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THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020

Drive-thru bean supper a success

BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

The Massabesic Lions Club held its first and very successful Drive-Thru Bean Supper on Saturday, June 13. Suppers had been cancelled in March, April and May due to the Covid19 virus restrictions. Wanting to get going they decided to be innovative and try a drive-thru approach.

The dinners were prepackaged and consisted of 8 ounce containers of red kidney beans, pea beans, chop suey, coleslaw plus ham slices, a hot dog, homemade biscuits with butter and cutlery. There was no dessert for this one time only. It will be added to the July menu.

Patrons drove up to the door, stayed in their vehicles and one of the Lions collected money for their dinners. The meals were handed through the car windows by Lions Club members and off they went with their hot dinners, happy that they did not have to cook. Club members adhered to the State guidelines and used safe-distancing, masks and gloves in preparation of the food and serving.

It was very successful. They were totally sold out. They weren't sure how many to cook for as there was very little chance to advertise once the decision had been made to try this out.

Another "drive-thru supper" will be held on July 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. The menu will remain the same with the addition of a dessert suitable for traveling. They will not run out of food for the next event. The Massabesic Lions are very grateful for the support shown for this new venture and thank the public for its patronage.

Even though they have not been able to meet as a group for the past 3 months, the Massabesic Lions has continued to assist those in need. The Medical Equipment Loan Program is still as busy as ever, it just awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to graduating MHS seniors, the monthly support of the Waterboro Food Pantry continues,

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The sidewalks along Main Street in Limerick were recently dug up to replace the sewer lines as part of a rebuilding project.

PHOTO BY KERRY DEANGELIS

Book and plant sale benefits farm project

To raise funds for her Unique Maine Farms' project, Mary Quinn Doyle will be selling over 120 varieties of perennial flowers and herbs that she has grown from seed at her home in Newfield.

The volunteer Unique Maine Farms' project has been involved in several educational outreach activities over the past few years. Over two hundred Maine farms were profiled in a 296-page book that was printed in Maine on Maine pa-

per; a traveling photo exhibit was shared at many facilities; talks and slideshows have been conducted throughout the state; and a website profiling Maine farms has been continuously updated. For the past four years Unique Maine Farms has participated in the Common Ground Country Fair with a large booth selling used books.

The Common Ground Country Fair, as with so many other Maine (Continued on page 2)



An on-going book and plant sale is being held by appointment in Newfield to benefit the Unique Maine Farms' project. COURTESY PHOTO

Rebuilding Main Street

The Limerick Sewer line replacement portion of the Main Street Rebuild project was completed on June 12. The water line replacement portion of the project will begin on Monday, June 15 with the installation of a temporary water line to provide water during the construction of the new water line. This temporary service will take about a week to install and test. Once the testing is com-

pleted, temporary water lines will be attached to buildings the week of June 22.

The firm Thirsty-Turf Irrigation Inc. will be assisting Dearborn Construction with the installation of the temporary water service. This temporary service will be in place for 4 to 5 weeks while the new water line is constructed. Replacing the old water

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Sanford/Springvale Rotary Club gives scholarships

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

With the relaxation of restrictions implemented by Governor Mills, the Sanford/Springvale Rotary Club held its annual scholarship awards on Thursday, June 4, at the Nasson Little Theatre, 457 Main St., Springvale. In accordance with our "new normal" way of life, the event was limited to no more than 50 people. This led to a much smaller audience than usual as only one parent from each of the scholarship recipients were allowed to attend. Some attendees were wearing face coverings, but all maintained the social distancing rules.

Another "new normal" practice was a breakfast supplied by 'Gotta Be Frank' food truck. Food was picked up from the truck outside and brought inside to eat at socially distanced tables.

The Rotary Club awarded a total of \$14,000 in scholarships this year. The students had to complete an application and write an essay on a topic of their choice. Eleven scholarships were awarded, one student from Sanford High School and Massabesic High School in Waterboro each received \$2,500, and nine awards of \$1000 were awarded to the remaining recipients.

The Rotary Club was the world's first service club and was



Massabesic's Cassidy Lang receives a \$2500 Scholarship.

PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

initiated on Feb. 23, 1905, by Attorney Paul Harris. The name Rotary "was derived from the practice of rotating meetings among members offices." As the Rotary Club grew, according to rotaryclubone.org, its mission expanded beyond servicing the professional and social interests of the global members. They pooled their resources and contributed their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's motto is 'service above self.' In 1932, Rotarian Herbert Taylor drew up a "code of ethics." This code is known as the 4-way Test and is followed by all

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PLANT SALE

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agricultural fairs, will not be taking place as usual this year due to the coronavirus. MOFGA has decided to offer a virtual version of the Common Ground Country Fair this year.

Most of the plants are in 4-inch pots and sell for \$3.50. A list of all the plants can be seen at the Unique Maine Farms' website: www.uniquemainefarms.com

Two tents with hundreds of all types of used books have been set up on the Doyle property in the field where all the plants that are for sale are displayed. All of the books in the tents will be selling for one dollar or less. There is also a large selection of used DVD's for one dollar and new DVD's for two dollars, as well as videotapes for

fifty cents for sale. Additional information about the books that are for sale can be found on the Unique Maine Farms' website. Because many libraries are closed due to the coronavirus, Unique Maine Farms thought it could be a unique way for people to access affordable reading materials and to raise some funds.

The next educational project which Unique Maine Farms is hoping to explore is the establishment of a Rural Maine World Cultural Center where the history, traditions, arts, music, and cultures of all countries in the world are celebrated.

It is hoped that an organization or individual with an empty building may agree to welcome Doyle and her large collection of ethnic cookbooks, world folk tales, art rubber stamps, and puppets so that people of all ages can learn more about our world. After a location is

found, Doyle plans on applying for grants to help with funding for the center.

To limit the amount of people on their property at one time, the plants and books that are for sale in West Newfield can be seen by appointment only. The Doyles are practicing social distancing and will be wearing face coverings when people visit. They respectfully ask that visitors to their property kindly do the same. To make an appointment you can contact Mary at mqdoyle@gmail.com or leave a message at 793-2759.

In a difficult time when access to many activities have understandably been limited the Doyles hope to offer an opportunity in a safe and welcoming rural setting that promotes gardening, reading, and the outdoors.

NEWFIELD

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Memorial service postponed

The Memorial service for the late James Campbell, which was scheduled for Saturday, June 27, will not be held at this time. According to his wife Shirley Campbell, due to the pandemic, it may be rescheduled for a later date.

Meetings

The selectmen's meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 30, at the Town Hall at 23 South Effingham Road, in West Newfield at 6 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Check with your organization to see when the monthly meetings will start again; or for town meetings, check the website.

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go to the following people: Michelle Gardiner, Barbara O'Brien, Roger Leblanc, Tita Pease, Phil Burbank, and June Goodfield.

Happy anniversary!

Sandy and Romeo Fortin; Ruth and George Ayers; and Andy and Sandy Plette.

Congratulations to Newfield's 2020 grads

Graduating from Massabesic High School this year are the following seniors: Isabelle R. Chartier, Audrey M. Elston, Hope E. Leavis, Nathan Libby, Alexis L. McConologue, Shado J. Muchmore-Allen, Mikayla A. Robinson, Conner C. Robles, Kyle R. Smith and Kayla Stolecki.

Good luck and have a great summer!



Accessing the brick town hall

Foglio, Inc. of Waterboro, completed the construction of the Limerick Brick Town Hall Access Paths project the first week of June. This project was part of a larger project to complete handicap accessibility to the Brick Town Hall. Previously, the granite steps were re-set and a new ramp was installed. The

Access Paths project provided paths to the ramp from the front and back of the building. It also included handicapped parking, a drop off area and visitor parking spaces along Route 5. The project was designed by Joy & Hamilton Architects of Auburn, managed by Community Dynamics of Auburn and funded by the citizens of the Town of Limerick. COURTESY PHOTO

MAIN STREET

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line with a new water line requires installing a temporary water line to maintain water service to Main Street buildings during construction in the target area.

Approximately nine hundred (900) linear feet of water line will be replaced on Main Street. New service lines will also be replaced in the Main Street right-of-way. The water line will be installed on the opposite side of the street from the sewer line. Separating and replacing both the water and sewer lines is required for the health and safety of the entire community.

This project is being funded through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) with matching funds from the citizens of the Town of Limerick. Total project costs exceed \$700,000. Project design was completed by A. E. Hodsdon Engineering of Waterville, and project management is overseen by Community Dynamics of Auburn, in concert with the Limerick Water and Sew-

er District and the town's Community Development Advisory Committee.

The Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) is planning to pave Main Street this August once the Water and Sewer Rebuild is complete. MDOT is also planning to pave Washington Street in July from the corner of Main Street to Central Avenue in Limerick.

REOPENING

LIMERICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

BEGINNING JUNE 29:
Closed July 3-7.

Mon. 1am-5pm, Tue. 9am-6pm,
Wed. 9am-12pm & 3-6pm,
and Fri. 1-5pm.

NOTE: the abbreviated hours on Wednesday and closed every Saturday until further notice.

We ask that patrons wear a face covering and maintain a 6' social distance when possible. We will be limiting the number of patrons in the library at one time and encourage you to call ahead or request materials through our website for curbside pickup.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM June 22-Aug. 15

Pre-register now for the Summer Reading Program online at <https://limerickme.beanstack.com> (Track your reading with Beanstack.)

REWARDS: Earn virtual badges for reading and doing activities with Beanstack.

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Good Shepherd Food Bank releases hunger projections by county

Southern Maine counties expected to see greatest increase in hunger due to COVID-19

Hunger across Maine is climbing due to the economic impacts of COVID-19. Good Shepherd Food Bank, Maine's largest hunger-relief organization, is assessing the local impact in each of Maine's sixteen counties, as statewide rates of hunger are projected to grow by as much as 40 percent in 2020.

Sagadahoc, York, Cumberland, and Knox counties are projected to see the greatest increase in the number of people struggling with hunger. Piscataquis, Somerset, Aroostook and Washington counties will see less of an increase, but will still rank as being the hungriest counties in the state—in fact, those counties have the highest rates of hunger in the northeastern United States. Piscataquis County will see the lowest overall growth in food insecurity, but will still see a substantial in-

crease of 28 percent. (A full table of county-level data is included below.)

These new county-level projections are released in conjunction with Feeding America's Map the Meal

Gap study, which uses the most recent data from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Census Bureau to analyze local levels of food insecurity. Feeding America used the Map the Meal Gap model to predict changes to food insecurity rates for the overall population and children in response to projected changes to poverty and unemployment in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

"These latest county-level projections confirm what we're seeing on the ground," said Kristen Miale, president of Good Shepherd Food Bank. "Our partner food pantries and meal sites in the southern counties have seen the need skyrocket as these more populous areas experienced increased job losses. Our partners in the northernmost counties are seeing big increases, too, but not at the same rate; unfortunately, these counties are accustomed to having

high rates of hunger in their communities."

Pre-pandemic, Maine had approximately 180,000 people struggling with food insecurity. Good Shepherd Food Bank believes this number could climb to as high as 250,000 people, should rates of unemployment and poverty sustain at high rates.

"Unfortunately Maine's children will see the highest increases in levels of food insecurity," says Miale. "Similar to overall population trends, the greatest increases are in the southern part of the state, but the impact statewide is devastating."

Cumberland County's rate of childhood food insecurity is projected to increase by 59 percent with Sagadahoc and York Counties not far behind, bringing the overall rates of child hunger in those counties to around one in four kids. While the increase is staggering in southern Maine, the rates of child hunger in counties like Piscataquis, Somerset, Aroostook, Washington, and Oxford could cause one in three kids to experience hunger.

"Ultimately, these projections and numbers are devastating for Mainers in all counties. Behind these percentages are our neighbors, each with their own unique

Food Insecurity: 2018 Baseline vs. 2020 Projections

County	2018 Food Insecurity, % of Population	Projected 2020 Food Insecurity, % of Population	Projected % Increase in Food Insecurity	2018 Child Food Insecurity, % of Population	Projected 2020 Child Food Insecurity, % of Population	Projected % Increase in Child Food Insecurity
Sagadahoc	11%	16%	52%	17%	27%	57%
York	11%	16%	48%	16%	25%	57%
Cumberland	11%	16%	46%	15%	24%	59%
Knox	12%	17%	46%	19%	28%	52%
Lincoln	13%	18%	44%	20%	30%	49%
Hancock	12%	18%	44%	19%	29%	50%
Franklin	13%	18%	42%	21%	30%	46%
Kennebec	13%	18%	40%	20%	30%	46%
Oxford	14%	20%	40%	24%	34%	42%
Waldo	13%	18%	38%	21%	29%	42%
Androscoggin	14%	19%	37%	20%	29%	44%
Penobscot	14%	20%	37%	22%	31%	43%
Washington	16%	22%	32%	26%	35%	36%
Aroostook	16%	22%	32%	25%	34%	37%
Somerset	17%	22%	30%	26%	35%	34%
Piscataquis	18%	22%	28%	27%	35%	32%

situation and personal struggle," said Miale.

Good Shepherd Food Bank estimates that it will incur \$6.3 million in additional expenses related to the first six months of its COVID-19 response and the organization has raised over \$5 million to specifically fund those needs. With this support, the Food Bank increased its food distribution by 2 million pounds this spring compared to the same time period last year. The Food Bank purchased the majority of this additional food at a time when food donations from retailers decreased due to supply issues. In May alone, the Food Bank purchased 370 percent more food than it does in an average month.

"COVID-19 has brought a swift and crushing blow to the progress we had made over the past 10 years to improve access to food for Mainers struggling with hunger," said Miale. "We have been buoyed over the past three months by the overwhelming support from our partners and the thousands of Mainers who have contributed to our response efforts, but clearly we have our work cut out for us—our state's recovery from this crisis may bring the greatest demand that our charitable food network has ever seen. This is just the beginning.

The data referenced here is from Feeding America, the largest hunger-relief organization in the U.S. with a nationwide network of over 200 food banks that feed more than 40 million people through food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community-based partners. Good Shepherd Food Bank is a member of this network and works closely with Feeding America to bring national hunger-relief tactics to Maine. Additional information on Map the Meal Gap methodology is available by contacting Good Shepherd Food Bank or Feeding America.

For more information, please visit www.feedingmaine.org.

TOWN OF HOLLIS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Hollis Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing regarding an application for a shoreland zoning permit on a property located at 60 Waters Edge, Hollis ME, Map 10 Lot 18-6.

The Public Hearing will be held on **Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at 6:00 PM** during the regular Planning Board meeting. This will be a Zoom meeting, as town buildings are not yet open to the public. Details, including password to sign in, will be posted on the Hollis website: www.hollismaine.org. All Hollis residents are welcome to join the meeting, either online or by phone.

For further information, or if you would like to submit comments to the Board regarding this project, please mail to: Hollis Planning Board, 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis ME 04042, or email to: planningboard@hollismaine.org.

Paul Mattor, Chair
Hollis Planning Board, June 10, 2020

TOWN OF HOLLIS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Zoning Board of Appeals
34 Town Farm Road, Hollis ME 04042
(207) 929-8552 Fax: (207) 929-3686

The Hollis Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting and holding a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 6:00 PM** for the following appeal:

A request by Ryan and Madeline Kimball for relaxation of side setback requirements for property located at 358 Saco Road, Hollis ME, Map 23 Lot 13, according to Hollis Zoning Ordinance, Article 3, Section 3.7.3.2.b. Variance from dimensional standards.

This will be a Zoom meeting, as all Town buildings are still closed to the public. Details, including password to sign in, will be posted on the Hollis website: www.hollismaine.org. The public is welcome to join this online meeting. Comments may be submitted prior to the meeting by writing to: Board of Appeals, Town of Hollis, 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis ME 04042, or by email to planningboard@hollismaine.org.

Bart Sughrue, Chairman
Hollis Zoning Board of Appeals, June 9, 2020

Town of Acton - Public Hearing Notice June 24, 2020 – 6:00 PM

The Board of Selectmen will be conducting a public hearing to consider the application of a liquor license renewal request for Iron Tails Enterprises (Iron Tails Saloon), 559 Route 109.

This meeting will be held via zoom, with a link on the Town's homepage – or questions/comments can be emailed in advance, to be read aloud that evening to jroux@actonmaine.org.

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Surviving the Hurricane of '38

Fifty and more years ago when a hurricane was on its way it probably came unannounced. We in Massachusetts knew something was going to happen but we didn't worry about it. Didn't we live in New England? Hurricanes happened at sea or further south. But then the wind began to blow and the sky darkened.

Our large home was on the side of a hill, and had been converted into two apartments. When most of her family had grown up and left home, my grandmother decided two apartments would help pay the taxes. The rental was used by a young Finnish couple. We could not have had better neighbors than Sally and Ensio Oinonen. But I don't recall that they were any more concerned about the coming storm than we were.

The only tree on the hillside above us that seemed to be a worry was the Sentinel Tree. This was taller than all the others, at the lower end of the woods. If it fell it would have to fall on the house. My mother had the answer for that. It would probably fall on the other end of the house. If there was going to be a problem we could move some bedding into the living room out of reach of any tree branches and sleep there.

And then there was Great-Aunt Elsie. She had fallen and broken her hip. Would her wheelchair adjust so she could sleep in it? This was one of those old wooden wheelchairs with many levers. My mother attempted

to adjust the back to a prone position. The screech that came from Great-Aunt Elsie made the decision for her. Aunt Elsie would have to sleep sitting up!

We all sat together in the living room listening to the rain pelting down outside and the roar of the wind. My mother went into the adjacent office to look down at the river across the road and quickly returned. Being nosy, I started to do the same when the wind blew a pane of glass across the room in front of me! I was told to stay where I was and I did!

The concern about the river was the dam. Would it hold? What about that huge oil tank? We really were not close enough to the river to see any danger but if the dam didn't hold? The river was apt to overflow the road. The problem would be for the people downstream.

What finally happened was the tank bounced off the dam and continued to travel a short distance downstream before being stopped by the bushes. And the Sentinel Tree? It did not fall on the house but instead fell up against the hillside! How lucky could we get?

Eventually the wind died down and we all went to bed. My father had checked the greenhouses several times, finding only minor damage. An uncle in another state was less fortunate – he lost a whole greenhouse and had to rebuild. Trees were down everywhere including the beautiful

elms which had bordered the streets. An uncle and aunt in the next town had a whole woodlot laid flat. Berard, who worked in our greenhouses was given the task of cutting up the Sentinel Tree. He warned my brother and myself to stand away and we did. When he cut away the trunk it came down with a mighty splash, displacing the pool of water that had collected beneath it.

What might have been a problem wasn't because my creative grandmother remembered there was a spring up on the hillside above the greenhouses. She instructed my father to dig it out so water could be piped down into the greenhouses to water the plants. It worked beautifully. We could live awhile with kerosene lanterns but plants must have water.

We heard horror stories of others in less fortunate areas. But we survived the Hurricane of '38 very nicely. We lived on a hillside in a valley; the winds blew over the top of the valley. My spouse, an Aroostook man, reports that in the western part of Maine the wind blew down a swath of trees about ¼ mile wide which later the CCC boys were put to work harvesting.

Statistics from Google: Wind speeds were up to 162 mph; It was one of the deadliest cyclones to hit New England; The cost was 62 million; There were between 682 and 800 fatalities; It was one of the most destructive in recorded history to hit Long Island, N.Y. and Southern New England; It began Sept. 9. And if you mention it to a friend who happened to live through it, you will probably hear an interesting story.

– By Allison Williams

ALFRED

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BEAN SUPPER

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assistance to those who qualify for help with eye glasses and hearing aids goes on, to name a few.

The pandemic is having a definite effect on the club. Three major fund raisers for the summer have been cancelled (Chili, Chowder and Pie Contest and Tasting, Alfred Festival Food Trailer and Waterboro Old Home Days Food Trailer) and the Monday Night Bingo, closed since March which they hope to open soon. A way to replace those activities needs to be found so the club can continue to support the Towns of Alfred and Waterboro.

Without the generosity of the public the Massabesic Lions would not be able to do the charitable work they accomplish. In the words of Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much."

Library starts curbside pickup

Parsons Library is starting curbside pickup on Mondays from 1 to 6 p.m. until further notice. Reserve materials online through library World (search Parsons Memorial Library, no password). Reservations may also be made through email (asflib@roadrunner.com) or

phone 324-2001. Patrons will be limited to 10 items per week. By Monday, June 15, patrons will be able to start calling PML to reserve a time slot to collect library materials. Reservations will be made in 10 minute intervals. Please inform PML staff before coming to collect your items.

Upon arrival, patron materials will be placed in a clearly marked bag on a table in front of the Saco Rd. entrance. Patrons are asked to not approach the table until staff are back inside the building.

It's all about roses

Ray Graber is going to hold an open house at his rose gardens on Federal Street for the next three Sundays beginning this Sunday, June 21, at 1:30. The roses are at their peak bloom just now and are truly beautiful. Rose lovers can also purchase roses for their own gardens.

Family reunions

If yours is a family that likes to get together you probably have attended lots of family reunions. I can almost remember my first – and my father holding me and trying to feed me while I hollered! I think it was too many people around that made me so cranky. I may have been close to two years old.

The next reunion I remember quite well. At one point in the festivities all the children were arranged in chairs in front of what at that time was the family homestead. I recall that my cousin Truman was more interested in how the toddler chair next to him worked than in facing the photographer. Truman was always curious – a trait he continued through his years as a pilot for Pan Am. There were a lot of cousins in that group but more of them arrived in the years ahead of us and many have since passed away.

There is in my bedroom a large photograph of the generations which preceded us. Except for the two children they are all wearing black. When I learned the photo was taken after a funeral I understood the costumes. When they realized it would be one of the rare occasions they would all be seeing each other they hired a photographer. Not only that but they had a sketch drawn up with the name of each person attending and where he sat. I am very glad for that sketch. It is obvious they were sitting or standing very still for the photographer. I now know exactly what Cousin Will (who became a well-known artist) looked like when he was young. I met him when he was quite elderly (and very charming) and am glad my mother and aunt felt it was important that my brothers and myself meet him. I have a copy of his work. I didn't know at the time that the artistic leanings would pop up in other family members but it is now more understandable. Before he passed away our son had already begun painting.

I treasure his paintings but also those done during school hours by others in the family. There is one on our porch which seems to be illustrating sources of water! I plan to keep it and give it to a grandniece or nephew some day. In looking through some old papers I found others equally interesting. Not great art, but art which family members will enjoy. And that is what it is all about. We keep what we treasure most.

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- Budget Committee
- Capital Improvement Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Fair Hearing Authority
- Planning Board Alternate
- Recreation Committee
- Saco River Corridor Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals

If you are interested or need more information, contact the Town Administrator at administrator@shapleigh.net or call 207-636-2843, ext. 0 by Friday, July 17, 2020.

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

Comprehensive Plan Update Review Committee Vacancies

The Town of Shapleigh voted to enact a committee consisting of 7 members to update the 2005 Shapleigh Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to document the Town's commitment to achieve a vision. The Comprehensive Plan reflects a long-range (e.g. ten year) view of future issues and opportunities. The adopted Plan is used by citizens, elected officials, Town Committees, business investors, and others.

If you are interested in serving your community as a member of the Comprehensive Plan Update Review Committee, please email the Town Administrator at administrator@shapleigh.net by Friday, July 17, 2020 or call 207-636-2843, ext 0.

Shapleigh Board of Selectmen

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

The Town Clerk's office is now taking ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS

for the upcoming July 14, 2020 State Primary & RSU #57 Budget and Minor Capital Project Referendum.

You may request an absentee ballot by calling the Town Clerk's office 636-2843 ext. 1 or 6 or by visiting the State's website at: <http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>

Absentee Ballot requests will be taken up to and on Election Day.

To minimize interaction with others during this public health Pandemic (COVID-19), some voters may prefer voting by Absentee ballot. Casting an absentee ballot is convenient and secure.

The polls will be open 8am – 8pm
Shapleigh Town Hall, 22 Back Rd., Shapleigh

SCHOLARSHIPS

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Rotarians. This is a summation of the 4-way Test, "Of the things we say or do: 1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships? and 4. Will it be beneficial for all concerned?"

The Rotary Club of Sanford/Springvale started a fund for scholarships years ago, originally as an auction but then it evolved into a calendar raffle. The calendar contained photos from glass negatives taken by photographer Fred Philpot. It was very popular, and according to Elias Thomas, Chairman of the Sanford/Springvale Rotary Club, "the proceeds were invested and now has enough money (in the fund) to give \$10,000- \$15,000 in scholarships in perpetuity."

Since this year's traditional graduations have been canceled due to COVID-19, the Rotary Club wanted to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that the high school seniors have demonstrated over their academic careers and mark the event to make it more memorable.

Thomas, began the meeting by introducing the three key speakers. James Hand, Principal of Massabesic High School, offered "congratulations to all," Matthew Petermann, Principal of Sanford High School told the students "they should be proud of what they have done" and Matthew Nelson, Sanford Superintendent of Schools and Rotary Club Member, reminded them of the importance of "community service and all that is going on in the world right now." All the



From left, Scholarship recipients Jayden Jacques, Kendra Smith, Porter Bodkin, Hope Doiron, Savannah Wakita, Gavin Valente, Julie Gregoire, Kassidy Lang, Peter Cusack, Robert Chessie and Amy Giles were honored by the Sanford Rotary Club on June 4.

speakers sent their congratulations on a job well done!

Each student was called by name up to the podium to receive their award. They each received a Rotary Club ceramic mug with their name printed on it, a certificate of Achievement from the Rotary Club, and a coin with the "4-way test" engraved on it.

From Massabesic High School, Kassidy M. Lang received a \$2500 award and will be matriculating to U Maine Orono, majoring in Animal and Veterinary Sciences. Kassidy was very grateful for the scholarship and said as she has "8 years of schooling ahead of her, everything

helps." Peter Francis Cusack from Sanford High School will also receive \$2500 and will be majoring in Computer Engineering at U Maine Orono and going into the Military.

The following students from Massabesic High School will be receiving a \$1000 scholarship each: Julie Gregoire, attending Husson University in Bangor studying Occupational Therapy; Gavin Valente, will be attending Southern Maine Community College studying to be an Electrician; Robert Chessie, will be studying Precision Manufacturing at SMCC; Savannah Wakita, will be attending UNE, majoring in Biochemistry; and

Amy Giles, SMCC, studying Music and EMT.

Students from Sanford High School awarded \$1000 scholarship are: Jayden Jacques, USM, majoring in Medicine; Kendra Smith, attending U of Tampa, majoring in Forensic Science; Hope Doiron, studying at SMCC, majoring in Early Childhood Education; and Porter James Bodkin, attending Rochester Institute of Technology, majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Robotics.

Scholarship monies are paid directly to the college after the student successfully completes their first semester.

The following student was omitted from last week's listed TOP OF THE CLASS:

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TOP OF THE CLASS

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Emma Swett - Emma is the daughter of Marc and Amber Swett of Lyman. Emma was a member of the outdoor track team during grades 9-11, indoor track and cross country teams during grades 10-12, and was selected captain of the cross country team her senior year. She was also named to the SMAA All-Academic team for indoor track during grades 10-12, outdoor track during grades 10 and 11, and Cross Country in grades 11 and 12. At this time, Emma is still evaluating her future plans.

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This week my Administration unveiled the “Keep Maine Healthy” plan to protect the health of Maine people while encouraging tourists to visit Maine safely, supporting our small businesses and their workforce during these crucial summer months.

The plan is the result of weeks of discussion and engagement with tourism and hospitality folks, business owners, chambers of commerce, public health experts, lawmakers, town officials, and others.

Here are the basics:

Under the plan, adults – not children – who took and received a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours before a visit, may forgo the 14-day quarantine upon arrival in Maine.

A negative test indicates that, even when they come from areas with a higher prevalence of the disease than Maine’s, such people are unlikely to have COVID-19 with a negative test or to spread it to Maine residents and other visitors and workers.

So, we strongly urge visitors to “Know Before You Go,” meaning they should get tested and receive their test results in their home state before coming to Maine.

We are exempting residents of New Hampshire and Vermont from testing and 14-day quarantine altogether, as of Friday June 12th, because the prevalence of active cases of COVID-19 in those states is pretty similar to Maine’s based on population.

By contrast, in places like Massachusetts, New York, and New Jersey – where nearly half of Maine’s tourists come from – the virus is eight to eleven times more prevalent than in Maine. Those individuals will be able to stay in a lodging facility in Maine starting June 26th.

We are also stepping up our game on symptom checking to keep everybody safe.

The Department of Health and Human Services has teamed up with Maine community colleges to enlist students in the health professions so they may go out and ask visitors in those high-traffic places in tourist destinations about symptoms and offer advice on staying healthy.

We are also offering financial incentives to the towns to develop their own COVID-19 prevention and protection plans – that’s federal money to help the towns develop these plans.

Throughout the coming weeks and months, Maine CDC will monitor epidemiological data, as it has throughout the entire reopening process – case trends, hospitalization rates, reports of COVID-like symptoms, as well as health care readiness and capacity.

There is no question that the COVID-19 pandemic has loomed large over our tourism industry – an industry that is already severely affected by travel restrictions on Canadian visitors; by a downturn in the economy nationally and by a decrease in consumer spending across the country.

Some people are afraid that tourist traffic will increase the spread of the virus, while many small businesses fear that if visitors don’t come, they will have to close their doors permanently.

Well I am also deeply concerned about our economy. But boy I can think of nothing worse, nothing more devastating than an outbreak or resurgence of this deadly untreatable virus at the height of tourist season. Nothing would be worse for our economy and for the tourism industry in particular. I want visitors and staff and the public all to know that they are protected, by every means possible.

You know I get messages every day from people who are grateful that Maine has remained a safe state

to live in and that the hard work of our public health people has kept our numbers low. This new plan aims to keep those numbers low and to keep people safe. And it is working.

Just the other day one person wrote:

“My husband works in health-care... in Maryland. [Other than] FaceTime, I haven’t seen him since early March. We [were planning] ... he would drive from Maryland ... to Maine, [so] we were upset with Gov. Mills’ announcement [and] concerned that he wouldn’t be [coming into] the state so he proactively took a COVID-19 test... He learned just two hours ago that he’s COVID positive. He is asymptomatic... [but] this was a clear shot across the bow for our family [and] we have an extended “familial bubble” that includes an immunocompromised family member which may have led to devastating consequences.”

This family’s story is exactly why we developed this plan. By creating layers of protection to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus we can protect the public health, establish Maine as a safe place to visit, and invite tourists to come here safely and support our economy.

We want to save both the lives and livelihoods of Maine people.

—Released as a radio address on June 12.

OPINION

Terms of endearment?

The term ‘Antifa,’ was born in 1946 rising from the ashes of World War II. It was borrowed from the German Antifachistisch, a prominent movement undertaken in 1932 by those opposed to and just as quickly put down by Adolph Hitler and his Nazi party. It emerged again in America back in the 1950’s at the height of the cold war and didn’t make another significant appearance until the dawn of Punk Rock in the latter 70’s. Bouncers would man the doors of many a club in an effort to convince skin-heads and Neo-Nazi’s, they weren’t welcome. Just for the record, The Dropkick Murphy’s Ken Casey dropped a skinhead in front of a stage between songs for throwing a Nazi salute and allegedly yelling Heil Hitler. Ken Casey has not, however, stated whether he is a card-carrying member of Antifa.

The first real violent response by an Antifa clad individual was inspired by a known right wing conservative militant group at a Trump Rally a few years ago. The response was filmed and posted on Twitter, picked up by Fox news and further legitimized by Ted Cruz, the Senator from Texas. By the end of the week, Antifa became a violent left-wing radical group destined to destroy America prompting a pledge from the President of the United States to add Antifa to a list of terrorist organizations.

Organizations of terrorist groups are indeed highly organized. Groups like ISIS and Al-Qaeda are run like Governments. They have a chain of command, training camps, a media division and numerous hidden bank accounts. They are as strictly run as Hitler’s Germany lacking only a recognized piece of real estate otherwise deemed as a country.

Many domestic terrorist groups are run in the same fashion. They have leaders with titles such as Grand Wizard like 36-year-old

Harry Rogers, an admitted leader of a Virginia Chapter of the KKK with its history of leaving African Americans dangling from tree’s. Rogers was arraigned June 8th for plowing his pickup through a crowd of Black Lives Matter (BLM) protesters. It wasn’t the first such incident in America. As a matter of fact, half a dozen armed men have driven vehicles into crowds of peaceful protesters over the last two weeks. At least four were identified with the right-wing Boogaloo movement, modeled on the Charles Manson belief and desire to draw America into a race war.

Recently, a BLM march through Sanford, illustrates a stark difference in the understanding of a terrorist organization, an ideology born in 1932 Germany and how social media feeds the fire of division burning freely through our nation. A spate of internet posts warning of an Antifa led protest through the streets of Sanford, spawned concerned home and business owners to heavily arm themselves in an effort to protect life and property against an organization that doesn’t actually exist. There is no leader, nor is there any rank and file. Antifa doesn’t have a spokesperson, a media division or training camps. Antifa is little more than what it says. Anti: meaning against. FA: short for fascism, meaning an authoritarian government led by a dictator who will put down anyone who disagrees with them. Men like Kim Jong-Un, Vladimir Putin, or the Chinese Communist Party. If Antifa were AntiTa instead, (as in anti-taxation) we’d all be card carrying members, or is America in the midst of deciding to surrender all things American to the ideology countless soldiers have sacrificed life and limb to defend us from? You know, things like Liberty and Justice for all?

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Obituaries

John Champion

John E. Champion, 84, of North Waterboro, a longtime resident and generous volunteer, died peacefully at Maine Medical Center in Portland on June 14, 2020. John was a proud veteran of the U.S.



John Champion

Army and he passed on Flag Day. John was born on Dec. 19, 1935 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania the son of William and Emma (Albertson) Champion, Sr.

John served proudly in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1961. Upon his return from serving our country, John worked in the Automotive Department at Sears on 63rd street Philadelphia store where he met Elizabeth (Betty) Kellert Walker; and they married on August 27, 1966. They moved to Maine and bought Small's Store and Post office in East Waterboro. As the Post office got larger and the store got smaller, John went to work at Cyanimid, and later as Shipper at Southern Maine Finishing and Silvex.

John was a Scout Leader for Troop 306 in Waterboro of which his son Scott Walker was a scout. John was quiet and unassuming and didn't need to be recognized for his volunteering. It was a part of who he was and as a community; we are grateful for his tenacity and generous nature. John was a charter member of the Massabesic Lions Club since 1972 (48 years) and served as President 1975-1976, 1995-1996 and 2010-2011. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Medical Center and was a progressive Melvin Jones fellow.

Some of the committees he has served on are the Medical Equipment Loan Program, Food Trailer, Bingo, Kitchen, Senior Get Together Luncheon, Membership and Retention, Christmas Tree Sales and Bean Suppers. John also served District 41 L as Deputy District Governor when George Rousseau was District Governor and as Lioness Coordinator, Leo Coordinator and Zone Chairman.

John will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband and father. He gave generously to his community, neighbors and friends. He has now entered into eternal rest.

John is lovingly survived by his wife Elizabeth Champion of Waterboro; his son Scott Walker of Saco; and brother William Champion of North Carolina.

His fellow Lions may visit on July 7 at 4:30 p.m. and his friends and neighbors may call from 5-7 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred. A Graveside Service with military honors will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 10 a.m. at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery, 83 Stanley Road, Springvale.

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

In Lieu of flowers, please donate to the Massabesic Lions Club, 813 D Main Street, Waterboro, ME 04087.

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

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The search for Fred

By C.J. PIKE

"Evil Comes to Newfield." is a story that I wrote about 3 years ago, which is about the brutal murder of four people in Newfield, that happened back on June 10, 1900, 120 years ago.

From the time that I first heard about it, I found it intriguing. Imagine a mass murder where four people in an old country farmhouse were murdered one evening as they slept, seemed unbelievable to me. My thoughts were that something like that would not have happened back in those days.

George Goodwin was the owner of the farmhouse, where he lived with his son Scott, handyman Fred Bertsch and housekeeper Elsie Horn. Goodwin was robbed and all of the buildings were burned to the ground; even the animals were killed.

After all of the investigations were completed and the murderer was caught, the individuals were buried. But, what bothered me, was that three of the individuals were buried in nice cemeteries where their de-

James (Jim) Locke

Jim was born to Merrill and Marilyn Locke on June 18, 1949, where he grew up in Vermont with his four brothers.

After graduating high school, Jim joined the Air Force and went to Viet Nam for 3 years.

Upon his return, he married Betty and they raised their two daughters in Sanford and Springvale. Jim was employed by Hussey Manufacturing in North Berwick, then was employed at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard until his retirement.

He loved his family and took great pride in his responsibility to them and to the care of his home. He loved working outside, maintaining his yard, cutting trees and wood for the winter. He also enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and snowmobiling.

Jim was a hard worker with a huge heart. He became part of Betty's family and was always there if anyone needed him.

After retirement, Jim and Betty retired to Harpswell. He became ill and fought a valiant battle with cancer until his death on June 9.

Jim is predeceased by his parents, three brothers and one of his daughters.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.



Steve Parello of the Acton Shapleigh Historical Society trimmed Elsie Horn's cemetery plot at the Acton Cemetery recently. She was murdered 120 years ago this past week. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

scendents could visit them, but one of them was nowhere to be found.

In my research, with the help of Steve Parello from the Acton Shapleigh Historical Society, we have been looking for that man, Fred Bertsch, for a couple of years. It never said on his death certificate, where he was buried, and that bothered me, so Parello said that he would help out. He is very interested in old cemeteries, as I am, and knows how to use Find a Grave, and to Google a location of an old cemetery. And just recently, he had a little time on his hands so he went out in search of Fred.

Parello and other members of the ASHS like to go to the smaller, lesser known cemeteries in their area to do some clean up and lawn mowing. Recently while he was working at the Acton Cemetery, he happened to remember the date, and knew that Elsie Horn was buried there. Her family was from Acton.

George Goodwin, the owner of the farmhouse and his son Scott are buried at the Springvale Cemetery. Bertsch was the missing man, and I'm happy to report that Parello was able to find him in an old cemetery in East Wakefield, New Hampshire, just off Route 153. Bertsch's mother and aunt are also buried there, so it makes sense now that he was buried with them.

He was just 25 years old at the time of his death and Goodwin's son Scott was just 20.

There is no actual name of the cemetery, but Parello thought that Brooks-Smith sounded good. According to him, Bertsch's aunt was a Brooks, and there are some members of a Smith family buried there. There are also two veterans in there, one is from the Mexican War and the other from the Civil War, so it has been there for quite a few years. Parello said, "I have a deep inner glow now that I've solved this minor mystery, that might help me sleep tonight."

And, I am very pleased that it all turned out. Parello made sure that Bertsch is now listed in Find a Grave, and there will be no more questions as to whatever happened to the handyman. And, he also said that he would like to go over to clean up the old cemetery a little, if the owner of the property goes along with it.

My mind is at rest now, too, that I know this mystery has been solved, and that we now have the missing piece to the puzzle.

It was a tragic time for this little town, which caused quite a stir, but within days, with the help of local law enforcement and others, the murderer was captured, and spent the rest of his life in prison.

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