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A sad goodbye to Newfield's treasure

By C.J. PIKE

There have been some changes this week in the landscape at the former museum, 19th Century Curran Village, formerly Willowbrook, which are sad to see. Although the museum closed last February, after their final Ice Harvest weekend, some might think that there is still a small glimmer of hope that maybe it could be revived. In fact, thoughts swirling around town are that maybe somebody could buy it and run it again.

Watching the removal of the buildings at the museum is nostalgic, as we remember the good old days when the museum thrived for many years. Willowbrook had many visitors who came out to the country just to see how life was back in the 19th Century.

The final event was to be an ice harvest on the Mill Pond at the museum, but the ice was too thin, so that part of the event was cancelled. However, the York County District Boy Scouts, had their annual Klondike Derby Camporee

on the museum grounds, for the weekend and 185 scouts camped out that weekend.

There was plenty to do with the Model T assembly line, demonstrations of metal casting, blacksmithing, machines, and they had their own dog sled races. All in all, there were about 250 people who came out for the final event.

A food concession was set up and visitors could enjoy rides on a horse drawn bobsled. They were also treated to a special demonstration on the use of a gas powered 1919 Novo ice harvesting saw, which was restored by the museum.

Many times I went down to the museum to do a story on what was going on, and always enjoyed the events, whether it was field trips for school kids or blacksmithing demonstrations.

Over the years, children enjoyed the carousel rides and having a picnic on the lawn by the old school house, but those days are gone now, as are all the other 19th Century activities.



Schoolhouse replica relocating

The bell of the little red schoolhouse sits on the grounds of what was the Curran Homestead Village, formerly Willowbrook Museum in Newfield. The building has been taken apart to move it to Orrington, to be part of the Curran Homestead collection there, along with the Carousel and some other buildings. The schoolhouse was part of the museum for many years, and a special treat for children. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

The museum was always privately owned, and the current owners, Curran Homestead in Or-

rrington, decided to move some of the artifacts and small buildings to
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Land Trust director recognized

Kevin McKeon, a member of the Board of Directors of the Mousam Way Land Trust, is one of five finalists nominated for the Natural Resources Council of Maine's Annual People's Choice Award.

He is being recognized for his outstanding and dedicated service to the land trust that began when he and his wife, Patricia, became conservation buyers of 89 acres of significant habitats on Blanchard Road in Springvale.

As conservation buyers they held the land until the Mousam Way Land Trust was able to raise funds to purchase the land from them. This prevented the loss of this critical tract to impend-

ing development. At the time of transfer, McKeon and wife donated 38 acres of adjacent land which together with the larger piece is now known as the McKeon Environmental Reserve.

Since then the McKeons have taken an active role in the development of the Pence Community Ecology Center which includes the Sanford Community Garden.

Last spring he received the Gerard Labbe Memorial Award from the York County Master Gardeners for his contributions in the creation and management of the community garden.

Kevin McKeon also is an active member of the Sanford Trails Committee. Recently he

oversaw the installation of a Beaver Deceiver at Deering Pond that controls the water level to prevent erosion of the Sanford Railroad Trail while allowing the beaver to remain there.

Bud Johnston, President of the land trust praised McKeon, "for his involvement in getting things done. The progress we have achieved in the last three years is largely due to him."

Johnston added, "the finalist will be chosen on the basis of votes received by Sept. 18 from the community. If you would like to vote for Kevin McKeon go to nrcm.org and click on Our Maine/Explore, then Vote Now."



Kevin McKeon has been nominated for a People's Choice Award for his work with the Mousam Way Land Trust. Community members can vote at www.nrcm.org. COURTESY PHOTO

USDA approves Maine Hemp production plans

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved Maine's hemp production plans. With the approval, the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) assumes primary regulatory responsibility for hemp production within its jurisdiction, under the oversight of the USDA Domestic Hemp Production Program.

"Hemp is becoming an important part of Maine's agriculture sector. Approval of our hemp production plan means Maine's growers will have certainty about the expectations and guidelines for hemp cultivation for the coming years," commented DACF Commissioner Amanda Beal.

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Q & A BUY THE BOOK

with CJ Pike



Life, Family, Wildlife and Other Fun Stuff

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

I sat down with fellow reporter, CJ Pike to discuss her new book, *Life, Family, Wildlife and Other Fun Stuff*. You've seen her weekly column here in the Reporter since 2017, the Newfield Community News. This is her third book.

Pike has lived in Newfield for the last 30 years, but has been taking pictures and writing stories for longer. "I've written little stories all along," said Pike, who, in the late 90s, was a Children's Librarian. She began writing a column in the Sanford News back in 2003, and joined The Reporter in 2017.

Her first book was a children's book, *Amelia's Garden*, published in 2014. Her second book, *Snapshots Across America*, published in 2018, is a coffee table book style collection of her photographs and captions. This third book is a compilation of stories that she has collected over the years, just as the title says, about life, family, wild animals and other fun things that have happened to her.

Q: What was your inspiration for the book?

A: Well, five years ago in May, I got sick. My brother Kim picked

me up and took me to the clinic in Waterboro. I ended up in the Emergency Room at Maine Med for 5 days. That's one of the "adventures" in the book. My brother was one of the inspirations for the book. He said he wanted to have a couple of stories about the family, about our uncles, our grandfather...My grandmother was also one of my inspirations. My Grammy Pike used to write for the local paper, too, just for fun.

Q: How long did it take you put the book together? Can you tell us a little bit about that process?

A: I've written many stories over the years. Life is kinda comical at times. I just write every funny thing that happens. (You can see Pike's sense of humor in her weekly column and some of her feature stories.) I find writing easy and fun. I just start writing and it flows and builds...I'm a storyteller. I like the stories. I just have so many of them, it was time!

Q: What was the most challenging part about putting this book together? What was the most difficult part?

A: One of the more challenging aspects was going through my stories and deciding which ones to use, then which ones to put where! I have a story about my dog [the only one she ever owned, a special dog], my family, my grandfather, growing up around horses, etc.

One of the more difficult parts of the book was the section about my brother, Jeff, who died in a car crash. He was 15 months older than I was. It was difficult as it was sad. I also included a story about my best friend. We used to get together once a month or so. She died 5 years ago.

Q: Are you working on any new writing projects at this time? What's next?

A: Yes! I'm currently working on another Children's book, a collection of short stories for older kids. [FYI: Volume 2 of Snapshots is on the backburner for now.]

Q: Is there anything else you'd like to add?

A: This book is a "print on demand" book, so the date you order it, is the date that will be printed on the book. The first one printed was for me, and is dated August 2020.

In December of this year, I will have written 900 columns! I'll always keep writing. I love it! I love my job!

You can buy *Life, Family, Wildlife and Other Fun Stuff* from Amazon for \$30.70, or on Kindle for \$6. Pike also plans to hold book signings when she can find the right venues. Look for her posts on Facebook or here in the paper. You can also pick one up from Pike herself by emailing her at fudgecupboard@yahoo.com or give her a call at 793-8760.

HOLLIS

Free electronic waste recycling event

Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hollis Town Hall Complex. Bring your televisions, monitors, computers, printers, flat screens, keyboards, cables, cell

phones, microwaves, as well as auto batteries and scrap metal to be put in a separate container. No glass, hazardous materials or freon. E-Waste collection is provided by North Coast Services and scrap metal and battery collection is provided by McCormick & Sons.

There will be an eco maine booth with information about recycling and waste management.

Hollis Little League will also be on site hosting a fundraiser selling kettle corn and fresh-squeezed lemonade. All sorts of kettle corn flavors including cheddar, caramel, salt and vinegar, chocolate drizzle, and more will be available. You can text 207-649-5933 to preorder and to pay online for a contactless pickup.

BUSINESS NEWS



Partners Bank President & CEO, Blaine Boudreau poses with a check for \$4,250 for the United Way of York County for their Campaign Associate Sponsorship. COURTESY PHOTO

Hannaford Helps Schools awards more than \$500,000 to help more than 526 schools in Maine

Hannaford Supermarkets announced a donation of more than \$1.7 million to area schools across New England and New York, including \$569,157 in Maine to 526 schools as part of its Hannaford Helps School program.

The donations will help support needs determined by individual schools including things like new computers, musical instruments, sports gear or playground equipment.

"We're proud that Hannaford Helps Schools can expand opportunities for students—especially at a time when so many of our schools are stretched for resources," said Ericka Dodge, spokesperson for Hannaford. "Educators already go above and beyond each and every day and now they're faced with additional challenges brought on by educating in a COVID-19 environment. We hope that this donation done in partnership with our generous shoppers can provide some additional support to their students and

classrooms."

The Hannaford Helps Schools program helps local schools meet fundraising goals by engaging shoppers to purchase specially marked items in Hannaford stores. Each store features more than 1,500 eligible products on its shelves. For every four participating products purchased, a shopper will receive three "School Dollars" that they can then donate in-store to the school of their choice. Additionally, Hannaford awards \$1,000 to the school that raises in the most funds in each community. In Maine, 155 schools received an additional \$1,000 bonus.

The 2021 Hannaford Helps School program will launch on March 14 and extend through May 29. More information on the Hannaford Helps Schools program, including a list participating schools, can be found here.

Since 1999, Hannaford Helps Schools has raised nearly \$14 million for schools in New England and New York.

BRIEFS

Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council 8868 will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Drive Fundraiser to benefit Special Ed Programs at MSADs 6, 55 and 57. This will be held Saturday, Sept 12

at the following locations: Call's Shop 'n Save, Cornish, Limerick Supermarket, Limerick and The Milk Room, Waterboro.

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SHAPLEIGH

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Meetings to resume at town hall

The Board of Selectmen have decided that as of Sept. 1, all meetings can once again be held at the Town Hall, 22 Back Rd. COVID-19 protocols are to be followed.

Animal control

The Animal Control Officer works for both Acton and Shapleigh, and as such, he will be sharing a cell phone with the two towns. If you need to get in touch with the ACO, you can contact him at 207-206-6065. The two towns will share the cost of the cell phone bill.

Food pantry

The Shapleigh Food Pantry is welcoming donations of quality staples such as cereals, canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, shampoo, paper towels, and toothpaste. To drop off donations or to visit the Food Pantry go to the Lower Education Center entrance of the church between 6:00 - 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

Community library

The Shapleigh Library, 607 Shapleigh Corner Rd., has begun it's Fall hours and is now open on Wednesday's from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for browsing and pickup. You will need to make an appointment to schedule your browsing time. The Library is also open Tues. 3-6 p.m., Thursday's 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact the Library at 636-3630.

First Baptist Church

The Shapleigh First Baptist Church, 600 Shapleigh Corner Road, meets simultaneously in-person and live-streaming every Sunday via Zoom through <https://www.firstbaptistshapleigh.org/>. The church's Fall schedule resumes on Sunday, Sept. 13, with Sunday activities, including Sunday School, for all ages at 9:30 am. Fellowship Time begins at 10:30 am, and worship service commences at 11 am. The church maintains under 50 person building capacity and safe distancing due to COVID-19 guidelines. You are welcome to wear a mask.

Their new ministry, Shapleigh Baptist Homeschool Center, meets on their campus at the church from 8:30 am - 3 pm Mon. - Fri. and will be providing mixed traditional and virtual education.

ALFRED

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Codes Enforcement Permits

Permits for many home improvements were given this past month, perhaps a result of the self quarantine affecting homeowners. Joanne Ghidoni of Bennett Road is having a garage/shop built, Timothy Osler of Herbs Ledge had a slab poured, Eric Labbe of Gore Road is building two decks, Marc Gaudeau of Mountain Road is rebuilding an existing lean-to on his home while Michael Glarnese of Stone Road is putting an addition on his shop.

Robert Bullard of Court Street is adding a single story addition to the rear of their home, Normand Craig of Gore Road is putting in a 36' by 64' foundation, Jack Kindness is putting in a lean to addition to the existing garage, and Patco Construction of Colin's Meadow is adding an open deck.

Thomas Roberge of Oak Street is making barn renovations, Shawn Tivey of Laroche Drive is putting in a kitchen addition deck, Avesta Housing Mng. of Saco Road is putting in a prefabricated

shed as is Glenn Dochtermann of Gebung Rd., Steven and Kristen Simpson of Mountain Road are building a ranch style home with porches, Michael Doucette of Kennebunk Rd. is constructing a garage, David Lord of Mac Lane is enclosing an existing porch as are Frank and Cheryl Gerrish of Gore Rd.

Fire calls for August

There were 69 calls for assistance from Fire and Rescue in August, up from 39 in July, the most (20) for medical transport ALS, which indicates those responding had advanced life support training. Only 9 required medical transport assistance BLS, indicating responders had basic life support training. Eleven calls were for limbs or wires down, (remember the wind?), 5 for a mutual aid fire, 7 for medical non transport, 2 for motor vehicle crash, 2 for a brush/woods fire, 3 for lift assist, 2 for public assistance, 1 for medical assist transported by mutual aid, 1 for mutual aid medical, and 3 for fire alarm activation and other, 3.

Here and There

The bakery at The Brothers is open for the season, just weekends from 10 to 3, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It is being manned entirely by volunteers. Masks are required, and 6 ft. between customers.

TOWN OF ALFRED

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 4:00 pm

Pursuant to Title 22 MRSA § 4305 the Municipal Officers of the Town of Alfred, Maine, will meet at the Alfred Town Hall on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing to adopt the changes to Appendices A-H to the General Assistance Ordinance.

Board of Selectmen, Town of Alfred

TOWN OF ALFRED

PUBLIC HEARING

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

4:00 p.m. Alfred Town Hall

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held at the Alfred Town Hall, County of York, and State of Maine at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Said hearing being on The Liquor License Renewal Application for the Oak Street Bistro located at 3 Oak Street, Alfred, Maine.

Board of Selectmen, Town of Alfred



NOTICE OF SALE OF TAX-ACQUIRED PROPERTY

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Newfield is requesting sealed bids for the purchase of the municipality's interest in two (2) tax-acquired properties:

Map 6, Lot 2 (approximately 44 acres on the Lewis Hill Road) **with a minimum bid of \$26,000.00;**

Map 62, Lot 139 (approximately .74 of an acre with cottage at 113 EH Davis Drive) **with a minimum bid of \$64,900.00**

Complete Bid Instructions can be found on our website: www.newfieldme.org or by contacting the Town office at 207-793-4348 or newfieldso@metrocast.net.

Bid Instructions MUST be followed or your bid could potentially not be accepted.

All bids must be received in the municipal clerk's office no later than three o'clock (3:00) p.m. on October 6, 2020. Late bids will not be opened or considered. Bids will be opened and reviewed by the Selectmen at the Town Hall on October 6, 2020 at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. The Board of Selectmen reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

The tax maps and other public information concerning the properties may be reviewed at the Town Office, by appointment, during its normal business hours, which are: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am - 11:45 am and 1:00 pm - 4:45 pm, Wednesday 12:00 (noon) - 7:00 pm, and the first Saturday of the month 9:00 am - 11:45 am. Some information is available on our website at www.newfieldme.org or email Nichole at newfieldso@metrocast.net for the property file.

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the following:

- **Amendment to a Conditional Use Permit – Add a 50' x 150' Steel Storage Building** Property Located at Shapleigh Tax Map 1, Lot 24A, (140 Deering Ridge Road) Shawn McLeod, Applicant; Adex Properties, Property Owner

The Public is invited to attend via the following:

• **JOIN ZOOM MEETING**
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• **IF CALLING IN:** Find your local number:
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Zoom Meeting ID: 848 9586 5996
Password: 479754 (For all links)

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

Roger Allaire, Chairman - Shapleigh Planning Board

Sweet Tomato Chili

If you have enough tomatoes you can make sweet tomato chili. The house will reek of spices and tomatoes but it is worth it. I inherited the recipe from the late Ethelyn Drown. My recipe card is brown with age and well-stained, so much so that I have copied the recipe onto another card, but I kept the original. Because if I lost it how could I find another?

First, there must be lots of tomatoes lining the porch (or kitchen) windowsills and it is wise to have enough pint containers before you start. I don't use the glass pints but those which originally held frosting and had covers which snapped on snugly. And you better check your spices, both cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg are needed. You will need two medium onions and one pepper.

My problem was that I did not check my ingredients carefully. I was close enough on the spices but the onion? No onions! Then I recalled the Egyptian onions my father's cousin had given us during the last visit to Campobello Island. Wouldn't they do? We had put them behind the truck seat and rediscovered them a year later, still waiting to be planted. So we planted them and if there's anything an Egyptian onion knows, it is how to grow. When we moved the Egyptian onions came with us and grew – and grew. The onions were about as large as my thumb nail but an onion is an onion. I peeled enough of them until I had what I thought might be equal to a medium sized onion, then headed for Gile's Family Farm. I bought a giant onion which might be for some other emergency and a medium sized red onion which I would use for the chili. I was tired of peeling.

The onions and the peppers had to be ground. How did people manage before food processors and blenders? I had enough tomatoes liquified so the onions and peppers were quickly ground in the liquid. Next came 4 cups of sugar and 2 cups of vinegar. The recipe had called for 24 ripe tomatoes but mine were of various sizes. It was necessary to guess. Then you simmer the whole thing, at least two hours. "Until it thickens a bit," Ethelyn had written. A bit? Mine must have simmered too long. It was more than thick. But it was GOOD and was quickly frozen. It is good in beef stew (maybe half a cup at a time), over baked chicken, or anywhere an extra whallop is needed.

After all that work I only had six pints. The recipe called for the spices in a bag. I did not use a bag but emptied my spices into the tomato mix. It worked just fine. The tomatoes are now gathering on the window sills again. There will soon be enough for another batch. And this time I plan to check my ingredients before I start.

INGREDIENTS:

- 24 ripe tomatoes
- 2 med. onions
- 1 pepper
- 4 cups sugar
- 2 T salt
- 2 cups vinegar
- 1 t cinnamon
- 1 t nutmeg
- 1/2 t cloves.



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MUSEUM

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that campus. Curran Homestead had taken over the operation of the museum 4 years ago, but in the end, the decision was made to close the museum, due to low attendance.

The larger buildings, such as the Durgin house and the Trafton house, will remain as a reminder of those days, when it was a destination and a trip back in time.

Freezer sale fundraiser

“Help Us Clean Out Our Freezer, so our neighbors won’t freeze.” Thurston And Peters Sugarhouse in West Newfield used that line in September, 2013 to boost the Newfield Heating Assistance Fund. And, every year since then, one Sunday in September is dedicated to the program; 100% of all donations will go towards the program on that day. This year, it will be held on Sunday, Sept. 13, from noon to 7 p.m.

They wish to thank all of the visitors who have donated over \$5,000 in the last 7 years to help residents in Newfield with their heating costs!

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go to Donna Guzman.

Happy anniversary!

Anniversary wishes go out to Alan Hodgkins and Mary Ann Burdett.

The ‘Good Guys Club

This is a big shout out to all of the guys who stop to help someone in distress.

I was coming from an appointment in Portland, and decided to grab a sandwich at MacDonald’s. While waiting in the long line, a red light on the dash started flashing and beeping. I didn’t know what it was, so I turned the car off, and little by little turned the car on and off until I picked up my food, then pulled to the side to find out why the light was beeping. It turned out that I was low on coolant. So, I got out and popped the hood. As, I was looking under the hood trying to figure out, where to put the coolant, a guy pulled up and asked if I needed help. I said, “Yes, I don’t know where to put this stuff.” So, he offered to help, saying that he was a mechanic.

First he looked under the car to be sure there weren’t any leaks, and then filled the reservoir. After that he looked under the car again, to make sure that it hadn’t leaked out, and I was all set to go.

These ‘knights in shining armor’ appear out of nowhere to help us ladies in distress and I just have to say, I am very appreciative. So, to all of the members of the “Good Guys Club” please keep doing what you are doing. We all need a kind, caring person to help us out now and then, and just love it when you show up.

FAA collegiate training program to include UMA’s Unmanned Aircraft Systems program

The University of Maine at Augusta (UMA) is one of 26 schools across the country selected by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a participant in the Unmanned Aircraft Systems-Collegiate Training Program (UAS-CTI).

The FAA’s UAS-CTI program recognizes institutions that prepare students for careers in unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), commonly referred to as drones. In order to qualify for the initiative, schools must offer a bachelor’s or an associate degree in UAS or a degree with a minor, concentration, or certificate in UAS. Schools must provide curriculum covering various aspects of UAS training, including hands-on flight practice, maintenance, uses, applications, privacy concerns, safety, and federal policies concerning UAS.

“This is an excellent recognition of the valuable employment opportunities provided by our Unmanned Pilot Training Program,” stated UMA President Rebecca Wyke.

“We are very excited by the FAA’s selection of our drone program and the opportunities it will open up for our students,” said Dan Leclair, UMA Director of



FAA’s Collegiate Training Initiative program allows educational institutions to collaborate with the FAA to help students pursue their aviation career goals, including careers in unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), commonly referred to as drones. UMA COURTESY PHOTO

UAS Education and Research. “The fall semester is just about to begin and this is a perfect time for anyone considering Unmanned Pilot Training to join us,” continued Leclair.

Classes began on Aug. 31 for Fall 2020 and include seven-week courses in Commercial FAA Pilot Certification or Fixed Wing De-

sign & Build, and a full semester Photogrammetry course.

UMA’s Unmanned Pilot Training Program is adaptable to meet individual needs. Participants can work towards a Bachelor’s Degree in Applied Science with unmanned aircraft as a major course of study; earn a 31 credit hour certificate in UAS operations; or take

a basic Commercial Drone course to prepare for the FAA Part 107 Commercial Remote Pilot certificate.

For additional information on UMA’s Aviation Program, including manned and unmanned pilot training please visit: <https://www.uma.edu/academics/programs/aviation/>.

American Cancer Society honors local residents

The American Cancer Society recently presented a Sandra C. Labaree Volunteer Values Award to Susan Seibel of Sanford and Elaine Morse Hodnett, an Arundel resident. The awards are the most honored accolade by the Society in New England, and it recognizes Seibel’s and Hodnett’s remarkable accomplishments in support of the Society’s mission to celebrate lives, to save lives and to lead the fight for a world without cancer.

Seibel is a cancer survivor and passionate Relay For Life of Rochester volunteer who has also been impacted by the loss of loved ones to cancer. Over the years Seibel has been involved with Relay in several ways. From being a member of the Event Leadership Team to being a team captain, Seibel has shown

unrelenting dedication to the Society’s mission and has raised crucial funds.

“Susan has inspired me with her kindness and her overall positive attitude towards everything. Nothing is ever an obstacle; it is an opportunity,” said Dawna Jenne, American Cancer Society volunteer.

Hodnett has been an American Cancer Society volunteer for 14 years, 10 of which were in New Hampshire and the past four years in Maine. She and her husband, Steve, have raised more than \$20,000 for the Society and have spent countless hours volunteering at various fundraising events. She has been a member of the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Greater Portland Event Leadership Team for four years. She was

co-chair for one year and has been chair of the committee in 2019 and 2020. In addition, she has been on the leadership team of the Couleur Masquerade Ball in Portland since the event began in 2019. In addition, for the past two years she has personally driven her husband’s truck to Framingham, Mass., a four-hour round-trip, to pick up orders of flowers for the Daffodil Days fundraiser for donors throughout the state of Maine. Plus, Hodnett lends her time at the Society’s information tables at Portland Sea Dogs games.

“Elaine and I formed a bond after the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Greater Portland event in 2018 when she and her husband Steve stayed until the bitter end to help us clean up the event location,” said Reven Oliver, community development manager with the American Cancer Society. “We have a mutual respect that I will always cherish. Elaine is always willing to help from recruiting new Event Leadership Team members and volunteers, soliciting sponsors and auc-

tion items, tabling at events in the area, to planning and day-of event coordination. Even through her own breast cancer scare, and through caring for her father who is facing cancer, Elaine consistently shows determination, integrity and compassion in her interactions with the Society.”

The Sandra C. Labaree Volunteer Values Award is named in honor of the late Sandra C. Labaree, a longtime American Cancer Society volunteer from Maine. Despite her death from breast cancer in 2000, Labaree’s spirit and values live on through this award. Each year, the local area Board selects the most inspired and passionate individuals to receive this prestigious honor whose service best exemplifies the Society’s organizational values of mission, stewardship, diversity, data-driven, and respect.

For more information on how to become a volunteer for the American Cancer Society or about the Society’s programs and services, please visit www.cancer.org or call 800-227-2345.

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Obituaries

Robert Harold LaPage, Jr.

Robert Harold LaPage, Jr., 69, a longtime resident of Waterboro, lost his battle with cancer and passed peacefully at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough, on Sept. 3, 2020.



Robert Harold LaPage, Jr.

Robert was born at home in Limerick on May 2, 1951, the son of Robert Harold and Olive Agnes (Gammon) LaPage, Sr. He attended grade school in Limerick and was a graduate of Massabesic High School, Class of 1971. Shortly after graduation from high school, Robert enlisted into the U. S. Army and was honorably discharged on November 28, 1977.

Robert married his high school sweetheart Robert Lee Abbott and they made their home together in Waterboro. He and Roberta made many happy memories as they shared time with both sides of their families. Together, they lovingly raised their niece Cheyenne Merrifield and created a warm and loving home for her.

Robert retired from the Sanford Police Department with many certificates and commendations. He was well liked by his fellow officers and mentored the younger officers coming up through the ranks. For his "retirement job" he worked a NAPA Auto Parts in Sanford.

Robert's grandfather nicknamed him "Buster Fuzz" and his family affectionally shortened that to "Buster."

Robert's second home was the great outdoors! He was passionate about hunting and fishing. With some of his close friends, they traveled up to camp for adventurous hunting trips. Rumor has it those boys named him legend "Lege." Robert loved snowmobiling and camping with family and friends and the yearly ice fishing trips on Chesuncook Lake with the boys.

Robert and Roberta loved boxers and brought many into their home over the years. We always loved seeing him drive in with his best pal Max in the back. Robert was at peace with his next journey in life. . . he knew he would see his beloved Roberta again and that brings all of us comfort. He will be dearly missed by his family and many friends.

Robert is lovingly survived by his sister Jackie Campbell and hus-

band Larry, brother-in-law Raymond Gray, sisters-in-law, Gaye Littlefield and husband Gordon, Linda McNamee and husband Bruce, and many nieces and nephews.

Robert was predeceased by his wife of 46 years, Roberta, his parents and sister Brenda Gray.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Elder Grey Cemetery, Chadbourne Ridge Road in North Waterboro. We ask that all who attend please wear a mask and be mindful of social distancing.

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

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Second Chance Boxer Rescue, P.O. Box 525, Woolwich, ME 04579 or the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House, 11 Hunnewell Rd., Scarborough, ME 04074.

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

BRIEFS

Springvale Public Library news

Springvale Public Library, 443 Main St., is offering its Fall program online. Thursdays, Sept. 10 and Sept. 24 will be Baby Rhyme Time via Zoom @ 10 a.m. Email sdubeaspringvalelibrary.org. Fridays Sept. 11, 18 and 25 is Stay at Home Story with Miss Sheila at 10 a.m..

On Sept. 19, the library is hosting a scavenger hunt. Go to the library to collect your scavenger hunt of the month kit. It's a great way to spend some time outside with the family.

Drop by the Library anytime on Monday to pick up the week's

Take It - Create It Craft, which you can create at home. This program runs Sept. 21 and Sept. 28.

The Library is holding a Book Sale and Artisan Fair on Oct. 23 and 24. There will also be a Mini Harvest Fest along with it, including crafts, flowers, and fun with pumpkins. They welcome donations and volunteers. You can sign up at the main desk. For further information, contact the Springvale Library at www.springvalelibrary.org or telephone 324-4624.

The Library building is now open to the public with a limit of 5 masked patrons at a time. Curbside is still available and all fines will be waived during this time.

-Submitted by Joanne Bargioni

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This is a full time 40 hour per week position with vacation and sick leave, health and dental insurance paid for the employee, and retirement options including matching town contribution. Vision, disability and additional life insurance are also available at the employee's cost. Pay will be competitive and commensurate with skills and abilities. A background check and drug test are required before any final hiring decision is made.

Interested applicants should refer to a more detailed job description available on the Waterboro website (www.waterboro-me.gov). Applications consist of a cover letter and resume and can be mailed or emailed to Town Administrator Gary Lamb, 24 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro, ME 04030 (administrator@waterboro-me.gov) by **September 23, 2020**. For questions or additional information, please email or call Gary Lamb (247-6166, ext. 100).

TOWN OF ALFRED Position Available Full-time Firefighter/EMT

The Town of Alfred is seeking a highly motivated individual to fill the position of Firefighter-EMT for Alfred Fire & Rescue. Candidates must be Maine Firefighter I certified (minimum) and hold a valid Maine EMS license, preferred level of EMT-Advanced. This position involves the physical demands of the response to fire & EMS calls. Additional requirements include but are not limited to; fire prevention, education, inspections and other related tasks. Cover letter, resume and three references, should be submitted to the address below, no later than Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 1 pm. The search will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. The Town of Alfred is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Job descriptions are available upon request via email to tbellman@alfredme.gov.

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OPINION

A pastor in a plane

There's nothing more dangerous than a Pastor in a plane. He grabs a bible, climbs into the cockpit and soars through the heavens in his Cessna. You're closer to God that way. I imagine you can hear Frank Sinatra belting out Fly Me to the Moon from some white puffy stage on the horizon. Todd Bell could probably tell you more about that. Todd Bell is the pastor pilot from the Calvary Baptist Church in Sanford, Maine. His August 7th, 230-mile jaunt north to Millinocket where he joined some 65 guests and officiated a wedding, received nation-wide coverage.



by
Jon Simonds

What's not to like about a wedding? You get to catch up on things with loved ones. There's all that food and drink, dance and music. There are handshakes and hugs. Nobody is wearing a mask. Not at this wedding. Everyone has a blast and when it's over, everyone goes home. Pastor Bell soars back to Sanford while a York County Corrections Officer, who also made the trip to Millinocket, drives home. He has no plane. I know this because I also work at the York County Jail.

The week following the August 7th wedding, the Maine CDC identified an uninvited wedding guest that followed nearly half of the attendees into their homes: COVID-19. The death count now stands at three.

Through tracing, the Maine CDC has since identified nearly 200 infected people. Ten are congregants of the Calvary Baptist

Church, in Sanford, several are residents of the Maple Crest Rehabilitation and Living Center, in Madison, and 72 work or reside at the York County Jail, in Alfred. Of the 72, 46 are inmates, 17 are employees and two are outside vendors. The rest are household members of those employed at the jail.

There were no cases of COVID-19 in the York County Jail prior to the Millinocket wedding. Under the leadership of Dr. Shah, head of the Maine CDC and Gov. Janet Mills, Maine has consistently ranked as the state with the second lowest rate of infection in the country. When the first case was reported in Maine in late March, steps were implemented at the York County Jail in an effort to keep COVID-19 out of the facility. Arrestees were met by medical staff outside of the jail. Temperatures were taken and new arrivals were isolated. Cleansing and disinfecting became a regular task. Plexi-glass shields were installed inside the lobby to keep droplets drifting from visitor to staff. Mandatory masks were not part of the program. Guards were supposedly told not to wear masks in pods so as not to alarm prisoners.

It bears repeating: there was not a single case of COVID-19 in the York County jail prior to the wedding. Today, the jail is currently the subject of an internal investigation, a County investigation and a third investigation by an unnamed outside agency. Three investigations stemming from two national narratives. One narrative,

voiced by Dr. Fauci of the National Institutes of Health, the other narrative, voiced by the President of the United States.

Pastor Bell exemplifies which narrative to follow as he continues to believe his church is on the front lines of a war against socialists mandating mask wearing and distance learning in our schools. He is leading a charge to protect your liberty as if he were Patrick Henry addressing the colonists of 1775 Virginia: "Give me liberty or give me death."

Despite ten members of the Calgary Church who are currently infected with COVID-19, the Pastor still holds services indoors, masks not required. At the York County Jail, heads will likely roll ending the career – if not careers – of dedicated employees for their failure to adhere to CDC guidelines. A recent editorial in the *Maine Sunday Telegram* blames Sheriff William King for his lack of foresight regarding the importance of masks. They're all wearing masks now at the York County Jail. The Big Moose Inn that hosted the August 7th wedding received a citation. Meanwhile, the Pilot Pastor continues to keep his head in the clouds, a high-flying foot soldier leading the charge against socialism. Fighting for your liberty. COVID doesn't care. It has no affiliations. It feeds off of your liberty. In York County, it now has an outspoken ally. Up in the sky. It isn't a bird. It isn't Him. It's a pastor. In a plane.

Jon Simonds lives in North Waterboro and is the author of "Brooklyn Encounters," a collection of short stories available on Kindle.

LETTERS

Making due

When I was a kid growing up in rural Pennsylvania we often had to make due with what we had. The nearest supermarket was a thirty mile drive and much of the drive was on dirt roads. There were eight kids in our family and we traveled in a 1958 two door Pontiac Chieftain. Going to church together in a neighboring town was a big event every Sunday morning and we had to straighten our neckties, tuck in our shirts and button our jackets after climbing out of the crowded car.

An even bigger event was our annual trip to West Haven, Connecticut for Thanksgiving dinner with my Mom's side of the family. She was born and raised in West Haven so my Grandparents house was the place to go for large family gatherings. Their house was small but the family was large and at times there were as many as thirty of us packed into the dining room having dinner at the same time.

Grandmom and Grandpop had the most convenient seats, so they could relax and enjoy themselves. My aunts and uncles had at least one, if not two small children sitting on their laps eating off of the same plates. The rest of us stood up at the table and squeezed between the adults shoulders and fended for ourselves. Those were happy times and we adapted to the circumstances with no complaining.

These are some of the memories that crossed my mind last Sunday morning, while my wife and I were sitting in our fold-up chairs on the front lawn of Tory Hill Congregational Church in Bar Mills. I looked around at our Church Family and thought about Pastor Allison Curry, who was highly respected but retired last year, about John Hess who worked so diligently to find substitute Ministers to temporarily fill the vacancy, about Sonia Damon who's creative financial skills have kept our heads above water. I thought about Nancy Kneeland, Beth White, Missy Jewett and other members of the search committee who interviewed several applicants before finally hiring Reverend Carolyn Lambert, following a ten week covid shutdown of the Church.

I am very proud to be a member of such a resilient and determined congregation, one that adapts to change. We are now being lead by a Pastor who combines her wisdom, life experiences, and vast knowledge of the Bible to deliver a highly energized and enthusiastic message to our Church Family. Our services are held every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. at Tory Hill Congregational Church and we will continue to meet outdoors until the weather forces us inside. We practice proper distancing and we wear face masks. All are welcome to attend. The fellowship is outstanding!

– Richard Alderette
Hollis

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Grant cycle open for Land and Water Conservation Fund

Communities intending to submit grant applications are required to request Maine's pre-approval site inspection by Oct. 31

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) 2020-2021 grant cycle is open and accepting applications for acquiring public land, developing recreation facilities, and renovation of existing outdoor recreation facilities from eligible applicants.

Qualified applicants must request a pre-approval site inspection by October 31, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. If the proposed project is approved for application, the project sponsor will be encouraged to submit a complete application packet by the end of May 2021.

The grant application and support documents are posted online at https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/grants/land_water_conservation_fund.html. The maximum grant award for this round will be \$500,000. There is currently no minimum award level, but

applicants considering a request of \$20,000 or less should discuss their project ideas with the grant manager before applying.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1964 (LWCF) was established to assist federal, state, and local governments acquiring and developing public outdoor recreation facilities. Administered at the federal level by the National Park Service and at the state level by the Bureau of Parks and Lands, LWCF grants can provide up to 50% of the allowable costs for approved acquisition or development projects for public outdoor recreation.

Learn more about the application process by visiting https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/grants/land_water_conservation_fund.html.

MAINE'S HEMP PRODUCTION PLAN APPROVED

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Because Maine allows for hemp production under existing state law, the Department must act to reconcile the differences between its existing program and the Interim Final Rule during the upcoming January 2021 legislative session. The statutory changes and subsequent rulemaking will authorize hemp production and provide the Department with the authority needed to regulate hemp production in a manner consistent with the 2018 Farm Bill and the USDA's Interim Final Rule that establishes the U.S. Domestic Hemp Production Program.

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