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On the left is the Salmon Falls Library, and on the right is the Hollis Center Library, both located in Hollis. PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS



A common loon and chick. COURTESY PHOTO BY MAINE AUDUBON

A tale of two libraries

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

On Tuesday, July 14, the Town of Hollis will be holding its Annual Meeting at the Hollis Community Building, 35 Town Farm Road. Voting will be by secret ballot, except for the election of a Moderator, Article 1, at 6:45 a.m. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. There are 20 articles on the Town ballot.

The first item is the election for Select Board Member. The second is a vote for Road Commissioner. Articles 3-13 are regarding town expenditures, all of which are recommended by both the Select Board and the Finance Committee, except Article 12.

Article 12 is for \$35,150 to be raised for the non town-owned Hollis Center Public Library. The Finance Committee recommends this vote, while the Select Board does not. However, the Select Board DOES recommend Article 11, for \$50,150 for the town-owned Salmon Falls Library.

Select Board member Rita Perron said that the issue of paying for two libraries comes up every year. "People don't realize that the Hollis Center Library is not town owned," she said. "That is why this year, that specific wording is on the ballot." She added, "The town has paid over \$100,000 over the years to support the Hollis Center Public Library."

Why does Hollis have two libraries? No one really knows, but several towns in the area have two:

Buxton has the West Buxton Public Library and the Berry Memorial Library; Standish has the Richville Library and the Steep Falls Library; and Sanford has the Goodall Memorial Library and the Springvale Public Library.

The Salmon Falls Library was established in 1911 as a Library, and a Tearoom by Kate Douglas Wiggin, an author and educator. It is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Hollis Center Public Library was established in 1913, and since 1921, it has been in the current building. "We can only guess that two libraries were established to allow 'walkable' access to a library," said Hollis Center Public Library Trustee Angela Mackie, "Something which speaks volumes about the values of the community." Walkable, because the libraries date to a time before driving to the library was an option.

Both libraries are public libraries, meaning that they are accessible by the general public. Historically, public libraries were started with a donation, and funded from public sources. Both libraries have large collections, computers for public use, and offer programming, though there seems to be more community programs/events offered at Hollis Center Public Library.

Mackie explained that the requested funds for the Hollis Center Public Library amount to less than 75 percent of projected costs, and are minimal compared to the

savings passed on to town residents. "The retail value for items checked out in the 2018-2019 fiscal year comes to \$97,807 and this does not include savings generated from other library services, such as free computer and internet access," Mackie said. Statistics on the Hollis Center Public Library, as well as other libraries around the state can be found through the Maine State Library's Annual Report.

But there may be another issue at play here. Last year, the Town of Hollis and the Hollis Center Public Library entered into negotiations for the town to purchase land owned by the library for the New Municipal Complex. "Negotiations broke down when we realized that they [Select Board] would not reserve a parcel in the New Municipal Complex for the long-term goal of building a new Lifelong Learning Center," reported Mackie. "The community expressed desire for this in the Visioning Sessions conducted by the NMCC [New Municipal Complex Committee]," she added.

But the Hollis Select Board sees things differently. According to Select Board member Perron, "The Library was trying to sell swampland, and we had enough." She added, "Two out of three Select Board Members voted not to recommend Article 12."

To learn more, you can watch the Hollis Center Public Library's

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Maine loon count set for July 18

Nothing says summer in Maine more than the evocative tremolo call of a loon. And now that summer is officially here, it's time to take stock of our loon population once more, in one of Maine Audubon's signature events: the annual Loon Count.

This year, the 37th annual count will take place on Saturday, July 18, from 7 to 7:30 a.m. The information collected by volunteers will help both biologists and state officials understand more about the loon population and the health of Maine's lakes. Last year, more than 1,400 people fanned out to look for loons on more than 300 lakes across the state.

Maine Audubon Conservation Biologist Tracy Hart leads the annual count. For the 2020 event, she says some lakes still need eyes and ears, especially in the Sebago Lakes region and areas around Rangeley. "This is a special year for the loon count," says Hart. "The count always takes place on the third Saturday of July, and this year it falls on the 200th day of the 200th year Maine has been a state. We're excited how many loon counters are able to join the count this year and we'd love to see some new sign-ups! Because of the pandemic, not everyone who usually participates is able to make it to Maine this year. There are so many lakes in Maine that

there are always some in need of new loon counters." For a list of lakes still in need of counters, visit maineaudubon.org/loons.

Dedicated volunteers—some of whom have been involved with the count since its inception—serve to coordinate regions and recruit new counters, shepherding in new generations of loon stewards. This year, counters, who can count loons by boat or from shore, will be able to submit data using an online portal. For many families, the loon count has become an annual tradition that people look forward to each summer. For safety reasons, we are people to participate in family groups only, and to maintain social distancing while looking for loons.

Important conservation work has helped Maine's adult loon population increase by 70 percent since the Loon Count began nearly four decades ago. There are still threats to loons, however, especially during the summer nesting season. Loons' inability to walk very far means they need to nest close to the shoreline, making their nests susceptible to washout from boat wake or high water. A no-wake law requiring speeds that don't generate wakes within 200 feet of shore has helped prevent shoreline erosion and also helped nesting loons.

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A look back at old homes

Newfield has their share of old houses that survived the 1947 fire and the Durgin House on Elm Street is one of them.

William Durgin, Jr. moved from Limerick to Newfield in 1799 or 1800, and had his two-story homestead built in 1813, over 200 years ago, on what was then, Main Street. In later years, the street was changed to Elm Street.

Durgin lived there with both his first and second wives, where they raised 7 children. At the time, he had several successful lumber mills, which he operated in town and was a prosperous trader, according to "Early Families of Newfield."

In 1831, when he was married to his third wife, Betsy, he sold the house and moved to another house, which was very similar to this one. Durgin's life spanned from Nov. 10, 1776 to Dec. 30, 1845; he was married three times



The old Durgin homestead in Newfield, built in 1813 by William Durgin Jr. is still a beautiful place with more than 200 years of history. It sits on the old Willowbrook site and is currently for sale. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

and had 17 children.

Dr. Robert Schmick, former director of the 19th Century Curran Village formed a volunteer 'painting party' to put a fresh coat on the old house, just a couple of years ago.

During this refurbishing, they found that the clap boards on the house dated back to its' origin, and was done in a time before modern machinery made the longer length clapboards possible. He said that the boards on the house were likely saved at a water-powered mill.

Also, during the scraping process, the crew discovered that "skillfully created 'scarfs' were made as a method of fitting pieces of small clapboard lengths together, so that the seams are unrecognizable."

According to Schmick, the original color of the house was probably red ocre or earth tones, since those were popular colors in those days, but that changed over the years, as white became more popular.

Schmick said that in the 1870's a large central chimney was removed to make room for an interior central staircase. At that time, the house was being used as a long time inn, stagecoach stop and also included a public room, to serve alcohol. Two chimneys were added at the gable ends for heating and cooking stoves, and the current porch was also added.

In 1967, Donald King purchased the house, which eventually became part of the Willowbrook Museum, that was open for 50 years. Many visitors toured the old Durgin homestead, along with the other buildings on the museum property.

I took the tour of the museum back in the 1990's and remember that there was a small wood stove in each of the bedrooms, which I thought was nice, as the house

was so large, the kids would be warm at night.

Library quilt raffle

Newfield Library is having their annual Quilt Raffle. The quilt measures 44" x 55" and comes with a matching pillow case, for storage. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5; 12 \$10 and 26 for \$20. The winner will be announced on Sept. 2. For more information call 809-7014.

Get out to vote

Voting for the State Primary and Special Referendum Election, and the RSU #57 Budget Referendum will be held on Tuesday, July 14 at the West Newfield Town Hall, at 23 So. Effingham Road, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for in-person voting. If you are absentee voting, the ballot has to be turned in by 8 p.m. that evening.

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go to the following people: Mary Langlois, Mary Ann Burdett, Patty Letourneau and Frank H. Pike V.

Happy anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to Steve and Elizabeth Tuttle.

LOON COUNT

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One of the biggest threats to loons is lead poisoning from lead fishing tackle. Loons accidentally ingest lost or discarded lead tackle from the lake bottom. The sale of lead sinkers and bare-headed jigs 1 ounce or less or 2 1/2 inches long or less is now banned in Maine. Yet even with this law, trauma most likely from boat strikes has surpassed lead tackle as the leading cause of mortality in adult loons in recent years.

Another threat to loons is fireworks. Fireworks set off near nests can cause adults to abandon their nests, leaving eggs and chicks vulnerable to predators. Maine Audubon is urging people using fireworks to be sure they are far away from loons and other nesting birds.

To learn more about Maine's loons and find out how you can get involved with the Maine Audubon Loon Count, visit maineaudubon.org/loons.

ABOUT MAINE AUDUBON:

Maine Audubon works to conserve Maine's wildlife and wildlife habitat by engaging people in education, conservation, and action. Since 1843, Maine Audubon has been connecting people to nature through a science-based approach to conservation, education, and advocacy. The largest Maine-based wildlife conservation organization, Maine Audubon has eight wildlife sanctuaries, 10,000 members, 2,000 volunteers, and serves more than 50,000 people annually.



Loon Plate Appreciation Day Sunday, July 19

On Sunday, July 19 all vehicles with a current Maine Loon License Plate will receive free admission to Maine's State Parks and Historic Sites*. Valid 9:00 a.m. to closing; day use only. No rain date available.

When you purchase a Maine Loon License Plate you're showing your support for Maine's special places and its wildlife. Order the Loon/Conservation License Plate online now.

For every \$20 spent on a new loon plate:

- \$8.40 goes to the Bureau of Parks and Lands;
- \$5.60 goes to Inland Fisheries & Wildlife; and
- \$6.00 goes to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

*Does not apply to: Acadia National Park, Allagash Wilderness Waterway (AWW), Baxter State Park, the Maine Wildlife Park (IF&W), Peacock Beach, Scarborough Beach, Swan Island (IF&W), Penobscot River Corridor (PRC) or the Penobscot Narrows Observatory in Prospect, though admission to Fort Knox State Historic Site will be free that day with the Loon Plate.



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Town Hall News

The town clerk reports there was one birth last month, three deaths, 23 burial permits issued, and 3 marriages. Two altered dogs were licensed but none unaltered dogs. Five fishing and hunting licenses were sold.

Code Enforcement Officer Jim Allaire reports a stairs and landing were built to their shed by Steven Watson on Gore Road; J & J Auto Salvage of Jordan Springs Road built a stockade fence over 7' in height; a 3 car addition was added by Phillip Day on Mouse Lane; Steven Lariviere of Wilderness Acres had a 21' above ground pool with 10' by 16' shed installed; Gregory Kamenide of Whichers Mills had AC/heat pumps installed; Denis Alexander of Fort Ridge Road installed a 20' by 20' shed; MTGLQ Investors LP of Gore Road demolished a 13' by 29' shed. Thomas Collins of Kennebunk Road had a 14' by 16' sunroom added; Colonial Mobil Homes of P.O. Box 310 Lebanon installed a new mobile home Unit 6; and also installed a new mobile home Unit 15; Lawrence Wallace of 941 Gore Road did repairs to siding windows and a new door; Thomas Jandreau of Carriage Way made an addition to the existing home and Dennis Desrochers of Sanford Road got a land use permit to add fill.

Alfred Fire Calls

There were 39 calls for the Fire and Rescue Department in June. Ten were for medical transport by Advanced Life Support (ALS) personnel; four for a lift assist; four for Medical Non Transport Personnel; four to check where trees, limbs or wires were down; three for medical mutual aid; three for medical transport BLS (Basic Life Support Personnel); two for mutual aid for a fire, also fire alarm activation, and medical assist transported by mutual aid; two for public assistance.

The others were for ALS intercept, a motor vehicle crash or smoke, CO or odor investigation.

Summer reading prizes

Our librarian asks "Are you one of the summer readers?" For every 3 hours your child reads or is read to they will earn a prize. Here's how the prizes roll out.

For 3 hours of reading, a fun sticker book is rewarded. For 6 hours, a paddle ball board you can decorate yourself. For 9 hours, a cup or cone from Shaker Pond Ice Cream. For 12 hours of reading, you get a FREE BOOK.

Log your hours on Beanstalk or on paper – whatever works for you. If you log your hours on paper, please keep us updated! We will roll out the prizes as you complete your hours. We can't wait to reward you with prizes so keep reading! If you haven't registered yet, you may sign up at: parsonsmemoriallibrary.beanstalk.org. You can download the Beanstalk app, or register online to log your hours and unlock badges. We encourage you to write a review of what you are reading!

The joys of raising sheep

Baa! The sound a hungry lamb makes when he wants breakfast (or dinner or supper) roused me from sleep. It received no reaction so he repeated it twice, three times. I groaned but knew it couldn't be ignored. I groped for my slippers on the floor beside the bed. When a lamb is hungry, a lamb is hungry. That baa! Is a dinner bell. I crawled out of bed and headed for the kitchen. A hungry lamb cannot be ignored.

Once his bottle had been located and warmed I headed for the greenhouse. Why the greenhouse? The greenhouse was attached to the house, just one room away from our bedroom. It was attached to the room which had once been the nursery. Not for lambs, but for human babies who had graduated to their own bedrooms. I could have set an alarm clock for a timely reminder that lambs frequently need their bottles and if the ewe hasn't sufficient (or any) milk I had better get moving. The greenhouse was closer than the barn which would be a trip across the lawn and driveway.

This ewe had milk. Her lamb also had two broken legs, the result of having been trampled in the flock. My spouse had purchased plaster of paris and applied casts to the legs, one to a front leg, and one to an opposing back leg. They worked just fine. Our girls called him "Lamb Chop".

So I prepared his bottle and stepped into the greenhouse. It only took a few gulps for him to empty the bottle. But that was enough. For the moment he was satisfied and so was I, heading back to bed. Another bottle would not be needed until morning.

When I had suggested the greenhouse as a nice environment for an injured lamb I had not reckoned on its becoming a place which would be housing a dictator. Who would holler all night if he wasn't fed. So he kept our plants company and was quiet as



"If you want the best hay, go to the back of the feeder" as this lamb seems to be saying. COURTESY PHOTO

long as his stomach was full. That was the bargain.

He kept on growing and when my spouse decided he must go back to the barn, we took him back. He didn't seem to mind the long absence from his mother (after all, he had me) and if he escaped from the barn and heard my voice, he came running to the kitchen door.

I was learning about lambs. There was quite a lot to learn. We kept the newborns in a separate pen with their mothers. Soon after arrival in the world they needed milk and heat, so heat lamps were a big help. Our daughter has what you might call a "hobby farm" but she tries to keep it profitable. And if she has problems with a sheep, she knows whom to call. He isn't a vet but my husband has had lots of hands on experience. We also watch a lot of "The Incredible Dr. Pol" on television. Pol is a vet who has solved many animal problems. This recently revealed its usefulness.

Our daughter had a lamb that had big problems. It could not void and was very uncomfortable. My husband thought for a minute, then said, "You know what Dr. Pol did. He snipped off the necessary end." "Our daughter thought it might be a solution. And it was. After treatment the lamb voided for a good ten minutes! And was

perfectly all right after that.

When we had a ewe with birthing problems we did not follow Pol's method of delivery. They seem to over feed their ewes in Michigan, (where Pol supposedly has his practice) which results in lambs so large that the ewes need plenty of assistance. And endure a lot of suffering before delivery. But we learned and seldom had to call a vet.

My husband also learned to shear sheep and went all over the county doing this. I liked to accompany him because he ran into such unusual situations. There was Cleopatra, an enormous ewe who thought she was a dog. She had been raised with the owner's dogs, and fed dog food, so it was understandable. She was so woolly you had to really look at her to see which end was the head. Once that was decided the shearing began. I cannot even guess the weight of all that wool.

Another ewe objected to being shorn and when she was positioned between my spouse's knees suddenly banged her head up against his torso. And broke two of his ribs! Sheep have very hard heads!

One very hot day while driving from Portland he saw a sheep who appeared to have never been shorn. He stopped and spoke to the owner. Would she like her sheep shorn? He would do it for the wool. Of course she was pleased to have it done for nothing. The wool wasn't worth much – it was really an errand of mercy but making the animal more comfortable on that very hot day was worth it to him.

Sheep need to be shorn yearly, as ours were. (We no longer keep sheep.) I was recently at my daughter's and heard a familiar chorus of baa's out side the kitchen door. Looking out I saw three very cute lambs – looking for their bottles. They knew where to go for dinner!

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Walking for a cause

Limerick firefighter #91 Ron Smith is planning his second Walk For a Cause, which will be on Saturday, Sept. 12, starting at the Limerick Fire Station on the Back Road.

His plans are to leave the fire station at 9:10 a.m. and walk down Route 5, all the way to the Waterboro Central Fire Department, in full fire gear. Accompanying him will be the Old Port Batman, and several of the other super heroes will be at various check points along the way, such as Bat Girl, Storm, Captain America, Spiderman and more. It will be a great time for kids to put on their favorite super hero costumes to have their photos taken with them.

This year, he is raising money for the elderly and young families that are in need of heating assistance in the winter, in the RSU 57 area. Local company

J. P. Carroll Fuels will be helping to provide fuel for the families. You may call J. P. Carroll at 793-2331 to make a donation over the phone, using a credit card, send in a check or drop off cash. You may also drop off a donation at the fire station in Limerick.

He has also set up a GoFundMe page and the address is: <https://gofundme.com/f/nrwc6-walk-for-warmth>

His thanks go out to the Community of RSU 57. Smith sends out his appreciation to everyone who helped out last year, and hopes that this one will have a great outcome, as well. "Let us come together as a community to help those in need."

— By C.J. Pike

ACTON

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Acton to vote by secret ballot

The Town of Acton has announced that due to COVID-19, the 2020-2021 Warrant and Municipal Elections are being held at the Town Hall, 35 H Road on July 14 by secret ballot this year. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In the Selectmen's race, Kim Stacey Horn, the incumbent, is being challenged this year by Rollin Waterhouse. There are also two vacancies for School Board

Members. The incumbents Judy Shain and Jeanette Bearse are running unopposed.

There are 51 Articles on this year's Warrant. Articles 5-15 are authorizing Cost Center Categories. Articles 16 and 17 are to raise funds for the proposed school budget. Articles 18-21 are to authorize grants, and Article 23 authorizes the town to appropriate funds for unanticipated expenses and emergencies due to COVID-19 with a maximum expenditure of \$15,000. Except for Articles 4, 23, 24 (disposing of surplus town equipment), 36 (wages and operational expenses of fire rescue dept.), 46 (donations), and 51 (recreation revenues that exceed budgeted amount in Article 49 to be used by the recreation department) all votes were unanimous by the BOS and the Warrant and Finance Committee.

HOLLIS LIBRARIES

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presentation to the new Municipal Complex Committee and the Select Board on Feb. 20 at <https://livestream.com/accounts/23355313/hollistownmeetings/videos/202117684>.

Discussion about Article 12 can be found in the video recording of the June 17 Select Board Meeting, from 7:45-16:10 at <https://livestream.com/accounts/23355313/hollistownmeetings/videos/207597968>, as well as other articles from the Warrant. Ultimately, it is up to the voters to decide whether they will support both libraries.

As for the rest of the ballot, Articles 14-16 deal with taxes, and Articles 17-19 have to do with town-owned property, and Article 20 is the vote for MSAD #6 School

Director at Large for neighboring towns, with candidates from Buxton, Limington and Standish, and a write-in candidate for Frye Island.

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 Thursday, July 9.

Remember to use a black pen and 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 Tues, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Wednesday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Please note that the Town Hall is closed on Mondays.

Boat parade on Mousam Lake



The Annual Mousam Lake Region Association (MLRA) Boat Parade was held on Mousam Lake on July 4. The MLRA is an organization formed to "preserve and protect the natural character of Mousam Lake, and it's surroundings." The boats left Carpenter's Cove on Upper Mousam at 11:15 a.m. and navigated to Lower Mousam via the Shapleigh side. This year the MLRA Board of Directors had to adhere to the additional guidance from the CDC for wearing face coverings and social distancing due to COVID-19. The decorated boats, heralded by a fanfare of sirens, appeared at the foot of Mousam at approximately 12:15 pm. The pontoon boats and motorboats were decorated with American flags, red, white and blue banners, and balloons. One boat was covered in white balloons with a large yellow duck at the end, simulating a massive bathtub with bubbles and a rubber ducky!

PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

Greetings from your friends at the Saco River Corridor Commission!

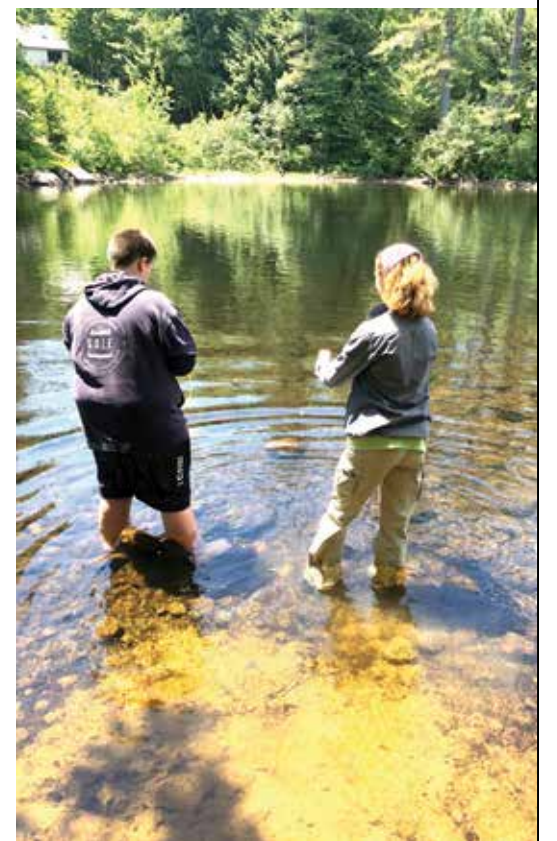
This summer marks the 19th consecutive year of our Water Quality Monitoring Program. The Monitoring Program is led by staff members with the assistance of over 10 volunteers from the community. Over 39 sites are monitored along the Saco, Ossipee, and Little Ossipee Rivers to ensure the protection of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



**Thank you. Be safe.
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Obituaries

James “Jimmy D” Andrew DiThomas

James Andrew DiThomas, 58, passed away suddenly on June 16, 2020 at his home in Limerick.

Jim was born on Dec. 18, 1961 in Peabody, Massachusetts, the son of Joseph J. and Margaret A. (Caron) DiThomas, Sr.



James Andrew DiThomas

Jim was a drummer, singer and recording and sound engineer professionally, working with artists on tour like Eric Clapton, Bonnie Raitt, and B.B. King before returning to the area and settling in Limerick.

Needless to say we are devastated and emotionally in need of time to grieve which is complicated by pandemic restrictions. We with the best for your family, and urge you to take a few extra moments today to hug the ones you love. Breathe together and cherish this beautiful life we are given.

Jim’s friend Dave Connelly wrote a beautiful tribute: “My ol’buddy, James DiThomas, lovingly known as Jimmy D, had such a gentle timbre to his voice—a timbre that expressed the purity of his spirit and the kindness within his soul. Whether he was talking to you in pleasant conversation or crooning, you could always tell that you were in the company of an extraordinarily gentle person. Jimmy D was a profoundly talented musician; and he’d built a studio up in the sticks of Maine where you could always find him playing drums, keyboards, or guitar. It was a small, simple, unpretentious place, where he’d be happily recording music. He was like a Buddhist monk in a monastery—just quietly and dutifully shuffling from one instrument to the next to the microphones to the soundboard—always imbued with a Zen-like energy as he produced the beauty of music—and it was this Zen-like energy I often sought whenever I drove north.

Anybody who knew Jimmy D will tell you that he was an unconditionally generous soul and he expected NOTHING in return for his help, his time, and his thoughtfulness. He gifted my daughters with music lessons and even musical instruments—and all he asked in return was for them to carry on the Promethean tradition of playing music for others—laying music for a world that’s all too often a dark place—playing music to help make our world a more beautiful place.

Jim, I love you, man— and I can genuinely say that upon this dark and dreary canvas, you were one of the few that created “beauty.” And, I can only hope and pray that you’ve inspired legions of others to go forth and continue on with your legacy. Until we meet again, compadre.”

Jim will be dearly missed and forever loved by his family including his sister Janet Sarro and her partner Rich Mirando of Winthrop, Massachusetts; Joseph DiThomas, Jr. and his wife Julianne of Haverhill, Massachusetts; the late June Lussier of Peabody, Massachusetts

and her husband Kenneth; John DiTomaso and wife Diane of Lynn, Massachusetts; his son Taylor DiTomas; beloved friend and roommate Rita Eaton of Limerick, and Compadre Dave Connelly of Plum Island, Massachusetts; Aunts and Uncles from the Caron Family of Salem, Massachusetts and the DiThomas-DiTomaso family of Lynn, Massachusetts; along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jim’s family had a private graveside service in Peabody, Massachusetts. To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com.

Paul Gauthier

Paul Gauthier of Alfred passed peacefully late Friday, June 26, 2020, at home as his loving wife, Joan, of 63 years, held his hand and shared stories of his past. Paul, 87 years young, lived a committed life pursuing his goals of helping others and family.



Paul Gauthier

Paul served for four years during the Korean Conflict as a corpsman in the Navy and Marine Corps. After serving he worked as a master machinist by trade and, along with his wife, opened their home to young people in need.

Throughout his life, Paul generously and wholeheartedly served the community. He held multiple positions at First Congregational Church of Kennebunkport, including his latest and fondest passion for col-

lecting and recording the Churches 200-year history. Paul also enjoyed time spent with neighbors driving for Meals on Wheels and bringing seniors and disabled community members to their appointments. As a longtime resident of Keywood Manor Village, he volunteered his time in numerous positions including community librarian, activities council member, creating and maintaining the community recycling trailer, and, his all-time favorite, calling Bingo nights.

Paul was born in 1933 in Lowell, Massachusetts. He was predeceased by his loving father, Philip L. Gauthier and mother, Julianne M. Gauthier, brothers, Henry Gauthier and Roland Gauthier, and sister Doris Goodwill. He is survived and adoringly remembered by his beloved wife, Joan Gauthier, his sister, Claire Tallard, brother, Philip Gauthier, sisters Beatrice Wilkerson and Gertrude Gauthier and his many nieces and nephews.

Family and Friends will miss Paul’s warm smile, never say no energy, quick wit, and enthusiasm for life.

A Graveside Service with military honors will be held for the family at Southern Maine Veteran Cemetery in Springvale, Maine at a future date. A Celebration of Paul’s life and memorial service will be held for family and friends at the First Congregational Church of Kennebunkport in May 2021.

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

In keeping with Paul’s generous spirit, the family urges those planning an expression of sympathy to consider sending a memorial contribution to Paul’s favorite organizations: Community Outreach Services of Kennebunk, P.O. Box 1175, Kennebunk, ME 04043 and/or Shaker Museum of Alfred, P.O. Box 873, Alfred, ME 04002.

going manner and professionalism was enjoyed by customers and her co-workers. Janet loved animals and owned many rescues that she was proud of. She enjoyed socializing with friends, summer trips to Old Orchard Beach for pier fries, and more than anything else, and spending time spoiling her two grandsons.

Janet Jakan

Janet Jakan 74, of Sanford and beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away on June 29, 2020 in Kennebunk.



Janet Jakan

Janet was born on Nov. 10, 1946 in New Bedford, Massachusetts, the daughter of John and Irene (Perry) Canastra. She married Dennis Jakan in 1976 in her hometown of New Bedford.

Janet worked in the banking industry most of her career and was a proud member of the York County Federal Credit Union loan department for over 15-years. Her easy

Janet is preceded in death by her parents John and Irene and her sister Judith. Janet is survived by her husband Dennis, her son Joshua and his wife and her grandsons Conor and Colin.

Janet’s family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Susan, Jennifer, and the other staff members of Kennebunk Rehabilitation Center.

Services for Janet will be private. To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com.

With Janet’s love of animals and many rescue dogs that made her life richer, please consider donating to the Animal Welfare Society, Inc., P.O. Box 43, West Kennebunk, ME 04094.

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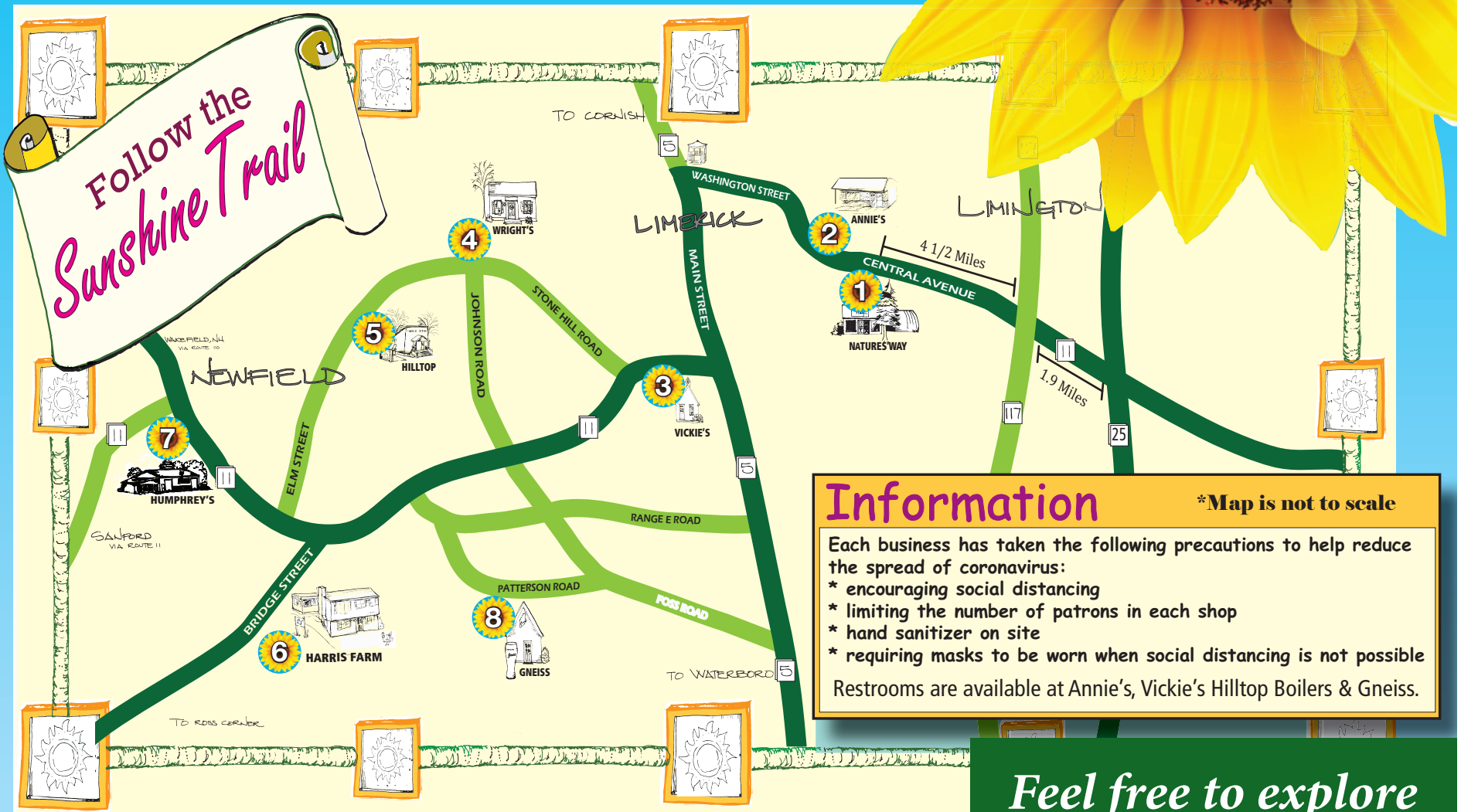
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