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Virtual bike ride replaces physical event

Funds raised will support COVID-19 research

Due to the potential spread of COVID-19, the American Lung Association has announced the 36th annual Trek Across Maine fundraising bike ride scheduled for June 19-21 will be held virtually. Effective immediately, participants around the world will be able to register, track their own progress and complete their mileage goals for Trek Across Maine by cycling 60, 120 or 180 miles at their own pace before June 30, 2020. Since 1985, the event has raised more than \$25 million for lung health. This year, funds from the event will go toward the American Lung Association's efforts to fight COVID-19.

"Based on the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and local government officials, we have decided to shift gears and avoid creating large gatherings of people, which is a natural part of our fun and exciting cycling fundraiser. Our top priority is to protect the health of our participants, volunteers and staff. We are very grateful for the many people who have already registered for the event. Together, our goal now is to build on the momentum we have seen from our participants and supporters across the globe to fight COVID-19. Now more than ever, we can't let this lung-related virus derail our work. This is an opportunity for us to come together to show our strength and our new virtual options will empower people to do that," said Kim Chamard, senior manager of development for the Trek Across Maine.

The annual Trek Across Maine was originally scheduled for Fa-



Virtual trek starts now

Nearly 2,000 cyclists crossed the finish line in Brunswick for the 2019 Trek Across Maine fundraising ride. This year's ride will be a virtual one. COURTESY PHOTO BY TREK ACROSS MAINE

ther's Day Weekend, June 19-21 as a three-day event for riders ages seven and above, departing from Brunswick Landing in Brunswick. Organizers have developed new ways for people to participate virtually now through June 30.

- Participants can share their miles on the Trek Across Maine Facebook page.
- Participants can take screenshots of their Strava and Zwift, Rouvy (formerly CycleOps) or other similar biking apps.
- Participants can track their miles using activity trackers (Apple Watch, Fitbit, Garmin devices, etc.).
- Participants will be able to download images to share their personal achievements and fundraising efforts with custom images on social media.
- Anyone can make a donation to the event to support a participant and raise funds for COVID-19 research. To make a donation to the event and support the work of the American Lung Association at <https://bit.ly/DonatoTrek>.

Registration for the event is \$15. For details about registration

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Local rent relief program

York County Community Action Corporation is joining nine other Maine Community Action Agencies in administering funds from the COVID Rent Relief Program, which is for renters who cannot afford to pay their rent due to circumstances related to the Coronavirus pandemic. The program is designed to provide a one-time bridge payment of up to \$500 for rent until households get stimulus and unemployment funds they need. The applicant is the renter and the benefit is paid directly to the landlord. If the landlord agrees to participate in the program, the landlord is post-

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Turkey season opens early

First youth day April 25

In order to provide more opportunity for both youth and adult turkey hunters and abide by current executive orders, Commissioner Judy Camuso with the support of Governor Janet Mills, will open the turkey season early, providing hunters with additional days to hunt this spring season, and will also suspend the requirement to register your harvested turkey.

"The extra days will provide hunters with more opportunities to enjoy one of Maine's most popular hunts, and the temporary suspension of the registration requirement ensures that all involved in Maine's turkey hunt will do their part to keep Maine safe during this unprecedented time," said Judy Camuso, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Under the revised season framework, youth hunters will now get two youth hunting days, Saturday, April 25 and Monday, April 27 instead of only May 2.

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The first Youth Turkey Hunting Day is Saturday, April 25.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Historical society receives donation

The Sanford/Springvale Historical Society is the latest organization to receive \$500 from Partners Bank's Employee Donation Program. This time on behalf of Vice President, Cash Management and Treasury Services Manager, Chris MacDonnell.

MacDonnell becomes the Bank's 49th employee to be selected through the program to select an organization of his choice to receive the \$500 gift. He chose the Sanford/Springvale Historical Society.

The historical society is located at 505 Main St. in Springvale and is paired with the Edmund G. Goodwin house just next door. In conjunction with the Sanford Historical Committee, the group collects, preserves, and displays artifacts, documents, records, photographs, and other materials and objects of historical interest to the town. Furthermore, the organization offers educational opportunities through the museum utilized through special tours and school groups.

"At Partners Bank we celebrate our own history every day," Bank President and CEO, Blaine Boudreau said.



Partners Bank Vice President and Cash Management & Treasury Services Manager, Chris MacDonnell poses with a check for \$500 to the Sanford/Springvale Historical Society as part of his selection through the Bank's Employee Donation Program. COURTESY PHOTO

MacDonnell said, "History is what makes who and what we are, so we thank Chris for choosing the Sanford/Springvale Historical Society to receive this month's gift so that they can continue their mission of keeping the history of our community preserved and on display."

The historical society also schedules concerts and other special events. More information on how you can support the Historical Society and upcoming events, visit

their Facebook page at facebook.com/sanfordhistory.

BRIEFS

Crafters sought for apple festival

Artists, crafters and vendors are invited to apply for York County Shelter Programs' 11th Annual Shaker Hill Apple Festival, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19 and Sunday, Sept. 20. This is a juried, outdoor show, held rain or shine on the YCSP campus on Shaker Hill. Crafters must supply their own 10' X 10' tent.

The show is part of a popular festival that includes family activities, live music, a large indoor yard sale, apple picking at a nearby orchard and great food. The festival is YCSP's largest annual fundraising event. All proceeds from festival sponsors and fair events support YCSP's services and programs, which includes operating two emergency shelters, a recovery center and a food pantry.

YCSP provides comprehensive services to help people address issues that led to homelessness. The agency's goal is to help people find permanent housing; YCSP owns and manages 122 rental units. For more info about the craft show or for an application, contact Michelle McCarthy at mmcc@creativemw.com.

Sanford City Hall

Sanford City Hall is Closed to the public at this time through April 30. All City functions will continue as normal. The upper deck of the Transfer Station will remain open for residential solid waste and the lower level demo-debris is closed. All other municipal buildings continue to be closed to the public. Most Licenses and registrations can still be completed online or call the City Clerk's Office at 324-9125..

SHAPLEIGH

Joanne Bargioni
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Traffic at the transfer station

The lower level of Shapleigh's transfer station is closed and the upper level is only open for household waste at this time. In an effort to keep within the social distancing rules there is a barrier blocking the road so only one car or truck is allowed at the drop off point at any time. This tends to cause a back-up in the line sometimes spilling onto Route 11. It has been requested that the public should not approach the transfer station attendant to help speed up the process. Remain in your car until your turn, to maintain social distancing. The transfer station is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. On May 1, it will convert over to the summer schedule of Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church, 600 Shapleigh Corner Road holds its online service on Sundays at 10 a.m. There is a Google Meet link on the church's website firstbaptistshapleigh.org. If you would like to attend this virtual service the Google Link will be activated by 9:40 a.m. on Sunday.

The Food Pantry is open on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. If you would like to take advantage of this service, the food will be available with social distancing rules in place.



A recent line of cars at the Shapleigh Transfer Station, which is currently open to household waste only, and one car at a time.

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GOT NEWS?

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We know that sheltering in place with no power tries your patience. The storms that book-ended the holiday weekend were among the half dozen most destructive in the last 40 years, causing more than 280,000 power outages. With the tireless work of over 2,000 workers, we restored power to more than 100,000 homes in each of the first two days and didn't stop until every home was powered on.

We thank our customers for their resolve, patience and the support that they showed our crews. We thank our crews and all employees who worked tirelessly under some of the most difficult weather conditions to restore power to our customers. We're all Mainers and we all got through this together. CMP is committed to its mission to improve our service and customer relationships, day by day.

power on



“We all have a responsibility to support one another even as we stay apart.”

— GOV. JANET MILLS

Like you, I certainly want life to return to normal as soon as it is safe to do so. My heart breaks to see the closed storefronts and to see so many people struggling to make ends meet because of this crisis.

At the same time, we all know that reopening too soon and too aggressively could very well cause a surge in COVID-19 cases, causing people to die and further rocking our economy.

None of us wants that.

As the President acknowledged this week, Governors are in charge of reopening our states' economies, gradually lifting public health restrictions.

Here in Maine, we are planning a phased-in reopening, tailored to the demographics and the economic sectors of our state.

Ultimately, the protocols we adopt, after consulting with people from all parts of the state, will be guided by fact, science and public health guidance.

As the President's guidelines note, widespread testing, personal protective equipment, and contact tracing are all critical to lifting the restrictions and reviving our economy; for that reason, the nation's governors this week again urged the Federal government to make sure that all our states have these vital resources.

I also remain in touch with Governor Sununu of New Hampshire and Governor Scott of Vermont and we talk about things that we can do together appropriate for our northern New England region.

My Administration, through the Department of Economic and Community Development, has been talking with people from various economic sectors across the state to evaluate how and when each of these sectors may reopen. Those decisions, of course, will be driven first and foremost by public health.

In the meantime, I ask you again to continue to stay the course. Stay home to save lives.

Of course, to stay home, you need to have a home.

That's why this week I issued an Executive Order that limits evictions during this state of emergency. This Order applies to commercial tenants, small businesses, as well as residences.

And, with respect to rent, MaineHousing and I created a temporary rental assistance program for Maine people who can't pay their rent due to COVID-19.

The program is up and running now and you can find more information about that at www.maine-housing.org/covidrent

I also wrote to all the financial institutions this week urging them to negotiate with homeowners who are struggling to pay the mortgage because of COVID-19.

Homes are more than brick and beams and mortar. Home is where my husband and I raised five girls. It's where we sat at the kitchen table, helping with homework, paying bills. Where we slept safely each night.

For some Maine people though, homes are not sanctuar-

ies. In one recent survey of people who called the domestic violence hotline, 70 percent said that the pandemic had impacted their safety.

So, stay at home orders, while they are necessary to stop the spread of the virus, they can leave victims and survivors of abuse cut off from friends, family and others whom they rely on for help, further empowering their abusers.

I want to be clear – while the courts are closed for many proceedings, you can still get a protection from abuse order; and clerks, attorneys, police officers and others are standing by to connect you with support and services you need to stay safe. Even hotels that are closed to most people remain open for people escaping abuse.

I ask all employers to check in on your employees who are now working from home, and I ask all friends and family members to connect with loved ones to ensure that they are safe.

If you need help, please call 1-866-834-4357, any time, 24 hours a day. 1-866-834-4357. Domestic violence shelters are also there for you if you need to find safety.

We all have a responsibility to support one another even as we stay apart.

God bless you and keep you safe. God bless the State of Maine during this difficult time.

I am Governor Mills. Thank you for listening.

—Released as a radio address on April 17.

VIRTUAL TREK ACROSS MAINE

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and fundraising visit trekacrossmaine.org. The Trek Across Maine staff will continue to support cyclists and their fundraising goals by offering incentives and giveaways for fundraising accomplishments through June 30, 2020.

Due to the impact of COVID-19, current fundraising is well behind average years with less than half of the current \$1.3 million goal. Based on the current economic conditions around the world, the Trek has reduced the fundraising minimum to \$250. All registrants who raise \$250 by June 30 will receive a 2020 Trek Across Maine event t-shirt, medal and commemorative bib. Registrants who raise more than \$750 will also receive an official Trek Across Maine cycling jersey. Since the physical ride will no longer take

place on a specific weekend, organizers are hoping more people will register to participate and achieve their mileage goals and take advantage of the virtual options between now and through June 30.

The Trek Across Maine is the largest fundraiser in the country for the American Lung Association. Funds from the event will go to support programs like research to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and help save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease. Recently, American Lung Association researcher, Dr. John Schoggins, Ph.D., was credited with identifying a naturally occurring protein that has been shown to inhibit coronavirus infection.

“The coronavirus has impacted many of us in several different ways. We know that cycling is one of the best outdoor activities for staying healthy and to enjoy the fresh air while following

physical distancing guidelines. As the weather continues to improve, we know people will want to get outside. Cycling and raising money for lung research to fight COVID-19 is a great combination. We hope this new option for raising money and riding at your own pace will encourage more people around the world to get involved through June 30,” said Jeff Seyler, chief division officer for the Eastern U.S.

About the Trek Across Maine

The Trek Across Maine is a three-day, 180-mile cycling event in Maine. The event is the largest fundraising event in the country for the American Lung Association. The American Lung Association is the leading organization working to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease, through research, education and advocacy. Learn more at TrekAcrossMaine.org.

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

Annual moose permit drawing will be a virtual event

The Maine Moose Permit Drawing, an iconic event that attracts thousands of spectators every year, will now be a virtual broadcast event scheduled for Saturday, June 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

The drawing was originally planned to be in Jackman at the Unity College Sky Lodge on June 13, but with restrictions in place due to Covid-19, the event in Jackman is now rescheduled for June, 2021, and this year's lottery will be broadcast virtually. The annual event is rotated throughout the state each year.

Along with the drawing of the names of the lucky hunters, there

will be some special presentations hosted by Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Biologists and Game Wardens that will focus on moose biology, wildlife management and moose hunting.

If you haven't applied yet for your moose permit, you still have until 11:59 p.m. on May 14 to get your chance at the hunt of a lifetime. Just visit www.mefishwildlife.com and fill out your moose permit application.

As the date of the lottery nears, the department will be publishing a schedule of events and details on how to be part of this unique event..

TURKEY HUNTING

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The regular season for all turkey hunters will now start on Saturday, May 2, instead of Monday, May 4. This will give youth hunters and adult hunters each an extra day to hunt, and will start the season earlier. The season will conclude as scheduled on June 6, 2020.

In order to comply with the governor's executive order requiring social distancing, the requirement to register your harvested turkey will also be suspended for the spring season only. While biologists gather vital information about harvest numbers and turkey population health through the registration, this temporary, one-time suspension of the tagging requirement is not expected to have any long term impacts on the turkey population health. All other current bag limits, license and permit requirements apply.

“Temporarily removing the requirement to register turkeys during the spring season will be a challenge when it comes to determining the

harvest,” said Nate Webb, Wildlife Division Director for MDIFW, “Fortunately we have captured and banded a large number of turkeys for the Department's wild turkey study and that will help us generate population estimates in the short term to help manage the turkey population.”

In order to try and gather the biological data lost through the suspension of the registration requirement, the department may send all turkey permit holders a post-hunt survey to gather information about how many birds they harvested, their location and other pertinent information.

Hunters are asked to fill out the survey, and also report a banded turkey if they harvest one. Information on how to report the turkey is on the band, including visiting <https://wildturkeyme.org/report-a-tag/> or calling 1-844-234-9237.

“Turkey hunting continues to grow in popularity, and I hope these extra days of hunting will provide a welcome break during this unique time,” said Camuso.

In-home healthcare ready to serve during pandemic

The nation's largest provider of home health, community care and hospice care is uniquely positioned to provide high-quality, compassionate healthcare to patients in their homes during the coronavirus pandemic. For nearly fifty years, Kindred at Home has been at the forefront of the home health industry, operating in 40 states with nearly 800 locations.

With recommendations from the CDC that older adults and those with chronic conditions practice social distancing as much as possible, home health care provides the care needed without the need for seniors to leave home, removing the risk of unnecessary social interaction inherent in other healthcare settings. Keeping and treating patients at home also reduces the burden on in-patient and acute care facilities.

“We take our responsibility to care for our country's most vulnerable population very seriously and are uniquely qualified to care for our country's seniors,” said Christopher Sylvia, Executive Director, Kennebunk, “It is an honor and a privilege to be able to provide them with the healthcare they need, as well as the confidence that their needs are be-

ing met, while keeping them safe at home. Every day our aim is to provide the absolute best patient care and service, and this pandemic only heightens our commitment to care.”

Derek Nordman, Chief Clinical Operations Officer stated “In the midst of the pandemic, the healthcare needs of our country's seniors don't pause, and we are equipped and ready to serve them in their homes, where they will be at less risk. We have implemented heightened infection control policies, daily clinician health screenings and are in constant contact with state health departments, the CDC and the Department of Health and Human Services, so that we remain ready to care for our patients.”

Kindred at Home Kennebunk has served the Southern Maine Region for more than ten years, delivering compassionate, high quality in-home care to patients with services that included skilled nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapies, social work, disease management education, help with daily living activities as well as other therapies and services.

For more information, contact Christopher Sylvia, Executive Director of Kindred at Home Kennebunk, 324-8790 or visit the agency's website at www.kindredathome.com.

NEWFIELD

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Tips to beat 'Lock down' fever

These past few months have been difficult with the pandemic and the rapid spread of Covid-19. We've all had to buckle down and stay at home, unless it is absolutely essential that we go out for groceries, prescriptions, or other important errands.

And if you are stuck inside for days at a time, boredom sets in, and you really do feel like you are on 'lock down,' or 'house jail' even though you have done nothing wrong.

It never really bothers me to stay at home, because I have so many projects going on, I relish the time when I'm home to work on them. However, I've put together a few 'surviving lock down fever' tips and, hopefully, people will be able to find a few new things to keep busy, through the rest of the lock down. (quarantine)

But, this is serious stuff and we must do what we need to survive. So, if we keep up with the 6-foot social distancing, we should be fine. As a Maineah, I would say, "Make it eight, and I'll be great!" And don't forget your incognito stuff, the face mask and gloves, otherwise known as personal protection equipment. Wear your sunglasses, too, if you think they will help.

1. Have a board game party with family members. Playing Monopoly, Checkers, Sorry or even cards can be fun. Organize it on a weekly basis.

2. Craft nights are great. Learn a new craft or work on an old one.

3. Have a Story Night. Organize an evening when everyone will have to tell a story about something funny that happened in their lives.

4. Read a good book and have book club discussions on the phone or on Facebook.

5. Call some old friends or your old high school pals and make a plan to get together, when all of this is over.

6. Plan your summer garden - whether it's vegetables or flowers. Digging in the dirt is good therapy, just like being a kid again.

7. Go online shopping to get new clothes for summer. You'll be counting the days until you can wear them.

8. Have a movie marathon; make some special dishes for the family.

9. Volunteer to help make lunches for the school kids that have to be at home; or volunteer to drive by their house with a group or others for something fun for them. Or, for the elderly that are shut-in.

10. Organize your old photos into a nice album. I spent one winter doing that and it was so much fun looking at the photos.

11. Weed out all of the things in your home that are not used anymore, and go to the flea market when it re-opens. I spend a lot of my time doing that and look forward to selling the stuff. Also, it's extra money in your pocket! Recycl-

cling 101.

12. Have a cookout on your deck. Make sure that your grill is outside.

13. Get outside and watch the birds and squirrels. They are very entertaining.

14. Take a virtual field trip to a museum, art exhibit, concert, or whatever tickles your fancy, on the internet.

15. If you have a fireplace, build a nice fire and roast marshmallows and hot dogs. (When I was young, we used to do this. It was great!)

16. Take a class at adult education. There are many good online classes offered through RSU 57. Go to: RSU 57 adult education. I've taken several and they are great.

17. Get in shape for summer; for sports, the beach, swimming, tennis and more.

18. If you are a golfer, get outside and practice your swing on your front lawn.

19. Go out to the country to take a long walk down an old country road, hike a mountain, or just sit by a stream.

20. Research your family tree, you'd be surprised at the skeletons that are in that closet! HaHa (just kidding)

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go to: Natasha Hubbard and Mike Schaefer.

Meetings

There will be no monthly meeting of the Northern York County Rod and Gun Club on Friday, May 1, according to president Lou Polianites.

RENT RELIEF

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poning the balance of the payment, not forgiving it.

Governor Janet Mills announced launch of the program on Thursday, April 16, according to Maine Community Action Association Executive Director Megan Hannan.

"The Governor knows that with unemployment or reduced income comes significant financial hardships, including paying the rent," said YCCAC Executive Director Barbara Crider. "As we see Mainers adapting to the Stay at Home mandate, to flatten the curve of the Coronavirus, we are here to help ensure they have a home in which to stay."

MaineHousing is funding the program using \$5 million from the Housing Opportunities for Maine (HOME) Fund, after the Governor asked them for a plan to protect Mainers. The Community Action Agencies, who partner with MaineHousing on a number of programs, are well positioned to turn around the funds to pay landlords quickly. CAAs have made staffing flexible to assist with this program and ensure that the funds are disbursed without delay.

The COVID-19 Rent Relief Program does not act as full payment if rent is higher than \$500, but is a bridge to other programs until they begin; however, landlords who accept the funds agree not to evict the tenants for that month. Households are eligible if they earn up to

100% of the state median income* and are not already in another subsidized program, which have other alternatives for rental payments.

The program is structured to get money to people who need it as quickly as possible through a streamlined application process. Applicants apply online at mainehousing.org/covidrent or they can call their local Community Action Agencies if they don't have access to the internet or if they have questions about the program. CAA staff are also available to connect people to other programs for which they are eligible or newly eligible, including heating programs which were recently adjusted to respond to this crisis, and /or SNAP nutrition programs, and a host of other programs administered by local CAAs.

Since the order to stay home and to close schools, CAAs have continued many programs in person and virtually. Head Start and Early Head Start families continue to receive two or three nutritious meals daily; heating assistance applications are being processed and fuel is being delivered; some transportation programs continue for both medical and non-medical needs. In York County, Head Start and Early Head Start teachers are working remotely with families and children. We are also offering online Homebuyer Education classes; providing WIC services through phone appointments; and maintaining Community Outreach services, also through phone contact.

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Obituaries

Steven (Steve) Merrill

Steven (Steve) Merrill, 67, of Lyman, passed on April 14, 2020 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House after a brief illness with cancer.

Steve was born in Sanford, son of the late Forrest and Lorraine



Steven (Steve) Merrill

(Day) Merrill of Waterboro.

He went to Sanford High School while they were building Massabesic High School, graduating in 1971 from Massabesic. After school he worked as an over-the-road trucker, then for Foglio, Inc., Cyro Industries, and had his own business, Little Wheel Excavation.

He loved his family, fishing, hunting, ATVs, working and barbecuing by the pool with a cold beer. He was a member of the Ragged Lake Snowmobile Club and elected Road Commissioner of the Ragged Lake Association.

Steve is survived and deeply missed by his wife of 22 years, Sandra, his brother Brad and sister Melody, his two daughters, April Libby and her wife Jess, and Shelley Merrill and her partner Steve, two stepdaughters, April Chappell and Amanda and her husband, Joseph Chenevert, five grandchildren, Amber and her husband Brandon Normand, Troy and Jacob Blackburn, and Cheyenne and Dawn Pettengill and many nieces and nephews and friends.

A graveside funeral will be held at a later date at Pine Grove (South) Cemetery in Waterboro. Online condolence messages can be submitted at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service website at www.maine-funeral.com.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House, 11 Hunnewell Road, Scarborough, ME 04074 for their support and comfort during Steve's final days.

Diane Miller

Diane Miller of Lyman, Maine, passed away on April 7, 2020 at 4:33 pm from heart failure.

A cancer survivor, she was a strong, tenacious, fiercely loving individual. Diane was born in Westbury,



Diane Miller

New York on Sept. 17, 1959 to her mother Ruth and father Richard Miller.

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She was the youngest of four siblings Richard Jr, Stephen, and Lynne Miller.

Diane's early life was spent growing up in an intentional community in western Massachusetts along with her mother and siblings. There she developed what would later become the moral and ethical fabric of her honest, lovable, funky character. And it was in that time that she developed numerous loving friendships of which many endured throughout her life.

Diane achieved a deep sense of purpose and accomplishment through her work. After relocating to Maine in 1981, she spent periods of time working for Renaissance Greeting cards, and Millrock. She worked as assistant manager for Lavalley Lumber for much of her adult life and later in sales at Deering Lumber until the decline of her health. Whether at work or out in the world, Diane applied a genuine care and sympathy to everyone she encountered. Her smile lit up a room and her energy made others feel at ease.

There was a great humanity in her sense of humor that spoke to her suffering and her joys in life. She loved making friends and spending time with people, conversing, listening to music, and dancing. She loved animals, gardening, fine cuisine, soul music, and the color purple. She was a lover of love and all things living. We are all heartbroken to see her go so soon.

Diane was predeceased by her father Richard Miller Sr. and her oldest brother "Richie" Miller Jr. She is survived by her mother Ruth, brother Stephen, sister Lynne, nephew Mick, and her dog Sophie. Special thanks to all of her friends near and far who have been there through the difficult times and those that have joined in on the good times.

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

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

Nancy Lee Trimper

Nancy Lee Trimper, 73, of Torbrook West, NS passed away suddenly on Sunday, April 12, 2020 in the Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville.



Nancy Lee Trimper

Born in Sanford on July 30, 1946, she was a daughter of

Claire (Webber) Bragg, of Acton, and the late Willie "Earl" Bragg.

Nancy retired from Soldiers Memorial Hospital after 30 years working in the kitchen. She was a member of the Torbrook United Baptist Church and served as treasurer. In her later years, she helped her husband Ivan with his business Ivan Trimper Excavating. Nancy enjoyed bingo, crib and putting puzzles together and her trips to Tim Hortons. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband Ivan, Torbrook West and sons, Curtis (Karen) Trimper, Torbrook West; Scott (Tina) Trimper, South Williamston; sisters, Joyce Hewitt (late Jack), Alton, New Hampshire; Doris (Wayne) Joaquin, Lebanon; brothers, George (Ingrid) Bragg, Rochester, New Hampshire; Philip (Brenda) Bragg, Las Vegas, Nevada; grandchildren, Christopher (Leanna) Trimper, Torbrook West; Lisa Trimper (Chris Carty), Barbourville; Michael Trimper, Torbrook West; Landon Trimper, South Williamston; great grandchildren Jayden Covert, June Trimper, Tinley Trimper and Brooklyn Boudreau and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her father, Willie "Earl" Bragg. In keeping with Nancy's wishes, cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Donations in memory may be made to Torbrook United Baptist Church or charity of choice.

The family wishes to thank all the staff at Valley Regional Hospital for all their care and compassion that will never be forgotten. Arrangements have been entrusted to Middleton Funeral Home, 398 Main St., (902) 825-3448. An online guestbook may be signed by visiting www.middletonfuneralhome.com.

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Mask makers are busy

There seems to be little anyone can do to outpace the coronavirus except stay home but a group of women in Alfred Gore has been making masks for family and friends. My daughter-in-law Lucia Williams took over my mask making, for which I was grateful. I was very slow at mask making!

Former Alfred resident Lisa LeBoeuf has been doing them for a nursing home, a niece in Virginia, and our church members also. She was the one who originally provided me with the material and instructions. We keep a pair of masks in each of our vehicles, just in case they are needed,

Fire calls

The March calls to Alfred Fire and Rescue appear to have been mostly for transport. There were 14 calls BLS (which means training in basic life support) and 5 calls for medical transport by advanced life support personnel. There were 7 calls for medical non transport; three for motor vehicle crashes; 1 chimney fire; 2 for fire alarm activation; 6 for tree limbs or wires down, 2 calls for medical assistance transported by mutual aid, a lift assist, public assist and smoke odor investigation making 49 calls.

Goodbye upper garden

We have a front garden and a back garden which is divided into two gardens, upper and lower. My spouse has a wild garden down on the bank where everything grows as it pleases. He also has veggie gardens – for strawberries, asparagus, vegetables for the house, and some started in boxes which he makes himself. Most of these are started in the greenhouse behind his shop.

Although I like a garden without weeds I realize there are different kinds of gardens. A friend on Campobello Island has a wild garden similar to my husband's hillside garden. She doesn't weed but everything grows as it pleases. As they do in my husband's, which is beautiful. My front garden (along the walk) is mostly herbs. There is lavender and sage,

thyme and basil. If I am cooking and need any of them it is easy to break off a leaf. Or dry some for winter use. I keep sprigs of lavender in the linen closet because I like the way it smells.

Once when we were in Scotland (which was a real treat) we went for a stroll before supper to admire the several gardens on front lawns and came upon one planted with different shades of heather. I didn't know that heather came in different shades until then. It was lovely. Nor did it have weeds! I do not have weeds in my front garden because it is small enough to control. My back gardens weren't always as large as they are now, either. Needless to say, the upper garden has slowly evolved into what it is today (large!) and because I have a difficult back it needs to shrink into something manageable where weeds can be easily discouraged. The Upper Garden needs to go.

The highlight of our trip to England and Scotland for me was the visit to Kew Gardens. This occurred almost as soon as we arrived because our hotel rooms were still occupied. What to do? I thought of Kew Gardens. We had made the acquaintance of an English woman who had emigrated to Australia after World War II and she too was a gardener. We three decided to take the subway (they called it the Tube) to Kew. She knew the way.

What we didn't know (but found out too late) was that they were working on the Tube that day. It became a very long ride but we did finally arrive. We especially enjoyed the Victorian greenhouse (two story?) and the statue to an English gardener. I kept thinking of the Barrel Organ poem by Noyes who wrote "Go down to Kew in lilac time, It isn't far from London." It was June, the best time to visit gardens. The beds of flowers were beautiful – and weedless!

We had scones in the tea house but they weren't as good as my Aunt Eunice's. (She had married a Scot.) Kew was everything I had hoped it would be. The rest of the visit paled in comparison.

I don't believe at that time I had taken the Master Gardener course. Every gardener should take it if possible. Contact the Maine Extension Service if interested. The office is right in Springvale. (Office is presently closed.) You will volunteer in other people's gardens, pick apples, and learn a lot. I know I did.

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