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## Kezar Falls Library on National Register of Historic Places

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Like many libraries in this area, the Kezar Falls Library is a relatively small building, but its historic significance was not lost by the Library Board, and on Dec. 8, 2021 it was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Kezar Falls Circulating Library was founded in 1896 by the Ladies Magazine Reading Club. According to former Librarian and Library Board member, Jean Stanley, this civic organization was trying to determine what to do with all the magazines they had collected. "Why not create a library where others can enjoy them, too?" The original library was in former Norton building (where Joyful Beginnings Day-care & Preschool is today), upstairs above the dry goods store. When they outgrew that space, they moved to a place next to the current Hardware Store. Finally, by 1923, they decided to build their own building, and purchased

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The Kezar Falls Library, at 2 Wadleigh Street in Parsonsfield, was recently added to the National Register of Historic Places. Below is the original plan for library. COURTESY PHOTOS



Matthew Williams of Springvale is Shapleigh's new Town Administrator. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

## Shapleigh welcomes new Town Administrator

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

The Town of Shapleigh has a new Town Administrator. Matthew Williams began working as Town Administrator at the end of November. Williams lives in Springvale with his wife Samantha and seven children.

Williams was born in Easton, in Aroostook County, and graduated from Presque Isle High School. After high school, he went into the U.S. Air Force and received an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice, and became a Staff Sergeant. He worked in Military Security Forces for eight years active duty, and he was on the Fire Team during Enduring Freedom. After the USAF, he went to work as a Maine State Trooper for 14 years, where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. While a State Trooper, he was interested in Government Administration and Public Policy and in 2017 earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration and Public Policy and International Affairs from Liberty University.

He is currently working on another Bachelor's Degree in Cyber Security. Since becoming Town

Administrator, he has been focusing on updating the Information Technology and town website to make it more modern and user-friendly.

In a statement, William's said, "to the residence of Shapleigh, it is my pleasure to serve you as the new Town Administrator. I was born and raised in Maine. After traveling throughout the world with the U.S. Air Force, one thing became clear to me; Maine is home, and it always will be. I am grateful for this opportunity to have a positive impact in a town with such rich history and character. The world around us often seems out of control, but time stands still in the backcountry. From morning sunrises highlighting beautiful 18th-century architecture, to evening sunsets over the lakes and mountains, Maine is indeed unique and always under the Lord's gracious watch. Thank you for this amazing opportunity, and here's to a bright future in the historic town of Shapleigh, Maine."

Williams says his door is always open, and he is always willing to listen. You can contact him at [townadmin@shapleigh.net](mailto:townadmin@shapleigh.net).



## Community pop-up clinic

Maine's Cambodian community recently received free COVID-19 vaccine shots during a pop-up vaccine clinic at the Cambodian Buddhist temple in Buxton. (See related story on Page 3) COURTESY PHOTO

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**KEZAR FALLS LIBRARY**

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a lot in the center of Kezar Falls village, in the town of Parsonsfield. The library was designed by famous architect and Portland native, John Calvin Stevens, and opened in 1925. Prominent families in the area donated books – the first 20 books ever accessioned to the library are on display today (see photo to right).



The original 20 books recorded at the Kezar Falls Circulating Library. COURTESY PHOTO

Over the years, the building has needed some repairs and renovations, and the Library Board has maintained and protected its historical significance. The slate roof had to be replaced, the front steps had to be redone (the brick abutment underneath had been crumbling), and recently, the 100-year-old windows needed to be rehabilitated. In order to do so, they had to be removed, sent to the shop for repairs, and then re-installed. You may have seen the library all boarded up at one point – that’s why. When the windows were removed for rehabilitation, they had to board up the window space while they waited for the re-

furbished windows to return. The process took about a year.

While working on these renovations, the library had applied for some grants to assist with the cost. In receiving these grants, the library pre-qualified for the National Register of Historic Places, and decided to complete the application process. Karen Duplin, current Librarian, became the grant writer.

In December, the library received word from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission that, “The Kezar Falls Circulating Library was entered into the Na-

tional Register of Historic Places on December 8, 2021 by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC.”

“I have a personal love for the building, and want to see it maintained and protected for future generations,” said Stanley, who had been Librarian there for 19 years. “I think it’s cool that we have a building of architectural significance in our town.”

The Kezar Falls Circulating Library is a privately owned public library, located at 2 Wadleigh Street in Parsonsfield, near the Kezar Falls Village Variety store. Other than a window being replaced by a door for handicap access, the exterior of the library has not been altered, and neither has the interior. Stop by and take a look at this historic building, inside and out. They are open Tuesdays from 2:30-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays from 2:30-5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

**TOWN OF ALFRED  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Monday, January 24, 2022, 6:30pm**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held at the Alfred Town Hall, County of York, State of Maine at 6:30pm on Monday, January 24, 2022 in accordance with Title 30, Sec 2451-2460, M.R.S.A. Said hearing being on the request for a variance to relax front setbacks allowing for a single family residence.

Angela & Raymond Sanborn, Map 5 Lot 70-B  
37 Milne Road

Any persons having any objections to the granting or issuance of said permits shall appear and show just cause.

*Zoning Board of Appeals, Town of Alfred*

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**COMING EVENTS**

**LYMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY** The next meeting of the Lyman Historical Society will be Tuesday, Jan. 18 at the Community Library at 6 p.m.

**TAG TEEN ACTIVITY GROUP** at the Springvale Public Library will meet every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. January will be board game month. Bring your favorite board game to play downstairs in the Community Room. Snacks will be provided. Masks are required in the building. The library is located at 443 Main Street in Springvale. Check their website for current hours and COVID protocols.

**HUGE CALENDAR RAFFLE FUNDRAISER** to benefit the Sanford High School Music Department, with over \$2,700 in prizes and up to 40 chances to win for every entry! Prizes will be drawn each day in February and there are also 12 BONUS prizes. Each day has a different theme. Every Wednesday the winner will win Breakfast, Lunch AND Dinner at a local restaurant! Sundays: Free Groceries! Mondays: Free Gas! There are prizes for all tastes. One winner will even get \$250 in cash! Tickets are only \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Entries that win are

always put back in the draw box, so you could win multiple times! Last day to purchase tickets is Jan. 28. For more information www.sanfordmusicboosters.org, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SHSMusicBoosters. You can purchase a calendar through a student or mail a check to SHS Boosters, PO Box 732 Sanford, ME 04073 and include the best way to contact you if your ticket is drawn.

**ONGOING EVENTS**

**KNOW SOMEONE IN PRISON** The Acton- Shapleigh Lion’s Club **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Saturday of every month. The price is \$7, which includes pancakes (plain or blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausages, toast, orange juice, beans, and coffee, tea, and milk. The breakfast will be served from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road. All are welcome.

Buxton Centre Baptist Church, 938 Long Plains Road, Buxton, weekly **SOUPER SENIORS SOCIAL**. Gather for conversation, cribbage, puzzles, and other games, every Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a free lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Adults of all ages are welcome. Masks are not required, but we encourage people to be considerate of the health of others.

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## Frozen Vegetables on a heart-warming mission

Frozen vegetables on a heart-warming mission – that’s the tagline for a new frozen produce processing venture being created right here in Maine. While not on the retail shelves yet, people are taking notice of this company striving to create a food system that provides healthy food for all, a working business model for small and mid-sized farmers, and supports the fight to end hunger.



“Harvesting Good is launching a revolutionary business model,” stated Matt Chin, president of Harvesting Good, “in the form of a completely transparent frozen food processing system that produces affordable, healthy food, supports local farms, and strengthens rural communities. Best of all, we’re building this company with the sole mission to give back.” After paying off principal investments, 100% of the company’s net profits will be directed to support food banks within the local communities where consumers purchase Harvesting Good products.

Harvesting Good is a for-profit public benefit corporation and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine. The company is on a mission to improve access to nutritious food and strengthen regional food systems by creating a mid-scale food processing company. Currently, local food is only available during Maine’s short growing season, limiting farmers’ sales opportunities and availability to consumers looking for fresh, locally-grown produce. Existing large processors are not available to the small and mid-size farms. While smaller processors have tried to fill this void, they have been unable to produce a widely available and affordable product successfully.

Harvesting Good is actively raising capital and has been awarded

\$792,966 through a U.S. Department of Agriculture Regional Food Systems Partnership grant. Harvesting Good is one of only 30 projects in 24 states to receive the funding, according to a recent USDA announcement.

The company will launch its first product, frozen broccoli florets, in late 2022 with broccoli grown by Circle B Farms in Caribou, Maine. Once harvested, the broccoli will be flash-frozen by W.R. Allen in Orland, packaged by Jasper Wyman and Sons in Milbridge, and sold by Harvesting Good to retailers and wholesalers throughout the Northeast.

For more information, visit [www.FeedingMaine.org/HarvestingGood](http://www.FeedingMaine.org/HarvestingGood).

### ABOUT HARVESTING GOOD

*Harvesting Good is a for-profit public benefit corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine. Its mission is to improve access to local food for all consumers and strengthen regional food systems by creating a mid-scale food processing venture. It all starts in late 2022. Partners include Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine, University of Maine Cooperative Extension, agricultural processors and farmers, Hannaford Supermarkets, a regional grocery chain, and Sodexo, an institutional foodservice corporation. Maine-based processing partners include Circle B Farms in Caribou, W.R. Allen in Orland, Jasper Wyman and Sons in Milbridge. For more information, please visit [www.FeedingMaine.org/HarvestingGood](http://www.FeedingMaine.org/HarvestingGood).*

## Cambodian community rings in new year with shots at pop-up vaccine clinic

Maine’s Cambodian community recently received free COVID-19 vaccine shots during a pop-up vaccine clinic at the Cambodian Buddhist temple in Buxton, Maine.

“I am truly grateful for Kyle Holmquist, Watt Samaki, and the volunteers for making the event a success. The response was great and people were waiting outside in the cold and rain for their turn to get the vaccine,” said Theary Leng Ryder, executive director of Khmer Maine, an organization that supports cultural exchange and civic engagement in the Cambodian community. “Some seniors got up early in the morning to prepare authentic food for the medical team and volunteers. It was such a heart-warming experience to see everyone caring for one and other.”

The pop-up vaccine clinic was a collaboration between Khmer Maine, Watt Samaki Temple, and Local Roots Healthcare based in Kennebunk. About 60 Cambodian Mainers received their vaccines, including roughly 8 who received their first doses. Community members who received a vaccine shot were eligible for a free 25 lb. bag of rice or a voucher to Cambodian grocers in Portland. The rice and vouchers were provided by Khmer Maine.

“Sunday’s COVID vaccine clinic exemplifies how Mainers take care of each other. I am so grateful for Theary, Khmer Maine, and all involved in organizing today’s event. I strive to lower the barriers to receiving health care in my professional practice, and this community-organized event proves that it truly takes a village to keep our friends and neighbors safe and healthy,” said Kyle Holmquist, FNP-C, and provider at Local Roots Healthcare. “I am overjoyed to have been trusted to



A member of Maine’s Cambodian community receiving a free COVID-19 vaccine during a recent pop-up clinic in Buxton. (See related photo on Page 1) COURTESY PHOTO

administer 60 COVID vaccinations to this amazing and close-knit community.”

Throughout the pandemic, Khmer Maine has worked closely with Watt Samaki Khmer Temple in Buxton, Maine, and its leadership to educate the Cambodian community about COVID-19 safety protocols and the importance of getting vaccinated.

“We are a small but mighty community, the Cambodian community in Maine. People come from Sanford, Saco and Biddeford, Buxton, and all over southern Maine to get their vaccines. If we can do it to keep our families and

each other safe, and show we care for our elders and community, so can Mainers across the state,” said Meng Yi, vice-president of the Watt Samaki Temple board of directors.

### ABOUT KHMER MAINE

*Khmer Maine, formerly known as the Cambodian Community Association of Maine, is a nonprofit, grassroots organization working to improve the quality of life and the social and economic well-being of Cambodian people in Maine through cultural exchange, community building and civic engagement. Learn more at [www.khmermaine.org](http://www.khmermaine.org).*

## TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022

AT 6:00 P.M.

(Snow Date Wednesday, February 9th at 6:00 p.m.)

To review amendments to both the Zoning Ordinance & Subdivision Ordinance that will be presented to Shapleigh voters in March.

The public is invited to attend.

Roger Allaire, Chairman - Shapleigh Planning Board

## TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING on TUESDAY, JANUARY 25TH, 2022

AT 6:00 P.M.

(Snow Date: Wednesday, January 26th) for the following after-the-fact amendment to a Conditional Use Permit:

Woods Construction Office & Shop  
Shapleigh Tax Map 18, Lot 28  
(147 Emery Mills Road)  
Shawn Woods, Applicant & Property Owner

The Public is invited to attend.

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# The Hoarder's Widow

The Hoarder's Widow will be serialized in the Reporter, one chapter at a time. Are you interested in the life, the love, the belongs, and the mind of a hoarder? Read on. Learn and enjoy.

My dream is to tell the world about people who have hoarding disorder in a useful, empathic, humorous, compassionate story style that does not make them and their vast collections seem odd, ridiculous, crazy, or nasty dirty. Through my weekly stories, I will help the reader understand, admire, and care for people with hoarding disorder despite their passion for their abundance of STUFF!

## CHAPTER ONE Finding Bob

My journey "Finding Bob" starts 2002. I spot Bob at church. He is carrying his big, black King James Bible, wearing a necktie, a navy-blue, double-knit sports jacket and matching Dickies. Bob is a man with a glossy forehead, bristly mustache, and a pretty good set of teeth. I've been searching for a new husband for ten long years. I'd given up praying for a husband or even a part-time boyfriend. "Apparently God wants me to stay single," I think but the desperation continues!

Then, Bob and I speak during coffee hour, about his job as a contractor, about my yard needing a real good clean-up, about his eighty-two year-old neighbor, Natalie, who seems to be getting forgetful. I bring him articles on dementia and bake cookies for Natalie and for him. Bob likes cookies and begins coming to my house. He is skilled at all kinds of chores; carpentry, electrical, chain sawing, plumbing, landscaping, and he's working for free.

It doesn't take me long to fall in love with this useful guy. When he asks me to marry him after just few months of chores and dates, I am thrilled. Bob is sixty and has never been married. Imagine it! I am his chosen one, the one and only. No

more desperation!

I tell my daughter my amazing news. She has never even heard of Bob. Immediately she says, "Mom, you're nuts. You hardly know this man and you're going to marry him? I'm going to have him investigated! Have you even seen his house?" "No." I, shyly confess. "I do need to see his home."

I say, "Bob, useful man, love of my life, owner of five chain saws. I need to see where you live." He looks downcast, his friendly smile gone, and says, quietly, "Okay. My mother thinks you ought to see it too."

Off we go to Dayton. His home is a simple, brown shingled ranch, on the verge of being a little run-down with a huge barn in need of great repair. "At least he isn't living in his truck like the last man I met," I reason.

When I go in, I can barely squeak through the door because of all the cardboard, returnable cans and bottles, and chain saws parts blocking the way. It smells, musty, and dusty of his hand-me-down fifty-year-old furniture, of chain saw oil, and thirty years of newspapers. The kitchen floor is covered, four inches deep, with old mail, Blue Bonnet Butter tubs, short lengths of tarnishing copper pipe, and all kinds of mysterious stuff that crackles and crunches under foot. There is no room to sit on the sofa. His favorite chair is held up by five yellowing 1970s Massachusetts telephone books. I check out the bathroom only to see, beside the toilet, a four-foot-tall pyramid of Uncle Henry's, teetering, waiting to avalanche with the next flush.

All this could deter a less desperate woman, but I do love useful Bob and I do love organizing. The mess looks like a challenge...I'd like to take on.

If you have a hoarding story you would like to share, my next book will be a collection of such stories, of course with anonymity preserved. You can email me at [cephil@securespeed.us](mailto:cephil@securespeed.us).

— Author Carol E. Nile  
lives in Dayton



**"A program to give people the peace of mind that they can age safely and securely in their homes."**

— GOV. JANET T. MILLS

Our senior citizens and those with disabilities deserve to live and grow old in the comfort of their own homes without worrying that they'll be unable to stay in them because they can't afford the property taxes.

This week, I announced a program to give people the peace of mind that they can age safely and securely in their own homes.

Using \$3.5 million in funds from the Federal American Rescue Plan, this week we announced the State Property Tax Deferral Program which provides a lifeline to cover the annual property tax bills of eligible Maine people who are aged 65 and older or who are permanently disabled and who cannot afford to pay their property taxes on their principle residence.

You may be eligible if you earn less than \$40,000 a year, including your retirement, and have liquid assets below \$50,000 (or \$75,000 if you're applying with your spouse). Full eligibility criteria and applications can be found by going online on the Maine Revenue Services website.

Loans must be repaid if the property is sold or becomes part of somebody's estate.

The State Property Tax Deferral Program is the latest step my Administration has taken to address property taxes, to increase the availability of housing, and to ensure that all Maine people, regardless of age or income, can have a safe, stable place to call home right here in our state.

In 2019, I signed a \$15 million senior housing bond that had been approved by Maine voters but had been held up by the previous Administration. In 2020, I signed into law the single largest state investment in housing in Maine's history and we recently broke ground on a new, major housing project resulting from that law.

To put money back into the pockets of Maine families we've also provided other tax relief. We:

- Made an historic investment in Maine public schools, meeting the State's obligation to pay 55 percent of the cost of K-12 education for the first time in history;
- We increased direct tax relief for 83,000 low-income and middle-income people who were hard hit by the pandemic;
- We fully restored revenue sharing with municipalities to five percent;

• We launched and administered the Local Fiscal Recovery Program that has infused more than \$59 million in federal funds into local governments within more than 461 communities;

• We preserved the power of the Earned Income Tax Credit to provide tax relief to middle and low-income Maine families with children;

• We exempted up to \$10,200 in unemployment benefits from income tax for the year 2020; and

• We returned more than \$149 million of your taxes in financial relief directly to Maine families in 2021.

Well I said last week and I'll say it again, I think we can give more money back to the people of Maine, and I'll be working with Democrats, Republicans, and Independents on just how to do that.

You can look for that as part of the supplemental budget I'll be proposing in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, my Administration will continue to work with the Legislature to make sure that every person in Maine has a safe place to call home.

—Originally aired as a radio address on Jan. 7

## Incumbent Bobby Mills announces his candidacy for re-election

In his early years in office as York County Treasurer, he discovered lost unclaimed revenue that was owed to the County. He has continued to search for funds and will counting the



Bobby Mills

same.

He's most proud of the staff at the County and the hard work they've been doing especially during the trying times of Covid.

Our County's low tax rate and stabilization funds helped much of York County and very appreciated county-wide. Mills stays very attuned to the needs of many in our communities in York County.

Mills received a Bachelor's from Texas Wesleyan University and a Master's from Liberty University. Mills works for FedEx and some other ventures.

He continues to stay active with his family in various volunteer and sporting events. Mills lives in Biddeford with his wife Heather and son's Trenton, Jayehvon, Andrew, Jordan, Robby and Cooper.

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# ALFRED

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## Alfred Parish Church

The annual meeting of the Alfred Parish Church will be held Feb. 6 at 11:15 a.m. Committee reports are due to Dorothy Miller by Jan. 15. During the new member service on Dec. 19, Sharon Bergeron and Bradley Simpson were welcomed to membership.

Masks and social distancing continue to be required in church at all times. Alfred Parish Church continues to be the only church in the area which has singing in church. If you prefer not to wear a mask there is a service offered on Zoom. Non-family members are asked to skip a row in seating. As to church services, the plan is to offer 2 or 3 services a month at 10 a.m.

On those days that a "Community Meal to Go" is held, Eric Ducharme will have his truck at Conant Chapel to deliver meals between 2 and 3 p.m. If you know a friend or neighbor who would like a meal call the church at 324-3841 and leave a message with the number of meals you would like, also your phone number.

Alfred Parish Church received a very generous anonymous donation of \$2,500 for the fire alarm system. This pays for the system in full and for several monthly service fees. It is hoped the system will be installed within the next couple of months. Many thanks to the donor!

## Fire department news

The Alfred Fire Department received 4 calls for mutual aid fires in December, 3 calls for medical mutual aid, 2 calls for those with advanced life support training, 2 calls for fire alarm activation, 3 calls for a lift assist, 4 calls for medical assist transported by mutual aid, 9 calls for medical transport by those with advanced life support training, 10 calls for those with basic life support training, 6 calls for a motor vehicle crash, 3 calls for public assistance and one for tree limbs or wires down. There were 3 calls cancelled.

At the Dec. 21 Selectmen's meeting, the following were appointed: Christopher Carpenter, Chief of Alfred Fire and Rescue; Jarrett Clarke, Deputy Chief; Marc Cunningham, Captain; Thomas Gilman III, Lieutenant; Timothy Benoit, Lieutenant; Adiana Morrison, Lieutenant; Michael Hersom, Captain.

## Town Clerk's office

The Town Clerk's records in December included 1 birth, 3 deaths, 12 burial permits, 4 marriages and 2 with intentions to marry.

There were 109 altered dogs licensed, 22 unaltered dogs licensed, and 37 that were done online. There were 5 hunting and fishing licenses sold, 2 with a muzzleloader and 4 ATV Snowmobile registrations sold.

## New permits issued

Jim Allaire, the Code Enforcement Officer, has announced the following permits issued for December: Tim Paradis, at Wilderness Acres, a permit for a two car garage; Roger Berube of Back Road, a permit for a two story family home with an attached 2 car garage; Wayne Silva of Court Street permits for three apartments, Apt. A on the first floor, Apt. B on the second floor and Apt. C on the third floor, all on the Court Street side; Neal Lessard of Riverside Drive, a Ground Mount Solar Array; Michael Gibney of Clark Road a permit to replace two decks; Keven Kasting of Fort Ridge Road a permit for a Stand by Generator; Victoria Quinlan of Roberts Road a permit for a Stand by Generator; Elizabeth Littlefield of Federal Street a permit for a heat pump/AC unit; Eric Hanks of Saco Road for a Heat Pump/AC unit; and to Raymond Poirier of Jordan Springs Rd. for a 27 x 48' New Mobile Home.

## Library news

There are many attractive new books at the library, among them "Stomp, Wiggle, Clap and Tap" by Rachelle Burk. It claims to be the First Book of Dance. There is also "The Thank You Book" by Mo Williams, supposedly by Elephant and Piggy. Boys interested in construction (or demolition) would enjoy "Construction Site Mission; Demolition!" by Sherri Rinker. Also "Good Night, Good Night, Construction Site" by the same author. "The Magic Treehouse" by Mary Poe Osborne was number one bestseller in the New York Times bestselling series. "Whose Home Is It?" provides youngsters with pictures of the various homes occupied by insects. This is by Radka Janska and Carmen Saldaha. But the most appealing for little boys may be "With Any Luck I'll Drive a Truck" by David Friend.

Junior fiction includes "Keep Me Warm at Christmas" by Brenda Novak, "Wish You Were Here" by Jodi Picoult, "Shadows of Swanford Abbey" by Julie Klassen and "The Love Hypothesis" by Al Hazelwood.

New nonfiction includes "The Cookie Companion" revised by the King Arthur Baking Company; "Gastro Obscura" A Food Adventurer's Guide" by Cecily Wong; and "Atlas of the Heart" by Brene Brown. If you are into cooking another is "Pioneer Women Cooks" by Ree Drummond.

A freebie at the library is a "Maine Day by Day Calendar" with things to do for restless youngsters. It starts off with some suggestions for exercise like pretending to be different animals. For example, in January one suggestion is learning to slither like a snake! Or counting all the hats, mittens and gloves in your house. And drawing a neighborhood map. There is a suggestion for each day of the year.

## Lady Mustangs top South Portland, fall to Oxford Hills

Massabesic's defense stepped up at the start of the fourth quarter and turned a tight two-point game into a 55-43 win over host S. Portland (2-7) on Thursday, Jan. 6. The Mustangs held a five point lead at halftime, but Ruth Boles (13 points) kept the Riots close with a pair of three pointers and tough defense in the frame.

The Mustangs picked up their defense in the final quarter and Lydia Desrochers had 5 of her 8 points down the stretch to help seal the win and push Massabesic to their fourth victory in a row. Micaela Jacobs had 21 for the Mustangs and Mary Duffy had 11.

Oxford Hills stopped the Mus-

tangs' win streak on Saturday, Jan. 8, topping the hosts 68-57. Molly Corbett led all scorers with 25 points for Oxford Hills. Micaela Jacobs had 22, Hannah Samson had 10 and Mary Duffy had 9.

## Varsity boys hoop

After a 1-1 start, Massabesic's varsity boys' basketball team dropped their next four contests. They fell to Sanford 47-38 prior to the holiday break and returned on Jan. 4 and fell to neighbor Bonny Eagle (5-3) by one point 48-47. South Portland (9-0) handed the host Mustangs a 54-45 defeat on Thursday, Jan. 6 and Oxford Hills topped the visiting Mustangs 68-32 two days later on Jan. 8.

- By Michael DeAngelis  
Sports Editor

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Obituaries

**Cora R. Carlson**

Cora R. Carlson, 83, of Alfred, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and aunt, passed peacefully with her daughters by her side on Jan. 9, 2022, at the Lodges Care Center in Springvale.



Cora R. Carlson

Cora was born on Feb. 23, 1938, on the family farm in Alfred to Roscoe and Gladys (Adams) Hussey.

Growing up in a large family, she learned early on the value of hard work, sharing with her siblings and the strong bond that forms and lasts a lifetime. Cora loved to cook meals for her family and for special gatherings with her brothers and sisters. She enjoyed hosting an annual "Sister, sisters-in-law Yankee Swap" event each Christmas season with lots of laughter, food, and fun!

She enjoyed visits with her sisters to discuss the most recent updates with the country music scene. Cora and her sisters each had their favorite Country Music Stars – Cora's were Charley Pride and Alan Jackson. She would often feel the need to defeat Alan's jeans that had holes in them saying, "He cold afford better but just like them that way!"

Cora enjoyed flowers and feeding the birds, taking day trips to the lake and rides around the beaches, and yes stopping to eat seafood! Cora looked forward to attending the local agricultural fairs with her husband Charlie. Especially their annual weekend get away to the Fryeburg Fair during their anniversary. They also enjoyed visiting North Conway.

Their retirement plan included a dream trip to Nashville, Tennessee – this did not happen due to the unexpected death of Charley. In 1986, she along with her daughter Bonnie and in laws Elaine and Joseph Vachon enjoyed a weeklong trip to the Country Music land! Nashville opened her eyes up to the desire to do more traveling and she enjoyed a vacation in Florida with her two daughters Bonnie and Connie, and a trip to Branson, Missouri with Bonnie.

During her ten years stay at the Lodges, Cora enjoyed being involved with activities including Bingo, arts-n-crafts, and the holiday decorations committee. She also participated in the resident council and loved the entertainment that played for the residents, especially the Country Music entertainers.

Cora will be dearly missed by her family, and she has been reunited in Heaven with her husband, Charles her two sons, James and Ronald, sisters: Caroline and Mary Hussey, Lucille Main, Laura (Betty) Ghidoni and Pauline Burgess; brothers Carroll, Sumner, Arthur, Pete, Elwyn,

and Wilbur Hussey.

She is lovingly survived by her children: Bonnie Gagnon and husband Tom of Alfred; Jerry Carlson and wife Sharon of Sanford; Connie Hilton and husband Robert of Sanford; Douglas Carlson and wife Martha of Sanford; and Keith and Kevin Carlson both of West Lebanon, NH. She was also a special Nana to eleven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren; and sisters Mabel Stearns, Cora Carlson, Phyllis Courtois, Roberta Kerrigan, niece Nancy Hussey, brothers Bob, Tom, Sam, and Nelson Hussey and fifty-one nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held in the spring at Evergreen Cemetery in Alfred.

A special thanks to the staff at the Lodges Care Center. Their attention to details each and everyday truly make a difference in the lives of the residents that call the Lodges their home. The family also wishes to express their deepest thanks to Brittney Ann Thyng for support and care during this challenging time at the Lodges.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Lodges Care Center Activity Fund, 51 Main St., Springvale, ME 04083.

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

**Charles "Chuck" Merritt Bartlett**

Charles "Chuck" Merritt Bartlett, age 82, of Hollis, passed away on Jan. 5, 2022, at the Maine Veterans' Home in Scarborough.



Charles "Chuck" Merritt Bartlett

He was born on Dec. 29, 1939, Biddeford, the son of the late Archie L. Bartlett and Lois M. (Hill) Bartlett. He was raised in Kennebunk by his grandmother, Nellie Bartlett. After graduating from Kennebunk High School in 1958, he joined the U.S. Air Force and proudly served for five years.

He married Christine Roberts in 1966.

Chuck worked many jobs mostly in maintenance over the years. He was happy working on anything mechanical and loved inventing things. He had a great voice and enjoyed singing at church and at Country Jamborees at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. He was an Assistant Scoutmaster when his boys were involved in Scouting – this was something he really enjoyed.

He was a member of the American Legion in Standish, Post #128.

Being with his family meant so much to him.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Christine, their two sons, Steven Bartlett and his fiancé Mindy of Hollis and Eric Bartlett and his wife Missy of Buxton, and his

two daughters who live in England, Debbie Churchill and her husband Kevin, Tracey Siever and her husband David. He is also survived by a brother Jon Bartlett of Buxton, nine grandchildren, Isabel, Greta, Bethany, Colby, David, Jason, Matthew, Ashley, and Cameron, and four great grandchildren.

A graveside service with USAF Honors will be held on Saturday, May 7 at 11 a.m. at Meeting House Hill Cemetery in Hollis.

Chuck's family would like to thank the staff of B-Unit at the Maine Veterans' Home in Scarborough for their loving care.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service, Buxton, [www.maineFuneral.com](http://www.maineFuneral.com).

**Constance E. Theriault**

Constance E. Theriault, 89, a longtime resident of Waterboro, passed peacefully surrounded in love with her family by her side, on Jan. 1, 2022.

Constance was born at home in Waterboro on Feb. 18, 1932, the daughter of James H. and Hazel A. (Ricard) Sullivan.

She was a graduate of Waterboro High School, Class of 1950. On Nov. 25, 1950 she married Cecil Theriault and was married for 25 years before they divorced in 1975.

Connie enjoyed going to camp at Bottle Lake, in Lakeville with the kids, roughing it with tents before camp was finished. They had a favorite saying; the camps were named "Six Nuts" – with a host of interesting family and friends. It was here the kids learned to waterski and fish for the "big one."

She loved snowmobiling with cookouts and having her family close by. Connie made sweaters for

all her children, and she was known to have the perpetual green thumb. All her plants grew in abundance inside her home greenhouse.

Connie worked as a bus driver for 25 years with the Massabesic School System and thoroughly loved driving the Trolley on Route One in Wells/Ogunquit until she was 76 years young!

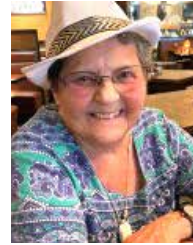
She will be lovingly remembered and cherished by her children: Lucinda L. Aldous, Kevin R. Theriault, Sr., James S. Theriault, Sr. and Kimberly A. Libby; her eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. Her sister Marilyn Sykes predeceased her.

A celebration of Connie's long and fruitful life will be held later in the spring when the flowers are in bloom and the smell of fresh cut grass is in the air.

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

**Mary Hastings Dumas**

Mary Hastings Dumas passed away peacefully in her home on Dec. 30, 2021, surrounded by her caregivers, family, and friends.



Mary Hastings Dumas

She was born in Fryeburg to Hugh and Martha (Field) Hastings on Feb. 27, 1930.

After graduating from Fryeburg Academy in 1947, she attended the University of Maine, Orono, where she met her future husband, John Louis Dumas of Rumford. In 1950, Mary and John were married at her parent's home on 7 Elm St. in Fryeburg. For the next 20 years, Mary raised their three sons during John's career as an officer in the Army.

In 1969, John retired, and Mary returned to UMO to complete her home economics degree. After graduation, she moved to Alfred and did

her student teaching at Massabesic High School. She then taught Home Economics at Sanford Junior High School for twenty years. Her husband, John, died in 1972.

In 1986, she married Bruce Folsom. In addition to travelling throughout the world, Mary and Bruce enjoyed skiing with their children and grandchildren at Sugarloaf. Summers were spent on Mousam Lake where they always hosted a Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day cookout for their extended family. Mary was an avid card player, and she was an active member of the Acton Congregational Church.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bruce Folsom, her sisters, Helen Stearns and Jane Folsom and her brothers, Edward II, David II and Hugh II Hastings, and her stepson Steven Folsom.

Mary is survived by her sons, Arthur Dumas and his wife Celina of Alfred; Stephen Dumas of Alfred; Gregory Dumas and his wife Janice of Roslindale, Massachusetts; her stepson David Folsom, and Gayle Holmes of Shapleigh. Also, grandchildren Lance Dumas, John Dumas, Marycelina Lamontagne, Cameron Dumas, Carolyn Dumas, Sara Folsom, and Christie Folsom. And, great-grandchildren Katherine Celina, Joshua, James, William, Leo and her brother, Peter Hastings, and his wife Stefi. Special thanks to the team of caregivers who cared for Mary with love and respect.

An outdoor Celebration of Mary's life will be held in the spring. Additional information will be shared online at [www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com](http://www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com) in April.

In lieu of flowers, consider donating "In Memory of Mary Dumas" to the Acton Congregational Church, P.O. Box 28, Acton, ME 04001 or Hospice of Southern Maine 390 US Route One, Scarborough, ME 04074 or given online at [www.hospiceof-southernmaine.org/give](http://www.hospiceof-southernmaine.org/give).

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## Obituaries

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**Laura Elizabeth (Betty) Ghidoni**

Laura Elizabeth (Betty) Ghidoni passed away peacefully at Summer Commons in Sanford on Jan. 1, 2022.

She was born on Aug. 29, 1933, the ninth of nineteen children born to Roscoe and Gladys (Adams) Hussey, on the family farm in Alfred.

She married Walter Earl Ghidoni in 1954. In the winter of 1955, they drove cross-country to obtain winter employment in Santa Paula, California, pulling into an underpass when encountering a tornado and driving across the Hoover Dam.

Betty worked at Sprague Electric and Maine Stay Nursing Home but spent most of her time as a babysitter for many local children including her niece Robyn Courtois Colby. Widowed as a young woman, she raised three sons on her own. She enjoyed her extensive flower gardens and feeding and watching the birds. She spent time with her cousin Nora Foster going out to enjoy country music especially Conway Twitty and Charlie Pride. She was well known for her strong spirit and love of children.

She was predeceased by her husband Earl (1971), son Richard (2017), longtime companion Sam Mathieu (2002), and good friend Leo Hamel (2015); sisters: Caroline and Mary Hussey, Lucille Main, and Pauline Burgess; bothers: Carroll, Sumner, Arthur, Pete, Elwyn, and Wilbur Hussey.

Two sons survive her: Anthony and wife Joanne, and Daniel and wife Kelly; three grandchildren, two great grandchildren; sisters Mabel

Stearns, Cora Carlson, Phyllis Courtois, and Roberta Kerrigan, niece Nancy Hussey, brothers Bob, Tom, Sam, and Nelson Hussey, and forty-three nieces and nephews.

Friends were invited to call on Jan. 9 at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, in Alfred.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the staff at Summer Commons and in lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the activity fund, 21 June St., Sanford, ME 04073.

**Eva P. White**

Eva P. White, 98, the beloved matriarch of the family, passed peacefully on Jan. 1, 2022. She was in the care of the dedicated staff of Summer Commons in Sanford.

Eva was born on Sept. 14, 1923, at the family home on Mt. Hope in Sanford. Her parents were the late William Pray and Ada Gowen Pray. She attended a one room schoolhouse on MT. Hope and graduated from Sanford High School in 1942. Eva was predeceased by six siblings: Donald, George, Kenneth, Hazel, Mildred, and Charles.

On April 27, 1943, she married Carl G. White and made their home together at the Look Out Dairy Farm in Shapleigh. She and Carl had a daughter Deborah and son Michael. Eva worked at the Sanford Goodall Mills for ten years then was a stay-at-home mother while her children were in elementary school. From 1968 to 1973 she worked as a seamstress at the Aleta Dress factory in Springvale. Being a dairy farmer's wife, she cared for family members, lots of children with working parents and elderly neighbors in her home.

Eva's heart was full of love and commitment to her five grandchildren. Each morning they would

make their way to Grammie's house for breakfast before catching the school bus. She would make a special breakfast for each one! It did not matter if they wanted fried eggs and toast, pancakes or chicken patties and peas—she was a talented short order cook.

Eva was devoted to her family and members of her community. She has now been reunited with her husband Carl and other family members. We will cherish our memories and remain grateful for her warmth and support throughout our lives.

She is lovingly survived by her daughter Deborah Gaudreau and grandson Martin Gaudreau of Winter Haven, Fl, and her son Michael White of Shapleigh and her four grandchildren, Michael Lindsey McBride and husband Michael and their children Eva and Emersyn of Shapleigh; Meredith Knox and husband Joshua and their children Daxton and Walker of Shapleigh; Mitchell White and wife Amy of West Gardner; and MacKenzie White and partner Tathan Francis of Brooklyn, Conn; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held later in the spring at the Oakdale in Sanford.

In her memory and with her love for children, please consider donating to the Ronald McDonald House, 250 Brackett St., Portland, ME 04102. This house provides respite for those who have children receiving care from area hospitals.

**Martha Frances Nutting Roberts**

Martha N. Roberts, of Alfred, our beloved neighbor and friend, our eldest resident at age 108, has entered into eternal rest on Dec. 21, 2021. She is welcomed home by her family and many friends.

Martha was born at home on May 19, 1913, the eldest of three children born to Albion H. and Mildred M. (Ferguson) Nutting, Jr.

She graduated as Salutatorian of Alfred High School in 1930 and from

Gorham Normal School in 1932.

On Feb. 3, 1934, Martha married Henry Eugene Roberts and welcomed into their hearts and home three children, Joanne, Betsy, and David. She spent many years as a substitute teacher and taught Sunday School at Alfred Parish Church.

Mrs. Roberts was first to become the director of the Parsons Memorial Library, which was held by her grandmother Florence Nutting, and served 37 years. She also volunteered thereafter and was one of the charter members of Friends of the Library.

Martha possessed a sharp memory of Alfred events and was the person to see when you were inquiring about Alfred's history, residents, and community. Mrs. Roberts was a blessing and cherished friend.

Martha was predeceased by both parents, her husband, her daughter Joanne R. vanSambeek and her son, David H. Roberts, her sister Marion E. Nutting and brother Everett R. Nutting.

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth (Betsy) Roberts and three special nephews, Glenn, Todd and Scott Nutting and their families.

Martha's daughter Betsy would like to share these two poems she wrote for her.

*"I can't believe that you are gone  
— That we'll see you no more,  
You should be walking down the  
street or coming through the door.  
So many years when you were  
there — I thought they'd never end—  
But when they did, it left a hole  
that only God can mend!"*

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*"One more star in the sky tonight,  
An old friend died today —  
The moon beams down and says  
it's all right — You'll all be together  
some day.*

*The big dipper holds a world full  
of love and sprinkles a heart full each  
night —*

*Memories to hold, Stories retold —  
Together they help make life seem right"*

A private graveside service will be held in the spring at Evergreen Cemetery 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 Parsons Memorial Library, Alfred Parish Church, or a charity of your choice.

**Dorothy G. Dugas**

Dorothy G. Dugas (Dottie), 94, died on Dec 6, 2021 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough,

with loving family by her side after a period of failing health. Mrs. Dugas made her home in North Waterboro.

Dorothy was born in Biddeford on Sept. 28, 1927 the daughter of the late Aldeus and Rosilda (Gervais)

Parenteau. Dorothy was the youngest of seven children and educated in the Biddeford school system. She worked in the mills in the Biddeford area during the war years.

After the war, Dorothy married Leandre J. Dugas on Sept 18, 1948 in her hometown of Biddeford. They were married for 37 years before his death in 1985. After 10 years living in the Biddeford area, they bought a house and moved to Lawrence, Massachusetts where she lived until 1987.

Dorothy moved back to her beloved Maine after retiring from AT&T Technology in Andover, Mass where she worked as a bench hand for many years as a solderer.

Dorothy was an active member of Saint Matthews Parish in Limerick and where she volunteered in the food pantry for many years.

Dorothy traveled all over during her retirement and enjoyed bus trips with her friends. She loved to play bingo and was on a bowling league until her late 80's. She was an avid reader and always had a jigsaw puzzle going on her kitchen table. Dorothy loved her soap operas especially General Hospital. She enjoyed playing computer games on her computer.

Being the animal lover that she was, Dottie always made sure that the bird feeders were full, and the suet was put out. She threw out special treats and peanuts for her chipmunks and spoiled squirrels. Dorothy was an avid New England Patriots and Boston Celtics fan and if a game were on, no one could call her as she would not miss any of the game. She loved visits with her family and her children's dogs Morgan and Sophie.

Along with her parents, Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband Leandre, her sisters Aurea, Rita, Cora, and Dinah. Her brothers Fernand and Paul Parenteau and her son-in-law George Lacourciere.

She is survived by her four children, Rachel Lacourciere of Boynton Beach, Florida; Marlene Maynard and husband Roy of Waterboro; Paul Dugas and wife Donna of Sanford; and Elaine Boie and husband Glenn of Goffstown, NH.

She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Eric Lacourciere (Sonja), Brian Lacourciere (Robin), David Lacourciere (Kim), Adam Maynard, Nicole Ramirez (Max), Corey Boie (Macaela), Renee Dugas, Cory Gallant and Blaine Gallant. Several great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Gosnell Memorial Hospice House for the excellent care they gave her during her stay there.

A calling hour was held on Dec. 11, 2021 followed by a prayer service at Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, Alfred. A graveside committal will be held in the spring at St. Ignatius Cemetery in Sanford.

In lieu of flowers, consider donating to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital, at Maine Medical Center, 22 Bramhall Rd., Portland, ME 04102 or to a local food pantry.



Laura Elizabeth (Betty) Ghidoni



Eva P. White



Dorothy G. Dugas

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