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Three Rivers Land Trust Board member Carl Davis and Executive Director Cheri Brunault assessing the grade at the Goat Hill Trail in 2019. The completed ADA universally accessible route to the summit could be open as early as September.

COURTESY PHOTO

Local docs celebrate ten years

By C.J. PIKE

Doctors Kathryn and David Galbraith are celebrating ten years in business at Galbraith Family Medicine on Elm Street in Limerick.

The Galbraiths started their family practice on May 24, 2010, after a long career in medicine. Both have their medical degrees from Medical College in Pennsylvania, in fact, that is where they first met. They were married during their first .year of residency, and have been working together ever since.

It seems that it was fate that brought them together, but the kindness in caring for patients keeps them going strong. Most of the time, they do alternate days at the office. It started when

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Doctors David and Kathryn Galbraith opened Galbraith Family Medicine ten years ago in Limerick.

COURTESY PHOTO

New universal access trail near completion

Three Rivers Land Trust raising final funds for route to the summit of Goat Hill in Acton

Three Rivers Land Trust and the Town of Acton are collaborating to bring an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) trail to the top of Goat Hill in Acton. The trail has been open to foot traffic for the past year, but now grant programs and generous individual donors are helping to put the universal access goal within sight.

Local businesses, individual donors, and major grant funders are coming together to support this trail project. Once complete, the trail will enable many people with mobility issues to access the summit of Goat Hill, which features towering pines, a picnic area, and 360-degree views of nearby lakes and Mt. Washington. While the Covid-19 pandemic presents difficulties, Three Rivers Land Trust is continuing to pursue this significant and unique project that will help people of all abilities get outdoors to exercise and experience nature.

Why is an ADA trail important? One Acton resident who uses a wheelchair has this to say:

"To live a full life when faced with significant, physical limitations you must focus on what abilities you have, not what is lost. Being able to add to the "Can Do" list empowers someone like me to get up and fight another day. For Three Rivers Land Trust to recognize the missed opportunities to enjoy the outdoors for those of us who are disabled, is commendable. The willingness to take on the construction of an ADA accessible trail is life-changing."

Construction of the original Goat Hill Trail began in 2018. A public parking area just north of Romac Orchards on H Road allowed public access in 2019. The initial trail route was cleared mainly by volunteers, including students from the MapleStone School in Acton, and a crew from the Maine Conservation Corps. The final phase of trail construction at Goat Hill involves transforming the existing trail into an ADA-compliant route by creating gentle slopes and resting areas, and adding a firm stone-dust surface that will support wheelchair access. This part of the project will be completed by the Mainebased trail construction company Kennebec Trails.

At the summit, Three Rivers plans to install accessible picnic tables and pathways to major viewpoints. The work is scheduled to begin in August 2020, and the completed ADA-route may be available as early as September. If you or someone you know would like to get involved, or be among the first to test out the new trail route, please contact Executive Director Cheri Brunault at cheri@3rlt.org or 358-9695.

Three Rivers Land Trust continues to fundraise the remaining \$17,000 needed to complete the project. A generous donor has offered a matching challenge of \$2,000, and donations can be made through the website or by sending a check.

Three Rivers would like to thank the state programs and private foundations that have already awarded funds to the project, including a \$20,800 Land and Water Conservation Fund matching grant to the Town of Acton (the land trust is raising the match), a \$13,000 Maine Outdoor Her-

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TOWN OF LIMERICK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING June 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Brick Town Hall, 11 Main Street

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing to discuss the following Warrant Articles to be voted on at the July 14th election by secret ballot. The public is urged to attend

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for York County Community Action.

Vote for one:	
	\$500.00 Selectmen recommend
	\$1,000.00 Budget Committee recommend; of
	None of the above (\$0.00)

ARTICLE 3. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Life Flight Foundation which assists local ambulance services, fire departments and hospitals in serious emergency situations.

Vote for one:

______ \$500.00 Selectmen recommend

_____ \$723.00 Budget Committee recommend; or

None of the above (\$0.00)

ARTICLE 4. (Citizens Petition)

Shall the Town of Limerick adopt a policy whereby all members of the Board of Selectmen shall not hold any other town office or any compensated town employment during their tenure of office. If approved, this policy will take effect on March 1, 2021

Yes ______ No _____

ARTICLE 5. (Citizens Petition)

Shall the Town of Limerick reduce the size of its Board of Selectmen from 5 members to 3 members with each member serving a 3 year term. If approved this will become effective March 1, 2021 (This article will terminate the positions presently being held by Gilbert Harris and Dorothy Richard whose terms expire March of 2021 since the were elected to serve on the 5 member board when it was created 3 years ago.)

Yes _____ No ____

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to repeal the Flood Plain Management Ordinance approved on March 13, 2009 and adopt the Federal Emergency Management Agency's final map date with accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the Town of Limerick to be effective January 1, 2021.

(A copy of the proposed maps is available at the Town Clerk's office)

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with Lester Williams, for property located at 29 Main Street, Limerick, ME, Map 29 Lot 76, and all buildings thereon, for the sum of \$185,000, with the funds to be appropriated and expended from the Fire Station Capital Reserve Account, for the purpose of the new or expanded public safety building and further authorize the Selectmen to take all necessary and required actions to complete the acquisition of the property?

ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate and expend \$1,800 from the Fire Station Capital Reserve Account for the purpose of contracting with an engineer to evaluate the existing structure to determine the requirements for its use as the proposed public safety building?

The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Municipal Building on July 14, 2020 at 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM to correct the list of voters and to enroll new voters.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, Limerick, ME

Gilbert S. Harris, Chair • Joanne L. Andrews • Dorothy M. Richard Wendy M. Thorne • Heath D. Edgerly

SHAPLEIGH

Joanne Bargioni joannebargioni@gmail.com

Shapleigh's new Fire Chief

Steve Guillemette is now Shapleigh's new Fire Chief. He was promoted on May 28th and worked for the town as an on-call firefighter and member of the Shapleigh Fire Dept.

Guillemette, who took over from Acting Chief Kevin Ro-

mano, has over 30 years of experience and is certified in Fire Fighting 1 and 2, Fire Command, Fire Instructor 1, Arson Investigation, Emergency Vehicle Driving Training, and Hazardous Materials Operations. Guillemette has named Jeff LeDuc as Assistant Fire Chief. The town is excited to welcome them both to their new positions.

PHOTO AT LEFT: Steve Guillemette is sworn in as new Shapleigh Fire Chief by Town Clerk Joanne Rankin.

COURTESY PHOTO

GALBRAITHS

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their kids were growing, so that somebody would be always be home for them, and still continues whenever necessary.

They still cover for each other now in the office, but do not share patients, which apparently works out.

Kathryn has been practicing for more than 22 years, and David has been practicing for more than 20 years. Prior to opening the practice on Elm Street, they were at the Sacopee Valley Health Care in Porter for three years and the

Goodall Health Partners in Waterboro for four years.

At this time, they have four medial assistants and an office

Dr. Kathryn Galbraith said in a phone interview "It has been an incredible 10 years. Time flies when you're having fun."

According to Sherry Storer, one of the M.A.'s, the staff wanted to give a congratulations to them; and their patients wanted to, as well

They are taking new patients, and their office phone number is: 793-9586.

ACTON TRAIL

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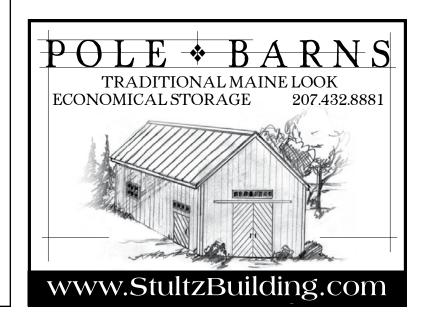
itage Fund grant, \$10,000 from the Dana and Christopher Reeve Foundation, a \$5,000 award from the Onion Foundation, and \$3,000 from the Ed Meadows Conservation Fund. The community support for this project has also been very strong – Town of Acton residents and many private donors contributed to the original purchase and conservation of Goat Hill, and many area residents have donated toward the trail's construction. Three Rivers Land Trust sincerely thanks the many individual donors that have contributed, and those that are now stepping up to help raise the final funds.

To donate, get involved, or stay informed about the project, please visit the land trust's Facebook page, or access their website at www.3rlt.org.

The Three Rivers Land Trust is a membership-supported organization dedicated to building stronger, healthier communities through the protection of wild and working landscapes in Acton, Alfred, Lebanon, Shapleigh and Sanford/Springvale. Named for the Little Ossipee, Salmon Falls, and Mousam Rivers, Three Rivers Land Trust holds conservation easements to protect farms, forests, and wetlands, and maintains preserves which provide recreation and hunting access.



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MAKING IT EASY TO GET SAFE, PERSONALIZED CARE.

Here at MaineHealth, we're focused on continuing to stay ahead of this pandemic.

It's why we've instituted new protocols to ensure everyone walking through our doors gets the care they need safely and with minimal risk.

Things like mandatory masks and paperless admissions.

Daily screenings for our care team members and expanded telehealth capabilities.

Because there are certain things that waiting only makes worse.

And a big one is problems with your health.

That's why we're making it easy to get safe, personalized care.

WE'RE IN THIS UNTIL WE WIN THIS.

MaineHealth



The shelves of the Newfield Library are stocked and ready for people to browse for a new book to read. One patron at a time.

COURTESY PHOTO

NEWFIELD

C.J. Pike

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Library open with new hours, etc.

The Newfield Library at 637 Water Street will re-open on Tuesday, June 9 with new hours and some restrictions. First, access to the library will be by appointment only. Please call the librarian Cheryl Cause to set up a good time for you both at 207-809- 7014. Tuesdays and Thursdays the hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and on Wednesdays, the hours will be from Noon to 4 p.m.

All returns should be placed in the book drop; and copying and computer use will not be available. You my pick up your items at the back door, as the front door will be locked. Only one patron at a time will be allowed in the library and MUST be wearing a face mask.

The library is not accepting donations at this time; and asks that if you are not feeling well, please do not schedule an appointment. Tea Time has been cancelled.

Plant sale was a success

Newfield Historical Society held their annual perennial sale this past weekend and by the looks, they did quite well. I arrived close to the end of it and there were just a few plants left on the table and some on the ground behind the table.

The sale was held in front of the Newfield Town Office at 637 Water Street for 4 hours, so there was plenty of time for all of the gardeners to get down there to puchase some new plants for their perennial gardens.

According to the president Joe Iannazzo, they made around \$200 from the sale which will go towards expenses.

Many of the locals came down to support of the sale, and the historical society would like to send out thanks to everyone who donated plants and to all of those wonderful gardeners, who came down to purchase them. Happy planting.

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go to the following people: Jennifer Schaefer, Dave Fisher, and Rhoby Treadwell

ALFRED

Allison Williams
awilliams@waterbororeporter.com
324-5823

Is your house properly numbered?

Our codes enforcement officer points out that Alfred adopted the State of Maine e-911 addressing standards. To answer 911 calls properly we are required to maintain accurate road and addressing information.

For fire and rescue purposes please place and display the number(s) assigned to your property prominently on or near your front door, visible from the street. The height of each number should be at least 4 inches and made of reflective material. If your house is more than 75 feet of not visible from the road, place the numbers at the beginning of your driveway. This will assist emergency responders. For additional assistance call 324-5872 ext. 206.

Permits issued

Codes Enforcement Officer Jim Allaire issued the following permits. To Barry Russell of Old Falls Pond Road, permit to temove hazard Trees. To Steve and Karen Martin of Avery Road, a permit to install a gazebo. To Herbert and Elizabeth D. of Oak Street to reconstruct a back porch; to Kay Mike of Ida Jim Road for a stand by generator; to Mark Brennan of Gile Road for a 10' by 12' shed; to Colonial Mobile Home of Sanford Road, to demolish mobile homes on Lot 15 and 6; to Tyler Albert a new home on Westview Drive; to the County of York on Kennebunk Road a permit for renovation of the interior of Probate Court.

A permit to Pamela Torrey of Hermit Rock Lane, a permit to put up a pre-fab garage; to Ronda Bueke of Federal Street a permit to install a 24' above ground pool; to Robert Curry of Mountain Road to move in containers and cover; Russell Donnell of Pheasant Run to put in a prefabricated shed; to the town of Alfred on Sanford Road to repair damaged siding; Kayleen Elliott of Gile Road to install an above ground pool; to Steven Hyde of Pond Road to demolish and replace a shed; Normand Penney of Penney Lane for exterior renovations; to Albert Taylor of Westview Drive a land use permit was issued by the CEO and growth permit.

After Memorial Day

If she was able to pay the fuel bill, it had been a successful Memorial Day. All the busyness preceding Memorial Day didn't mean much, as far as my grandmother was concerned, if the fuel bill for the year wasn't paid afterwards. When I was growing up in the greenhouses the fuel was coal, delivered by Mr. Cote who put his metal chute in the boiler room window and arrived two different days with coal. All day we would hear the rumble of the coal going down the chute. My little brother reveled in the coal, climbing what appeared to be a mountain of it after it was delivered. My mother grumbled about his clothes and no wonder.

Mr. Cote was popular with us kids because in warm weather he was also the ice man who would chip off ice from a block so we would have something to suck. This was when many of us still had ice boxes. Or we would climb on the back of his truck and chip off our own pieces.

The Memorial Day season was hectic. People would call in their orders and we would decorate the graves for them, often with geraniums and ageratum. The last night of frost inevitably was just before Memorial Day. On the morning of Memorial Day the Boy Scouts held a service on the cemetery bridge, and floated a memorial wreath down the

stream. So the night before we would drive around the cemetery covering our plantings with towels which all had to be removed the next morning before the Boy Scouts blocked the bridge with their service. I wonder if there are any florists who do this today?

That afternoon was anticlimactic. There were no more customers, the flower shop was closed, and my father had the day off. After dinner we took our own flowers to the family plot in town, placing a geranium by each grave, then went to Fitzwilliam, where our ancestors were buried. Here only one name was really familiar to me, that of my great-aunt. I had been taken to see her one last time, and remembered a little lady in a huge four poster bed with a canopy. She had been my Sunday School superintendent, but other names were somewhat familiar. I could even recall how some of them looked in life.

This is because when my grand-mother, who had inherited Auntie's home, cleaned it out, she discovered in the attic a large collection of family portraits. Not small portraits but very large ones, some done by itinerant painters. Apparently they had not been shy about letting people know who they were. My grandmother felt the portraits should be hung where they could be seen. The winding staircase seemed ideal. Thus every time I went upstairs I could name a representative from each generation.

My great-aunt saved more than portraits. She saved EVERY-THING! Today we groan about hoarders but there is an advantage to this. I was happy to inherit my great-grandfather's desk, Auntie's little wooden trunk, and miscellaneous small items. I try to pass on items to cousins who will enjoy them and hope they will not sell them but pass them on to their children to enjoy. And if they sell them, just don't let me know!





LAKESIDE MARKET Senior Edition O O

FOR 21 YEARS, we have had the privilege of employing students in our community and surrounding communities. On most occasions, we are their first experience to the work force and it is such a privilege and honor to teach them, mentor them, and watch them develop into young adults who become active citizens in our communities.

Our employed seniors from the Class of 2020 are exceptional in so many ways. They are turning 18 this year. They only know the world post 9/11. They are the

first to experience quarantine and removed from their schools and unable to experience the "lasts" as a senior graduating high school. We are extremely proud of each one of them. They are passionate for life, resilient to abrupt change and the unknown, and in such a short time have gone from high school students to adulthood in a flurry of the current events they have been presented with.

We truly believe they will be the generation of real change and not only have they inspired us, they have taught us, that together, we can accomplish anything no matter the circumstances, and move forward with dedication, commitment and unity.

Please help us congratulate our 6 Massabesic High School Lakeside Seniors! With our Love, Pride, & Thanks,

-Sandi. Leo & Lakeside Family



Congratulations to Jacob Abbott for obtaining Magna Cum Laude at MHS for the Class of 2020!

Jake is a Massabesic Mustang Senior whose efforts in the classroom, on the field or court, and in the Lakeside workplace are defined by dedication, hard work, and unity. We will be very excited to read about his next chapter as he heads to Husson University to study Accounting. Congratulations Jake!



Congratulations to Amber Arsenault a MHS Graduate of the Class of 2020!

Amber is a Massabesic Mustang Senior who keeps herself very busy. During her 4 years of high school, she was a Varsity Cheerleader for three years, a member of the National Honor Society, and has logged over 250 community service hours in her community and with other organizations. When not at school, she is an active competitive dancer at Atlantic Dance Arts. She has danced since she was three years old, and now teacher assists two creative dance classes. At Lakeside, her commitment to excellence and her teamwork attitude are just a couple of traits that are greatly appreciated. We will be very excited to read about her next chapter as she heads to the University of New England majoring

in Dental Hygiene. **Congratulations Amber!**



Congratulations to Colby Hyde a MHS Graduate of the Class of 2020!

Colby is a Massabesic Mustang Senior who loves the outdoors. When not at school or work, you'll find him dirt biking or fishing. In his early years, he played youth football and moved into Cross Country during his four years of high school. At Lakeside, he can be found stocking the shelves and coolers and working in the kitchen. He takes great pride in his work, always striving to do his best and helping others always. He commented to us that he "really likes his job and the people he works with." We will be very excited to read about his next chapter as he studies Electrical Engineering at the school he soon will choose. **Congratulations Colby!**



Congratulations to Benjermyn Rohner a MHS Graduate of the **Class of 2020!**

Ben is a Massabesic Mustang Senior who has a passion for the ocean. His curiosity for life and the environment has given him many opportunities while attending MHS. He credits his inspiration and inner strength to his mentor Jessie that he met his freshmen year. He also played football for few years and was a member of the ROTC. At Lakeside, he can be found throughout the store, kitchen and coolers with a passion for excellence and professional energy to get the job done. He is very kind and friendly to all. He is hoping to join the National Guard after graduating and seeking a college education in Marine Biology in the future.

Congratulations Ben!



Mia Skowronski

Congratulations to Mia Skowronski for obtaining Summa Cum Laude at MHS for the Class of 2020!

Mia is a Massabesic Mustang Senior whose efforts in the classroom, on the field and in the Lakeside workplace are defined by hard work, dedication, and determination. We will be very excited to read about her next chapter as she heads to the University of Vermont to study Neuroscience with a minor in biochemistry on the path to Pre Med.

Congratulations Mia!



Hannah Storman

Congratulations to Hannah Storman a MHS Graduate of the Class of 2020!

Hannah is a Massabesic Mustang Senior and loves to dance! For many years she danced on Competition teams at an early age through high school. At Lakeside, you will always find her with a friendly smile. Her outgoing positive attitude is contagious and her hard work is dedicated. We will be very excited to read about her next chapter as

she heads to the University of Southern Maine to study to be a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Hannah!

Congratulations



Christine "Chrissy" LePage

Christine "Chrissy" LePage, 41, of Limerick, passed away un-

expectedly on May 27, 2020. She was Born May 16th, 1979 to Larry P. LePage and Susan Carroll M. both of Limer-



Christine

ick. "Chrissy" LePage Chrissy attended Massabesic High School in Waterboro.

Chrissy was employed at Hannaford and worked there for 17 years. In those 17 years she helped set-up many new stores, trained many co-workers, who often referred to her as "Boss Lady", All while working her way from bagging groceries to Customer Service

She enjoyed Reading and spending time with her family and would often have get-togethers and make her "pepperoni loaf"; She also enjoyed playing "Fortnite", with her two boys and nephew.;

You would often see her cheering Nolan and Ryan on at their many sports events, baseball and football. Where both boys played for MAYFC for 5 years.;

She was predeceased by her Mother, Susan M. Carroll, Her Maternal Grandfather John H. Carroll, Paternal Grandfather, Rodney A. LePage, and Uncle John P. Carroll II, all of Limerick.

Surviving are her Fiance of 22 years, Jesse Gerry of Waterboro, Me; their two sons Nolan Jesse Gerry and Ryan Keith Gerry of Waterboro.

Father and Step-Mother Larry and Kathy LePage of Cornish; Sister Tara LePage and Nephew Devon Churchill of Limerick; Step-Sister: Jennifer Segien-Gartland, Husband John Gartland and niece Kaylee of Waterboro; Mother-in-law Cindy Gerry of North Waterboro and Father-in-Law, Tony Gerry & Loretta Richards of North Waterboro; Her "Other Sister" Christine Tarbox and nephew Connor of Hollis. Grandmothers: Carmen LePage and Dolores Carroll of Limerick, and Special Step-Grandmother GiGi Inez Segien, of Eastport, she had many special Aunts and Uncles and many cousins.

Keep Watching over Jesse and Your Boys and We will do Our Best to guide them here. Fly High Sweet Angel Chrissy.

Due to the COVID-19 Funeral Arrangements will be made at a time convenient to all loved ones and arrangements will be announced.

In lieu of Flowers: GoFundMe. Com: Support for Christine LePage's Boys

Funeral Services were provided by Poitras, Neal & York Funeral Home, 71 Maple St. Cornish, ME.

Diane "Mimi" Rouillard

Diane "Mimi" Rouillard of Waterboro entered God's loving

embrace surrounded by her family on May 28, 2020. She was a quiet woman with a quick sense of humor and gentle soul. She endured much pain in her life, but



Diane "Mimi" Rouillard

she refused to let her afflictions stop her from doing the things that brought her joy. She will be missed by all who knew her, particularly her husband, two sons, eleven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Diane met her husband Michael in high school. They married shortly after graduation and were blessed to have forty-eight wonderful years together. Their union gave them two children, Brian Keith and Shawn Michael. In 1979 they moved to Waterboro and built a house, where she remained until her passing. She and Mike enjoyed spending their time fishing and picking blueberries and strawberries. She loved baking cookies for her family, and she delighted in finding new recipes to try. She enjoyed listening to traditional Christian hymns.

Diane was diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis at a young age, but the family recalls how she never allowed it to slow her down. She could often be found gardening or raking her lawn, baking, cross-stitching, or working on puzzle books. Her greatest joy, however, was her family. She was always ready to give them advice, show them how to cook and bake, and loved to babysit. She looked forward to her annual trips to Santa's Village with Mike and her grandchildren, and never missed a dance recital, drama performance, or sports event. She took pride in having a unique relationship with each one of her grandchildren and felt blessed to see the birth of her first great-grandson.

She is predeceased by her mother Therese Letellier and father

Raymond Letellier. She leaves behind husband Michael and her two sons Brian Rouillard and his wife Dawn, and Shawn Rouillard and his wife Teresa as well as her grandchildren Jasmine Rouillard, Alexandria Rouillard, Aleesha Johnson, Michael Johnson, James Rouillard, Clare Rouillard, Simon Rouillard, Violet Rouillard, Eliza Rouillard, Cecily Rouillard, Lucy Rouillard and great-grandson Dawson Rouillard.

She also leaves her sister Estelle L'Heureux and husband Richard, brother Richard Letellier and his wife Mary, brother Robert Letellier and wife Elizabeth, and brother Daniel Letellier and wife

A Graveside Service will be held later at Pine Grove Cemetery South in Waterboro.

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

Joseph Roger Robert Bougie

Joseph Roger Robert Bougie, of Sanford, went to be with

his Lord Jesus Christ on May 14, 2020. Joseph was born in Sanford on Sept. 27, 1944 at Goodall Hospital in Sanford, to Lionel Bougie and Liza (Plante)



Joseph Roger **Robert Bougie**

Bougie. Joe attended St Ignatius School and Sanford High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age 17, and where he had a very distinguished career. Joe served two tours in Vietnam where he earned the bronze star medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. In 1966 Joe married Sandra Kay Secord in the state of Washington. They had 4 children, Carl Bougie in 1966, Wendy in 1967, Anita in 1972 and Robin in 1972. The couple divorced in 1981. Joe met and married his second wife, Louise Allen, in 1981 and the couple lived in Maine, Florida and Colorado until Joe retired from the military in 1988. In 1996 Joe and Louise returned to Maine where Joe worked for Wal-Mart and Sam's Club before retiring in 2002.

Joe and Louise joined Mount Vernon Baptist Church in 2000 where he met his good friend the late Pastor Carl Storme. Pastor Storme mentored Joe into the gospel of ministry and he became a certified pastor in 2002. From 2002-2005 Joe enjoyed preaching the gospel at various churches in Maine. In 2005, Joe was hired as the lead pastor of Norridgewock Baptist Church where he served from 2005 to 2016. Pastor Joe and

his wife, Louise, led a very fruitful ministry, not only building and nurturing the church membership but also leading many lost souls to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Pastor Joe and Louise were greatly loved by the church flock and also by the community of Norridgewock where they developed many relationships, performed many marriages and funerals and were regular participants in Memorial Day celebrations and other community events. Pastor Joe retired from ministry in 2016 and he and Louise returned to Sanford, Maine where they could be closer to their family. Joe was known for his outgoing personality and teasing nature. Joe was a lifelong member of the VFW and the NRA.

Joe was predeceased by his son Robin in 2012 and by his sister Rita Demers in 1997.

Joe is survived by his wife Louise Bougie of Sanford, Maine; his son Carl Bougie and his wife Kris of Munising Michigan; Carl's daughter Desiree Bougie and her 2 children Liam and Noah of Munising, Michigan; Carl's son Tylor Bougie of Springfield, OK; Joe's daughters Wendy Nations and Anita Bougie of Germfask, Michigan; Anita's children, Zach Bougie of Munising, Michigan and Jessica Kline of Munising, Michigan; Zach's 3 children, Melody, Gabrielle, and Isabelle.

Joe also leaves his nieces and nephews, Rita's children: Cindy Demers of Sanford, Maine; Susan and Jerry, his niece Susan Cole and nephew Darrin Demers; his great niece Amanda L. Welch of Lebanon, Maine and her children Savannah and Everett. Joe's surviving siblings are his sisters Irene Ross and Cecile Tuttle, both of Sanford, Maine and Lorette Rodriguez of Somersworth, NH and a brother, Mark Hanson of Sanford, Maine. Joe will be missed by his 5 step-children Bill Allen of Kennebunk, Joyce Goodwin of Sanford, Lenny Allen of Charles Town, WV, Gary Allen of Saco, and Dennis Allen of Sebago Lake.

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

A Graveside Service with military honors will be held later at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Norridgewock Baptist Church at 22 Main Street, Norridgewock, Maine, 04957.

Obituaries are a free service in the Reporter. **EMAIL WITH** PHOTO TO: news@waterboro



Ernest Malcolm Johnson, also lovingly known in high school as

Dingo, 82, of Shapleigh, died peacefully in his home Sunday, May 24, 2020, after a long illness. He was born April 30, 1938, in Sanford, Maine, George



Ernest M. Johnson

(Bill) and Mary Tabor Johnson. Ernest graduated from Sanford

High School in 1956 then entered the Air Force. After serving for four years, he earned his Bachelor of Science in engineering physics from the University of Maine. While working and raising a family with Joyce, he continued his education and earned his Master's Degree in mechanical engineering from Lowell Tech in Massachusetts. He retired as an electrical engineer from AT&T/Bell Labs in North Andover, Massachusetts, at the early age of 51.

Ernest took pride in providing a vacation retreat at Square Pond for his children to grow up near their grandparents: swimming, fishing, water skiing, sledding, ice skating, snowmobiling and everything else he taught them over the years. He enjoyed fishing, nature walks, and anything grandchild related. He liked long phone conversations with friends and family and giving away Joyce's book, Poems of Faith and Inspiration. His most important goal in life was to help others understand that God is real and "is in it ALL."

Ernest is survived by his wife of nearly 57 years, Joyce Elizabeth Folsom Johnson of Shapleigh, Maine; his daughter, Marcia Newell and her husband, Jeff of Litchfield, NH; his son Dean Johnson and his wife Stacey of Springvale, Maine; his daughter, Christine Morrison and her husband, Kevin of Sanford, Maine; his grandchildren, Bonnie Newell and her husband, Kris McConnell; Bethany Newell, Dean Johnson, Anna Johnson, Joshua Morrison, Daniel Morrison, Sarah Morrison, Joel Morrison, and Abigail Morrison; his brothers: Rodney Johnson and his wife Helen, Richard Johnson and his wife Doris, Douglas Johnson and his wife Mandy, and Stephen Johnson and his wife Roberta; and his sisters: Patricia Fiske, Sandra Navia and her husband Rod.

He is predeceased by his brother, William Johnson and sister, Beverly Johnson.

Funeral services will be private





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"It is my responsibility to protect the health and wellbeing of Maine people and to support our economy – and I will continue to fight to strike that balance."

- Gov. Janet Mills

Throughout this COVID-19 pandemic and our gradual reopening of the economy, the Maine CDC has monitored epidemiological data, including case trends and hospitalization rates, and health care readiness and capacity, to inform every one of our decisions on lifting restrictions in the State of Maine.

What do these trends look like?

In the past two weeks, Maine's count of confirmed COVID-19 cases has increased. Three counties in particular show alarming trends in these

In the seven days beginning Wednesday, May 20 to Tuesday, May 26, a total of 96 new cases was reported in Androscoggin County alone, for an average daily increase there of almost 14.

In the same time frame, a total of 193 new cases was reported in Cumberland County, for an average daily increase of more than 27.

In that same time frame also, a total of 52 new cases occurred in York County, for an average daily increase of more than 7.

In light of those trends, earlier this week, my Administration postponed the reopening of restaurants for dine-in service in York, Cumberland, and Androscoggin counties.

Restaurants in these counties were tentatively scheduled to reopen to dine-in services on June 1.

Instead, they may now offer outside dining service beginning June 1, but not dine-in eating.

I also announced that restaurants in Maine's other thirteen counties can reopen as planned on June 1st for indoor and outdoor dining with precautions.

As of this recording, Maine has reopened its economy on a par with or to an even greater extent than other New England

Still, I know that this week's announcement was unwelcome news for some restaurants in Cumberland, York and Androscoggin counties who had been preparing to fully reopen next week. I recognize and deplore the impact that this has on them.

I hear people asking: could we have given them a few more days, a little more notice? Well I would like to have been able to provide more notice, but, knowing that nothing is predictable about this pandemic except that people will get sick and many will die, I am trying to balance that fact with the need to consider the most current public health data and trends available.

So over that past week leading up to Wednesday, the trend in Androscoggin County for instance, continued to climb in a disturbing fashion. We had no choice.

Every decision has consequences that are devastating for some, but every decision is intended to protect people of Maine from a deadly virus which is often spread in enclosed spaces where people tend to sit for extended periods of time, places like indoor dining facilities.

As Governor my responsibility is to protect the health and wellbeing of Maine people and to support our economy - and I will continue to fight to strike that balance.

The easy thing to do would be to allow everything to reopen. The easy thing to do would be to say yes to every business that wants to open widely and pretend that things are the same as they were a year ago, but they're not and there is nothing easy about any of this. Our decisions however are based on fact and medical science, not on politics and not on popularity. The people of Maine expect no less of

So, I ask you - please - remember to wash your hands frequently, maintain six feet of distance between you and others, stay home when you can especially if you are older or have a health condition. Wear a cloth face covering when you are out in public to protect others.

Stay local, shop local. Support your local small businesses whenever possible.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation. We've kept our numbers low in comparison to other states because we've done the right thing and you've done the right thing.

We are in this together.

As Doctor Anthony Fauci said earlier this week "Now is the time, if ever there was one, for us to care selflessly about one another."

I couldn't agree more.

-Released as a radio address on May 29.

OPINION

You can't trim your waistline if you keep stuffing your face

early June and I was riding my bicycle home from Canarsie. I am mugged! Now?" a white middle class Jew with a transistor radio fastened to the handlebars of a 10-speed by a series of thick rubber-bands. Cousin Brucie was spinning The Beatles, All You Need Is Love, when three black kids on two bicycles caught me at a red light. One grabbed the front of my bike while the other two pulled knives and yelled, "give me your bike!"

"Can I keep the radio?" I asked.

"We don't want your radio," denton. You want that?" the older boy on my left said.

So, I separated the radio from the rubber-bands and watched three black kids ride off on three

Needless to say, I walked the - why not? Bicycles aren't cheap or maybe just three kids from poor families?

A week later my dad bought me a new bike.

The following summer me and my white friends would play pickup baseball games at the Parade grounds on Caton Ave. Sometimes, the only other team was a group of black kids. Half of them didn't have gloves and always granted us home field advantage if we let them use our gloves when they were in the field. The only thing worse than getting our butts kicked, was when the last out was made, half of their team would bolt with our gloves. We'd have to spend the rest of the week breaking in new ones.

I'm 64 now and still listening to the Beatles. I've been a crime victim 14 times – all petty and all by African American males. My favorite happened in 2008 in Sarasota, Florida. It was a time of the Great Recession and I needwhen I saw them see me. It was burning down the house? a group of black kids past the in-

I was 12 years old and living tersection, a quarter of the way in Flatbush, Brooklyn when I was down the second block. I rememmugged for the first time. It was ber thinking "oh great. Things aren't bad enough, I'm going to get

> They trotted toward me. Slowed. Maybe grew skeptical because I didn't turn and run. I just kept walking toward them. When we finally reached one another, as they surrounded me one of em asked if I was a cop?

> "What?" I said, "Do I look like a cop to you?"

> > "Why you here?"

I explained.

"You got any money?"

"Yeah. Bus fare back to Bra-

"Nah," but I had to give up half my pack of cigarettes before they let me go to my interview. I wondered if I wasn't guilty of profiling and if so, am I a racist?

I didn't get the job and they rest of the way home trying to were waiting for me when I got understand why, only to conclude out. The bus back to Bradenton wasn't for another two hours. I and were these three black kids, shared the other half pack of cigarettes, hung out with them and we talked. I confessed to them my time with NYPD, working 'the Wheel' at the Central Warrants Unit' and how 9 out of 10 arrests were black males for petty stuff, turn stile jumpers, stolen bikes, after school mugging. I'd hear an old jaded white veteran mumble things like animals and I'd argue poverty.

I've always argued racism is not nearly as widespread as is it used as an excuse to blind us from the real question. How is it the wealthiest nation in the world has so many ghettoes, filled with underfunded schools attended by children of uninsured families? Why aren't poor Black, Latino and White families getting ahead? Whites blaming it on equal opportunity as if minorities are to blame for their problems. Blacks blaming whites. Latino's blaming blacks and whites.

Where is the investment of ed a job after the company I was America? We can invest in facwith went under. I took public tories in China, Mexico, Vietnam transportation from Bradenton, but not America? You can't trim getting off on Tamiami Trail and your waistline if you keep stuff-Dr. Martin Luthor King Jr. Way, ing your face. Is it wrong to sugin Sarasota. I walked down MLK gest solving the problem of the and made the first left for the poor, (black, white and Latino) two-block walk to the business. I can solve the problem of race? Or was halfway down the first block should we just continue to play

> – Jon Simonds North Waterboro

TOWN OF WATERBORO

Notice of Public Hearing

The Waterboro Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 and June 23, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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