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## Youth volunteers recognized



From left are the recipients of the Lions Club's Youth Recognition Awards, presented on July 26, Hunter Van Brocklin, Grace Frechette, Jacob Pittfield and Ben Levesque. COURTESY PHOTO

## Lions honor local students

On Sunday, July 26, the Massabesic Lions Club held an abbreviated Youth Recognition Ceremony to recognize four local young people for their volunteerism. This award is given out annually to students in the Middle school through High school for their volunteerism in the Alfred - Waterboro community. They may be recommended by friends, neighbors, pastors or organizations.

Due to the Pandemic, applications were limited compared to previous years. But the ones re-

ceived were top notch and worthy of recognition.

Hunter Van Brocklin, age 14, was recommended by Monica Wardwell of the Waterboro Middle School Gifted and Talented program. He is going into High School.

Jacob Pittfield, age 15, is going into the 10th grade and was recommended by the Waterboro Food Pantry.

Grace Frechette, age 16 is going into her Senior year and was recommended by the Alfred Se-

lectmen.

Benjamin Levesque, age 18, is a graduating Senior who is going to Dartmouth. He was recommended by Dorothy Hawes of the Massabesic Gifted and Talented Program.

This year's program was held outside in front of the Massabesic Lions Club with masks and social distancing.

The Lions are a volunteer organization who work in the community wherever there is a need.



Community Action Works (formerly known as Toxics Action Center) works side by side with everyday people to confront those who are polluting and harming the health of our communities. COURTESY PHOTO

## Protecting the environment from toxins

The nonprofit organization Toxics Action Center has officially changed its name to Community Action Works. Jackie Elliott, a member of the board, is a Waterboro resident. Elliott first worked with Com-

munity Action Works as the leader of Citizens Leading for Environmental Action & Responsibility (CLEAR), formed to shut down the polluting Wheelabrator trash incinerator in Claremont, New Hamp-

shire. She remains a community activist today through being an active member of the Environmental Advocates Initiative at the Endometriosis Association.

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## Maple syrup producers eligible for COVID-19 relief

Following a push by Maine's Congressional Delegation and Governor Janet Mills, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently announced that producers of maple sap used to make maple syrup are now eligible for direct financial relief to help offset the financial harm they have experienced due to COVID-19.

In June, U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King and Representatives Chellie Pingree and Jared Golden sent a letter to USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue in support of maple syrup producers' eligibility for direct relief from the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP). CFAP, created through the CARES Act, is providing up to \$16 billion in direct payments to deliver relief to America's farmers. In the letter, the Delegation also noted their full support of a letter previously sent by Governor Mills, which outlined the necessity of this relief for the Maine maple syrup industry.

"Maine is proud to be the country's third-largest producer of maple syrup. This is a strong sector of our state's agricultural economy, representing more than 800 full- and part-time jobs," said Senators Collins and King and Representatives Pingree and Golden. "Maine maple syrup producers experienced substantial revenue losses due to the cancellation of Maple Sunday events this spring. We strongly supported making maple syrup producers eligible for assistance through CFAP, and we are pleased that they will now be able to access this lifeline for farmers."

"Like many pillars of our economy, Maine's maple syrup producers have suffered unprece-



ented financial hardship caused by the coronavirus pandemic. I am pleased to hear that the USDA heeded our call and that our maple syrup producers can now access the resources they need to survive these challenging times," said Governor Janet Mills. "I hope to see continued changes to the CFAP program to ensure that more Maine farms, of all sizes, whose financial stability and futures have similarly been disrupted, benefit from this important program."

Maine is home to more than 550 maple syrup producers whose combined output totaled 580,000 gallons with a value of \$21.6 million last year alone. Similar to other agricultural producers across the country, maple syrup producers in the State of Maine have suffered greatly due to COVID-19. The impact on this industry is even more acute than most, however, given its short season from late February to mid-April and heavy reliance on direct-to-consumer sales. Every March, sugarhouses across Maine host Maple Sunday events, an annual celebration showcasing maple syrup operations throughout Maine that serves

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## Sanford man killed in boating crash

A Sanford man was killed on Aug. 9 when the boat he was traveling in was struck by a jet ski.

Ryan Canary, age 26, of Sanford, was part of a family and friends gathering at Toddy Pond in Orland and was traveling on the stern of a 23-foot waterskiing boat

at approximately 1 p.m. when the boat was struck from behind by a jet ski operated by a 17-year-old female who was also part of their group.

The two boats were traveling through a headway speed portion

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BUSINESS NEWS

Lyman non-profit receives donation

Partners Bank is please to announce its Presenting Sponsorship of \$3,000 to the Carlisle Charitable Foundation's 8th Annual Golf Classic. The event which is scheduled for Sept. 23 will tee off at Dunegrass Golf Club in Old Orchard Beach.

The Foundation is the philanthropic partner of the Carlisle Academy Integrative Equine Therapy & Sports, and aims to raise funds for its Student Scholarship Fund, Horse Stewardship Fund, and the Professional Leadership Fund, all of which help make programs affordable and accessible to those in need. It also assists in advancing education, human and equine well-being, and professionalism in the field.

The Annual Golf Classic has served as one of the Foundation's largest fundraising events to assist in the programs and has helped raise more than \$100,000 in support of its mission.

"The Carlisle Charitable Foundation has made it possible for many to get involved and improve upon their life skills in a unique way," Bank President and CEO, Blaine Boudreau said. "The Bank is proud to support the Foundation's mission through this fun event."

More information about the Golf Classic and how to register or become a sponsor, as well as more information on the Foundation can be found at carlislecharitablefoundation.org.



Partners Bank President & CEO Blaine Boudreau (center-left) presents a \$3,000 sponsorship check to Carlisle Charitable Foundation President, Diane Conley (left) and Carlisle Academy Integrative Equine Therapy & Sports Owner, Sarah Armentrout (center-right) for the Foundation's upcoming Golf Tournament. They were also joined by farm friend, Maggie. COURTESY PHOTO

ENVIRONMENT

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The name change for the organization comes after 33 years of working side by side with everyday people to confront those who are polluting and harming the health of communities across the Northeast.

"We believe that environmental threats are big, but the power of well-organized community groups is bigger," said Dana Colihan, Maine Community Organizer of Community Action Works. "Our old name made it seem like we only work on toxics, an issue that was at the top of the environmental agenda when we were founded in 1987. The name Community Action Works gets at the core of what we do now. We work side by side with everyday people

who are taking action to stop pollution and build solutions on any environmental issue in their community."

In its 33-year history, Community Action Works has partnered with community leaders to win dozens of victories, including halting a massive liquified natural gas (LNG) terminal in Harpswell; organizing with the Back River Alliance to stop a new coal gasification power plant in Wiscasset; organizing with farmers and Penobscot Nation leaders to prevent a new landfill in Argyle; working with Protect South Portland to halt Exxon-Mobil's plan to bring tar sands through the Northeast; and helping community groups pass city-wide bans on pesticide spraying in South Portland and Portland.

Despite the name change, the

mission of Community Action Works is staying the same. The organization will continue to partner with the people who are most impacted by environmental problems, training them with the know-how anyone would need to make change in their own backyard.

"When neighbors know how to make change, they can build the power to transform our world," said Colihan. "Many people reach out to us because they are facing a pollution problem so personal that they have no choice but to take action. In taking action, they realize that they have the power to make change, and they don't stop there. And that is the kind of transformation we need." Learn more at communityaction-works.org.

MAPLE SYRUP

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as a catalyst for sales. Due to the pandemic, this collection of events was effectively cancelled this year, eliminating many producers' best opportunity to connect with consumers and secure sales.

CFAP was established to provide "vital assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline and face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities." To date, a total of more than \$14 million has been awarded through

CFAP to Maine farmers to help offset the financial harm they have experienced due to COVID-19.

The USDA is continuing to accept applications from farmers through Sept. 11. More information about CFAP and the application process can be found on USDA's resource page: Farmers.gov/cfap.

Upload photos to our Facebook page at "Reporter207" or email them to news@waterboro-reporter.com

Advertisement for Limerick Community Block Party 2020. Features fireworks, an online trivia game, and a scavenger hunt. Includes a QR code, a map of the ball field, and social distancing reminders. Text: "IT IS HERE", "Limerick Community Block Party AUG 15TH 2020", "FIREWORKS! 9pm at the Limerick Ball Field", "CELEBRATE", "MAINE'S 200TH".





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**BOAT ACCIDENT**

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of Toddy Pond, the ski boat ahead of the jet ski, when the 2020 sea-doo GTX 230 jet ski abruptly accelerated and crashed into the stern of the 23 foot 2005 yamaha AR 230 ski boat. Canary was on the back of the boat with several others, dangling their feet in the water as the boat traveled through the headway speed area when they were struck by the jet ski. Headway speed is defined as the minimum speed necessary to maintain steerage and control of the watercraft while the watercraft is moving.

Canary was struck by the jet ski and thrown into the water

along with several others by the collision. Canary was not wearing a lifejacket. A 13-year old boy who was wearing a lifejacket was also injured by the jet ski and was transported to Eastern Maine Medical and then later to Maine Medical with leg, head and possible internal injuries. The body of Mr. Canary was recovered from the water at approximately 2:30 p.m. and then transported to the Mitchell and Tweedie funeral home in Bucksport.

There were 13 people aboard the 23 foot waterskiing boat, and a driver and passenger on the jetski. The crash remains under investigation by the Maine Warden Service, and no more information is available at this time.

**ALFRED**

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**Celebrating 75th**

Frances and Franklin Libby celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary at the Maine Veteran's Hospital in Scarborough on Friday, August 7. They weren't allowed to go in, of course, but could visit through a glass. Both their sons, Robert and Steven, accompanied their mother for the visit.

Fran and Franklin had married in the Congregational Church in Sanford in 1945 when Franklin was in the service in Virginia where they spent the first years of their marriage. They have two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Another event was the loss of a large pine during the recent storm. Fran was watching from inside the back of the house expecting trees would fall in the woods when a large mature pine came down on the lawn in the front of the house. When I stopped the next day to take a photo the two brothers had already cut it up.

**Library news**

In case you missed it, the new library hours are as follows; Mon. and Wed. 1 to 8 p.m. Tues. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thurs. and Fri. closed. Sat. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sun. closed.

There are more new books at the library, including "The Jane Austen Society" by Natalie Jenner; "A Forgotten Murder" by Jude Deveraux; "Utopia Avenue" by David Mitchell; and in non fiction "How Maine Changed the World" by Nancy Griffin; "Salt-Fat-Acid-Heat" by Samin Nosrat; "March" co-authored by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, Nate Powell, about the Civil Rights Movement and "The Order" by New York Times best selling author Daniel Silva. About 30 book bags have been taken out by the children.

**Selling from Home**

It all started on our farm, when we sold pick-your-own strawberries. Everybody came, they checked out at a table where my spouse checked the number of boxes picked and they paid for their berries there. But now we live at the other end of the village on less than two acres. But once a farmer, always a farmer. We don't keep sheep (he had developed asthma from the hay) but we have gardens. He starts his own seedlings, also plants strawberries and raspberries. The berries he used to sell to a local flower and vegetable stand. But this year the owner hasn't opened the stand. A decision had to be made. We would have to do our own selling.

He started with plants. I was eliminating my upper garden (I thought) so there would be plants from that, also forsythia bushes and others which seem to grow

very well here. We are actually on a hillside, up from the road. The seedlings sold well. Tomatoes, cucumbers, herbs, squash, and flower plants were sold, a few strawberries but not many this year. Because of our location it is easy for customers to stop by the mail box and buy.

Early this spring he started working on a large sign. "Raspberries, \$2.50 a box." The boxes weren't the quart boxes but the clear plastic ones you see in the supermarket. Friends saved them for us. Thus far, we haven't had to buy any. I don't even know where we would buy them. I pictured him sitting at a table to sell his berries but he had other ideas.

"I will put a glass jar with change in it on a table with the berries and people will make their own change. We will put the card table down by the road. There is a lot of traffic here between 4 and 5. We will do the picking but I think this will work."

I wasn't sure. Although he thought most people were honest, and I agreed, but how about those who weren't? I remembered the teens who came up the river (beside our berry fields) in their boat, stopped at our berry fields and picked. And told us they had just discovered all these wild berries! It was fortunate my spouse happened to discover the boys. They left without their berries.

In the beginning, the picking was easy here (we started July 7) and we were able to put a lot of boxes of berries on the card table. We would have them down there at least by early afternoon. In an hour or so they would all be gone. He would bring the money jar to the house and count his profits. The money went to one of the church's mission projects - "Daisy's Children" in Honduras. Daisy had died because she had sacrificed her own meals for her children. Hence the name.

Some of those who came to buy were our old pick-your-own customers who made jam and wanted a certain number of boxes so we would have to save some. Each week there have been fewer raspberries to pick, but now the everbearing raspberries have begun to ripen and we will soon have a new crop.

Our church runs a plant sale each spring. This year because my spouse had so many seedlings it was easier to hold the sale here. The mission fund really profited. He has plans to start pansies next year. Take a pencil, make a dot on paper, and that is the size of the seeds. Next year's seeds are already planted on the porch where we can watch them. It will be a new venture. You plant them in August, winter them over and they will bloom the next spring. We hope!

My spouse has every confidence for this new venture. We have made space in our upper garden for the pansies. I just hope the chipmunks do not harbor a fondness for pansies. Like everyone else, we are oversupplied with chipmunks this year. The death score thus far is 45 chipmunks. Three birds and a mouse were given their freedom. Only the chipmunks are relegated to the rain barrel. We keep track on the blackboard so this is fairly accurate. There was also a groundhog. And we have twice spotted a bunny rabbit, who seems quite tame, admiring the garden. If anyone is missing a rabbit, I know where he hangs out.

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Election must be by plurality vote. David R. Alves and David L. Dulong each received the same number of votes as candidates for the membership of the Board of Selectmen from the July 14, 2020 election.

You may vote an absentee ballot in the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours through September 10th or have a ballot mailed to you by calling the Town Clerk's Office (247-0643).

**The polls will be open on September 15th  
from 8 am to 8 pm at the Lyman Town Hall  
located at 11 South Waterboro Road.**

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

Registrar of voters will be available Aug. 19 & 26 and Sept. 2 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sept. 10 & 11 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Registrar will also be available on Election Day from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to register new voters and correct the voting list.

*Please bring I.D. and proof of residency with you.*

**TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH**

**The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the following:**

- Amendment to the Subdivision Known as Dezan Subdivision – Adjust Lot Line of Lot 3-2 to Correct Setback Issue with Neighbor's Garage Property Located at Shapleigh Tax Map 7, Lot 41, Subdivision Lot 3-2 (Norton Ridge Rd)  
Lee Dezan, Applicant & Property Owner;  
Joseph Stanley, Representing

**The Public is invited to attend via the following:**

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**Zoom Meeting ID: 848 9586 5996 Password: 479754 (For all links)**

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**Shapleigh Community Library**

On Saturday, Aug. 15, the Shapleigh Library, 607 Shapleigh Corner Road, will be open for "Browsing by Appointment." The services will be available Tuesday 3:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30-10:30 a.m. for August. Outside pick up will continue to be available.

The "Browsing appointments" are for 30-minute sessions per patron/family. Call ahead to schedule your time at 636-3630. For everyone's safety, masks will be required in the library, and should you need one; they will have some disposable ones on hand. You will be required to either put on disposable gloves or use hand sanitizer. Both will be provided to you, if needed. Any books that you have touched and have chosen not to take home, you are asked to place on a book cart that will be wiped down, and the book will be returned to the shelves by staff. Book returns will continue to be deposited into the outdoor dropbox and will be quarantined for 72 hours before being returned to the shelves. One computer will be available by 30-minute appointments for patron use, and the computer station will be cleaned in between appointments.

The Shapleigh community library has had a new roof installed, and some repairs needed to be done when water damaged the inside of the building.

**Goodall Memorial Library**

The Goodall Memorial Library, 952 Main St., Sanford, is allowing a limited number of patrons to enter the library to browse the collection and to use a computer and check out materials. Call during the week to make an appointment for you or your family. There are half-hour browsing appointments, one-hour computer-Internet appointments, and the times are available from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Masks are required. To schedule a time, call 324-4714.

The library is still offering curbside pick up on Elm Street, of books on hold. Holds may be placed online or by phone. Monday noon is the cut off time for Tuesday pick up. There is a limit of five holds per account. You may also utilize the book return dropbox, which is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The

library is closed Friday through Monday for quarantine.

The library is still providing Museum Passes, although the process is a little different this year due to COVID-19. All you need is a Goodall library card. Give them a call to reserve a pass and arrange for pick up. The Museum Passes include the Portland Museum of Art and the Ogunquit Museum of American Art, to name just a few. For more information, you can contact the library at info@lbgoodall.org.

**Springvale Public Library**

Springvale Public Library, 443 Main St., announced it's Adult/Teen Summer Bingo is coming to a close on Aug.15. Don't forget to show your bingos to be put into the raffle. The Children's Summer Reading Program also ends on Aug.15, make sure to pick up your prizes by Aug. 21. The Genealogy Room is available by appointment.

The Library is now lending puzzles, lawn games, and so much more. You can borrow these items with your library card. Please contact the library for more details at springvalelibrary.org. or telephone 324-4624.

- By Joanne Bargioni

**NEWFIELD**

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**Hurricane Isaias gave us a big wallop**

Hurricane Isaias really walloped us hard last week and by the time that it moved out of the area, it had caused a lot of damage.

The high winds and heavy rain hit the East Coast hard and Newfield, as well as the surrounding towns, suffered a lot. It was days before the power was restored, and according to the reports that I have heard, about 1,278 people in Newfield lost power. Trees were down all over town; Lost Mile Road and Spring Road were hit very hard and other places, as well.

I lost it at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and did not get it back until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday. Wednesday I lost my phone service, which was especially frustrating, and when I

rode around town to use my cell phone, I could not even get a signal on that. The power at my house came on Wednesday night for about 2 minutes at 11 p.m., but then went out again. Crews came in from all over to help out our Central Maine Power guys, who were quite busy. All in all, I was without power for 39 1/2 hours.

**Library quilt raffle**

Newfield Library is having their annual Quilt Raffle. The quilt measures 44" x 55", a lap quilt, and comes with a matching pillow case, for storage, and is made by Shirley Fleming, a former resident of Newfield. This is the 4th or 5th quilt that Fleming has donated to the library, which she does so that the library can make some extra money for books. She always picks out nice material and this one is a winter scene or Christmas quilt, with beautiful green, blue, red and white. She puts the different pieces together and sends it out to a shop to have the quilting done.

Fleming loves making them, which she does all year at her new



This quilt is being raffled off as a fundraiser for the Newfield Library. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

home in Cherokee, Texas, where she and her husband moved after selling her home here. She and her husband Wendall usually travel every year with their camper, however, this year due to the pandemic, they stayed in Texas.

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.

**Happy birthday!**

Birthday wishes go to the following people: Debbie Liveridge, Stuart Hall, Pat Nash, Josie Ring, Andre Plette, Steve Tuttle and Cindy Lewis. And a happy heavenly birthday to my mom Maxine Pike.

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Obituaries

**Clarence (Jim) Freeman Langley**

Jim F. Langley, 79, beloved father and grandfather and friend to many, died at his home in Acton, surrounded in love and with his loyal pets by his side. Jim was born in Acton on Dec. 22, 1940, the son of Everett V. and Lillian B. (Bragg) Langley.



**Clarence (Jim) Freeman Langley**

Jim attended grades 1-8 in Acton and in Newfield and he attended Sanford High from his freshman year until he graduated with the Class of 1961. During high school, Jim met his sweetheart and future wife, Madeline Jalbert. They were married on Aug. 18, 1962 and were blessed with three children.

Jim was a dedicated father and hard worker. He worked for American Plastics in January 1961 until Gus Magnuson bought out the company in 1969-1970 which became Wasco Products. Jim stayed with Wasco, eventually become a supervisor with a total of 45 years, retiring in April of 2007. In addition to his full-time job, Jim was a master at masonry and carpentry work. In 1996, when the family sold their home in Alfred, Jim built his own house in Acton. Jim put in beautiful gardens and maintained them. Jim and Maddy took care of the grandchildren and made sure they got off the school bus safely each day. Jim and Maddy loved camping with their grandchildren; spending time

at Lake Pemaquid in Damariscotta and up down the coast of Maine.

The holidays were a special time with the family and Jim prepared the Christmas Eve meals – which has become a Langley tradition. Jim remained active and would cut and split his own firewood for the winter. He had done this his whole life.

Jim was a kind and honest man. He never held grudges and was quick to forgive. He was immensely proud of his grandchildren and was comforted by his four-legged companions through-out his life. He believed in adopting his animals from the local animal shelters.

Jim was a man with a big heart and cared for his family, his friends, and neighbors. He has left our family with many life lessons and he will be dearly missed. Be at peace Dad... We love you!

Jim is lovingly survived his children, Susan J. Hanna and husband Joe of Sanford; Michelle J. Langley and husband Brad of East Wakefield, NH; and David J. Langley and wife Wendy of Acton; his four grandchildren, Emily Bourque and Alex Hanna both of Sanford; and William and Christopher Langley both of Acton; and two great-grandchildren, Peyton and Parker Bourque; his beloved aunt, Claire Bragg of Acton and several nieces and nephews.

Jim was predeceased by his wife of almost 55 years, Madeleine Langley, his siblings, Phyllis Daigneau, Lawrence "Buzzy" Langley, Mabel Crout-Hamel and Georgianna Reed.

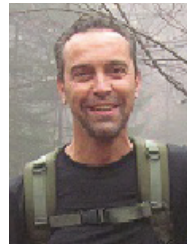
Family and friends are invited to call on Thursday, Aug. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred. Committal prayers and burial will be held later at the family cemetery.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit [www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com](http://www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com).

With Jim's love of animals, consider donating to the Pope Memorial Humane Society, 221 County Farm Rd., Dover, NH 03820.

**William Joseph Sobanik**

William J Sobanik (Bill), of Lyman, was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, Feb. 15, 1967 to Frank J. and Joyce (Nanchy) Sobanik. Bill died suddenly on Aug. 8 at home.



**William Joseph Sobanik**

He was an accomplished Aerospace Engineer having most recently worked for the FAA, and the DOD. He recently received an Individual Service Award for managing three engine certification programs simultaneously to completion.

He was an outdoorsman, fishing, hunting, and bird watching while he made large quantities of firewood. He has hiked Mount Katahdin, skied Mount Washington's Tuckerman's ravine, and Hiked and paddled in many of Maine's special places. Bills hobby was restoring and modifying classic GM vehicles, especially with his brothers, nephew and friends helping. He enjoyed motorcycling and took a Trans-Labrador Highway trip in 2005 (4600 miles).

Bill was soft spoken, and easy going, he made friends easily, especially during his 26 years as a Friend of Bill W. Bill was a devoted son who greatly assisted both of his parents in their elder years and last days. He was a faithful brother, and brother in law, sharing the burdens of others in the family. He was always helpful, and happy to be involved in the lives of his nephew and niece with whom he had close

ties and shared many experiences.

Bill will be dearly missed by his close-knit family and many friends.

He is survived by his brothers, John Sobanik, and his wife Lauren Olshesky, of Colchester, Connecticut; Bert Sobanik, and his wife Nancy of Lyman; his nephew James Sobanik, and niece Katherine Sobanik, both of Lyman.

Friends may join his family on Sunday, Aug. 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, in Alfred, Maine. Committal prayers and burial will be private at the Riverside Cemetery.

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# OPINION

## LETTERS

### A way to beat those pandemic pounds!

When I open up social media these days, I often see references to “pandemic pounds” and “quarantine couch calories”, among photos of banana bread and homemade mac and cheese. They reassure me that I’m not the only one struggling to eat healthy and exercise safely these last few months!

The good news is that just as COVID-19 has reshaped our lives, so too has it reshaped the Diabetes Prevention Program offered by MaineHealth. We are proud to have pivoted from offering this program only in-person to now virtually. And it’s free!

Designed by the U.S. CDC, the Diabetes Prevention Program helps anyone at risk for diabetes or who just wants to be healthier to lower their chance of developing type 2 diabetes and other serious health problems, like heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer, or stroke. If you are among the one-third of Americans with prediabetes or are at risk for diabetes (e.g. overweight, obese, have a family history of diabetes), this program will help you significantly reduce your risk and reverse prediabetes. (Note: This class is not designed for people who already have type 2 diabetes.)

The goals of the program are to lose 5 to 7 percent body weight, which is enough to usually reverse pre-diabetes, and to help you maintain healthy eating and physical activity. Participants most often see reductions in blood pressure and many other non-scale victories.

How often do the classes meet? Classes meet once weekly for the first four months, then once every other week to once monthly for the rest of the year.

What are the classes like? Classes are about one hour in length and are led by an instructor here in Maine or New Hampshire, who has been trained by the U.S. CDC and who serves as a coach. Classes are fun and informative, no matter what your knowledge level is. How do I know? I participated this last year in MaineHealth’s Diabetes Prevention Program and loved it!

For those who have been in isolation, participants engage with each other and form a supportive group - a safe way to beat the isolation blues!

New classes are being started on a rolling basis. With the fall upon us, this is a great time to register. And did I mention that the classes are free? Yes, this is one of many ways MaineHealth is living up to our mission - working together so our communities are the healthiest in America.

Want to learn more? Call 207-661-7294 to chat with our team or email [prevention@mainehealth.org](mailto:prevention@mainehealth.org). You can also look at available classes and register directly at: <https://mhprevention.coursetorm.com/course/diabetes-prevention-program-live-online>

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As we move into the fall with the continuing pandemic, MaineHealth’s

Diabetes Prevention Program can help you beat the pandemic blues as well as the pandemic pounds. I hope you register today.

— Dora Anne Mills, MD, MPH, FAAP  
Chief health improvement officer for MaineHealth.

### Time to fix it all

Maine, including the People of Maine, deserves responsible legislators who will address and resolve issues and problems and serve us. Unfortunately, the ME Legislature’s “leadership”, including both Senate President Troy Jackson and House Speaker Sara Gideon adjourned the ME Legislature 150 days ago, as of Friday, August 14th... Both House Speaker Sara Gideon and Senate President Troy Jackson have shirked their duties and their responsibilities during this Covid-19 pandemic. Subsequently, Sara Gideon has abandoned her responsibilities as House Speaker while running for U.S. Senate. Where is her “leadership” and action on all state issues? AWOL, that’s what! Do we want more of the same thing? No.

There are several Covid-19 related issues and problems have gone unabated and still remain unresolved. That includes, among others, all the many challenges, ills and woes of ME Dept. of Labor, on Labor Commissioner Laura Fortman’s watch, including the ongoing Unemployment system failures and problems, with all Career Centers remaining closed to the public. We, the People, have inherent unalienable rights, including the right to work, earn a living, and have a livelihood. Also, Mainers are entitled to unemployment insurance benefits when out of work. The ongoing crises, and problems with the ME Dept. of Labor and its bureaus are very alarming, are totally reprehensible and unconscionable, period! We shouldn’t have to contend with all of the issues going on with this Dept. Where is the legislative leadership to fix these problems, including but not limited to House Speaker Sara Gideon? AWOL, still doing nothing, that’s what! This isn’t acceptable at all! Very shameful.

We need better, more responsible and accountable leadership in Maine. We don’t have that with either Sara Gideon or Troy Jackson. We need real leadership to responsibly re-open Maine businesses, libraries, Career Centers, etc. and do the necessary work. Both Jackson and Gideon have failed to do so, sad to say. The ME Legislature and its leadership must reconvene, and belatedly address, fix and resolve many of the challenges and issues involving ME State Government and services (or the lack thereof). That includes re-opening ME Career Centers, addressing and resolving the ongoing disaster of non-payment of unemployment insurance weekly claims to claimants that legitimately claimed their benefits. Lastly, it is time for meaningful problem resolution with better, reformed services for the people of ME. With all due respect, “Failure is NOT an option”. Time to fix it all. Thank you.

David Hall  
Cornish



## “Step up and be counted in the 2020 Census to make sure that you, and all of our state, gets our fair share.”

— Gov. JANET MILLS

Having a complete and accurate count of Maine people is essential to our representation in Congress and in the State House, to the allocation of billions of dollars of federal grants, and to funding state-based programs and services.

The 2020 Census is much more than just a head-count. It is a critical measure that will help ensure our state’s voice is heard in the years to come.

It is critical that Maine people feel comfortable participating and that you understand the importance of the 2020 census, however Maine’s participation in the census is currently very low.

As of August 7th, only 55.3 percent of Maine households have participated. Undercounting our population could cost the state billions of dollars.

As we continue to protect public health and safely reopen our economy, it is more important than ever that Maine people be

fully and accurately counted in the census. The federal funds that we need to begin the long path to recovery from the hardships caused by COVID-19 depend on the census.

Based on the previous Census of 2010, Maine received over \$4 billion each year in federal funds for school lunch programs, for student loan relief, for health care, for road maintenance and many other critical services. But if our population is not fully counted, funding for these important programs will decline.

Census data are also used to redistrict legislative districts; to forecast transportation needs for all segments of the population; to determine areas eligible for housing assistance and rehabilitation loans; to assist federal, tribal, state, and local governments in planning programs like emergency response and services like those for people with disabilities, the elderly, and children.

All these things are based on population.

Personal information compiled in the census is confidential and secure. The census will not ask you about citizenship, or your social security number, or financial information or political affiliation, so you should feel safe about participating.

The 2020 Census is unique not only because the 2020 count will reflect the growth of the population over the last 10 years, but this will also be the first year you can fill out the Census online.

There is still time to participate online, by phone or by mail. Please visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) or call 844-330-2020.

Step up and be counted to make sure that you, and all of our state, gets our fair share.

This is Governor Janet Mills and thank you for listening. Please stay safe.

—Originally aired as a radio address on Aug. 7.

## “The President is attempting to use powers he doesn’t have to push a relief plan that won’t work”

— SEN. ANGUS KING

U.S. Senator Angus King (I-Maine) has released the following statement, criticizing the President’s executive orders on unemployment insurance and the payroll tax as a severe overreach of executive power, which will also fail to meaningfully address the challenges facing the American people:

“In the midst of one the most serious economic and health crises in a century, the President is attempting to use powers he doesn’t have to push a relief plan that won’t work.

“If the President’s unconstitutional executive orders are allowed to proceed, they would accelerate the erosion of Congress’s fundamental powers and lead us further down the path to the undermining of the American experiment in self-governance. This maneuver effectively ignores our system of checks and balances – and Congress retaining the power of the purse – and instead is moving us toward an elected monarchy. I wonder if those who cheer this action now will feel the same when a Democratic president wields these kinds of powers based upon this precedent.

“The legality of these orders is far from their only flaw – critically, they just won’t work.

“President Trump’s order, for example, would provide \$300 of federal funding for unemployment benefits,

cutting the current lifeline of struggling Americans who have been counting on these funds just to keep a roof over their head, food on the table, and their bills paid. The money in this shell game comes from emergency funds already set aside for natural disaster response, so when the next hurricane hits, this cupboard will be bare.

“The order also calls for states to contribute \$100 to the enhanced unemployment benefits; these are the same local governments nationwide confronting dire deficits as they face a steep decline in tax revenues from lack of commercial activity. Our states and municipalities desperately need relief, not additional expenses. States will either ignore this baseless order, or hasten their spiral into financial insolvency without federal aid through a real coronavirus relief package. The result will be cuts to essential services and massive layoffs in state and local governments; not exactly helpful heading into a recession.

“And then there’s the suspension of the payroll tax, which, by its very nature, will only benefit people who have jobs – and, by the way, is being funded by taking money away from Medicare and Social Security. Seniors, take note.

“These orders are the latest un-serious approach to a deadly serious problem. From the Administration’s

ineffective leadership to get the virus under control to Mitch McConnell’s decision to wait to start bipartisan negotiations until the week before these vital benefits were set to expire, these failures of federal leadership are inexcusable, especially at the very moment we need it most.

“Finally, the President’s low-oc-tane posturing does nothing, nada, zip, to support still-hurting small businesses, help school districts struggling with the added costs of coping with the pandemic, address the looming insolvency of the Postal Service, mitigate the continuing strain on our healthcare system, or improve our woefully ineffective national testing program.

“The House of Representatives passed the HEROES Act on May 15th, which should have opened negotiations but continues to collect dust on the Majority Leader’s desk to this very day. The American people are hurting – let’s cut the games, negotiate in good faith for the people who sent us here, and help them weather this storm. I am urging all parties to go to the table and resume good-faith negotiations to confront this growing emergency. History tells us that half-measures at moments like this only prolong and deepen the crisis; I deeply hope we don’t repeat that tragic mistake.”