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## Virtual Learning

### A TEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE

By Michael Bryant

Massabesic Middle School, Technology Education Teacher

I like teaching. I like teaching middle school kids. I like teaching middle school kids how the world around them works. I've had the wonderful pleasure of teaching at Massabesic Middle School for many years now and it has become more than a job to me, it's a part of my life.

Being a technology education teacher, I get to share my passion of learning with a whole bunch of energetic kids that have an innate desire to learn. Giving kids the knowledge that they can build things, that they can run machines, that they can change the world with their hands, is pure joy for me. Seeing the smiles on their

faces and the glow in their eyes as they run a saw for the first time. Its empowering!

Technology Education classes are taught to seventh and eighth grade students at Massabesic Middle School as one of their exploratory classes. This is not a computer based class but a class that teaches students how their world works around them. My goal in seventh grade is to give our learners an introduction into Energy and Manufacturing Systems. They learn about fuels, engines, electricity, solar power, robotics, assembly lines, and woodworking.

Then in eighth grade, students

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## Sharing art with others

This chalkboard art is titled 'Sacopec Valley' and can be seen on the outside of the artist's home on Route 117 in Limington, at least until she creates a new one. The artist is Susie Hanley. COURTESY PHOTO

### THE EGG CAR PROJECT



Kaelee Boonstra, 8th grade, Alfred  
A well built car utilizing many resources she had at home. Kaelee said "I've put so much time into this egg car, I've started referring to it as my baby."



Emily McCarthy, 8th grade Alfred  
Check out the front bumper made of pipe insulation.



Kelsey Lang, 8th grade, Lyman  
Great detail went into this car, even the wheels were cut out at home by Kelsey.



Thomas Bereshny, 8th grade, Lyman  
No lack of creativity here with this egg car made from a detergent bottle  
COURTESY PHOTOS

## Local chalkboard artist creates 'community art'

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Have you ever noticed the chalkboard art on the house across from the Davis Memorial Library on Route 117 in Limington? That is the work of Susie Hanley.

Hanley received her Bachelor of Science in Art Education in 1981, but at the time, there were no full-time teaching positions available in art. So she became a kindergarten teacher. Then, she received her Certificate in Advanced Studies from USM and became an Assistant Principal at Gorham Middle School, and the Coordinator for the Extended Teacher Education Program (ETEP) for 11 years. "I was a workaholic," she says.

But one year, Hanley needed a hip replacement. Then she needed the other one replaced. "I needed something to do!" she said. She



spent a lot of time healing outside. And one day, her husband Joe created a chalkboard for her outside on the wall of their barn. "He put up some plywood to make a frame, and a 'board,' then painted over it with flat black to make a chalkboard for her to draw on. And the rest is history. That was three chalkboards ago. "That's how I measure time now," she said.

There is no timetable, no schedule for when a chalk drawing will appear on the board. "I draw when an idea strikes, or I need to get something out," Han-

ley explained. "They're all different - Sometimes it's for a person." One drawing had two flowers coming out of a mountain - "That was for two babies who were just born." Another was an apple tree - "That was a Birthday present for Stanley, a neighbor down the street." In 2017, Hanley's daughter was heading off to college, to Berklee College of Music in Boston. Hanley did a drawing with the Boston skyline, music, etc. as a kind of send-off. Some drawings are mandalas, a geometric configuration which focuses the artist's attention, as an aid to meditation, or as a meditation in itself. "I definitely get into it!" Hanley said.

Her chalk drawings take 2-3 hours, "the bulk of an afternoon," Hanley said. "They are 1 shot deals!" she explained, drawing from start to finish. The weather  
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# Attention Maine small business owners

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan program has been activated statewide.

Considering applying for the SBA Disaster loan? We urge prompt action, applications are reviewed on a first come, first-serve basis. There is no cost to apply. If approved you do not need to take the loan.

Everything You Need to Know About the SBA Disaster Assistance Loans

<https://www.uschamber.com/co/run/business-financing/sba-disaster-assistance-loans-guide>

## Two Options:

**QUICKEST OPTION** – Contact local lender and request a Sec 7 A Loan. If you have already begun the process with the SBA's

Disaster Application either online or mail in form at: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. If you have received a Claim number you can transfer to your local lender who now is authorized to write these loans.

**SECOND OPTION** – Call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) (tremendously long waiting times.) Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339.

Completed applications should be mailed to:

U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The key portion of the CARES

Act just passed in Congress is Senator Collins' Small Business bill. This portion is very time sensitive but potentially very helpful. It provides loans to cover expenses for small businesses to cover 8 weeks, retroactive to Feb. 15. The goal is to keep employers and employees connected and employees on the payroll. In other words, even if you have closed but can keep your workforce intact and paid for 8 weeks, the loans are forgiven, the entire objective.

The Finance Authority of Maine has also made interim loans available to businesses applying for Economic Injury Disaster Loans. For more information about the program, go to: [www.famemaine.com/business/programs/covid-19-relief-loan-programs/](http://www.famemaine.com/business/programs/covid-19-relief-loan-programs/)



Rep. Heidi Sampson, left, with Sen. David Woodsome.

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## VIRTUAL LEARNING

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use these skills as they complete engineering challenges. All eighth graders are taught how to use power tools as they solve real world engineering problems. They might be build an earthquake proof house one day while another day they may be designing and building Maglev Trains. Maglev trains float on a magnetic track while being propelled down the track with more magnets.

Another project that all eighth graders participate in, is an Egg Car Project. Each student must design, build, and test a car that holds an egg as a driver. This car is then smashed into a concrete wall at high speed with the goal of keeping the egg "alive." This activity is timely as most eighth graders are soon to start drivers education class, in high school.

For weeks now Covid-19 has changed all of our lives and that is no different in the school system. As educators, it has totally changed the way we work with our students. At RSU 57, we are

on our third week of virtual learning. Not unlike many of my peers, I was hesitant about what virtual learning would look like and how I would implement it in my classroom, specifically technology education.

I wondered how I could teach content standards, skills, and techniques to all of my students through a digital platform while they stay in the comfort of their homes. No doubt this would be a challenge. Challenges are what I give my students, especially the 8th graders, to solve. Challenges like their earthquake proof houses or their trains that float on magnets.

At first these challenges seem impossible but with thought, testing, more thought, more testing, they have solutions. Now it was my turn. to find solutions to this new world of virtual learning. What I quickly relied on, as virtual learning became reality, was concepts that I knew already worked.

Concepts like: Kids learn the best when they are having fun. Kids need to apply their knowledge to real world applications for knowledge to be retained. Kids need to be able to see their teach-

er as a real person and trust them. Kids like humor.

As I developed virtual learning lessons for kids, I couldn't just assume they had the necessary resources at home. Some kids have saws, wood, nails, screws, and the like at home while others do not. Thankfully, all kids have resources at home, its just these resources look very different for every kid.

Each day, I give my students a new virtual learning lesson. Each day I am absolutely amazed at the work that they submit to me through email, pictures, and Google Classroom and Zoom.

Egg car projects built at home have been a real eye opener to me. Their creativity has shined. Their problem solving skills are incredible. I am absolutely astounded at the quality of work that so many of our students have submitted. If through this process I am guilty of doing anything wrong, it's underestimating the talent of our kids. We all should be proud of the work our kids are doing in this world of virtual learning and we should be equally as proud of the leaders in RSU 57 that are guiding us on this journey.

## CHALKBOARD ART

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plays some part, but doesn't have much effect. Like the post office, she draws rain or shine, summer or winter. "I wear mittens when it's cold, and a coat," Hanley said, "and long sleeves when the bugs are out."

When asked about the chalk itself and if there was a special kind or colors that she uses, Hanley re-

plied that she uses sidewalk chalk, although she added, "the little Crayola boxes have dark blue and dark purple, that aren't readily available in sidewalk chalk." She admits that she "scoops them up" whenever she sees them.

She added, "Harold and the Purple Crayon – I loved that book! He was my hero!" She continued, "This is an extension of the art I love to do!"

Hanley paints and sculpts, but

her chalk drawings are "something I can share with people," she explained. "Community art, something I have to offer." Whenever her husband has ideas of modifications to the barn, Hanley is very protective of her chalkboard. "Will they still be able to see my drawings?" she often asks.

This reporter has noticed Hanley's work for years. One day, the chalkboard wasn't there. "Oh no!" I thought. "Something must've happened!" No, Hanley said. That was just the chalkboard being replaced/redone. "I would always have one," Hanley said. "It's a great way to distress, to send messages, to reflect... and it's so much fun! I love it!"

"I really can't live without it now," Hanley said.

If you would like to see Hanley's chalk drawings, just take a look when you're driving down Rte 117, across from the Davis Memorial Library, and enjoy!



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MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

## State extends boating registration renewal period

Governor Janet Mills has directed Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Commissioner Judy Camuso to allow boaters to operate without a current 2020 registration and milfoil sticker until April 30, 2020. Boat registrations normally expire at the end of each calendar year.

“With some town offices closed, and state offices closed to walk-in business due to the civil state of emergency, it made sense to relax the registration requirement until we can work out the all the logistical details,” said MDIFW Commissioner Judy Camuso.

The Department is providing

more time and some additional methods for you to apply for a new boat registration or renew an expired one. The easiest way to renew your boat registration is online at [mefishwildlife.com](http://mefishwildlife.com), but not all towns have signed up with the state’s internet vendor, InforME, to do registrations.

Here are a few suggestions from the Department to help you get your boat registered for the 2020 season.

- First time boat registrations cannot be completed online, they must be done at the town office so the town can collect sales, and excise tax. Registrants should call their town office to see if they are

open, and possibly register their boat with the town office through the postal system.

- If you cannot register your boat online or at the town office, MDIFW will work with you to register your boat.

- If you just purchased a new boat from a dealer, you should have a temporary registration that is good for 20 days.

The Department is looking for additional ways to assist boaters with registrations during the civil state of emergency for the most up to date information please contact MDIFW at 207-287-8000.

## How to safely spend time outside

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department and Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry know that during these stressful times, everyone wants to get outside and recharge. One challenge we all face right now is how to enjoy the outdoors responsibly during this civil state of emergency.

Here are a few reminders on how you can get some fresh air while being smart, staying safe, and sticking close to home.

Go where they aren’t (AKA how to avoid crowds!)

- Visit a lesser-known spot and explore places close to home. Consider visiting a nearby Wildlife Management Area, or less trafficked state park, public land or local land trust.

- Have a plan B (and C). If your first destination has a busy parking lot, go to the next spot on your list! Maine Trail Finder is a great resource.

- Get outside earlier or later in the day to avoid peak times, and please keep your visits brief.

- Recharge in your backyard and neighborhood! Backyard adventures in the time of coronavirus are an excellent idea. Remind friends and neighbors to stay safe by tagging Instagram pics with #backyard-park.

Know before you go

- If you are exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19, or if you have recently been exposed to COVID-19, please stay home.

- Stay at least six feet away from other people.

- If you do decide to go for hike, remember trails are likely to be slippery from ice and mud, which can increase the difficulty level. Stick to easy trails to avoid injuries and further stress on health care resources.

- Be sure to tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be back.

- Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms (use the bathroom before you leave home).

- Always leave no trace, including cleaning up after your pet, so be sure to bring a disposable bag to carry out any waste.

- And remember to help stop ticks by wearing light-colored pants, closed-toe shoes, and

- applying EPA-approved bug repellent.

## Social Security Benefits will be paid on time

Andrew Saul, Commissioner of Social Security, reminds the public that Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit payments will continue to be paid on time during the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency also reminds everyone to be aware of scammers who try to take advantage of the pandemic to trick people into providing personal information or payment via retail gift cards, wire transfers, internet currency, or by mailing cash, to maintain Social Security benefit payments or receive economic impact payments from the Department of the Treasury.

“Social Security will pay monthly benefits on time and these payments will not be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic,” Commissioner Saul said. “I want our beneficiaries to be aware that scammers may try to trick you into thinking the pandemic is stopping or somehow changing your Social Security payments, but that is not true. Don’t be fooled.”

The Department of the Treasury will soon provide information about economic impact payments under the recently enacted law, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act. Treasury, not Social Security, will be making direct payments to eligible people. Please do not call Social Security about these payments as the agency does not have information to share.

The agency continues to direct the public to its online self-service options whenever possible. Local offices are closed to the public but are available by phone. People can find their local field office phone number by accessing the Field Office Locator.

To allow available agents to provide better phone coverage, the agency is temporarily changing the National 800 Number hours starting on March 31. The hours will change from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time to 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. local time. The agency is experiencing longer than normal wait times on the 800 Number and asks the public to remain patient, use its online services at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), or call their local office.

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## Time for Spring Cleaning

It is April, and few are spring cleaning. Instead, the coronavirus occupies our minds. I grew up in an era when spring cleaning was a serious business. Mattresses were turned, blankets aired or washed, and my mother rearranged the furniture. Which is why, one dark night, my father came home and not wanting to disturb my mother, failed to turn on the light before climbing into bed. Only the bed wasn't there, it was somewhere else. He went down with a kerflump! He laughed about it the next day but I'll bet there were black and blue spots.

An aunt, who lived up over the hill, had no children so that house was a model of perfection. Unlike ours. Her spring cleaning was as thorough as any. She sifted through her belongings, deciding what she didn't need, and gave those items to her niece and nephews –(us.) I was always delighted with the donations. A few I still have, like the very worn pieced runner of an Egyptian sphinx, with a palm tree and bird in the

background, probably sold as a souvenir by some poor Egyptian seamstress. Uncle Harold probably brought it home for my aunt when his ship was stationed there after WWI. He was a radio operator.

Other items came our way particularly clothing from our older cousins who lived in other states. I don't think the knickers were really welcomed by my brothers, but they were in style and wore well. My girl cousins, when they reached their teens, were tall and shapely. I was not. My aunts must have finally recognized this because the clothing stopped coming. Sometimes material was donated instead. My mother had made a very pretty dress for me from some of it, to wear when we visited the World's Fair in New York City. Someone broke into our vehicle and stole the suitcase with the dress in it. I hope some little girl enjoyed that dress. It was while we were being given a tour of my Uncle Ray's ship (he was first mate) that the deed was done. My father had parked his vehicle just outside where the ship was docked. I suppose some enterprising thief noticed the out of state number plate and checked the doors just in case.

One spring cleaning episode had a rather comical conclusion but not until many years later. My aunt and uncle had purchased their house from her family who had

lived in it many years before. It seems like a small house for nine people but perhaps the younger members were not yet born. Uncle Dexter, being one of the older members, would have lived there and been a small child at the time.

He observed his father taking out his teeth at bedtime and putting them to soak, something people used to do. When his father left the room his youngster, curious about teeth which could be taken out, picked them up to examine them. It wasn't long before he heard footsteps. He hid the teeth.

When morning came the teeth were still in hiding and my grandfather said the person who took them would get a good "whopping." But the teeth did not return.

My grandfather went to his grave without all his teeth. My aunt and uncle bought the house and completely remodeled it. And one day, at an informal family reunion, someone asked "Whatever happened to Pa's teeth?" I can imagine them seated around the dining room table, looking at each other for the answer to this old mystery. My Uncle Dexter said "I know where they went – I took them!"

He got up, went to the little closet under the stairs, and returned with the teeth! My Aunt Lil, that extraordinary housekeeper who never missed a corner when spring housecleaning, had missed the teeth behind a pipe in the closet! Uncle Dexter had grown up, married, had a little boy of his own, become a florist like his father and a successful businessman and finally retired. All this while the teeth collected dust. So it really does not pay to threaten your children with their misdeeds.

## Story Hour at Parsons Library

When the 3 to 5'ers gather for Story Hour they won't have to leave home. It will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays on the Parsons Memorial Library facebook page. This will continue until April 14.



The Little Food Bank is stocked full and just waiting for those in need to stop by. Located at the Newfield Community Church on Water Street, it was built to look like the church by Jack Guzman. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

## NEWFIELD

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### Community Church's little food bank is a treasure

Church members at the Newfield Community Church at 639 Water Street put up a little lending library last year for the local people. It was built by local builder and handyman Jack Guzman and resembles a little church up on a couple of posts.

The library has been a great resource for all book lovers. It was placed there by church member Brian Rouillard and his dad Mike, who clearly picked the perfect spot.

How it started was Davelyn Hayes, also a church member, loves books and wanted something to reach out to the community. The books are faith based and introduce the Love of Jesus. Anybody can stop by, at any time, day or night, to grab a book to read, and return it when they are done. They can also donate their used books to share with others.

It has been a great thing for the community and well used. However, during this time of crisis, Cindy Matthews had the idea of turning the library into a food bank with non-perishable food items. Since some people are not able to go to the store, it seemed like a perfect idea. So, on March 19, it was converted and has received a lot of visitors. Somebody was looking for a particular food item for her daughter and couldn't find it anywhere. Another Newfield resident offered to pick it up at the store and made one little girl very happy.

According to Dawn Rouillard, in order to get the word out, she posted a picture and short announcement on the Newfield Happenings page and from there it just took off. "So many stepped up to help," she said.

"In this time of great uncertainty, it's amazing how people have come together with out actually being together. Social media can be a blessing when used for good." Comments Rouillard. She stated also that the food bank would remain open until the social distancing is done, which may be another 4 weeks.

There is a small container next to the food bank that has some food items in it also. And the sign says, "Take what you need, leave what you can."

This shows that the people of Newfield care about each other. The

members of the Newfield Community Church have gone the extra mile to help others, by providing food, therefore keeping them safe.

### Phone hours at town office

The Newfield Town Office will be closed to the public but the ladies in the office will be staffing the phones on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The hours are 9-11:45 a.m. and 1 - 4:45 p.m. Please call them at 207-793- 4348 with any questions regarding Fuel assistance, general assistance or other questions.

The Code Enforcement Officer will be available by phone only at 608-2544.

The Transfer Station is closed on Wednesdays, but open on Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Newfield Village Library is closed until further notice.

All hearings have been cancelled.

### Meetings

The Friday, April 3 meeting for the Northern York County Rod and Gun Club has been cancelled, however, the gun range is still open for anyone who would like to use it. Please practice the 6 foot social distancing.

There will be no meetings for the town, but they will be announced when it is cleared by the CDC. That includes firefighters, selectmen, planning board, committees, etc. At this time, they are postponed at least until May or until further notice. Also, no municipal buildings are open to the public.

No Boy Scouts meetings will be held in Limerick until the CDC has announced that it is alright for groups to gather again.

Check with the organizations to see if the regularly scheduled meetings will be held.

### Church news

From the members of the Congregational Churches

"The Limerick and West Newfield Congregational Churches are still closed for awhile longer. Another month of national social distancing is on our horizon and that means more time apart from people we have come to enjoy being close to on a weekly basis. Truly, we don't know when we shall restart our Sunday services. In the meanwhile, know that you are in our prayers. May some meaningful measures of good come out of this difficult situation and may we all rely on God's grace to help us get through. We send our love to everyone."



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# WATERBORO

## A message from the Town Administrator

March 27, 2020 – Our first week of Waterboro Town Hall being closed to the public has gone okay, and staff greatly appreciates the public’s patience during these pandemic times. We continue to help people mostly over the phone with vehicle registration, marriage licenses and tax payment questions...and sometimes in person via appointments through the front window if abso-

lutely necessary. Please continue to re-register your vehicles using Rapid Renewal as many are doing...as it is an easy task to do. Our code enforcement office continues to process building permits and conduct construction inspections for now, and we opened a “walk-up window” from our codes office window facing Townhouse Road. We will not take your lunch order but we can issue you a building permit.

Concerning next years budget process please know Selectmen are discussing conducting electronic meetings along with our local cable channel broadcast and later website video archiving. We

are not sure if our regular June election will even be conducted at this point. However, we will at least try to complete our budget process in early April and hopefully order ballots in hopes the June election happens. If the election is postponed, the Governors recent emergency declaration allows towns to operate on the previous years budget until the pandemic subsides and allows our election to occur.

Our fire department and EMS staff has the greatest challenge in my opinion. First we must continue with our fire, accident and medical responses 24/7, but make sure that our staff does not get in-

fectured with the coronavirus. Our stockpiles of personal protection equipment (PPE) is OK for now, but will need to be increased if the infection rate increases substantially. Chief Bors and staff are making plans for possibly adding beds to our South Waterboro station in case we need a crew for structural firefighting only to be kept separate from our Central Station and medical call personnel and ambulances. Since Central Station lacks individual sleeping rooms now, we may need to modify an upstairs hallway there so overnight staff are not sleeping in common rooms.

Be safe, be smart and don't

hesitate to nicely but firmly correct others who by their actions are flagrantly ignoring this pandemic. If we all stay six feet away from others and practice good hygiene, our families and friends will face less exposure to this coronavirus.

Please do not hesitate to call your town hall staff (247-6166) and we will do our best to help you with any questions you have.

Respectfully yours,

Gary Lamb

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## BRIEFS

### Church programs

Below, you will find a list of some local parishes offering special programming/events during the COVID-19 crisis, including their communication platforms, online Mass times, online giving sites, and additional offerings. The list is now posted at [www.portlanddiocese.org/content/communication-platforms-and-online-resources-maine-parishes](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/content/communication-platforms-and-online-resources-maine-parishes). The list will be updated at that site as parish plans, events, faith opportunities, and further information are made available.

#### St. Matthew Parish, Limerick/ St. Thérèse of Lisieux Parish, Sanford

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or <https://stthereseparishmaine.org/>  
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ONLINE MASSES: Fr. Bill Labbe, pastor, and Fr. Jack Dickinson, parochial vicar, will offer live and archived Masses on the parish Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/StThereseMaine](http://www.facebook.com/StThereseMaine)). Daily Masses, prayer services, and Sunday Masses (9 a.m.) will be broadcast on the parish Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/StMatthewLimerick](http://www.facebook.com/StMatthewLimerick)).

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### New drive-thru confessions added

Fr. Bill Labbe and Fr. Jack Dickinson will offer confessions in front of the rectory at Notre Dame Church in Springvale and the sidewalk in front of the church doors at St. Matthew Church in Limerick. There will be a chair if someone wants to get out of their car to go to confession, but if they can't get out of the car, the priests will come over to the passenger side window to hear their confession. If there is more than one person in the car, then the others will have to step out.

Here is the schedule for both churches: Saturday, April 4, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, April 6, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday, April 2, and Thursday, April 9, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and Holy Saturday, April 11, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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## Making good use of time

For those of you who have been following the Governor's State of Maine Guidance on COVID-19 and remaining close to home, here are some suggestions from some of our readers who are keeping themselves busy.

As you can imagine, most people are Spring cleaning and disinfecting their homes. Many are enjoying catching up on reading books and magazines that they never seem to have time for. Amazon has many free books to download and since the library is closed this is a good option for some. Getting more exercise and walking are enjoyed by many, and admiring the wildlife, birds and plants, being careful to avoid crowds are an enjoyable pastime for some. Most people, finding shortages of some products in the supermarkets, are baking breads and cookies, pies and cakes, while other are creating delicious meals.

A lot of people are taking their cameras with them on walks and some neighborhoods are doing group activities from a safe distance. One creative community had each family sit on their front

porch while a neighbor driving down the road took a family portrait for them and sent it via smartphone or email. Others have planned to have an Easter Egg Hunt by placing pictures of Easter Eggs in the front window of their house allowing neighbors to drive by and spot them from their car.

One ingenious husband bought his wife some home vegetable seed kits. On a good day she can go into her garden and plant the seeds and enjoy being outside.

Indoor projects are very popular too! One gentleman has spent time on rainy days caulking around the windows and doors of his home to cut down on drafts. Not only does that keep him occupied, but it will be greatly appreciated in the cooler weather as well as the warm weather, as it will reduce the amount of heating and cooling costs.

In an effort to reach out to their friends and neighbors, residents who are normally homebound have been calling them on the phone or are making homemade cards to send to other homebound neighbors.

You've got the time, you are only limited by your imagination!

### General Assistance

Residents who may have been affected by COVID-19 and may have been laid off, sick or in need of general assistance at this time can contact the Town Office at 432-7390 and they will process your application over the phone.

## Obituaries

### Tylar Richard Burgess

Tylar R. Burgess, 22, of Alfred, nicknamed Ty, known by his nieces as TyTy, and by his friends as Lar, passed away on March 20, 2020 at Maine Medical Center in Portland.



Tylar Richard Burgess

Ty was born on Oct. 7, 1997 in Biddeford, the son of Shawn R. and Melissa A. (Letellier) Burgess. Ty grew up in Sanford and was a graduate of Sanford High School. He was a talented athlete and catcher who proudly wore #33 on his baseball uniform and was the goalie on the soccer team. With his indomitable spirit, these positions fit Lar's personality: toughness, endurance and quick reflexes.

Tylar was a genuine and thoughtful person who possessed a kind heart. He would drop everything he was doing to help someone in need. Ty loved to ride his motorcycle with his family and friends. He was the jokester of the group and loved to make people laugh.

Ty gave the best hugs! His beautiful eyes and smile won many people over to his side.

Tylar worked as a supervisor with the family business of North

East Material Installations. He recently moved into his home he built in Alfred.

Though our hearts break from losing our precious son. . . Ty was an organ donor and we know that the 'gift of life' has been passed to many who can live life again. We are proud that in some small way, his death will not be Tylar's final chapter. . . But, it's one of life.

Tylar will be forever cherished and remain in our hearts forever.

Ty is lovingly survived by his parents Shawn and Melissa Burgess; his brother Daniel Farrell and fiancé Paris Mackensie and nieces Lilah and London; his grandparents Jeff and Diane Cantara; Mike and Donna Lettier; and Craig and Sandra Burgess; his great-grandparents Emmett and Beverly Summers; many aunts, uncles and great aunts and uncles, cousins, and tons of friends; and his dogs Bella and Jayce.

A Celebration of Tylar's life will be held later and will be announced.

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

In Tylar's memory, please consider donating to your local suicide prevention program.

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### Earle Stephen Grames, Jr.

Earle S. Grames, Jr., 75, a long-time resident of Alfred, died peacefully with his family by his side on March 28, 2020 at the Newton Center in Sanford.



Earle Stephen Grames, Jr.

Earle was known by family and friends as Steve. Steve had been lovingly cared for at his home until a week before his passing.

Steve was born on July 30, 1944 in North Conway, New Hampshire, the son of Earle S. and Eleanor B. (Hale) Grames, Sr. He grew up in Sanford and was a graduate of Sanford High School, with the Class of 1962. Following graduation, Steve began working with "Peanut" Hartley and later owned his own Sunoco Station in Sanford. In 1966 Steve married his sweetheart Linda Gilpatrick and they welcomed into their hearts and home their son, Earle, III.

In the 70's he worked for Warren Brothers and Tilcon before going to work as paving foreman for F.H. Scott Paving. He also served as Road Commissioner for the Town of Alfred in the early 70's. Toward the end of his working career, he was a mechanic at Miller Ford and retired from North Country Tractor at Shaw's Ridge. Steve was a loving and patient husband and father. He shared brook trout fishing and hunting with his son and loved farming and raising Herford Cattle. Steve loved being a grandfather to Abigail and Hannah as well as hearing about all of their adventures.

Steve was Linda's greatest supporter with her running as Chief of Alfred Rescue; often getting up in the middle of the night with her if she needed an extra hand to lift the stretcher. He built many cages and display booths when she joined the Rabbit Club; and showing them at Acton Fair. He was quiet and someone who enjoyed being home and in the great outdoors. His best friend was his son and many memories were made on their snowmobiling trips. Both Steve and Linda are members of the Pleasant Street Free Baptist Church in Springvale where Steve served as a Trustee.

Steve will be dearly missed by his family and friends. He has fought the good fight and now has entered into eternal rest.

He is lovingly survived by his wife, Linda Grames of Alfred and his son, Earle S. Grames, III of Alfred; and his two granddaughters, Abigail and Hannah Grames. Steve was predeceased by his sister, Nancy Grames Toussaint.

A Graveside Service will be held later and will be announced at Evergreen Cemetery in Alfred.

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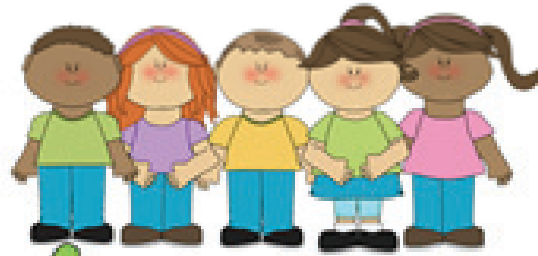
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