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Byron Belanger from Lyman with a plane model he made in Mr. Bryant's Tech class at Massabesic Middle School. COURTESY PHOTO

Dream big!

BY MICHAEL BRYANT
Technology Education-
Massabesic Middle School

Dream Big! Every lesson in my aviation unit ended with those two words, this spring: Dream Big! Students, in 8th grade tech classes, recently finished up a unit in aviation that earned one young man a really big opportunity.

Byron Belanger, 14, of Lyman, was recently announced the winner of a Free Discovery Flight from Southern Maine Aviation in Sanford. Byron and another member of his family will be visiting SMA and be learning how to pre-flight a Cessna 172SP. Then with the assistance of a licensed flight instructor, Byron will taxi the airplane down the runway and take

off. Byron will get to take as much control of the plane as he wants as they fly over southern Maine. He will have the opportunity to fly up and down the coast or even over his house in Lyman, if he so chooses.

Upon winning, Byron said, "When I won this flight I was so excited! I've never been in a small plane before and would love to fly over my house and take pictures of my motocross track from the air. I'm also so excited to see how all the controls work on the plane and talk with the pilot. It will be awesome!"

Fourth quarter tech students, at Massabesic Middle School, studied aviation in a unique way this spring. Each day, they learned

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PARADE OF BUSINESSES

Local businesses on parade **PAGES 3, 4, 5 AND 8**

SHOP LOCAL!
Support these great local businesses!

Alfred has a little free library

Little Free Libraries are a global phenomenon. The small, front-yard book exchanges number more than 75,000 around the world in 85 countries — from Iceland to Tasmania to Pakistan. Now, a Little Free Library in front of Alfred Parish Church will join the movement to share books, bring people together and create communities of readers.

The custom-built library stand, easily accessible at 8 Kennebunk Road, in Alfred allows people to donate a book or pick up a book free of charge. These book spots are found in front yards of private homes, service clubs and community centers worldwide.

"Our Little Free Library doesn't just belong to us, it belongs to the whole community," said Pat Vertefeuille, a member of Alfred Parish Church who built the Little Free Library with her husband and son. "We hope that this Little Free Library will bring a little more joy, a little more connection and a whole lot more books to our community."



A little free library now stands at 8 Kennebunk Road, Alfred. COURTESY PHOTO

Here's how it works. The Little Free Library is stocked with a variety of books for readers of all ages. Anyone can stop by and take whatever catches their eye or bring books to contribute when

they can. A puzzle exchange box with the same rules is also set up under the library.

"One of the strengths of the Alfred community is how folks care for their neighbors," said Rev. Sara Bartlett, minister of Alfred Parish Church. "This free library reflects the way in which the Parish Church is not only part of the historic town green, but how we reach beyond ourselves in our most loving and giving way."

The Alfred location has been registered on the map of the Little Free Library nonprofit organization so anyone familiar with the libraries can search for it online. The Little Free Library organization has been honored by the Library of Congress, the National Book Foundation, and the American Library Association, and Reader's Digest named them one of the "50 Surprising Things We Love about America."

Each year, nearly 10 million books are shared in Little Free Libraries. To learn more visit littlefreelibrary.org.

YCCAC Transportation on the road again — with fare-free through August

York County Community Action Corporation (YCCAC) has announced that most transportation services suspended due to COVID-19 have resumed regular operation.

All public transportation provided by YCCAC will also be fare-free through August. There will be a maximum seating capacity permitted on each vehicle, using only available seats. All riders will be required to wear face coverings, with the exception of those with prohibitive medical condi-

tions, those who would not be able to maintain normal functions by wearing a covering, and those who are not able to remove their mask without assistance. Children under two years should not wear face coverings. If a rider does not have a face covering, one will be provided. Please remember to cover your cough/sneeze ("cough/sneeze into your elbow").

There will be no availability for those using the vehicles to just get out and ride around, sometimes referred to "joy riding."

The WAVE has resumed regular operation and will be operating seven days per week, as before, and will require calling (48) hours ahead to make your reservation.

The Orange Line has begun operating on the Spring and Summer Schedule, which is available on our website or from the driver.

Sanford Transit has also returned to regular operation and will continue to operate daily, Monday through Friday, on the regular schedule.

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HOLLIS

Three vie for selectman seat

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

The Hollis Annual Town Meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 14 at the Hollis Community Building, 35 Town Farm Road in Hollis. There are currently three Select Board Members: David McCubrey, Rita Perron and John Rogala. Perron is stepping down from the Board, and running for her seat are three candidates: Roger Hicks, Mary Hoffman and Elissa Turkett.

Roger Hicks previously served on the Select Board, with a term ending in June of 2018. He ran for Sheriff that same year. He has also been a member of the MSAD #6 Budget Committee, the York County Budget Committee, and the Hollis Fire Department. Hicks was unavailable for comment.

Mary Hoffman, 69 is a retired nurse, who has lived in Hollis off and on since 6th grade. She has a Bachelors in Science



Mary Hoffman

from Boston University, and a Masters in Business and Human Resources Management from Pepperdine University. She was in the military for 20 years and moved back to Hollis in 2000 to take care of her parents. "I have a diverse background in accepting positions in challenging situations," Hoffman said. "I am not afraid of hard work, but am able to listen to the concerns of all, research options available and represent not only the individuals who have been there for generations, but also the new kid on the block." When asked about her qualifications for Select Board Member, Hoffman replied, "I served on the committee

to develop recommendations for change in the Form of Government within Hollis from a Town Meeting – Three member Select Board, to a Town Meeting – Five Member Select Board – Town Manager."

What do you think is the most important issue facing the Town of Hollis and how would you address it? "The most important issue facing Hollis is to change the form of government to be more inclusive of all the citizens of Hollis. We need to have more voices with different opinions and different age groups being included so that the focus is not on what I want, but what the community as a whole wants to have happen and forward progression towards both short and long-term goals."

She continued, "By changing the form of government that we currently have of a Town Meeting-3 Member Select Board to a Town Meeting-5 Member Select Board-Town Manager, the Select Board would be able to invest their time into policy development and not with the day-to-day activities that are important, but can bog down the system from accomplishing goals. The Town Manager would be able to take over the answering questions about trash collection; knocking down mailboxes; department budget development and reconciliation, and all those day-to-day functions of individuals having concerns and issues which require immediate answers. Many of these tasks could be delegated so that the Town Manager could be an active participant in planning and developing long term strategies to develop a future Hollis. The Select Board could then be able to move forward with accomplishing a plan for what Hollis will look like 10-20-30 years from now. A lot of this preliminary work has been done, but progress toward implementation has been sidelined by personal agendas and beliefs."

Hoffman added, "It goes without saying that communication is also a key issue. The website needs to be updated to increase use access and ease of use. Other forms of communication including print, social media, Zoom meetings, and television need to be explored. More importantly, identification of those individuals who are isolated and might need help during



Elissa Turkett

any kind of emergency need to be identified with a method of contact – whether phone, neighbor, or a wellness visit. We owe it to our residents to be able to age in place safely while maintaining the privacy that they desire."

Elissa Turkett, 47, is a Retired Deputy Sheriff from San Diego County and has been living in Hollis. "I have lived in many places and experienced various ways of doing things," Turkett began, "but as a Mainer raised in Buxton, I always knew I wanted to return here to raise my children." She continued, "While I have never held a political position in public office, I have my Associates in Administration of Justice, my Bachelors in Criminal Justice, and have completed a year of law school. I am currently pursuing a Bachelors degree in Cyber Security with a minor in Computer Science."

When asked about her qualifications for Select Board Member, Turkett replied, "During my time as a deputy sheriff, I utilized conflict resolution skills between my fellow team members as well as with the public. I have been actively engaged in recent months with student government and also in the Student Veterans of America Club at SMCC." She continued, "I would say that my passion for public service and my drive to make Hollis a better place for my neighbors is equally as important in considering my qualifications for becoming a Select Board Member."

What do you think is the most important issue facing the Town of Hollis and how would you address it? "I think the most important issue facing the town of Hol-

lis is the lack of representation of the variety within the community. As a mom with young school age children, I felt that there were many issues being ignored among my demographic, and as a result, the young families with kids missed out," Turkett replied.

"The Select Board has an obligation to hear from and address concerns of the entirety of the town, and if COVID-19 has highlighted anything for us, it's that this community is not immune to the hardships of this pandemic and that there are vulnerable members among us. We need to do more to help young families with safe and affordable child-care, re-appropriate funds to help with program funding at the rec so that we can socially distance while still providing services to and for everyone, and keep our mature community members safe and taken care of by providing means of accessing pertinent information from home."

She added, "There is a major lack of transparency currently. Perhaps this is due to the problematic and difficult-to-use website, which I have offered to help out with using my education in computer science even before my bid for the Select board. I also feel as though the outcomes of meetings could be more easily accessed and shared with the community."

Saco River Community TV did a Forum with the Candidates on June 25. Hoffman and Turkett were present. If you'd like to hear more of what they had to say, go to <https://livestream.com/accounts/23355313/hollistownmeetings/videos/207922040>.

Absentee ballots are available at the Hollis Town Clerk's Office and applications for an Absentee Ballot can be found online at: <https://www.hollismaine.org>. The deadline to request an absentee ballot by telephone or submit the online Absentee Ballot Request is 5 p.m. on July 9. Remember to sign the envelope flap on your return absentee ballot envelope. Absentee Ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by 8 p.m. on July 14. The Town Hall is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Wednesday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and is closed on Mondays.

SHAPLEIGH TOWN NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen's Meeting located at the Shapleigh Town Hall has been canceled for Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6 pm due to elections.

Shapleigh Board of Selectmen

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding PUBLIC HEARINGS on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the following:

- **Conditional Use Permit - Quilt Shop**
Property Located at Shapleigh Tax Map 18, Lot 32A (120 Emery Mills Road) – John & Donna Johnson, Applicants; Paul Muse Property Owner
- **Amendment to the Subdivision Known as Red Pine Estates – Adding One Additional Lot**
Property Located at Shapleigh Tax Map 11, part of Lot 28F (Newfield Road) – Nickolas Richardson, Applicant & Property Owner; Joseph Stanley, Representing
- **Conditional Use Permit – Hold Small Events & Venues, Including Weddings**
Property Located at Shapleigh Tax Map 1, Lot 22A (24 Deering Ridge Road) – Meagen & Brent Lavoilette, Applicants & Property Owners

The Public is invited to attend via the following:

- **Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84895865996?pwd=R0tBZE5ENFVLSGRibFRFaW-FVQmEvZz09>
- **If calling in:** Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84895865996>
Zoom Meeting ID: 848 9586 5996
Password: 479754 (For all links)

- You may send an email by noon on July 14th to planningboard@shapleigh.net and the link to the meeting will be emailed to you.

Roger Allaire, Chairman - Shapleigh Planning Board

NOTICE

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

The Transfer Station will be closed Saturday, July 4th

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BUSINESS NEWS

Hussey Seating donates \$10,000 to Good Shepherd Food Bank



In response to the rapid escalation of food insecurity in Maine caused by the COVID-19 crisis, Hussey Seating Company has partnered with Good Shepherd Food Bank and donated \$10,000. Hussey Seating has also launched a virtual food drive and is matching all donations made by their 300+ employees.

Good Shepherd Food Bank estimates that \$6.3M in additional resources will be needed over a six-month period to help Mainers struggling with hunger as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. This represents a 150% increase to their baseline six-month operating costs. The mission of Good Shepherd Food Bank is to eliminate hunger in Maine by improving access to nutritious food for people in need, building strong community partnerships, and mobilizing the public in the fight to end hunger

“We have participated in many food drives over my time at Hussey but this is our first virtual one,” said Gary Merrill, President and CEO of Hussey Seating. “We believe it’s our duty as members of the Maine community to give back in times of need. While our business was, and continues to be affected by this pandemic, we are incredibly fortunate to have not experienced the level of economic hardships that has impacted many of our community members. I would challenge other business leaders in similar situations to do the same. Your neighbors are struggling.”

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Go big or go home. Welcome to the Saco River Hideaway Campground on Route 25 in Cornish where they have recently installed the largest campground gate in the state of Maine. They plan to add a sign to the gate. From left, Chris Day, owner Mike Doherty and Terry Grover. COURTESY PHOTO

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Town Hall Reopening

The Alfred Town Hall has reopened but guidelines have changed and they are posted on the Town Hall door. Appointments must be made. There is now a door bell at Town Hall (something very new) but you must call ahead. The new rules include wearing your mask, not bringing children inside, one

person per appointment, bathrooms not available, wait outside for appointment, use social distancing, bring your own pen, wear gloves or sanitize hands when you arrive.

Here and there

The good news for many of us is that the Treasures Room is again open. Arlene Carroll is tending the "store" and bargains are available.

If you have noticed a lawn chock full of daisies down on Federal Street it appeared quite by accident. The owner thought he was sowing alfalfa.

There will be a country jam in the Legion Hall on Saturday, July 25 from 9 to 3. Food and drinks will

also be available. Also rental cable space is available if you wish to advertise something you really want to sell.

Pick-Your-Own made a busy season

We had tried various methods of making the farm profitable, back when we were much younger. We tried raising cucumbers commercially (a lot of back bending), laying hens (done on contract), raising pullets (also done on contract), and finally we heard it was possible to raise strawberries and let other people pick them! That sounded interesting. My spouse didn't mind

working hard but he also liked to see a good profit from his labors.

He investigated this easier(?) method of making a living. We owned a farm bordered by a river, fields that mostly grew hay. The back field by the river produced a good crop of hay but couldn't it produce a strawberry crop? The pick-your-own angle was something new back then. He looked into it. It seemed like a possibility.

The chickens would provide fertilizer, the river would provide water. We would provide the labor. And so we ordered plants, plowed up the field and got to work. Because he was a product of Aroostook County he knew about growing things. It would be a little different from growing potatoes but not that different. We had to order the plants. We didn't really know which variety would suit our soil but "sparkle" interested us. He decided to try an early, a midseason and a late variety. We realized that one night of frost could kill a year's work, so it would pay to be cautious. It would be too bad if we worked all summer and then lost our efforts to frost.

We started in 1959 when our son was a baby. That first year one acre was planted. I figured it couldn't be worse than picking cukes, while pushing a baby carriage down between the rows. And it wasn't. When baby fussed, I retired to the house.

We advertised by word of mouth. A fellow from WSME came and picked and told his friends "You need to go to Williamses for good berries!" That did it. Suddenly we were in business. The bank's loan officer also did us a favor. He set a box of berries by his window where he worked. The berries did the selling.

The second year two acres were planted. The most we ever had were four acres.

We had pick-your-own peas one year – you could have new peas and strawberries for July 4th. We rented land from a neighbor one year but that wasn't successful. The neighbor refused to have lime put on his land and it needed lime.

That first year I abandoned my husband during picking season to travel to New Brunswick for a cousin's high school graduation leaving my spouse with all the work. If I hadn't thought so much of this cousin I wouldn't have done it, but she was like a little sister. I called my husband to see how he was doing – he was doing great! He had profited far more than expected. I dreamed of paid taxes and a remodeled kitchen!

We met a lot of nice people in the berry fields, also a few who cheated. But the other pickers kept an eye on the cheaters who were told they could not come back. We



The Williams' are still picking strawberries just not as many. PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

were open only by appointment. The cars would line up on the road and when they reached our neighbor she would get in line for her berries. My husband would keep the gate closed until opening time, then a line of cars would slowly proceed down the field road. He finally created a parking lot down there. One group of pickers from out of state came for the day, stayed and picnicked under the pine trees and didn't leave until their containers were full. Their children had a grand time playing under the trees.

Comical things happened sometimes. When my Cousin Truman (the pilot for PanAm) was signing the hotel register in Japan he noticed the folks who had just signed were from Alfred, Maine. "I have a cousin there." He announced. "Her name is Allison Williams." "Oh, we picked their strawberries!" they announced. And once I met a woman in Sanford who said "I don't remember your name, but you remind me of strawberries!"

We only ran a strawberry bed for two years before replanting. We finally had purchased irrigation equipment which would take care of frost. By the time our family was up to three youngsters, I had to hire babysitters. By the time a bed was ready to be plowed under, the berries were quite small, "jam berries" we called them. They were actually free.

One of my nicest memories is of our small son in his cowboy hat. I could spot him in that hat clear across the field. He liked to chat with the pickers and their children. And sample strawberries.

We gave it up after 13 years. My husband had another job which was also demanding. But those years of "pick your own strawberries" were special ones. A group from out of town was interested in learning how to do it. They came down to the house and my husband told them all about it. But I really don't think he told them how much fun we had!

Greetings from your friends at the Saco River Corridor Commission!

This summer marks the 19th consecutive year of our Water Quality Monitoring Program. The Monitoring Program is led by staff members with the assistance of over 10 volunteers from the community. Over 39 sites are monitored along the Saco, Ossipee, and Little Ossipee Rivers to ensure the protection of water quality.

At each site parameters such as temperature, pH, and dissolved oxygen are recorded. As well as observations made about wildlife, changes to habitat, and/or the presence of invasive aquatic plants (milfoil for example). Various other samples, including E. coli samples, are also taken at many of the sites, and additionally at ponds and popular swimming locations, to ensure the health and safety of all members of our community.

The Saco River Corridor Commission was established by concerned citizens who wanted to preserve the land and waterways within the Corridor. These citizens wanted to ensure their grandchildren would be able to enjoy the same benefits of the rivers that they did. In fact, for over 46 years the SRCC has been committed to the mission of protecting land and water quality within the Corridor. The Commission includes volunteer members from each Corridor municipality who are extremely dedicated to the preservation of our communities' natural resources.

We hope to continue the legacy so that future generations will have the same privileges we do, including clean drinking water, beautiful recreational spots, and the protection of public health. Our pledge to you is: to quickly inform you of any issues

related to water quality in your town, to investigate any concerns related to the rivers that you share with us, to continue to protect water quality for all of the wildlife that depend on it, and protect the scenic and visual beauty of the Corridor for all those who enjoy making these rivers a part of their lives year after year.

If you have any questions about our Water Quality Monitoring Program, please contact Dalyn Houser at dalyn@srcc-maine.org. There are also open seats on the Commission for the town of Waterboro, and surrounding towns (including Limington, Shapleigh, Dayton, Hollis, Newfield and Acton). If you have a background and/or interest in environmental issues please contact us for further information. This is a significant opportunity to contribute to local planning in your town and the region. The Commission reviewed over 130 permits for development

in the Saco River Corridor last year. Don't miss out on the opportunity to ensure Waterboro's, or your towns, voice is heard in this regional planning effort.



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A nice night for a hike

Scout Troop #329 had quite an exciting evening last week. On Wednesday, June 24, instead of a weekly meeting, they decided to climb Knox Mountain. About 8 people in all showed up for the climb, and gathered at the trail head on Water Street in Newfield, for a trek up the mountain.

There were several scouts there along with their troop leader Jim Dion and Assistant Scout Leader Laurie Thyng. Kathy Michaud was there as parent supervisor

After a brief talk from the troop leader about the buddy system, proper attire, spotting trees, leaves and animals, and tools to bring along, they discussed maps and compasses and paying attention to the weather. Another important point that the scout leader said was to never leave the trail, stay with the others.

Troop #329 Scouts Izzy Enos, Andy Michaud, and William Munro, along with John Harriman, who will be a Bear Cub Scout in the fall, and his dad Daniel, headed up the trail at about 6:15 p.m. The hike takes about 1 1/2 hours, up the summit and back, and is not too difficult.

According to Kathy Michaud, who waited down at the trail head, they returned between 7:45-8 p.m., and it all went well.

It is only about 800 feet up to the summit, about a 30 minute hike, but at the top are spectacular views in every direction. Izzy Enos was able to get a good shot of a rainbow, which she was quite excited about.

The trail is part of the Vernon Walker Wildlife Management



Photo: Scouts from Troop #329 hike up Know Mountain in Newfield with leaders Jim Dion and Laurie Thyng, instead of a regular Wednesday night meeting. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

Area, and is well marked. It is maintained by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

It is a wide pathway, and easy to follow, but it gets a little steeper towards the top, but all-in-all it's a good climb.

There are about 20 kids in Troop #329 now, with 8 girls. They have been creative in meetings lately, and the climb was a way to get out to do something.

They have virtual meetings and meetings in the Line School parking lot. On Wednesday, July 1, they will go out to Scout Island at Lake Arrowhead to have swim tests and field tests. On July 11 and 12, they will have a Day Hike and in September they plan to have their annual Cardboard Boat Race, which is usually held in

June. They also have plans to do some kayaking and canoeing this summer, and are trying to keep the activities local.

Scouting is still fun for kids; it gives them learning and fun experiences that will stay with them throughout their lives.

Meetings

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

Wildlife sightings

A couple of black bears were spotted on Corson Road the other day and other wildlife has been seen, as well. They are getting bold and coming out in the daytime now, so be careful. And, an albino porcupine was also spotted

on Bond Spring Road.

I looked out my front door the other day to see a squirrel sitting on my steps, nibbling on my new plants; since I had just bought them a couple of weeks ago, I had to chase him away. What a nervy little guy!

Food pantries open

The Little Food Bank at the Newfield Church on Water Street, next to the town office, is still open if anyone needs anything;

take what you need.

The St. Matthew's Food Pantry serves residents of Limerick, Newfield, Parsonsfield and registered Parishioners of St. Matthew Church, at 19 Dora Lane in Limerick. The Food Pantry hours are: 1st Monday of every month from 6-7 p.m. and every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Wakefield Food Pantry is also open and serves, the New Hampshire towns, as well as Newfield. Please call them at 603-522-3094 to find out their hours and their policy during this virus. Their web page says that they are open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Their email address is: info@wakefieldfoodpantry.org.

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go to the following people: Billy Vachon, Michael Bryant, Bev Manning, Southern Dotson, Dan Nowell, Debbi Grant, Tobi Crosby and Dee Thornton.

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OPINION LETTERS

Alfred voters

As a Selectman for over three years I have had the pleasure of working with Rich Pasquini, who is running for Selectman. Rich served on the Planning Board for eight years, and currently serves as Chairman. Additionally, he served on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. These two boards are closely linked.

Selectmen work with the many boards, departments and committees that make up the structure of the town. The reality is you work closely and frequently with some and less so with others, depending upon their role and mission. Several require regular communication and involvement. The Comprehensive Plan Committee and Planning Board are two of them.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee formulates a direction, makes recommendations and sets goals for a ten year period. They cover every conceivable element that goes into the structure of a town. Budgets, growth, roads, Fire and Rescue, parks, land uses and the library to name a few. It is a complex project that can take years to complete and consumes hundreds of hours of committee work. When it is completed the town votes to implement it.

One of the Planning Board's most important tasks is to take these voter approved recommendations on growth and land use to draft ordinances that protect that which makes Alfred special, and at the same time promote and allow sensible growth.

No other experiences in the town structure can better prepare an individual to serve as a Selectman. Being familiar with all the town components and then being responsible for drafting specific ordinances requires an understanding and insight for which there is no substitute. It is a valuable foundation that can only come with

experience. Like everything else local municipal government has changed over the years and it is vital for a Selectman to have a strong background in the town structure. Rich Pasquini has put years of time and effort into gaining this experience.

Municipal experience is essential and valuable, but when combined with practical real world personal experience that lends itself to running a town it becomes considerably more valuable.

Rich spent 48 successful years in the private sector as an engineer and executive where it is essential to solve problems, look to the future, make tough decisions and work with others. Additionally, he served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army and holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Masters Degree in Finance and Accounting.

I have worked with Rich since becoming a Selectman. He is smart, thorough, open minded and a good listener. Most importantly he has worked to understand the role of Selectman. He attends our meetings, asks questions and meets with staff members. This proved to me his desire to learn and understand how the town functions.

Please vote for Rich Pasquini on Election Day. He will be a strong addition to the Board of Selectmen.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

– Tony Palminteri
Alfred

Attention Waterboro residents

My name is Jim Southworth and I am the chairman of the Waterboro Budget committee. I have been on the committee since 2015. We, as a committee, have worked with the selectmen to keep our town budget in check. This past

year in our meetings we discussed the budget for the fire department. Fire Chief Matt Bors explained to us that we need a new ladder truck. The current truck is now 26 years old and is in for repairs more than it is in service. The parts are hard to find because of the year of the truck and they can be extremely expensive. There's a lot of reasons we need a ladder truck. It is mostly used for reach and not height. They also need it to get above the fire especially with structure fires and chimney fires. I would encourage you to reach out to Chief Matt Bors for more information about the use of the truck (Mbors@waterborofire.org 247-5299). Chief Bors presented numbers for two different trucks. One would be a used truck between 10-15 years old and would cost around \$500,000. The other would be a brand new truck and the cost would be \$1,000,000. When the budget committee voted they voted for a used truck. I voted against the used truck in favor of the new one. Let me explain why I did this. The price of the used one is very appealing at half the price of a new truck. The problem is that it will be 10-15 years old. We will be at the mercy of dealer availability and half of the life will have been used up. The NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) states that truck should be replaced at 25 years old, Our own policies call for replacement at 20 years.

Whatever truck we purchase will be a 10-year loan. That means as soon as we pay the used truck off we will need start shopping for another truck. I am a conservative. I don't like spending the town's money (our money) but if we do we need to spend it wisely. Buying a new truck means even after the loan is paid off it will be at least 10 years before we need to look at getting a new truck. The selectmen agreed with me and have put it on the ballot. It is article 1 on the ballot. The Selectmen also want to use at least \$200,000 from the rescue billing equipment account to lower the amount borrowed to \$800,000 and make the payment under \$100,000 per year. The town is in great shape as far as borrowed money. Right now we have \$1,134,061 in bonds now outstanding. As of fiscal year 20/21 we are on payment number 4 of 5 for the DPW dump truck, replacement ambulance, transfer station loader/backhoe replacement and two cardiac monitors. The total amount for these loans that will be paid off in fiscal year 21/22 will be \$103,183. As I stated earlier, the Budget committee and the current

board of Selectmen have worked very hard to keep our spending under control. When we spend your money we must do it wisely and we need to look at the future and not just live for today because it's a little bit cheaper. Had we been smart and purchased a new ladder truck in 2007 when we purchased this one it would have been paid off 3 years ago and this wouldn't even be an issue today. I truly hope you will vote YES on article 1 and stop this insanity of buying used equipment because it's cheaper and then having to repeat the same cycle every few years. Let's be smart and spend our money wisely and get the most out of our money.

Thank you
– Jim Southworth
Waterboro

Waterboro voters,

It's that time to vote again and time to elect new members to the Board of Selectmen in Waterboro. It's been many years since I last sat on the Board and there have been many changes. This year, one new name has come up, Michael Provencher. I always have enjoyed what our younger citizens have to say and the new ideas they may bring to the table. I honestly feel that Mike has the ability to get younger people interested in Town Government again. He is well educated as a high school chemistry teacher and has a strong medical background. It's time to inject some new ideas from a younger perspective. It's time to get younger people involved with Town Government again. Mike will fit in great with our current Board and will listen and learn as well as contributing new ideas that are always welcomed. He is very approachable and is well liked in our ever growing community. He is all for transparency in government and has a great ability to listen to all ideas that come before him. If you haven't received an absentee ballot yet, call 247-6166, it's quick and easy.

– Cindy Moore
East Waterboro

Are you an American?

Are you an American? Do you love your country? Does your Country matter to you? Or do you support groups like ISIS, the Taliban or Al-Qaeda? Would you like to rip apart the Constitution and adapt the ideology of Putin's beloved Soviet Union? I would like to think not. I would like to think your country matters to you. I would hope you cherish the ideolo-

gy contained in the documents our founding fathers offered the generations of Americans to come, even the parts allowing for the gatherings of peaceful protest. But, I'm not so sure. It's starting to look as if a growing amount of people are paving the way for the collapse of this country I grew up in. This nation I love and believe stands as the beacon of light so many other nations have modeled themselves after.

Let me ask you a rather dumb question. Do you have children, or are you merely someone's child? I don't need to tell you, it takes two to make a child, or to explain how said child is conceived? At the very least we've all had that awkward parental talk about the birds and bees, even if it was most probably in a round-a-bout way. Or maybe you were lucky and your folks were direct and to the point. However, you came upon said knowledge, the knowledge is merely a fact of science and there are some facts you just can't argue with. If you pay for 15 bucks worth of groceries with a 20 dollar bill, you're going to get five dollars back, right?

We're not quite twenty years removed from the worst terrorist attack our nation has ever seen. We are still at war in two separate countries resulting from an assault on our soil. Emergency responders stood on the corners of every town in America taking up a collection for the emergency responders who perished on those darkest of days. We stood not as the lower 48 making up a Country, but as one giant suburb of a City sucker punched by a madman. And here we are, under attack yet again. Only this time it is different. This time too many of us are aiding and abetting the enemy destroying us because the enemy is stealth. You can't see him or smell him coming from a mile away, but you will fall to him.

So far, 2.5 million Americans have been flooded by him. He has slain 150 thousand of us. He is killing the economy and still, so many Americans play into his hands by giving him the means to grow. You need not be told who the enemy is because there is no way you're living in this country and don't know. There is no way you can fall prey to its propaganda through such films as plandemic, or be led astray by the likes of Q; entities that would like nothing more than to see the fall of our great nation.

I must, however ask, if shirts and shoes (to say nothing of clothes) are required to enter public establishments, how is adding a mask a constitutional issue? Masks are 97% proven to inhibit the spread of a disease forcing our fellow Americans to die alone in ICU's all across the country. Masks reduce the rate of transmission so many of our nurses and Doctors are fighting to contain. They inhibit the enemy and protect your fellow Americans or am I mistaken. Are you not an American? Do you have no love of your country? Does this nation we call home no longer matter to you?

– Jon Simonds
North Waterboro

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DREAM BIG

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Following their flight lessons, tech students built model air-

planes as part of a STEM activity.

Many kids built planes using beverage bottles for their fuselage while other kids used thin pieces of wood or drinking straws. The wings and rudder were commonly made with cardboard or hard plastic and lots of lego wheels were utilized for the airplane wheels. The hardest part for students was making a propellor that actually spun and most kids achieved this by winding up an elastic band. As the elastic band unwound, the plastic propellers spun, powering the model plane through the air.

All kids that completed their online flight lessons and model airplane had their names entered into a drawing for the Free Discovery Flight. Byron was the lucky

winner of this random drawing! If you are interested in learning more about flying, I would highly recommend visiting the Southern Maine Aviation website at <https://flyingsma.com> or give them a call at 324-8919.

They have been great to work with and have a vast array of services available for beginners. I want to publicly thank Mark at SMA for making this Discovery Flight available to a student at MMS.

As summer is now blessing us with warmer temperatures and another growing season is upon us, I would encourage you with the same advice that I gave my students in the virtual classroom: DREAM BIG!

TRANSPORTATION

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The local rides program (also known as Shoppers Run) is back in service, requiring advance reservation.

The Tuesday service for the Town of Kennebunk, Kennebunk In-Town Transportation (KITT) has commenced its regular schedule, under the same operating requirements as noted above.

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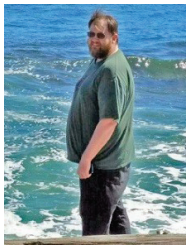
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Robert John Allison, Jr.

It is with a heavy heart we share the passing of our dear son and brother, Rob, on June 22, 2020. Rob was 43 years old and yet at times he seemed "older than his years" and could be a teenager again! And that made him even more special to his family and friends.



Robert John Allison, Jr.

Robert was born in Sanford on Oct. 22, 1976, the son of Robert John Allison, Sr. and Rita J. (Wallace) Allison. (I remember it well not just because I was there, but I remember he made me miss breakfast AND lunch! He arrived shortly after noon that day.)

As a young teenager, Rob became a true fan of professional wrestling. It actually started before

that as we use to visit his grandparents each weekend and he watched with excitement the TV with his grandfather every Saturday afternoon. He watched WWE (WWF), WCW/now, ECW, TNA/impact... he followed them all. One day he came to his father and I with a copy of a wrestling magazine which was sold on the shelves in stores to show us he had written an article and it had been published! We had no idea he had even attempted to do that. Our hearts swelled with pride.

Another one of his interests was cooking. I tell you he was a good cook! He was at ease in the kitchen, often putting things together and it was like having a gourmet meal. When Rob was making any pizza and I was around, he would give me the first bite...He was a big fan of Rachel Ray.

Rob was a loyal employee at Lowes located in Sanford for several years. He loved his job and the people he worked with. If they were short-handed, Rob never said "No." I am getting messages from his co-workers and friends sharing how much he had impact-

ed their lives. They shared of his helping one through depression and his genuine kindness to others. Rob never judged anyone and his laughter lit up any room he was in. Rob, I realize now how much you turned out like your father. You have made me humbled and proud and thank you for telling me every day before you walked out the door to go anywhere, "Love you."

A testament to Rob's generous nature, he was an organ donor. It gives us comfort knowing he has helped someone in need. Rest in peace my dear son. To know you were kind, generous, and a friend to many; fills my heart with comfort. You are reunited with your father and I am sure talking sports. I will forever miss you saying, "I love you Mom." "I love you too." Until we meet again. . .

He is lovingly survived by his mother, Rita Allison of Springvale and with whom he lived; his brother, Ronald J. (Marcela) Allison, two nieces Melina Nicifore and Mackenzie Allison of Waterboro; his girlfriend, Shelly Tibbetts Monet of Springvale. Also surviving are his aunts: Joyce (Benjamin) Alden of Auburn; Joan Wells of Greene; Nancy (Robert D. Jr) Gendreau of Yuma, AZ and Sanford; Ruth (Richard W.) Sevigny of Waterboro. His uncles: Jerry (Marilyn) Wallace of Harrison, TN; Milton Wallace of Sanbornville, NH and Glen (Celia) Wallace of Acton. Other aunts and uncles by marriage: Richard Jackson of Harrison; Linda Dodier of Sanbornville, NH; Pearl Wallace of Acton; Flora Wallace of Limerick; Karen Holt of Fryeburg and Anne Wallace of Lewiston. Also many, many cousins in various places.

Rob was predeceased by his father, Robert J. Allison, Sr., grandparents, Heman and Irene Wallace, Ernest and Dorothy Allison. Aunt Jacqueline Jackson, uncles: Edgar Wallace, Paul Wallace, Carl Wallace, Richard Wallace.

A Graveside Service will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Riverside Cemetery in Springvale. At this time we are allowed to have 50 people at the service. Please be mindful of social distancing and wear a mask.

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

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Sanford Food Pantry, 1204 Main Street, Sanford, ME 04073.

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Town of Acton Take Notice
Absentee Ballots for the July 14 Election are now available in the Clerk's Office.
 Visit www.actonmaine.org for more information or call 636-3131, ext 401 to request one.
Polls will be open from 8:00am - 8:00pm on Tuesday, July 14th at 35 H Road, Acton.

Town of Acton Take Notice
 The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the upcoming Ballot Referendum on **Wednesday, July 8 at 7pm** via zoom. Sample ballots and the warrant can be found posted around Town and online at www.actonmaine.org. A link to the zoom meeting is also published on the Town's home webpage. If you have any questions regarding the warrant, please contact the Town Administrator at 636-3131 ext 401 or jroux@actonmaine.org.
The vote on these items will take place on Tuesday, July 14 at the Acton Town Hall.

Town of Acton Take Notice
The Board of Selectmen are currently accepting names of people who are interested in serving on the following Committees/Boards:

- Planning Board
- Recreation Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Cemetery Committee
- Board of Assessment Review
- Capital Improvement Committee
- Mary Grant Committee

Anyone interested in serving on any of these committees, must put their intent in writing and submit to the Town Administrator, no later than **12 noon on Wednesday, July 15, 2020**. Said statement should include your name, brief history about yourself and reasons for being interested in the Board or Committee.

Please email jroux@actonmaine.org or bring your statement into the Town Hall during regular business hours.

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SPORTS

River Rats roll to 11-1

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
Sports Editor

The Southern Maine River Rats 13U Black team pushed their record to 11-1 after a solid 3-1 weekend that included a double header sweep of Coastal Riptide and split with WM Mountaineers.

The team, coached by Frank Van Zandt, has stayed largely intact since the players were nine and the continuity has translated into multiple championship titles. The current group plays “up” at the 14U level.

On Saturday, June 27 “13 Black” dropped the opener to the Mountaineers in Minot, 3-2, after giving up a late run. They followed with a 10-6 win to grab a split.

They swept the twin bill over visiting Coastal Riptide with a 7-1 drubbing in the opener and a 1-0 nail biter win in the nightcap.

In the first game, 13 Black scored at least one run in every inning. Mike Caron had three hits, while Brick Gibbons, Zak Sanders, Erik Swenson and Caleb Vacciano each had two.

Swenson scored the lone run in game two after he pinch-hit in the bottom of the sixth and worked a base-on-balls. Zak Sanders delivered Swenson with a clutch RBI. Josh Penney got the first ten outs, fanning two and giving up three hits. Max Andrews got the next 11 outs to seal it. He allowed one hit, while striking out three.



Erik Swenson at bat for the River Rats.

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Habitat for Humanity of York County hosts virtual fundraiser

Habitat for Humanity of York County’s annual fundraiser, Framing the Future, was postponed this past May due to COVID-19 concerns. However, their reimagined, virtual event will take place on Friday, July 17. This event will feature an online auction including upcycled and repurposed ReStore items, raffles, and an online program featuring the music of Lisa Mills and Friends.

Participating restaurants in the area are including the affiliate’s event information in their take-out orders as well as any dine-in orders as available. The affiliate will list those restaurants on the event website and encourage the audience to order dinner at one the participating locations for a fun night in. Habitat’s program will also include a signature event cocktail with instruction during the first part of the show. You can play Virtual Bingo before the event and submit your gamecard for a change to win some great raffle items!

Of course, Framing the Future will include lots of great auction items including artwork, sport and theatre passes, gift baskets and gifts cards from local businesses. The highlight as always will be the special items repurposed from the ReStore by local artists.

Thank you to Kennebunk Savings Bank and Church on the Cape for your sponsorship of this event! Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Tune in by going to the Habitat for Humanity York County website at habitatyorkcounty.org on July 17th and follow the link to watch the event.

Habitat for Humanity York County has been serving families in York County since 1985. Habitat for Humanity enables families to achieve the dream of home ownership and dignity. With the help of the York County community, Habitat for Humanity York County has built thirty new homes and renovated two homes. Habitat homes provide strength, stability and self-reliance by building new homes through donations for low income families to purchase affordably.

If you would like more information about this topic, please email Michelle Robinson at development@habitatyorkcounty.org.

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