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End of the road for Newfield church

By ANN FISHER

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Elizabeth “Betty” Syvinski remembers the day of her wedding like it was yesterday.

It was “marvelous,” she said, a “gorgeous September day” at the Newfield United Methodist Church in the fall of 1960. The former Betty Chellis was walked down the aisle by her brother to join Joseph Syvinski and exchange their vows, which both had memorized. After the ceremony, she said, her guests walked downstairs to partake of light refreshments. The basement room that once hosted the Syvinskis’ wedding and others, as well as funerals, Sunday school and suppers, now holds the history of the church also known as Meriland Ridge Memorial Methodist Church. Boxes of craft materials are piled high, scrapbooks and ledgers are scattered on other tables, while a bulletin board still bears the pictures of the members who most recently called the church their spiritual home.

During its long and colorful history, countless hymns have been sung and hundreds of dishes have graced the tables at monthly variety buffet suppers. But now the burners are cold and the pews stand empty following the last service and deconsecration, held July 19. Once a center of the community, the landmark across from Elm Street on Route 11 will formally close Aug. 14 due to what church leaders are calling a lack of membership and support. But it wasn’t always so. The local Methodist church will leave its history through those it impacted – not only the parishioners, but local residents. “There’s such memories for us and the town,” said Syvinski, who wrote a letter to the Newfield Board of Selectmen when she learned of the deconsecration, asking that the build-

ing be spared. “Please don’t burn it or tear it down,” Syvinski said in reference to what she wrote. Syvinski was involved with the church long before her marriage took place there. Now a resident at Varney Crossing in South Berwick, Syvinski and her sister, the late Doris (Chellis) Carpenter, summered at their grandparents’ home in Newfield. The girls attended the local church, where she played the organ. Her husband was also an usher.

Syvinski remembers on her wedding day, the skirt of her bouffant gown was so wide she had to pass sideways between the pews, “or the thing would go sideways and poke somebody,” she said with her trademark laugh. The guests were served sandwiches, relishes, pickles and “little tiny cakes,” Syvinski recalled. “That’s the way it was in the country times.”

The church played a pivotal role in Michelle Violette’s life as well. Not only was she a former pastor of the church, she was one of the last members. “It was my first church,” said Violette, who led the congregation from 1994 to the turn of the century. While the pews were far

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Far left, Esther Harsard was the pastor of the Newfield United-Methodist Church in the ‘40s and one of several female pastors that included Betsy Webber, Phyllis MacDonald and Michelle Violette. Left, The original Methodist church in Newfield that burned in the Fire of ‘47 was much larger than the building moved from Wells to replace it, shown above.

COURTESY PHOTOS



Deborah Freedman shares stories from her work with the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt now on display at the Limerick Public Library through July 31. Each 3-foot-by-6-foot panel memorializes one person who died of AIDS. The panels were created by family members as a symbol of love and remembrance. PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK

Quilting from the heart

Library hosts storyteller and AIDS Memorial Quilt

By SHELLEY BURBANK

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Deborah Freedman has been working with the Maine NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt since 1988, and the stories she can – and does – tell are a testament to the love that is incorporated into every panel of the Quilt. Last Friday, Freedman shared some of those stories at the Limerick Public Library with a small, but thoughtful, audience. The library is hosting two sections of the Quilt this month. The panels memorialize local and state residents who died of AIDS, and they are a visual reminder and a testament to

the courage of both those afflicted by the disease and those who cared for them.

“Everyone who chose to make a panel, chose to love,” said Freedman as she launched into one of the many stories of the people remembered in the panels. A professional quilter and storyteller, Freedman began working with the newly formed AIDS Project (TAP) in Portland in the ‘80s, when the disease was not well understood and people were ashamed and fearful. She had donated one of her handmade lap quilts for an art auction to raise money for TAP. While there, she was asked if she’d consider helping other people design and make quilt panels for the Quilt. “It was just a moment,” Freedman said. “And my life changed.”

Freedman’s work with the project included setting up workshops where people could make quilts, as well as traveling with sections of the Quilt to schools, libraries, and other public spaces to raise awareness about AIDS and HIV and the NAMES Project. At every event she heard stories, experienced stories. Stories of moms defying husbands to create quilts. Stories of families turning their backs on loved ones and other caregivers stepping in. Stories of missed chances. Stories of great love, of acceptance, of discovery. Stories of remembrance and of letting go.

Freedman worked with the project for 10 years, she said, and then took a break for 10 years.

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Hollis man ‘sees the forest for the trees’

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Oliver Markewicz, a University of Maine School of Forestry graduate, started working June 8 as Maine District Forester for York County. According to a Forest Works! blog by Lee Burnett, Markewicz replaced Ken Canfield, who took a job in Massachusetts. Markewicz has four years’ experience working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he supervised the removal of dead and dying trees in the Worcester, Massachusetts area. Since September he has been an intern for a consulting forester. According to Burnett, Markewicz has attained his pesticide applicator license and will soon be a licensed forester. Markewicz will now be working proactively to keep the Asian longhorned beetle out of Maine. The pest is deadly to maples and other hardwoods and has no known predators.

Local residents will have a chance to chat with Markewicz, 28, of Hollis, when Small Woodlot Owners Association of Maine hosts a meet-and-greet 9 to 11

a.m. Sunday, Aug. 2 at the Everett Towle woodlot. The lot is located on Stuart Lane in Hollis. For those who can’t attend, the new Maine District Forester for York County has provided more information about his new job and what it entails.

Q: How long have you lived in Hollis? Do you have a partner and/or children?

A: I have lived in Hollis for one year. My wife’s name is Kaci and she is a quality associate for Putney in Portland.

Q: When you are not in the woods, where can you be found? Or is that pretty much where you like to hang out?

A: The woods is pretty much where I like to hang out. When I am not at work I enjoy hiking, biking, and finding places to swim.

Q: What made you decide to be a forester? Was it your first choice for a career?

A: I think my love of the outdoors made me decide to become a forester. Also, it is a field that is constantly evolving and I find that very interesting. Yes, it was my first choice for a career.

Q: What types of classes did you take in the school of forestry at the University of Maine?

A: I have a Bachelor of Science in Forest Operations Science from the University of Maine. This degree allowed me to take courses in forest ecology, forest management, wood science. Many courses also had an emphasis on business administration as it relates to the forest products industry.

Q: Where did you work before taking this position?

A: Directly before taking this position I was working in private consulting forestry in the Hollis area. Before that I worked for the USDA APHIS PPQ Asian longhorned beetle eradication program in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Q: District forester sounds like a pretty important job. What is the appointment/application process for district foresters?

A: Standard hiring process for the state of Maine.

Q: A lot of people may think forestry is all about harvesting trees. What does the job entail and what are your responsibilities as a district forester?

A: Forestry is about much more than just harvesting trees. As a district forester, my job is to help people understand forest stewardship. We want to encourage people to harvest trees and manage land for the long term, hopefully leaving it better than they found it. We provide technical assistance and educational services to landowners, loggers, schools, and educational institutions, municipalities, and other stakeholders.

Q: How many district foresters are there in the state? Is there more than one for each county?

A: There are 10 district foresters. Some district foresters serve more than one county.

Q: Can you give some examples of the circumstances under which a tree farmer or landowner would come to you for help?

A: Many times landowners are interested to learn what kinds of trees are growing on their property. We can explain what a forest management plan is and why they are important. We can also give advice on when to harvest a woodlot. We can also provide guidance on cost-share programs



Oliver Markewicz

for landowners. These are just some examples. If there is a question I cannot answer I will try and direct to the appropriate person.

Q: Are your services paid for by the state or the landowners, and do people who want your assistance need to be from York County?

A: Our services are paid for by the state of Maine. People in other counties will most likely be referred to the district forester of that county.

Q: Finally, how can residents contact you?

A: Call 441-3712 or email oliver.c.markewicz@maine.gov.

Camp Ray of Hope now accepting camper registrations

Camp Ray of Hope, a program of Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area, is now accepting registrations for the 2015 fall session which runs Sept. 18-20. Camp Ray of Hope is an annual retreat held at Friends Camp in South China for Maine families and individuals whose loved one has died from a terminal illness or sudden unexpected death. Friends Camp is rented for the entire weekend to create a retreat environment where families can feel safe and comfort-

able knowing that there will not be any intrusion from the outside world.

Camp Ray of Hope provides grieving families the opportunity to network with other people throughout the state of Maine who are also in the midst of transition from loss by death. Children and adults participate with their peers in support groups and workshops that encourage healthy outlets and self care with trained support group facilitators.

Friends Camp is a beautiful outdoor setting offering swimming, fishing and canoeing in surroundings that are peaceful and unspoiled. Massage therapists, reiki practitioners, manicurists and other complementary care providers donate sessions to campers of all ages. Childcare is available on site for infants and toddlers.

Individuals under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The cost for the weekend is \$60.00 per person, \$120.00 for a family of two or

\$180 for a family of three or more. The fee includes lodging, meals and programs. If you choose not to spend the night at Friend’s Camp the fee for the weekend is \$40 per person, \$70 for a family of two or \$100 for a family of three or more. Registration is required. Scholarships are available. Call 873-3615, ext. 19 or email jroy@hvwa.org with questions or to request a brochure and registration form. For more information, visit www.lvwa.org.



Shayna Davis, of Massabesic High School, was the 2014-2015 first-place winner of the Rebecca Emery Chapter DAR Good Citizen Award. COURTESY PHOTO

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- Budget Committee – 2 vacancies
- Conservation Commission – 3 vacancies
- Economic Development Committee – 2 vacancies
- Fair Hearing Committee – 1 vacancy
- Library Board of Trustees – 1 vacancy
- Parks and Recreation Committee – 2 vacancies
- Planning Board – 1 vacancy
- Public Safety Committee – 1 vacancy
- Road Review Committee – 1 vacancy
- Transfer Station/Recycling Committee – 3 vacancies
- Zoning Board of Appeals – 2 vacancies

The Cemetery Committee, Community Garden Committee and the Old Home Days Committee would welcome additional members.

If you are interested in being appointed to any of these boards or committees, please complete an application and submit it to Administrative Assistant Christina Silberman at the Waterboro Town Hall. Applications are available at the Town Hall and can be found on the Town of Waterboro website, www.waterboro-me.gov. Please contact Administrative Assistant Christina Silberman by phone at 247-6166 ext. 101 or by email at waterboro@waterboro-me.gov with any questions or to request an application.

Board and Committee members are required to be residents of the Town of Waterboro.

POLICE LOGS

from the York County Sheriff's Office
JULY 1 - JULY 15

Thursday, July 2

Louis Martin Staples, 52, of Kelleys Way, Limington was charged with terrorizing after a domestic disturbance call on Kelleys Way at 11:19 a.m.

Michael T. Dole, 35, of Pine Street, Porter, was charged with operating under the influence after a motor vehicle accident in Parsonsfield on Province Lake Road at 9:55 p.m.

Friday, July 3

Matthew H. Fairbairn, 31, of Spring Lake Drive, North Waterboro, was charged with operating without a license after a motor vehicle accident with property damage in the vicinity of New Dam Road and Paradise Lane in North Waterboro at 11:28 a.m.

Saturday, July 4

Danielle M. Marsh, 23, of Pender Road, Parsonsfield, was charged with displaying a fictitious certificate of inspection during a motor vehicle stop on Maple Street in Cornish at 7:43 p.m.

Jamie Harmon, 42, of Wakefield Road, Newfield, was charged with operating under the influence during a motor vehicle stop on Lake Ridge Road in Newfield at 9:13 p.m.

Sunday, July 5

Heather K. Targett, 48, of Pequawket Trail, Steep Falls, was charged with operating after suspension and failure to give notice of accident by quickets means after a motor vehicle accident with property damage on River Road in Limington at 9:50 p.m.

Monday, July 6

Albert Joseph Anderson, 46, of Weeks Road, Parsonsfield was charged with terrorizing on Skidmore Lane in Limington at 6:15 a.m.

William J. Tarbox, 22, of Cram Road, Limerick, was charged with operating after suspension during a motor vehicle stop on Main Street in Limerick at 6:45 a.m.

John Driscoll, 36, of Manchester, New Hampshire, was charged with sale/use of drug paraphernalia after a motor vehicle accident with property damage on Sokokis Trail in Cornish at 12:59 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7

Corey L. Oliver, 25, of Parsonsfield was charged with operating without a license during a motor vehicle stop on Power Street in Cornish at 9:55 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8

Ryan B. Morse, 22, of Skidmore Lane, Limington, was charged with operating after suspension during a motor vehicle stop on Maple Street in Cornish at 5:10 p.m.

Ronda Paulette Belmont, 52, of Newfield Road, Shapleigh, was charged with operating an ATV under the influence (over 21 and .08 percent) during a motor vehicle stop on Newfield Road at 5:26 p.m.

Thursday, July 9

Nathan Richard Desfosses, 25, of Back Road, Shapleigh, was charged with leaving the scene of an attended PD accident, after a motor vehicle accident with property damage on Gore Road in Shapleigh at 3:51 p.m.

Kearstie L. St. Saviour, 25, of Federal Road, Parsonsfield, was charged with violation of condition of release during a probation/bail conditions check on Federal Road at 6:58 p.m.

Jonathan Denis Neptune, 20, of Black Point Road, Scarborough, was charged with operating an unregistered vehicle over 150 days, during a motor vehicle stop on Maple Street in Cornish at 7:49 p.m.

Jamie W. Harmon, 42, of Wakefield Road, Newfield, was charged with violation of condition of release during a probation/bail conditions check on Wakefield Road at 8:01 p.m.

Ronda Paulette Belmont, 52, of Newfield Road, Shapleigh, was charged with violating conditions of release during a probation/bail conditions check on Newfield Road at 8:26 p.m.

Saturday, July 11

Timothy J. Foster, 20, of Parsonsfield Road, Limerick, was charged with operating after a suspension, failure to give notice of accident by quickest means and leaving the scene of a PI/fatal accident after a motor vehicle accident on Kezar Mountain Road, Parsonsfield at 3:38 a.m.

Blaine Todd Gallant, 21, of Sheridan Street, Portland, was charged with possession of a usable amount of marijuana and sale and use of drug paraphernalia

during a motor vehicle stop on Oak Street in Alfred at 4:48 p.m.

Christopher A. Tinkham, 21, of North Waterboro, was charged with possession of a usable amount of marijuana and sale and use of drug paraphernalia during a motor vehicle stop on Oak Street in Alfred at 4:48 p.m.

Sunday, July 12

Dale Sanborn, 29, of Eastman Road, Porter, was charged with operating after suspension during a motor vehicle stop on North Road in Parsonsfield at 1:57 p.m.

Michael Bragington, 33, of Lamb Street, Westbrook, was charged with driving under the influence during a motor vehicle stop on Ossipee Trail in Limington at 8:31 p.m.

Wednesday, July 15

Daniel Justin Nichols, 30, of Parsonsfield Road, Limerick, was charged with violating conditions of release on Layman Way in Alfred at midnight.

POLICE NOTES

Man charged with child porn released

A self-employed local mason who was charged by Maine State Police for allegedly possessing child pornography has been released from jail.

Forty-one-year-old Edward Vallee was arrested July 24 by members of the State Police Computer Crimes Unit after police say a review of his computer disclosed thousands of images of child pornography.



Edward Vallee

According to sheriff's deputies, Vallee posted \$1,000 bail and was released from York County Jail the same day he was arrested. His first court appearance has been scheduled for Sept. 23 at the York County Superior Court

House in Alfred.

Vallee was arrested at his home at 71 Meadowbrook Drive in Waterboro and charged with two counts of possession of sexually explicit material of someone under the age of 12, a Class C crime punishable by up to five years for each count and/or a \$5,000 fine.

According to Stephen McCausland of the Maine Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police began investigating Vallee after receiving a tip.

None of the images appear to be children from Maine, but confirmation will have to await a complete examination of Vallee's computer.

State reports crime in Maine decreasing

Crime in Maine decreased 14.9 percent during 2014, according to the Maine Department of Public Safety, the largest drop in the 40 years that Maine has tabulated detailed crime numbers. Coupled with a decrease of 9.1 percent last year, crime has dropped 25 percent in Maine in the past two years.

Public Safety Commissioner John E. Morris said every crime category tabulated by the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) division went down in 2014. In 2013, similar decreases were recorded, with the exception of aggravated assault. "The past two years of decreasing crime numbers is encouraging, but also tempered with the growing drug abuse issue that all Maine law enforcement faces. As hopeful as the numbers are, drugs are still the driving force for most of the crime in Maine," Morris said.

The commissioner said drug arrests did go up during 2014, from 5,599 arrests in 2013 to 5,801 in 2014. He also said the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency continues to see significant abuse of prescription drugs and heroin, as well as an increase in out of state drug dealers.

Aggravated assaults, which involves serious injury or usually involves use or threatened use of a weapon, showed a decrease of 4.6

percent for 2014 (900 in 2014 vs. 943 in 2013). Simple assaults decreased -6.5 % for 2014 (10,044 in 2014 vs. 10,739 for 2013).

Robberies decreased by 9.3 percent in 2014 (304 robberies in 2014 compared to 335 in 2013).

Burglary decreased 22.4 percent in 2014 (5,009 in 2014 vs. 6,453 in 2013). Larceny-thefts decreased 10.9 percent (20,501 incidents in 2014 vs. 23,006 for 2013).

Motor vehicle thefts dropped 11.8 percent (796 stolen vehicles in 2014 vs. 902 in 2013).

There were 22 homicides investigated in 2014, three less than in 2013.

Domestic violence assaults showed a decrease of 7.7 percent (5,067 in 2014 vs. 5,487 in 2013).

Rape showed a slight decrease of 0.8 percent. There were 356 rape cases reported to law enforcement in 2014, three fewer cases than were reported in 2013 (356 in 2014 vs. 359 in 2013).

The Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence phone num-

ber is 866-834-HELP or www.mcedv.org and the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault's phone number is 800-871-7741 or www.mecasa.org. Both organizations have complete listings of local groups that offer assistance.

Arson decreased 29.3 percent during 2014, (99 incidents in 2014 vs. 140 for 2013). The value of property damaged by arson fires decreased 64.7 percent for 2014 (\$1,096,455 in 2014 vs. \$3,104,919 in 2013).

Crime in the rural areas showed an overall decrease of 16.7 percent, while crime in the cities and towns went down 11.9 percent.

In rural areas patrolled by Maine State Police and sheriff's departments, crimes went down in every category except one additional case of robbery. (39 robberies for 2014 vs 38 in 2013).

In the cities and towns, the only crime category to show an increase was rape, with six additional cases reported in 2014 (280 rapes in 2014 vs 274 in 2013).

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Autism fundraiser at Friendship Park

“Fun, Flap & Play with Kaylee for Autism” at Friendship Park was a success last Saturday, as over \$1,200 was raised for Autism Speaks. The purpose of the fifth annual event was to raise awareness about autism and to raise money for autism research. The money raised goes to Autism Speaks, the world’s leading autism research and advocacy organization. It is dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments, and a cure for autism.

Kaylee’s parents, Candice and Matt Lurvey, learned that their daughter was dealing with autism when she was 3, in December 2009. Just before her fourth birthday, in July 2010, they hosted the 1st Annual Fun, Flap & Play with Kaylee for Autism Fundraiser. Candice wrote, “The whole idea started when I thought about what sort of gifts I could suggest to the family to buy for Kaylee for her birthday since she wasn’t playing with traditional toys. She really enjoyed jumping on the trampoline, so I thought perhaps my husband and I could ask our families



Kaylee Lurvey enjoyed horseback riding at the “Fun, Flap & Play with Kaylee for Autism” event held in her honor at Friendship Park this past Saturday.

COURTESY PHOTO to get pledges from their friends for their children jumping on our trampoline in the back yard for Kaylee’s birthday, and we could send the money to Autism Speaks for research, in honor of Kaylee.”

Candice said she chose Boston-based Autism Speaks because it was the only group that mailed her in-hand information about her child’s diagnosis, in the form of the 100 Day Kit. She found advice about organizing all the material she would need, like keeping all the doctors’ phone numbers in one spot, and talked about how parents might be feeling, with tips on how to talk to family about the new diagnosis, a lot about what autism is and what they could “expect to happen next.”

Candice described how the idea began to grow and expand. “Then I thought, maybe we could open this up to our neighbors and sell food too, since we would be doing a barbecue as part of the party anyways, but quickly changed my mind, thinking about if someone got hurt and house insurance. So then I thought maybe we could go to Friendship Park and sell food and raise money that way. The idea was just getting bigger and bigger the more thought I put into it.”

Candice contacted Autism Speaks to ask whether she could use the group’s nonprofit status to seek tax-deductible donations and prizes to increase the amount they could raise for research, and whether they would provide resources for her to share with others to increase awareness of autism.

“Sharing my idea with family and friends, they thought it was great and offered to help,” Candice said. “The idea snowballed into what you see yearly. Every year it seems to get a little bigger!” Over the past four years, the Lurveys and their families have raised over \$6,000 for autism research. This year they added \$1,200 to that total.

The day’s activities included food, featuring \$1 hot dogs and hamburgers, a visit from the Waterboro Fire Department’s rescue vehicle, a horse from LaDawn Quarter Horses Therapeutic Riding Center, karate and clogging demonstrations, and many games and activities for children. This year’s raffle featured a football signed by Tom Brady, received from Bob Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots, and a one-year membership to Planet Fitness. The Lurveys can be reached at 247-5749 and Autism Speaks is at <https://www.autismspeaks.org/>.



Town Administrator Gary Lamb and his grandchildren enjoyed the book and bake sale at the Waterboro Library – especially the face painting. Lamb is accompanied by Charlotte, 2, and Parker, 5, the children of Carl and Ellen Lamb of Sanford. Charlotte is receiving a pink butterfly face from Ivy Whittaker-Deming, while Parker is becoming a pirate under the brush of Chloe Whittaker. PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

Library celebrates 30 years

The newly landscaped grounds of the Waterboro Library was the scene of a book and bake sale held to celebrate 30 years of service to the town, since the Waterboro Public Library was founded by the Massabesic Lioness Club in 1985. The library was originally located on the second floor of the site of the former Waterboro High School, the current site of the Massabesic Lions Club on Route 202 in South Waterboro.

In 1990, the East Waterboro Elementary School ceased operation as a school department facility and it was given to the town. Selectman Bob Fay was among those who suggested moving the library to that site, to be more accessible. It had always been the intention of the Lionesses who organized the library, once the library was up and running successfully, to give it to the town of Waterboro. In 1999, town meeting attendees voted to accept the library as a town de-

partment, to be paid for by town funds. At that time, the Lions relinquished all control. The board of trustees continued to organize activities to raise funds for additional book purchases. In 2000 a new Friends of the Waterboro Library group was formed, which continues to raise funds to supplement the library’s budget.

In 2004 a visioning sub-committee of the trustees developed a strategic plan and mission statement for a new library, and a building committee was formed. In 2010, a referendum for a municipal bond failed, and \$500,000 in federal earmarks was lost when the federal legislature canceled all earmarks. As a result, no new facility was built on the Route 5 site donated by Doug Foglio and Steve Kazprzak for a new library next to the Middle School driveway.

Over the past few years, many improvements have been made to the library building, and staff have made the most efficient use of the small space in the former two-room schoolhouse in East Waterboro that continues to offer its “small-town” feel for youth and adult patrons alike. At the same time, there continues to be a strong desire among staff, trustees, Friends and patrons of all ages for a new and larger facility to serve the literary, artistic, cultural and technological needs of the town.



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MEMORIAL QUILT

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Her friends encouraged her to write the stories down, and in 2013 she published "The Quiet Triumph of the Heart: Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Stories from Maine." Ironically, she hasn't been able to quilt since working with the NAMES Project. "It took everything. I couldn't quilt after that."

Limerick Public Library Director Cindy Smith observed that the Quilt can have a sobering effect on those who spend time with it. She said, "Patrons become somber," when they learn what the quilt panels hung along one large wall of the library stand for, "but they say they are glad to be able to see it and share it."

Some people who have come in to view the panels said there was a family member with a panel in the national collection, which has over 48,000 individual panels, according to the NAMES Project Foundation. Smith said two people came in the library looking to see whether a panel had been made for family members. After some research, Smith was able to find out that one person had a panel while another did not. "One man's brother said he provided a T-shirt that is part of the panel," Cindy said.

Those kinds of interactions and connections are powerful and moving and sometimes eerie in a positive way, something Freedman has witnessed time and again. On Friday night at the storytelling event, in fact, a summer visitor attended the event and shared his amazement that he was able to view the Quilt for the first time in Limerick, Maine of all places.

Greg Champagne, a teacher from Connecticut who grew up in Westbrook, said he's been sharing a documentary film about the AIDS Quilt for years in the classroom, using the film as a writing prompt to assess his students' writing ability, as well as raise awareness. The 1989 film, "Common Threads: Stories From The Quilt," was narrated by Dustin Hoffman and tells the story of the Quilt.

"For the last 20 years I've shown the Dustin Hoffman film to set a tone for class for the year, but I've never seen the Quilt live," Champagne said. "It laid a beautiful foundation for the growth of acceptance. Today, this is a history lesson for the kids," he noted, as education has led to more understanding and acceptance. The Quilt, he believes, brought down those walls.

In spite of traveling to large cities over the years, Champagne never saw a Quilt exhibit in person. Staying on Sokokis Lake for the summer, he said he was driving past the library and noticed the red ribbon sign announcing the storytelling event. "It was almost like it was meant to be," he said. "Here I am in the middle of nowhere, and boom!"

The Quilt display and storytelling event was meaningful for local people, as well. One of the panels memorializes Tim McCue, the son of Jeri and George Libby of Limerick. Another panel was created for their nephew, Christopher Creelman. Both Tim and Christopher were hemophiliacs, and back in the '80s they were given infusions

of blood factor that were tainted with the AIDS virus. The stigma of AIDS was just as unforgiving on hemophiliacs as it was for the gay community back then. "Hemophiliacs went through the same prejudices," George said. "These kids kept that disease a secret."

Jeri said she first heard about the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt from a man named David Ketchum who worked with TAP in Portland. "He came to the house when Timmy was sick," she said.

Because people were afraid of AIDS, they often did not feel comfortable visiting, so Jeri and George created a poster that people could sign. The poster went into Tim's room so he would know how many people were thinking of him. After Tim passed, George designed a quilt panel which incorporated the signatures from the poster and from cards sent to Tim. The panel also has Tim's name and birth and death dates, as well as the word "hemophiliac" prominently displayed in order to raise awareness about the disease.

"His spirit lives on in that panel," said George. "It's his legacy."

Jeri said it was hard for her to give up the panel when it was created -- something that Freedman said is very common for loved ones -- but she and George and family members participated in the unveiling ceremony. Volunteers traditionally wear white when unfolding a quilt. The quilt is then lifted up into the air, letting life billow into the cloth, before it is settled into place. "We unveiled his panel. It's a beautiful ceremony," said George.

In May 2015, the quilt panels were displayed at the Portland Public Library, and Jeri notified Smith that they were in Maine. Smith jumped at the opportunity to request the Quilt for the month of July. The same panels had been shown at the library in 2008 for Dec. 1, World AIDS Day. Smith drove to Ogunquit to pick them up at the New England chapter of the NAMES Project. She said she was very aware, as she was driving them back to Limerick, of the stories of the 16 people in the trunk of her car.

Freedman emphasized throughout her storytelling that the Quilt is about love. "It just fed me because my own life had fallen apart," she shared near the end of her talk. "I thought, OK, that's what it feels like to be loved, and I will accept nothing less. That is what panel makers have given to me."

The Quilt will be on display at the Limerick Public Library until July 31. More history and information about the NAMES Project Foundation and the AIDS Memorial Quilt can be found online at www.aidsquilt.org. To learn more about Deborah Freedman or to purchase her book, go to www.storyspell.com.

Limerick raffle supports department

The winner of a 50/50 raffle held by the Limerick Volunteer Fire/EMS Auxiliary July 25 at Limerick Supermarket was Wendy Jones of Limerick.

The fundraiser is one of several that the organization sponsors throughout the year to support the firefighters and EMTs that protect the townspeople of Limerick.

"It is such an honor to be able to support our fire/EMS department any way we can," said auxiliary President Brian Saulnier. "These men and women are dedicated to the community of Limerick and providing property and medical protection to everyone."

"Having attended the 50/50 fundraiser, it was also incredibly heartwarming to see the support from our community and hear many of the kind words of appreciation. Limerick is truly a great town, and I am proud to be one of the people



Limerick Fire/EMS Auxiliary President Brian Saulnier, at left, presents proceeds from a recent 50/50 raffle to Eyan Jones, who accepted the winnings on behalf of his wife, Wendy Jones. COURTESY PHOTO

serving it," said Saulnier, who is also a Limerick firefighter/EMT.

Funds that are raised go towards incidental expenses of the fire/EMS department not covered by taxpayer funds. Recently, the auxiliary contributed to the new Fire/EMS Memorial, which was placed in Tibbetts Park, and dedi-

cated to past firefighters and EMTs. The memorial was sponsored by the Richardson family in loving memory of Robert Richardson III. The auxiliary also provides awards for the annual fire/EMS appreciation dinner, and recently donated an outdoor gas grill for fire department functions.




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Head Start assistant director attends UCLA program

A representative of York County Head Start was recently selected as one of 44 Head Start managers nationwide to participate in the 2015 UCLA/Johnson & Johnson Head Start Management Fellows Program. The program, held annually in the summer at the UCLA Anderson School of Management, provides a unique opportunity for Head Start administrators to participate in a two-week intensive management training session. The program this year ran from June 28 to July 9, and was attended by Head Start Assistant Director of Family Services Michelle Fleagle.

The Fellows Program builds both executive and entrepreneurial skills. Eighty hours of classroom instruction include lectures, group discussions, case studies and workshops. Designed from a strategic planning perspective, subject materials include human resource management, organization design and development, finance, computers and information systems, and operations and marketing. The curriculum focuses on applying concepts to relevant Head Start needs and interests. The curriculum represents a course of study developed by UCLA faculty, the Program Advisory Board, and field research and focus groups.

"It was tremendously rewarding both personally and in my professional life to have attended the Fellows Program," said Fleagle. "The work was intense,

covering subjects ranging from project management, strategic planning, financial management, marketing concepts and public relations. The program is designed to meet the needs of Head Start administrators and Head Start programs wherever they happen to be based."

Fleagle said that completing the two-week program has given her new insights into effective leadership and management practices. "There is the added benefit," she said, "of now having a network of Fellows Program graduates to contact for information or advice on any number of Head Start issues."

The Fellow Program has been offered at the UCLA Anderson School of Management since 1991. Johnson & Johnson underwrites the majority of the program; however, this was the last year that Johnson & Johnson will be supporting the program. Among the criteria for admission to the program is a minimum of two years' tenure as a senior manager in a Head Start program, documentation of a leadership role in a local, state or regional community action organization for a minimum of two years, and demonstrated competence in working within community organizations and a pledge to work with other Head Start programs in the future through training workshops and mentoring opportunities.



'Walking in My Mother's Shoes'

Billy Goldstein has never worn high heels in his life. But this summer he will step into pumps and grace the stage as Albin in "La Cage aux Folles," playing at The Arundel Barn Playhouse.

Based on the French play of the same name, "La Cage aux Folles" was adapted by Harvey Fierstein and Jerry Herman into the 1983 Tony award-winning musical. It tells the story of Georges, the owner of a bawdy nightclub, and his high-strung headlining partner Albin. When Georges' son from a one-night fling becomes engaged to the daughter of an ultraconservative politician, Albin attempts to impress the fiancé's parents by filling the void of a maternal figure, with hilarious results.

Goldstein, a Boston native, comes from a family raised by a single mom and knows a mother's

role is no easy task. But he firmly states, "My mother is the strongest woman I've ever known. I've never played a maternal figure, and I only have my mom to look at for that." His character Albin loves Georges' son like his own and tries very hard to be the mother he never had. Goldstein hopes his own mother shines through him in his performance. "She's my best friend," he adds, "and a huge part of who I am."

Come celebrate with Goldstein as he steps into his mother's shoes to sing favorites from this Tony award-winning show, such as "The Best of Times Is Now" and "I Am What I Am."

And why not celebrate in style? Patrons can receive 10 percent off their ticket purchase at the door when they wear a feather boa to any evening performance

of "La Cage aux Folles" at The Arundel Barn Playhouse.

Performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Wednesday matinees at 2 p.m. Additional performances Sunday evening August 9 at 8 p.m. and Friday matinee Aug. 14 at 2 p.m. This show contains PG12 content. For prepaid reservations, group rates, and special offers, call 985-5552 or visit www.arundelbarn-playhouse.com.

By Stephen G. Tabor

BRIEFS

Brass band in Newfield

Willowbrook Village in Newfield is hosting the Centennial Brass Band on Saturday, Aug. 1 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. The band will perform favorites from the 1850s through the 1870s in uniforms appropriate to town bands of the era. Pie and refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$22 single; \$40 for two. Museum members pay \$19 single; \$37 for two. Tickets can be purchased in the museum store or by calling 793-2784. Proceeds benefit Willowbrook.



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SPORTS



Valley girls represent

Finish 2-2 in East Region championships

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
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Shaker Valley Senior Little League sent its softball team (ages 13-16) to the Eastern Regional Championships, held July 24-30 in Worcester, Massachusetts, and the ladies turned in a solid performance with a 2-2 mark. They missed out on a chance to compete in the World Series as the host team from Worcester knocked them off in their final game and the state champs from Woburn, Massachusetts finished with a 3-1 mark.

Representing Maine, Shaker Valley got off to a 1-0 start with an easy 9-5 win over Connecticut on Saturday, July 25.

Lacey Bean hit a two-run homer in the first, and pitcher Sara Guimond (5.1 IP, 2H, OER, 6K) knocked in Alyvia Cormier with a run-scoring double to put Maine on top 3-0. They added a lone run in the top of the second.

Connecticut cut the lead to 4-3 bottom of the second with three unearned runs, and they tied it at four with a single run in the fourth, but Maine blew the game open with five runs in the sixth to seal it.

On Sunday, in their second game, Massachusetts plated five runs before Maine could get an out in the top of the first to pace a 13-1 thumping, but a resilient Shaker Valley squad came back on Monday and pounded Rhode Island 16-6 to move their mark in the five team pool format to 2-1.

Maine got two runs in the top of the first as Grace Tutt led off with a triple and Sophia LaFrance knocked her in with a single. Bean reached on an error and came around to score later in the frame on a groundout by Kate Shubert.

The big inning for Maine came

in the third when they turned a tie game at 2-2 into a 7-2 rout. With one out they banged out four straight hits and Tutt knocked in two runs with a two-out single later in the frame. Cayleigh Morris reached base in all five plate appearances going 4-4 with three runs scored.

The tourney ended for Shaker Valley with a 9-3 loss to the host team, who finished 4-0 and hadn't allowed a run coming into the contest against the girls from Maine. Tutt had three hits against the hosts, and went 7-16 in the tourney with three runs. Morris finished 6-12 with four runs.

Head coach Tom Cormier, who brought a senior league team to Worcester last year that finished 1-3, was pleased with the performance, saying, "We're close ... we're going to hopefully be back here next year for the third year in a row, improve again and compete for a New England Championship."

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On Thursday, July 30 top seeded Worcester beat #2 seed New Jersey from the mid-Atlantic pool 10-2 and top seeded Pennsylvania beat #2 seed Massachusetts by the same score to set-up a final game between the two winners.

Pennsylvania will head to the World Series in Delaware after a 9-4 victory over Worcester in the finals. Pennsylvania will face Canada on Sunday, Aug. 2 in the opening round.

New England Pool Standings

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| Worcester, MA (host team) | 4-0 |
| Massachusetts | 3-1 |
| SVLL MAINE | 2-2 |
| Rhode Island | 1-3 |
| Connecticut | 0-4 |

Mid-Atlantic Pool Standings

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| Pennsylvania | 4-0 |
| New Jersey | 2-2 |
| New York | 2-2 |
| Maryland | 1-3 |
| Delaware | 0-4 |



Lacey Bean about to hit her first pitch of the tournament out of the park vs. Connecticut on July 25. PHOTO BY KIM SHUBERT



Shaker Valley's starting pitcher Sara Guimond, left, celebrates as the umpire calls strike three to end the game vs. Rhode Island with a score of 16-6 on July 27. PHOTO BY KERRY DEANGELIS

ABOVE: back row, from left, Coach Tom Cormier, Cayleigh Morris, Ashley Collin, Kate Shubert, tournament representative, Grace Tutt, Sophia LaFrance, Sarah Woodward, Coach Dickie Gregoire, Lacey Bean, Alyvia Cormier, Zoey DeAngelis, Janelle Sperdakos and Coach Rob Shubert. Front row, from left, Bella Lucier, McKenzie Cormier, Phoebe Masse, Kelley Wescott, Jordan Minor and Sara Guimond. COURTESY PHOTO



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Jodi Jeannette, left, shows off multicolored broccoli and cauliflower and other fresh veggies at Farmer's Daughters Farm Stand on routes 5 and 202 in East Waterboro. The Waterboro stand is one of three such stands selling produce from Anderson Farm in Dayton. Jeannette describes this as her "summer gig" of five years, as she is a special ed teacher at Massabesic Middle School who teaches eighth-grade math.

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OBITUARIES

Joyce Stanley Pederzini

Pederzini, Joyce Stanley, 86, of Buxton, died on July 22, 2015. The beloved wife of Donald Pederzini of Buxton. Mrs. Pederzini was born in Chicago, Illinois on Feb. 14, 1929, the daughter of Herbert W. Stanley and Edith R. (Litchfield) Stanley, and step-daughter of Alton. D. Edes of Plymouth, Massachusetts.



Joyce Pederzini

She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1947, Lasell College, and Katherine Gibbs School. In 1952, she married Donald Pederzini of Plymouth. They made their home in Boston and Belmont, Massachusetts, for several years until a business transfer took them to North Attleboro, Massachusetts. In October 1958, they were transferred to Maine where they settled in Cape Elizabeth for 25 years. In 1983, they moved to Buxton.

Nothing was more important to Joyce or gave her more joy than her three children, her husband, her grandchildren and her home.

She was an avid dog fancier. She bred several litters of golden retrievers and was active showing her goldens under the kennel name of Windjammer. She and a friend, Donna Hammond, also exhibited together under the kennel prefix Sunjammer. She had a number of American and Canadian Champions. She was also interested in obedience training and earned obedience titles on several of her dogs. Upon moving to Buxton, she opened a small-dog-boarding kennel which bore the Windjammer name as well. She was a member of the Vacationland Obedience Training Club, the Tri-County Dog Training Club, the Vacationland Dog Club, the Golden Retriever Club of America, and was a charter member of the Pine Tree Golden Retriever Club. Her other hobbies included the computer, reading, crossword puzzles, and knitting.

She is survived by her husband, Donald, of 62 years; a son, Mark, of Nashua, New Hampshire; a daughter, Sandra and her husband, Matthew Fiedler, of Fairfield,

Connecticut; a daughter, Donna Dwyer, and her husband, John, of South Portland; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Vaughan, of Nashua, New Hampshire; and, three grandchildren, Johnny Dwyer, Katelyn Pederzini, and Timothy Dwyer.

There will be no funeral and no visiting hours at Mrs. Pederzini's request. Donations in her memory may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Maine, 477 Congress Street M1, Portland, ME 04101 or the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Portland, 250 Brackett Street, Portland, ME 04102. Dennett Craig and Pate Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, 13 Portland Road, Buxton are in charge of the arrangements.

Donald L. Tebbets

Donald L. Tebbets of West Kennebunk, passed peacefully on Thursday,



Donald Tebbets

July 16, 2015 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers, Massachusetts. He was born in Lewiston on Oct. 17, 1945, the son of the late Charles B. and Ethel Tebbets.

Don grew up on the family dairy farm in Lisbon, graduating from Lisbon High School in 1964 and the University of Maine Orono in 1968. His diverse talents lead to a career that spanned several industries. He worked for Blue Seal Feeds, Window Pretties, and Bio-design before retiring from Tom's of Maine, where he was a chemist in the quality control lab.

Kind, optimistic and generous, Don had many friends from all walks of life. Everyone who knew him loved him. He enjoyed nature, birds, gardening, astronomy, music and creating things. Don was a member of North Parish Congregational Church UCC in Sanford, where he served as treasurer and sang in the choir.

Don is survived by his loving wife of 14 years, Stephanie Sanders; daughter Julia Tebbets (Lori Yost) of Sewickley, Pennsylvania; sister Martha Lawrence, and brother Charles (Pam) Tebbets all of Lisbon.

He is also survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his dog Jaspar, and special friends Don Ballard, Tim Callahan and Steve Garvin.

Per Don's wishes there will be no services. A reception for family and friends will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Don's name may be made to the Technology and Multimedia Enhancement Fund, North Parish Congregational Church UCC, 895 Main Street, Sanford, ME 04073; or Laudholm Trust, P.O. Box 1007, Wells, ME 04090.

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

The Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred is respectfully handling arrangements.

Gay Meredith Roubo

Gay Meredith (Harrington) Roubo, 74, of Standish, passed away on Monday, July 20, 2015, surrounded by her loving family.



Gay Roubo

Meredith was born in Dexter on July 24, 1940, to Fay and Dora (Smith) Harrington and left us just four days shy of her 75th birthday. She was a graduate of Gorham High School, active member and current president of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 128 in Standish, and an unwavering supporter of those she loved. Gifted with a wry, sometimes wicked, sense of humor, Meredith loved life and laughing, gardening, berry picking, cooking, knitting and crocheting (much of which she donated), visiting with friends and family, and doting on her grandchildren and, more recently, her great grandchild. She will be best remembered for her love, compassion, and generosity, which she showered on family, friends, and strangers alike. The world was made a better place by her presence and she passed that on to ev-

ery person she touched. May she find joy walking barefoot in the gardens of heaven.

Meredith is survived by her husband, Bruce M. Roubo; her mother, Dora Harrington, her daughters, Kelly S. Roubo of Standish, and Melissa G. Roubo and partner Dave Myers of Tallmadge, Ohio; her sons Kevin D. Roubo of Standish, and Timothy M. Roubo and wife, Cabby, of Reno, Nevada; sister Sharon Berube and her husband, Bert, brother Steve Harrington and his husband, Jeff Chelgren; many nephews, nieces, grandchildren, and other family and friends. She was predeceased by her brother, David F. Harrington, and her father, Fay Harrington.

A brief graveside service was held at Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 83 Stanley Rd., Springvale, Maine, on July 24.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House, 11 Hunnewell Rd., Scarborough, ME 04074.

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Domitile M. Maggio

Domitile M. Maggio, 94, of Sanford, died on July 28, 2015 at her home, with her loving family by her side.



Domitile Maggio

Domitile was born in Springvale on March 19, 1921 one of twelve children born to Arthur and Lea (Doiron) Melanson. She attended Notre Dame Catholic School in Springvale.

Domitile was a very loving and generous person. She truly was an

inspiration to her family and was very devoted in her faith; often praying through-out her day for her children and her ever growing extended family. Domitile loved to cook, knit, crochet and read.

Domitile was truly the matriarch of her family; she was always smiling. Throughout Domitile's life, she has loved her family and friends unconditionally. She will be forever cherished and deeply missed.

Survivors include her son, Richard R. Guillemette and wife Claire of Sanford; her daughter, Cecile Giguere of Sanford; four stepchildren, Paul Maggio and wife Ginny of Sanford; Joe Maggio and wife Denise of Conway, NH; Steve Maggio and wife Karen of Miami, FL; and Deborah Stoll and husband David of Orlando, FL; two brothers, Louis Melanson and wife Lorraine of Sanford and Armand Melanson and wife Patricia of Sanford; one sister, Marie Patrick of Manchester, NH; seven grandchildren, four step grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, one step great grandchild on the way, three great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Roger J. Guillemette and by her second husband, Joseph Maggio; seven siblings and by her son-in-law, Norman J. Giguere.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Aug. 3, 2015 at 10 a.m. at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Holy Family Church, 66 North Avenue, in Sanford.

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

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NEWFIELD CHURCH

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from full, there was a respectable membership that worked to teach Sunday school, serve the popular variety suppers each month – once voted the best church supper by a prominent statewide newspaper – and run youth outreach programs.

Several pastors have come and gone since Violette was forced to step down from the pulpit because of health concerns. With each pastor, it seemed fewer cars were seen in the parking lot on Sunday morning. “It’s had its ups and downs,” Violette acknowledged.

According to information provided by Pastor Charles Hale to Beth DiCocco of the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church, more than 200 years ago members of the Methodist Society came to Newfield and began to meet under the leadership of the Rev. Robert Lawton.

The “Methodist presence” in Newfield began “right around the turn of the century” in 1806-07, DiCocco said. The original members of the Methodist Society met in one part of Newfield but then built a new church in 1852 at the present site when the “center of town shifted.” However, local writer Mary Doyle cited the 1907 “Town Register” as the source of information claiming the first Methodist preacher was the Rev. Eben Trickney, who built a church in Newfield in 1825. Ac-

ording to the Official Membership & Church Record provided by Violette, the church originally built at the present location was constructed in 1872. The building lasted until the Fire of ‘47 swept through Newfield, destroying the Methodist church and many other significant buildings. But the congregants were not deterred. When local members learned about a Methodist church that had closed in Wells, they arranged to have it transported inland from the coast – some 35 miles. It was by no means an easy feat. According to several accounts, the Wells church was taken apart and trucked to Newfield by the late Arthur Carpenter and his daughter, Dolores Carpenter, Syvinski’s cousin. Because a local bridge could not bear the weight, the building had to be taken apart before it could be rebuilt on the foundation of the burned-out church. “They took it apart and reassembled it,” said DiCocco. “It was in pieces.”

The great fire proved to be pivotal in the history of the church in more than one way. According to DiCocco, while a new building was brought in to house the congregation, membership fell. DiCocco said Hale, who had been the pastor of the church for six years, told church leaders that, ever since the fire, the community never fully embraced the Methodist faith again. According to Doyle, “After the 1947 fire ... several families long involved with the Methodist church lost their homes. Some moved away. The war

had affected attendance a few years prior to the fire, as well.”

“It’s struggled always,” said DiCocco. In recent years “it’s dwindled even further ... The congregation has aged.” The church’s website, which was still accessible July 22, listed the membership at just 11. “There’s not the people or the funds to support it,” DiCocco said. But at one time there was a lot of support by the church for the community – and the community for the church.

According to notes by Gertrude Hall loaned by local historian Janet Colwell, at first there was talk of rebuilding on the site of the old church. At a quarterly conference that drew a “big turnout,” plans for a new church were discussed.

Rebuilding a new church proved not to be necessary. “The Merryland Ridge people have given us a nice church with mahogany trimmed pews, and all the fixings,” said Hall in her notes. “(They) went in for nice things, so we get the benefit now of their expensive light fixtures, altar carpet and window hangings.” In her description of the interior Hall marveled, “I never did see draperies in a church before, but these of deep red on either side of the amber windows add much to the appearance of the church.” However, Hall was amused by the new collection plates donated by local families. She described them as “something of a joke, sweet grass work baskets, which serve well, one from the Moores and one from the Chellises.”

After the donation of the Merryland Ridge Church was announced, both members and local residents rallied around the cause. The timbers, pews and contents had to be hauled piecemeal from Wells. Many residents donated time and money to rebuild the church. According to several accounts, a collection barrel was set up at the property – much as a bottle collection bin has been evident in recent years for donations to the heating fund. Mrs. Lester Dunnells, who was the church treasurer at the time, reportedly manned the donation site throughout the summer and fall of 1948 and collected upwards of \$200. The pulpit chair was donated by an Augusta church, and Colwell’s father, Clayton Weymouth, “hauled it up.” A woman from Goodwins Mills donated “a beautiful Bible that had been in her family,” and “the West Newfield ladies (presumably from the Congregational church) gave us 25 hymnals.” One newspaper article boasted, “The building stands as a monument to the courage and determination of the citizens of this town ... Every citizen of the community has had a part in the rebuilding of the church.”

Over the past decade parishioners of the Merryland Ridge United Methodist Church have contributed to the greater good by collecting teddy bears for the Maine State Police, holding popular buffet dinners not only for funding but for fellowship, providing blankets and clothes to migrant workers, and sponsoring

youth outings, among other outreach programs.

Despite the small number of active members, DiCocco said the size of the church has nothing to do with the decision to close it. Others that are the same size are “doing fine,” she said. “Churches just have a lifecycle.”

What will happen to the building is not clear; DiCocco said the New England Conference does not own the real estate. “The ownership is a little complex,” she said. “I don’t know what the disposition of the building is.” Pastor Hale did not return several messages seeking clarification. Any remaining assets, as well as the records, said DiCocco, will be turned over to the conference.

As one of the last members and a former pastor, Violette offered to help the conference sort through what remains of the once-vibrant church community. On a recent summer day she turned over old newspaper clippings, reading aloud the stories of new ministers, announcements about hunter’s breakfasts, and names of people she once knew. According to Violette, the records are destined for the New England Conference’s archives at Boston College.

As far as the coffee maker, microwave and pots and pans – as well as the hymnals, Bibles and other sacraments, even as their church ends its life as a house of God, the people of the church are thinking of others.

“We’re trying to give away stuff to new churches,” Violette said.

“We’re trying to help people out.”

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CRIME IN MAINE

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The Uniform Crime Reporting Division (UCR) at the Maine Department of Public Safety tabulates the crime numbers each year. The numbers are based on reported crimes from local, county and state law enforcement agencies. The UCR statistics show that 27,987 crime index offenses were reported to police during 2014 compared to 32,162 during 2013 for a crime rate decrease of 14.9 percent.

The 27,987 crimes reported in 2014 represent a crime rate of 21 offenses per 1000 people in Maine. That number compares to the national crime rate of 32 offenses per 1,000 population in 2013.

The total number of adults and juveniles summoned or cited by police decreased in 2014 for the sixth year in a row. Adult arrests dropped 2.4 percent in 2014 (43,957 arrests in 2014 vs. 45,040 for 2013). Juveniles arrested or summoned decreased by 14.1 percent in 2014 (3,926 juveniles arrested/summonsed in 2014 vs. 4,571 in 2013). Juvenile arrests have decreased in four of the past five years.

The value of property stolen during 2014 was \$21,239,896 compared to \$31,165,246 in 2013. Police recovered \$5,191,038 in stolen property during 2014 for a recovery rate of 24.4 percent.

The crime rate for violent crime in Maine continues to be one offense per 1,000 population compared to the national average of 4 per 1,000 population.

STATE NEWS

Grant funding awards

Funding for colleges

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded 12 Maine colleges and universities a total of \$3,649,824 in grant funding through the Student Support Services Program.

"The education offered by our state's colleges and universities is among the best in the country," said Sens. Collins and King. "This funding will ensure that Maine's colleges and universities have the resources they need to help students graduate."

The Student Support Services Program is a federally-funded TRIO program that helps institutions of higher education provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements, and guide students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary educations. TRIO programs support low-income and first-generation college students by steering them toward the academic support services that will help them succeed.

The awards are as follows:

- Central Maine Community College: \$281,510
- Kennebec Valley Community College: \$284,754
- Northern Maine Community College: \$247,583
- Southern Maine Community College: \$220,000
- University of Maine: \$561,225
- University of Maine at Farmington: \$284,753

- University of Maine at Fort Kent: \$288,181
- University of Maine at Presque Isle: \$301,355
- University of Maine System: \$484,682
- University of Southern Maine: \$220,000
- Washington County Community College: \$244,677
- York County Community College: \$231,103

Funding for research

The Maine Department of Marine Resources will receive \$264,516 in grant funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to support the Maine - New Hampshire Inshore Trawl Survey. The survey gathers important data on the groundfish and lobster populations in near shore waters in the Gulf of Maine, spanning from the Massachusetts coast to the Canadian border.

The Maine - New Hampshire Inshore Trawl Survey is a collaborative research project between the Maine Department of Marine Resources, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, and commercial fishermen. Bi-annual surveys are conducted in the spring and fall using a commercial fishing vessel. Both Sens. Collins, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Sen. King supported federal funding for the trawl survey in the NOAA appropriations process.



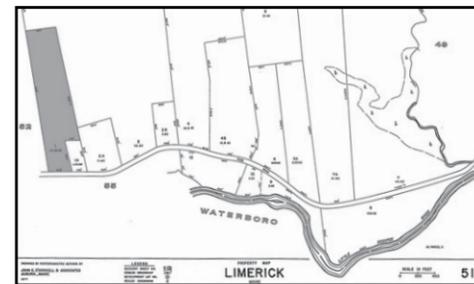
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