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Following the trail of the Minnie Ha-Ha

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A group of paddlers put in at the West Buxton Dam to go "Cruising Down the River" Aug. 15, paddling on the Saco River to follow the route of an 1800s steam paddleboat called the Minnie Ha-Ha.

The 2½-hour trip was sponsored by the Buxton-Hollis Historical Society.

In the book, "Recollections of Old Buxton Maine," by Alice C. Cousens and Olive W. Hanford Cousens, the area where the group put in was called Moderation Falls, and the area is described as a bustling center of commercial development in the 1800s. An article in "Recollections" called "West Buxton Industries," cites a history of York County that touts West Buxton as having more mills, stores, factories and other commercial enterprises than anywhere else along the Saco, including Biddeford.

Albion Lord owned one business, a stern-wheeler steam-powered paddleboat named the Minnie Ha-Ha. It carried farm

produce and lumber from the mills at Moderation Falls to a wharf in Bar Mills, near the old railroad bridge. There it was loaded onto railroad cars for further transport. When it didn't carry a commercial load, it functioned as a pleasure craft, ferrying people to picnics up and down that part of the Saco River. It was a smaller craft than the well-known paddle steamer of the same name that still plies the waters of Lake George, New York. It went out of service when the railroad bridge was built over the Saco and took over commercial transport to and from the entire area.

Last Saturday's trip by canoe and kayak included a historical and ecological focus. BHHS member and former president Brenton Hill, who organized and led the paddle, informed the group of various milestones and other information about the river and the Minnie Ha-Ha. They saw where the Buxton and Hollis woolen mills had been in West Buxton until 1938 and 1936, respectively. They looked for the steamboat landing at West Buxton, but there was no sign left



History on the river

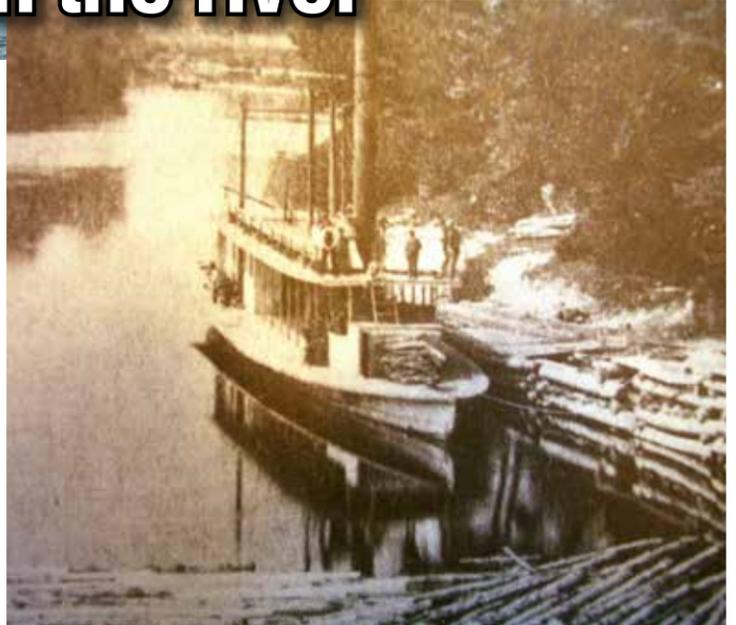
Above, paddlers are dwarfed by railroad bridge piers built in Bar Mills circa 1875. The tracks were taken out around 1962. The railroad came out from Portland to Gorham as early as 1855, but did not cross the Saco until piers were constructed. There were a number of different railroads, but principally it was the Portland and Rochester.

At right, the Minnie Ha-Ha with a load of lumber

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except for the depth of the water. Participants saw about where Smith's Bridge, an early all-wood toll bridge, had been. They visited and discussed the history of

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Gasset's gift of gab

Local announcer talks track

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Charlie Gasset of Shapleigh can't stop talking. Known as the "grandfather" of Maine (and New England) lawnmower and go-kart racing, Gasset spends Friday nights at the Saco Pathfinders Snowmobile Club racetrack announcing, interviewing winners and amusing the crowd of spectators who show up at the track on Heath Road to enjoy a fun, family friendly evening.

Gasset's enthusiasm for the sport is catching. After talking with him, a trip to the racetrack last Friday seemed inevitable, and the excitement of watching boys and girls and adults speeding at 35-40 MPH around a short track, wincing at the inevitable spills, cheering as the checkered flag waved at the end of each race, and enjoying tasty, fried concessions cooked up by snowmobile club members made for a wicked fun night with a bunch of friends. Gasset's gift of gab-calling out names and numbers as the vehicles roared around the dirt track—certainly added professional flair to the event.

Gasset said he started sports announcing in 1999, but he's

been practicing since he was a kid growing up in the Farmington area in western Maine. "My father always encouraged me," Gasset said. "He bought me a radio set when I was 10." Like his father, Gasset was a mechanic by trade. He worked for the Hertz rental car company at the airport in Portland, and he's always enjoyed cars and racing. In 2005, the Saco Pathfinders Snowmobile Club was looking for a way to raise money and decided to open a go-kart and lawnmower racetrack at the clubhouse. They asked Gasset to do the announcing. He learned how to announce by talking to other announcers and by going online to learn about the sport of lawnmower racing. Preparing for a night of announcing means keeping his throat in good condition and, like the racers tuning up their karts and mowers, Gasset has a routine he follows prior to an event. "I drink lukewarm water, take one cough drop, and avoid milk."

Gasset and his wife, Norma, moved to the Waterboro area in 1980 and to Shapleigh in 1988. He enjoys giving back to the community, and he's also become something of a local celebrity.

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Tanner McDougal is interviewed by announcer Charlie Gasset, the "Grandfather of Maine Lawnmower Racing" after Tanner's first place finish in the Senior Cage Kart division at the Saco Pathfinders Snowmobile Club racetrack on Friday, Aug. 14.

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Cemetery Committee upgrades

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This time of year is a busy one for members of the Waterboro Cemetery Committee, as they deal with cleanup and repair in many of the town's 123 cemeteries. Since the beginning of the new fiscal year, members have made some new and helpful purchases. A chainsaw has made cutting down dead and fallen trees and removing them from cemeteries possible. They also purchased a weed whacker, and several gallons of D2, a biological solution used to safely clean gravestones. The use of D2 was demonstrated to members at the last meeting. The committee also purchased a leaf blower. Chairwoman Angela McCoy, who used the leaf blower at the Old Corner Burial Grounds at the intersection of West and Middle Roads, said, "In one day I was able to clear as much area as I had in three days by rake." When that area is cleaned out, member Jeannie Grant will help McCoy clean the two stones marred with graffiti in that cemetery.

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MINNIE HA-HA

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Rolfe's Island, and noted the remains of the Sorting Boom above Bar Mills, and a smaller boom for the steam sawmill above Bar Mills. The group also passed by the earliest known human campsite in Maine, which is estimated to be about 9,000 years old.

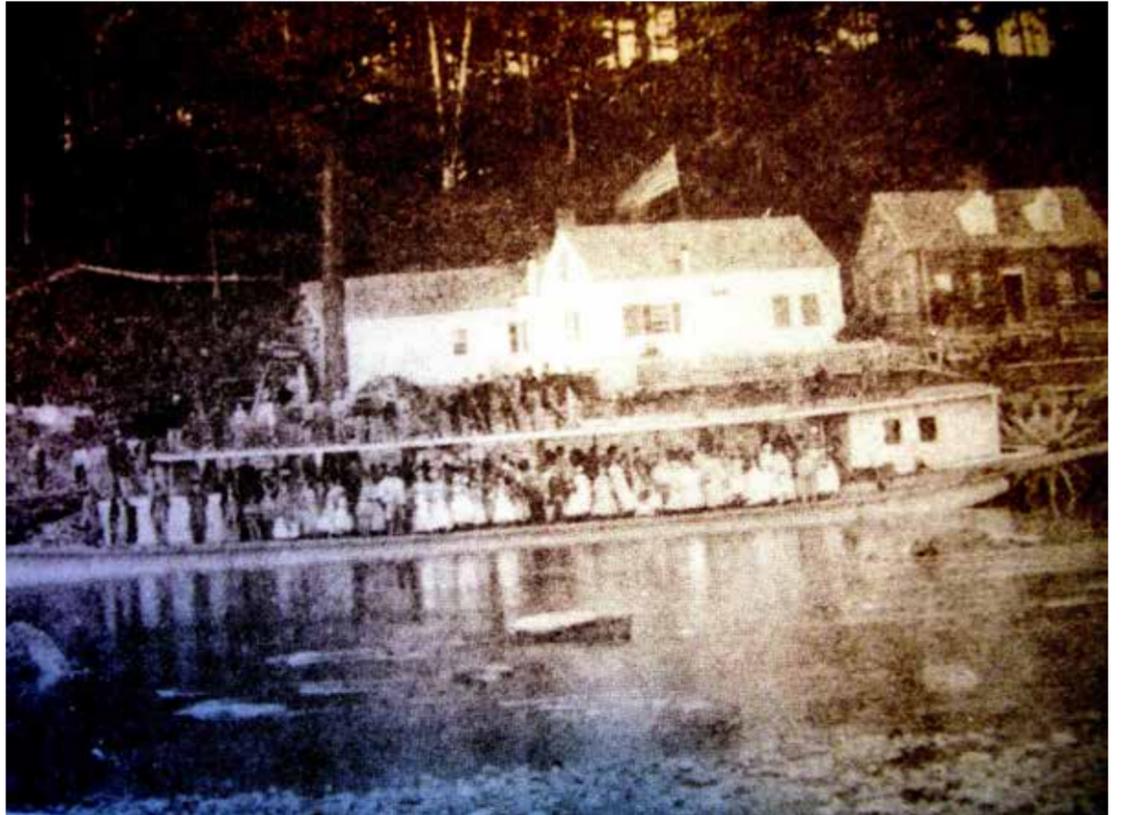
During a rest stop the paddlers learned about some of the flora, fauna and soils along the riverbanks from Sue Schaler, one of the kayakers. According to Hill, "We mostly had the river to ourselves, except for the wildlife, a crane and other assorted birds." They paddled by the piers of the former railroad bridge, where the tracks had been taken out around 1962. When they reached Bar Mills, they took out above the 1956 dam.

"The kayak/canoe trip was awesome, according to those who participated," Hill later wrote. "We all want to do another section of the river next year"

Following their trip, the paddlers joined up with other BHHS members and friends for a BBQ held at Burt and Barbara Pease's barn, where, according to BHHS Hollis Vice President Meg Gardner, "There was lots of scrumptious food and Brenton had about 20 photos on display, including the Minnie Ha-Ha."

The Buxton-Hollis Historical Society is planning a dedication of Buxton sites, including memorial landscaping at the Elden Store and a new sign at the N. C. Watson School at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. The guest speaker for Tuesday, Oct. 13 will be Alice Dunn, founder and owner of Portland Architectural Salvage in Portland; beginning at 7 p.m. she will be discussing architectural styles. She also owns the old Odd Fellows Hall in West Buxton, which she purchased to save from demolition a few years ago.

For more information about BHHS, go to <http://www.buxton-hollishistorical.org/home.html> or visit Facebook.



The Minnie Ha-Ha with passengers on board.

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STATE NEWS

More than \$1.7M awarded for health centers, research

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has awarded more than \$1.7 million to support Maine health centers and research initiatives.

Funding for the Portland Community and Katahdin Valley health centers was awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of DHHS which provides health care to individuals who are geographically, economically, or medically vulnerable.

"Community Health Centers are a vital part of our health care safety net, providing comprehensive primary care services to indi-

viduals, regardless of their ability to pay," said Sens. Collins and King in a joint statement.

DHHS has also awarded funding to Jackson Laboratory and Bates College to support research initiatives. Funding for Jackson Laboratory will support clinical research related to neurological disorders and funding for Bates College will support the study of Lyme disease.

"The research by Jackson Laboratory and Bates College will not only provide key insights into the understanding of neurological disorders and Lyme disease," said Collins and King "It will also ensure continued work to improve human health."

The funding awards are as follows: Katahdin Valley Health

Center, \$966,417; Portland Community Health Center, \$355,848; Jackson Laboratory, \$87,500; Bates College, \$345,750, with \$1,755,515 in total funding awarded.

Science funding

The National Science Foundation has awarded \$266,309 to the University of Maine to support the development of high performance computing to monitor severe storms, changes to the environment, and coastal damage to ensure the safety of maritime activities and property along the Maine coast.

"The protection of our coastline is vital not only to Maine's economy but our state's way of life," said Sens. Collins and King

in a joint statement. "This research by the University of Maine will further our understanding of the effects of climate change on our state's coast and also will provide students with access to high performance computing."

UMaine is a global leader in marine science research and education. This funding will specifically be used to enhance the computer infrastructure at UMaine, and will nearly triple the high performance computing power at the university.

Senator posts perfect attendance

State Sen. David Woodsome (R-York) was present for every one of the hundreds of roll call

votes taken in the Maine Senate this year.

"We were dealing with a lot of serious issues at the State House this year," said Woodsome. "My constituents need to trust that their voice is being heard in Augusta, and casting a vote at every opportunity is the most fundamental duty of lawmakers."

From January to July, roll call votes were held on matters ranging from the state budget to welfare reform to education policy.

Woodsome, who is serving his first term in the Senate, is the chairman of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology, as well as a member of the State and Local Government Committee.

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POLICE NOTES

Sanford man charged in gun theft

Acting upon the suspicions of the store owner, York County deputies charged a Sanford man for theft by unauthorized taking or transfer, a Class B crime, after reviewing a surveillance video at a local marina.



John Jalbert

On Friday, Aug. 14 around 9 a.m., York County Deputy Dan Shaw was called to investigate a possible theft at Lakeside Marina in Shapleigh, where the "furtive actions" two men displayed by the gun rack made the owner suspicious. After the men left, the owner discovered that a FIE Titan 25 Cal. ACP was missing from the pistol cabinet.

Tipsters identified the two suspects after Shaw posted the surveillance video on social media. Shaw and other York County deputies located the men and, after an interview, arrested John Jalbert Jr., 29. Deputies also recovered the firearm and a holster they suspected was stolen from the store as well.

Jalbert's alleged accomplice has not been charged.

Jalbert was transported to the York County Jail and made his initial appearance in York County Superior Court Monday, Aug. 17. He was being held on \$1,000 cash bail and is scheduled to appear in

York County Superior Court Oct. 29.

Cause sought in N.H. man's death

The body of a man found dead in Square Pond Aug. 18 has been transported to the Medical Examiner's Office in Augusta to determine the cause of death.

Richard Fraser, 65, of Manchester, New Hampshire, was found at approximately 10 a.m. after the York County Sheriff's Office was notified that a man's body was found on the bottom of the lake on the Shapleigh side near Treasure Island.

First responders from the York County Sheriff's Office, the Maine Warden Service, and both Acton and Shapleigh Fire and Rescue assisted at the scene.

Preliminary reports show that Fraser either rented or owned a cottage on Treasure Island and had disappeared the previous evening. Family members looked for Fraser, but were unable to locate him. Fraser's body was discovered on the bottom of the lake, in approximately 9 feet of water about 90 feet from shore.

Fatal crash still under investigation

No new information was available by the Reporter's deadline about a triple fatality on Aug. 15 that took the life of a local man.

Lee Goodrich, whose mother lives in Newfield, and another man and a woman were killed after a single-vehicle crash on

Gould Road in Dayton.

According to state police, the vehicle operator was 33-year-old Jill Ann Theriault of Dayton. Goodrich, 45, of Alfred, and 20-year-old Devin Nolan of Sanford were both passengers. Heimbach said no one in the car had a valid driver's license; the licenses of all three were suspended.

Heimbach said the trio was killed instantly when the Buick, which was traveling at a high rate of speed, went off the road on a slight curve and slammed into trees, coming to rest overturned on the driver's side. The crash took place about 2 miles from Theriault's home, and state police investigators are attempting to determine where the three had been earlier in the evening.

According to his family, Goodrich was raised in Alfred, Waterboro and Newfield and graduated from Massabesic High School, where he was a star running back on the Mustangs football team and named Most Valuable Player. Goodrich, who had four children, was a carpenter by trade and also participated in Tough Man Competitions in Rhode Island and Connecticut.

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CEMETERY

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Member Matt Brooker has been repairing a broken sign for the Chase-Newbegin Cemetery on Middle Road, which he will reinstall soon. The committee will be meeting as a group to clear out fallen trees from last winter's storms at the West Road Community Cemetery on Saturday, Sept. 19. They will also mow, rake and clean stones.

McCoy and her husband, Nate, recently found a stone the town knew about on Ossipee Mountain, but hadn't been documented yet. They took photos, and marked its location with orange tape.

Tammy Chadbourne, owner of Autumn Green Funeral Home in Alfred, has agreed to donate markers to the committee for stones that are no longer decipherable. When a stone becomes illegible, only private citizens can replace a family member's stone, not the town. The committee is getting a list together for Chadbourne with the information for each stone, so the markers will let people know who is buried there. At this time, the William Thing Burial Ground on West Road and Johnson Cemetery on Federal Street are in real need of some markers.

McCoy attended the Maine Old Cemetery Association's summer program, where it was announced that there will be a conservator workshop in August 2016 to teach people how to correctly repair stones, patch cracks and pour new bases. McCoy, along with Jon Gale and several other members plans to attend.

The new materials and techniques that are now available will allow them to repair stones without causing any more damage. "We want to preserve them," McCoy said.

The committee secretary is working on a spreadsheet to keep track of the cemeteries that have been worked on and those that need work. They are also looking into a computer program to help them map the cemeteries.

McCoy was pleased to share that two more cemeteries have been adopted this summer, but commented that there are still many more available. Anyone interested in the work of the committee or adopting a cemetery is asked to contact Angela McCoy at angelamccoy@waterboro-me.gov.

New DVDs at library

The following movies were added to the library's DVD collection recently: The "Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," "2000 miles to Maine: Adventures on the Appalachian Trail,"

"Far from the Madding Crowd," "Selma," "Elsa and Fred," "Big Eyes" and "The Best of Me." In addition, the library now holds the complete "Dr. Who" series and seasons one and two of "Call the Midwife."

Society events

"Remembering Waterboro's Golden Age" will be the theme of Jim Carll's slide presentation at the Waterborough Historical Society's Thursday, Sept. 3, program. He will show a collection of photographs taken before the 1911 and 1947 fires that swept through parts of town. The program, free to the public, begins at 7 p.m. at the air-conditioned Grange Hall, 31 West Road, South Waterboro. Refreshments will be served. For details, contact Jim at 247-5878. Also, mark your calendars for a dance on Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. and for the society's 7th Annual Chili, Chowda and Apple Dessert Contest which will be held on Sept. 19 at 4:30 p.m. For details on the contest contact Dianne at 247-5926.



The exterior of the Dollar General building on the corner of Route 5 and Chadbourne Ridge Road in North Waterboro.

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Dollar General progressing

The exterior of the new Dollar General building is now in place and workers are focusing on the interior. Currently the electrical

work is underway, with interior framing to follow. General contractor Michael Jacques of Sepala Construction of Rindge, New Hampshire anticipates the installation of sidewalks next week.

LETTERS

Library looks great

Kudos to the Waterboro Public Library board members, trustees and the community who have created a beautiful and inviting space for their patrons. Thanks for these upgrades: stained glass window, book drop box, flower gardens, parking lines and more. Keep up the great work!

Donna Duffy
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Most of his announcing is volunteer, but Gasset also works as a deejay at places like 19th Century Willowbrook Village in Newfield. He is a volunteer at the hospital in Sanford and was honored in 2006 as the Volunteer of the Year after 21 years of service. Gasset has been interviewed by local television news channels and by the popular TV series, "Northwoods Law." He's announced races in New Hampshire, Vermont and Connecticut, as well as Maine. "Now that I'm retired, I'm using my mouth instead of my hands," he said, laughing. "It's better than sitting in front of the TV."

A road to NASCAR

Lawnmower and go-kart racing can be a first step for young people interested in NASCAR racing.

"A lot of the big NASCAR drivers started out doing this," Marty Duffy, a spectator from Waterboro and a fan of racing, said about the kids racing in the go-kart divisions in Saco.

As with auto racing, competing in mower and kart racing means following official rules and regulations, and there are several divisions in which to compete. The official North Saco Racing Association rules can be found on the Saco Pathfinders Snowmobile Club website, and the organization stresses safety and sportsmanship. Junior kart drivers can start as young as 6. Senior kart drivers can start at 14 with parental consent. Mower drivers must be 18, though drivers age 14-17 can race with parental consent. Drivers wear full-face helmets, must wear long-sleeved pants and shirts and neck braces. Additional padding is suggested, but not required. The six race classes at Saco are Sportsman Mowers, Modified Mowers, Junior Cage Karts, Senior Cage Karts, Flathead Flat Karts, and

Animal/Clone (engine) Flat Karts. Each kart or mower has a number. Most also have individual sponsors displayed on each vehicle.

On race nights, competitors assemble in the pit area preparing for the qualifying heats. There are also moms and dads and kids and friends and pit crews helping out or just providing moral support. There is a sense of fun, but it is serious fun. These guys and girls race to win. Points are awarded and accrued over the season, trophies are handed out, championships are won.

Down in the pit in Saco prior to preliminary heat races, junior kart driver Regina Ramsey and her father Mike Ramsey of Saco were gearing up for their respective races in their go-kart, #91. Regina said she had been racing for five years. "I get to spend time with my dad," she said when asked what she liked most about racing.

Lake Berry, age 12, was also in the pit area with mom and dad, Alan and Stephanie of Gorham. Alan builds racecars and street rods for a living at Alan Berry Race Cars, and he also has a racecar at Beechridge, pointing to the connection between go-kart racing and auto racing.

Out on the track, #37, Nathan Barth, who placed in the Junior Cage Kart division, was inter-

viewed by Gasset following his race. After thanking his family for supporting him and congratulating the other drivers on their performance, he said, "I want to thank the fans for coming out. That's what it's all about." That kind of sportsmanship is what the raceway encourages and is good practice for a potential career in auto racing.

Family friendly

A night at the Saco racetrack isn't just for the people behind the wheel. Three generations of the McDougal family from Rochester, New Hampshire come up to Maine on race nights to watch 15-year-old Tanner, #55, compete in the Senior Cage Kart division. On Friday night, Tanner's grandparents, Jerry and Marilyn, were sitting in the stands with Tanner's step-mom, Melissa, while dad Steve was over in the pit area prior to the race.

"It's in our family blood," said Marilyn. "He looks up to his older brother." Older brother Connor used to race go-karts and is now going to be racing a truck at Beechridge in Scarborough. Connor and his dad, Steve, are also in the process of building a stock car. The family has raced go-karts at many locations, and they enjoy the racetrack on Heath Road. "It's a little track on a postage-stamp



Earl Heathcock (left) with friends/fans Brian and Stephanie Briggs of Limerick after Heathcock's sportsman mower race.

PHOTOS BY SHELLEY BURBANK

property," Melissa said, looking out over the well-lit track. "But they do it really, really well."

Charlie's son, Chuck Gasset of Waterboro, also races at Saco Pathfinders. He competes in the Modified Mower division, while some good friends from the Waterboro area, Nick Perkins and Earl Heathcock, compete in the Sportsman Mower division. The difference between the two divisions is one of modification rules. Chuck said that the number one brand of lawnmower used for racing is a Craftsman. "It's the easiest to work with because it has a square frame."

Chuck has been racing since 2005 and has won many trophies, but what he likes most about it is that the racing helps charitable organizations raise money. Races by Saco Pathfinders are sponsored by businesses, and there are no cash prizes, just trophies. However, collections are often taken up to help those in need. Chuck raises money for the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center with his racing and, on Friday night, an impromptu "pass the hat" collection raised over \$400 for the family of Josh Shaw, who is fighting cancer.

Cheap fun

What about people who want to get into racing?

"Saco is the way to go," said Chuck, who did his best to explain the mechanics of modifying a riding lawnmower into a racing machine to someone without one iota of mechanical knowledge. He said that a mower could be ready to race in the stock class in about four hours, there is no practice involved, and if a mower is totaled in a race, it could be fixed in a couple of weeks. He said it only takes about \$100 to get "into the game."

Earl Heathcock, who, according to Chuck is one of the best racers around, agreed that lawnmower racing is an inexpensive way to enjoy racing. "It's something to race and it's really cheap," he said after his race Friday night in Saco. He's driven everything over the years--cars, trucks, "you name it," he said. He's been racing mowers since 2008, and has won three championships at Saco, Shapleigh and Acton.

Heathcock's wife, Megan, who was at the race, said, "It's fun and scary" to watch Earl race.

Has she herself ever been tempted to race a mower?

"I never got on one," she said. "But it's exciting, cheap entertainment."



Announcer Charlie Gasset's son, Chuck Gasset (center) with his fan club at the Saco lawnmower racetrack on Friday night, Aug. 14. Every race, this group of friends and family show up to support Chuck racing his modified mower.

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OBITUARIES

Lee P. Goodrich

Lee P. Goodrich, 45, of Mountain Road in Alfred, died on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015 from injuries he sustained in an automobile accident.



Lee Goodrich

Lee was born on Jan. 3, 1970 in Sanford the son of Joel P. and Bonnie A. (Bean) Goodrich. He was raised in Alfred, Waterboro and Newfield and was a graduate of Massabesic High School. Lee was a star athlete playing as a running back on the high school team; where he earned the Most Valuable Player Award. He participated in Tough Man Competitions in Rhode Island and Connecticut. Lee's favorite football team was the New England Patriots.

Lee worked in the construction trade and did a variety of both residential and commercial projects. He was well liked on the jobs with his fellow subcontractors. Lee was devoted to his children and enjoyed playing ball with them and taking them fishing and swimming in the local lakes and at the beach. Lee will be dearly missed by his children and his family.

He is survived by his father, Joel P. Goodrich of Alfred; his mother and step-father, Bonnie Reed and husband Larry of West Newfield; his four children, Shawn Goodrich of Springvale; Cameron Theberge of Buxton; Trey and Olivia Goodrich both of Alfred; his brother, Patrick Goodrich of Alfred and by his sister, Laura Goodrich of Ossipee, New Hampshire; his step-brother, Keith Reed of Biddeford and his step-sister, Michell Reed of Florida; his step-grandfather, Clinton Reed of West Newfield; and several nieces and nephews and cousins.

Family and friends were invited to call on Aug. 20 at the Au-

tumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, in Alfred. There will be no funeral services.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the York County Shelter Programs, Inc., P.O. Box 820, Alfred, ME 04002.

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

Bonnie L. Wood

Bonnie L. Wood, 70, died in Limerick, at the home she has shared with her brother, Terence (Terry) Wood, on Aug. 7, 2015.

Bonnie was born on May 18, 1945 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire the daughter of Reuben I. and Gertrude L. (Day) Wood and was raised and educated in Kittery; graduating from Traip Academy with the Class of 1963.

Bonnie joined the United States Navy and was a faithful member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 89 in Kittery and the Edwards Post YD Auxiliary of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Bonnie remained single throughout her life and was a beloved sister and aunt.

Bonnie worked 13 years at the Air Force Exchange Service (AFES) at Pease Air Force Base and then 13 years with Toys R Us both in New Hampshire. With Bonnie's outgoing personality, she enjoyed working with the public in the retail setting. Many friendships were made throughout the years. Bonnie had been a resident of Kittery for 58 years before she moved to Limerick to be with her brother. She enjoyed living in the country and tending to the beautiful flower gardens at their home.

Services for Bonnie will be held at the convenience of her family.

She is survived by her two brothers, Terence M. Wood and Donald R. Wood; her nieces and nephews, William Bruce Wood,

William Barry Wood, Rebecca S. Parker, Betsey J. Lloyd, Jens Harrington, Deborah A. Roberts, and Timothy S. Wood.

Bonnie was predeceased by her parents, two brothers, William L. Wood and Carroll J. Wood and by her nephew, Donald R. Wood, Jr.

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

Elizabeth G. Mitchell

Elizabeth (Betty) G. Mitchell, 93 of Deering Ridge Road in East Waterboro, passed away Tuesday Aug. 18, 2015 at the St. Andre's Health Care Facility in Biddeford.



Elizabeth Mitchell

Elizabeth was born in Winchester, Massachusetts, Nov. 16, 1921, and was the daughter of Norman and Edna Gayton Mitchell. She graduated from Winchester schools, Gorham Normal schools, the University of Maine at Orono and Tufts University in Massachusetts.

Betty, as she preferred to be called, had a 39-year teaching career which began in one of the last one-room rural schools in West Hollis in which grades 1-8 attended. She used to recall having no running water or electricity at the school. Children were driven to the school by a converted panel truck, often referred to as "hauling the scholars." Over her successful career in education, Betty taught at the following schools: Limerick High School, Pepperell Air Force Base High School in St. John's Newfoundland, Wells High School, and eventually would end her teaching career at Massabesic High School in Waterboro.

Betty loved spending time working on her farm in Waterboro. Her home was her haven and it was deeply imbedded in her and who she was. Its history and beauty are evident and she embraced her time there with love and pure joy.

In her retirement, Betty fo-

cused on and thoroughly enjoyed her collie dogs. She was a member of the Collie Club of Maine, the Collie Club of America, the Animal Welfare Society of West Kennebunk, the Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the National Humane Education Society, the Maine State Retired Teachers Association, the Society of Mayflower Descendants, and the National Retired Teachers Association.

Betty is survived by her cousins, Robert Mitchell Putnam and his wife, Carol of Southern Pines, North Carolina and their son, Nathaniel M. Putnam; and also Gail Putnam Emmet and her husband, Robert of Shaker Heights, Ohio and their sons, Richard S. Emmet and his wife, Jackie of Larchmont, New York and Robert P. Emmet and his wife, Caroline of Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Betty had many friends and they meant a great deal to her and she to them. Her friends were extremely supportive of her in a variety of ways over the years and Betty to many of them as well. Betty's friendships were rooted in love and respect and crossed several decades.

Betty will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by many. She has left a lasting imprint on many hearts and lives and all who knew her will be blessed to carry on her legacy knowing they have been touched by a remarkable woman.

A private service will be held at a later date. For all who knew Betty, her privacy was important to her, and therefore no public services will be arranged. Thank you for understanding and respecting her wishes.

Special thanks and consideration would like to be extended to Southern Maine Hospice and St. Andre's Healthcare for their care of Betty.

Arrangements were made by Dennett, Craig & Pate Funeral and Cremation Services.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions in Betty Mitchell's memory, please consider the Animal Welfare Society of West Kennebunk, PO Box 43, West Kennebunk, ME 04094.

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Habitat for Humanity welcomes new director

Habitat for Humanity of York County is pleased to welcome Amy D'Amico as Executive Director, effective Sept. 1, 2015. In announcing the appointment, Doug Fraser, President of the Board of Directors, said "We are excited to welcome Amy to Habitat for Humanity of York County and we look forward to her leadership as we work together continuing our mission of providing affordable housing in our community."

Previously, Amy has been Resource Development Director for Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut, located in New London, Connecticut. She managed all fundraising operations, including grant proposals, corporate relations, marketing and communications.

She also worked closely with volunteer committees focusing on special events and ReStore development. Amy is looking forward to joining Habitat for Humanity. "I have seen the impacts Habitat for Humanity has on the lives of its partner families, the hearts of its volunteers, and the spirit of the communities it serves."

Habitat for Humanity of York County, the local affiliate of Habitat International, was incorporated in 1985 as a non-profit builder of affordable homes in partnership with low-income families, community volunteers, and local businesses. Our mission is to work towards the elimination of poverty housing and homelessness in York County and to stir the hearts and minds of others to take action on this issue. Habitat and the York County community have completed 25 homes. We work to build affordable homes, better lives, stronger families, and safer communities through partnerships with people and organizations throughout York County.

For more information about Habitat for Humanity York County visit our website at: www.habitatyorkcounty.org

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Map 36 Lot 28 Indian Village Road, Shapleigh .59 acre wooded back lot with right of way to Square Pond \$55,000
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