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Members of Limington's Old Town Hall Preservation Committee, from left, Lauriejane Kelley, Sherry Beety, Bruce Beety and Susie Hanley. (Not pictured: Grace Davis and alternate Bonnie Laughlin).
PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Limington to celebrate 150-year-old town hall

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Have you ever been inside the Old Limington Town Hall? Maybe you were able to get a peak in the entryway during the library bake sale one 4th of July. Perhaps you are part of one of the various groups that have met here over the years: the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, ATV club, snowmobile club, etc. Did you see the large wooden stairs that lead to the 2nd floor? Maybe you participated in aerobics or yoga up there. Or watched a musical or theatrical performance. Did you notice the pressed tin walls? If you have never been in the old town hall, or never noticed these features, the Old Town Hall Preservation Committee hopes you will the weekend of Oct. 22 and 23 at their anniversary celebration.

The Old Town Hall opened on Oct. 14, 1871 and this year marks its 150th Birthday! "The town of Limington itself was incorporated in 1792, but town officials met at various schoolhouses around

town before this building was built," explained Sherry Beety, Chair of the Old Town Hall Preservation Committee. Committee Member Lauriejane Kelley added, "The town was divided into quadrants, and there were little schoolhouses all around town." About 24 of them in fact! Originally, the Town Hall was downstairs on the first floor, where a podium/stage is visible for Town Meetings, ceremonies, etc., and the second floor was a Community Center. "It's the only building in town that can be used in such a way," added Committee Member Susie Hanley. The building is one of 24 buildings in town that are part of the Limington Historic District and is listed on the National Registry, according to Beety.

On the second floor, you'll see "holes" or marks in the floor. "That's where the chairs were mounted," said Beety, when there was auditorium seating. This room was used as a theatre, and for Limington Academy graduations

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Sanford Community Forest a conservation achievement

Three Rivers Land Trust is pleased to announce the successful acquisition of its latest preserve: the Sanford Community Forest. The public fundraising campaign was announced in early 2021, and through successful grants and extraordinary generosity from local donors, Three Rivers was able to purchase nearly 550-acre property in late September. To celebrate this momentous win for the future of the community, Three Rivers will host a walk at the property on Sunday, Oct. 24, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The Sanford Community Forest is a large undeveloped landscape of forests and open wetland located just three miles from downtown Sanford. The well-known Sanford Rail Trail forms part of the property's northern boundary, and the Mousam Way

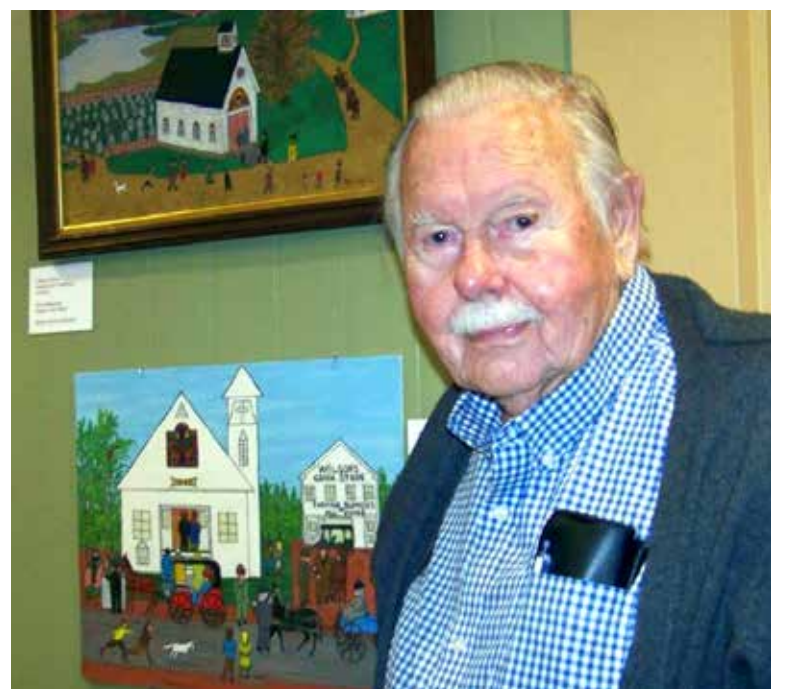
Land Trust owns the McKeon Environmental Reserve just to the north, which is already open to the public. Mousam Way Land Trust partnered with Three Rivers to help raise awareness of the project during the fundraising phase, and the two land trusts will continue collaborating as the Community Forest is brought under Three Rivers' management.

Once a public parking area is established, the preserve will be officially open to the public in early 2022 for hiking, dog walking, mountain biking, nature observation, and hunting. The rough 3.6-mile path from previous forestry operations will start to be improved next year to serve as a recreation trail. Educators and community groups are encouraged to contact the land trust about using the preserve with their

students or members. Some hardy adventurers already access the property by parking at the McKeon Environmental Reserve on Blanchard Rd., and others use the limited rough parking available along Oak Street. One can also bike or walk in along the Sanford Rail Trail to access the property. Note that no ATVs are permitted on the Community Forest property, though they can be used on the Rail Trail. Visitors should be aware that trail markings are limited at this time, and blaze orange colors are strongly recommended during hunting season. Those wishing to hunt at the preserve should reach out to the land trust to understand current guidelines.

By conserving the Sanford Community Forest, the land trust has protected one of the largest

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Harland Eastman, shown above, introduced the New Century Club to the work of Ray Welch, which is now on display in the Sanford-Springvale Historical Society. Welch was a Sanford folk artist whose work depicted everyday scenes in the style of Grandma Moses. (See related story on Page 7.) PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

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POLICE

Deadly stabbing at fairgrounds

On Oct. 13, at 1:05 a.m. the Oxford Sheriff's Department dispatch center received a 911 call from the Fryeburg Fairgrounds for the report of a male who had been stabbed and was unresponsive. The Fryeburg Police Department was dispatched along with officers from the Conway NH Police Department, Bridgton Police Department and deputies from the Oxford County Sheriff's Department. When officers arrived on-scene they discovered a deceased male on the grounds near the restroom facilities at the fairgrounds. The male was identified as 28 year old Anderson Gomes of Waterbury, Connecticut.

At 1:28 a.m. the Oxford Sheriff's Department notified the Maine State Police Major Crimes Unit – South who responded to the scene along with the Maine State Police Evidence Response Team.

Detectives identified witnesses and persons of interest to the incident conducted interviews and collected evidence. Crime scene technicians and analysts from the Maine State Police Evidence Response Team continue to process the scene. At approximately noon, detectives from the Maine State Police Major Crimes Unit – South arrested 46-year-old Carlos A. Negrón of Connecticut. Negrón was brought to the Oxford County Jail and charged with murder. Negrón and Gomes were known to each other. Authorities are confident that there is no on-going risk to public safety.

The Office of Chief Medical Examiner is expected to conduct an autopsy on the deceased individual in the coming days.

Community Calendar

EMAIL NON-PROFIT EVENT LISTINGS TO: NEWS@WATERBOROREPORTER.COM

COMING EVENTS

CANCELLATION NOTICE: The Maine Bicentennial event scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 16 at the Community Library, sponsored by the Lyman Historical Society, has unfortunately been cancelled due to concerns regarding the COVID virus.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE is being held on Oct. 16 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Church, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick. Sign up online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give> and put zip code 04048.

FREE COMMUNITY DRIVE THRU DINNER at the Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church, 498 Goodwins Mills Road on Route 35, Oct. 16 from 4:30-6 p.m. Menu: Shepherd's Pie, Rolls, Cookies, Fruit Cups. On Nov. 20 from 4:30-6 p.m. the menu will be Turkey pot pie, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Dessert.

LYMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY The next meeting of the Lyman Historical Society will be Tuesday, October 19 at 6PM at the Community Library.

THE ORIGINALS PRESENT MRS. MANNERLY, a comedy by Jeffrey Hatcher, Oct. 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30. Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills. Tickets \$15 at www.sacorivertheatre.org.

FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST "Because you answer the call" you are invited to join, along with your family, a FREE Breakfast, courtesy of the South Waterboro Bible Chapel on Saturday, October 23 at 8 A.M. in the church function hall at 911 Main Street (Route 202) Waterboro. Police officers, Fire & Rescue Personnel, EMTs, Paramedics...If you plan on par-

ticipating, RSVP to the following e-mail: secretary@swbiblechapel.org or call 247-6293.

OUTSIDE ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR Sat., Oct. 23 from 10 AM - 3 PM, between Soldiers Memorial Library and Arts Center at 8 Hancock Ave., Hiram (inside if rain). Sponsored by the Hiram Cultural Center. Come see the selection of botanical scarves, hooked rugs and kits, dried flowers, notecards, framed art, wood-carvings, jewelry, knitted items, raffle and more. Refreshments include breakfast pastries, lunch items, desserts and beverages.

BAKED HAM SUPPER Drive-up and take-out is this year's feature at the 14th annual baked ham supper sponsored by Friends of Old Corner Church on Saturday, Oct. 23. Indoor seating is also available. The supper will be at the Masonic Lodge, Route 202 (165 Waterboro Road) in Alfred from 4 to 6 p.m. Funds raised will support restoration and upkeep of the historic 1804 church located at the corner of Federal Street and West Road in Waterboro. Donation: \$8 for adults; children under 10 free. For more information, contact Bud Jamieson at 247-3635.

BOOK TALK Maine author Jack Flowers (from Auburn) will speak at the Waterboro Public Library, 187 Main Street, East Waterboro on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 6 pm. He will be talking about his book *Rat Six* and as well as having a book signing. *Rat Six* is a novel based



on his experiences as the leader of the 1st Infantry Division Tunnel Rats while he was in Vietnam in 1969. For more information, call the library at 247-3363.

CROCKFEST The Acton Public Library will be hosting their 6th Annual Crockfest on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 5 to p.m. at Barn Lights, 189 Hopper Road in Acton. If you would like to enter your favorite chili or chowder recipes, just fill in the Crockfest Registration form at www.acton.lib.me.us and register by Oct. 26. Forms and payments can be mailed to the library, 35 H Road, Acton, Me. 04001, or you can drop it off in person. Registration fee is \$20 and the prize for the best dish is \$50. If you prefer to eat and judge the contest the fee is \$8 with a maximum of \$30 per family. Tickets for eating and judging will be available at the door.

A VETERANS REMEMBRANCE Sanford Maine Stage Theatre will present "a salute to our veterans in song" on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. The performance will be held at the Nasson Theatre, 457 Main Street in Springvale. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Performers will sing the songs of the American Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korean Conflict, Vietnam, and the ending of the Afghanistan War. All veterans who can, should wear either their uniform or their military hat. This is an evening of remembrance... We thank you for your service! By donation only.

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.

The Sanford Unitarian Church will be bringing back their monthly **CORNER CUPBOARD** held on the third Saturday of every month. This is a non-food, essential item pantry from 10 a.m. until noon at 5 Lebanon Street, Sanford. We ask that you please wear a mask and bring your own bag.

FREE MUSEUM PASSES Goodall Memorial Library, 952 Main St., Sanford is offering free passes to some museums in Maine. All you need is a valid Goodall Memorial Library card. For more details or to reserve a pass, call the library at 324-4714. The library is open Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit www.lbgoodall.org, for more information.

ONGOING EVENTS

KNOW SOMEONE IN PRISON OR JAIL? "Individuals don't go to prison alone, their families go also." Rose's Room is a support group for family and friends of incarcerated 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



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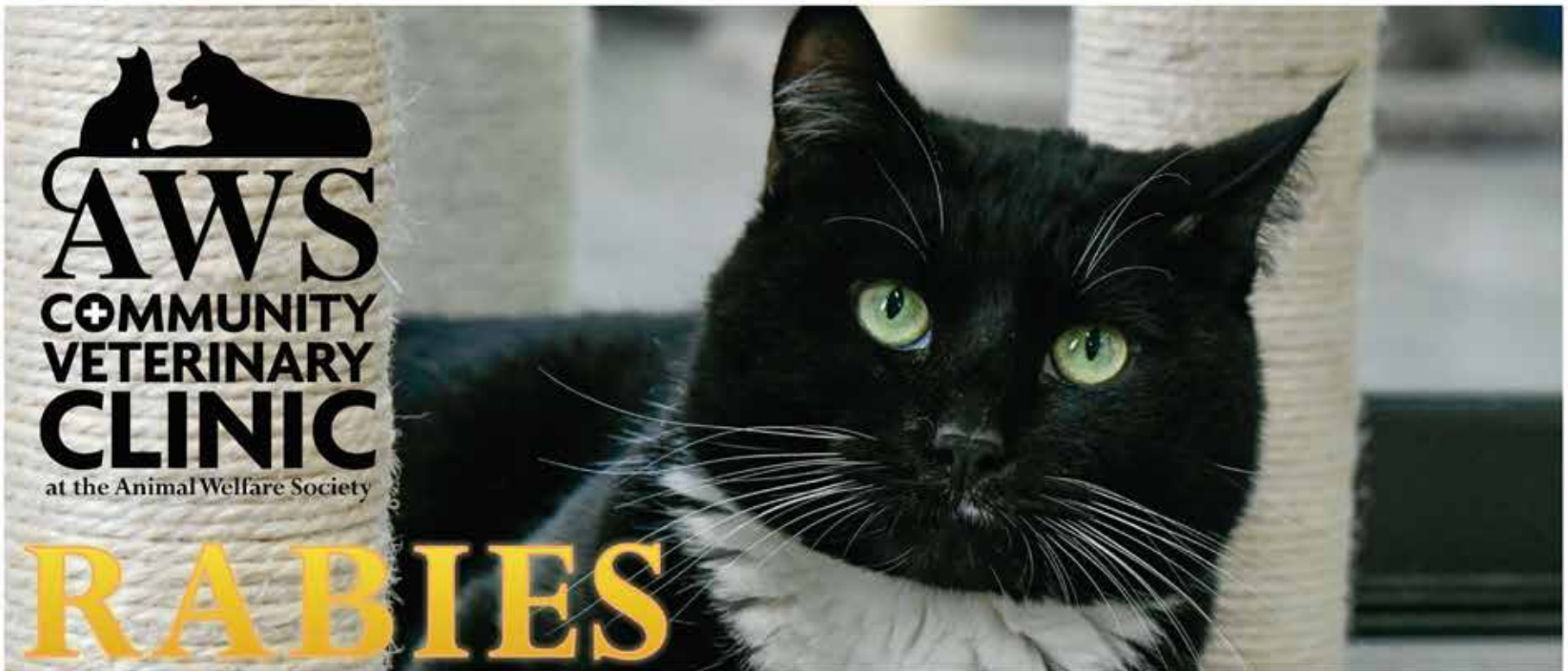

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COMMUNITY FOREST

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remaining natural areas within city limits from development. Land conservation like this safeguards ecological health, and ensures the availability of land for public recreation and traditional uses long into the future. The Community Forest also provides vital water quality protection in the Salmon Falls River watershed and carbon storage in its extensive forests to slow down climate change.

It took a massive fundraising effort – over \$780,000 – to secure the property. This was a tall order for a small non-profit with just two part-time employees. However, the community responded to the call with great generosity, and several large grants were received that made this project possible. Visit www.3rlt.org for more information about our donors.

Three Rivers Land Trust has been inviting ideas and comment from the public about the future uses of the Community Forest. Fundraising will continue for improvements to the trails and the creation of a suitable parking area off of Oak Street. Volunteers will be needed to help mark the trails, build re-routes, and maintain and monitor the trail. Contact cheri@3rlt.org or 358-9695 to get on the list for volunteer updates.

Three Rivers will also work to better understand and explore the natural features of the landscape. It seeks knowledgeable volunteers and students to help map wetlands and other sensitive features of the landscape and to develop a list of the plant and animal species present on the land. A primary part of the land trust mission is to conserve wild and working landscapes for the future of our communities, and knowing what the land contains is an important first step. The Mousam Way Land Trust, in their ongoing partnership with Three Rivers, is also helping to document the features of this impressive landscape.

Finally, the land trust will also begin to explore the potential for sustainable forest harvesting on the east side of the property. This part

of the land was acquired with the intention of demonstrating healthy, climate-friendly forest management methods. While the forest is still recovering from past harvests, the land trust intends to create a detailed forest management plan to showcase best practices for healthy Maine forests. Local forest professionals interested in working with the land trust on this effort should contact Lee Burnett at leeburnett_maine@hotmail.com.

To celebrate the protection of the Sanford Community Forest and to discuss its promising future, Three Rivers will hold a public walk at the property on Sunday, Oct. 24, starting at 1:30 p.m. Those wishing a shorter walk can plan on spending no more than an hour on the first leg of the trail. Those eager for a longer excursion can join a group attempting the whole 3.6-mile loop trail, which could take 2.5 to 3 hours depending on conditions. The event may be cancelled if inclement weather occurs. Contact ruth@3rlt.org or 370-4191 for details, to sign up, or for the status of the walk.

Three Rivers Land Trust coordinated this ambitious conservation project as part of its mission to build stronger, healthier communities through the conservation of wild and working landscapes. Find more information about Three Rivers' properties online at www.3rlt.org.

Three Rivers Land Trust is a membership-supported organization dedicated to building stronger, healthier communities through the protection of wild and working landscapes in Acton, Alfred, Lebanon, Shapleigh and Sanford/Springvale. Named for the Little Ossipee, Salmon Falls, and Upper Mousam Rivers, Three Rivers Land Trust holds conservation easements to protect farms, forests, and wetlands, and maintains preserves, which provide public access to recreation and hunting.

OLD TOWN HALL

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and other ceremonies. There are a few of these chairs left, on display at the top of the stairs, before you enter the room. There is a pressed tin ceiling, and according to Kelley, an historic architect looked at the building and stated that “the pressed tin walls are in glorious condition.” The floor is made of maple, and creaks when you walk on it. That’s because, according to Kelley, when the floor was laid, there was no cloth underneath it. “It’s a treasure,” said Kelley, “and the town needs it.”

But many people are not aware of this treasure. The Old Town Hall was cold, wet, damp, and probably not big enough for Town Business. The new Limington Municipal building was built in 1999, and the Town Hall business moved there. An Old Town Hall Preservation Committee was started then, with the by-laws created in 2000. Over the last 20 years, the Committee has been made up of one or two people volunteering to serve the town, but were not able to do much due to the circumstances. In 2003, an Eagle Scout made the Old Town Hall

his project, and refinished the floors, painted the walls, ceilings and stairs. With the upcoming 150th birthday of the building, these committee members were asked to serve on the Board and to get the building ready for its anniversary celebration. The current committee has been meeting since December 2020.

One of the committee’s biggest tasks has been to bring the building physically up to code. They spent the last 9 months doing so. They had the furnaces cleaned, rewiring done, emergency lighting put in, emergency exit route maps posted and exit signs put up. Smoke detectors have been added and maintained, but the interior sprinkler system is not updated, and though the building is grandfathered, there is no wheelchair lift, so it is not truly ADA certified. “It needs a new foundation,” said Hanley, and that is the biggest project for the Committee at this time.

“These old houses were built in a structural way,” continued Kelley. “They were post and beam, built on a stone foundation.” That is exactly how the Old Town Hall was built. But the builders did not anticipate the change in transportation, in road structure, and water runoff and drainage. When the Old Town Hall was built, there were dirt roads. The roads were then expanded to 2 ½ car widths and tarred. Culverts and drainage pipes have been added, and the water runoff from the roads has changed with development. And the humidity in the building has increased. The Committee had historical building architects, Barba and Wheelock, as well as

engineers, and Rick Irons contracting and restoration company come in to look at the foundation. It will cost about \$200,000 to lift and grade the foundation and redirect the drainage.

The Committee’s present budget for next year will include a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. They have applied for several grants to help with the cost of maintaining the historical value of the building. But they need community support.

So, if you’ve never been in the Old Limington Town Hall, or even if you have, join the Preservation Committee in celebrating this town gem. The committee will be offering a free movie, “Young Frankenstein,” on Friday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. Then, on Saturday, Oct. 23, they will be holding an Open House from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Limington Cub Scouts, Friends of the Library and the Limington Historical Society will be there and will have home-baked goods and other refreshments on sale. The committee invites other local businesses, groups and organizations to join them by reserving a table and providing information.

For more information about this event, to volunteer to work with the committee (they could use someone with grant-writing experience), or to reserve an information table for your local business or organization, call or text Chair Sherry Beety at 207-838-4032.

Come learn the history, current use and the future of this building. “It has enormous potential,” said Kelley, “and is the last core of this farm community.”

TOWN OF LYMAN PUBLIC NOTICE

Absentee ballots are available for the **November 2, 2021 State Referendum Election** to be held at the Lyman Town Hall, 11 South Waterboro Road from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you have any questions about absentee voting or about this election, please call the Town Clerk at 247-0643. Sample ballot is on the Town website.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF LYMAN

www.lyman-me.gov

The LYMAN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:00 PM** at Lyman Town Hall, 11 South Waterboro Road. This hearing is to present information and to allow for public comment for the Code Enforcement Officer’s denial of a permit for an accessory dwelling unit located at 53 Swetts Lane, Map 11, Lot 63-01.

Tom Larned - Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman

TOWN OF WATERBORO Zoning Board of Appeals

The Town of Waterboro Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **October 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Town Hall. The purpose of this hearing is to review the administrative appeal request of Robert & Mary Maxfield (Tax Map 034 Lot 001A). The applicant is requesting an administrative appeal to build retaining walls within the Town of Waterboro Shoreland Zone.

The application can be viewed at the code enforcement office during regular business hours.

Robert Leeman - Vice-Chairman

TOWN OF WATERBORO

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Waterboro Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, October 19, 2021**. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive comment regarding a Contract Zone Request for Map 005-049-001, 005-50 & 005-51. The Public Hearing will be aired on the local cable station Channel 5 or 1302 and live streamed on the Town’s website. Residents may attend in person or submit questions or comments by email to waterboro@waterboro-me.gov prior to the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC NOTICE ALFRED DOG OWNERS

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You may also visit www.alfredme.gov, using the “on-line services” link, to re-license your dog.

A \$25.00 late fee will be assessed as of February 1st (in addition to the regular licensing fees)

Town of Acton Public Notice

The Acton Planning Board is scheduling a **SITE WALK** for Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 4:45pm for

**Mike Hersey - 701 13th Street
Map 142, Lot 001 - Greatest Practical Extent**

Town of Acton Public Notice

The Acton Planning Board is scheduling a **SITE WALK** for Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 5:30pm for

**Kristen Waitt - 730 West Shore Drive
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SPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY

Mustangs top Rams in OT Duffy sets up game winner

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
Sports Editor

Micaela Jacobs scored in overtime to help lift Massabesic's varsity girls' field hockey team to a 2-1 win over Kennebunk (6-6) on Tuesday, Oct. 12. The Rams got on the board 1-0 when Becky Toggart scored late in the third period. With under three minutes remaining in regulation the Jacobs twins hooked up for the equalizer as Micaela assisted Emily, tying it 1-1. Massabesic (10-1) dominated the overtime and they got some good fortune when a banged up

Mary Duffy jumped back into the action after the trainers held her out. The senior smartly angled a shot on goal after the Mustangs were awarded a corner. Duffy's shot generated an easy rebound for a lurking Micaela Jacobs who collected it and sealed the 2-1 win.

"Really impressed with our resiliency and teamwork," said head coach Michele Martin-Moore. "It was a super game by both teams."

On Wednesday, Oct. 6 the Mustangs were handed their first loss when they fell to Biddeford 2-1 in overtime. Micaela Jacobs had Massabesic's lone score.

CROSS COUNTRY

Marshwood nips Mustangs at XC meet

Marshwood placed all five runners in the top ten, lifting them to a first place finish with 29 points at a four team cross country meet held Thursday, Oct. 7 at

Marshwood.

Massabesic's Luke Cloutier was second overall with an 18:11, helping the Mustangs grab second place with 53 points. Noble had 71 and Sanford had 80.

— By Michael DeAngelis

ALFRED

Allison Williams

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A visit by the New Century Club

Harland Eastman hosted the members of the New Century Club this past Monday, and took the opportunity to show members the art display in the Sanford-Springvale Historical Society. It was a real treat to view scenes once familiar to many of them — "Ice Fishing," "The Circus," "Skating on No 1 Pond," "Family Reunion," "Country Auction," and many more. (See related photo on Page 1.)

They all were the work of folk artist Ray Welch, a long-time resident of Sanford and a well-known musician and artist. He portrayed the scenes which many have forgotten. His work was reminiscent of the work of Anna Mary Robertson, better known as Grandma Moses. Many were scenes painted from memory, like "Family Reunion" and "Village Church," both recognizable.

Welch painted happy pictures, with people enjoying themselves, like "The Circus" which includes over 200 figures. He had to use a magnifying glass to get in all the faces.

Welch grew up in Sanford, graduated from Sanford High School, took textile courses at Nasson College and worked 20 years as a loom fixer and designer of carpet fabrics. He was in the army in World War II and when he returned from the service he married a woman who was trained as a nurse at the Chicago School of Nursing. For many years they ran Welch's Bauneg View Nursing Home. He enjoyed both painting and music. He was a member of the musician's union. He played

bass in his own band and other bands throughout northern New England. But for many years he played with Carl Broggi, traveling with him throughout New England and the East Coast with a 12 or 13 piece band. He was just 43 when he began painting and was really self-taught. He admitted he "didn't know anything when he started," even how to mix paints.

Eventually people learned about the painter who did the primitive scenes, and began buying them. A woman from New York came in and bought all he had done at that point. They were just what buyers were looking for. Many of those on display are loans from local people.

The museum is open until Dec. 18 and may be visited Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Shaker Hill news

On Oct. 17 Historian Joe Hardy will speak on his book "Mills on the Mousam/A History of the Mousam River in Alfred, Sanford, Springvale and Wells/Kennebunk", concluding the season's Sid Emery Memorial Forum. There is a long list of the presenters in the latest issue of the Shaker Hill Courier.

Linda Aaskov was the crafter of the beautiful Navajo quilt which was raffled to benefit the Alfred Shaker Museum — and was also the winner of the quilt. It was machine pieced on a beige background in shades of sand, turquoise and black and also included bead work on the sides.

Alfred Parish Church

It is the goal of the Alfred Parish Church to have a service two or three times a month. The next service will be Oct. 17 with Mabel Laird leading the service.

October birthdays include Noah Tucker, Olivia Mynahan, Kristin Lambert, Alix Gold-



Ice cream for a cause

The Sokokis Seafood Shack is having a fundraiser on Sunday, Oct. 17 for the local J.P. Carroll Fuel Fund. The season for the shack is over but it will be reopened for ICE CREAM ONLY for this special event starting at noon and ending when they run out of ice cream (between 4 and 7 p.m.) Check their facebook page for updates. Customers can pay what they can for a cup or cone as a donation and 100 percent of the funds will be dropped off at J.P. Carroll the following Monday morning.

en, Tom Prendergast, Barbara Thorne, Ron Woodward, Bert Sobanik, Nancy Sobanik and Sarah Stonehouse.

The monthly free meals-to-go will begin Oct. 24. It will include chop suey, salad, rolls and dessert to be picked up between 2 and 3 p.m. To reserve your meal call APC @324-3841 and leave a message with the number of meals you would like by Thursday, Oct. 21 along with your phone number. In November a Thanksgiving meal will be offered to be picked up by Nov. 21. Donations of cooked turkeys and pies will be appreciated.

Eric Ducharme will have his truck at APC to collect Food Pantry donation from 2-3 p.m. on the days of the free meal.

Fall clean-up will be held Saturday, Oct. 30 with a rain date of Saturday, Nov. 6 at 9 a.m.

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Quilt show

Carol Morin and Tracey Levasseur display quilts at the Acton Shapleigh Historical Society during their Quilt Show on Oct. 1 and 2. Some of the quilts were over 100 years old. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

Acton Public Library to host annual Crockfest

The Acton Public Library will be hosting their 6th Annual Crockfest on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Barn Lights, 189 Hopper Road in Acton.

If you would like to enter your favorite chili or chowder recipes, just fill in the Crockfest Registration form at www.acton.lib.me.us and register by Oct. 26. Forms and

payments can be mailed to 35 H Road, Acton, ME 04001, or you can drop it off in person. Registration fee is \$20 and the prize for the best dish is \$50.

If you prefer to eat and judge the contest the fee is \$8 with a maximum of \$30 per family. Tickets for eating and judging will be available at the door.

The History of Photography – Snapshots

By JOANNE BARGIONI

On Monday, Oct. 4, Linwood Dall, a member of the Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society, presented a program about the history of photography with an emphasis on snapshots. Dall stated that he started taking pictures at the age of 11 and developed his own photos from a closet in his house. He said about taking photos at that time, “it was looking at life through a lens. Photos were a permanent glimpse into fleeting moments and a peek into another time.”

Dall has been collecting old abandoned snapshots at flea markets, antique stores, etc., for many years, and some of his snapshots are over 100 years old. He was always fascinated by older pictures, especially those without names, and often thought, what became of these people?

He went on to explain the history of the camera and how it has changed over the years. In 1888 the Kodak camera was introduced. It was very easy to use. Advancements in technology made it affordable to the general public and in the 50s, the flash camera was available, in the 60s,



Linwood Dall presents program at the Acton Shapleigh Historical Society on the history of snapshot photography. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

we had Kodacolor pictures, and in 1963 the Instamatic cartridge made its debut. Now photos are taken from cell phones, and film is hard to get or is no longer available. The pictures taken on cell phones, he felt, are not often printed, and once your cellphone is replaced or gone, people in the future will never get the chance to see the photos. Snapshot photos will still exist, but the cell phone pictures will not.

He concluded by saying that

50 years from now, he predicts that newly printed snapshot pictures would be no more, and those photos on the cell phone would no longer be seen except by a small group of selected people.

He passed around albums he had collected throughout the years of strangers and unknown soldiers. These albums were once the cherished possessions of people he did not know. He left us wondering who are these people and what are their stories?

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Library fundraiser a social event for locals

The Craft Fair Fundraiser at the West Newfield Town Hall was definitely the place to shop on Saturday, Oct. 9. The fundraiser craft fair was to raise money to put into repairs for the old library building, and was organized by Librarian Cheryl Cause.

There were ten very talented crafters there selling their hand crafted items. Wanda Wonson had goat milk soaps and Wanda Neville had her hand knit items. Also, there were Katie Bravo, Charlotte Erickson, Denise Rockwell, Stephanie Taylor, Elsa Hawkins, Mya Bowker, Robin Mullen, and Beverly Cummings, to show their talents and creations.

There were also 29 raffle prizes, donated by the crafters, for shoppers to take a chance at winning. The winners names will be posted in the library.

According to Bev and Cherie who manned the bake sale table, they made about \$405.84 on the

baked goods and it was steady all day. They had a large variety of items including pies, cakes, cookies, fudge, shepard's pie, brownies, fresh tomatoes, whoopie pies, homemade bread and butter pickles, apple crisp, banana bread, pumpkin bread, quiche and much more. They would like to thank everyone who donated to the event and everyone who supported it by buying the goodies.

At the end of the event, Cause had a Crafters Appreciation Raffle with 5 prizes for the winners, as a thank you for attending. Prizes were a scarecrow girl and pots of mums.

President of the Newfield Library Joe Iannazzo would like to thank everyone who participated, everyone who donated baked goods, and everyone who stopped by to support the fundraiser. He said that "Preliminary numbers show we raised \$1,277.85 (plus more to come)." Money from the vendors was \$350 and from the raffle was \$503.

All in all it was a fun event for our little town and a chance for us to get out to see people that we haven't seen in quite a while. I think that it was as much a social event as a fundraiser, and everyone was just happy to support it in any way possible.



The raffle prizes were all decorated and lined up for the Old Library Craft Fair Fundraiser, and crafters had their tables all set up to greet the shoppers last weekend. COURTESY PHOTO

Newfield crafters at Wakefield festival

Several Newfield vendors/craft people will be at the Greater Wakefield Fall Festival in E. Wakefield on Saturday, Oct. 23, from noon to 4 p.m. and there are a lot of activities going on, as well. It will be held at the intersection of Rte. 153 and 110.

Scheduled for the day are food vendors, games, fire truck rides, face painting, bake sale, chili competition, petting zoo, photo booth and much more. Stop by to

see local crafters who will have booths at the festival, after all, Christmas is coming soon; it's a good time to start shopping!

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go out this week to: Sarah Volkay and Mary Ritchie

Meetings

The Newfield Selectmen will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road at 6 p.m.

Newfield Firefighters will have a training session on Tuesday, Oct. 19, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

ATV Club to meet

The new ATV Club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road at 6:30 p.m. The club has been officially been established and is still accepting new memberships.

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Obituaries 

William B. Rose, III

William B. Rose, III, 77, of Sanford, passed away peacefully on Oct. 2, 2021 at the Maine Veterans home in Scarborough, with his loving wife by his side.



William B. Rose, III

William was born in Portland on Oct. 31, 1943, a son of William and Marion (Chase) Rose, II.

He graduated from Portland High School and served in the US Navy on the USS Denebola and USS Franklin D. Roosevelt.

William is survived by his wife of 25 years, Rose Marie (Fournier) Rose, two sons: Scott and wife Lynn and David and wife Ilene, five grandchildren: Adam, Madison, Wendy, Karry, and Trista, also two great-grandchildren: Ashlynn and Zane.

A Graveside Service with military honors was held on Oct. 14 at Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery, 83 Stanley Road, in Springvale.

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

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

Priscilla A. Fosher

Priscilla A. Fosher, 80, of Lyman passed away peacefully and surrounded in love with her family by her side on Oct. 6, 2021.



Priscilla A. Fosher

Priscilla was born in Weare, New Hampshire on April 18, 1941, a daughter of Wilfred and Ruth (Drewry) Lahey. She was raised in Weare, New Hampshire with her two sisters Carol and Mary and brother Bill.

She attended Weare High School where she would meet her future husband Gordon Fosher, Jr. They married in 1957 and welcomed three daughters into their hearts and home.

In September of 1964, they moved to Scarborough, Maine and Maine would be home for the rest of her years.

Priscilla worked in retail, she was a perfectionist, hardworking, with strong work ethics. She obtained management positions at IGA in Kezar Falls, Hannaford in Sanford and retired from Walmart in Biddeford. Priscilla took a lot of pride in her work and loved working with the public. She was kind, genuine and always willing to help others.

Priscilla enjoyed gardening, reading, and attending church services. She especially loved her grandchildren and treasured every moment she could spend with them while they were growing up. Priscilla was immensely proud of their accomplishments and seeing them spread their wings as young adults.

Later in life, Priscilla attended the So. Waterboro Bible Chapel. She especially enjoyed spending time with her friends at Bible study or attending TOPS in Waterboro. Every week they would swim and participate in aerobic exercise at Massabesic Health Center followed by having lunch at one of the areas restaurants. These times were special for her,

and she eagerly looked forward to them.

Her family shared that their mom had a huge heart and loved helping people, whether they were family, friends, or a stranger. By her faith, generous spirit, and belief in serving others; she reached out to those that needed a comforting hug and encouragement.

We will miss her smile, those twinkling blue eyes and unconditional love she shared with us. We know she is at peace and has joined loved ones that have entered into eternal rest.

Priscilla was predeceased by her parents and brother Wilfred Lahey.

She is survived by her three daughters, Pamela Golarz and husband Jeff; Shelia Payeur and Debbie Scammon and fiancé Aaron Wiles; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren; Gordon Fosher, Jr. who she remained friends with; her two sisters Carol George of Ocala, FL and Mary Lahey of Barnstead, NH; and nieces and nephews.

Calling hours and a Celebration of Life service were held on Oct. 12 at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, in Alfred. Committal prayers and burial will be later in the family lot in Weare, NH.

The family would like to give a special thank you to her granddaughter Stacey Scammon. Mom was so blessed to have you for her caregiver during these past few years. She could not have been cared for any better or loved anymore. Thank you for making her final journey happy and full of love.

We would also like to thank the staff at Northern Light Hospice for their kindness and guidance.

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From left, Blaine Boudreau, President & CEO of Partners Bank, presents a "doubled down" \$1,800 donation to Leslie Morissette, Grahamtastic Connection Founder. COURTESY PHOTO

Partners Bank "Doubles Down" on the Sanford Mainers Home Run Hits campaign

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