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Birders flock to Maine

Steller's Sea Eagle spotted on Maine coast

Massachusetts photographer Jon Lewis captured this photo of a Steller's Sea Eagle in Georgetown, Maine on Jan. 2 around 3:30 p.m. After patiently waiting 8 hours, the eagle passed overhead in pursuit of a Bald Eagle that was reportedly carrying prey. The Steller's Sea Eagle is typically native to Russia and Japan, with only about 4,000 worldwide. The eagle had been spotted around North America for the past year, in Alaska, possibly Texas, Nova Scotia and southern Massachusetts in late December. It was first spotted in Maine on Dec. 30 according to social media posts and birders have been watching the skies ever since. Experts do not know why the bird is so far from its natural territory. On average they can weigh 11-20 pounds and can have up to an 8-foot wing span.

PHOTO BY JON LEWIS
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Enjoying a walk in the Atlantic White Cedar Swamp at Great Works Reserve is Steve Mallon who, along with other Mousam Way Land Trust directors, built this boardwalk. COURTESY PHOTO

There's a new boardwalk in town

The Mousam Way Land Trust (MWLT) has installed a boardwalk on their property known as Great Works Environmental Reserve, adjacent to both Sand Pond and the North Berwick border in South Sanford. It is open from dawn to dusk for people to visit. From the sign and trailhead at the end of Great Works Drive, park your car and walk an easy 2/3 mile long foot path winding through a short section of a young spruce-pine forest, thence through a rare pitch pine-scrub oak forest. Before looping back to the path to the trailhead, the trail ends at an extremely rare natural community—an Atlantic White Cedar Swamp.

This wetland is an "Essential Habitat", and a "Wetland of Special Significance" that is home to the Maine endangered Hessel's Hairstreak butterfly. The land trust wants people to see both the

Pitch Pine/Scrub Oak forest, and the rarely visited Atlantic White Cedar Swamp via the boardwalk.

A site for the boardwalk was chosen for its direct link to an existing trail. Preliminary design, budget, and fundraising were completed. All the required federal, state, and local agencies were notified, their input received, and permits acquired. An open area for the viewing platform was identified as being conducive for experiencing the wonder of the special wetland. Minimal site and soil disturbance were requirements for this work, so rather unique construction methods were used to accomplish this. Geo Piles having the requirements of strength, durability, and adaptability to the project, and which are able to be driven into the soil with hand tools, are used to anchor the structure. Sub-system pre-fabrication

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From left, Board of Trustees member Christina Parks, Board of Trustees President Gail Burnett, patron Tuyen Nguyen, Library Assistant/volunteer Paula Demers, and Library Director Lesley Unger at a recent library event, the annual Christmas Victorian Tea, held outdoors. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

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Victorian Tea party

The Springvale Public Library held its Annual Christmas Victorian Tea on Dec. 16. The 2020 Annual Christmas Tea was only a virtual event due to restrictions due to COVID-19, but this year the Tea returned, with the only difference being the outside venue on the patio. It was a cool day but made warm and welcoming with outdoor heaters situated throughout the area. Tables decorated with festive holiday tablecloths dotted the patio. The Victorian Tea was served with your choice of tea, hot apple cider, and hot chocolate and was accompanied with your choice of individually

wrapped cookies.

The Christmas Victorian Tea is a great tradition at the Springvale Public Library, and it's great to have it back.

Winter reading

The Winter Reading Program at Springvale library began on Jan. 3. Children are invited to sign up at the Library beginning now through Feb. 28 if interested in the Bundle Up and Read event. Special bundles are waiting to be checked out. Each bundle has a special theme like snow trucks, robots, or food. These bundles include a few books and a puzzle activity or craft. Children can participate whenever the Library is open in this free, non-competitive reading program for ages 2-13. Have fun and win prizes. Register in the Children's Room now or call 324-4624 for more information, or visit the library at www.springvalelibrary.org.

Teen group

Tag Teen Activity Group 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.

Homeschoolers

The Homeschool Group will meet on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 10 a.m. Come and take a walk through the library catalog. Miss Sheila will be providing a zoom presentation for ages 6-15 on the basics of using the library catalog to discover all the books you could ever want. Contact Sheila at sdube@springvalelibrary.org for a link to attend the zoom.

The library is located at 443 Main Street in Springvale. Check their website for current hours and COVID protocols.

Community CALENDAR

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

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.

YORK COUNTY GOP MEETING The York County Republican Committee monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 12 will be held in the Auditorium on the 2nd floor of Alfred Town Hall, 16 Saco Road. Doors open 6:30 p.m., followed by business meeting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. In addition to hearing from the 2022 candidates about their ideas for Moving Maine Forward, as well as from current legislators on what's in store for the second session of the 130th Legislature, this meeting will focus on Caucus discussion, training, and planning. Candidate Ballot Access Petitions for the June 14 Primary Election will be available for signing and Town Chairs are urged to attend to pick up their Caucus packets. For more info or to be added to YCRC email list, email communications@yorkgop.org or call 468-2395.

cerated loved ones, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and equally respected! Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in Sanford/Springvale location, Bishop Cote Hall, 10 Payne Street, Springvale (Facebook at "Rose's Room").

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.

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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BOARDWALK

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and off site lumber cutting was maximized to minimize sawdust, and all material was carefully accounted for.

Mousam Way Land Trust extends thanks to the Army Corps of Engineers, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Maine Natural Areas Program, staff at the City of Sanford's Planning and Codes offices, and especially the donors who made this project possible: The William Oscar Emery Fund, and the Directors of MWLT.

Combined with the our other trails, this boardwalk will extend our mission for environmental awareness, education and outreach to the public, youth groups, and school classes to experience the unusual natural communities found in the Sanford area. The Mousam Way Land Trust will give interpretive tours from time to time. Placards placed along the trail and at the platform will describe ecologically significant features of the two communities and their imperiled status.

— Kevin McKeon, Steve Mallon, Dr. Gordon "Bud" Johnston



New books at Hollis Center Library

FICTION: Nine Elms, Shadow Sands, Darkness Falls-The Kate Marshall series by Robert Bryndza "A Heart-pounding series!" Game On: Tempting 28 by Janet Evanovich, Never by Ken Follett 9Also in Large Print), The Book of Magic by Alice Hoffman, The Hawthorne School by Sylvia Perry, Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult

NON-FICTION: Android Smartphones for Seniors for Dummies, iPhone for Seniors for Dummies, Crayola by Lisa Solomon, Will by Will Smith (Biography), Betrayal: The Final Act of the Trump Show by Jonathan Karl,

CHILDREN'S: Ducks Overboard: A story of plastic in our oceans by Markus Motum, A Walk in the Words by Hudson Talbot, Disasters by the Numbers: A book of Infographics by Steve Jenkins, Conservation Canines: How dogs work for the environment by Isabelle Groc, The Message: The extraordinary text message by Michael Emberly, Nano: The spectacular science of the very (very) small by Dr. Jess Wade, Animal Architects by Amy Cherrix,

The Hollis Center Public Library is located at 14 Little Falls Road, Hollis Center, ME 04042. Call 929-3911 or visit <https://www.holliscenterpubliclibrary.org> for more info. Open Monday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 3-7 p.m., Wednesday 2-7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



Staff members at the Animal Welfare Society in Kennebunk gratefully accept a holiday donation from Brian and Abigail Danyleyko (Abigail pictured in center). The Danyleykos fundraise year-round exclusively for animal non-profits to honor all her beloved pets. "Our goal in life...to be as wonderful as our furry children always believed we were!" says Abigail. The funds donated this holiday season will allow AWS to purchase a new refrigerator for the animal food prep kitchen.

Healthy Living for ME announces Building Better Caregivers Workshop

Healthy Living for ME is offering a free, 6-week, interactive workshop entitled Building Better Caregivers. During this workshop caregivers are able to come together to learn and receive support from others going through similar caregiving experiences; this is beneficial as for many caregivers, caregiving itself is a new role — one for which training and support is needed, just like any new job.

The six-session Building Better Caregivers Program helps caregivers of all types (family, formal, informal, etc.) better understand and navigate the changes their loved ones are experiencing.

This program helps caregivers who are assisting loved ones

through memory loss or dementia, as well as those providing care to individuals with Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Participants of the workshop will learn how to identify and deal with their care partners' triggers around behaviors, how to track this information through the use of a Behavior Diary, and more. Additional topics include managing caregiver stress, making decisions and planning for the future, communicating effectively with family, friends, and health professionals, legal issues related to caregiving, hiring help, and much more.

This workshop is free and open to the public, but registration is re-

quired. Call us at 1-800-620-6036 or email info@healthylivingforme.org for more information and to register. The upcoming workshop is scheduled to run Wednesdays, Jan. 12 through Feb. 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., with classes held virtually via Zoom.

This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of an award totaling \$749,890.00. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by HRSA, HHS, or the U.S. Government. For more information, visit HRSA.gov.

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TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

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Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Snow Date Wednesday, Jan. 12th at 6:00 pm

To discuss possible amendments to both the **Zoning Ordinance & Subdivision Ordinance**

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

Roger Allaire, Chairman - Shapleigh Planning Board

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BRIEFS

Maine CASA to hold online training in March

Interested in advocating for the best interests of a Maine child? The Maine Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program is holding its spring training for volunteer advocates on March 8-11. This four-day, online training is free and is designed to prepare attendees for certification as volunteer guardians ad litem in the Maine District Courts.

Maine CASAs are community volunteers who are appointed to serve as guardians ad litem (GALs) for children who are involved in child protection cases. The foundation of the CASA's work is learning about the case and then advising the court what the CASA believes is in the child's best interest.

CASAs come from a wide variety of professional and person-

al backgrounds and are guided throughout the process by CASA program staff. CASAs bring their own unique perspectives to their work as volunteers.

If you are willing to advocate for a child's best interests, we encourage you to apply to become a CASA volunteer. Those interested in the training must complete an application and, if invited to participate, must also complete criminal and child protection services background checks.

For more information about becoming a volunteer and advocate for a child's best interests, contact Maine CASA Legal Services Advisor Darren Defoe at 213-2864 or you can e-mail darren.defoe@courts.maine.gov.

LETTERS

Green Independents to caucus in Limerick

Its Caucus time again when members of political parties meet to discuss important issues, meet candidates for public office and influence the direction of the party.

The Maine Green Independents in Limerick will meet to caucus on Saturday, Jan. 15 at 9 a.m. in the lower level of the Municipal Building on Washington Street. The Maine Greens have endorsed citizen initiatives for

Medicaid for All and creation of Pine Tree Power Company.

All registered Green Independent members are encouraged to attend and make your voice heard. People interested in the Maine Greens are also invited. Come learn about the alternative to the two status quo parties and get involved in our future. For more information, email Gil Harris at Limerickgil@gmail.com.

— Gil Harris
Limerick



“I’m excited about the potential that 2022 holds for our great state.”

— GOV. JANET T. MILLS

This week, we bring 2021 to a close.

Well there's a lot to celebrate about the end of 2021.

It's been a hard year in many ways, but Maine people are resilient, and we've achieved a lot this year actually despite the challenges.

Unemployment is down; our Gross Domestic Product is up; our tourism and hospitality industries reported some of their best summers ever. Real estate sales are up. People are moving here. We have one of the lowest crime rates in the country. People are coming here because we are one of the safest states in the nation.

And we're fighting to keep it that way. We're fighting this pandemic with all we've got to make sure Maine people are safe, including the many children who are still too young to get vaccinated.

In the last year, more than a million people have gotten fully vaccinated from COVID-19 here in Maine. And it's thanks to them that Maine has among the lowest death rates from COVID-19, despite having a much older population than other states.

At the same time that we've been fighting the pandemic, we also brought Republicans, Democrats and Independents together and passed a bipartisan budget that fully funded public education for the first time ever. We made historic investments in our health care system, helping the front-line heroes who cared for the rest of us. And that's why now we are able to raise reimbursements rates and give direct care workers at

nursing homes and elsewhere a much-needed pay raise.

We also restored revenue sharing, which is how the state gives money back to towns and cities so they don't have to raise your property taxes. And we worked together to give back money to Maine people who worked during the pandemic - direct hazard payments of \$285 a piece to more than half a million people - you may have gotten your check in the mail recently. And our state budget set aside millions of dollars in savings, bringing our Rainy Day Fund to its highest level ever.

And after President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan into law, allocating federal stimulus funds to the State, we worked with the Legislature to enact the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan. With those funds, we've already begun rolling out more than \$300 million to train people for new jobs; to make housing, health care, and child care more affordable, more available; to help small businesses; and to help keep our economy strong.

We also continued to fight climate change. We installed thousands of high-efficiency heat pumps and hundreds of electric vehicle charging stations, cutting energy costs for Maine families with weatherization and cutting dangerous carbon emissions. We have increased solar power by more than four-fold since 2019 and we've created new, good-paying clean energy jobs. And we funded the Land for Maine's Future for the first time in the budget, so we can protect our working woods and waterways.

And thanks to our good fiscal management and careful allocation of federal and state pandemic relief, we are expecting a surplus of about \$822 million over the next two years - that's an increase of almost 10 percent over projections.

Still, inflation driven by the pandemic and supply chain issues is hurting us. The price of heating oil, gas, electricity and groceries is hitting people's pocketbooks right now at a particularly hard time of year. And that bothers me just like it bothers you.

I think we should give money back to people. That's why, in the New Year, I'll be proposing a supplemental budget to the Legislature that gives money back to you.

I'll be listening to Democrats, Republicans and Independents on the best way to do that, and we will get to work soon.

In 2022, I'm going to be focused on our economy, on our climate, on our kids, on keeping people safe and on the health and welfare of all Maine people.

We've always faced challenges together, with the grit and determination that has made us who we are - one community of hardworking people taking care of each other every day, every year.

With that spirit, I'm excited about the potential that 2022 holds for our great state.

I am so proud of the people of Maine. And so proud to be your Governor. Happy New Year, Maine!

—Originally aired as a radio address on Dec. 30.

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MaineHealth reports surge in COVID-related absences among its care team members

Community members can help mitigate the impact of a sharp increase in cases that is further straining the health care system's resources.

MaineHealth has said it has seen a sharp increase in recent days in the number of care team members out with COVID-19.

The surge is likely caused by the arrival of the highly contagious omicron variant in Maine and New Hampshire, and the result is that 842 members of MaineHealth's care team of about 22,000 were unable to come in to work as of the morning of Jan. 5, due to COVID-19. Prior to the Christmas holiday, about 200 people per day were absent across the health system because they had contracted or had been exposed to COVID-19.

The spike in absences comes at a time when the health system is already challenged by near-record numbers of hospitalizations for COVID-19, a high demand as a result of people putting off care earlier in the pandemic and an ongoing labor shortage across the health care industry.

"Keeping our workforce healthy has been critical from the beginning," said Dr. Doug Sawyer, MD, interim chief medical officer at MaineHealth. "We have been applying the science as fast as we have it. First, with education around social distancing, masking and hand hygiene. Later, with mandatory vaccines and encouraging boosters. And most recently, we've updated our care team quarantine procedures based on the best-available science and CDC guidelines to get our people back safely as soon as possible."

Still, Sawyer said, health care workers at MaineHealth and elsewhere are exhausted, and the overall health care system is under tremendous stress.

"We need help from our community," he said. "We've set up booster vaccine clinics this week at our location on Free Street in Portland and at other facilities across our system. We strongly encourage everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated and boosted." Information about MaineHealth's vaccination clinics can be found at <https://www.vaccine.mainehealth.org>.

Another concern with the surge is people showing up at emergency departments, urgent care centers and walk-in clinics who have tested positive with an at-home antigen test and want further confirmation. Something experts say is unnecessary and could further spread the virus.

"At-home antigen tests are reliable if they're positive and you have symptoms," said Dora Anne Mills, MD, MaineHealth's chief health improvement officer. "There is no need to have a confirmatory PCR test before you begin following CDC guidelines for isolation."

Mills noted that emergency departments, walk-in clinics and urgent care centers should be used for medically appropriate needs. The only time anyone who has tested positive should leave isolation is to seek necessary or emergency medical care. Community members who have tested positive at home should contact their primary care providers to determine if follow-up care is necessary. Anyone showing any of these signs should seek emergency medical care: Persistent pain or pressure in the chest; New confusion; Inability to wake or stay awake; or Bluish lips or face.

Community members who need a COVID-19 test can visit www.maine.gov/covid19/testing for a list of testing centers. The CDC also has published helpful guidance on how to treat mild COVID illness at home at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html.

SPORTS



Massabesic's Isaac Boulard pins his opponent at the Noble Invitational on Dec. 28. PHOTO BY JASON GENDRON PHOTOGRAPHY

WRESTLING Noble Invitational

Massabesic's varsity wrestling team tied Mattawamcook for first place at the annual Noble Invitational held Dec. 28 at Noble High School. Both teams finished with 152 total points, but Mattawamcook was awarded first place thanks to having three gold medals versus two for the Mustangs. Massabesic got gold medal performances, and wins via pin, from Issac Boulard (106) and Sean Wakefield (195). Dom Bubar, wrestling at 152, took home the silver. Nick Chenard (113), Coleman Pennington (160) and Jack Harriman (170) each took home bronze medals.

Bonny Eagle, who finished with 138 team points, finished third overall. Mt. Ararat was fourth, Wells was fifth and Sanford was sixth.

Scots wrestle well at Westlake

Bonny Eagle captured three gold and three silver medals at the annual Westlake Wrestling Invitational, held prior to the holiday break. Cam Frost won at 126 and Caden Frost won the 132 lb. division. Trevor Perkins was first at 138 and the Scots had second place finishes from Chase Frost (113), Kaden Cyr (220) and Tristan Day (285).

BASKETBALL

Mustang ladies 4-2

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
Sports Editor

After a 1-2 start, Massabesic's girls' varsity basketball team picked up three consecutive wins to move their record to 4-2. The girls got even at 2-2 after topping host Sanford 41-34 prior to the Christmas break. On Dec. 29 visiting S. Portland fell to the Mustangs 53-41 behind 14-points from Micaela Jacobs and 10 from Lydia Desrochers. On Tuesday, Jan. 4 the Mustangs beat neighbor Bonny Eagle 47-28.

INDOOR TRACK

USM Track & Field Invitational

Local athletes had some solid performances at the annual USM track and field invitational held Dec. 30 at USM. Mustang Luke Cloutier finished second in the 2-mile run and he was sixth in the 1-mile. Grace Quinn, from Bonny Eagle, took the bronze in the 400-meter run and she was part of the Scot's 4x400 relay unit that finished first with a 4:27.41. In that event, Liz Forestiere ran second, Hannah Stevens third and Emmaline Pendleton ran the anchor.

Pendleton took the bronze in the 1-mile and teammate Addy Thibodeau was fourth.

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Bid packets are available at Hollis Town Hall, 34 Town Farm Road, on the Town's website www.hollismaine.org or via e-mail at adminsecretary@hollismaine.org. Bids must be sent through U.S. Mail, Express Mail or hand-delivered. Bids are not accepted through e-mail or fax. Proposals received after the deadline will not be accepted. The Town is not liable for any cost incurred by the bidder in connection with the preparation of submission of a proposal. The Town of Hollis, Maine reserves the right to accept any proposal and to reject any and all proposals.

Bids will be opened publicly at the Hollis Select Board meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 7:00pm at the Hollis Community Building, 35 Town Farm Road. Additional info can be obtained by contacting the Hollis Select Board at 207-929-8552 x26.

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Obituaries

Gail Smith Woodsome

Gail Smith Woodsome, of North Waterboro, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and Gigi passed away Jan. 1, 2022, after a valiant battle with lung cancer.



Gail Smith Woodsome

She was born on July 29, 1941, at home, in East Waterboro, to Raymond L. and Delma (Knight) Smith.

She was educated in Waterboro schools, graduating from Sanford High School and was a proud member of the 59ers.

She married the love of her life, Andrew Woodsome Jr. on November 8, 1958. They shared 59+ years of marriage. They were proud founders and owners of Woodsome's Feeds & Needs. She also was a longtime cook with SAD #57 hot lunch program, retiring as manager of Waterboro Elementary kitchen.

In later years, Andrew and Gail enjoyed traveling and wintering in Florida.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, their infant daughter, Debra, and her two sisters, Pamela Orcutt, and Mary Sanborn.

She is survived by her three children, Dwayne (Lynn) of North Waterboro, Dana (Sandy) of Springvale and Denise and her husband Michael Knox Sr. of North Waterboro; five grandchildren, Stacey (Eric), Shannon (Brad), Michael Jr. (Kayla), Jared, and Andrea (Cody); five great grandchildren, Rachele, Andrew, Turner, Ethan, and Isla, along with several nieces and nephews, and many other family members and friends.

Graveside services will be held in the Spring at the convenience of the family.

Online condolence messages can be submitted at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service website, www.maine-funeral.com

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Southern Maine or Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Robert D. Johnston

Robert D. Johnston, of Lyman, passed away on Jan. 1, 2022.

He was born Nov. 7, 1946, to the late William & Marjorie (Ross) Johnston III.



Robert D. Johnston

Bob grew up in Saco and Lyman and attended Thornton Academy, graduating in 1965. He married Faith Mullen in 1968.

Bob was drafted into the Army into the 101st Airborne Rangers and served in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1971.

He was an honorary member of the Goodwins Mills Fire Dept. for 19 years serving two of those years as the Assistant Chief.

He was a heavy equipment mechanic for many years, working for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Cummins and finally retiring from Foglio Inc.

Bob enjoyed cars. From car shows to building his own 1930 Ford Coupe Hot Rod, he could talk all day about them. If he wasn't at a car show or in his garage, he was enjoying his family. He truly enjoyed playing cards with them or just harassing them about something silly they may have done.

He was predeceased by his parents and infant son, Stephen Michael.

He is survived by his wife Faith of 53yrs. 2 daughters Karen Beau-lieu, her husband Remi and sons Logan and Lucas, and Laura Bryant and her son Levi all of Dayton. 3 Brothers, Bruce Johnston and his wife Joanne, Brian Johnston and his wife Ellen and Blaine Johnston and his wife Gayle, all of Lyman, and many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held on Sunday, Jan. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service Chapel, 498 Long Plains Road (Route 22), Buxton. Burial will be in the spring with US Army Honors at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Saco.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to BRCOT automotive dept. or SRTC automotive dept.

Gregory A. LePage

Gregory A. LePage, 68, of Limerick, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021, after a long courageous battle with cancer.

Gregory was Born July 18, 1953, to Cecile (Provencher) LePage and Charles LePage, Jr.

Growing up on the farm on Clarkes Bridge Road, he helped his

dad in the chicken house from the time he was old enough to carry a pail to feed the chickens until they moved from the farm in 1968.

He attended Limerick Elementary through the 8th grade, then he attended Sanford High School for grades 9 and 10. Completing his High School grades 11 and 12 at Massabesic High School graduating in 1971. He attended SMVTI, where he studied Building Construction, graduating in 1973.

After graduating he worked for Sumner McFarland, S&C Construction, for 6 years as a carpenter building homes. Next, he started his own business building and remodeling homes until 2017, when he retired due to health issues.

In 1971 he met Barbara the love of his life. They were married July 20, 1974. They had two children and were later blessed with two beautiful granddaughters. Gregory is survived by his wife Barbara (Hamilton) LePage, a son Christopher LePage and spouse Dale Theriault, his daughter Sarah (LePage) Sirois and spouse Jim Sirois. Granddaughter Catherine (Card) Tardiff and spouse Alex Tardiff, granddaughter Hope Card, grandson Matthew Sirois and grandson Jonathan Sirois. Gregory is also survived by his mother Cecile (Provencher) LePage, and his siblings: Vickie (LePage) Carroll and husband Anthony, Amy (LePage) Paradis and husband Rick, Mark LePage and spouse Jan, Dean LePage and spouse Lisa, Thomas LePage and spouse Miranda, and many cherished nieces and nephews.

Gregory served on the Limerick Planning board for 3 years in the late 70's. Served 4 years as Limerick Code Enforcement Officer from 1995-1999. Served as trustee for 2 years on Limerick Water and Sewer in the late 90's. Gregory was a 40-year volunteer for Limerick Fire and Rescue, retiring in June 2018. Mowed the roads for the town of Limerick for 40 years. He was an usher at St. Matthew Parish for 30 years. He also was a member of St. Matthew Knights of Columbus Council 8868 and served as a committee member on the Limerick Society Baptist Church restoration committee.

His interests included working in his garden, tending to his beef cows and chickens. His favorite past time was driving and restoring



Gregory A. LePage

his Farnall tractors, fishing, hunting and camping.

Visitation was held on Dec. 23 at St. Matthew's Church, Dora Lane, Limerick, immediately followed by a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in the spring at Highland Annex Cemetery in Limerick. Online condolences can be submitted at the Poitras, Neal & York Funeral Home website at www.maine-funeral.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Limerick Fire Department at 24 School St Limerick ME 04048 or Limerick Baptist Society Church Restoration Project, PO Box 359, Limerick, ME 04048.

Dave C. Gibson

Dave C. Gibson, 49, of Limerick, was born in Boston, Massachusetts. He attended Oyster River High School in New Hampshire. He furthered his education by studying Culinary Arts at Newbury College in Boston, Massachusetts.



Dave C. Gibson

On Dec. 17, 2021, Dave passed away unexpectedly.

Dave had a passion for life. He turned a page in 2010 and became sober. He saw all of life's blessings again for the first time. He would spend most of his days in nature. He loved to hike the many trails around Limerick with his wife and their two dogs, Elvis and Hazel. During the summer months, you would find him kayaking the surrounding lakes, taking care of his lawn, and making sure his flowers and veggies were growing just right in his garden.

Dave loved walking to the local businesses near his home. He'd frequently visit Dough Boys for their amazing chocolate glazed donuts, Sokokis Seafood Shack for their Fisherman's Platter and chocolate shakes. He would even walk to his stepson's barbershop up the road for a fresh cut. Dave was always supporting the small businesses around town, and everyone knew his name.

Dave never lost his love for baseball, and he could rattle off stats from a hundred years ago. Dave was the JV Baseball Coach for Massabesic High School, and it brought him so much joy mentoring those young men. He would get a twinkle in his eye once February began, knowing that the season was about to start.

Dave worked as a bartender for many years, and he made countless friends along the way. He worked at TGIF, Elliott's in California, Billy's Chowder House, Oak Street Bistro, and Woody's Sports Grill. He loved taking care of his customers and listening to their stories.

Dave was a very important

Grampy to his grandson, Trevor. He was the light of his life, and his right-hand man. You would find the two of them watching Looney Tunes, playing video games, gardening in the yard, hiking nearby trails, putting together 1,000 piece puzzles, cooking delicious meals, playing with the dogs, working out in Grampy's home gym, playing catch, shooting hoops, discussing sports, and the joys of life. Their bond was truly something special

This past March, Dave became a selectman for his town of Limerick. He wanted to make a difference in his community, and he thought, there's no better place to start than by getting involved and having his voice heard. Dave would always say, "If you want to make a difference in this world, start from the bottom, and always keep your side of the road clean."

Dave married the love of his life, Bonnie, in September 2014. He called her his best friend and teammate in life. They were inseparable and always off exploring the world together. From following the Red Sox to a new stadium each year, to driving to the New Hampshire Motor Speedway to watch the Nascar races. They always hiked a trail nearby to see the sights. Their love of sports and nature brought them to so many beautiful and new places. With Dave as a Broncos fan and Bonnie as a Patriots fan, they were a house divided, but their hearts are forever united.

Dave was an incredible Bonus Dad to his stepson, Kevin, and his wife, Maggie. He loved them dearly and instilled many life lessons that they'll carry with them for the rest of their lives. He taught them how important it is to see the good. No matter who or what hurt you, you must always do what you hope to see in this world. Love always wins and life is always better when you're kind, compassionate and forgiving.

Dave also leaves behind his Dad, David Gibson, and his wife, Kathy; his Mother, Jane Rosell, and her husband, Jon; four sisters, Natalie, Stephanie, Katie and Chris; one brother, Jonny; three brother-in-laws, Scott, who is like a brother to Dave, Jeff and Victor. Dave was an uncle to eight nieces.

He had many good friends spanning from the West Coast to the East Coast.

There is a big hole in many hearts, now that he's gone from this earth. We will spend the rest of our days filling that hole with all the love and light that he brought to every soul that he met during his journey.

I Love you, Hun... until meet again.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring of 2022.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Poitras, Neal & York Funeral Home, Cornish, www.maine-funeral.com.



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