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The keeper of Newfield's cemeteries

By C.J. PIKE

Pete Washington has been the Cemetery Commissioner for many years in Newfield, since the late 1990's, and takes care of the regular maintenance and restoration of the stones.

He knows where all of the 83 cemeteries are located, and enjoys keeping the lawns mowed, the debris cleaned up and the stones looking good. He says that he likes doing the work because it is time when "I can work alone

without any interruptions."

Most of our cemeteries in town are very old, but thanks to Washington, you can still read the names on them. The town hall cemetery looks like a perfect resting place for the people buried there, most of them date back over 100 years, and some even dating back to 1868, 1851 and 1848, which are all in good condition. Washington is able to take care of about 30-35 of the more accessible cemeteries during the year, but

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Pete Washington stands at the town hall cemetery gate, where he takes care of Newfield's residents who have passed on. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

Taking care of the kids

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

As the weather gets cooler, and schools here in Maine get ready open, so too, do our daycares, preschools and other childcare providers. Similar to the schools, many have been closed since March, and just like our public schools, there are many safety precautions and protocols that must be met in order for these childcare facilities to bring children back into their programs and their buildings.

Some commonalities among all childcare facilities are:

- Face coverings/masks: Children 2-4 years old are advised to wear a mask, but it is not mandated. However, children age 5 and up are required to wear one, following Governor Mills state mask mandate. All staff are required to wear a mask at all times. Parents must also wear a mask if entering any facility.

- Social Distancing: There is a 3-foot distance requirement with masks, and 6-foot or more with-

out masks. Plexiglass shields are used during class times, separating adults and children, whether that be in the entryway of a daycare, or during instructional time/homework support in a preschool or before/after care facility. Many facilities have outdoor spaces and offer outdoor activities where children can be socially distanced and can take a break from mask wearing. Footprints or other signage mark 6-foot distance in other areas to keep everyone at a safe distance.

- Hand washing/sanitizing: All facilities require hand washing/sanitizing upon entering and exiting the facility, and many times throughout the day.

- Cleaning: Every surface needs to be wiped down/washed after each use, including desks, tables, floors, windows, doorknobs, etc, and facilities are using single use items that are either thrown away afterwards, or are put in a "dirty" basket or bin to be cleaned and sanitized for use the next day.

- Money: In order to meet

state guidelines, all facilities have invested a fair amount of money to make the necessary changes so that they can open.

Daycare

Parents sign in children outside under a tent, and fill out the daily pre-screening Covid questions. Each child and parent has a temperature check before entering the building. "Everything has changed," said Lorraine Maclean of Tiny Tot Childcare and Preschool in Newfield. "I've been doing this for over 30 years," she continued, "and I've never seen anything like it." Maclean had to close her facility in March, and just opened up 3 weeks ago, with a much lower enrollment than she had before. "Many parents are working at home now, or the parents have decided not to send their kids to school." Maclean had one full-time worker and two part-time workers before the closure, and they have all moved on to other jobs. She is running the day care

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Gov. Mills extends State of Civil Emergency

On Sept. 2, Governor Mills extended the State of Civil Emergency (PDF) for thirty days through Oct. 1, 2020. The Governor's decision to extend the emergency is in line with nearly every other state in the nation which have ongoing emergency declarations, according to the National Governors Association. The state of New Hampshire renewed its state of emergency (PDF) for the eighth time last Friday, August 28th.

"Thanks to the efforts of Maine people, who have largely abided by public health measures intended to keep us all safe, our state has been relatively successful in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in the last few months. The outbreaks which we hear about in other states every day can sometimes feel far away from the relative safety of our state, but recent events prove that one little match can spark a fire that may be very difficult to put out," said Governor Mills. "Pandemic fatigue is

setting in, but we cannot let down our guard, especially as some of our schools and universities bring students back on campus and back into the classroom. Let's stay focused on the end game: keeping everyone safe and healthy and protected from this dangerous virus."

A State of Civil Emergency allows Maine to draw down critical Federal resources and to deploy all available tools to respond to and contain COVID-19. This is Governor Mills' sixth extension of the State of Civil Emergency. Under Maine law, Proclamations of Civil Emergencies may be issued in thirty day increments.

As of Aug. 25, adjusted for population, Maine ranks 2nd lowest in the nation in terms of positive cases; 6th lowest in deaths; 2nd lowest in patients ever-hospitalized out of the 36 states reporting; and 6th highest in the percentage of people who have recovered out of the 45 states reporting.

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Kids, parents and Masonic representatives. COURTESY PHOTO

Limerick Public Library News

The Limerick Public Library reopened to the public on June 29. Their current hours are Monday 1-5 p.m., Tuesday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. (6-8 p.m. by appointment only), Friday 1-5 p.m and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Everyone who enters the library should wear a face covering and maintain the 6-foot physical distancing rule when possible.

The library capacity is limited to 5 patrons at one time for a 30 minute visit to allow equal access to all patrons. They encourage you to call ahead to reserve your materials or use our booksystem website to reserve online. The library offers curbside pickup as an alternative to entering the library.

Public computers will be available with a time limit on usage to allow equal access to all patrons.

Summer reading program prizes

Limerick Public Library is pleased to announce that Freedom Lodge #42, Limerick, gave away gift cards (for bikes and helmets), again this year, to four lucky Summer Reading Program Participants.

This exciting program was for Summer Reading Participants in Kindergarten through fifth grade during 2020. These participants read over 500 books during this 8-week period. On Aug. 22, parents and winners gathered in front of the library. The Masonic Freedom Lodge #42 had representatives on hand to give away 2 gift cards in the K-2nd grade group (Brayden and Marilla) and 2 gift cards in the 3rd-5th grade

group (Kendra and Zoe, not in photo above). The Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation sponsors the Masonic Bikes for Books program to encourage students to read.

Back-to-school bags

The library will be giving out Back-To-School Bags starting Tuesday, Sept. 8. These bags are free and available on a first come, first serve basis, but be aware that there is a limited number of them. Stop by to receive a back-to-school bag during library hours. Each bag contains an age appropriate novel and other goodies to make returning to school a fun experience. Just a little something to start the school year!!

Summer art project

Calling children and teen artists/book lovers. We invite children ages 4-16 to submit an original drawing/painting/collage, etc. about a favorite book/book title.

We will select a submission from each age category for each month of our 2021 calendar and an overall selection for the cover page. All of the art will be displayed in the library. Calendars will be sold as a fundraiser for the library.

Deadline for submission is Sept. 21.

The Limerick Public Library is located at 55 Washington Street, Limerick, ME 04048; 793-8975, http://limerickme.org/library_1 Email: ll-cs@limerick.lib.me.us Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Limerick-Public-Library>

2019 Maine Game Warden Supervisor of the Year

Game Warden Sergeant Tim Spahr (Kennebunk)

The Outstanding Supervisor Award is presented annually to the supervisory officer who has demonstrated superior knowledge and leadership in conservation law enforcement supervision and by doing so has gained the respect of administrators, supervisors, fellow officers, other Department employees, other agencies and the public regarding expertise and performance in the field of supervision.

Game Warden Sergeant Tim Spahr was recently honored at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy by his peers for Maine Game Warden Supervisor of the Year. Spahr started his career in the Maine Warden Service as a deputy warden in the Rangeley area in 1996. After a year as a deputy warden, he was hired as a full-time district warden and attended the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and Advanced Warden Academy in 1997. Sgt. Spahr was promoted to investigator in 2006 and then Sergeant in 2008.

His section, located at the southernmost point in Maine, handled 3,100 incidents in 2019. This was the state's second largest workload in 2019. Sergeant Spahr has managed 15 game wardens and several deputy game wardens since becoming sergeant. As sergeant, Tim has worked with Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife biologists and Maine Audubon biologists and has led the very successful law enforcement component of the piping plover recovery program.

Sgt. Spahr has received several commendations from agencies such as the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, Portland Police, South Portland Police, US Fish and Wildlife Service, York Coun-



Game Warden Sergeant Tim Spahr, who oversees the York/Cumberland county area, was named 2019 Maine Game Warden Supervisor of the Year. COURTESY PHOTO

ty Emergency Management for criminal apprehension and search and rescue efforts. Sgt. Spahr has demonstrated the benefits of serving his community as a member of the Kennebunk Land Trust Board

of Trustees and an adjunct instructor at the University of New England. Sgt. Spahr has also set an example in the importance of education and earned a master's degree from Harvard University.

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CHILDCARE

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on her own at the moment.

Macleon explained that each child now has their own basket of toys, so they don't share toys with each other. "They can't even play ball with each other," she said — they can't touch the ball after another child has touched it. "Play Dough can only be used one time now, and has to be thrown out afterwards." Maclean provides breakfast, lunch and snacks, but lamented, "We used to eat family style around a table. Now, we have desks. Children have to sit at the desk to eat and can't share food or drink with their friends." She added, "Some kinds just do not want to keep their mask on," and have a tendency to want to touch each other during the day.

These changes have taken a toll on some children. "Some tear up that they can't hug their friends," she said, "some are grumpy, distant, sad. They are so little, they just don't understand."

She added, "I feel like I'm constantly washing!" Whether it be surfaces, or toys, etc. Maclean explained that it takes a long time to do all the necessary cleaning and prep work on her own. As a result, she is no longer taking children under 3, and she has cut back her hours. Normally open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., she is now open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., as she needs the extra time to prepare in the morning and to clean in the evening. Currently, enrollment is down, but starting next week when RSU 57 schools open on Sept. 8, she will be offering before and after care. "It's been an emotional rollercoaster," she said. "This is my livelihood." She added, "Unless you really love it, it's so hard right now." Tiny Tot Childcare and Preschool is on Bridge Street in Newfield. Maclean can be reached at 608-1055 or email mcleanfamily06@yahoo.com.

Preschool:

Similar to daycares, parents can't come in to preschools either, everyone is required to wear masks, social distance, wash hands, and there is a LOT of cleaning. Jennifer Lang of Bear Hugs Preschool in Lyman also had to close her Preschool in March, and reopened Sept. 2. "There are lots of changes," she said. Bear Hugs has been in business for over 20 years. "I've never had numbers this low," Lang reported, but added that low numbers just means "it's easy to

get in and out and it's easy to social distance!" Lang said that she is so thankful that she is still open and was able to keep all her staff. "We have been planning all summer, for all possible situations, going above and beyond," she said. Though there has been a lot of stress making all the changes and getting ready for school to open, she exclaimed, "We are so excited to have little people back at school!" Bear Hugs Preschool is on Kennebunk Pond Road in Lyman. Lang can be reached at 499-0079 or email bearhugs@roadrunner.com.

Lil' Pumpkin Patch Learning Center in Baldwin offers childcare, nursery and preschool, as well as an after school program. Owner Donna Estes reported that enrollment was low over the summer, as many parents weren't working. Schools in MSAD 55 begin Sept. 8, and as that date approaches, enrollment may change. Estes said that parents were asked to provide masks for their child as required by the state, and that all her staff wear masks. "Masks can be unsettling for children, [and] they may have questions," she said. "We have created lessons to help kids understand why there is a need for masks." She added, "We have addressed many concerns while also keeping in mind the need for children to have social interaction with their friends and teachers." They have brainstormed ideas for social distancing.

Estes also reported that they have invested in plexiglass that will be used during particular class times, but added that she has given parents the ability to choose how their child will learn in the preschool program. "With proper precautions, we will continue to have class at our center," Estes said, but if things change, virtual options may be put into place to allow learning to continue from home. "By providing these various options, it hopefully allows everyone to continue learning while also providing everyone with a sense of normalcy," she said. Lil' Pumpkin Patch Learning Center is located on Depot Road in West Baldwin. Estes can be reached at 625-3739

or email pumpkin8@roadrunner.com.

Before/After Care:

In RSU 57, MSAD 60 and Sanford, the Sanford-Springvale YMCA offers a Before and After care program for students in grades K-6 called the Kids Out Enrichment Program. In RSU 57, the program has served Alfred, Lyman and Waterboro Elementary Schools, and Shapleigh Memorial School for the last 10 years. In addition to the regular COVID-19 safety protocols and mandates, this year has presented new challenges to the program. "In RSU 57, no outside activities are allowed in the school buildings," said Matt Ouellette, Youth Development Director at the Y. Ouellette and his staff have been working hard to find a location where they could continue to offer programs to the families in RSU 57 schools. "We have strong relationships with schools and the towns, which we cherish," he added. "We are so fortunate to have those partnerships." Through an agreement with the town of Lyman, they are able to continue to offer their program at Bunganut Lake Park, their Summer Camp location, to students of Alfred, Lyman and Waterboro Elementary Schools. Bus transportation will be provided to and from the schools and the Park. Registration forms for this program just went out on Sept. 2. Ouellette and his staff are still working to find a way to maintain the Shapleigh Memorial School program.

What's unique about this program is that Childcare at the Y continued from March on. "It was important for the Y to continue to support families and essential workers," said Ouellette. Fitness at the Y was shut down in March, so they were able to use the entire facility for childcare. "We served about 70 families from RSU 57 last year," he reported, "and 35-40 families from March on." Summer Camp at Bunganut began the 3rd week of June, and they were able to run camp for 11 weeks, whereas most summers it's 10 weeks.

At the park, there is a 60'x20'

building they use (affectionately known as the Camp Marlin Mansion), as well as Giant Canopies of about 40'x40' and a 20'x20' tent with side walls. Plenty of outdoor space! "The more we can have kids outside, the more kids we can serve," Ouellette said. He added they have been creatively using the outdoors as much as possible to ease social distancing.

Kids wear face masks, practice social distancing, and wash their hands frequently. "We have the same rules and policies as the schools," said Ouellette, "to be consistent." There are plexiglass areas for homework support, and support for remote learners.

"In times of challenge, positive things come out of it," Ouellette said. "We are designing new programs, which went incredibly well this summer." He added, "We've had to be "Nimble" — constantly developing plans for what might happen, while continuing to support our schools and community." He continued, "We're facing these challenges with our families and want to support them as much as we can." He added, "We couldn't do what we do without the financial support of the community." For more info visit <http://sanfordymca.org/for-youth-development/childcare/kids-out-school-age-childcare/> or call 324-4942.

In Hollis, the Hollis Parks and Rec. also offers a before and after care program for school aged children, and this year has added a full day childcare in order to meet the needs of the community while MSAD 6 schools are following a hybrid schedule. Usually, they offer their program at the Community Building next to the Town Hall. "We have worked with Superintendent Penna and Assistant Superintendent Napolitano and we will be using the Elementary School gym," said Madison Moody, Assistant Director of Hollis Parks and Rec. "We were able to offer a Summer Rec Program there," said Moody, "7 weeks regular program, and a 3-week extended program, which ends this week." He reported that they were able to serve about 31 families. "We were able

to group students into three pods, and divided the gym into three areas, with each pod using different areas of the gym," he said, and added, "We had a great summer. It couldn't have gone better!"

As far as the fall goes, "Enrollment is down," he said, "but we know people are still trying to figure things out." Everyone will wear masks. "Kids did well with that this summer," Moody said. And though they have always had hand sanitizer and other cleaning supplies, they now have the same as the schools to be consistent. They will have different areas for different pods as they did this summer, and a tent out on the field across the street, with plenty of outdoor space available for use. They also have two 10-foot tables with dividers where students can do school work. "We need to make sure kids have WiFi access in the gym on Fridays and during the week," he added. In MSAD 6, with the hybrid schedule, some students will go to school Mon./Tue., while others will go Wed./Thu. Fridays everyone is remote. Lunch will be provided by the school district on Fridays.

"There are lots of changes," Moody said, "but it's been kind of cool. Typically, we travel every day [during the summer program], but this year we've been able to show kids how much we have right here in town." For more info about the Hollis Parks and Recreation's Before and After Care, call 929-5142 or email hollisrec@gmail.com.

There is a lot to consider, but childcare providers are working hard to keep their businesses going, and to provide the services the families in our communities need.

Just a reminder: Currently, all school districts are GREEN, which means students can return to school as long as all the safety protocols are in place. Some schools are operating in YELLOW, which is a hybrid model. If schools ever go to RED, all schools, daycares, preschools, etc. will be closed.

Visit <https://www.maine.gov/doe/home> for more details on safely reopening schools in Maine.



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Partners Bank Senior Electronic Banking Specialist, Libby Gerry, was the latest recipient of the company's Employee Donation Program. She chose the Louis B. Goodall Memorial Library in Sanford to receive the monthly gift for the month of August. COURTESY PHOTO

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CEMETERIES

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the others are harder to get to and some were destroyed by the 1947 fire.

He had just recently been working in the town hall cemetery taking care of a large tree that had fallen during the last big storm. Reportedly, there was no damage to any of the stones. However, unfortunately, somebody stole a large granite stone, that was used as a border.

The cemetery at the West Newfield Congregational Church had a couple of stones that needed to be up-righted, and there was one stone in the Symmes cemetery that needed to be up-righted.

According to Washington, at the Moulton cemetery on Benson Road, a large maple tree, about 75 feet tall and 2 feet in diameter, split in half and fell on some of the stones. He had to clean up the debris, and get help to remove the fallen tree, before taking care of the stones.

He also had to take down a large maple at the Bill Sinclair cemetery on Lost Mile Road recently, which had to be removed.

The restoration process of the stones is quite a large job and sometimes can take several hours. In order to get the stone up-righted, he has to dig down into the ground at the base around it, to get it leveled off. Then fill has to be hauled in and the stone is reset with mortar cement in the ground. Cleaning the stone involves applying the epoxy, putting on joint clamps and letting it set for a couple of days.

He tries to get the restoration projects done throughout the year, and among all the clean up projects and general maintenance, is quite busy.

Washington also volunteers at the Long Creek Youth Center, mentoring the kids; he is a volunteer for Troop #329 in Limerick; is on the Appeals Board in town, and cleans the town hall and town office. He is also a member of the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus.

He retired from the Kittery Shipyard in 1998, and does manage to squeeze in a trip every year and go camping during the summer months. However, mainly he enjoys volunteering and helping out in the community where he has lived for many years.

He received the well-deserved York County award for volunteerism last year, and I'm sure that he will always give his time to do whatever it takes to help out when needed.

He's the keeper of the cemeteries, making sure those who have passed on have a quiet, pleasant place to rest.

Library news

Raffle winners at the Newfield Library are as follows: the quilt was won by Elaine Mason, from Shapleigh; the Painting was won by Dave and Myrtle MacDonald of Newfield; and the Short Story by C.J. Pike was won by Pat Dolbec of Newfield. Librarian Cheryl Cause would like to thank everyone who participated, and purchased raffle tickets.

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go to Louis Campbell and Larry Dyer, Jr.

Meetings

Newfield Selectmen will meet on Sept. 8 at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road at 6 p.m.

The Northern York County Rod and Gun Club will have a meeting on Sept. 11 at the clubhouse at Lewis Hill Road at 7:30 p.m. Contact Lou Polianites at 793-8556 for more information; and check the website at: northern-york-county-rod-and-gun-club.org.

TOWN OF HOLLIS NOTICE

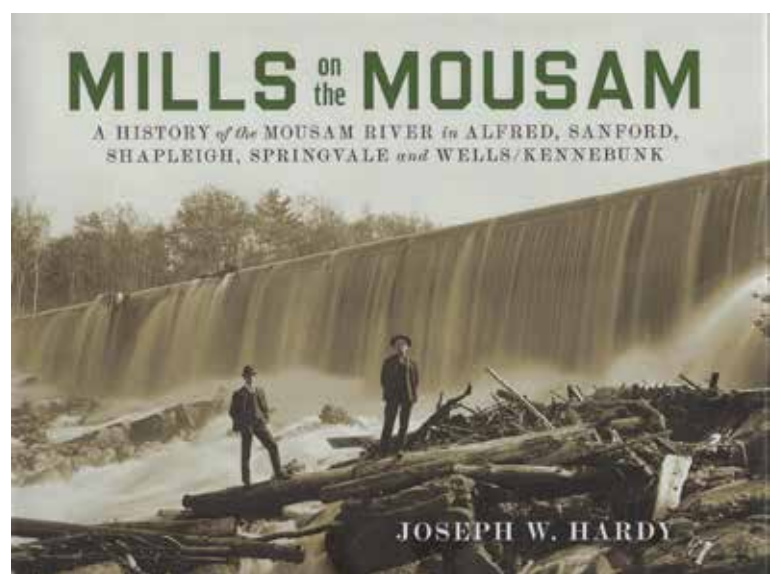
The Hollis Planning Board has received an application for a 12-lot subdivision to be located off **Nathan Smith Road (Map 16 Lot 17)**.

On Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. there will be a site visit at this location. All Hollis residents are welcome to attend. Please wear a mask and observe social distancing guidelines.

On Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a public hearing regarding this application at the beginning of the regular Planning Board meeting. This will be a Zoom meeting, as town buildings are not yet open to the public. Details, including password to sign in, will be posted on the Hollis website: www.hollismaine.org. All Hollis residents are welcome to join the meeting.

For further information, or if you would like to submit comments to the Board regarding this project, please mail to: Hollis Planning Board, 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis ME 04042, or email to: planningboard@hollismaine.org.

Paul Mattor, Chair
Hollis Planning Board, August 26, 2020



The Acton Shapleigh Historical Society (ASHS) is offering another local book by local author, Joseph W. Hardy. 'Mills on the Mousam' is a comprehensive look at the Mousam River from the 17th century, through Colonial times and Industrial Revolution to the 1930s. It covers the towns of Shapleigh, Sanford, Springvale, Alfred and Wells/Kennebunk and boasts a collection of archive photos from many local sources. ASHS is selling this book for \$50. It will be available for purchase during their open house on Mondays through October from 6 to 8 p.m. at 122 Emery Mills Road. COURTESY PHOTO

SHAPLEIGH

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due to COVID-19. Only two people are allowed in the town hall at one time. Masks are required. The office will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 5 for the holiday weekend.

New Book Available

The Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society (ASHS) has announced the sale of a new book entitled *The Old Farm on the Hill*. It is a book of poetry by two brothers, Joseph and Marcel Duclos, with photographs inspired by the old Crediford Farm that once stood on Owl's Nest Road before the farm was burned. The books are available at the ASHS building, 122 Emery Mills Road, for \$8.00. The ASHS building is open Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. if you wish to purchase a copy.

Shapleigh taxes

By now, Shapleigh's property owners should have received their 2020 real estate tax bill in the mail. The bills are due by Sept. 25, and if not paid by that date, interest at 8 percent, per year, will be charged. The tax rate increased this year from a mil rate of 10.15 to 10.25 as approved by the Board of Selectmen. You can pay your tax bill at the Town Hall, 22 Back Road, or mail it in. The town hall is open during normal business hours, but you must adhere to the restrictions

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RUN-OFF ELECTION SET FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 TO BREAK TIE VOTE FOR SELECTMAN/OVERSEER OF THE POOR FROM PRIOR JULY 14, 2020 ELECTION.

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 **until September 10th** or have a ballot mailed to you by calling the Town Clerk's Office (247-0643). **Those of you who have already received your ballots...find and return them.**

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 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.**

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Changes for the Brothers

When the Brothers of Christian Instruction moved to Walsh College in North Canton, Ohio in 1957 the plan was to train Christian students as teachers. It is now felt that mission has been completed and it is time to move on. Brother Walter Zwiechowski moved back to Alfred on July 19. Br. Guillermo of Uruguay returned to his country to work in South America and eventually Mexico. Brother Chrysostom of Uruguay will return to Uganda as soon as his country's borders open to air travel. Canadian Br. Charles Desjarlais had to return to La Prairie because of health and insurance issues. Br. Ernest Paquet will stay in the Bethany Nursing Home in Ohio where he has been healthy and happy for the past two years. They have all been active participants of the Walsh campus.

Here and there

Happy birthday to Trent LeMay who celebrated with family members at his great-grandparents home last week. Trenton turned 15, and is saving money to take his driver's education course at Massabesic High School when he returns to classes this month so many of the gifts were monetary.

How to be 4-H leaders

When we had a farm and all that goes with a farm – we had no excuse not to have a 4-H Club. We had sheep, chickens, and kids and on occasion a goat, ducks, etc. Oh yes, and horses for the girls. Even geese. How could I forget that nip? The geese who could be very territorial. The girls needed instruction on how to care for their horses. I never had a horse so I could also benefit from the instruction.

We contacted someone who would come weekly with the instruction. I was amazed at how much I did not know. Next they wanted to go to Acton Fair and not just for the horse show. They wanted to compete for ribbons on their projects -cooking and sewing, carpentry and wildflowers. It seemed that whatever your interest, you could always learn more. When I asked my spouse what he remembered about the carpentry project he taught he stated "Nothing!" But he dug out a few slides from those days, thinking they might give me inspiration. We only have a few – of the pig scramble at Acton Fair (1972), the 4-H style show and some history tour we attended.

I vividly recall the pig scramble because it was the first year that mothers competed, and I was the winner! You had to catch your pig and put him in a burlap bag. Was it really 48 years ago? Those kids could now be grandparents!

There were lots of people taking pictures and the only reason mine were taken was because I caught my pig just in front of the fence where my father-in-law was taking photos.

It was easier at the style show. The girls were very photogenic - our youngest displayed a photogenic smirk but I am not sure she made the outfit she wore in the photo. Actually, I am sure she didn't. It was borrowed. I am just as sure about some of the other outfits. But what ever they wore, they all looked charming. And they were all enjoying themselves. One of those girls grew up and when she married made her own wedding gown! Something I am sure I could not have done. Our oldest girl made a wool suit and just to make sure she hadn't forgotten anything, she showed it to the home economics teacher at Massabesic High who assured her she had done everything right. A blue ribbon was the result.

One of our girls was Zorro (in black) on her horse at Acton Fair Parade, and her sister on her own horse was Robin Hood in green. I think the club represented a Revolutionary War battle in one of those parades, with victims well bandaged by "blood stained" bandages. Club members especially enjoyed putting a parade float together. I believe our last parade float was a one room schoolhouse in an Alfred Festival parade. We were about the last ones in the parade and put the float together with benches for a schoolroom and appropriate costumes for the participants. And no ribbon, sadly.

We had called our club the Alfred Animals 4-H Club because so many of them had animals but it soon became apparent it was a large and very lively group so the animals might have just as well have been considered the mem-

bers.

An activity which we felt was really meaningful was the annual town-wide litter pickup. Everyone participated, including parents with pickup trucks. Then it was all delivered to the town dump. (This was long before a transfer station.) The road through Massabesic Forest was the biggest problem. Why did people consider a forest an appropriate place to get rid of their trash? At the end of that road someone had deposited a large pile of trash – which included envelopes addressed to the litterer. Finally we had an opportunity to address the problem! A sheriff was notified, he made the owner of the trash come and pick it all up. I was surprised when I learned who had used the forest road as a place for his trash.

I think our 4-Hers learned something from that episode and

I am sure that as adults none of our club members toss litter along our roadsides. I wish some other youth group would also hold a yearly litter pick-up in Alfred. My spouse and I walk the dog with bag in hand to collect the litter left by others on our road. Perhaps instead of a youth group an organization of adults would be just as effective, or more so.

We had the club for quite a few years – I passed it on to a friend when I wanted to retire. By then the members were outgrowing 4-H. I am sure they never outgrew the things they learned. Our daughter doesn't have a farm but she might as well have one. She boards horses, has chickens, sheep, an occasional pig or goat and at present ducks. Visiting there is always interesting. It is one place that our little dog dearly loves to visit.

BRIEFS

Free school meals

On Aug. 31 the USDA announced that all students will be eligible to receive free school meals until Dec. 31, 2020, or until the funding for this program is no longer available. The school nutrition department is asking that you continue to submit applications for free or reduced meal price benefits. Once funds are no longer available as stated above, your meal accounts will be charged at their approved status. All accounts will be charged full pricing in the absence of an approved free or re-

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– From the RSU 57 Nutrition Department

ALFRED RESIDENTS - NOTICE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Saturday, September 12, 2020

at 10:00 am to close



TO VOTE ON THE 2020/2021 WARRANT at the ALFRED BALLFIELD located on School Street, across from the fire station.

The final signed 2020/2021 Town Meeting Warrant will be available at the Town Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2020 and on the Town's web site at:

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Board of Selectmen,

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The meeting will be held under a 40' x 100' tent - Masks/Face Shields and social distancing, please.

Central Maine Power Launches Electric Vehicle Charger Pilot

Program offers up to \$4,000 in incentives to test market preferences

Central Maine Power (CMP) has launched a pilot program as part of a state effort to understand consumer preferences in funding the installation of Level 2 chargers for electric vehicles (EVs) across Maine. The goal of the program is to determine what incentives are more valued by developers, fleet managers, municipal planners, and others who decide to install chargers.

CMP is offering a “make-ready”

solution where the company will install, maintain and retain ownership of the electrical infrastructure needed to connect to the charging pads. The company will offer up to \$4,000 in incentives toward the cost of the infrastructure and applicants must install a minimum of four “plugs”. Level 2 chargers, which are 240 volts and must be professionally installed, typically charge vehicles about five times faster than a Level

1, 120-volt charger depending upon the car.

“Transportation currently accounts for half of Maine’s greenhouse gas emissions tied to fossil fuel combustion, so it is imperative we all work together to find solutions that enable EV expansion,” said Jason Rauch, energy, environmental and regulatory policy manager for CMP. “The location and availability of chargers is one of the

most important factors people consider as they decide whether to purchase an EV and we are committed to collecting information for Maine as part of a plan to make EV’s more accessible.”

ReVision Energy is partnering with CMP to perform the infrastructure installation during the pilot.

“As a lifelong Mainer, I am deeply concerned that Maine has the highest per capita carbon pollution in New England which is negatively impacting the Gulf of Maine and industries tied to our precious natural resources,” said Phil Coupe, a co-founder of ReVision Energy. “We are eager to partner in this work to install infrastructure that will help move the adoption of EV’s in Maine forward. It will take all business sectors working together to help move the state toward meeting its climate goals.”

The pilot was approved by the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) to promote the beneficial electrification of the transportation sector, part of a package passed by the Maine State Legislature in 2019

and is intended for applicants installing chargers in workplaces and public spaces such as municipalities, multi-unit residences, company garages and commercial spaces.

Efficiency Maine Trust (EMT) is also conducting a parallel pilot as part of the same program. EMT will offer rebates to applicants who will then purchase and install their own electrical infrastructure to connect to the charging pads. The EMT program is available statewide.

CMP’s make-ready grant program will be conducted through an open enrollment process and requires applicants to complete a program application form found at cmpco.com. (cmpco.com/L2EVCharging-StationPilot). Selection criteria will be used to determine which applicants will be chosen to participate in the program, with preference given to applicants who intend to install networked instead of basic chargers. The review process for acceptance into the program will begin Oct. 1, 2020, and applications will be considered on a first-applied – first reviewed basis.



Warren Winn

Warren Winn, 67, a lifelong resident of West Newfield, passed away on Aug. 27, 2020 at his home, surrounded in love by his family.



Warren Winn

Warren was born at home in West Newfield on Aug. 29, 1952, the son of Frank W. and Agnes G. (Mee) Winn. He attended local schools and graduated from Massabesic High School. Following high school, Warren joined the U.S. Army and served from 1971 – 1972.

As a youngster, Warren grew up farming and began logging with his brothers, dragging 4-foot pulp with a farm tractor and loading it by hand. He eventually became self-employed and ran his own business: driving logging trucks, plowing snow and road maintenance. Two years ago, he retired from the Town of Wakefield, NH where he managed the transfer station and the waste-water department. Even with his days off and being retired, Warren worked part-time for his son Daniel. His strong work ethic was engrained into his moral compass.

Warren met his future wife Stephanie when she visited her Aunt, who lived in the farm across from the Winn farm. Her Aunt Mary made sure to tell her, “You stay away from the Winn Boys!” Well, love has a funny way of bringing people together. . Stephanie and Warren married at the Province Lake Country Club and have shared 38 years together. They built their home together and welcomed three children into their hearts and home.

Warren’s favorite hobby was spending time with his family. He was kind, patient, quiet and gentle. Warren always thought of others first, even while he was working at the transfer station, if you needed a shovel, lawn mower, toys for kids - It didn’t matter, he’d bring it home, repair it and pass it along.

Warren’s entire life revolved around his children, his grandchildren and his beautiful wife Stephanie. Every decision he made; it was made in the best interest of his family. Warren will be remembered for his gentle spirit and his devotion to his family. Your life and love will be dearly missed.

Warren is lovingly survived by his best friend and wife, Stephanie Winn, his two sons Ryan Winn and wife Amanda, Daniel Winn and wife Christina, and daughter Emily Winn all of West Newfield; his seven grandchildren Jacob, Karly, Makenna, Paisley, Wesley, Carter and Waylon who called him “Papa” and his siblings, Roger, Shirley, Ann, Beverly, Helen and Arnold; his mother-in-law Norma Coolbroth, his sisters-in-law Wendy McGlincey, Donna Johnson and husband John, his brother-in-law Edwin Coolbroth and wife Patty, and many nieces and nephews as well as some very special extended family members Janet Fairfull and her children Payton and Chase.

Warren was predeceased by his parents and a brother Robert.

Family and friends are invited to call on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred. Committal prayers and burial with military honors will be held later.

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

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Donna Lee Martin

Donna Lee Martin died of heart failure on Aug. 23, 2020 at the age of 54 at her home in Lebanon, Maine. Donna was born in Sanford Maine April 20th 1966

Donna is survived by her husband Philip Martin, her parents, father Conrad Grenier, mother Georgia Theriault stepmother Judy Grenier and stepfather Hilbert Theriault, her siblings Laurie Worthen, brother Conrad Grenier, and several step brothers and sister along with several nieces and nephews.

Donna was a devoted wife and companion. She was a graduate of Southern New Hampshire University with a degree in Science Business Administration. Donna was an Employee Relation Specialist working in the Human Resource department at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, they were all an important part of her life. She loved to travel and visit wineries with her friends. She also enjoyed visiting museums and casinos where she was often very lucky. She traveled the United States as well as Mexico. Donna was an adventurer. She skydived, ziplined and swam with dolphins with no hesitation. When she was younger she also rode horses. She also played flute and later learned how to play bass guitar. She was a member of the Kruise Knights car club in southern Maine where she helped raise money to buy children presents for Christmas. Donna had immeasurable kindness, ready to help everyone. She was loved by many, “Her special light may be gone from this earth but it will shine brightly in heaven with the angels” a friend and co-worker wrote on her social media page where there was an outpouring fondness for her. Donna met her husband online. As it turned out they lived around the corner from each other. They dated and became inseparable flying off to Las Vegas with close friends to get married. She will be deeply missed by her husband, family, friends, coworkers, and all that knew her.

Visiting hours for family and friends were on Aug. 28 at the Carll-Heald & Black Funeral Home. Memorial service was held at St. Georges Hall, 3 Emerson St., Sanford.

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OPINION

BASICALLY BROOKLYN: Old friends – bookends

Growing up in Flatbush, Brooklyn during the turbulent 60's was an education. It was an experience classrooms of Ivy League schools could never hope to achieve. Ours was a neighborhood encompassing everything America could be: A melting pot of blue-collar dads chasing the American dream up and down every street; in and out of every alley in the City. It was as if a man could actually snatch the illusion right out of mid-air and hold it in trembling hands. Could you even do that? Would you ever do that when after all is said and done, it's the thrill of the chase that really matters.

Those caught up in the chase were men with names like Schetzen, Berger and Nemkowitz. There were tough guys like Emil Baliestrieri and Spanish dudes like Rodriguez and Gonzalez and Mr. Thompson, Brown and Choi. They did things like drive oil trucks,



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limo's and yellow cabs. They ran restaurants, tax services and worked in schools. On summer nights they sat together in front of apartment buildings with wives talking and watching the lot of us lost in games of punchball, touch football or plain old tag. These were the games of my old neighborhood, played until the sun settled into the darkening sky and the day melted into memories. Most of those memories were bright. Some were dark.

There was the time when the limo driver stepped out of his four-wheel office and into the path of a speeding car. The car struck the driver like Willie Mays attacking a fastball launched deep into the Shea Stadium night. The baseball was 'Outta here!' The limo driver was not but there were months of recovery to follow.

It was the first time I ever heard the term, 'Safety Net.' It

had something to do with short term disability designed to keep a soul afloat because there's nothing rapid about quicksand and sudden riptides are a horrible way to go, but more importantly; more meaningful than any government assistance was the neighborhood. The moms who bought extra food for the family in need and shared in a temporary adoption of 2 kids because their mom spent days glued to a chair beside the hospital bed of a man who never really knew what hit him. Black. White. Hispanic. Asian. None of that mattered. We were neighbors. We stood united in our desire to overcome life's hardships in the same way we shared in life's joys.

Johnny Thompson was one of life's joys. Of all the kids in the neighborhood, none could touch the inspiration of little Johnny Thompson. Johnny had a smile so full of warmth we'd put ice-cubes in front of his face just to watch them melt, but Johnny was different than the rest of us. While he grew up with all of us he didn't grow. I remember the summer he went in for a surgery and came home in a body cast from the waist down in a failed effort to convince his body to catch up to the rest of us. We visited him regularly that summer. He suffered from a condition known as dwarfism, but it wasn't his only handicap. Johnny was black. Though we didn't know it then, being black was an-

other handicap in America, though neither proved hardship enough to keep Johnny down.

His dream was to become a Doctor and cure cancer. It was a good dream. All of us grew up with childhood dreams. Most of those dreams went unfulfilled. I could never master the guitar. Jeff was a two-pitch pitcher. Jay never made it to the Olympics and Johnny never got all the way through medical school. Instead, he settled into the back of an ambulance as an EMT in a City that never slept. He chose a life of racing up apartment stairwells and through the open doors of heart attack victims surrounded by loved ones in hysterics. He ran into alleys for gunshot victims crying and begging for him not to let them die. He dealt with drunks, over-doses and accident victims like the limo driver of our childhood and speaking of childhood he brought his share of children into the world. I often wonder how many lives he lost? How many more did he save? Did he see the differences in people, or did he just see people the way we looked upon one another in the old neighborhood? Where we stood united.

I wonder what kind of neighborhood fellow EMT Breonna

Taylor grew up in? I wonder how many lives she saved during her short tenure in the back of an ambulance, ended by a salvo of bullets served with a no-knock warrant in the middle of a Michigan night.

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Johnny isn't with us anymore. Some days he would drag us to Brighton Beach because Johnny loved to swim. We were afraid he'd drown, but there was no wave too big for Johnny, who stood above us all in spite of his stunted growth and blackness. Whose dreams and abilities inspired us and whose life reminds us of how united we stood, because divided?

Well. You know how that goes.

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

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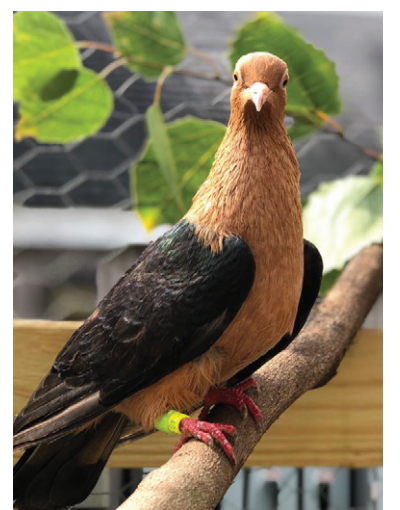
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