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## Investing in history



A view of the newly remodeled clubhouse from the practice green at Salmon Falls Country Club in Hollis. At right, longtime member Bob Powers of Waterboro at the club's 50th anniversary celebration on Aug. 6.

PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS



## Fifty years at the club

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Saturday, Aug. 6, the Salmon Falls Country Club celebrated their 50th year with a BBQ for members, family and friends and honored their first member and local Waterboro resident Bob Powers. The club opened in 1966, and Powers was there.

Powers played golf out of college, and had been a teaching Principal in Gorham. In 1966, Powers and his wife Donna resigned their positions to go overseas, making a two-year commitment, a year in Taiwan and a year in Germany, as an administrator and a teacher in American Dependency Schools. They had jumped through all the hoops, had all their paperwork in order, but had one last medical

check at Martin's Point. It was then that a tumor was found on Donna's pituitary gland. They needed to stay home, and Donna started radiation therapy. The Salmon Falls Country Club had opened earlier that year, and Powers had been playing there off and on. At the time, they offered players a daily rate. One day he had stopped in to play golf while his wife had her treatment. His mother-in-law picked Donna up and then came to the club to pick up Bob. When she arrived, she asked how much it would cost for Powers to play there for the rest of the year. Forty dollars was the answer. "And that was that," said Powers. He has been a member ever since. Pow-

ers retired in 1995, and a couple of months later, began working in the Pro Shop, and does some work as a ranger on the course, helping to "move people along."

There have been three or four owners over the years, but the Club "really started to grow when the Barbers/Bells took over about thirty years ago," said Powers. During the 70s and 80s, the property included a 14-room motel, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, a restaurant known as the Salmon Falls Steak House, and murder mystery nights were held there with the Saco River Theatre. "It was a resort, really," said new owner, Steve Armstrong.

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More than 40 women from around New England recently participated in the Ladies of Woodland Valley tournament at Woodland Valley Disc Golf in Limerick. PHOTO BY DAVID SAGE

## Mill open house

By BRIGIT MCCALLUM

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The last remaining example of Waterboro's industrial past will be open to the public on Saturday, Aug. 20, when The Dennis Johnson Mill, an historic site in North Waterboro, will be the scene of an open house with tours from noon to 4. This will be the fourth open house since the mill has been extensively worked on after a period of disuse.

The mill is a significant local landmark because, according to Waterborough Historical Society president Jim Carll, "It is on the National Register of Historic Places and is one of only a few industrial sites in Maine that has all of the major equipment in place."

The first mill on the site of the present one is listed on the 1856 map of Waterborough as a shingle mill, established by Joseph Johnson. Dennis Johnson, one of Joseph's sons, later acquired deeds to land that allowed him, between 1862 and 1864, to divert and change the course of Cuny Brook, across the road from the mill, flooding swampland and effectively creating a millpond that remains today, across Route 5 from the mill.

It is believed that the mill functioned both as a shingle mill and a sawmill for some time. It is listed in the Maine Business Directory as a shingle mill from 1871 to 1875, and as a sawmill after that. In 1870 it was listed as producing 40,000 shingles, using a 20-horsepower water powered system, and ten years later, a circular saw and a vertical "Mulley" saw were in operation. In other reports, the saw is a "muley" saw, attributed to having been powered by mules.

From that time, the mill was in full operation, as logs were stored in the millpond across Route 5 and dragged under a bridge that led into a concrete sluiceway that can still be seen today. Logs were dragged into the mill to be sawn into mostly rough-cut boards, but a planer was also in operation for more finished

boards.

David Johnson, son of Donald Johnson, the last owner/operator of the mill, worked there summers through high school in the fifties, and recalls riding on the wagon pulled by two horses that carried slab wood out back to be stacked. "We needed gloves for that, 'cause we did it all by hand." He also worked sometimes in winter, "When my father needed extra help in the winter, we'd load boards into the International truck and unload by hand into the rail car in South Waterboro."

He also remembers the scene in the millpond across Route 5 from the mill, "Seeing my father on a large old log that was sort've flat; he'd float around with a 10-12 foot long pick pole, with a sharp piece of metal on the end. He would get the logs headed under the bridge, and someone on the other side would pull them through, get them up under the chain. They'd hook the chain up and to larger chain that runs into the mill and a pulley to pull them through."

He added, "It was a dangerous place, but for a kid it was fun. We worked every day, and it was hot and dusty in summer and cold in winter."

The mill was in full operation and was one of the few buildings in the town of Waterboro to escape destruction in the devastating fire of fall 1947. Through the concerted effort of many, both the mill and the home to the northwest of the mill were saved, but more than a million board feet of lumber to the north and east of the mill were destroyed. After the fire, portable sawmills were set up around the countryside to process all the scorched standing timber, and the local timber supply was depleted so that logs had to be brought in from greater distances.

This imposed an economic burden on the mill, which remained open for another sixteen years. By then, aging machinery and more stringent safety regulations brought Dennis Johnson's grandson, Donald

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The Dennis Johnson Mill on Route 5 in North Waterboro, with tall chimney intact. Since the late 1990s, the chimney was removed for repair, and replaced, but around 2006 a wind shear knocked it down again. The opening for the chimney has since been sealed to protect the interior.

PHOTO BY KATE WILCOX

# GETTING FIT LOCALLY

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Are you one of the 66 percent of Americans who set a fitness goal and then have a difficult time seeing it through? Well, you don't have to do it alone. There are lots of local classes and groups in the area to keep you motivated and help you reach your fitness goals. The Reporter will periodically feature these local fitness options.

## ZEN Fitness: Zone for Energy and Nutrition

There is a new place in town! ZEN Fitness, located at 175 Washington Street in Limerick, will be holding its Grand Opening on Saturday, Aug. 13. Owner/Instructor Robin Hoose has been teaching Zumba at the Limerick Town Hall for the last six years, and has loved it. Hoose began to realize that maybe she could offer more than Zumba, and that there might be a demand for a fitness center in the area. "I overheard my ladies at Zumba talking about doing more, and going elsewhere," she said. "They were driving to Gorham, Sanford, or further," she added. "I wanted to provide something for them right here."

"I have always wanted to open my own studio," explained

Hoose, "but I also wanted a home life. I've looked at different places over the years, and nothing seemed to really fit." And working for someone else did not seem to fit either. "Many places are very commercial, and are in it to make money. They tend to follow a business model, not a fitness model," Hoose commented.

This spring, she did a pilot study, offering a class called Muscles in Motion in her basement, a resistance training class, using her own collection of fitness equipment, ranging from selectorized, plate loaded, free weight and TRX equipment. "It is a personal training session in a group setting," explained Hoose. There was enough interest, so she began looking in earnest for a

space, and found this spot in the Limerick Mill Building.

Hoose, who has a Bachelor's in Science in Human Nutrition and Food, and a Master's in Exercise Physiology, offers classes Monday through Friday, including aerobics, fountain of youth (senior classes), muscles in motion, pilates, yoga, and of course, Zumba. She also offers personal training, and nutritional counseling. Her motto: Building healthy bodies and strong community. "I believe it takes a village, and want to serve the masses at a price they can afford," said Hoose.

Stop by on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or check out the schedule on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ZENFitnessandNutrition](http://www.facebook.com/ZENFitnessandNutrition).

## Pirate Fest in Hollis

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Stop by the Hollis Sports Complex on the corner of Plains Road and Lower Tarbox Road Saturday, Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the Pirate Fest.

The day will kick off with a pancake breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m., sponsored by the Hollis Lions Club. The fun begins at 9 a.m. with the Rum Runner 5k and the 5-mile Run/Walk, whose start will be with a Canon Blast! The festival itself starts at 10 a.m. with the raising of the Pirate Flag, followed by the first performance of the day, Saco River Jazz. Don't miss the Survivor Competition, open to teams of three, ages 13 and up. Survivor for kids and families begins at 2 p.m. Kids, you can also bring your bike to participate in the Bike Safety and Obstacle Course, get your helmet checked (and maybe pick up a free one), and/or decorate your bike (crepe paper will be provided) and join in the children's bike and costume parade at 2:30 p.m.

The Hollis Pirate Fest Committee, a group of 14 dedicated people, have been meeting since December, spending 30 to 40 hours a week to put this event together. They have devoted their time to make this an amazing community event, which will help to provide scholarships for summer recreation programs. Their goal is threefold: to bring the community together to have fun; to create child-oriented activities that will help raise money for scholarships; and to provide a fun day for families to spend some time together, without technology, at a low cost – FREE!

There are many community organizations involved, either running games and events, performing on stage, providing demonstrations or exhibiting their wares. So pack a picnic lunch, or bring some money to buy something from the food "on deck." Just come out and have fun. This event will be held rain or shine.

For more information, visit [www.hollispiratefest.com](http://www.hollispiratefest.com) or their Facebook page.



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# POLICE LOGS

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## Wednesday, April 20

Cassie A. Hamel, 29, of Hooper Road in Shapleigh was charged with operating after a suspension during a motor vehicle stop on Hooper Road at 7:27 a.m.

Trisha L. Bennett, 30, of Fairview Drive in North Waterboro was charged with violating a condition of release after a probation/bail conditions check on Fairview Drive at 11:04 a.m.

Ryan C. Ferguson, 21, of Shady Nook Road in West Newfield was charged with sale/use of drug paraphernalia during a motor vehicle stop on Shapleigh Corner Road, Shapleigh at 6:30 p.m.

## Thursday, April 21

Ross J. Wilmot, 24, of Main Street in Cornish was issued a warrant and charged with carrying a concealed weapon and refusing to sign UTT/VSAC after being ordered to, during an assault in progress call on Federal Road, Parsonsfield at 7:31 p.m.

## Friday, April 22

Samiah N. Harmon, 24, of Main Street in Cornish was charged with operating after a suspension during a motor vehicle stop on Maple Street, Cornish at 10 p.m.

Benjamin G. Cates, 18, of Maple Street in Cornish was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol/drugs and failure to stop for a police officer after a motor vehicle stop on Main Street, Cornish at 11:06 p.m.

Sawyer L. Cote, 19, of Cornish was charged with possession of alcohol by a minor during a suspi-

cious activity call on Northwood Drive, Cornish at 11:35 p.m.

## Saturday, April 23

Jacob R. Mudgett, 22, of Stacey Lane in Parsonsfield was charged with possession of a useable amount of marijuana during a motor vehicle stop on Main Street and Rogers Road, Cornish at 12:01 a.m.

John Michael Kuczek, 47, of Cumberland Street in Cornish was charged with operating after habitual offender revocation during a motor vehicle stop on Bridge Street, Porter at 5:09 p.m.

Debra Lee Burnell, 56, of Main Street in Shapleigh was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol/drugs during a motor vehicle stop on Sokokis Trail, Limerick at 10:53 p.m.

## Sunday, April 24

Thomas J. Boggs, 29, of Parsonsfield was charged with operating after a suspension during a motor vehicle stop on Federal Road, Parsonsfield at 5:01 p.m.

## Monday, April 25

Harold Benton Cole, 36, of Kezar Mountain Road in Parsonsfield was charged with prohibited acts/out-of-door fires/solid waste, during a motor vehicle stop on Federal Road and Devereaux Road, Parsonsfield at 10:52 p.m.

## Wednesday, April 27

Nancy A. Clough, 52, of Federal Street in Waterboro was charged with operating after a suspension during a motor vehicle stop on Federal Street at 7:30 a.m.

Michael J. Dreyer, 42, of Rochester, New Hampshire was issued four warrants during a motor vehicle stop on Emery Mills Road, Shapleigh at 10:03 p.m.

## Friday, April 29

Matthew Sadowski, 32, of

West Shore Drive in Acton was charged with operating after a suspension during a motor vehicle stop on Route 109, Acton at 2:42 p.m.

## Saturday, April 30

Cody McCubrey, 52, of Federal Road in Parsonsfield was charged with operating an unregistered vehicle more than 150 days during a motor vehicle stop on Federal Road at 1:11 a.m.

Lisa M. Harrington, 25, of Old Thompson Road in Buxton was charged with operating without a license and violation of condition of release after a motor vehicle accident with property damage on Kezar Mountain Road, Parsonsfield at 2:10 p.m.

Joseph Scott Whitmore, 35, of Eastman Hill Road in Porter was charged with sale/use of drug paraphernalia after a motor vehicle accident with property damage on Kezar Mountain Road, Parsonsfield at 2:10 p.m.

Harold Benton Cole, 36, of Kezar Mountain Road in Parsonsfield was charged with operating an unregistered vehicle more than 150 days after a motor vehicle accident with property damage on Kezar Mountain Road at 2:10 p.m.

Heather A. Aiken, 24, of Foss Road in Limerick was charged with sale/use of drug paraphernalia and possession of a useable amount of marijuana during a motor vehicle stop on Elm Street and Stone Hill Road, Limerick at 11:03 p.m.

Zachary David Deveau, 31, of Washington Street in Limerick was charged with sale/use of drug paraphernalia during a motor vehicle stop on Elm Street and Stone Hill Road, Limerick at 11:03 p.m.

## Monday, May 2

Peggy L. Townsend, 31, of Foss Road in Limerick was issued a warrant and charged with failing to stop for an officer, operating

with prior suspension (not OIU) and attaching false plates during a motor vehicle stop on Elm Street, Parsonsfield at 8:06 p.m.

## Tuesday, May 3

Jason Scott Pellis, 37, of Little River Drive in Cornish was charged with assault during an assault call on Little River Drive at 5:04 p.m.

## Wednesday, May 4

A 13-year-old was charged with assault on Old Alfred Road in Waterboro at 7:20 a.m.

A 16-year-old and 14-year old were charged with aggravated trafficking in scheduled drugs, a 15-year old was charged with aggravated furnishing of scheduled drugs and two 15-year olds were charged with unlawful possession of scheduled drug during a drug incident on West Road at 1:42 p.m.

Crystal Lynn Kenison, 40, of Standish was charged with operating after a suspension during a motor vehicle stop on Ossipee Trail, Limington at 8:52 p.m.

## Friday, May 6

Amanda Whittier, 27, of Sanford was charged with a suspended registration during a motor vehicle stop on Alfred Road in Lyman at 6:05 p.m.

Stefan M. Ouellette, 18, of Main Street in Cornish was charged with possession of a useable amount of marijuana during a motor vehicle stop on Main Street at 11:41 p.m.

## Saturday, May 7

Robert Jonathan Johnson, 21, of Washington Street in Limerick was issued a warrant after a suspicious activity call on Sokokis Trail in Waterboro at 4:34 a.m.

Christopher M. Levesque, 22, of Christian Hill Road in Limington was charged with domestic violence assault after a domestic disturbance call on Hasty Hill

Road, Limington at 8:40 a.m.

Joleen Little, 62, of Rindge, New Hampshire was charged with attaching improper plates during a motor vehicle stop on Sokokis Trail, Waterboro at 4:27 p.m.

Aaron C. Hebert, 20, of Upper Tarbox Road in Hollis was charged with illegal possession of alcohol by a minor after a suspicious activity call on Chadbourne Ridge Road, Waterboro at 10:55 p.m.

## Sunday, May 8

James E. Vacchiano, 53, of Moody Road in Limington was charged with operating under the influence during a motor vehicle stop on Cape Road and Hardscrabble Road, Hollis at 4:12 p.m.

Jessi Adam Merrill, 27, of Ross Corner Road in Waterboro was charged with operating after a suspension during a motor vehicle stop on Gore Road, Shapleigh at 7:10 p.m.

Andrew Leroy Hanson, 31, of Sanford was issued three warrants and charged with unlawful trafficking in scheduled drugs after a domestic disturbance call on Balch Mill Road, Newfield at 7:33 p.m.

## Monday, May 9

James Michael Lucier, 22, of Pleasant Hill Road in Limerick was issued a warrant after a suspicious activity call on Pleasant Hill Road at 10:02 p.m.

Anthony R. Palmitessa, 22, of Lombard Hill Road in Limerick was charged with possession of a useable amount of marijuana during a motor vehicle stop on Limerick Road, Arundel at 10:11 p.m.

## Tuesday, May 10

David G. Lindquist, 22, of Rochester, New Hampshire was charged with operating after a suspension during a motor vehicle stop on Alfred Road in Lyman at 3:01 p.m.

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OPINION

# Black lives matter



by  
**Jon Simonds**

The Black Lives Matter movement has it all wrong. It isn't the Police (many of whom are black) who are the enemy, but the legislators who draw up laws such as the Florida Legislation drew up and adopted a decade ago. The Statute 776.013 (3), signed into law in 2005, is more widely referred to as the Stand Your Ground Law. It was quickly adopted by 22 other states, mostly southern, paving the way for legal execution. This entitles a neighborhood watchman to ignore a police dispatcher's order to remain in his vehicle upon seeing a hooded black man walking down the street. The outrageous execution of a kid hustling to the store for a drink and some munchies during a half-time break in a basketball playoff game staggered a nation and left a police department (sworn to uphold the laws governing a state) in confusion. Nearly three quarters of every case utilizing Stand Your Ground involves a fatality and more than half the individuals using the defense, are never charged with a crime.

Police are tasked with protecting society from acts violating law. It is prosecutors who are tasked with charging and bringing to trial those in society who cross the line. The courts decide upon the guilt or innocence of an individual charged with a crime and the punishment they receive. These decisions are based on interpretations of laws written by legislations such as the one in Florida stating George Zimmerman had every right to end the life of Trayvon Martin. Does that make it right? Hardly.

Laws are designed with the best and sometimes the worst of intentions, such as voting re-

strictions enacted by legislation in places like North Carolina and Kansas. These laws were craftily designed to infringe upon the voting rights of African Americans and poor Hispanics. The attorneys who challenged these laws and have, through the courts, recently had them overturned, have proven a pattern of racism in their design thus illustrating a nation challenged by racist who do end up proving we are a nation constantly seeking the equal rights we do strive to achieve.

Does racism exist within police agencies? Racism rears its ugly head in all walks of life. Richard Speiner an attendee to the RNC from Arlington, Virginia calls for removing African Americans, Hispanics and Jews from America. A black man goes on a shooting rampage in Dallas intent on killing as many white cops as he can. A baker won't offer services to a gay couple. Killing cops does nothing to resolve the problem of racism. As a matter of fact, it only widens the gap needing a bridge of solution.

Life Matters and black Lives Matter could go a long way in calling attention to legislation needing change, legislators who act in the interest of racism and policies within police agencies failing to identify and remove police of all colors illustrating their true color, which is not white, brown, black or blue; but merely the ugliness of hate and divisiveness growing like a wildfire fought with gasoline.

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COUNTRY CLUB

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The Armstrongs purchased the property last summer. "It needed a little rehab," said Armstrong, and remodeling began last fall. "Several of us were really dreading that it would be torn down and turned into a housing development," said Powers. But that was not the case. "We knew people were concerned about the property," reported Armstrong. "There is a lot of history here, bordering the Saco River with the Indian Cellular Preserve. It's too nice to turn into properties." Armstrong then added, "It is a prime location. We want to make it a fun, family destination."

The Armstrongs have invested about a million dollars in the property. They rebuilt the clubhouse along with the Pro Shop and the deck. The building is now 5,000 square feet and the deck is 2,000 square feet. Next they will tackle the restaurant and bar, hoping to open that next spring.

Mike Nason of East Waterboro has been a member for about 27 years, but wasn't sure he was going to come back this year. "This is a lovely piece of property," said Nason, "a treasure for Hollis." He added that the Armstrongs have been doing great with the property. "There have been daily improvements," he said. "It's a family environment, very friendly and welcoming. You can sit on the deck and see the Saco River – how much better can it be than that?"

You can see more than just the Saco River. There is a lot of wildlife in the area. "One day there was a moose in the first fairway," exclaimed Armstrong. "There was a family of red tail hawks on the ninth hole," he added. Hawks are not the only birds. Armstrong's father built 20 bluebird houses that are scattered around the course. Salmon Falls has also joined with the Maine Audubon Society to track flights of migrating birds. "We are the second golf course in the state of Maine supporting them," reported Armstrong. Sparrows are non-native to Maine,

and have been destroying bluebirds' nests. These houses help to provide a safe place for them to raise their families. The Audubon society comes and tags the birds and will be able to report on their travel habits in years to come. On Aug. 7, the Audubon did a bird talk on the deck, which was open to the public. Jeanne Martin of Hollis, manager of the Pro Shop, added that they there will be more events such as this in the future. "We want it to be more than just a golf course," said Armstrong.

Armstrong came to Maine during the summers as a kid, spending time on Pequawket Lake in Limington. From Massachusetts, Armstrong moved to Waterboro with his family ten years ago. "I like being outdoors," he said. Armstrong's wife Julie was brought up around golf, and now, both of their kids are highly involved in the country club. "They love it," Julie reported. Son, Tyler, 17, helps out where needed. Daughter Zoe, 13, created the new insignia or logo, modeled a bit after the Salmon Tees at each hole. "The Salmon Tees have always been there," said Steve. "We wanted to incorporate the old with the new." Zoe added, "I like to draw. My Dad told me what he wanted and I put the logo together." The logo appears on staff shirts, apparel, hats and coffee mugs in the Pro Shop. Julie revealed, "People love it and want us to do more!" Eventually, they hope to offer golf balls with the logo on them.

"The course hasn't changed all that much over the years," reported Powers. "One of the greens was moved a couple hundred feet." Designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr., it is one of the leading courses in the area. It is a nine-hole course, with two sets of tees, for both men and women, to make the front nine slightly different from the back nine. It is a par 36 course for both men and women. "There are husband/wife members, father/son members, and mother/daughter members. Some people come to have fun and some come for the exercise. Others are competitive. There are

tournaments here every month," added Arnie Bernier, a member since 1974. "Golf is a lifetime sport you can play."

Bernier is also a member of the Salmon Falls Golf Association. "We have an event every spring and fall to raise money for local charities, including local food pantries."

"I play a lot of different courses, and these are some of the nicest greens around," said Paul Cancelarich from Standish. "The new greenskeeper is wonderful," added Arnold Smith of Waterboro. The new greenskeeper, or Superintendent, is Matt Teneyck. Teneyck lives in Hollis, and formerly worked at Sable Oaks. He approached Armstrong about working there. "The fairways are beautiful," added Nason. "There is no irrigation system here. Matt does it all by hand with hoses."

"The greens are as good as any in Southern Maine. They're exceptional, really. It's small, but good quality," said Powers. "It is not the most difficult course, but it's not the easiest. It's fun and the people are friendly." Powers continued, "The people are my favorite part!" Cancelarich added, "The membership is like family." Lee Grant from Bar Mills agreed, "Great new ownership, positive atmosphere and good employees."

Matt Harris from Buxton, and Connor Baldwin from Hollis, both students at Bonny Eagle High School, are two such employees. "There are a lot of responsibilities," they said. Mowing and watering the greens, weed whacking, and raking the sand pits. Baldwin golfed here with his Dad, and this is his first job. "We have to get up early," said Harris. Harris worked at McDonald's before, but says, "the people here are more friendly." Harris agreed. "Everyone knows your name."

"Every one is so nice and sweet," declared Julie. Husband Steve agreed, adding that members have become family friends. Recently, a new greens mower was needed. A member, who wanted to show how much he appreciated what the Armstrongs are doing for the place, bought the mower for them. "That helped solidify that this is the right choice for me," said Steve.

Powers advice for the Armstrongs? "Stay the course!"

The Salmon Falls Country Club, located at 52 Golf Course Lane in Hollis, off Salmon Falls Road between Routes 4A and 202, is a member of the Maine State Golf Association. They are open daily from 7 a.m. to dusk. For more information, give them a call at 929-5233, or email info@salmonfallscountryclub.com. You can also check out their website, www.salmonfallscountryclub.com or find them on Facebook.

As Powers says, "Come in and try it!"

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## RSU #57

# Surplus Property

RSU #57 has various educational materials as well as furniture and fixtures which it is offering to the citizens of the District through a sealed bid process. The public may view and provide sealed bids on these items in the East building gym at 84 West Road, Waterboro, from 7am to 1pm, Monday through Friday.

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**JOHNSON MILL**

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Johnson, owner at that time, to decide to close the mill in 1963, after 187 years of operation.

In the early seventies, Judi and Jim Carll bought the land from Johnson, inheriting the mill in the process, and in 1974, donated the mill to the Waterborough Historical Society. The group had the hope that it would eventually become a working mill museum. In 1976-77, the Army National Guard undertook a variety of community service projects, and according to accounts in the August 1977 *York County Journal Tribune*, the Guard repaired and replaced most of the windows, replaced the open back of the building, did repairs on the roof, and the interior, leaving the building and its fixtures greatly improved.

Jim Carll recalls that the historical society used the mill for the annual summer craft fair, and it was maintained quite well. About that time the society moved from meeting at the St. Stephen's Church after acquiring the lease on the house next to the town hall on Townhouse Road, and concentrated its efforts on restoring that facility as a meeting place and a space to store its artifacts. When the craft fair was moved to the new place, the mill became an historic site with minimal maintenance.

Roger Wilcox got interested in the mill some time after joining the historical society about fifteen years ago. "I got to thinking how it had sat empty for so long, and I kept thinking we gotta do something with it! So they (the society) said go ahead. So we did!" Daughter Kate got interested in the mill as a way of being involved in the proj-

ect with her parents. Her mother, Norabelle Wilcox is more involved behind the scenes, designing and creating brochures and posters for the open houses, and a photo book about the mill.

Following a number of "clean-up sessions," the open house should be a draw for history buffs of many stripes, as many are interested in operations that ran entirely on steam power. Roger Wilcox, who, with his daughter Kate has conducted three prior open house tours, thinks people are impressed with the size of the largest engine. "The biggest one is about twenty feet long, and it runs all the machines in the mill. It is connected to a giant flywheel that is about twelve feet in diameter and about a foot wide." There is another, what Wilcox called "Medium engine, and that runs the carriage that the logs were rolled onto, and was pulled back and forth on a cable, for the logs to be cut by the huge band saw." And then there is a small engine, "And that was used to run the water pump that kept the water level up in the boiler."

Kate Wilcox describes the band saw as pretty impressive. "I think it alone shows people how hard and dangerous the work was."

Asked what people have commented on in past tours, Kate thinks, "People can kind of identify with the grinding wheel - it's something they have seen before and know how it's used. And, downstairs the big wheel is just plain amazing. I think it's 12' high and drives the belts that drive everything else."

The invitation to view and tour this historic industrial site is open to all on Saturday, Aug. 20, from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Jim Carll at 247-5878.



The Edger at the Dennis Johnson Mill in North Waterboro. The boards that came in to this machine were already cut to thickness, probably one or two inches, and to length, but had bark on the edges. This machine had two circular saws that cut the sides of the board straight at the width desired. It was driven by a belt that came up through the floor. This is the last step in completing rough cut lumber. After this the boards exited the mill where they were stacked in the yard to dry.

PHOTO BY KATE WILCOX

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

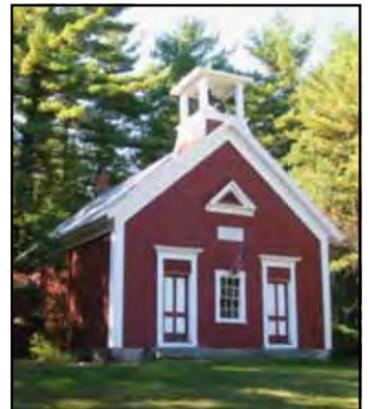
**CRAFT FAIR** The Waterborough Historical Society will hold its 9th annual craft fair at the Taylor/Frey/Leavitt House Museum, 6 Old Alfred Road at the intersection of Route 5 in Waterboro Center, Aug. 13-14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. FMI, contact Jim Carll at 247-5878 or carllj@sacriver.net.

**THE LIMERICK HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION** will be held Saturday, Aug. 13 at noon. Lunch served. Whiteley Beach, Pickerel Pond, Emery Corner Road, Limerick. The 50 year class of 1966 will be honored. FMI, contact Jackie at 793-8222 or Nina at 793-2368

**STRETCH GLASS** Thursday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Limerick Brick Town Hall. Presented by Joanne Andrews and the Limerick

Historical Society, stretch glass was made in America during the 1920s and 1930s. Many examples of this type of glassware from her extensive collection will be displayed and explained.

**NEWFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY** On Sunday, Aug. 21, at 2 p.m. the Historical Society of Newfield will present its last public program of the summer season at the Society building on Elm Street. Ruth Bridges Ayers, author of *Early Families of Newfield, Maine*, will speak about "Good Old Times in Newfield." All are welcome to attend. There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be enjoyed after the program. The August business meeting of the Historical Society will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 15 at the Society building.



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These items can be viewed by appointment at RSU #57, 86 West Road, Waterboro, Maine. All vehicles and equipment will be sold in as in condition with no express or implied warranty. All purchases must be removed within 30 days of being notified of winning the bid award.

Interested parties should submit bids to the District's Central Office at 86 West Road, Waterboro, ME 04087, ATTN: Colin M. Walsh, CPA - Director of Finance & Operations. **Bids will be accepted until 2 p.m. local time on August 25, 2016.**

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**Francis Roger Carroll Sr.**

Francis Roger Carroll Sr., veteran, business man, civil servant, devoted son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, known by many in Limerick as F.R., died Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2016, at the age of 82, after a short illness. Frank was born St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1934. He graduated in 1952 from Limerick High School. His wife Barbara was one of six in his graduating class. F.R. was a Korean War Time Veteran who also served in the reserves.



**Francis Roger Carroll Sr.**

In 1952, Frank started his aggregate, concrete and paving business, which employs sixty people today. F.R. started out with a hand shovel and a dump truck, in which he took Barbara to dances in. At the age of 21, Frank became the youngest road commissioner in the State of Maine. F.R. plowed and maintained the roads in Limerick as well as Lake Arrowhead for years. He soon traveled the State of Maine with his cousin, Gerard Cote (employee of 52 years), unloading salt and working on the roads with his dump truck, a swing shovel, and a cable backhoe. In the winters, Frank built camps for his father John on Sokokis Lake. In the summers he did excavation and foundations. In the early seventies, Frank borrowed some money and put up his concrete plant and screening plant. In the eighties, Frank added a crushing plant, and an asphalt plant. In the nineties F.R. bought F.H. Scott Paving and started paving roads. Frank was also one of the founding members of the grassroots organization called "The Maine Aggregate Association."

Frank was very active in his community. He served on the Limerick Planning Board, Limerick Business Park Committee, Limerick Development Corporation as well as donating time and materials to the Limerick Baseball Fields, Tibbetts Memorial Park, and helped in the restoration of many local cemeteries in Limerick. Frank was a devoted Roman Catholic and parishioner of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Limerick. He was a member of the parish council at St. Matthew Parish. He spent hours helping plan, build, and maintain the church he loved. He was also a member of

the Knights of Columbus.

Frank was a loving devoted son, who brought his children to visit with their grandparents after church every Sunday. Frank and his brothers were fortunate to care for both of their parents at home, until the day they passed.

Frank is predeceased by his father John P. Carroll, mother Marie D. Carroll, brother John H. Carroll, infant sister Louise Carroll, nephew John P. Carroll II, nieces Jennifer Carroll and Susan Marie Carroll. Frank is survived by his wife of 61 years, Barbara (Hamilton) Carroll. His brother Ronald Carroll and wife Joanne of Brunswick, sister in law Dolores Carroll of Limerick and six children, Deborah Furlong, her husband Patrick and son Patrick of Temecula, California, Donna Welch, her husband Albert and sons AJ, Michael and Connor of Holliston, Massachusetts, Francis R. Carroll II, his wife Katherine and daughters Kourtnei and Nicole, great granddaughter Arianna, and son Nathan, Denise Benton, her husband Timothy and daughters Brittany and Hallie, and son Timothy Jr., Michael Carroll, his wife Maureen, daughters Allison and Megan, sons Brady and Justin, Kathleen Colby, her husband Steven, son Brandon and daughter Kayla, all of Limerick, as well as many nieces and nephews. Frank considered his closest friends as well as his employees a part of his extended family.

The family would like to thank the staff at New England Cancer Center for their exceptional care. We would also like to thank the dedicated caregivers at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House for helping us through this difficult time.

Visiting hours were on Sunday, Aug. 7, at St. Matthew Parish in Limerick. A funeral Mass was on Monday, Aug. 8, at St. Matthew Parish. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.wnyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wnyfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, donations in Frank's memory may be made to: Tibbetts Memorial Park Veterans Monument Fund, 55 Washington St., Limerick, ME. 04048.

**Madeline L. Crocker**

Madeline L. Crocker, 80, of Acton, died on July 30, 1936 at Southern Maine Medical Healthcare in Biddeford.

Madeline was born on Jan. 12, 1936 in Bar Mills, the daughter of Pearly and Marion (Grace) Sargent, Sr. She grew up with two sisters and three brothers.

Madeline was a homemaker whose heart and spirit nurtured six children, several grandchildren and many great grandchildren. For the last ten years, Madeline had made her home with her oldest daughter who lived in Acton. She was predeceased by her two brothers.

A service was held Aug. 4 at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Cancer Care Center of York County, 27 Industrial Ave., Sanford, ME 04073.

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.



**Madeline L. Crocker**

with friends and family.

During the 1960's she could be seen racing stock cars on the dirt track during Beech Ridge Speedway's yearly Powder Puff Derby competition.

She is predeceased by her parents, Gilbert and Blanche Blue, and her siblings, Edith Blue, Alberta Blue, Francis (Blue) Smith, and Louis Blue. She is survived by her brother, William G. Blue of Lynn, Massachusetts, her sister, Dorothy B. McKay, of Gloucester, Massachusetts. She is also survived by her two sons, John R. Libby of Orlando, Florida and James D. Libby of Buxton, as well as and her two grandchildren, Grace A. Libby and Brett A. Libby of Buxton, and many nieces and nephews.

Per wishes of the deceased, there will be no visiting hours. A graveside service was held on Aug. 1 at at the South Buxton (Tory Hill) Cemetery. Online condolence messages can be submitted at [www.maineFuneral.com](http://www.maineFuneral.com).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service, Long Plains Road, Buxton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Southern Maine Agency on Aging, 136 U.S. Route One, Scarborough, ME 04074.

**Joan E. Brackett**

Joan E. Brackett, 74 years old, went home to be with the Lord on Aug. 5, 2016. She passed at Southern Maine Medical Center in Sanford.



**Joan E. Brackett**

Joan was born in 1938, the daughter of Florence (Allen) Rand and was educated in the No. Berwick schools, and returned to school later in life to obtain her G.E.D.

Upon entering the workforce, Joan worked in several factories over the years, yet her greatest passion was caring for the elderly for 20 plus years. She loved her clients dearly and they in return loved her. Joan's other passion in life was her Lord; serving as a deaconess, Sunday school teacher and being

open to all that God called her to do within the First Baptist Church in Sanford. Joan was married over 30 years to John Brackett of Sanford.

Joan is lovingly survived by her children, Dale Tremblay of Brunswick; Kevin Johnson of Sanford; Tami Johnson and family of Sanford; and James Johnson and his ex-wife, Mary and their families of Springvale; her sisters, Ann Grassi and family of Dover, New Hampshire and Donna McKay and family of Raymond, New Hampshire; 14 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is predeceased by her youngest son, Shawn M. Johnson and by her grandson, James A. Johnson, Jr (Jamie); and by her brothers, Robert Sargent of Houston, Texas and David Desjardin of Farmington, New Hampshire.

Family and friends were invited to call on Aug. 11 at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred. A Celebration of Joan's life will be held later at the First Baptist Church in Sanford and will be announced.

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In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Joan's memory to the Youth Group Ministries of the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 250, Sanford, ME 04073.

"May my praise, be your praise until we meet again. Goodnight everyone, I'll see you in the morning." Love, Mother, Gram, Great Gram, Joanie, Sissy and Sister-in-Christ.

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## Shoreland Zoning Ordinance changes spark discussion

The Waterboro selectmen held a public hearing on Tuesday, Aug. 9 to go over proposed changes to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Select Board Chair Dennis Abbott started the hearing by saying that the board did not expect to be in a position to vote on the proposed ordinance at this meeting, but to take in the comments, concerns and questions raised by residents and “digest” them before moving toward further action.

About forty people crowded the meeting room, many of whom are property owners on the shores of Little Ossipee Lake. Attendees brought up variety of topics and questions, including the advisability of creating a standalone ordinance to regulate growth in the shoreland zone, defined as any structures within 250 feet of high water mark along any of a great pond, river or stream. Rather than including that zoning within the town’s overall zoning ordinance, as it now sits.

A number of speakers addressed the difficulty of fully understanding the relationship among the Department of Environmental Protection’s (DEP) Chapter 1000, which defines the minimum regulations for any shoreland zone, the current Waterboro Shoreland Zoning, which has been in effect since the nineties, and the new proposed ordinance. Town Administrator Gary Lamb, and select board members acknowledged the complexity of the discussion.

Some particular questions arose concerning right of ways, which are numerous around the lake, grandfathered docks on right of ways, the differences between docks used for commercial and residential use, and whether compliance with the DEP’s 2015 Chapter 1000 regulations is mandatory, and if so, whether there is a deadline.

The question of permits being required for maintenance of structures within the shoreland zone, when they are not required in other zones introduced the further complexity of the interplay of shoreland zoning regulations and Building Code regulations when making changes to structures.

As had been brought up during the previous public hearings held by the Planning Board, the concerns of lakefront property owners with boat traffic, erosion, safety of swimmers and maintenance of the quality of the lake’s waters were once again raised.

After close to an hour of respectfully delivered statements and questions, Select Board members decided to set a thirty-day period to receive written comments from interested residents, as the issues involved are so complex, and the public hearing was closed.

Later, during their meeting, Select Board members and Lamb

decided to take a ride around the lake to assess existing conditions. They will do this mid-day on Saturday Aug. 20. They will pull out the areas of the proposed ordinance that are controversial, and look most closely at those, especially docks, right of ways, and differences between the regulation of residential and commercial operations. And, Lamb added that, since it had come up that some landowners with multiple docks are renting them, the term “marina” needs to be part of the discussion.

Therefore, public comment is invited during the next thirty days, closing on Friday, Sept. 9. At time Lamb and the Board will distill the comments into categories to discuss, make decisions and move forward.

Comments, accompanied by contact information, are to be sent, by email to Gary Lamb at administrator@waterboro-me.gov, or by postal mail to Town Administrator, Waterboro Town Hall, 24 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro, ME 04030.

Anyone desiring to receive notices of selectboard meetings, hearings, and agendas should go to the town’s website, www.waterboro-me.net, scroll down toward the bottom of the left navigation bar and click on “Subscribe to News Mailing List.”

## Knitting Group

Beginning on Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. the library knitting group’s format will be changing. Anyone who knits, crochets, does embroidery, cross stitching or any other fiber related craft or would like to learn how to do one of the crafts will be welcome to join the group. Rosemary Whittaker will be helping knitters and the group is seeking a crochet person to help anyone who needs it. There will be a box of kits for people to choose from for those who would like to learn to cross stitch. For more info call 247-3363 or email librarian@waterborolibrary.org.

## New book group forming

As cooler weather approaches, library staff hopes to begin a new book group. Anyone interested is asked to call 247-3363 or email librarian@waterborolibrary.org.

## Annual Old Corner church Service

The annual service at the historic Old Corner Church, corner of Federal Street and West Road in South Waterboro, will be held Sunday, August 21, at 2 p.m. Rev. Philip Bean will deliver the sermon and he and his wife Norma will provide special music. Following the service and refreshments, Friends of Old Corner Church will have its annual business meeting. Those interested in joining the effort to preserve the 1804 landmark are encouraged to attend and participate in various plans for repair, fundraising and utilization of the church for community events. For more details, call Maureen at 247-3784.



Gathered following the Pilgrimage Service are, from left, Arnold Weeks, President of the Elder Grey Meeting House-Cemetery Association. He is here with William J. Rudge III, Robert Lee Hallaway, Beverly Anne Cook Rudge and David Wyss Rudge. Beverly and David Rudge are descended from a number of North Waterboro families, including some who are buried at Elder Grey Cemetery. PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

## Special Guests this year at Elder Grey Pilgrimage Service

Among the close to sixty attendees this year at the 90th Anniversary of the Pilgrimage Service at the Elder Grey Meeting House on Chadbourne Ridge Road in North Waterboro were William J. Rudge III and his wife, Beverly Anne Cook Rudge of Clinton, New York, and their son David Wyss Rudge, and his husband

Robert Lee Hallaway of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

According to Linda Hanscom, one of the organizers of the Pilgrimage Service, Beverly and David are descended from Eli-good Mills and Charles Cook of North Waterboro. They are also descended from the Webber, Woodward, Fluent and Chadbourne families. “Their many roots are deep here, and they have ancestors buried at the Elder Grey

Cemetery. They purposely sat in the pew of James Mills (designated by a brass plate), Bev’s great grandfather.”

Hanscom also added, “Bev’s grandmother Mary Elizabeth Mills and her two sisters were raised about a mile beyond the meeting house where just a cellar hole remains. One of those great aunts, Fannie Mills McDaniel, spoke at the first Pilgrimage Service in 1926 and was active in the Association in the early years.”

## Lions 4th Annual Chicken Barbecue and Yard Sale



Take Out Available

**August 20**

Rain date August 21

**11 AM—4 PM**

**Dinner \$10.00**

**BBQ Chicken  
Corn on the cob  
Potato Salad  
Coleslaw  
Biscuit**

**Strawberry Short Cake**



**Yard Sale  
9 AM—4 PM  
Set-up 8AM  
Space & 8 ft Table  
\$15.00**

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