



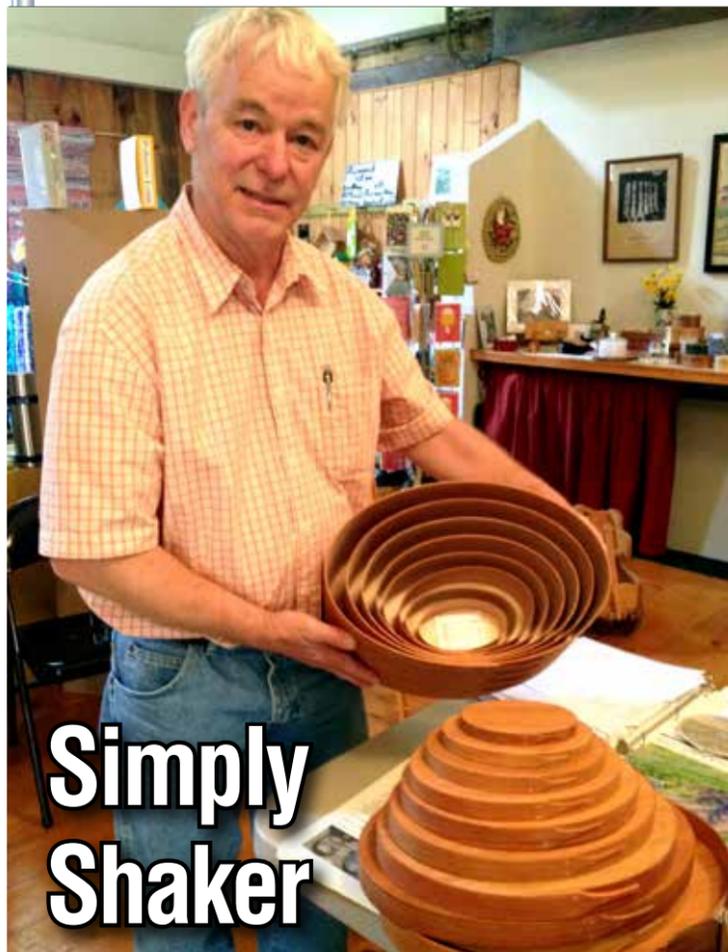
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Simply Shaker

Shapleigh woodworker keeps it simple

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Mark Jacobs of Jacobs Woodworking knows good craftsmanship when he sees it. A cabinet and fine furniture maker for over 20 years, Jacobs became fascinated by Shaker boxes three years ago and began creating traditional oval Shaker boxes, trays and similar home decor items in his Shapleigh workshop. The pieces are both functional and beautiful, and they can be found for sale in several venues in Maine and New Hampshire, including gift shops and juried craft markets, as well as on-line.

Jacobs has appreciation for the history and the style of the Shakers, and is happy to talk with customers about the characteristics of the boxes, as well as the process of creating them.

"The Shakers picked up the style when they came to America," Jacobs explained while setting up a display of his work at the Alfred Shaker Museum, which is located at the site of what was once a thriving, indus-

trious Shaker community in York County. "They substituted overlapping 'fingers' for straight joinery and used tacks. There's no glue."

These easily-recognizable Gothic-style swallowtails, or fingers, are overlapped and tacked to the band to create the oval shape of the box and lids. Tiny copper tacks hold the bands of the boxes and lids together, and wooden pegs hold the top and bottom boards in place. The simple elegance of the design is a testament to the values of the community that included modesty, cleanliness and frugality, along with a perhaps surprising embrace of scientific methods, new technologies and invention.

The Shakers, a religious sect that came to America from England in 1774 and spread into communities from Maine to Kentucky and Ohio, was a successful example of communal living. They grew and raised their own food, sold their products to earn money for items they couldn't supply themselves, and employed the latest agricultural methods. Unlike other religious groups, they

readily accepted innovation. "They had one of the first automobiles in the area," Jacobs said. "They developed the circular saw, the band saw, the straight broom." They also patented the swivel foot for chairs, "because the brothers liked to lean back in the chairs."

The Shakers created many designs for furniture, including tables, cabinets and chairs. "Each community had their own distinct finial for the tops of the chairs," Jacobs said. The Shakers also were some of the first to grow sell seeds for the agricultural market. Their useful boxes were popular for storage in a time before Tupperware and tin cans, and were so well-designed and crafted that many of them are still intact today.

Jacobs replicates these practical, sturdy, yet light, boxes based on exact measurements developed by the Shakers long ago. He learned the basics by following the instructions of John Wilson, a woodworking professor at Lansing Community College in Michigan for 23 years

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Woodworker Mark Jacobs displays some of his oval Shaker boxes that are completely handmade and are constructed using copper tacks and wooden pegs, not glue. PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK

Community there for grieving family

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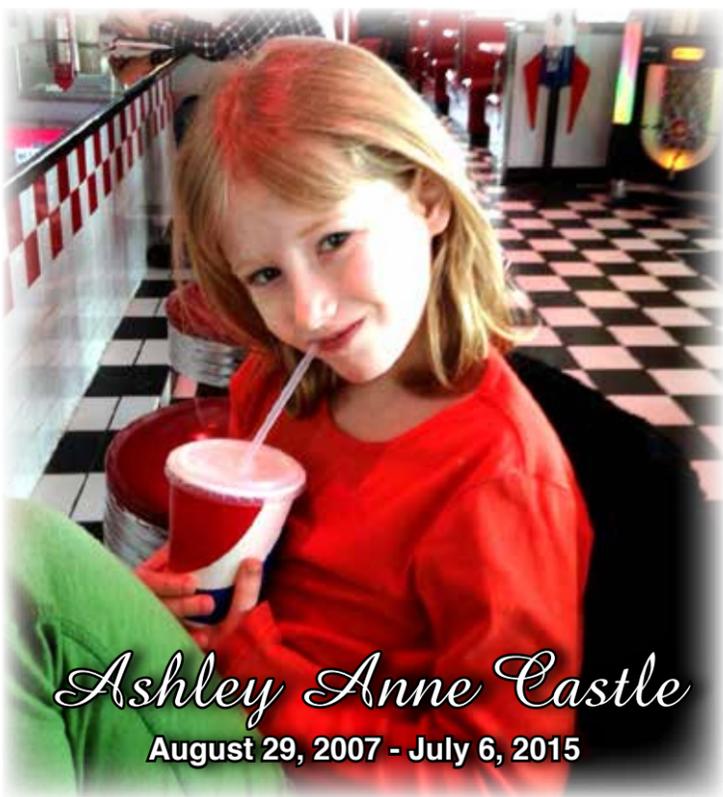
Jim and Sarah Castle of North Waterboro, parents of seven-year-old Ashley Castle, who passed away unexpectedly on July 6, have nothing but gratitude and appreciation for the love and support they and their 14-year-old daughter Katie have received since the day of their loss.

"It's everything you hope every community would be, the experience that people genuinely care," said Jim. "You can't even think when you're in the process of grieving. People showed up to mow the lawn and to bring food. Heather Silva and others planned a huge pot luck at the Lake Arrowhead Community clubhouse after the funeral. Everyone helped so much, in so many ways."

"The pot luck was amazing, we received food, drinks, desserts, from individuals and even Olive Garden. Heather was an angel with her organizing ability," added Sarah.

According to the Castles, they put Ashley to bed Sunday night, and everything was normal. "She woke up complaining of pain Monday morning and we were with her, loving her when she died in her bed. We are so grateful that she was not alone, that we were with her, both for her and for us," said Sarah.

According to Jim, they found out after she died, that she likely suffered from a congenital defect AV malformation in her brain stem and it burst that morning.



Ashley Anne Castle

August 29, 2007 - July 6, 2015

"At least she didn't suffer," said Jim.

As Jim shared this tragic news on Facebook, he was swamped with expressions of condolence. His most common reply was, "Thank you everyone. For all of my former teammates with new babies, kiss them extra long tonight for Ashley, and cherish the moments you have with them."

The couple moved to Maine for the first time in 1998, when Jim was hired as an Athletic Trainer at Westbrook High School. Sarah worked as an Ed

Tech in Gorham and for the past two years has worked as an Ed Tech at Line Elementary School. They remained in Maine until 2006, and their older daughter Katie was born during that time. They then moved to Florida where Jim was Athletic Trainer at Belhune-Cookman University. Ashley was born while they lived in Florida, and Jim and Sarah wondered how she would take to winter for the first time when they decided to move back to Maine two years ago when Jim

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The Vietnam Veterans of America Color Guard led the parade in Waterboro on July 11. COURTESY PHOTO

Heartwarming moment at Waterboro parade

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This Old Home Days was the first time the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1044 of Sanford was asked to bring its Color Guard to the parade. They were placed at the head of the march, with the four-member flag-bearer team followed by a float bearing the Fallen Soldier Battlefield Cross.

In her reflections on the overall event, Old Home Days committee member Claire Tutt mentioned, "The color guard was very pleased they went first in the parade. They said no one has ever had them first. I know when they went by, as a group we all stood and clapped and they got a little emotional."

Tutt was correct in her observation, as, according to

Carl Rabida driver of the vehicle towing the float, "We've never been treated so good!" Rabida said that usually the group is put near the end, but in Waterboro, for the very first time, they were not at the back or even in the middle. "I just can't find words for it. We felt honored. For once in our lives we felt proud," said Rabida. "Nowadays some people actually do thank us, but it can sometimes be too little to late, but we all felt great after that parade, and we will be back!"

This was also the first time the group brought the Fallen Soldier Battlefield Cross in a float. Rabida drove the vehicle, and was torn between the somber tone of reverence that fits bringing this symbol that is sacred to veterans and his

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From sheep to hops at Springvale Farm Walk

Springvale farmers are inviting the public to walk between their farms on Open Farm Day, Sunday, July 26.

Springvale Farm Walk is a self-guided, 4-mile walk through field and woods with farm stops along the way. Walkers can start and end their walk where they choose.

This year nine farms are participating, including a sheep farm, berry farms, vegetables farms, a mushroom farm and a hops farm. Collect stamps from all partici-

pating farms and earn a one-time 10 percent discount on selected items at the farm of your choice.

"It's great to get out and see what we do," said Ellen McAdam, co-owner of McDougal Orchards, where tomatoes and early apples will be in season. "It's a perfect time of year, and these farms are right in your backyard. Come on out and see us."

The Springvale Farm Walk runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Three Rivers Land Trust is serving breakfast at McDougal

Orchards from 8 to 9:30 a.m. The breakfast is \$5 per person, with children under 5 free.

Parking is available at McDougal Orchards, Carpenter Tree Farm and Rock Island Hop Farm. Sanford Trails Committee is providing a shuttle service to return visitors to their cars.

FMI, visit www.sanfordtrails.org.

Summer reading in Lyman

The 2015 Summer Reading Program at Lyman's Community Library is in full swing with three new library merit badges—farms, mystery, and heroes—which are earned through a combination of reading and project-doing. Didn't earn last year's badges? You can work on those, too.

Not into the badge thing? No problem! Participating in the SRP is as easy as making a reading goal and updating your progress on our bulletin board. All SRP participants are eligible to win one of our three themed doorprizes, and you can enter the drawings every time you visit the library once per day. Badges will be awarded and raffles will be drawn at our Ice Cream Social and Award Ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 29, at 11 a.m.

There are tons of activities and programs planned for all of July and August:

Saturday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m.: Storytime with Farmer Minor. Come and listen to some farm stories, and meet Daisy the pig



Local artist Moe Auger, of Alfred, and formerly of East Waterboro for 21 years will be showing his paintings at the Whitney Gallery in Wells from July 16 to Aug. 2 with the opening reception on Friday, July 17. The work being shown is a series called "Trees." They are water colors Auger has been working on for the past three years. Auger is also a sculptor working in porcelain and in the Fall, carves giant pumpkins for which he is known locally. The Whitney Gallery is located at 1810 Post Road.

COURTESY PHOTO

and her pug pals—don't forget your camera for this one.

Friday, July 24 at 3p.m.: Visit from Goodwin's Mills Fire & Rescue. Meet our local heroes and check out their trucks.

Friday, Aug. 14 at 8 p.m.: Community Library Star Party. Learn about the night sky with real live astronomers. This pro-

gram will be held at Starfield Observatory.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.: Free movie screenings!

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Founded in 1975, the Centennial Brass Band recreates the town band of 1850-1875. Many musical pieces from this band's repertoire are taken from existing Civil War band books as well as other archival material. The band consists of some authentic brass instruments from the era; they perform in simple uniforms of the 19th century that a small town like our own Newfield would have afforded. The experience brings you back to a place that your own ancestors may have visited. Willowbrook's own re-creation of the original Newfield bandstand, razed in the Great Fire of 1947, is yet another connection to this American phenomenon.

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Old Home Days a success

April Tucker, chair of the Old Home Days committee wrote the day after Old Home Days, "I'm sitting here exhausted and all I can think about is how the heck did the committee pull this off the last few years with three people? I could not have asked for a better group of people to work with! The volunteers that came and helped at all different points were amazing and it was heart warming to see the town come together again."

In communications from a number of the committee members, themes mentioned were a good feeling about the Talent Show, the reactions of the Vietnam Veterans who composed the Color Guard that led the parade, comments from vendors about the event, gratitude to the Karaoke folks, thanks for the planning of public safety officials and pride in their town.

The Talent Show that debuted this year was a great success with a large crowd viewing the fifteen acts by performers ranging in age from 6 to adult. Winners in the various age groups were: 6 and under - Lauren Arsenault, 7 to 12 - Amber Arsenault, 13 to 17 - Zoe' Petit and 18 and up - Stephanie Thereault.

Claire Tutt, Leann Coll and Jenn Mayo wrote about the reactions of vendors to this year's event. Tutt conveyed the reaction of the Kings and Queens stand, that Friday night's Talent Show brought out a much larger crowd than any Friday they had been here, and business was really up. "They also said they were glad we were back, as they didn't have a

good experience at another fair and missed us." Jenn Mayo said, "The Hawaiian Shaved Ice vendor expressed to me how happy she was to have Old Home Days back." And Leann Coll said, "The vendors were pleased and thanked us several times. Some even said this was the best old home days they have been to."

The committee was lost for what to do when the band scheduled for Saturday evening cancelled due to illness. Heather Silva wrote, "I would love a shout out to Just For Fun Karaoke. They were so awesome when the band cancelled. We were calling all over and on FB looking for a replacement at the last minute. My husband suggested our friends' parents, Bruce and Shirley Girard, and we agreed it was a good idea. He called them and they were there in 45 minutes! Shirley and the family were just sitting down for birthday cake. It was her birthday and they decided to put it on hold to come do this for us! The whole OHD committee ended up singing happy birthday to her!" Leann Coll added, "I thought the karaoke was wonderful, such an interactive crowd pleaser."

Mayo commented, "I felt the York County Sheriff's Office and Waterboro Fire Department did a wonderful job creating an exiting plan for after the fireworks. That was probably the smoothest and fastest exit I've ever seen."

Angie Grover wrote, "It was such a great experience for us and I'm so glad we got to be a part of it. Old Home Day was one of the many reasons why we moved here almost 13 years ago to start our family. We wanted a place that still had a small town feel and got back to the roots of 'It takes a village to raise a child.' Chuck and I were so grateful to be a part in bringing this back and are already looking forward to next year.



Old Home Days Committee members huddle following the talent show on Friday: From left, Kristen Carll, Crystal Arsenault, Jennifer Mayo, Karen Turgeon, Heather Silva, Leann Coll, Trixie Faunce, Claire Tutt and Debbie Eisenhauer (sitting on cooler). PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

Crystal Arsenault commented, "It's amazing being on the outside and just attending the event but when you're in the middle of making it all happen and all come together it's even more amazing all the details from big to little that need to take place to make it happen. There is a lot that happens behind the scenes that make it possible and safe. It was wonderful to see a large crowd of around 150 people come see the talent show with so much talent from our local children and adults. The parade was a highlight watching it all come together with eager children wanting to show off their group and the crowd pleaser

shiners. It was nice that we added a few extra things from livestock to a large variety of antique cars. It was great to see the faces of the children and adults that lined the parade route. It sure made it feel like it was a success. As a committee we felt it was important to provide free activities so everyone could come and enjoy the event. We appreciated the sports groups that provided activities from a free inflatable obstacle course to free field day games for the children. The fireworks were well attending with some of the committee members estimating 7 to 9 thousand people and possibly more in attendance."

Coll added, "I am very proud of our committee for the way we all came together and made this event happen in a shorter amount of time than past years. Here is to our family members who also volunteered their time in helping during these last four days as well. I'm just very proud of my town!"

April Tucker added, "We learned A LOT this year and can't wait for next year. Everyone is already spinning ideas on new entertainment and details so things run even smoother. We plan on meeting in August while everything is still fresh in our minds to make the event even better next

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VETERANS

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excitement at the warm reception from the crowd. "I wanted to wave back to all the people, but I couldn't do that," said Rabida.

Joe Armstrong, President of the Sanford Chapter, later wrote about the meaning of the Fallen Soldier Battle Cross. He said it is a symbolic replacement of a cross on the battlefield or at the base camp for a soldier who has been killed. The purpose is to show honor and respect for the dead at the battle site, a practice that started during the American Civil War or maybe earlier as a means of identifying the bodies on the battleground before they were removed. There are several items on the monument, the soldier's rifle, boots, helmet and other items, each with its own distinct history and meaning. "Our chapter has put together a formal ceremony that we perform to any organization that would like us to do one for them. We recently performed this ceremony at Massabesic High School," said Armstrong.

Chapter 1044 associate member, and daughter of Carl Rabida, Candice Rabida Lurvey later posted in the Lake Arrowhead Members Facebook group, "Thank you to the organizers of the parade. These Veterans felt so honored to be first and to present the colors. With that and the cheers, it really choked them up. Remembering the horrid welcome home they got the first time around, today was a big change for them. Thank you for making them feel welcome and respected, Waterboro!"

In a phone conversation, Carl Rabida recalled his own experience of arriving home from his year in Vietnam, dressed only in the light uniform he had worn in hot Vietnam. He arrived in Saco during a late snowstorm, and caught a cab to his home in Biddeford. Rabida said that on the

way, the driver suddenly realized he had just come from Vietnam, and he threw him out of the cab. "I had to walk home to Biddeford. And not long after I arrived home, I went up to the Veterans Administration at Togus, and they told me to go home and not come back," said Rabida. But that's all changed now. According to Rabida, Veterans' services are good, in Maine anyway.

Rabida describes years of "Thinking I was the last Vietnam Veteran in the world. There could be one living right next door, but none of us would talk about it. Too ashamed, too depressed, too much dealing with all kinds of PTSD and thinking it's all our fault." He then went on to say how his life has changed in the three years since he decided that it wasn't "weak" to ask for help. "Between the VA and Veteran's Services in Sanford, there is so much help. And now I know there are so many of us, just in York County alone," said Rabida. In addition to counseling, there are all kinds of activities, guitar, just about anything you're interested in that helps to make a difference.

Candice agrees, "What a change in my dad, having others who understand what he's been through and going through. They can confide in each other. They can say, 'This is what triggers me' and realize that's normal, given what they've been through."

Both Candice and Carl mentioned that Vietnam-era veterans are dying off, and the association is considered a "lights out" organization. They each mentioned the statistic, "Of the 22 veterans a day that commit suicide, most of them are Vietnam era vets. Soon it will be only the associate members who will carry on the work."

Candice and her dad are both active with the Vietnam Veteran's Chapter 1044, raising money to help any other veterans in need,

no matter the conflict they served in. The motto of the national Vietnam Veteran's Association is, "Never again will one Generation of veterans abandon another." Whether it's helping pay for some dentures, fixing a car, helping with food or heating oil, Chapter 1044 works to raise money for all who have served.

Chapter 1044 meets at the Elks Club in Sanford the first Sunday each month at 1:30 p.m. They plan, raise money and decide how to spend it. The President of the Chapter, Armstrong, is a V.S.O., a Veterans Services Officer, and as such, assists veterans with all the paperwork and other hurdles they face in obtaining needed services. Armstrong was instrumental in Rabida now being on 100 percent disability. Carl added, "He has been so helpful to me and to so many others. He's always available to help with the paperwork we need to get what we need and deserve."

For more information about the Sanford Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America, go to <http://www.vva1044maine.org/> or call 490-4055.

COVER PHOTO: Vietnam Veterans Chapter 1044 of Sanford Color Guard included Matt Lurvey, carrying the American Flag and Honor Guard Commander, served Army, Bravo 411FA, Jim Lurvey with the POW Flag, served Air Force Strategic Air Command, John Flagler carrying the Maine State Flag, served 1st & 3rd Marine Division and Richard Doyle with the Chapter Flag, served 3rd Marine Division.

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year." And Jenn mayo piped in, "The only major thing I would change for the next time, would be to make sure we have enough clean up support on Sunday. It was a long, hot day for the small group that did show up. We so appreciated that help."

Membership on the Old Home Days Committee is unlimited, so anyone who appreciated the event and would like to be involved can pick up an application at Town Hall, and get in on the August planning meeting for next year!

Pantry Building fundraiser a success

The raffle at Old Home Days to benefit The Waterboro Community Pantry Building Fund was a success. Close to Two Thousand Dollars was raised and the funds have gone into the Waterboro Community Pantry Building Fund at SIS Bank. The committee expressed thanks to the volunteers who did the work to get the event organized. Chair Cleo Smith wrote, "I also wish to thank the volunteers who helped sell raffle tickets, the folks in the community that bought raffle

tickets, the businesses that donated 35 awesome prizes and finally a Great Hand of Applause to The Forever Young Day Care that created the great banner with their little Hands and foot."

Historical society craft fair

The Waterborough Historical Society will hold its eighth annual craft fair at the Taylor/Frey/Leavitt House Museum, 6 Old Alfred Road at the intersection of Route 5 in Waterboro Center, Aug. 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Craft space (12-foot by 12-foot) is available at \$35 for the weekend or \$25 for one day. Crafters should provide their own tables and tents. For more information, call Jeannie Grant at 247-5332.

Annual service

The 90th annual pilgrimage service at the Elder Grey Meeting House will be on Sunday, Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. The meeting house is located on Chadbourne Ridge Road in North Waterboro. The guest Minister will be Rev. Sue Gabrielson. For more information call 846-3827

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Meeting on beach purchase

When the 13 members of the recently formed committee met to discuss purchase of the Brothers Beach, there were first goals and questions on liability, costs and zoning to cover. With Glenn Dochtermann acting as chairman, the group set up a schedule for meetings. The selectmen had been contacted several times by the Brothers regarding the property and asked to make an offer on the 33.6 acres which abuts Shaker Pond. The selectmen offered \$125,000 for the 33.6 acres and the Brothers agreed pending approval by a town meeting. If the purchase is approved the funds will come from the capitol improvement fund. The taxes lost to the town might be recouped by the sales of house lots and this will be researched.

The committee is to study all aspects of the potential purchase and have the information to share with residents. The schedule was reviewed and unless changes are made it is as follows: an informational meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 4

at 7 p.m.; a public hearing on Aug. 25 at 7 p.m.; a referendum vote on Tuesday, Sept. 15 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. all of which will be in Conant Chapel. The committee will meet Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in Town Hall unless more meetings are needed.

Insurance coverage was also discussed, liability, and zoning. The town is required to claim for coverage any equipment and structures; if the town installs facilities these can be scheduled for property coverage. It was recommended signs such as "swim at own risk" be put up.

Summer celebrations

Bob and Anita Liberty married in 1955, and celebrated their 60th anniversary last weekend at Camp Waban. The whole affair was planned by their son Michael - reserving the Wormwood Center building at Camp Waban, hiring a D.J. and caterer, planning flowers for the tables and the guest list. Because the party was a surprise for his parents he couldn't consult them about the guest list. The ones arriving from the furthest away were Bob's sister and niece from Arizona.

A celebration of a different kind was held by the Kokernak family who gathered for a family reunion last weekend and to celebrate Jean Kokernak's 90th

birthday. Being on Bunganut Pond kept the numerous youngsters busy in the water. They were also kept busy attempting to break open the three piñatas - "Sponge Bob", the "Cookie Monster", and "Dora the Explorer". Besides the family members in Maine and Massachusetts, Ted, Charisse and son Chase Kokernak came from California, Charlie Kokernak (also Ted's son) from San Francisco with his girl friend and his sister and husband, Sandra and Glenn VanKnowe of New York State.

Another kind of birthday party was being held at the Brochu home on Gore Road this past weekend. Margaret and Mark Brochu have 12 grandchildren. Keeping up with all those birthdays could be difficult, so they decided to hold one big birthday party each year for all of them. They bring their trailers and set up a camp of sorts behind the Brochu home on Shaker Pond. The children can play games and get reacquainted, there is a very large cake, presents and lots of swimming. They come from Arundel, North Berwick, Lebanon and Concord, N.H. for a reunion/birthday celebration.

musicians present who care to join in "playing along" with Happel and their fellow music makers.

A number of musicians from the area will perform in the formal concert scheduled to start at 6:05 p.m. It will open with a rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" by Happel. Appearances after that will include Ashley Liberty and Daniel strange on violin and piano; Jenny VanWest, a vocalist and guitar player; Greg Hall on piano; and Marc Wildershiel, a storyteller on violin. Also scheduled are the "Artful Noise String Quarter"; Dale Churchill on piano; Happel and Jon Cooper on violin and Devon Colella on cello. The finale will be a play-along and sing-along to Simple Gifts by members of the audience.

Happel, a fan of the shaker song even while growing up, said the concert will be bigger and better this year: It's "going to be fantastic!"

Museum volunteers will offer hot dogs and cold drinks to attendees for a small fee. Donations from the event will support the museum and the Simple Gifts Music Festival.

Notre Dame province

A recent study on the future of the Brothers of Christian Instruction was done this spring, according to their newsletter, and some major decisions have been made. There is a plan for a new North American Province; its establishment may take up to a year. The present administration will continue another year after this summer.

A decision was made to build a retirement facility attached to Henry Hall (the chapel/dining hall) with 6 bedrooms. Architect David Joy is working on this project.

A study of the entire 300 acre

campus is being done to determine how to manage it to the benefit of the brothers who must care for aging buildings.

Brothers Henry Monday and Francis Blouin taught a weekly course at York County Senior College in Wells this spring. Brother Monday spoke on life and traditions in his native Uganda. Brother Francis spoke on understanding scripture. Br. Albert Heinrich in an eight week course on "Spirituality and the New Astronomy" spoke at Senior College in Saco. They look forward to additional teaching this fall.

Volunteers students from Walsh University in Ohio did spring cleaning in the Notre Dame buildings, also along cemetery Lane and the Brothers Beach this spring. This is the fourth year they have volunteered at Notre Dame.

Village notes

Members of the Masonic Lodge will hold a large yard sale on Saturday, July 25 from 9 to 2.

The next acoustic country jam will not be held until Saturday, August 8, at 1 p.m. in the American Legion Hall.

A canoe paddle replica of one designed by a Passamaquoddy Indian chief will be raffled off on Festival Day at the Republican booth.

Parish church

The Parish Church is sponsoring three different floats for the parade. Members willing to help with painting one of them need to meet at 10 a.m. in the Conant Chapel parking lot on Friday.

The Parish Paddlers and the Conservation Commission members will picnic on the Brothers Beach on Sunday, July 19 at 12 with food to share.

BRIEFS

Summer history camp at Willowbrook

Willowbrook Village in Newfield is holding a summer history camp for ages 7-12. Cost is \$150 per child, siblings \$125. July 20-24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Lunch available at extra cost or bring lunch. Camp program includes: baking & cooking in

a Victorian kitchen; Fiber Arts (felting & weaving); Crystal Radios; Telegraphs & Morse Code; electricity & batteries (make batteries); Catapults; Blacksmithing; Metal casting; Pinhole camera photography; Letterpress printing and more. Call 793-2784 or stop by the Admissions at Willowbrook to register.

"Simple gifts" concert July 19

At this year's town meeting, the song "Simple Gifts" written by Shaker Elder Joseph Brackett in 1848, was designated as Alfred's official song. An open air concert at the Shaker Hill museum will be given Sunday, July 19 beginning at 5 p.m. by Andy Happel and other musicians in honor of the song. In case of bad weather the date will be July 26 in the museum. Happel said several versions of the song will be given, now well known internationally. The event is free to the public with any mu-

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OPINION

Solar storm still a threat

The Maine State legislature has done its work to address the threat of a total collapse of the electric grid from GMD, an extreme geomagnetic solar storm (or geomagnetic disturbance), so powerful and widespread it would black out Maine, the whole Northeast, Atlantic seaboard, or even the nation for months or years – but work remains. LD 1363, legislation sponsored by David Miramant of Camden, would have required CMP to install protections on the grid to allow it to recover quickly. Without protections, it could not survive. Studies have been done by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), first responders, insurance companies and independent national experts. Miramant said, in sum, “We have identified a problem, we have a solution, we need to fix it.”

We are in a pre-Katrina moment. Everyone knows we need to build the dikes, but will we?

A GMD is a powerful super storm of charged particles that comes hurtling through space at us from the sun, blasting into the magnetic fields that surround the earth, and sending big power surges through the electric grid, causing fires and burning out everything connected to the system. It reaches everyone. Solar activity is constant.

Loss of electric power for months or years is not survivable, practically speaking, because the critical extra high voltage transformers that control the flow of electricity throughout the state would be destroyed or badly damaged. They come from other countries and take up to two years to deliver in normal times, and we have no spares. There are even man-made EMP (electromagnetic pulse) weapons that can have the same effect, and worse, that are a

particular concern of the military. Prevention of transmission system collapse is the only credible protection. The alternative is unthinkable.

LD 1363 would have required CMP to install protective power surge blockers on its extra high voltage transformers, the most critical transmission equipment. There are 15 of them. They cost about \$10 million each, or \$150 million total. The blockers, which attach to transformers, automatically block dangerous surging currents. They’ve been tested and proven effective by Idaho National Laboratory. Their cost is \$2.3 million, total, if Maine accepts the current offer, about \$4 million installed. If financed over five years, the cost to ratepayers would be 60 cents per person, per year for five years; if over the 20-year life of the blockers, it would be 15 cents per person per year.

LD 1363 passed in the House by a strong bipartisan vote. It lost in the Senate by a single vote, unfortunately along party lines. Only two Republican senators, David Burns and Rod Whittemore, supported it. Thus, we have no law to require CMP to install protections and secure the grid. Their lobbyists won, senators succumbed, and everyone else lost – an old political story.

The industry has been fighting protective reliability standards at the national level for years. Do you know a big solar storm can cause death? The utilities know. Does that bother you?

People wonder why the electric companies don’t want to protect their own business. There’s no clear answer. They talk probabilities, but this has a 100 percent probability. They say they don’t need a higher standard of protection, but their data show otherwise. They don’t want to be regulated,

but they are a monopoly, transferring their business risks to ratepayers, who would pick up the costs of massive losses, while CMP enjoys blanket liability protection. It’s not a cost issue. The blockers cost \$2.3 million, but CMP includes as a viable option equipment that has not been proven effective for severe solar storms and costs \$42 million. They get 11.74 percent guaranteed rate of return on their investment, paid by customers; \$42 million earns \$4.9 million, \$2.3 million earns \$270,000.

Fortunately, the manufacturer has left the offer on the table for now, so there is still time to consider it. CMP could pick it up on its own. Alternatively, the governor or PUC could order them to pick it up. Do you think they will? Do you think they should? Does it bother you that they haven’t already? Maybe they should hear from you? They’ve heard from me.

Do you think anyone cares? I do, especially those people up on the poles.

Andrea Boland is a former State Representative from Sanford (Andrea Boland has worked on this problem for years and introduced the first GMD and EMP legislation in the nation to pass, LD 131, in 2013.)

GUEST COLUMN

by Andrea Boland

WOODWORKER

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who offers classes, videos and supplies to those who want to learn and carry on the Shaker box tradition.

Jacobs uses various types of wood, including maple, ash, walnut, cherry and mahogany. Thin strips of wood are sliced off the wood stock. Tack holes are drilled into the strips, and the fingers are cut out. Once the ends are soaked in hot water, they can be beveled and tapered so that when the strip is overlapped, the oval is smooth, not bumped up. The entire strip is then soaked in a hot bath, placed around an oval form, and marked with a pencil. Jacobs uses a pipe as an anvil for tapping in the tacks; once driven through the wood, the ends of the small copper tacks bend back into the wood for smoothness. Shapers are used to keep the shape as the wood dries. Tops and bottoms are fitted according to traditional Shaker dimensions.

Jacobs sands the boxes smooth and uses oil on the outside to create a beautiful finish; his pieces are suitable for the home decor market. “I let the wood speak for itself,” Jacobs said. “I carry my work forward with different woods and finer sanding than others. I take it a step further.”

Creating his own one-man business has been both challenging and rewarding. After working for other cabinet and furniture makers, Jacobs and his wife, Grace, agreed that he should work from home and be a stay-at-home dad to their two daughters. “I went home to

take care of the kids,” he said of the entrepreneurial venture that started in 1997. “I had started collecting machines and making store and then custom furniture and cabinetry.” Three years ago, a show at the Portland Museum of Art featuring items from the Andrews Shaker Collections inspired him to make Shaker-style boxes himself. “A lot of the work I was doing, I had the same approach.”

He is now steadily gaining a reputation for fine Shaker boxes which can be used for anything from storage, a music box, a knitting caddy, dried flower arranging, silverware tray, or simply as a stacked decorative display. Jacobs was invited to the Wentworth Greenhouses winter crafts market – a juried show in Rollinsford, New Hampshire. He also shows at the Guild of Maine Woodworkers show in Brunswick and was invited to participate in the Lautholm Nature Craft Festival in Wells.

His work is shown in several galleries, including Stone Soup Artisans in Saco, the Sanford Art Association, Island Artisans in Bar Harbor, Minks in Dock Square, Kennebunkport and, of course, the Alfred Shaker Museum gift shop. He also sells online through Crockett’s cove (www.crocketts-cove.com) and Etsy (www.etsy.com/shop/ShakerByJacobs). Jacobs’ Woodworking can be found on Facebook, and a new website is being created. Locals can see Jacobs’ stunning work at the upcoming Shapleigh Community Day on Saturday, July 25.

BRIEFS

Memorial quilt

The NAMES Foundation Memorial AIDS Quilt is now on Display at the Limerick Public Library. The quilt is a way to commemorate those who have died of AIDS and is comprised of more than 44,000 3-by-6-foot panels. Limerick Public Library has 16 of those panels on display through July 31. The Limerick Public Library is located at 55 Washington Street in Limerick.

On Friday night, July 24 at 7 p.m., the library will host “Stories from the Quilt” with Deborah Freedman. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, follow the Limerick Public Library on Facebook or call 793-8975.

Lawnmower and go-kart racing

Lawnmower and go-kart racing has started at the Saco Path-

finders Club, Heath Road, Saco every other Friday night starting on July 17. The gates open at 5:30 p.m., racing begins at 7 p.m., Rain date is Sunday with gates open at 3:30 p.m. and races start at 5 p.m. For more information, find the Saco Pathfinders on Facebook.

Society to meet

The Historical Society of Newfield will hold its monthly business meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 20 at the Society building on Elm Street in Newfield Village. Voting on a change in the bylaws will be one item of business.

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SPORTS



The Shaker Valley Little League 9 and 10-year old all-star team. COURTESY PHOTO

York bounces Valley Boys

Great run ends with final four trip

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
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Shaker Valley's 9 and 10-year-old all-stars banged out 12 hits and 12 runs, but it wasn't enough as York put 14 runs on the board, behind the strength of 17 hits, to pace a 14-12 win on Friday, July 10 at Bernier Field. With the loss, Shaker Valley, who made the final four, was eliminated.

York led 7-4 after two innings, but the Valley Boys put up two runs in the third and six more in the top of the fourth to go ahead 12-9. York came storming back with three in the fourth and two more in the fifth and Shaker Valley's bats went cold in the late innings.

For Shaker Valley, Thomas Griffin had two hits including a triple and 3 RBI. Collin Scully had a pair of doubles and 4 RBI. Ty Boissonneault had three hits, 3 runs and 2 RBI. Carson Bell had two hits and scored 4 runs.

Weekend field hockey fest

The Maine Field Hockey Association will hold their annual festival on Saturday, July 25. Close to 40 teams from around the state will gather for a full day of round-robin games. The event will start at 8 a.m. and run until 4 p.m. at Thomas College in Waterville.

At noon, the focus will shift to the senior all-stars as the east and the west battle it out. This event is sponsored by the Maine Field Hockey Association and is open to the public. The proceeds from this event will be donated to the Center for Grieving Children.

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BRIEFS

Plant identification workshop

York County Invasive Aquatic Species Project (YCIASP) will be offering an Aquatic Plant Identification Workshop on Thursday, July 30 at the Anderson Learning Center in Springvale.

The workshop will run from 9 a.m. to noon with an extra hour from noon to 1 p.m. for those that want the extra time. There will be a PowerPoint presentation and a "hands-on" aquatic plant identification exercises. There will be over 40 fresh plant samples, mostly native species common in southern Maine, and a number of invasive species samples for attendees to work with to learn and practice identification skills.

The workshop is designed to be useful and fun for beginners through more "seasoned" participants. If you would like more information or would like to attend this workshop, please contact Laurie Callahan at yciasp@hotmail.com or call 802-258-1877.

Preregistration for this workshop is needed in order to ensure that enough materials will be available for participants.

Raffle tickets for a 3-hour Aquatic Plant "On-the-Water" session will be available for purchase at the workshop (\$10 per ticket) and a winner will be drawn at the end of the workshop. Winning ticket holder does not need to be present to win.

ASHLEY CASTLE

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was hired as head Athletic Trainer at Massabesic High School. Sarah described how "She loved it, felt right at home, loved catching snowflakes on her tongue."

"And now we are so glad we are here, in this wonderful community, at this very hard time. Hour by hour, my doorbell rings and there is some stranger with food. I ask, 'Do I know you?' The fridge is overloaded. Our staffs are all sending thoughts and prayers. Lake Arrowhead Community has been wonderful. Jenny Raymond set up a fundraiser for our expenses, and one of the booths at Old Home Days organized a 50-50 raffle for us, and the winner donated her prize to the fund! There is just such an amazing feeling of love and support," said Sarah.

Jim added, "People complain about schools, the budget process, how the roads are plowed, but I have never seen a community show the amount of love that people have the last couple of days. People need to know there is good in the world, because we sure do right now."

Friend and neighbor Heather Silva wrote of her experience, "I had Ashley in my Faith Formation class at St. Matthew's Church and they live just down the road

from me. My daughter is friendly with Ashley's sister. So when I found out what happened I gathered with two other neighbors to go see them that morning after the police, clergy and everyone had left, just to let them know we were here if they needed it."

The power of social networking is evident in all that followed, as Heather called on the "Parents of 57" Facebook group to spread the word of what had happened, and set up a Meal Train to share how others could help the Castle family. "Everyone wanted to support this family. A loss of a young child is so tragic and really hits home with so many people. You're never prepared for that type of event, financially or emotionally," said Silva.

Sarah described how Ashley loved to listen to the Beatles. "She was autistic, and sometimes it was hard for her to settle down. The Beatles always calmed her down." And Jim recalls, "Once, maybe last Christmas, Ashley really wanted something and I had to tell her she couldn't have it. And she replied, 'don't worry Daddy, all I need is love, because love is all you need'."

Jim shares that "Memories of the bad and good times and talking about them is really helpful." Jim reached out on his public Facebook page (James Castle

and asked for stories that friends and family recalled about Ashley, and he replied to each with gratitude. "This is truly a test of faith and love. We nearly lost Katie seven years ago, to meningitis. That was also a test of faith and love."

Sarah says there are so many people from all the communities that each of the family is part of that has reached out to them. "I work at Camp Ketcha in the summer and all the counselors showed up at the viewing and funeral. Jim Pate was a godsend and they did a wonderful job for us. As did Father Colpitts, pastor at St. Matthew's, and wonderful Deacon Paul. Many people learned of our loss through the church or through Facebook," said Sarah.

"We are receiving random cards and checks, we're not even sure if we know who sent many of them. I even received condolences from the pharmacist. We keep getting hugs and warm wishes. My daughter touched so many lives in such a short period of time," said Jim.

Sarah says, "Our other daughter Katie is going up to the high school in the fall, and Ashley loved Mrs. Paige and was looking forward to summer school and then going into the second grade. She had two years here and was really happy at Waterboro Ele-

mentary."

Mrs. Paige wrote on the gofundme fundraiser page, "I will miss Ashley dearly. She taught me so much over the past two years; she helped to make me a better teacher and person. She brought song and laughter to our classroom and our hearts. I will never think of Paris or princesses without thinking of Ashley."

Jim posted on his Facebook page, "On behalf of my family I want to thank our friends and family and everybody else for their outpouring of support and love. Our family will continue to move forward. Our tears will dry. Sadness fades, but memories last a lifetime. They say it takes a community and love to raise a child, and this community has been wonderful."

The day Ashley died, friend Jenny Raymond started the Ashley Castle Memorial Fund on the Crowdfunding site, gofundme. As of the time of publication over \$14,000 had been raised by nearly 300 people to help pay for funeral and other costs, as Ashley had no life insurance. The Castles will also be making a donation to the Waterboro Elementary playground fund in Ashley's name. For more information, or to donate, see <http://www.gofundme.com/yp96ey8>.

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OBITUARIES

Frank C. Demeritt

Frank C. Demeritt, 68, of West Newfield, died in the comfort of his own home, on July 10, 2015.



Frank Demeritt

Frank was born on Sept. 21, 1946 in Burlington, Vermont the son of Robert C. and Nora (McKenna)

Demeritt. Frank was raised and educated in Haverhill, Massachusetts schools where he was most content studying in the trades programs; working with his hands, being outdoors, and tinkering with projects helped shape the man he became. It wouldn't be complete without his service to our great country; Frank enlisted in the US Marine Corp and served during the Vietnam War.

In Frank's free time, he spent many happy days on his family's property on Province Mountain in West Newfield; which is where he made his home with his wife, Susan, in 1979. Frank drove truck and worked in the construction field with F.R. Carroll in Limerick and then with Moulton Lumber in West Newfield until 2010. Frank realized that retirement didn't fit with his personal work habits and soon took a job with GW Brooks & Son in Freedom, New Hampshire. Wendell and Pauline and their family and employees were like a second family for Frank.

Frank loved being outdoors; whether he was hunting or fishing on his boat. He served as a selectman in his beloved home town and was a volunteer firefighter. He was well loved and respected by his community and he was known for his dry sense of humor. He usually began his day with his buddies at the New Deal General Store; where he could joke, catch up on the happenings in town and find out where the fish were biting!

Frank was happiest to be at home with his family and adored his grandsons. He enjoyed puttering in his garage and working around his house. Many memories were made with the special holiday and birthday dinners with his family. Frank possessed a strong work ethic, was strong in stature, yet his heart was kind and tender towards his family and friends. He was the best babysitter for his grandchildren! He will be dearly missed by his family and his community.

Survivors include his mother, Nora Demeritt of Plaistow, New Hampshire; his wife of over 35 years, Susan (McGrath) Demeritt of West Newfield; his children, Ryan P. Demeritt and fiancée, Vickie of Newfield; Elizabeth A. Dunavant and husband Cliff of Mississippi; Christina R. Libby and husband Russ of West Newfield; Jody Demeritt of Oregon and Jamie Demeritt of Arizona; his five grandchildren, Hunter, Nathan, Garrett,

Troy and Levi; and his brother, John Demeritt of Hampton, New Hampshire; and his sister, Laurie Connolly of Hampstead, New Hampshire; and many nieces and nephews.

Frank was predeceased by his father, Robert C. Demeritt.

A memorial service was held on July 15 at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, in Alfred with Rev. Jack Daniels, officiating.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Newfield Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box 170, West Newfield, ME 04095 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

Frank H. Scott

Frank H. Scott, 80, a well-known businessman and lifelong resident of Alfred, died peacefully on July 7, 2015 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough.



Frank Scott

Frank was born on Sept. 28, 1934 in Alfred the son of Thomas J. and Doris M. (Ricker) Scott.

Frank was a graduate of Sanford High School, Class of 1952 where he excelled on the football field and continued to play while at Maine Maritime Academy in Castine and was an avid skier. As a youngster, Frank fought side-by-side with many other young men in the 1947 fire; carrying water in an Indian Pump and eventually he became a member of the Alfred volunteer fire department. Frank gave generously to his hometown and was an active member of the VFW Brown Emmons Post # 134 in Alfred and was a member of the Elks Club in Sanford. In his later years, Frank continued to play softball and played with the American Legion team.

While Frank was still serving in US Air Force, Frank would drive his blue convertible by and try to convince Dolly Ferro to go out on a date with him. Being young and confident, Frank didn't give up easily; they married at Notre Dame Church in Springvale on April 26, 1958. As a young couple just starting out, they lived in the apartment over the old Leedy's Restaurant and Dolly opened a card and gift shop. They moved to the family homestead and continued to live in Frank's beloved town of Alfred. He and Dolly enjoyed many trips together which included adventures in Hawaii, Ger-

many, Switzerland and many Island cruises in the Caribbean and Mexico. Throughout Frank's life, he had the good fortune of visiting each state in our great country.

Following his honorable discharge from the US Air Force, Frank returned home to work in the family business; Scott's Garage and then started his own construction business, F.H. Scott Paving. When he retired, he sold the business to his friends at F.R. Carroll, Inc. in Limerick. It was well known in the area that Frank's trucks would be in tip top shape and the job would be done right the first time around. He was a man of integrity and valued his fellow employees.

Frank loved being at the Massabesic High School games, running side line chains during the football season. He was a strong supporter of youth sports; including the teams his grandchildren played on. Winter was one of Frank's favorite seasons, as snowmobiling was one of his passions. He owned a snowmobile dealership, raced snowmobiles competitively and restored numerous antique snowmobiles. He made many friends through-out the years of racing and enjoyed the good-natured rivalry that comes with the sport.

Frank loved to go fishing with his buddies, but his primary focus in life was caring for his wife Dolly and his family; and he was so proud of his grandchildren that many times you would catch him at a ski meet and two hockey games, all in the same day!

Frank is lovingly survived by his wife of 57 years, Dolly Scott of Alfred; his two daughters, Deborah Aseltine and husband Ronald of Wilton and Laurie Scott and companion, William Horsfall of South Freeport; his four grandchildren, Captain Thomas Aseltine and wife Captain Sarah Aseltine of Fort Walton Beach, Florida; Katherine Towne and husband Adam of Virginia; Michael Bowring of North Carolina; and Shelby Aseltine of Maine; his brother, Jack Scott and wife Carolyn of Alfred; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Donna Lee Scott and by his brother, Thomas Scott and by his sister, Ruby McCoy.

Family and friends were invited to call on July 12 at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred. Committal prayers with military honors will be held later at Evergreen Cemetery in Alfred.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House, 11 Hunnewell Rd, Scarborough, ME 04074 or to the Alfred Fire & Rescue Live-In Student Program, P.O. Box 185, Alfred, ME 04002, for those who are studying in the Fire Science and EMT/Paramedic programs.

Elwood R. Chute

Elwood R. Chute, 85 of Kissimmee, Florida died January 2, 2015 at Florida Hospital Kissimmee after a short illness. He resided at Ana's Assisted Living Facility for the past three years so he could be close to Family. He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret and will join her in Heaven. Born in Newfield, to Stella and Forest Chute on Aug. 29, 1929 and raised by his grandfather John Conley. He is survived by his sister, Shirley Thayer of Kissimmee, Florida and her children Diane Layton also of Kissimmee; Bruce Thayer (Chris) of Watertown, CT and Elaine Beedle (Mike) of Seymour, CT. Also his brother, Clayton Chute (Sylvia) and their children, Dan Chute (Kathy) of Newfield, Dora Roberts (Mark) of Wells; Sister, Dorothy Peterson (Deceased), her son Steven Peterson of Warren and grand nieces and nephews. Elwood spent 24 years in the Air Force and saw a great deal of the world, he retired in May 1967 to Mt. Holly, North Carolina where he lived until moving to Kissimmee. A graveside service, with military honors, will be held on July 27 at 1 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Water Street in Newfield. Friends and relatives are invited to gather at the historical building on Elm St. in Newfield after the services.

Arrangements under the direction of Osceola Memory Gardens Funeral Home, Cemetery & Crematory, 1717 Old Boggy Creek Road, Kissimmee, FL 34744 (407) 847-2494. Online condolences: www.osceolamemgds.com

Jeannette Marie Doiron

Jeannette M. Doiron, 75, of Sanford, died July 7, 2015 at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

Jeannette was born on Aug. 26, 1939 in Sanford the daughter of Armand and Yvonne (Beauchesne) Jalbert. She was educated at St. Ignatius Catholic School and attended school until she was 16 years of age;

and then gained employment to help the family. She was employed at Eastern Plastics, USM and US Optical Disc, all in the Sanford area. Jeannette worked for over 42 years; being raised with a strong work ethic, she barely took a sick day.

Jeannette was married to Raymond Doiron and they were blessed with a baby daughter, Karen, on Dec. 24, 1964. She was their best Christmas gift. Jeannette loved to care for her family and took great pride in keeping her home neat and tidy. She enjoyed time spent at the family camp on Mousam Lake and looked forward to their yearly weeks' vacation at Wells Beach. Many memories were made when Karen took her mother to Disney World and Sea World in Florida. She was happy and thrilled to see her grandchildren riding the rides and being together as a family.

Jeannette was an animal lover and had many dogs as her companions. She had two favorites - Danny and Ruby, they were like her "kids" - spoiled and loved unconditionally. Her newest addition was a dachshund, named Tinkerbelle. Jeannette enjoyed going out to eat and playing a game of Bingo with her husband Raymond by her side or a day shopping in North Conway with her daughter, Karen. Jeannette was a longtime parishioner of Holy Family Church and a member of the Ladies of St. Anne.

Jeannette was quiet and liked to be at her home. She was most comfortable with her family and will be greatly missed by her daughter and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is lovingly survived by her daughter, Karen Doiron; her three grandchildren, Brandee Doiron, Ashlee and Curstee Godin; her three great-grandchildren, Gabrielle, Raymond and Shane; her sister, Pauline Butler and her brother, Donald Jalbert.

She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond Doiron, her siblings, Roger and George Jalbert and Anita Bunker.

A graveside service was held on July 15 at St. Ignatius Cemetery, Berwick Rd., in Sanford.



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Draft of state wildlife action plan available for public comment

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, in conjunction with a broad spectrum of partner organizations, has created a draft state wildlife action plan that is now posted on the department's website and open for public comment.

Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan identifies practical and voluntary opportunities to conserve Maine's most vulnerable fish and wildlife, while emphasizing that landowner and public participation is essential for wildlife conservation. July 13 marked the beginning of a 30-day opportunity for Maine citizens to review the action plan and provide comment at www.maine.gov/ifw/wildlife/reports/MWAP2015.html.

The draft is a collaboration of IFW and 102 conservation partners – representatives from federal, state, local, tribal, and public organizations – who over the past 18 months have identified species and habitats in the greatest need of conservation, the factors negatively impacting these species and their habitats, and potential conservation opportunities that citizens, partner organizations, and agencies could undertake to address these issues.

The partners completed their review in June, and based upon their feedback, IFW, with state agency partners prepared the first draft of the action plan, which

will help guide the conservation of rare and vulnerable fish and wildlife from 2015 to 2025.

States must have an approved Wildlife Action Plan to be eligible to participate in the State Wildlife Grants (SWG) program, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The USFWS approved Maine's initial Wildlife Action Plan in the summer of 2005. Since then, Maine has accomplished over 50 research, management, and conservation projects, benefitting brook trout, rare freshwater mussels, dragonflies, migrant birds such as Bicknell's Thrush and Black-throated blue Warbler, and globally rare species, such as the Tomah mayfly. Puffins, wood turtles, Atlantic sturgeon, little brown bats and bumble bees are also recognizable species that have benefitted from Maine's Wildlife Action Plan. IFW must submit the updated action plan to the USFWS by October 2015 for Maine to remain eligible for SWG funds.

Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action plan is not solely a plan for IFW; rather, it is a cooperative fish and wildlife conservation strategy for the entire state and all Maine's citizens and visitors. IFW encourages the public to review the 2015 action plan. Comments and suggestions from citizens will ensure that it reflects the values and priorities of Maine's people.



Open Farm Day at Shaker Village

On Sunday, July 26 from 12 to 4 p.m., Shaker Village will participate in statewide "Maine Open Farm Day," an afternoon of free tours and special events for the whole family. More than 150 farms throughout the state join in this one day celebration of agriculture and farming. Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village is among the oldest farms in Maine still operated under the same management, since 1783. See Scottish highland cattle, a flock of more than 40 sheep, bees, barn cats, apple orchards, herb and vegetable gardens.

Featured activities of the day include guided tours of the 1830 barns by Brother Arnold Hadd, tractor-drawn wagon rides, honey bee display and hives, tours of the Shakers' historic herb gardens, and traditional craft demonstrations: woodcarving, blacksmithing, yarn spinning, chair seat weaving, "Lamb to Loom" demonstration, rug hooking, tin-type photography demonstration. There will be a bake sale, plant sale and barbecue lunch plates.

The Shaker Store and Visitors' Center are open with book signings by Chris Becksvort, Mary Doyle and Don Perkins. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see parts of Shaker Village that are not regularly open to the public.

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