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JANUARY THAW



Shown with a collection of warm clothing items from the JANUARY THAW event, from left, Diane Gerry (Director of Sanford housing Authority), Detective Colleen Adams (Community Liaison of Sanford Police Department), Eric Small (Deputy Chief of Sanford Police), Craig Andersen (Chief of Sanford Police), Heather Thomas Beaupre (Co-president of Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club), Elias Thomas (Member, Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club and Project Chair). COURTESY PHOTO

\$10,000 raised to help homeless

The Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club held an event on Jan. 20 called JANUARY THAW to raise funds and donate cold weather clothing items for the homeless.

Past District Governor Elias Thomas III conceived the idea for JANUARY THAW as a means to attract residents in the area to gather for good food and drink, at the same time donating funds and warm clothing items to benefit the homeless population in the City of Sanford. Thomas and his daughter, Heather Beaupre (a past president of the Rotary Club, and current co-president) presented the idea to owners of Kai Asian Fusion, Hai Lin (Tony) and his wife, Jindyan Liao (Luisa), who prepared fantastic Sushi, Tempura and other Asian delicacies.

A very generous donation from EXIT Key Real Estate in Shapleigh, combined with revenue from ticket sales and other donations, were matched by a grant program of EXIT Realty Corp. International. In all, nearly \$10,000 was raised to benefit

the homeless in Sanford.

According to Deputy Police Chief, Eric Small, "Partnerships are critical in addressing homelessness in our community. The Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club, Sanford Housing Authority, and the Sanford Police Department will always work together to help those people experiencing homelessness in our City. The Sanford Police Department would like to thank the Sanford-Springvale Rotary, and KAI Asian Fusion for making this fundraiser, and subsequent donation possible."

Detective Colleen Adams, the public liaison officer, shared her thoughts: "I cannot wait to offer these items to our community members on Wednesday for the Point in Time count, which is a yearly event to count those who are unhoused so that the state and community knows what is needed for funds and programs." She continued, "I also picked several of each items for a desk in my office that is dubbed the 'giving desk'

where any officer can grab items off of this desk and give to those they meet who need warm items such as coats, food, gloves, socks, toiletries, etc."

Diane Gerry, director of Sanford Housing Authority added: "This fundraiser provided not only money and warm clothing to people unhoused, it also brought an awareness to our community that we have people experiencing homelessness. People may not be 'seen' this time of year as they are trying to find a warm place to be, whether that is sheltered inside or huddled in a doorway; it is cold and stressful and extremely dangerous. The gift of warmth and the ability to provide true and available resources to people to help them out of homelessness is one of the greatest things we can do as a community."

Thomas said, "It is my hope that JANUARY THAW will become an annual event for Sanford-Springvale Rotary, which will celebrate its centennial year of service to our communities in 2023."

Shapleigh Rescue's Chief and Assistant Chief resign

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, during the public comment portion of the Board of Selectman's meeting, statements were made by members of the public and former members of the Fire and Rescue Departments. Mike Reid, former member of the fire and rescue team requested that the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Rescue Chief, and Assistant Rescue Chief immediately resign from their positions. Joshua Lewis, Budget Committee Member, requested the resignation of Selectman William Mageary, stating Mageary violated Lewis' civil rights by asking him to leave the building during last week's meeting.

The week previous, on Jan. 11, at the Board of Selectman's meeting, Michael Sabine, Mike Reid, Joshua Lewis, and others all had an issue to bring before the

Board. They were concerned that the Fire Chief and Rescue Chief live too far away to respond in an efficient and timely manner and also with their leadership, and that they were negligent in doing their jobs and had a slow response time when calls came in.

At that Jan. 11 meeting, Joshua Lewis, Budget Committee Member, was asked to leave by Selectman Mageary, after Lewis had already spoken and wanted to add more comments, and this was not allowed. Lewis left calmly but was unhappy he could not speak again as Lewis felt this was a safety issue for the residents.

There are other issues also going on with the Fire and Rescue Departments which included benefits and pay scale. The former firefighters were concerned that there are not enough personnel to respond to Fire and Rescue

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The Sanford Community Garden is taking applications for the upcoming season. COURTESY PHOTO

Community garden accepting applications

Seed catalogues are coming in, and it's time to think about our gardens, and renew not only our scents of the spring gardening soil but also our 2022 Sanford Community Gardening applications, which are available online at: <https://mousamwaylandtrust.org/2021/02/09/sanford-community-garden-accepting-applications-for-2021-growing-season>. The Garden is part of the David and Linda Pence Community Ecology Center at the McKeeon Environmental Reserve in

Springvale. More information can be found at <https://mousamwaylandtrust.org/2018/09/22/the-mckeeon-reserve>.

Mousam Way Land Trust, the Garden's sponsor, has noticed increasing demand for these raised beds, so an expansion project has doubled the original size to 52, 4'x12' beds. Also, gardeners have asked about the availability of smaller beds for their kids and grandkids, so the Trust is happy to announce the addition of 3'x5'

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Community CALENDAR

Email non-profit event listings to:
news@waterbororeporter.com

COMING EVENTS

MAGIC SHOW Acton Public Library is hosting a Magic Show with Sages Entertainment on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H St. The Magic Show is funded by a grant from the Association for Rural and Small Libraries. The library is located at 35 H Road, Acton. For more information, call 636-2781.

SECOND ANNUAL KID'S ICE FISHING DERBY Feb. 12 to benefit Camp Laughing Loon. Tickets are \$10 per child, plus a \$2 processing fee (per ticket). Online registration closes Thursday 2/10 at 11:59 p.m. at <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/CampLaughingLoon?season=3094838>; in-person registration will be available 7 a.m.-1 p.m. on Feb. 12. Trophies and prizes for biggest fish and 50/50 raffle. Participants may fish on any part of Little Ossipee Lake. Tickets must be purchased before a trap is set and will be required to

be shown when a fish is weighed in. The weigh in table will be in front of Camp Laughing Loon. All proceeds from this event will go directly to benefit Camp Laughing Loon.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING The next meeting of the Lyman Historical Society will be Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Community Library, 10 John Street, Lyman. The Trustees will meet at 5:30 p.m.

ONGOING EVENTS

Massabesic Lions monthly dine-in or take-out **BEAN SUPPER** the 2nd Saturday of every month, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Regional Medical Center building, 813 Main Street, Waterboro. Adults \$8. Children 5 to 12 \$5, 4 and under No Charge. Kidney and Pea Beans, Chop Suey, Ham, Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, "Our Homemade" Biscuits, variety of yummy Desserts.

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.

FEBRUARY'S BOOK CLUB (in person with the option to Zoom; masks required) Sam and Janet are excited to invite you to the first meeting on Feb. 2 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss February's pick - *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. Books are available at the front desk now, as is an audiobook version. Large print books are available upon request. This book group will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Free to bring ideas of any books you think others will enjoy! The library is located at 443 Main Street in Springvale. Check their website for current hours and COVID protocols.

WATERBORO

Help is needed for 2022 Old Home Days

The Old Days Home committee is in need of 20 volunteers to lock in their spots by their next scheduled meeting on Feb. 17. Consider volunteering your time to the 2022 Old Home Days event. This community event is a long-standing Waterboro tradition. If you are unable to volunteer for the entire weekend, any help is appreciated.

Set up will be Friday afternoon, with the main event all day Saturday, and ending with fireworks Saturday evening. Sunday morning will be our disassembly day. Email availability or any questions to: sherrystone@waterboro-me.gov

Volunteers will need to attend the monthly meeting beginning Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m., in the Old Town House building. Appli-

cations for the Old Home Days committee are available online and at the town hall.

Dog licenses due

Don't forget that your 2022 Dog Tags are available and must be renewed before Jan. 31. You may do so at the town hall or online, even for a first time registration. After Jan. 31, there is a \$25 late fee, per dog (not per household) when you come in to renew.

Road problems?

If Waterboro residents have any concerns regarding town roads (salting, plowing, etc.) be sure to contact the non emergency line at York County Dispatch (207) 324-1111, or the Fire Department Dispatch line at (207) 284-4551, and not the previous DPW Director, David Benton, as this will just delay any response.

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Sanford-Springvale Historical Society presents



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Friday, February 11, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Sanford-Springvale Historical Museum, 505 Main Street, Springvale, Maine

Admission is \$15.00 for ages 18 and older. Children are admitted at no charge. The Museum is handicapped-accessible.

To be admitted, concert patrons must show proof of vaccination or evidence of a negative test not more than 72 hours before. Face masks must be worn.

Lyman and Dayton Republican Town Committee chairs announce their caucuses being held on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 6pm at the Lyman Town Hall located at 11 South Waterboro Rd. Lyman. ME 04002.

The purpose of the caucus is to elect Delegated and Alternates to the State Convention, elect delegates to the York County Republican Committee, elect your Republican Town Committee officers, and organize for upcoming elections. All Lyman and Dayton Republicans are urged to attend and participate in this caucus. Prior to caucus meet local candidates and legislators. Your vote matters!

WHEN: Thursday, February 10, 2022
from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Lyman Town Hall, 11 So. Waterboro Rd., Lyman, ME 04002

The Town Registrars will be available one-half hour prior to the start of the caucus to register as a Republican anyone who is not registered, anyone who has registered as unenrolled, registered Republicans who have relocated, or anyone who will be 18 by the November 3, 2022 election.

The State Convention will be held at the Augusta Civic Center on April 29th & 30th. For more information, contact your town representative listed below.

Lyman Voters: Donna Pappas text/call (207) 251-2561 or email: pappasdm1@gmail.com

Dayton Voters: Joan Warren text/call (207) 337-3157 or email: joanhw@juno.com

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SHAPLEIGH

Joanne Bargioni
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RESIGNATIONS

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calls quickly. Reid proceeded to present a petition signed by residents of the town citing the lack of response times of emergency services as well as documentation that the Fire and Rescue services either did not respond to calls or were slow in their response and the petitioners were calling for “the immediate dismissal of the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Rescue Chief and Assistant Rescue Chief.” There are currently over 20 vacancies in the Fire and Rescue Dept. According to Reid, the lack of trained firefighters and EMTs is partially to the fact that some personnel resigned a little while ago in response to the poor

leadership of the Fire and Rescue Departments in Shapleigh. Personnel subsequently re-applied for the positions and were denied reappointment. The Board of Selectman is actively looking for recruits to fill the needs of the Shapleigh Fire and Rescue Departments, as well as looking into other options, which may include an outside ambulance service.

In response, the Rescue Chief and Assistant Rescue Chief both resigned from their positions.

The town has put out the following statement: “At this time, the Shapleigh Board of Selectman have received resignation letters from the Shapleigh Service Rescue Chief and Assistant Rescue Chief. Both former employees cited that the reason, in part, includes an ongoing problem with a group of ‘dishonest citizens’ who speak falsely and cause disrup-

tions at Select Board Meetings and ‘attack’ the Rescue Squad repeatedly. The former employees also stated they feel the Board of Selectman at this point have not done enough to quell these disturbances. An emergency meeting was declared on Jan. 19 to discuss the appointment of a new Rescue Chief or Interim Rescue Chief to assume those duties for Shapleigh rescue services. The Shap-Board of Selectman are working to ensure continued emergency response to the town.

On Jan. 19, Gene Streck, a former Captain for Shapleigh Rescue Service, was sworn in as the Interim Rescue Chief. Chief Streck brings with him 27 years of rescue experience, which includes numerous high-level certifications and managerial practice. We feel Chief Streck will serve the town of Shapleigh very well in this position.”



Gene Streck, Shapleigh Rescue's Interim Chief

GARDEN

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Kids Beds. These will be assigned to the adults who will supervise their young gardeners.

Speaking of kids, we’re excited to announce a collaboration with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension and its “Kids Can Grow” program. Some of the Kids Beds will be reserved for this wonderful teaching project, overseen by the Extension’s Master Gardener Volunteer program. After completing an application, kids between 7-12 years old interested in learning gardening will be assigned a volunteer mentor, garden soil, seeds, and a 3’x5’ raised bed that will be installed at their home, or—if room is an issue—they use the Kids Can Grow beds at the Garden. More information is online at: <https://extension.umaine.edu/york/kids-can-grow-in-york-county>.



Applications can be found at: <https://extension.umaine.edu/york/kids-can-grow-application-form>.

Again this season, thanks to generous support from Kennebunk Savings Bank, soil additives and pesticides—all certified for organic gardening use—along with applicator bottles, will be available for Community Gardening use, and securely stored in the tool shed, with hand tools, knee pads, gardening seats, and wheel barrows. There’s a small patio table with chairs next to the large produce washing sink. An outdoor

restroom is next to the Ecology Center.

This year’s plans include a pergola over the patio area to shade the summer sun; A large greenhouse—a gift from Springvale Nurseries; A “Neighborhood Library” kiosk; A Pine Grove Picnic Area; And a nursery to support various Mousam Way Land Trust restoration, pollination, and meadow projects.

And don’t forget the 2 ½ miles of trails on the Reserve. These dog-friendly trails, which many gardeners have enjoyed, connect to Sanford’s wonderful Rail Trail, which in turn link to the nearby Rail Trail Park and 3 Rivers Land Trust’s Community Forest. Information on this 550-acre tract of young forest with a challenging 3 ½ mile Loop Trail can be found at: <https://www.3rlt.org/sanford-community-forest>.

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TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** for the following:

- To review amendments to both the Zoning Ordinance & Subdivision Ordinance that will be presented to Shapleigh voters in March.
 - Conditional Use Permit – **3 YEAR RENEWAL TOWN GRAVEL PIT** – Map 7, Lot 7 (Square Pond Road & Cedar Drive) – Town of Shapleigh, Applicant & Property Owner
- The Public is invited to attend via the following:
- **JOIN ZOOM MEETING**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88005967573?pwd=OWxLdWM5eTZ5V28yL05VdWdVSmlFjQT09>
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PASSCODE: 860338 (For all links)

• You may send an email by noon on the day of the meeting to planningboard@shapleigh.net and the link to the meeting will be emailed to you, or you can find that link at www.shapleigh.net under Planning Board, it will be on the agenda.

Roger Allaire, Chairman - Shapleigh Planning Board

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.

CHAPTER THREE "Mr. and Mrs. Right?"

Mr. Right...Beyond that, if you can imagine any more positive attributes, Bob had never, ever been married. He had no ex-wives trying to get alimony, no homeless children on drugs wanting to move in, no pets wetting the floor, and no mortgage on his house. When he told me his financial situation, I was impressed with his assets.

We did not do much formal dating. He would come over and help me in the yard and if he stayed until dinner time, I'd root around in the refrigerator and find something to feed him. He wasn't a fussy eater. First time he stayed until supper time, I found only an old English muffin and a piece of dried out sliced cheese to give him. He ate it and was happy.

Boy, oh, boy, did Bob like to talk. Maybe it was because he lived alone and didn't have anyone readily available to listen to him. Maybe it was because Bob had so many interesting experiences to tell. I didn't mind listening. Besides, it seemed the polite thing to do. Since I didn't know that much about him, it was a way for me to decide if he might be Mr. Right after my ten years of hopeless hunting. I do believe I would have listened to chattering a monkey if I thought I'd end up married.

One Sunday after church Bob surprised me by formally asking me out on a date. "Can I take you out to dinner on Saturday? I'll come over

early. We can work on that cobblestone pathway and then go out to eat," he said.

Wow, I was surprised. "I wonder if he can afford fried clams?" I instantly thought. "Oh, boy, my chance to eat them again. I've been through a long drought." The next Saturday, Bob and I laid the cobblestone path. We were in sync in the yard. He spread the stone dust for the path, tamped it down, and I hauled over the cobblestones. "Oh, Bob, that path is perfect! Thank you so much," I said, thrilled to have another colonial touch for my fake colonial saltbox. When we finished, he came in and took his first shower at my house.

Bob got all spiffed up in his church uniform, a navy-blue, double knit blazer and his Sunday Dickie pants. He slicked back what hair he had almost perfectly. I wore my navy, double breasted, wool Talbot's blazer (which I paid full price for one day in a fit of madness) and a white pleated skirt. We must have looked like a couple of Witnesses just returning from a long day of spreading the Truth. We went to Karen's Seafood over the bridge from the Port into Kennebunk. He held the door for me and pulled out the chair. We studied the menu.

"Wow, fried clams are certainly expensive. Oh, my favorite!" I thought. "Maybe I should order the haddock special. It's only twelve ninety-nine. I don't want Bob to run out of money or to think I am a gold digger trying to take advantage of him by ordering fried clams".

When the waitress came to take our order, Bob asked me to order first, the polite, gentlemanly thing to do. "Oh," I thought, "he holds the door, pulls out the chair, and now he's letting me order first. He knows his manners!" I was impressed. During the whole meal, I was nervous, fid-

getting with my hands and napkin in my lap, trying to keep my heart under control. It had been a long time since I'd been on a "real" date. Maybe Bob really was Mr. Right!

I decided against ordering the fried clams. We both got the haddock special. I had a diet coke and he had black decaf coffee, his favorite drink. The meal was good. I was trying hard to use proper table manners and not eat my crispy, fried haddock too fast, patting my mouth with the napkin and no elbows on the table. Bob talked. I listened. He told me he was really a manufacturing engineer and pulled out some kind of card to prove it. I was impressed with that too but didn't really know what that meant. "Maybe he's not broke. Maybe he just wears those old worn-out ducts-taped Dickies while working in the yard because he likes old clothes" I thought. "Maybe he could have afforded the fried clams after all. Well, the Lord knows. Too late this time!"

I enjoyed being with Bob. We laughed, and he talked a lot, mostly about himself. It seemed a miracle finding Bob since I'd been looking for a new husband for so many years. Oh, how easily a desperate woman can be swept off her feet. One Sunday, much to my surprise, he came to sit beside me in church. I reddened up. What would people think? Were we courting? Was Bob Mr. Right? His attributes were many; single, useful, mannerly, and owned a Bible. Had he been waiting sixty years for me to be his Mrs. Right?...

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.

- Author Carol E. Nile lives in Dayton

AN ESSAY FROM ALFRED

How to sleep well

Now I know why people go to Florida. We have a heat pump (I call it a heat exchanger) which could keep us very cozy but my spouse doesn't like using all that power via CMP. So the fireplace has been doing a lot of work and I hope spring arrives before the wood gives out. If a very cold night is expected one of us gets up during the night (usually him) to add wood. We have two large canvas bags which are kept full most of the time. Junk wood burns the quickest. When we left the farm he cut a lot of lumber to bring with us. Now I know why. If we become desperate we can burn it.

Once we moved here he built a lumber shed and when a plank is needed he checks the shed. Thus far, we haven't had to burn any of those precious planks. But if we need to, we can.

I grew up with an oil burner in the cellar which we also had here. After moving here my husband had it removed. I thought that was kind of hasty but I may have been wrong. This is a very cold winter. When we have a very cold morning I can grab my clothes and dress in front of the fireplace. When we were youngsters we could shiver into our clothes or dress in the upstairs bathroom, that being the only room upstairs in that house which was heated.

My mother believed in fresh air and our windows were open at night, winter or summer. I recall the lowest night of my life was when I came down with the measles. My mother took one look at me and said I would have to stay in bed. No light was left on and I anticipated a very dreary two weeks

ahead of me. She later relented after the others were off to school and said I could come downstairs and stay on the couch. Which I did immediately.

Because the upstairs rooms were really too hot for sleeping in the summer months she purchased cots, screens and venetian blinds for the porch and the whole family slept out there. We could hear the traffic down on the highway, (the house was on the side of a steep hill) could hear the river going over the dam, and if we rolled up the venetian blinds, could watch the stars until we fell asleep. My grandmother was a babysitter one night when my folks had to go to Canada for a family funeral and she was concerned that the moon shining in would keep me awake. So she pinned a large piece of paper on the screen, keeping the moon out of my eyes. It worked.

The first time my husband slept in that house, he says he couldn't figure out why he could hear the sound of water all night. It was the water going over the dam.

We each had our own bedroom after my grandmother and great-aunt moved out to occupy another family home. When we were children we had to make our own beds before leaving for school in the morning. I particularly recall my younger brother's solution to the bedmaking. Apparently he objected to that bit of housekeeping and would create a tunnel in the bedclothes. He would crawl out in the morning and back in at night, never disturbing the sheets.

Once fall arrived we moved back into our bedrooms. There was no more staring at the stars until we fell asleep. I can still remember exactly how each constellation was situated when I looked out from my bedroom window in that house. Some things stay with you forever.

- By Allison Williams

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Selectmen's Meeting of Jan. 11

Those present for the meeting were the Select Board, Chairman Tony Palminteri, Glenn Dochtermann, Rich Pasquini, also Dennis Brewster, Fred Holt, treasurer and Karla B. Wilcox, Administrative Assistant. Minutes of the Jan. 4 meeting were accepted as presented. The warrants were signed as presented by all.

Under acceptance and appropriations of funds, motion was made by Rich Pasquini and seconded by Glenn Dochtermann to accept Kash for Kans in the amount of \$851.58; J & C Scott donation to the Veterans Scholarship of \$200 and ARPA funds in the amount of \$194.06. Motion was carried.

Under old business the Large Employer (100 employees) Vaccination Mandate in effect 2022 Draft Policy – MOSHA – will have a special meeting and Mr. Brewster asked to speak regarding the policy. He asked if COVID-19 had become a problem in Alfred? Mr. Palminteri responded this was a state mandate and most of the town employees were vaccinated, and the policy is on hold waiting for more guidance from the state.

Glenn Dochtermann gave an update on the Brothers Beach timber cut. A variance is in the process of being approved and a site visit is scheduled. He will follow up with the forester about ice fishing being allowed. Mr. Brewster spoke about the timber harvest and if cutting is done during the week, the need for postings alerting the

public of the tree harvesting. Mr. Palminteri stated he is aware of the necessary postings and this has already been addressed.

Under new business the town clerk's monthly report for December was reviewed as presented. A letter from Parsons Memorial Library Board of Directors was reviewed concerning a budgetary matter. The Select Board asked for this to be carried over as unfinished business to allow for further review. Under the Library Safety and Health Monthly Audit the Select Board reviewed the report as presented.

Under Correspondence there was the Planning Board minutes, the Three Rivers Land Trust Easement report for 2021 and CEO Training Certification. Under other business, it was announced Keywood Manor has been sold to a California company.

Alfred Parish Church

The annual meeting of Alfred Parish Church will be held February 6 at 11:15 a.m. On Sunday, January 30 Janet Tucker will lead the 10 a.m. Lenten service.

Rev. Beth Hoffman will lead the Feb. 13 service of Baptisms and Communion at 10 a.m.

January permits

Permits issued by Codes Enforcement Officer Jim Allaire as of Jan. 5 Included a stand alone garage and lean-to, to Michael Thompson on Carpenter Hill; a mini-split on Oak Street to James Marchese, a kitchen remodel to Harold Carpenter on Nutter Camp Road. There was surprisingly little building going on in January.

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BRIEFS

PCR testing site open

York County Emergency Management Agency, partnered with the City of Biddeford, Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and the Maine Center for Disease Control (CDC) have opened a new COVID-19 testing site in Biddeford. The drive-through site utilizes saliva-based PCR technology through the company Shield T3 Health. The collection process is quick and accurate results are available to patients within 24 hours.

"PCR tests are in high demand, and we recognize that people need to know whether they are positive or not and quickly. We believe this site will help York County residents, and others, conveniently get that information, so they can make the safest work, social, and travel decisions," said Art Cleaves, Director of York County Emergency Management Agency.

The testing site, located at Five Points Shopping Center, 420 Alfred Street in Biddeford and will operate Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The site location has been made available by BHV Biddeford, LLC, HD Lawrence Realty, LLC, and their property management team.

Patients seeking a COVID-19 test can make an appointment by visiting: https://shieldt3portal.pointnclick.com/login_login.aspx.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL SWIMMING

Lady Mustangs top Knights

Massabesic's varsity girls' basketball team held host Noble to just 10 first-half points to help pace a 51-28 win on Friday, Jan. 21. The win, the Mustangs' sixth in their last seven contests, moved them to 7-3 and put them into fourth place in the eight team Class AA South division. Mary Duffy and Micaela Jacobs combined for 31 points against the last place Knights (1-10) and Massabesic got scoring from eight different players in total. Lydia Desrochers had six points, and Hannah Samson and Candace Daigle both added four. The Knights were led by Olivia Howard who had 10.

Class AA South Standings as of 1/26

Gorham 12-1
Scarborough 8-3
Thornton Academy 9-4
MUSTANGS 7-3
Bonny Eagle 5-7
South Portland 3-10
Sanford 3-7
Noble 1-10

Mustangs win virtual swim

Massabesic's varsity girls' swim team took 7 of 9 events at a virtual swim meet held with Wiscasset/Boothbay in early January. Aleena Beneszewski won the 100-yard backstroke with a 1:13.70, just edging Emily Giliam's 1:15.28, and she was a part of both relay units that took first place. Beneszewski, a senior, was first off the blocks in the days first event, the 200 medley relay, which the Mustangs won handily with a 2:16.59. Emma Hartigan followed, with Evelyn Soule-Parent and Kaitlyne Chenard (anchor) rounding out the foursome. The same unit, this time with the junior Hartigan first off and Beneszewski next, had an excellent swim (1:59.83) and win in the 200 freestyle relay. Hartigan was first in her solo event, the 200 freestyle, and Dakota Staples won the 100 freestyle. Soule-Parent won the 50 and the 100 butterfly.

HOCKEY

BOOM hockey

After an 0-6 start BOOM hockey (Biddeford, Old Orchard Beach, Massabesic) is showing signs of improvement after picking up back-to-back wins. On Jan. 18 BOOM got in the win column after a 3-2 road victory over the combined team from Marshwood, Traip, Sanford and Noble. They followed that victory with a 5-4 win on Saturday, Jan. 22 over South Portland to move their record to 2-6.

— By Michael DeAngelis
Sports Editor

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Obituaries

Herman L. Abbott

Herman L. Abbott, 75, of Ross Corner of Shapleigh, passed peacefully on Jan. 12, 2022, at Southern Maine Health Care in Biddeford.



Herman L. Abbott

Herman was born on Jan. 15, 1946, the son of Leslie H. and Katherine Abbott of Shapleigh.

He graduated from Sanford High School, Class of 1964 and then from Southern Maine Vocational and Technical Institute, where he received a degree in machine tool technology.

After graduating, Herm served in the U.S. Army during the Viet Nam War and received an honorable discharge.

Herm was employment included Marenton of Saco and Pratt & Whiney of North Berwick. He also owned a machine shop/repair facility at Ross Corner in Shapleigh.

Herman was a founding member of the Ross Corner Fire Company and got others to join and to build the fire station. He later served as Fire Chief for five years.

Herm was a local historian and a storyteller. He enjoyed entertaining others wit and wisdom. He also helped people in need of his mechanical and machining skills.

Herman was predeceased by his wife Judy.

Survivors include siblings: Nancy (Jack) Pike Webb, Shirley

Sheesley, Jean Abbott, and Timothy Abbott along with nephews Robert (Sherry) Thomas and Adam Sheesley.

A graveside service will be held in the spring and will be announced.

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

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Ross Corner Fire Company, 1787 Gore Road, Shapleigh, ME 04076 or to the American Legion in Sanford, P.O. Box 801, Sanford, ME 04073.

Robert Gobeil

Robert Gobeil, 93, a longtime resident of East Waterboro, died on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022 at the Southern Maine Health Care in Biddeford.



Robert Gobeil

Robert was born on Feb. 12, 1928, the son of Laureat and Carlyss (Stone) Gobeil. He attended school in town and graduated from Biddeford High School. Bob furthered his education to become a machinist with an emphasis in research and development. He also owned a local market on North Street in Saco for eight years or better.

Robert served in the U.S. Navy from 1946 to 1950 and shared many stories of his time with fellow sailors.

Robert married Lea in 1979 at St. Philips Church in Lyman where they were active parishioners. Together they traveled in their motor home throughout the United

States where many memories were shared from their trips to Italy, Germany and cruising the Caribbean Islands and discovering the heritage of Mexico.

Robert loved Waterboro and was instrumental in getting Gobeil Park established, at the boat launch on Little Ossipee, which includes swimming and picnic areas. He served on the Water Department, The Food Pantry and worked every other weekend at the transfer station. Robert enjoyed visiting with his many friends and neighbors. He helped coordinate Old Home Days and was a Charter Member of the Eagles, and was Past Commander of the VFW in Rockland, Massachusetts. He and Lea enjoyed dancing at the American Legion Hall.

Robert was known for his perpetual weekend yard sales which he called "Trash-n-Treasures." He was extremely outgoing, lived a generous life, and left his mark on life.

He is now reunited with his wife Lea who passed Nov. 23, 2021, and his sister, Dorothy.

Robert is survived by his children: Richard Gobeil, Nancy Hurlley, Elizabeth Wyman, and Robert D. Gobeil; his stepchildren: Diane Boissonneault of Sanford; Maurice Cadorette and wife Betty of Biddeford and Richard Cadorette of East Waterboro; his sister Beverly and seven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

A graveside service with military honors will be held on Friday, March 25, 2022 at 11 a.m.

at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery, 83 Stanley Road, in Springvale.

In lieu of flowers, consider donation to the Waterboro Community Food Pantry, P.O. Box 325, East Waterboro, ME 04030.

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Ruth M. Downs

Ruth M. Downs, 83, of Sanford passed away Jan 22, 2022 at her home in Sanford with her loving family by her side.



Ruth M. Downs

Ruth was born Dec. 29, 1938 in Rochester, New Hampshire. The daughter of Fredrick and Doris Angille, where she attended local schools. Ruth was a Native American belonging to the Sioux Tribe (Lakota Indian) until age five when her family left the tribe. Later in life she attended pow-wows to learn about her heritage, later on she shared it with her family.

On April 4 of 1963 Ruth married the love of her life Charles Downs. Together they raised two wonderful children. She enjoyed going to the Beaches, POW Wows and yard sales. She enjoyed spending time with her family and two dogs Tinkerbell and Rosie.

Ruth is predeceased by her husband Charles, both her parents, four brothers and four sisters. She survived by her son Stephen and wife Jennifer Michaud of Corinna Maine. Tammy and husband Phill Kehling of Sanford, Maine.

Ruth had six grandchildren Josh Michaud, Vincent Michaud, Kheristen Michaud, Austin and wife Daniel Murphy of Springvale, Dakota Murphy, Mariah Murphy-Kehling and Fiancé Mark Lynch of Sanford and great-grandson Demarcus.

At a later time, Tammy will notify family and friends of a celebration of life.

Online condolences can be submitted at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service website at www.maineFuneral.com.

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State road and bridge projects announced

Senator David Woodsome (R-York) announced recently that the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) has released its three-year Work Plan that includes road and bridge projects for York County within Maine Senate District 33.

The Work Plan is calendar year-based and includes all Maine DOT work activities. Projects and activities listed for calendar year

2022 are more firmly funded, including \$106 million approved by the Maine Legislature in two General Fund appropriations as well as the voter-approved \$100 million transportation bond package in November.

Those projects slated for 2023 and 2024 are subject to change due to federal eligibility guidelines, policy guidance and funding formulas still in development

under the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law enacted in November 2021, according to the MDOT.

Dozens of transportation projects that will take place throughout York County are listed on the site. Major highlights include:

- Repair/reconstruction of the Hiram Bridge over the Ossipee River in Cornish;
- Major repair/reconstruction of the Route 202 and Route 4 cor-

ridors in Sanford;

- Safety/infrastructure improvements at Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport in Sanford;

- Replacement of the Powers Bridge over the Mousam River in Sanford;

- Construction of bike path/trail on Riverside Ave./William Oscar Emery Dr. in Sanford;

- Repair/reconstruction of the River St. corridor in Sanford;

- Reconstruction of the culvert system along Route 202 in Waterboro

“Our aging road and bridge system in Maine has needed modernization for some time and Maine DOT’s three-year plan helps achieve that goal, especially here in York County,” said Woodsome. “In addition to the work scheduled for our roads and the critical replacement or repair of some of our oldest bridges, I’m glad the plan also includes runway and apron improvements at our airport in Sanford.”

Details of Maine DOT’s three-year Work Plan can found online at maine.gov/mdot/projects/workplan.

Senator David Woodsome represents Maine Senate District 33 and is the Senate Republican Lead for the Legislature’s Education and Cultural Affairs Committee.

The largest and most heavily used component of Maine’s transportation system is its 8,800-mile, state-jurisdiction highway network. Our need to invest in the preservation of the existing highway and bridge system is significant. This three-year Work Plan directs nearly \$1.8 billion to highway and bridge capital projects, including the following:

- 235 bridge projects – estimated cost: \$631 million.
- 115 miles of highway construction and rehabilitation – estimated cost: \$155 million.
- 353 highway safety and spot improvements – estimated cost: \$237 million.
- 1,057 miles of preservation paving – estimated cost: \$462 million.
- 2,162 miles of Light Capital Paving (LCP) – estimated cost: \$111 million.



According to the MDOT, the work plan covers approximately \$3.17 billion worth of construction and maintenance, which includes 2,316 work items. The three-year plan estimates MDOT will invest in 115 miles of highway construction and rehabilitation; 1,057 miles of pavement preservation; 2,162 miles of light capital paving for roads and highways; 353 safety and spot improvements; and 235 bridge projects.

Here are some other local projects on the list:

- In Buxton and Hollis bridge maintenance on the Salmon Falls Bridge (#3708) over the Saco River, located on the Hollis-Buxton town line.
- In Buxton and Hollis bridge maintenance on the West Buxton Bridge (#3340) over the Saco River, located 0.07 miles west of Route 112.
- In Buxton ditching on Route 22 beginning at Broadturn Road and extending northwest to Route 202.
- In Limington ditching on Route 25 beginning at the intersection of Route 11 and extending north 4.6 miles north to the intersection of Cape Road.
- In Buxton paving Portland Road beginning at Route 202 and extending east 2.37 miles to Route 22.
- In Buxton paving Route 4A beginning at Route 112 and extending east 0.75 miles to Route 4.
- In Buxton paving Route 22 beginning at South Street and extending southwest 4.79 miles to Route 4.
- In Buxton and Hollis paving Route 35 beginning at Route 4 and extending north 11.34 miles.
- In Hollis paving Plains Road beginning at Route 5 and extending northeast 5.2 miles to Route 117.

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