

REPORTER

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

VOLUME 18, ISSUE 20

PO Box 75, North Waterboro, ME 04061 • 247-1033 • www.waterbororeporter.com

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020



Limerick Garden Club members Jim Kent (left) and Heath Edgerly (right) with the help of Edgerly's son, Wolf, built flower boxes near Welcome To Limerick signs on May 16. This one is on Route 5. PHOTO BY KATHY MICHAUD

Growing community through gardening

On Saturday, May 16, two members of the newly-formed Limerick Garden Club, Jim Kent and Heath Edgerly, installed the first of seven flower boxes near the town's welcome signs on Route 5 and Dole's Ridge Road. These boxes are a first step toward the club's dual goal of town beautification and the creation of a community garden.

Though the garden club seems to have sprung up overnight, it is actually the result of many people having the same idea and coming together to make it happen. As Limerick trudged along through late-season snowfalls in March and April, Jim Kent began talking to several members of the community about the possibility of creating a public-space garden and discovered there was great enthusiasm for a project that could bring the com-

munity together.

Kent said, "We all see how the community could work together, and this will give people the opportunity to come to know their neighbors."

One of the people Kent talked to was newly-elected selectman, Heath Edgerly. Turned out, Edgerly and his wife, Elizabeth, had also been talking about a community garden for awhile, and Edgerly had even mentioned it at the Limerick Candidates Night event. "I said at the meeting it was something I was interested in, helping Jim push things along. I enjoy gardening and would like to see everyone in town with fresh vegetables," he said.

The first step, Kent said, was to see "who had the time and energy to see the effort all the way to completion." He created a garden committee chat group on Facebook

which quickly grew to seven members and then to 12.

Club member Marsha Michler, a veteran gardener, is enthusiastic about the project. "My interest in the garden committee is that I've been thinking for many years that Limerick should have a community garden. I have lots of experience with gardening both veggies and perennials and now a fruit orchard also. Experimentation and research is what lies behind it all. I look forward to contributing in any way I can."

While brainstorming ideas and deciding to call themselves a club rather than create an official town committee, the group decided to begin with community beautification projects in 2020. They goal is to have a productive community garden up and running by spring 2021.

(Continued on page 5)

Reopening Maine lodging and campgrounds

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

According to Governor Mills' reopening plan, lodging and campgrounds could open beginning June 1, to Maine residents and out-of-staters who have completed the 14-day quarantine, however, the Governor announced on Tuesday, that Maine residents may enjoy campgrounds beginning Memorial Day weekend. This is good news for local campgrounds, who can accept reservations beginning on Friday, May 22.

In Cornish, Mike Doherty of the Saco River Hideaway Campground is gearing up. Aside from the usual spring clean up, "we have been busy preparing for the reopening, including adding sanitizing stations outside of our facilities," he said. They are also working on providing the necessary postings to educate patrons on the social distancing guidelines and Covid-19 protocols provided by the state.

The campground has 35 acres, and campsites are 30 feet apart, so there is lots of "land for our patrons to zoom around." There is also 1,000 feet of riverfront on the Saco River. Patrons can take a one or five-hour trip, tubing or kayaking down the river, ending at the campground. The campground also borders the Jagolinzer Preserve, a great place to hike and enjoy nature. "Come camping!" Doherty said. The campground is located on Route 25 at 392 Main Street in Cornish.

Back on May 14, the Governor had announced that Maine lodging providers could begin to accept reservations for stays starting June 1, which was the news our local bed and breakfasts had been anxiously awaiting – the chance to take reservations and open their establishments. All reservations must be online or by phone – no walk-in bookings can be accepted until further notice (this holds true for campgrounds as well). But many are still wondering, "What do I do?" specifically about the



The Perkins House Bed & Breakfast is located at 3 Old School Street in Cornish. COURTESY PHOTO

14-day quarantine. While the reopening plan states that out-of-state residents have to complete the 14-day quarantine guidelines, how is that regulated? Valerie Kessler, owner of the Jeremiah Mason House in Limerick says, "I can only ask out-of-staters if they have completed the 14-day quarantine."

Once the reservation is made, what will your stay look like? How will it differ? For one thing, both employees and patrons will be required to wear cloth face coverings or masks, and maintain a 6-foot physical distance, following social distancing protocols.

At the Jeremiah Mason House at 40 Main Street in Limerick, Kessler will still offer breakfast, but it will be different. "I will close the common dining area and will be doing a 'boxed' or 'bagged' continental breakfast for each guest, and will leave it outside their door," she explained. She will also have disposable cups, table wear, and individual condiments. These are some of the recommendations in the Governor's checklist for Restaurants released on May 8, and reiterated in the May 14 checklist for Lodging, <https://www.maine.gov/decd/covid-19-prevention-checklists>. Kessler has purchased carafes

(Continued on page 5)

Spectrum is still hiring!

START DATES: June 12 & June 26
Visit jobs.spectrum.com today!

We are looking for a maintenance coordinator and customer service representatives for our billing department!

PAID TRAINING: 6 weeks, Tue.-Sat. 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. • **STARTING PAY:** \$16.50/hour, plus .75 shift differential for shifts that start at or after 11 a.m.
BENEFITS: Medical, Dental, Vision, 401 K w/ 6% company match, Retirement plan, Free and discounted employee cable, internet & phone package (must live in service footprint), Accrued paid vacation, personal days, annual paid holidays, accrued paid sick time, and annual tuition reimbursement of \$5,250.



“Rising to meet an even greater challenge - distance learning amid COVID-19”

— GOV. JANET MILLS

I am the daughter of a Maine public school teacher, so I know firsthand how important the work of Maine teachers is and the many challenges they have to overcome every day. Right now, our teachers and students are rising to meet an even greater challenge - adapting to distance learning amid this dangerous COVID-19 pandemic.

I want to thank all Maine teachers for their continued devotion to our students even as, in many cases, you care for your own children at home. We will get through this. In the meantime, you continue to guide your students through a very uncertain time, and inspire them and set them on the path to a bright future.

While you do that important work, it is our responsibility to ensure that you, and all of our students, have what you need to stay connected during these difficult times.

Internet access is a necessity, not a luxury now and yet too many families lack access to high-speed internet, especially in some rural areas of our state.

Universal connectivity is more important than ever before during this pandemic as teachers try to stay connected to their students across Maine.

So, I am proud to announce that we have used federal funding

and donations to secure internet access and provide internet devices to facilitate at home learning for 100 percent of the Maine children who said that they needed it.

The Department of Education conducted surveys of all public schools and private schools who serve public school students to understand the connectivity needs of students statewide — 21,845 students said they lacked connectivity. That’s a lot of kids. Based on data from the 75 percent of schools that responded, about 2/3 of them said they needed a wireless service contract and about a third said they just needed a device, you know a hotspot or something.

So, to meet that need, our Administration has acquired service contracts for all those students through three different service providers, nearly all of which are for WiFi-enabled Galaxy Tablets that can be used as learning tools and hotspots or hotspots only.

Through one service provider, the Department of Education was also able to order MiFi, a wireless router that acts as a mobile WiFi hotspot. And, to fulfill the device only needs, the Maine Department of Education ordered (more than) 7,400 laptops.

The Department of Education is continuing to survey schools to determine further connectivity

needs and they are reaching out to both higher education institutions and adult education programs to determine their students’ connectivity needs.

As we work on returning to in-classroom instruction when it is safe to do so, these new devices will allow Maine students to stay engaged remotely with their school no matter where they live, regardless of their zip code or their family circumstances.

I want to thank the many generous donors and Maine’s Congressional Delegation for their advocacy and support which made this possible.

To all Maine students, I know this school year has been very difficult, but I am proud of the way you have pushed through to continue your education. We will need your skills to create a brighter future for everyone in our state.

And to Maine’s teachers, please know that we deeply appreciate all you do for our children and for the State of Maine. I hope that these devices and these service contracts provide some measure of relief amid a challenging situation to you and your students.

I am Governor Janet Mills. Thank you for listening.

—Originally released as a radio address on May 15.

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE



May 17 - 23, Maine is celebrating Arbor Week and, along with the nation, observing Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week and National Invasive Species Awareness Week. Here are 13 ways to participate:

1. Plant a native tree or shrub. Replacing lawn areas with diverse plantings of native woody and herbaceous plants helps support pollinators and food webs better than introduced ornamentals. Some native plants support much more life than others. Choose the best plants for your area by using the Native Plant Trust’s Garden Plant Finder. And for information on how to plant your tree, refer to the USDA Forest Service “Tree Owner’s Manual.”

2. Learn how to identify ash trees. May is a great time to identify ash trees. While all the other hardwood trees are leafing out, Maine’s ash trees still look like sticks in the sky. Look for opposite branching and small-ridged bark in a diamond-shaped pattern.

3. Learn how to identify signs of emerald ash borer. Now that you know what an ash tree looks like look for signs of emerald ash borer in the trees. You may spot “blonding” on ash trees, the shallow flecking of the bark by woodpeckers going after EAB larvae and pupae. If you think you see “blonding,” take some good quality photos, note your location, and report your findings on the EAB Report Form.

4. Learn how to identify emerald ash borer. Chances are, you won’t see EAB adults in May, but come June, you may see some as they start to emerge from ash trees. If you think you see an EAB, try to capture it or take a photo and report your findings on the EAB Report Form.

5. Look for tagged ash trees! During Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week (May 18-22), DACF staff and friends from Soil and Water Conservation Districts will be putting tags on ash trees. These tags help the public become aware of emerald ash borer’s impact on ash trees and the community. Look for these tags on street trees and trails in these towns: Augusta, Belfast, Bridgton, Gorham, Houlton, Madawaska, Madison, Norway, Skowhegan, Unity, and Windham.

6. Create a girdled ash tree to monitor for emerald ash borer. Your tree can be part of the monitoring network for EAB. Knowing the whereabouts of EAB helps the DACF and others make good management decisions about ash.

7. Leave your firewood at home and prevent the spread of invasive pests. Planning a camping trip? Buy firewood at the campground or go to FirewoodScout.org to find other local sources.

8. Learn more about invasive species. Maine Forest Service has archived forest health webinars available to watch. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension and Maine DACF will offer two live, free webinars on invasive plant identification and management—and by attending you become eligible to receive a free copy of the Maine Invasive Plants Field Guide!

9. Be a Citizen Scientist. Get a free account and use the iMap-Invasives online mapping tool to map locations of invasive species on public property and on private property with landowner permission.

10. Spread awareness and celebrate the state’s trees. Take your National Invasive Species Awareness Week commitment beyond this week. Tell your friends, family, neighbors and others about invasive species! It’s a big state, and we can’t get the word out to everyone without your help. Encourage them to get involved with National Invasive Species Awareness Week in their own way.

11. Find a nearby trail in a forest (or park) and go for a walk, hike, or bike ride. Natural settings are effective in lowering stress. Exercising outdoors compared to exercising indoors helps people feel more revitalized, engaged with others, and less tense. Use the Maine Trail Finder to get directions, trail maps, and current information on trail closures.

12. Use indoor days for natural arts and crafts. Pinterest is full of creative ideas for crafts made with natural materials like pine cones, needles, leaves, and twigs. See what you can find in your backyard and let your imagination get to work. We like this pine cone bird feeder tutorial from the Kratt Brothers.

13. Find and measure a champion tree. Many state champions are located on public property or along city streets. Some of them include the northern red oak in Augusta, green ash and pin oak in Portland, red spruce in Little Moose township, red pine in Weld, and the eastern cottonwood in Orono. Contact the Maine Forest Service for specific locations.

Write to us!

Send your letters, recipes, photos, poems & stories to:

news@waterbororeporter.com

Please include name, town and phone number for verification.



COLLEGE CALL-OUTS

Abigail Darling, of Lyman, graduated from The University of Tampa on May 9. Darling graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. The virtual commencement ceremony included 1,752 undergraduate and graduate candidates. The ceremony included remarks by President Ronald Vaughn, special messages from the academic deans and student challenge speakers. Additionally each graduate received a personalized video commemorating their achievement.

Owen Bradley and Madison-Lee Drain, both of Waterboro, have been named to the Fall 2019 Dean’s List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean’s

List that semester.

Leah Ryan, of Lyman, was named to President’s List at Bryant University for the fall 2019 semester. The President’s List is an academic distinction reserved for Bryant’s highest achievers who earn a GPA of 4.0 or better for at least 12 semester hours of work.

Senior Rylie Smith, a Lasell University Honors Program student from Alfred, shared a self-designed research component, “The Media: How It Shapes Our Mind” with the campus community at a recent Honors Showcase. Smith -- a Communications: Sport Communication and Radio/Video Production major -- explored the topic as part of the Honors Program’s custom component requirement.

Katherine Charlton, a native of Limington, has been named to the Emerson College Dean’s List for

the Fall 2019 semester. Charlton is majoring in Theatre and is a member of the Class of 2020. The requirement to make Emerson’s Dean’s List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

Samantha White, of Lyman, qualified for the fall 2019 Dean’s List at The University of Rhode Island. To be included on the Dean’s List, students must have completed 12 or more credits during a semester for letter grades with at least a 3.30 quality point average.

Syeira New, of Limerick, was named to the President’s List at Coastal Carolina University for the Fall 2019 semester. New is a Biology major. To be named to the President’s List, students must achieve a 4.0 grade point average (GPA) for the semester.



**KASPRZAK
INSURANCE
ASSOCIATES, INC.**

Auto • Home • Life • Business • Health

247-4959

RTE. 5 • NO. WATERBORO, ME 04061

The teenage face of Covid-19



PHOTO BY JASON BALDWIN, SHARED PERSPECTIVES PHOTOGRAPHY

We listen to the news stories every day. Unemployment numbers. Essential workers manning the front lines. Closures everywhere you look. The number of Covid cases in your state. And sadly, the sobering statistics... the number of deaths this virus has caused. All eyes are glued to TV and social media. This is a traumatic global event.

For the average teenager, this is the first crisis our country has faced in their lifetime. Our Class of 2020 Seniors are the 9/11 babies. Teens of today have lived a

somewhat sheltered life. After all, this is the age of the “helicopter parent.” Parents working themselves to the point of exhaustion to keep their child from feeling disappointment. One can only imagine how these kids are coping with having their lives, as they knew them, turned upside down.

The teenage years are a critical time in a child’s development. It is a time when one grows to be more comfortable with the adult they are becoming. They are becoming more confident. They are, in their minds, invincible high school stu-

dents. They see their friends, their teachers, and their coaches daily at school. Some may have extracurricular activities and jobs. Their days are structured. They are learning to manage their time between school, activities, jobs, and time with friends. Teens are social beings, learning to spread their wings. Human beings are social beings. As a society, one of our basic human needs is not being met during the Covid-19 pandemic. Today, the country has by and large come to a screeching halt and with that have come the directives to “socially distance”.

I have heard many people say that our children will be ok. Children are resilient. However, today’s teens have had their entire worlds ripped from their grasp. Their school day, gone. Face to face time with their teachers, gone. Get togethers with friends, gone. Class trips, canceled. Sports, canceled. Music events, canceled. Dance classes, canceled. Prom, canceled. Graduation, canceled. Stay home, it will save lives. Yes, but what a cost these teens will pay. Can you hear them shrieking inside their heads? I can.

Look at their faces. For some, their complexions have gone pallid. Smiles have been replaced with a look of despondence. Dark circles have emerged from under their eyes betraying the fact that these kids are overwhelmed with life as they now know it. This is the face of trauma. Heather T. Forbes explains that “a stressful event is likely to become a traumatic experience if: it happens unexpectedly, the child is unprepared for it, the child feels trapped, or if the feeling of powerlessness prevails. During the traumatic event, the impact is greater if the child believes they are: forgotten or abandoned, powerless, helpless, or hopeless.”¹

Do not think for a minute our teens are overwhelmed merely by what they are missing out on. This generation of teenagers, known as Generation Z, has proven itself to be deep thinkers. “The search for truth is at the root of all of Generation Zs behaviors.”² Will this virus rear it’s ugly head again or

will the scientists come up with a vaccine first? What will things look like in the fall? Will I be able to go back to high school? Will I be able to go to college? What changes can I help to make so we can resume life under a “new normal”? What will happen in the election of 2020? Will my family escape the wrath of this deadly virus? Today’s teens are hungry for information and have taken on adult sized worries.

Ultimately, while teens are looked upon as young adults we, as a society, need to remember that their brains are not yet fully developed. They cannot fully process the Covid-19 pandemic. They sit in their rooms playing video games and listening to music as a way of self soothing. We, the adults, the parents, the educators need to remember that what these teens need most right now is to feel safe and protected. It is our duty during this time to help reduce their stress. After all, if we want today’s teens, our Generation Z kids, to be the leaders of tomorrow we must help them through this traumatic global event.

– By Shanon Lowery
Educator and parent from
North Berwick

REFERENCES:

1. Forbes, H. LCSW. (2012). Help for Billy. p.12.
2. Francis, T. & Hoefel, F. (2018, November 18.) The Influence of Gen Z-the first generation of true digital natives-is expanding.
3. McKinsey & Company. <https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/consumer-packaged-goods/our-insights/true-gen-generation-z-and-its-implications-for-companies>

FIRST ON THE SCENE. FIRST IN OUR HEARTS.



To the brave EMS workers fighting to save lives today and every day, we salute you.

As social distancing keeps many of us at home, your selfless work on the front line of the front lines is a testament to your dedication and commitment to the health and safety of our community.

Thank you for everything you’re doing from everyone you’re doing it for. Because if it weren’t for you, who would answer the call?

YOU CARE FOR US. WE CARE ABOUT YOU.



MaineHealth

National EMS Week:
May 17-23

YCSP Shelter and Food Pantry continue to offer services safely and effectively

In spite of the challenges presented by COVID-19, York County Shelter Programs has been able to navigate the pandemic so far by maintaining stringent health and safety protocols implemented early on.

The agency's two emergency shelters have not reported any COVID-19 cases. New residents are quarantined for 14 days when they arrive.

"We have been in constant contact with Maine's CDC since late February, when the virus was first being detected in the U.S.," says YCSP's Executive Director Mean Gean-Gendron. "We have followed their guidelines and have been aggressive in our response in order to keep residents and staff safe."

YCSP also operates one of the largest food pantries in York County, and has seen a 100% increase in patrons, as people have lost their jobs and income sources as a result of the pandemic. "In February we became very concerned about the impact on local food pantries once COVID-19 began to impact Maine more directly," Gean-Gendron says.

dron says. "We knew that there would be an increased demand and, quite possibly, food shortages in this situation and that we would need to depend on our decades of experience with food distribution to properly prepare for this crisis. There were some extremely tight days in the food pantry, early on in this response, but we have been able to continue serving the community and are so thankful for the donations and support we have received."

Thanks to donations of food and money from individuals and organizations, the YCSP pantry is keeping its shelves stocked. Recently the pantry received 23 pallets of food from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as part of the church's nationwide food distribution efforts.

The pantry reduced the size of its volunteer groups each day, in order to effectively social distance within the prep areas. The volunteers also help clean the facility, and don masks and gloves when giving out food boxes. "We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers, who

have been so committed to the community throughout this crisis," Gean-Gendron says.

Because of safety practices, the pantry currently operates as a drive-through. Located at 5 Swetts Bridge Road in Alfred, it is open 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Tuesdays and Fridays. The building, just off Route 4 in Alfred, is an in-kind donation from York County government. It serves over 3000 people a month.

"I am grateful for the fact that our staff and volunteers have been gracefully managing the extra work we have to do in order to stay safe," Gean-Gendron says. "It is not always easy. But we are committed to providing safe shelter and food for the many community members who are especially in need right now, and I cannot imagine being able to sustain the demand on services if not for the generosity of our supporters."

If you would like to make a donation to YCSP, visit the website at www.yorkcountysshelterprograms/donate.com, or send a check to YCSP, 24 George Road, Alfred, ME 04002.

ALFRED

Allison Williams

awilliams@waterbororeporter.com
324-5823

The Greenhouse Kids

When we were growing up in the family greenhouses, no one paid much attention to the fact it was not a playground because we were told "No running in the greenhouses!" We were told we might damage the blossoms; there was to be absolutely no running in the walks no matter how inviting they might look. We respected that. We knew it was a business. Didn't we work there along with everyone else?

When a cousin (not a daughter of florists) sounded sympathetic about the work, I was surprised. Then I realized she didn't know how enjoyable it was. Not always, of course. When my afternoon task was to disbud carnations in the upper house by myself, I wasn't exactly enthused. I didn't mind the work but I liked company. Having to work alone wasn't much fun. Even having my Uncle Harold with me was better. He told me stories about his years on board ship as a radio operator. I remember those stories. It helped the work go faster. When he married my Aunt Lil she insisted he quit a job that took him from home many weeks at a time. It really wasn't fair because being aboard ship was a lot more interesting than disbudding carnations but he wanted to please her. So that is the way it was.

There was something else about working in the greenhouses. People sang. The work could be very repetitive - not like doing math which I disliked. Singing helped pass the time while you worked. Uncle Harold's songs were mostly from the twenties - "Moonlight Bay", "Carolina in the Morning", and "Ain't She Sweet". But I became a teenager in the fifties, when the music changed to "I Wonder Who Is Kissing Her Now" and "Who Do You Think

I Saw Again in My Dreams Last Night?" We were hiring teenage boys by then and those were their songs. Sometimes my father would belt out a line from "The Old Rugged Cross" but I don't recall he ever finished the song.

And then there was Berard an older gent (or at least older to me) who had just one song - "It Ain't Gonna Rain No More!" "How in Heck Can I Wash My Neck If It Ain't Gonna Rain No More!" was the one verse I remember. That song has 52 verses, as I found out later, when going through my mother's sheet music!

Berard's specialty was cutting the grass on the hillside. It was too steep for a lawnmower. And by the time he was finished cutting with the scythe it was time to start again. When the place was sold the buyer inherited Berard. I cannot imagine anyone else perching on that steep hillside with a scythe.

There was one aspect of living at Rose Court that I haven't mentioned. We had something that our friends envied. A tunnel! It wasn't until many years later that I learned my grandfather was responsible. My husband couldn't understand why it was so useful until I pointed out that it enabled him to take care of the heating pipes. The whole plant was heated by the furnace in the boiler room. And who would want to dig up pipes in midwinter?

The tunnel ran from the lower house up through the hillside (under the driveway) to the middle greenhouse where there was an opening to that particular greenhouse and on to the upper house where the carnations were grown. The tunnel was all underground. If you didn't hit the light switch you were in the dark. A favorite trick was to get a friend to explore the tunnel, then turn off the light. It was a favorite thing to do after a birthday party. It was one of the rare instances when we could take our friends into the greenhouses. Or maybe we weren't actually allowed to go there, we just did.

I associate each house with the plants grown there. Sweet peas in the end house - my father would pick a big bunch and bring it into the house where we could all take a sniff - carnations in the upper house (they had their own special odor), mums in the lower house, also the middle house, roses in the rose house but that effort was discontinued because they needed so much heat. There was rock rose in the upper bed in the lower house where it tumbled down off the bed cascading to the walk. All these years later I am still looking for rock rose but it is a hopeless search. It apparently would only grow for the Whittemores.

BRIEFS

Tomato plants and perennials sale

The music committee and church members of First Congregational Church of Kennebunkport is having their "Tomato Plants & Perennials Sale" on Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. Social distancing will be practiced and respected. The sale will take place in the church's parking lot at 141 North Street, Kennebunkport. Church volunteers can deliver plants to the buyer's vehicle. Only exact cash or checks will be accepted. All proceeds benefit the Music Fund.

If you wish to pre-order your perennial or tomato plant you may email a music committee member at churchplantsale@yahoo.com. You may also check the church

website, www.firstchurchkport.org, for inventory details, to order and for pick up information

Registering your boat and lake and river protection stickers

As of May 1, all motorized watercraft on Maine waters must have a valid registration. In addition, all motorized watercraft on inland waters must display the lake and river protection sticker. To renew your boat registration online, visit: www5.informe.org/online/boat/. Owners of non-Maine registered boats are required to purchase and affix a Lake and River Protection Sticker to their watercraft at: www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/WebShop/public/product?store_id=3&product_id=381.



There is currently a delay in getting stickers out, but a printed copy of payment confirmation is acceptable. If you are unable to print a copy, take a picture with your phone to keep on hand.

Stickers are included as part of the Maine watercraft registration fee, so boats registered in Maine do not need to purchase a separate sticker.

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.

Date: Wednesday June 3, 2020
Time: Public Hearing 6:30PM
Location: Zoom Meeting Online

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 Townhouse Road in E. 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.

Date: Wednesday June 3, 2020
Time: Public Hearing 6:30PM
Location: Zoom Meeting Online

TO PLACE AN AD:
Call 247-1033
or email
ads@waterbororeporter.com

NEWFIELD

C.J. Pike

fudgecupboard@yahoo.com
793-8760

Time to bring back Old Home Days?

A beloved Newfield tradition was the annual Old Home Days celebration, when Newfield residents all came together, to celebrate our little town. Back in the day, as early as 1914, residents held the annual event and people came from miles around to taste good home cooking, play the games and visit with people they may only see once a year.

Back then, the center of the activities was the old church, where they had silent movies, and everyone congregated there. They may even have had a band playing music all day, a barbershop quartet or some ragtime. The former director of the 19th Century Willowbrook Village revived it back in 2012, but unfortunately, it didn't last long.

Some of the activities that were scheduled for the event included contests for photography, arts and crafts, flowers and vegetables. Also on the agenda was a cupcake decorating contest, a pie eating contest, and a woodworking demonstration. A skills competition was held with a hoops race, a croquet game, a sack race, and a plate balancing contest.

It ran for the entire day and there were awards presentations, a cooking contest, and the ever popular bean supper at the end of the day. It sounds like a lot of fun and thought wouldn't it be nice if we could bring back all of those good times. Farmers could bring their produce to sell and other vendors could sell snacks and drinks, (like soda or lemonade).

Families could have baseball games or other team sports, just for the fun of the sport, to see who got bragging rights. It could be an annual event, and we could all pitch in with helping to set it up and get it going. It would be our Old Home Days, how the 21st Century Newfies revived the 1960's, 1970's, 1980's, etc. to celebrate how we grew up.

Anyone interested can send comments to my email at: fudgecupboard@yahoo.com.

Local scouts 'virtual camp' again

Troop #329 local scouts had a chance to participate in the York District Virtual Camporee on May 15-17, which was hosted by Pine Tree Council. It started on Friday, May 15, at 6 p.m. until Sunday, May 17, at 11 a.m. At 6 p.m. Friday night, they set up their campsites and then had a campfire. Saturday night was 'show off your bedtime snacks' sponsored by Cracker Barrel and Sunday morning, after sharing breakfast recipes, they had a ceremony with raising the flag,

reciting the scout oath and the law.

Just a couple of weeks ago, several scouts from Troop# 329 participated in the National Virtual Camporee.

A parade for the kids

Line School teachers paraded through the towns of Newfield and Limerick on Thursday, May 14, to say hello to the kids that are in their classrooms. They left the school at 3:30 p.m. and went up through Newfield to Libby Road, then turned onto Shady Nook Road, and headed back to Water Street to head over to Limerick.

There was quite a long line of vehicles and I'm sure that kids just loved the attention, after these last two months of not seeing their teachers and friends. Fire and rescue units from Limerick and Newfield participated in the parade.

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go to the following people: Nick Coccimiglio, Debbie Polcaro, Morgan Illig, Delaney Iannazzo, Kyle Fisher, Ed Moulton and Eric Hubbard,

Send along your news

We love to spread the news regarding what is going on in Newfield. Anyone that would like to submit news, may do so to my email address, fudgecupboard@yahoo.com, or call me at 793-8760. My deadline for submitting my column is Tuesday.

Food Pantry

The food pantry located at the First Baptist Church, 600 Shapleigh Corner Road, is open on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. If you are interested in participating in this free program, please go to the lower level of the church, and the food will be distributed to your car, keeping the social distancing rules.

The pantry is always in need of donations of canned goods, pasta and spaghetti sauce, cereals, canned fruit, soup, shampoo, paper towels and toothpaste.

obtained from the Town Clerk's Office, 22 Back Road.

The town hall is open to the public by appointment only, you will need to call 636-2843 ext. 1 on Tuesdays and Fridays 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 5 to 8 p.m. for a time. Anyone entering the town hall for an appointment must wear a face-mask or face shield and limit the number of family members to those necessary. The doors to the town hall will be locked, and it is asked that you arrive early for your appointment, use the doorbell when entering and someone will let you in.

ly did bring it up to the Limerick Board of Selectmen.

"I mentioned it to the board. It was a preliminary [question about] wanting to make use of the municipal building property," Edgerly said.

"Next year we intend to break ground and have everything in place to allow a spring planting for those in the community who either don't have the space, or who just want to come out and socialize while growing their own produce or flowers. Part of our plan includes having a dedicated section which will allow us to provide some fresh produce to the local food pantries," said Kent.

Edgerly agreed. "We are looking forward to the do's and don'ts, taking pointers from other community gardens and preparing for next year."

Anyone interested in joining the club and the effort to create a community garden space in Limerick, contact Jim Kent at pburgss@yahoo.com.

-By Shelley Burbank

LODGING OPENING

(Continued from page 1)

for coffee (rather than a common self-serve coffee area), trays to bring coffee and breakfast up to the rooms, and TV trays in the rooms for guests to eat on. "I'm spending a ton of money to get up to code," Kessler said.

As far as rooms go, the Jeremiah Mason House has eight guestrooms, five on the second floor, all with their own bathroom, and three on the 3rd floor, with a half bath in each room and a large bathroom with a shower at the end of the hall. "I will stagger rooms for rent, after each stay, so that there's time in between stays to allow the germs to go away, then cleaning/disinfecting everything before the next guests." Because the rooms on the 3rd floor share a shower, Kessler will only rent 1 room at a time, and will tape off the sink and toilet so that guests will only use the personal toilet and sink in their room. "It's lost income," she said, "but that's the only way I can regulate it."

In order to keep things as clean and germ-free as possible, Kessler has removed any "extras" in the room. "No throw pillows, no extra blankets, no knick-knacks that someone could touch." And of course, everything has been cleaned and disinfected. Kessler added that she will not be entering the rooms while the guests are there, to limit her exposure to germs. "Guests will have to put their trash cans and soiled towels outside my door for me to collect and wash," she explained. She also will not be making beds and tidying up the rooms while guests are out for the day.

The Perkins House Bed and Breakfast at 3 Old School Street in Cornish, first opened in July of 2016, and has 4 rooms. Opening June 1 to them means guests will be staying in "The Carriage House" which is "the original horse barn," said owner Gretchen Benggio. "It has a separate entrance, is completely isolated

from the main house with a private bath, and is handicapped accessible." It also has a microwave, fridge and TV, so folks can be self-sufficient. As far as getting in and out, "It has a key pad access," explained Benggio, "so there is no contact." If the guests need anything, they can call/text the main house, and Gretchen and her husband Keith will be happy to assist with whatever is needed. However, The Carriage House is only 1 room - the other 3 rooms are in the main house, which will remain closed until July 1. "It's a way for us to help folks," Benggio said. No breakfast will be provided at this time, "but other places around town are open," explained Benggio. "As the weather gets warmer, we hope to open up our outdoor patio dining," said Benggio. "We'll have to see what happens."

"One of the nice things about Bed and Breakfasts are that 99 percent of the innkeepers live there," said Kessler. "No innkeeper is going to allow their space to be unclean." She continued, "We will not risk our own health for a booking." Benggio agreed. "We live on the property, so we are concerned about exposing ourselves, too." Both owners have said that they've had a lot of cancellations and are concerned about the future. "I just don't know if I can survive this," Kessler said.

"We're hanging in there," said Benggio. "We have lots of projects done and the place is cleaner than ever." She added, "We are looking forward to being up and running on July 1."

Certainly, these local businesses need the support of the community, and all have lost income they normally would have had for this Memorial Day Weekend. If you have guests coming into town this summer, remind them that they could stay at one of the local Bed and Breakfasts. Purchase Gift Certificates for your family and friends to come and stay in the future. Planning a Staycation? Spend a night or two at a local campground or B&B!

SHAPLEIGH

Joanne Bargioni

joannebargioni@gmail.com

Transfer station news

According to the town hall, the transfer station on Route 11 has now reopened its lower level for disposal of demo waste and recyclables, etc. As a reminder, commercial haulers who do cleanouts of properties need a permit from the town to haul other people's waste there. Permits can be

COMMUNITY GARDEN

(Continued from page 1)

"This year we had originally planned on getting everything in place to actually start building a community garden," Kent explained. "But these things cannot happen overnight, and since the plan is to have it on town property, it requires a town vote for approval. We didn't want to lose any steam in moving things along, so we decided some beautification projects would allow us to show some results."

After assessing strategic locations for flower beds around town, Edgerly donated pressure treated lumber and lag bolts to make seven flower beds. He is also donating screened loam to fill the beds. His wife, Elizabeth, who runs the Junk to Funk Gift Shop, offered to donate labor and materials for garden club member tee shirts. Other members are investigating which kinds of plants to use in the boxes, have talked to businesses about

pricing, and will be doing some planting this coming weekend.

"So far, we have been reaching out to businesses in the area who may be interested in participating, getting our proposal written to present to the town, and building flower beds at the town line signs in order add a little touch of color to those passing by and to let people know that they are entering a community that is proud of its town," Kent said.

Because starting a viable community garden isn't something that can be done in just a few weeks, the club aims to have the logistics and land prep worked out by the 2021 growing season. After assessing two potential areas, the group decided that the preferred spot would be behind the municipal building, and that will require a town vote for approval. It also gives the group time to talk to other community gardens and figure out how to best organize as a non-profit. These things are still in the very beginning stages, though Edger-

Advertise in your local community newspaper today...

Buy 3 weeks, get one FREE!



Call 247-1033 for more info or

email ads@waterbororeporter.com.



TIBBETTS FARM
Est. 1988

OPEN MEMORIAL DAY 9-3

Greenhouse now open!

Flower & veggie seedlings, bulk materials, pork and beef.

Offering pre-ordering and curbside pickup!

HOURS:
Fri. & Sat. 9-5
Sun. 9-3

CALL FOR MORE INFO

207-247-6518

920 Clarks Woods Rd., Lyman



VISA CALL 247-1033 OR EMAIL ads@waterbororeporter.com MasterCard

Classifieds



LOCAL Service Directory

LIST YOUR BUSINESS FOR \$7 PER WEEK

ACUPUNCTURE

PECK'S FAMILY ACUPUNCTURE
813 Main Street
Waterboro, ME 04087
(207) 247-7388
www.pecksfamilyacupuncture.com

HOME IMPROVEMENT

EXCAVATING
Frostwalls, Foundation, Repairs, Septic Systems, Camps Lifted, Sill Work, Drainage, Driveways, Demolition, Landscaping
TODD ZAGARELLA LTD.
207-793-4111

ANIMAL FEEDS

Woodsome's Feeds & Needs
HORSE & PET SUPPLIES
We deliver • 247-5777
Open: M-F 8-5, Sat. 8-1.
Rte. 202, E. Waterboro

LANDSCAPING

COMING UP GREEN
Spring cleanups, Leaf removal, Mowing, Mulching, Gutter cleaning, Power washing, Storage or rental property cleanouts
FULLY INSURED (207) 651-3027
comingupgreen@gmail.com

COMPUTER SERVICES

Tteddo Incorporated
TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANTS
Home & Business Networking
New Computer Setup • Websites
Virus and Malware Removal
Supporting Windows, Mac & Linux
HOUSE CALLS (207) 636-3051
tteddo@tteddo.com

PEST CONTROL

Mice, squirrel, tick, ant & mosquito control. Wildlife relocation. Bat exclusions.
RANGER PEST SERVICES
"Ranger" Rick Reinhard • 712-8871
rangerpestservices@yahoo.com

FOR SALE

COW MANURE: Is your garden begging for a coating of good old fashioned cow poop? Cow manure provides the necessary bacteria, nutrients, and organic matter to help your garden thrive. Stored inside to prevent nutrient leaching, 100% rock/stone free, composted on average 3 months, Large 2-yard load/\$70, Huge 4-yard load/\$110, local delivery included in price. Call Bruce at 793-8432 to schedule your delivery for this spring.

EMPLOYMENT

BUCKET OPERATORS NEEDED!
Class C license required, Class B preferred.
\$15-25/HOUR, depending on experience.
Call 207-457-1935 (leave message)
Abbott Hill Tree Service

Read online at www.waterbororeporter.com

REPORTER

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

An independent community newspaper!

www.waterbororeporter.com
P.O. Box 75, North Waterboro, ME 04061
247-1033 • news@waterbororeporter.com

Kerry DeAngelis Publisher/Advertising Manager
news@waterbororeporter.com or ads@waterbororeporter.com
Michael DeAngelis Sports Editor
sports@waterbororeporter.com
Joanne Bargioni Contributing Writer
Cynthia Matthews Contributing Writer
C.J. Pike Contributing Writer
Allison Williams Contributing Writer

MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS:
Receive the Reporter in the mail each week for \$75 per year.

Published by KL Design & Marketing
www.kldesignandmarketing.com

The Reporter is independently owned and locally operated and has no affiliation with any other newspaper.

©2020 All Rights Reserved. All logos and trademarks are property of their respective owners. No part of this publication may be reproduced without permission from the publisher. The opinions expressed in the Reporter are not necessarily those of the publisher.

Please recycle



PICK YOUR CATEGORY

LIST YOUR BUSINESS NAME and contact info here.
A weekly ad is only \$7. Pre-pay for one month and we will bill you monthly after that! PLUS, get the lowest rates on ALL advertising!

Your ad HERE!
\$7/week

Local Calling Cards

Advertise your card for as little as \$20 per week - Deadline Tuesdays at 5 p.m.
Call 247-1033 or email your ad to ads@waterbororeporter.com.

DIRFY Generators

Doing It Right For You

Sales • Service • Installation • Inspections • Free Evaluations & Estimates

#1 Dealer for Home Standby Automatic Generators
Where outstanding customer service doesn't happen by accident.

Dirfygenerators.com • 1-800-287-9473 • dirfygenerators@yahoo.com

Quality state-wide delivery since 2007!
www.bringthepellets.com

WOOD PELLET WAREHOUSE

WE BRING THE HEAT

Call 207-645-3064 or Text 207-779-7578

TOP-IT-OFF OIL

QUALITY HOME HEATING OIL
LOWEST CASH PRICES

24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE
1-800-293-6448
279 BIDDEFORD RD., ALFRED
- Serving all of Southern Maine -

KENNEBUNK 985-6448 ALFRED 324-1133

Guaranteed Lowest Cash Price!

J.R. GERRISH & SONS, LLC.

EXCAVATING CONTRACTORS & SEPTIC SERVICE

Free Estimates • Site Work
Septic Tanks Pumped
Systems Inspected
Septic Systems Installed

www.gerrishandsonslc.com
jebgerrish@gmail.com
Fax 207-324-9499

324-4984 JIM
423-7499 JEB

INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

Shop Locally!

WANTED

Junk Cars & Trucks, Scrap Metal

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Mon-Fri 8-4, Sat 8-2
Closed Sundays

We buy the following metals:
Copper • Brass • Aluminum Cans • Batteries
Stainless • Lead • Wire • Aluminum Wheels (with or without tires) • Large amounts of Metal
Steel • Appliances • Catalytic Converter

C.I.A. SALVAGE We'll beat any reasonable offer for complete vehicles.
Call: 207-793-2022
366 Sokokos Trail North • Route 5, Limerick, ME 04048

Lesley Leighton, Prop.

Leighton EXCAVATION

Driveways • Septic Tanks • Cellar Holes
Wells • Crushing • Screened Loam
Compost • Etc.

Pearl Street
P.O. Box 145
Waterboro, Maine 04087

207-247-5697
207-499-2545
Fax 207-247-4113

UPTOWN AUTO

SALES - SERVICE - DETAILING

Larry Whitely Jr. OWNER
uptownautolimerick@gmail.com
207-793-4600
5 Main Street, Limerick, ME 04048

LAWNS/PROPERTY MOWING

with a FREE lawn fertilization for new accounts!

- Year Round Grounds Maintenance • Rototilling & Bush Hogging
- Light Excavation • Commercial/Residential Sweeping • Cleanups
- Treework • Stone walls & walkways • Lawns installed • Firewood
- Trees, flowers, and shrubs
- Mulch and more!

KNIGHT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

P.O. Box 266, E. Waterboro, ME 04030
FULLY INSURED
REASONABLE RATES
REFERENCES AVAILABLE
CALL 207-608-3582

Obituaries

Keith R. Goodrich

Keith R. Goodrich, of Elm Street, Springvale, passed away on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, in Portland, Maine. Keith was born Aug. 31, 1930, son of Albion R. and Mildred (Russell) Goodrich.



Keith R. Goodrich

He is predeceased by a sister, Mrs. Robert (Jackie) Shaw.

Keith is predeceased by his first wife, Barbara (Roberts) Goodrich after 20 years of marriage and his second wife, Shirley (Willard) Goodrich after 30 years of marriage.

Keith leaves a daughter, Linda Haley, of Centennial, Colorado and her two children Kim from Greeley, Colorado and Chris from Tacoma, Washington and a son Alan S. Goodrich and his wife Donna of Springvale and their two children Greg and his wife Krista and daughter Kate from Alfred, and Tyler and his wife Shelby of Springvale.

He was stepfather of Timothy Willard, Katrina Webb, Shawn Willard and his wife Michelle and the late Ralph Willard, Jr.'s widow, Donna Willard.

He has 15 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

He is predeceased by a stepson, Ralph Willard, Jr.; a stepdaughter, Cynthia Monat; and a great grandson, Lucas Goodrich.

Keith was employed at the Goodall-Sanford Plant for five years. He was co-partner of Springvale Hardware Co., Inc. for 42 years. He served as a call man and officer in the Springvale and Sanford Fire Departments for 54 years.

Keith was a former Deacon and current member of the First Baptist Church, Springvale. He served at the Mt. Hope Fire Tower for 13 years after retirement as a volunteer tower observer with his wife, Shirley. Keith was a Train Host for several years on the Downeaster Train. He was active in Boy Scouting in Springvale, was a Boy Scout leader of Troop 322, and York County Scout Commissioner. He was a member and Past Master of Springvale Lodge AF & AM for 68 years.

Keith served as a Town Meeting and Warrant Committee member for many years in Sanford. He served for 54 years as a member of the Springvale Riverside Cemetery Association. He also served as President for many years. The entrance to the cemetery was dedicated to him in 2011. Keith was a co-founder of the fire investigators

of York County, Maine. He served as Maine Director of the Forest Fire Lookout Association and was very involved in the National Forest Fire Lookout Association.

He and his family enjoyed camping. He traveled to many of the states, visiting fire towers and camping near the ocean when possible and visited well over 350 campsites across the US.

Keith enjoyed growing and selling raspberries for many seasons. He has resided at the family home on Elm Street all his life, almost 90 years.

Dorothy White of Alfred was a special friend and companion of Keith following his second wife's passing.

Keith was known as a frugal individual and Republican politics.

Memorial service and burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital.

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

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling the arrangements.

Relay For Life volunteers offer 'Hope From Home' to fight cancer during pandemic

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the previously scheduled Relay For Life live events across Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire through June have suspended their live events, and many now are participating on Sunday, June 7, in a virtual online experience called Hope From Home. Participants should register for their local event at <http://RelayForLife.org> and then on June 7 join the activities at <https://bit.ly/RelayHopeFromHome>.

Community volunteers and American Cancer Society staff from 50 events around the region, listed below, have teamed up for Hope From Home, a virtual Relay For Life experience. This online event will take place primarily on Facebook and will feature a mix of live and pre-recorded segments, plus prompts to post comments, photos and videos. It is all designed to celebrate cancer survivors and caregivers, to remember those who have passed away from the disease and to empower all to continue the fight against the disease.

Collectively, these events are aiming to raise \$500,000 in total this year. This money enables the American Cancer Society to help



cancer patients, a population vulnerable to COVID-19, to navigate their cancer journey during a pandemic. The Society offers advice on coping with cancer treatment side effects, answers questions about health insurance and so much more. Donations fund a round-the-clock toll-free helpline 800-227-2345 and live chat at Cancer.org; support research into cancer's causes, cures and treatments; and promote education to reduce the risk of a diagnosis and to detect cancer as early as possible.

"During this difficult time, cancer hasn't stopped, and neither will we," said Louise Santosuos-

o, executive director for community development at the American Cancer Society. "Relay For Life is all about togetherness, but the safety of our patients, survivors, volunteers and staff is always a top priority. So, even though we cannot walk side-by-side right now, everyone around eastern New England can stand together with us online for Hope From Home. Everyone who joins will be inspired and entertained."

All are invited to join Hope From Home on Sunday, June 7, to become a part of the Relay For Life movement. Visit <https://bit.ly/RelayHopeFromHome> for more information.

How to subscribe:

You can have the Reporter delivered by US Mail every week for **ONLY \$75 PER YEAR!**

YES, I would like to subscribe to the Reporter.

\$75 per year, please make checks payable to Waterboro Reporter or call 247-1033 to pay by credit card.

(Please allow two weeks for processing.)

A great way to support your local paper!

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____



MAIL TO: Reporter, PO Box 75, N. Waterboro, ME 04061

EMAIL PHOTO & OBITUARY TO:
news@waterboro-reporter.com

Sharing Memories... Celebrating Life

AUTUMN GREEN Funeral Home

- Our home provides a warm and unhurried atmosphere.
- We help you create unique and memorable services.
- Your loved one will be cared for with the utmost respect.

47 Oak Street, Alfred, ME • (207) 459-7110
www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com

Dennett, Craig & Pate *Here for you since 1882*

Funeral Home and Cremation Services

BUXTON • Portland Rd. & Rte. 202 • 929-8200
SACO • 365 Main Street • 282-0562 www.dcpate.com

Funding for Maine Colleges and Universities

U.S. Senator Susan Collins, a member of the Education Committee, recently announced that Maine institutions of higher education will receive an additional \$2,947,301 in funding through the CARES Act. Last month, Senator Collins announced more than \$41 million for Maine's colleges and universities.

With the additional funds, colleges and universities can offer direct aid to students to help them pay for items such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care. They may also use their funding to purchase technology to expand remote learning.

"This important funding will help Maine's institutions of higher education offset the economic harm they and their students have experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ensure faculty have the tools they need to continue to provide quality instruction, and support students," said Senator Collins. "As a member of the Education Committee, I strongly advocated for this funding to help Maine students continue to achieve their educational goals during this difficult time."

The funding is allocated as follows:

- Central Maine Community College will receive \$91,544.
- Eastern Maine Community College will receive \$69,965.
- Husson University will receive \$131,132.
- Kennebec Valley Community College will receive \$48,170.
- Maine College of Art will receive \$24,901.
- Maine College of Health Professions will receive \$337,554.
- Northern Maine Community College will receive \$31,932.
- Southern Maine Community College will receive \$142,778.
- Thomas College will receive \$37,929.
- Unity College will receive \$40,007.
- University of Maine at Augusta will receive \$65,921.
- University of Maine at Farmington will receive \$105,125.
- University of Maine at Fort Kent will receive \$31,095.
- University of Maine at Machias will receive \$206,444.
- University of Maine at Presque Isle will receive \$30,140.
- University of Southern Maine will receive \$228,184.
- Washington County Community College will receive \$158,551.
- York County Community College will receive \$27,422.
- College of the Atlantic will receive \$196,615.
- Institute for Doctoral Studies in the Visual Arts will receive \$485,742.
- The Landing School of Boatbuilding & Design will receive \$456,150.

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

Get outside for physical and mental wellbeing, but do it safely

Biking, boating, hiking, fishing, birdwatching, and other outdoor activities are great ways to stay healthy in the age of COVID-19 – provided they are conducted in accordance with all public health restrictions and guidance. As summer weather is fast approaching, Maine's conservation and recreation communities, natural resource agencies, and outdoor brands developed the following checklists to help us all enjoy Maine's outdoors in ways that are safe and responsible during this difficult time. Before you hit the trail, cast a line, or launch a canoe, please be sure to:

Find the right time and place

Know What's Available: Consider visiting a nearby Wildlife Management Area, or a less-trafficked state park, public land, or local land trust (Maine Trail Finder is a great resource!).

Check before you go: While some popular conservation lands

have closed recently due to overuse and crowding, the vast majority remains open to the public. Visit websites to see the latest information on closures or conditions. Please respect all property closures.

Have a plan B: If the parking lot is full, the destination is too crowded. If your first destination has a busy parking lot, go to the next spot on your list!

Avoid peak times: Get out earlier or later in the day.

Be prepared before heading out

Expect limited services: Facilities like public restrooms could be closed, so plan accordingly.

Dress for success: Be aware of current conditions and bring appropriate gear to match those conditions. Local outdoor brands are open for online sales and are available to give advice on appropriate gear and equipment.

Support local businesses: Many local businesses – from restaurants

and retailers to guides and lodges – are working hard to provide services in ways that are safe and in keeping with public health rules and guidance. If you're comfortable, consider finding ways to support them while you're enjoying the outdoors.

Don't take risks: Stick to familiar terrain and avoid unnecessary chances to avoid injuries, which add stress on first responders and medical resources.

Be aware of the rules: Check before you go to see what activities are allowed. If dogs are permitted remember to bring a leash and to properly dispose of waste.

Watch out for ticks and biting insects: Wear light-colored pants, closed-toe shoes, and apply EPA-approved bug repellent. Leave home prepared with sanitizer and disinfectant.

Heed all COVID-19 health warnings

Practice social distancing: Stay at least six feet away from other people

who do not live in your household. If necessary, step aside when passing other people on the trail.

Don't linger: Shorten your stay when visiting natural stopping points such as waterfalls, summits, and viewpoints so everyone can enjoy them while maintaining a safe distance.

Bring a mask: When you're in the vicinity of others, even with six feet of separation, a mask will help keep everyone safer.

Don't touch: Avoid touching signs, kiosks, buildings, and benches to minimize the potential spread of the virus.

If you're sick, stay home: It puts others at risk when you leave home while exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19, or if you have recently been exposed to the virus.

If we all follow these guidelines and put public health first, we can enjoy Maine's natural resources in safe and responsible ways as we work through this difficult time together.

Maine farmers' markets adapt to serve their communities

The spring farmers' market season is underway in Maine. Maine's farmers' markets are opening for the season and proactively responding to the Covid-19 public health emergency. The Maine Federation of Farmers' Markets (MFFM) reports that farmers' markets are changing their physical layouts, locations, market rules, sanitation measures, and social norms to keep the public and farmers safe. There are more than 120 summer farmers' markets providing critical fresh food access to customers and a means of livelihood to more than 2000 farmers and local food businesses. MFFM encourages all shoppers to regularly check their local markets' websites, newsletters, and social media pages for market-specific updates during this time.

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry issued guidelines that helped clarify expectations and best practices for farmers' markets during Covid-19. MFFM is coordinating with market managers to translate these best practices into action, troubleshoot challenges, and develop market signage and other resources. "It's the busy season for farmers and nearly all of Maine's farmers' markets are organized and run by volunteer-farmers," says Jimmy DeBiasi, Director of Programs at MFFM. "Market managers are working many extra hours to organize their markets so they continue to run smoothly during this uncertain time,



Farmer's Markets in Maine - MFFM Photo

and we should be grateful for that!"

At farmers' markets this spring, customers can expect a different environment for their overall shopping experience. Markets have adjusted their vendor booth layouts so that they're spaced further apart. At some markets, like the Bridgton Farmers' Market, shopper flow will move in one-way directions to avoid bottlenecks and assist in maintaining a safe physical distance. Many farmers are accepting online pre-orders, to limit the shopping time at market. Farmers are pre-bagging and pre-pricing more products, rather than having their customers purchase loose products by the pound.

Derek Degeer of Hootenanny Bread reports that "people generally waited patiently when necessary, wore masks, and seemed in good spirits" at the Crystal Springs Farmers Market in Brunswick, which

relocated to the Brunswick High School until further notice. Carolyn Snell, of Snell Family Farms, notes "we've got 3 Portland summer markets under our belt now and it's going very well. We have one-way flow and it really helps. People are following it more and more at each market. As a vendor it feels so much more calm than the old days, honestly, to have a unified flow."

In this time of uncertainty, farmers' markets will continue to provide fresh food access to all members of their community. Through the Maine Harvest Bucks program (MHB), more than 30 farmers' markets offer bonus bucks to shoppers using SNAP/EBT. MFFM expects a surge in shoppers using SNAP at farmers' markets this year due to the increased enrollment in SNAP that is underway as a result of the pandemic. "We hear from many peo-

ple that the Maine Harvest Bucks program is incredibly helpful for accessing healthy food options on a limited budget" says DeBiasi. "This year, MHB markets are likely to play an increased role in fighting food insecurity among Mainers who are impacted by this pandemic."

There are other programs at farmers' markets that help people in need. Many markets have vendors who accept WIC Farmers' Market checks and participate in the Maine Senior FarmShare Program. Additionally, there are gleaning groups that bring tons (literally!) of fresh produce from markets to food pantries each year.

To find out where farmers' markets are located this year, visit <http://www.maine farmers markets.org> and click on the "Shoppers" tab on the menu. You can find markets by day of the week, or search for one close to your zip code. Also, check your local markets' Facebook pages and websites to see if there are any changes to their market schedule or location.

MFFM's mission is to cultivate a vibrant, sustainable farmers' market community as a vital part of Maine's local food network. The Federation works with farmers, consumers, and communities to make wholesome, locally-grown foods available to all residents, to educate consumers about food resources, and to support farm viability.

P.O. Box 75 • N. Waterboro, ME 04061
E-mail: ads@waterbororeporter.com
(207) 247-1033

LOCALLY OWNED AND INDEPENDENTLY OPERATED



Reach thousands of local customers every week!