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From furniture to face shields

By JOANNE BARGIONI

Alfred's Upholstery has been in the business of making high-end custom furniture and upholstery for residential, commercial and marine use for 23 years. Then why are they now manufacturing face shields? Devin McNeill, CEO and co-founder of Flowfold, a manufacturer of quality wallets and bags who recently pivoted his business to supply hospitals with face shields, asked Alfred's Upholstery to help with the supply of much-needed face shields.

These shields are distributed to the Maine CDC and hospitals throughout New England including the Dana Farmer Cancer Institute. McNeill stated that "Alfred's Upholstery has been an essential partner of ours as we work together to meet the need for PPE (personal protective equipment). Alfred's Upholstery's attention to quality and their ability to quickly hit the ground running on an entirely new product has allowed us to send

more PPE to healthcare providers working to combat COVID-19."

Rebecca Delano, Owner/Project Design and Developer of Alfred's Upholstery, has been able to retain her staff plus hire five new workers to help manufacture the face shields. She had the space and re-tooled her furniture business to accommodate the manufacturing of the face shields. She said her employees are very flexible and easily adapted to the change from manufacturing furniture to face shields. At the facility they maintain social distancing and plan to hire more workers to meet the need.

The company produces from 8,000 – 10,000 face shields per week and they hope to increase that to double the amount. Delano said "we take pride in what we make. We make all our products the best we can whether it be furniture or face shields. It gets the same amount of attention to detail. It could save someone's life."

The face shields are made of "PET film", which is a clear, flexi-

ble, transparent material produced from a PET polymer (a linear, thermoplastic polyester resin.) PET film is a high performance plastic film and has some very unique properties. It has strength, durability, is heat resistant, good gas barrier properties, and clarity.

These non-sterile face shields are manufactured using strict protocols in a designated "clean" area with a 24-hour-a-day cleaning procedure.

Delano is very appreciative of the fact that this is a family run business. Her husband, sons and sisters all work there. Her son, Caleb is a student at the University of Southern Maine concentrating on a Business Degree. He is the Supervisor/Manager of the face shield project. Her father, Johnny Folsom, is the President of Folsom's Furniture located in the front of the building.

All of the components of the face shields are made and assembled in Maine. That is something Delano is very proud of.



Caleb Delano, Supervisor of the PPE face shield division at Alfred's Upholstery. COURTESY PHOTO

Outdoor courses at rod & gun club

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Covid-19 had effected recreational clubs as well as small businesses, but the Buxton Hollis Rod and Gun Club is still providing services to its membership and the community. "There have been a lot of cancelled or rescheduled events, which has put a damper on things," said President Shawn Sage, "and we've been hurt financially." He added, "There have been a lot of changes, but we're doing our best."

In April, Governor Mills declared shooting ranges as essential businesses, with restrictions. According to Walter Selens, their ranges were open, but to mem-

bers only, with a limited number of people on the ranges. "We are doing our best to practice social distancing, and follow all of the governor's orders." The clubhouse itself was closed and Board of Directors meetings have been held over Zoom, including Membership meetings, voting in new members.

With the Governor's new orders, the club will start holding its Outdoor Hunter Safety, Firearms, Archbow and Crossbow Courses this month, with some changes. Classes will be limited to 8 students and 2 instructors, and maintaining social distancing requirements. Sage noted that firearm sales have increased during this

pandemic. "People who have never shot before want to learn more and want to learn how to use it [the firearm] correctly and safely." Their NRA Basic Pistol class and Archery Hunter Safety will begin on May 16, and Crossbow Safety on May 20. It is important to note that these courses are only open to Maine residents – those from out of state must Quarantine for the required 14 days. Face masks must be worn, and there is a list of items that each student must bring on the website. Sage stated that these are the only courses they have now, but if people want more, they will offer more.

On May 30, the club plans to

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Bonnie Simard, of West Buxton, assembling (and wearing) a face shield at Alfred's Upholstery. COURTESY PHOTO

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“I feel like we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel”

— GOV. JANET MILLS

This week I shared some great news – we have secured a new partnership with IDEXX in Westbrook to provide enough COVID-19 test supplies to more than triple our current testing capacity.

With this additional capacity the Maine CDC will be able to better gauge the prevalence of the virus throughout the state and, in turn, it opens a new set of possibilities as we examine how to safely restart Maine’s economy.

That is why this week, I also announced a rural reopening plan aimed at reopening certain additional businesses in more rural parts of our state in the next couple of weeks.

I am referring to counties where community spread is not present and where there are significantly fewer cases – Aroostook, Piscataquis, Washington, Hancock, Somerset, Franklin, Oxford, Kennebec, Waldo, Knox, Lincoln, and Sagadahoc counties.

In these counties only, starting next Monday, May 11th, retail stores may open for in-store customers with new health and safety precautions.

Also in those same twelve counties, beginning Monday, May 18th, restaurants may open for outdoor dining and for limited dine-in service, also with strict health and safety precautions.

In those same counties as well, beginning Monday, May 18th, remote campsites and sporting camps are permitted to reopen with certain public health safeguards.

We are also making small adjustments to the plan statewide as well.

Fitness and exercise centers will now be allowed open on May 11th for outdoor classes of 10 people or less or for one-on-one personal training instruction inside a gym.

All our health and safety guidelines, formed with consultations with the industries, are found on the Department of Economic and Community Development website at www.maine.gov/decd.

With these changes, we letting these establishments reopen but not requiring them to. And if you are immuno-compromised, or if you care for someone who is, you should not feel compelled to go back to work or to patronize the businesses. And I urge employers to be flexible with their people when considering reopening.

For now, retail stores and restaurants in York, Cumberland, Androscoggin, and Penobscot counties – where community transmission of the COVID-19 virus is established – they will not be permitted to reopen to in-store shopping or dine-in service until June 1, the tentative start date for Stage 2.

These establishments can continue to provide telephone order, curbside pick-up, take-out, and home delivery though.

Maine CDC will continue to monitor case trends and hospitalization rates, and health care capacity, to inform our decisions on the safety of lifting or reinstating

restrictions.

Ultimately, the success of this rural reopening plan depends on the ability of these businesses to conscientiously follow these health and safety precautions; and the ability of Maine people to strictly adhere to physical distancing, and wear face coverings to protect others, and to continue to practice good hygiene, including washing your hands often with soap and warm water.

If you are an older Mainer, or someone with an underlying health condition, please continue to stay home as much as possible, regardless of where you live.

My Administration will continue to work with businesses and various sectors of the economy, solicit feedback, consult with public health experts, and move forward in a thoughtful and deliberate way with public health always as our number one priority.

I feel like we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. But that tunnel is surely a long one and there are still dark corners before we get to the end. Let’s take it one step at a time and navigate this storm together.

On this Mother’s Day weekend, I thank everyone who is listening who is a mother, or a stepmother, or grandmother, thank you for what you do for your families and for all of our communities across the state.

This is Governor Janet Mills. Thank you for listening.

—Released as a radio address on May 8.

Maine Sporting Camp Association says rural reopening plan fails

Non-resident ban is inflicting irreparable damage to rural communities

The Governor’s rural reopening plan falls short of providing relief to Commercial Sporting Camps, employees, guides, and rural neighbors because it bans visits from non-residents. Non-resident fishing trips over the next six weeks generates almost 90% of the annual revenue for many of the camps operating across the state. The cost of opening for just residents, as proposed by the Governor, may not be financially justified and refunding client advance payments is right now creating problems and conflicts. If the ban effectively shuts down a camp for a year, it could mean the camp is shut down forever. Maine will lose a valuable resource.

Already, several longstanding repeat clients have voiced their frustration by saying they will likely never visit Maine again. Clients have multiple out-of-state wilderness locations they can visit, and many areas have already lifted restrictions for sporting lodges. “The cycle of an annual fishing trip to Maine will be broken and the link may never be restored”, said Harvey Calden, President of the Maine Sporting Camp Association and owner of Tim Pond Camps in Eustis.

Also, the Governor has rejected a compromise proposal made last week by MSCA to allow non-resident clients to “self-certify” that they have been in isolation at their home for at least 14 days and thus allow safe travel to

Maine. Furthermore, these clients would state that they do not have any COVID-19 symptoms, that they have travelled to the lodge directly from their out-of-state home, practice social distancing, including wearing face coverings when appropriate, and among other certifications, agree to follow special safety protocols.

“Sporting camps operate in rural areas and by their nature are isolated from the public”, Calden stated. They already follow strict food and cleanliness guidelines as a requirement for state licensing. Certified food safety managers implement and supervise COVID-19 reopening protocols as recommended by CDC. “These protocols will keep our clients, employees, and the public safe,” said Calden.

The MSCA believes its certification proposal is consistent with the goals to mitigate the spread of the virus and believe the rejection is unjustified. Compliance with COVID-19 guidance is largely based on trust and the MSCA is confident clients of member lodges can be trusted. Moreover, these annual visitors will provide some of our state’s most rural and economically challenged regions a much need economic boost. “We hope the Governor will reconsider the MSCA proposal to help restart our damaged economy – this is urgent, and time is critical,” said Calden.

For more information, visit www.mainesportingcamps.com.

LETTERS

Bear feeding petition

The people of Maine now have an opportunity to try to resolve the bear debate by ending Maine’s bear feeding program. Since 2004, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has falsely claimed that bears must be fed in order to kill them to control their population. Since 2004, Maine’s state endorsed feeding program has exploded the bear population from some 23,000 bears to an estimated 45,000. It continues growing by some 2%-4% annually.

Maine’s bear population exceeds the natural carrying capacity by approximately 10,000 animals. MDIFW’s solution is to grow the bear hunting industry and its own coffers by increasing both the feeding of bears and the “bag” limits for bear hunters.

Feeding bears produces more bears. This is the science. The science-based, responsible solution is to end Maine’s bear feeding program.

I have submitted a petition for a rule change to phase out Maine’s

bear feeding program over a ten year period. This would give bears and the bear hunting industry time to adapt to the “new normal” in which bears would go back to being bears and hunters would go back to being hunters. The proposed rule change would still allow food to be used as a scent bait, but would gradually eliminate the feeding of bears and the negative consequences including increased cub production and reliance on human foods.

No one wants another expensive bear referendum. Unfortunately MDIFW and the bear hunting industry refuse to even consider any form of compromise. MDIFW’s mismanagement of the public’s bears must be addressed. The public has until June 5, to send comments to MDIFW in response to the proposed rule change. For more information, to get a copy of the proposed rule, or to submit comments, please email Becky.Orff@maine.gov and refer to Chapter 16.09 Bear Feeding Petition. Thank you.

— John M. Glowa, Sr.
South China

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If you're food insufficient, you qualify!

Waterboro Community Pantry staff is increasing its outreach as new and additional financial burdens are being placed on so many local individuals and families as a result of changes brought about by the Covid-19 Corona Virus. Pantry Director Cleo Smith wants anyone who may be experiencing food insecurity at this time, for any reason, to know that, receiving food is not charity, but simply neighbors helping neighbors. According to Smith, "The whole community is a family. The pantry was built from donations from the community that is why its call a community pantry. If one member of the community needs help, the others are here to help."

In the current heightened unemployment situation, Smith knows there are community members who may need food assistance now who have never asked for help before, and wants them to know that they need only to apply. The Pantry is located in the building next door to Waterboro Town Hall, at 26 Townhouse Road in East Waterboro. It is open the first Tuesday of the month from 4 to 7 p.m. and all other Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

Citizens can simply take a form and fill it out in their car. There is no financial requirement, only proof of residence in Waterboro. They will list the ages of those in the household so that the most suitable food items can be supplied. When it's their turn, they will receive a box full of dry and canned goods, and depending on the week, there will be a variety of fresh fruits and veggies, juice, pastries, milk, spaghetti and sauce, deli items, a bag of potatoes, carrots, and other fresh produce and breads. At times there are also items like soap, shampoo, toilet paper. If anyone receives items they know they won't use, they simply place it in the donation box outside, with no questions asked.

Smith wants local people to know that coming to the pantry is not "taking charity." "If you're in need, you're the neighbor who needs helping. When you're on your feet you can turn around and help us." There are more than 50 volunteers that keep the pantry growing, and there are many ways people can help; they can donate time in the gardens at the pantry, do other work there, or help financially. For more information, call 247-5967.

- By Brigit McCallum

Re-opening plan

Beginning Monday, May 18, Waterboro Town Hall will be open by appointment only and resume regular hours of Monday and Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. According to Town Administrator Gary Lamb, the plan is that the front doors will be locked and citizens must call for an appointment. "Each front lobby employee will keep their own calendar and as calls come in they will schedule folks accordingly....10-15 minutes for a simple registration or tax payment... but 45-60 minutes for the time consuming marriage licenses," said Lamb in an email. "In case people just show up here at town hall without an appointment, we will take them in if no one is on the schedule...but otherwise they wait in their car and their name gets put on the list for the next available time slot. There will be no lines inside or outside the building. Incoming citizens will be asked to wear masks unless for medical reasons they cannot."

Plexiglass protective screens have been installed in the front lobby and town hall staff will be wiping down outside doors and front lobby counters more frequently. Code enforcement customers will also need to make an appointment.

There is no update as to whether the recreation department's funery camp, teen camp or summer camp will be held this summer, as it is unknown if the school buildings can be used.

Public Works

The crew switched to four 10 hour days as of May 4 and continue to work with proper social distancing as they have for months so the pandemic has not caused great delays in work production.

Assessing

Starting May 18, Assessor Shirley Bartlett will resume her normal Tuesday and Wednesday office hours, and will also be scheduling any walk-in customers by telephone appointments.

USDA approves program to feed kids in Maine

Pandemic EBT to Feed Children during COVID-19 National Emergency

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue has announced Maine, North Dakota, West Virginia, and Vermont have been approved to operate Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), a new program authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), signed by President Trump, which provides assistance to families of children eligible for free or reduced-price meals dealing with school closures.

Maine, North Dakota, West Virginia, and Vermont will be able to operate Pandemic EBT, a supplemental food purchasing benefit to current SNAP participants and as a new EBT benefit to other eligible households to offset the cost of meals that would have otherwise been consumed at school.

For the 2019-2020 school year, Maine had approximately 77,000 children eligible for free and reduced-priced lunch, or approximately 42% of children in participating schools.

North Dakota had approximately 38,000 children eligible for free and reduced-priced lunch, or nearly 29% of children in participating schools.

West Virginia had approximately 231,000 children eligible for free and reduced-priced lunch, or nearly 86% of children in participating schools.

Vermont had approximately 44,000 children eligible for free and reduced-priced lunch, or approximately 52% of children in participating schools. Previous announcements of approvals for Pandemic EBT include: Michigan, Rhode Island, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Arizona, Illinois, Alabama, Wisconsin, California,

Connecticut, Kansas, Virginia, Maryland, New Mexico, Delaware and Oregon.

Under FFCRA, States have the option to submit a plan to the Secretary of Agriculture for providing these benefits to SNAP and non-SNAP households with children who have temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price school meals due to pandemic-related school closures. State agencies may operate Pandemic EBT when a school is closed for at least five consecutive days during a public health emergency designation during which the school would otherwise be in session.

The implementation of Pandemic EBT is in line with USDA's commitment to keep Americans safe, secure, and healthy during this national emergency and to keep kids fed when schools are closed. USDA is working with states and local authorities to ensure schools and other program operators can continue to feed children. This latest action complements previously-announced flexibilities for the Child Nutrition programs that:

- Allow parents and guardians to pick up meals to bring home to their kids;
- Temporarily waive meal times requirements to make it easier to pick up multiple-days' worth of meals at once;
- Allow meals be served in non-congregate settings to support social distancing;
- Waive the requirement that afterschool meals and snacks served through certain programs be accompanied by educational activities to minimize exposure to the novel coronavirus; and
- Allow states, on an individual state-by-state basis, to serve free meals to children in all areas, rather than only those in areas where at least half of students receive free or reduced-price meals.

This announcement is the latest in a series of actions that USDA's Food and Nutrition Service has

taken to uphold the USDA's commitment to "Do Right and Feed Everyone" during this national emergency. Other actions include:

- Launching a new coronavirus webpage to proactively inform the public about USDA's efforts to keep children and families fed;
- Providing more than five million meals a week through public-private partnership Meals to You;
- Increasing access to online purchasing by expanding the online purchasing pilot to more than half of all SNAP households;
- Debuting "Meals for Kids" interactive site finder - to help families find meals for children while schools are closed across more than 38,000 locations;
- Allowing states to issue emergency supplemental SNAP benefits totaling more than \$2 billion per month to increase recipients' purchasing power;
- Collecting solutions to feeding children impacted through feedingkids@usda.gov; and
- Providing more than 1,500 administrative flexibilities in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to allow for social distancing.

These actions and more are part of USDA's focus on service during the COVID-19 outbreak. To learn more about FNS's response to COVID-19, visit www.fns.usda.gov/coronavirus.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) administers 15 nutrition assistance programs that leverage American's agricultural abundance to ensure children and low-income individuals and families have nutritious food to eat. FNS also co-develops the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which provide science-based nutrition recommendations and serve as the cornerstone of federal nutrition policy..

TOWN OF WATERBORO

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE: Due to COVID-19, the Planning Board procedure has been changed until further notice.

The Waterboro Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on an application for a Subdivision Review. The applicant requests approval for a 3 Lot Subdivision on Sokokis Trail in North Waterboro.

To participate in the Public Hearing, the following options are available:

- Send in a letter to the Town of Waterboro Planning Board - 24 Townhouse Rd, E. Waterboro, 04030
- E-mail ceosec@waterboro-me.gov with a letter or to receive information on how to participate via phone or video via Zoom.
- Call Town of Waterboro during the Public Hearing at 207-247-6166 ext. 106

Please contact the Department with any questions at ceosec@waterboro-me.gov or 207-247-6166 ext. 121.

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Historical Committee

Four of the five members of the Alfred Historical Committee met in the museum this past week to decide on what should be done about this summer's exhibit. After some discussion it was decided the exhibit would focus on Senator John Holmes because we have a lot of material about him. Another meeting will be held Wednesday, May 20 at 3 p.m. in the museum and anyone willing to assist is welcome to join the committee.

Fire Calls for April

The April fire calls include 48 incidents, with two mutual aid calls, three medical mutual aid calls, three brush /woods calls, one for fire alarm activation, one for a lift assist, two for medical code, one for medical assist transported by mutual aid, ten for medical non transport, eight medical transport ALS (advanced life support training), twelve medical transport BLS (basic life support training), two motor vehicle crashes, two for public assistance, and one smoke/CO/odor investigation, which adds up to 48 incidents.

Summer camp cancelled

Pilgrim Lodge, the summer camp operated by the United Church of Christ in West Gardiner, will not be open for campers this summer. This hard decision was made recently by the board. It was especially difficult because registrations were up 25 percent demonstrating the need for the camp.

Several options are available for those who had already registered. The 2020 registration could be applied to 2021; or a refund could be given. Or the payment could be donated as a tax deductible contribution.

The director will be working over the summer to fix buildings which have needed it for awhile. Camp Registrar Karen Steelhammer can be contacted at 724-3200 to inform her of how your family plans to proceed.

Parish Church plant sale

The Parish Church Plant Sale will be held this year at the Williams residence at 160 Gore Road starting on Friday, May 15. Vegetable and flower seedlings will be available. The Church thanks all who bought the perennial plants for "Daisy's Children." There was \$400 raised to help feed "Daisy's Children" a project in Honduras to assist feeding the children there.

How to earn a vacation

Those of us old enough to remember the events of World War II will recall you could not travel very far because gasoline was costly. The only place my parents wished to travel was to Campobello Island in New Brunswick, although my father went to Lake Champlain in Vermont where there was good fishing. But on Campobello my father could visit his family which he had not seen since the beginning of the war. My brothers and I could become reacquainted with our cousins. It seemed a little like a pipe dream.

But my mother had an idea. There were three very elderly brothers who lived in a nearby village. Their property included fields of blueberries. They were known to rent out the fields to pickers, the berries could be sold to a wholesaler and that could be

our vacation money. The brothers were willing (my mother had immediately contacted them) and the agreement was made. We children could also pick and would be paid by our parents.

The first time we drove over there we discovered the property included three large fields surrounded by stone walls. The third field, the most upper one, had a small grove of trees at the upper end and which we later learned were aspens. We immediately named them paper trees because when the wind blew through them it sounded like paper shaking. We liked eating our peanut butter sandwiches there. There were low bush berries in the fields and high bush in the woods. My mother began picking the very next day. My oldest brother and I joined her leaving our youngest brother at home keeping our father company in the family greenhouses.

I enjoyed picking but most of all I enjoyed being outside in the fields and woods. My mother was a super picker- it didn't take her long to fill her bucket. My younger brother may not have been as fast but he was a plodder who really stuck to it. I cannot say I was a great picker. Mostly I just enjoyed myself. At the end of the week there would be a crate or more of berries ready for the wholesaler. My contribution was rather miniscule. I think my brother and I received fifty cents a quart. His numbers added up; mine did not.

I did not realize when we began that he had a goal. He wanted a bicycle. If I had wanted a bike I might have been more dedicated to picking but bikes did not interest me. I was told that I could earn a dress instead for going back to school. I was content with that. When my father finished work he would sometimes come up with my little brother and help us pick.

During our noon break we enjoyed rearranging the rocks in the

stone walls and creating houses with them. So you can see that it wasn't all hard work. I wonder if our rock houses are still there.

When the season ended my father took my brother to a hardware store and explained his son needed a bike for running errands- bicycles were scarce, actually were non-essential but running errands for my folks at the flower shop made one necessary, according to my father. So a bike was ordered and when it arrived my brother was a very happy boy. The whole family was very proud of him and took pictures of him and his bike. At eight years old he had earned his own bike. That was the first of several bikes- he took up biking with a passion going longer distances than I would have ever suspected. And my dress? I think it was blue and white, rather patriotic. Nothing compared to a bike.

Was going to the island worth all those blueberries? We thought so, and when we are down on the island now I pick blueberries and freeze them to take home. But the best picking spot was taken over by a cousin - he built his house on it!

ROD & GUN CLUB

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hold their annual Youth Outdoor Day. However, rather than being open to the public to stop in and check things out, online registration is necessary. "We can only have 30 kids," Sage explained, "10 for each event." He continued, "We are only doing the Bass Fishing, Archery and Pellet Gun shooting. No food or snacks will be offered. No lunch." He added that the event will be limited to kids between the ages of 5-15. "This has changed us, but we're trying to follow the governor's guidelines."

The Club is planning on holding their annual Gun Show June 6 and 7 at the Club House. This will fall under Stage II of the Governor's Reopening plan. They will have to carefully arrange the vendors. "We will need to control how many people are in the building," said Sage. Certainly, things will be a little different this year. "We're doing the best we can." Recently, club volunteers were doing some painting, with everyone working on their own, maintaining social distancing, and May 9 was designated as a Clean up Day.

For more information, visit their website at www.buxtonholisrodgunclub.org.

Alzheimer's helpline available

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) has set up a helpline to answer coronavirus questions for families affected by Alzheimer's. Staffed entirely by licensed social workers, the helpline is available to answer questions in over 90 languages.

The helpline can assist families with questions such as:

- How can I keep my loved one active and engaged while at home?
- Are there steps I can take to deal with the disruptions in the person's daily routine?
- What do I do if I'm feeling stressed or overwhelmed?
- What steps can I take to reduce the chances of the person being exposed to coronavirus?
- What services are still available to help?
- How much should I share with my loved one about the pandemic?
- How can I stay connected with a loved one in a nursing home or assisted living facility that is no longer allowing outside visitors?

The helpline can be accessed seven days a week (9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET on weekends) through visiting the AFA website, www.alzfdn.org, and clicking on the blue and white chat box in the lower right-hand corner of the page. Additionally, the Alzheimer's Association has a 24/7 helpline for Alzheimer's support that can be reached by calling 800-272-3900. Both helplines can be accessed at no charge.

As the founder of Task Force on Alzheimer's disease in the Senate and the Chairman of the Aging Committee, Senator Collins has been a champion for all those affected by Alzheimer's disease.

Last month, the Supporting Older Americans Act, bipartisan legislation authored by Senators Collins and Bob Casey (D-PA), was signed into law. Their legislation reauthorizes and strengthens the Older Americans Act (OAA), the landmark legislation focused on improving the wellbeing of our nation's seniors and their caregivers. The Senators' Younger-Onset Alzheimer's Disease Act, which would allow Alzheimer's patients younger than age 60 to access support programs and services, was also signed into law through the OAA.

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Historical society has annual plant sale

Newfield Historical Society will hold a No Contact Plant Sale on Saturday, May 30, in front of the Newfield Town Office at 637 Water Street, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tables will be set up there on Friday, May 29. Donations of perennials can be dropped off on that day and Saturday morning. Perennials love to be separated and shared with others!

Prices will not be marked on plants so customers should name their own price. These donations should be put in the library drop box. To stay safe, wear a face mask and stay 6 feet away from others. Enjoy getting some new perennials for your garden!

Transfer Station's 2020 fees

The Newfield Transfer Station at 369 Water Street is now accepting dumping fee items on the days that they are open. The attendants ask that you please bring the correct change, as there is still a no-contact order in place.

A demolition load of trash is \$30; a dump truck load is \$125; a child's mattress is \$5, a full size is \$10, and a queen size is \$15. An upholstered chair is \$15 and a couch is \$20. A toilet is \$10, and a television is \$5; a projection t.v. is \$10. White goods such as air conditioners, freezers, or dehumidifiers are \$10. A hot tub is \$35, but if it is already cut up, it is \$25. Tires range from \$4 to \$350 depending on the type of tires. Ask if there are any other items that you wish to dispose of, such as light bulbs or fiberglass. There is no charge for dryers, washers, water heaters or microwaves. They do not accept auto body parts, gasoline, motor oil, propane tanks or drums.

The summer hours are Memorial Day through Labor Day and the hours are as follows: Wednesdays from 2-6 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Our great state

A quick shout-out to our great State of Maine. DiMillo's Restaurant on the waterfront in Portland, made the #2 spot on the Food Paradise program, for the freshest seafood. It was a couple of years ago, but they have been the best for many years, and are still going strong; it has always been one of my favorite spots. Just thinking about that fresh lobster right out of Casco Bay, makes my mouth water. Anybody up for seafood? I'll drive.

BUSINESS NEWS



Partners Bank's Kimberly Weaver, Assistant Branch Manager of the Bank's Springvale location, chose Caring Unlimited to receive \$500 through the Bank's Employee Donation Program. COURTESY PHOTO

Commissioner Beal calls on USDA to allow state-inspected meat to cross state lines

Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) Commissioner Amanda Beal recently called on the United States Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Program (USDA-FSIS) to temporarily lift restrictions preventing state-inspected meat from being sold or donated across state lines.

Temporarily waiving USDA-FSIS place of sale restrictions allows more processing and market opportunities for Maine food producers and consumers during this unprecedented crisis. USDA processing facilities in Maine are under immense pressure to meet demand and are reportedly booked out over a year in some locations. "Allowing state-inspected meat to temporarily cross state lines will greatly support regional market expansion opportunities, smooth out bottlenecks in the lo-

cal food chain, reduce the need to cull healthy livestock and poultry, and support our food-insecure during this extremely difficult time," wrote Commissioner Beal.

50% of state processing facilities are already operating under the federal Cooperative Interstate Shipment (CIS) program, and DACF is confident that state-inspected facilities can maintain appropriate oversight as this waiver is considered.

MaineHealth program aims to keep Mainers covered during a COVID-19 job loss

With thousands of Mainers losing jobs and, often, employer-sponsored health insurance during the recent COVID-19 outbreak, leaders of a program at MaineHealth want people to know that assistance is available to connect them with resources to obtain new coverage and find affordable options for care.

The MaineHealth Access to Care Team specializes in assisting patients in getting the coverage and care they need. With more than 100,000 Mainers out of work due to the COVID-19 pandemic, program leaders say they remain ready to support those whose health care coverage has been impacted.

"Not all Mainers and patients in MaineHealth's service area are aware of the variety of programs we offer to assist with access to healthcare resources. We want to let them know that we're here to help," says Kimberly Beaudoin, Access to Care Coverage Team director.

The help line for the Access to Care team is (833) MHHELP1 (833-644-3571). There is no charge to use this help line, as the program is fully funded and offered by MaineHealth. When an individual calls, they are screened for all state and federal programs and supported through the appli-

cation process with the goal of ensuring access to comprehensive, affordable health care and an improved quality of life.

Access to Care also provides uninsured Mainers and those who do not qualify for public and private health insurance access to a team of Coverage Case Managers to help identify applicable programs. In addition to offering options related to insurance, the program assists with low-cost/free prescription drug programs, donated health care services, connections to transportation, services for those experiencing homelessness and addresses other needs such as food insecurity, heating assistance, etc. Access to Care aims to take a holistic approach to assisting vulnerable populations.

"This program is in keeping with our vision working together so our communities are the healthiest in America," says Bill Caron, CEO of MaineHealth. "Access to Care works to ensure comprehensive, affordable health care and improve the quality of life. In these uncertain and trying times, we want anyone in need of support to reach out to us so that we can help."

For more information, visit www.mainehealth.org/healthy-communities/access-to-care.

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Obituaries



Joseph Francis Kania, Jr.

Joseph Francis Kania, Jr., 67, of Alfred, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at home. He was born on Nov. 3, 1952, to the late Joseph Francis Kania Sr. and Rita Barbara (Cyr) Kania, in Danielson, CT where he lived from childhood to young adult life. Joe was the second of five children.



Joseph Francis Kania, Jr.

He graduated from Killingly High School in 1970 and enlisted in the Air Force the same year. The Air Force trained Joe in Safety and Fire Protection. It was specialized training that required cohesive teamwork. He would use both throughout his work life.

After his discharge in 1977, he was employed by the U.S. Department of Labor where he used his fire-fighting experience at Westover Airforce Base in Chicopee, Massachusetts, and later the Groton Submarine Base in Connecticut.

In 1985 Joe transitioned his professional career in safety and protection to the private sector working as a Loss Control Engineer for the Hanover and CNA Insurance Companies and earning the industry designation of Certified Loss Control Specialist (CLCS). This career change leveraged his government training and work experience.

In 2002, after more than 12 years in the insurance industry, Joe returned to government service. His duties took him to throughout the eastern seaboard and to international postings in Germany and Iraq.

On March 23, 2011, Joe married his second wife Dianne Harrington of Holden, MA. Dianne brought joy and balance to his life. Together they retired to Maine for a quieter lifestyle and to embrace the state slogan, "The Way Life Should Be". Joe continued his government service until his retirement in 2012.

Upon retirement, Joe turned to a new and different interest, farming. He and Dianne bought an apple orchard, built their second home in Al-

fred, and began to learn the art and science of growing apples, blueberries, and pumpkins.

Joe had a lifelong interest in aviation. In 1999, he enrolled in private pilot training and obtained his license. He later bought his own single-engine Cessna which he had hangered in Sanford. For twenty years, this hobby allowed him not only to experience his love of flying but also to enjoy the camaraderie of other aviators who also hangered their planes in the local airport.

Joe had a great love for his grandchildren. The grandchildren loved visiting Papa and Grammy in Maine and had fun learning about farming as they joined in the activities of daily life.

Joe also wrote two children's books, *The Magic of Flying with Grandpa* and *Farming with Grandpa* that combined his love of his grandchildren with his favorite pastimes.

Joe enjoyed international travel, where he and his wife experienced the culture and history of Germany, England, and Poland, the country of his heritage.

Joe is survived by his loving wife Dianne; first wife Eileen; daughter Renee Kania, son Aaron Kania and step-son T.J. Harrington (Lisa); brothers and sisters, Gloria Kania Fabian, Maryann Lalumiere (Richard), Pamela Dion (David) and James Kania; grandchildren, Lily, Swede, Colin and Jack; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces and nephews, and many dear friends.

Private interment was held at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale on Thursday, May 7 with a limited number of family members. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

With a heart of love, hands to give, and a spirited sense of humor, Joseph Francis Kania, Jr., followed his passions, had a full life, and lived it well. Tower, this is November 5722 Romeo, signing off.

In lieu of flowers, his wife and family request that donations be made in Joe's memory to The American Heart Association <https://www.heart.org>. To leave a message of condolence visit www.autumn-greenfuneralhome.com.

Laurianne T. Fournier

Laurianne T. Fournier, 91, of Sanford, lovingly known as "Lu Lu" by her family and friends, passed away on Monday, May 4, 2020 surrounded in love by her family in her final days.



Laurianne T. Fournier

Laurianne was born in Sanford on Nov. 20, 1928 to Patrick and Mary Ann (Dupuis) Porell, the youngest of 16 children. She graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1947 and worked in the office at the Goodall Mills until 1954 when she left to raise her family. While her children were growing up she would often sing at weddings and funerals in the local Catholic churches. She was also employed in the local school system for 12 years.

Laurianne was a devoted wife and mother and always put her family first. She always made a point to attend all of her children's activities and sporting events. She also cherished having long conversations with family and friends in the breezeway of the family home in Sanford. She was a devout Catholic and a woman of strong faith. She had been a communicant of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish in Sanford where she had served as a Eucharistic minister, sang in the choir and been a member of the Ladies of St. Anne. Laurianne loved to sing and play the organ. She had the voice of an angel and will be remembered for her beautiful rendition of Ave Maria. She was a sweetheart with a sweet tooth and loved to bake pies, cookies and fudge for her husband and children. She loved gardening and took pride in planting flowers around her house in the spring and summer. In her later years she attended daily Mass with her husband and enjoyed traveling to Florida with him during the winter months for nine years.

Laurianne and Norman provided everyone with a wonderful example with the commitment and love they showed to each other and to their family. This love carries on through the strong bonds that exist within their family today. They will both be deeply missed.

Laurianne was predeceased by Norman, her husband of 66 years in 2017, her parents, her siblings and her daughter-in-law, Marcia Fournier.

Surviving are her six children,

Michael Fournier and his spouse Adrian of Orr's Island, Thomas Fournier and his spouse Anita of Portland, Daniel Fournier of Berwick, Suzanne Foglio and her spouse Douglas, Jr. of Waterboro, Joanne Polcaro and her spouse Thomas of Newfield and Jennifer Battista and her spouse Thomas of Springfield, Vermont; 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Her family would like to express their gratitude to her many friends, the staff at Avita of Wells and Beacon Hospice for the care, kindness and love shown to Laurianne and family throughout her illness.

Arrangements are under the direction of Black Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, Sanford-Springvale.

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

great friend with a heart of gold. His heart and ears were ready when you needed to talk. John liked taking spontaneous car rides with his wife – to the point where one day they started driving and ended up in Nevada where they spent 10 years! John also possessed a strong faith in God. In his last few days, he knew he was loved and could receive care and comfort with his family and pets by his side. He will never be forgotten and his memory will continue to warm our hearts and lead us forward.

He is lovingly survived by his wife, four sons and two daughters. Also by ten grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit www.autumn-greenfuneralhome.com.

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

Bessie (Betty) Irene Legere

Bessie I. Legere, 93, of Bennett Road in Alfred, passed peacefully in her home on May 6, 2020.



Bessie (Betty) Irene Legere

She was born at home in Parsonsfield on June 20, 1926, the daughter of Carrol and Ruth E. (Libby) hill.

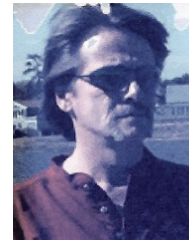
Betty was one of seven children and the youngest of the family. Even as a youngster, she developed her strong work ethic and was determined to be self-sufficient.

She met and married her soulmate and fishing partner for life, Hector N. Legere. She and Hector married in 1952 and welcomed two sons into their hearts and home, George (Maurice) and Danny and lived in the home that Hector's parents built. It wasn't long before Betty became "The queen of Bennett Road!" She and her husband began their own fly tying business and sold them to Sears, the Raymond Store and though-out all of the LaVerdiere's stores and in the Hartford area. Betty also worked as a quality inspector & trainer at Sprague's for over 10 years. When her parents were unable to care for themselves, Betty took care of them in her home.

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John A. Hanlon, Jr.

John A. Hanlon, Jr. died peacefully with his loving family by his side on May 5, 2020 in Alfred. Though he was only 64 years old, he lived life to the fullest and shared his love for family and his animals unconditionally.



John A. Hanlon, Jr.

John was born on Jan. 30, 1956 in Portland, the son of John Arthur and Mary Jane (Edwards) Hanlon, Sr. He grew up with five brothers and one sister in an active household filled with love and fun.

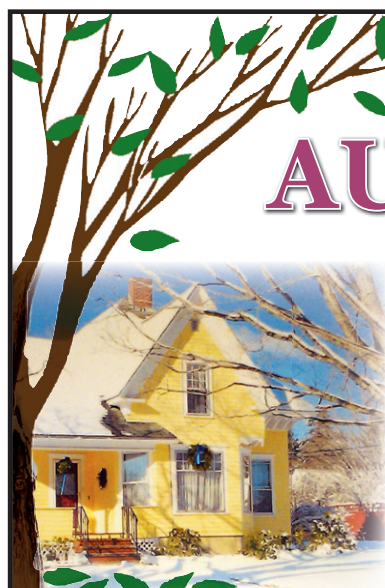
John worked as a lobsterman/fisherman for 20 years and was also a talented tattoo artist. John held his own in the kitchen and was an awesome cook. He was married for 30 years to his sweetheart, Debbie, but will tell you that it has actually been 35 years. John always shared that they got married on their first date!

John had a strong love for animals and was often referred to as "Dr. Doolittle" always rescuing and/or caring for any animal that needed help. He enjoyed collecting and carving rocks and collected anything Native American. John loved horses and the many, many dogs the family has rescued and loved through the years.

John was a loving husband and

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Betty was very independent and had a mind of her own. Each day she made sure she was dressed and her hair done nicely. Each Wednesday Betty and Maurice would do the grocery shopping in the morning and then enjoyed lunch out at Bonanza. She also loved to go to the Olive Garden in Biddeford until it closed.

Betty lived a long and fruitful life. She possessed a strong faith and read her Bible every night. She has now entered into eternal rest and will be dearly missed by her family.

Betty is lovingly survived by her children, George (Maurice) Donovan of Alfred and Danny Legere and wife Penny of Greenville; her step daughter Carol Legere Clough of Sanford; four grandchildren, Michael Donovan of Portland; Becky Donovan of Alfred; Alex Rockwell and wife Holland of Greenville; and Liza DeWitt and husband Anson of Dover -Foxcroft; and three great-grandchildren, Benjamin Hanson, Ella Mullihan, and Aldan Rockwell and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A private graveside service will be held for immediate family at Evergreen Cemetery in Alfred.

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

In lieu of flowers and with Betty's belief in helping others, please consider donating to your local food pantry or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

Joyce M. Woodman

Joyce M. Woodman, 72, a longtime resident of Waterboro, and co-owner of Woodman Jewelers, died peacefully at home with her loving husband Alan and family by her side.



Joyce M. Woodman

Joyce was born on August 2, 1947 in Sanford, the daughter of Alfred and Harriet (Riddle) Bernier.

Joyce and Al had recently retired to spend more time cruising the back roads of Maine, geocaching, and exploring, with their two beagles (Ellie-Mae and Sammie) whether on motorcycle, sports car or the GTO. They loved central-Maine, especially Willimantic and loved eating out together and with friends at Bay Haven down the river.

Joyce loved family time, especially Friday night pizza with Don and Kathie, and shopping with her daughters and grandchildren. As a proud grandmother, or nana, Joyce actively supported their sporting events and activities. She loved finding just the right gifts for holidays and she never disappointed. She was an avid marksman, NASCAR fan, (especially Ricky Craven), loved the music of Scotty McCreery, and enjoyed watching the New England Patriots.

Joyce was a graduate of McIntosh College in New Hampshire and maybe that is where her love of Apple products started! She always had the newest version and swiftly advised her family on all

things gadgetry. Family and friends all called her the "Gadget Guru!"

She worked at Springvale Hardware for 17 years, where she met and was liked by many in the Sanford/Springvale community. She had a strong ethical code that guided her work and parenting skills. Everything got done and was given her best effort. All of her family's needs were always met above expectations.

Joyce is survived by her loving husband, Alan Woodman of Waterboro; her children, Donna and Bruce Basinger of Alfred; Donald Blair and Kathie Thomas of Shapleigh and Barbara and Brian Sleeper of Sanford; and step sons Eric and Michelle Woodman of California; Joe Woodman of California and Tony Woodman of Nevada. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Bryan, Jeff, Taylor, Kate, Caleb, Laurel, Zach, and two great grandchildren Connor and Zeth; and also by her sister-in-law Pauline Bernier of Sanford.

Joyce was predeceased by her parents and by her brother Robert Bernier.

Al wanted to express and educate of the dangers regarding radon in homes. "It is the number one cause of lung cancer in non-smokers. If you have not had your home tested for radon, please do so."

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In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Joyce's name to Talltailsbeaglerescue.org

Services will be held at a later date and will be announced.

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The Contract is divided into two districts: Northern District and the Southern District. Bidders can bid on either district or both. Southern District is 25.6 miles of roads and Northern District is 32.1 miles of roads.

All sealed bids will be due by **Friday May 29th, 2020 by 4:00 pm** at the Town Hall/Town Administrator's office or mail to PO Box 26, Shapleigh, ME 04076 – Winter Road Maintenance Contract.

Bids will be open at the Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 6:00 pm. You do not have to be present for your bid to be considered.

Please contact Karla Bergeron, Town Administrator, Town of Shapleigh, PO Box 26, Shapleigh, ME 04076 to request a copy of the contract. You can call at 207-636-2843, Ext. 0 or email: administrator@shapleigh.net.

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