals.

This year, Pooler was second at both regionals and states. In 2018, the Mustang was runner-up at regionals and third at both states and NEQ. He wrestled at 152 that season.

- By Michael DeAngelis



Massabesic High School Wrestling is sending two wrestlers to the New England's in Methuen, Massachusetts March 7-8. From left, Coach Ed Hernandez, Noah Hernandez, Matthew Pooler and Coach Richard DeRosier. COURTESY PHOTO

WRESTLING



Massabesic's Noah Hernandez was first again in his weight class, this time at the New England Qualifier at Noble High School on Feb. 29. COURTESY PHOTO



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TEE BALL INFORMATION SESSION:

March 14, 1:00pm at multiple sites TBD



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A new postage stamp commemorating Maine's 200th anniversary.

Postal service to unveil bicentennial stamp

U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King and Representatives Chellie Pingree and Jared Golden applauded the U.S. Postal Service's (USPS) announcement that it will begin issuing a Forever stamp celebrating the 200th anniversary of Maine statehood next month. Last year, on Maine's 199th birthday, the Maine Delegation wrote to USPS to express their strong support for creating a commemorative postal stamp honoring Maine's bicentennial.

The new stamp features the painting "Sea at Ogunquit" (1914) by American artist Edward Hopper (1882-1967), which is currently held by the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City. USPS' art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp. A First Day of Issue Dedication Ceremony to unveil a large reproduction of the new stamp will take place on Sunday, March 15, at 1 p.m. at the Augusta Armory as part of the Maine Statehood Day Ceremony activities.

"Since joining the Union as the 23rd state in 1820, Maine has made enormous contributions to our nation," said Senators Collins and King and Representatives Pingree and Golden. "The people of Maine are hard-working and kind, and they exemplify community spirit at its best. With one of the highest percentages of veterans in the U.S., Mainers have also demonstrated their strong commitment to serve others above themselves. We strongly supported the creation of this commemorative stamp honoring Maine's rich heritage, and we appreciate USPS' efforts to celebrate our state's bicentennial. We look forward to seeing this new stamp in circulation!"

USPS last issued a stamp honoring Maine's statehood anniversary in 1970 (see image below). Maine's sesquicentennial postal stamp pictured The Lighthouse at Two Lights, Maine, also by Edward Hopper. The original painting hangs in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.



Maine's 1970 stamp also featured artwork by Edward Hopper. COURTESY IMAGE

Obituaries

Ruth H. Holmes

Our beloved matriarch, Ruth H. Holmes, of East Waterboro, formally of Shawmut, passed away on Feb. 21, 2020.



Ruth H. Holmes

Ruth was the daughter of Raymond and Nettie Holt. She graduated from Clinton High School. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 58 years, Capt. Arthur Holmes, her beloved granddaughter Stacy, her sister Marjorie and husband Harvey McGuire, and their daughter, Diana Seaward; and her two sons in law; Frank Tarazewich and Don Bornstein.

Remembered with great love by her daughters, Judith Tarazewich of East Waterboro; Sue Bornstein of Sun City Center, Florida; and grandchildren: Kelly Tarazewich MacFadyen and husband Dan of Greenville; Eric Bornstein and wife Kelly of Apollo Beach, Florida; Andrew Bornstein and wife Shannon of Apollo Beach, Florida; Jennifer Bornstein Mancino and husband Joseph of Manalapan, New Jersey; Christopher Tarazewich and partner Ashley Whittaker of Waterboro; and great grandchildren: Trevor McVey, Troy McVey, Carly Kittering, Summer Bornstein, Connor Bornstein, Trajdan MacFadyen, Brooke Bornstein, Hannah Tarazewich, Alex Mancino, Stacy Mancino and Rosina Taraz-

ewich; nephew, Paul McGuire and many cousins.

Over a life span of 103 years, Ruth experienced many decades of change. She went from traveling to school by horse drawn wagon in Canaan, to being at Cape Canaveral, Florida observing space shuttle launches.

Ruth contributed to her community by attending and participating in fundraising activities at the Shawmut Community Chapel. She was a scout leader, president of the Lawrence high school music boosters club and a member and officer of the Rebekah Lodge in Fairfield.

Ruth was an avid traveler. She enjoyed traveling to Europe, Hawaii, across the United States several times and to Canada.

Ruth took pride in her beautiful rose gardens and baking raspberry pies from her raspberry patch for her grandchildren. The grandchildren have fond memories of spending their summers with her in Shawmut, and spring breaks at her winter home in Florida.

She will be greatly missed by all who know and loved her.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy at www.barbarabush.org/donate/ or mail to: Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, P.O. Box 14380 Washington, D.C. 20044

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Annual elections and town meeting

The municipal election will be held on Friday, March 13 at the Town Hall at 22 Back Road. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Running on the ballot unopposed are: Selectman William Mageary; RSU #57 Director Kate Mastraccio, Road Commissioner John R. Burrell; Community Library Trustee Jane Dyer; and Budget Committee Member Monica M. Lemaire. Community Forest

Trustee is open for write-in votes.

The annual town meeting will be held on Saturday, March 14 at Shapleigh Memorial School, 467 Shapleigh Corner Road. The meeting will begin 10 a.m. and will run until all warrant articles have been voted on.

Humanitarian Efforts

Seven adults and teens served in Sekenai, Kenya from Feb. 18 – March 3. The public can view their slides and listen to their reports at the Shapleigh First Baptist Church, 600 Shapleigh Corner Road at 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 15. The group taught English and Music, built cabinets and shelving, and installed security cameras according to Rev. Jonathan Bosse.

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The story of a tin bathtub

By Allison Williams

There is in Massachusetts a 17 room house which once belonged to my ancestors. It now houses three apartments and the vines which covered one side have been torn down. "They were rotting the clapboards," declared my grandmother, and she was right. Minus rotted clapboards, the place is a lot less picturesque but probably more livable.

My grandfather designed the home for himself, his family, his mother and sister. The back apartment was for his family, the front for his mother and sister. I once wondered where they found the finances, then decided they must have sold the store on Broadway in New York City. They advertised looking glasses and picture frames, wholesale and retail. "Expressly designed for Clothiers, Dress, Cloak and Suit Makers, Milliners, and for the private dressing room."

At least one of the mirrors was installed in the parlor of the house. It was a massive, oval thing with an ornate gold painted frame. When the "new look" became popular (just after WW II) I remember admiring my new skirt in that huge mirror before leaving for church.

When I went to New York (many years later) I found their address - 579 Broadway - on an old flyer and decided to visit. It is now a health food store with the same very high ceilings which it must have had in the 1800's.

But the main attraction for my brother and me when we first visited my grandmother (who had cleared out the house of all the paraphernalia after her sister-in-law died) was the up stairs bathroom.

Here there was a tiny marble sink in one corner, a toilet seat with a wide oak frame (This is difficult to imagine unless you have seen one.) and a long chain hanging down from the wooden box (the water closet) holding water up near the ceiling. When you pulled the chain you could hear the "woosh" as the water coursed through the house pipes. But most interesting of all was the tin bathtub.

When we saw it we just knew we had to take baths before bedtime. (My brother was three years old, I was five.) This bathtub had an oak rim and slanted end where a child could slide down into the water making a satisfactory splash. Baths had never been so much fun. My grandmother, being a grandmother, didn't object to the splash.

Years later, after my grandmother's death, my brother bought the place and modernized it. He thought he would have no problems selling the tub, but times had changed. There was no call for tin tubs. An antique dealer explained that in California he would have no trouble selling it but not in New England where tin tubs didn't really sell. He finally let it go - I think for \$500. I suspect my brother was glad to see it gone.

That house had other attractions which I will reveal another time. But only the one tin tub.

Answers to Trivia Questions on Page 4: Born on Leap Day? You are a Leap Ling. What color petticoat was worn by a woman in Scotland willing to marry? Red. Movie which won 11 Oscars in 2004? Lord of the Rings. Actress portraying a maid in Gone with the Wind? Hattie McDaniel.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

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already many upcoming events planned.

There is a trip sponsored by the library to the Boston Flower Show on March 12.

Every Friday from June 19 to Sept. 4 from 12 to 1 p.m. there will be a free concert series on the patio and to celebrate Maine's Bicentennial they will hold a week of music

July 20-24. A golf tournament is planned in the summer. Details on these events to be announced.

An informal welcome reception will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the front room of the library for the new director on Thursday, March 19. The public is invited to welcome Lesley Unger to the community. The Springvale Library is located at 443 Main Street, Springvale.

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