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Boston Cane recipient Barbara Garron recently celebrated her 100th Birthday. COURTESY PHOTO



This giant pumpkin was carved by Mo Auger of Lyman and has been seen in several locations (shown here at Gile's in Alfred), always with the same grin. PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

Boston Cane recipient celebrates 100th Birthday

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

Shapleigh's Boston Cane Recipient, Barbara Garron, turned

100 years old on Oct. 28. She was born in Danvers, Massachusetts and married her husband Chester after high school. She

worked at Birdseye and subsequently worked at The Beauport Museum in Gloucester, Massachusetts. The Garrons had four

children, Chester Jr, Ronald, Sherilyn and Donna and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. On Oct. 27 family

and friends celebrated Garron's birthday at the First Baptist Church in Shapleigh followed by a party at the church hall.

A family affair



The LaFrance siblings, from left, Grace, Joanna, Garrett and Sophia, are all attending UMaine Orono at the same time. UNIVERSITY OF MAINE PHOTO

Four siblings from Alfred attend UMaine together

When Brenda Boucher LaFrance returned to Orono in August to move her youngest daughter, Grace, into a residence hall at the University of Maine, it was *deja vu*.

Not just because she is an alumna, but because she has done this two other times, with three of her older children.

Brenda and Jim LaFrance of Alfred, Maine have four children — Grace, Sophia, Joanna and Garrett — all attending UMaine and thriving. Brenda graduated from UMaine in 1987 with a degree in education, and is an elementary school gifted and talented teacher, and intervention specialist. Jim LaFrance is a

kitchen and bathroom designer.

"Being in school with your siblings is really nice because whenever you are feeling homesick, you always have pieces of home with you," says Sophia, a third-year student who enrolled with her fraternal twin sister Joanna; both are biology majors, with concentrations in pre-med, and

are in the Honors College.

Garrett, a fifth-year biology major, says having his sisters at UMaine has kept him grounded "and it holds us all accountable for staying on track and keeping each other focused on our goals." And their goals are big.

All four plan to pursue careers in health care. They say their in-

spiration stems from their compassion and desire to help and heal others.

Sophia and Joanna plan to pursue careers in pediatric medicine. Garrett, who graduates in December, is headed to graduate school for a career as a physician's assistant or dentist. Grace, who was

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALFRED MASONS HALLOWEEN BLOOD DRIVE at Alfred Masonic Hall, 165 Waterboro Road, Alfred on Oct. 31 from 12 to 5 p.m. Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment to avoid waiting times. Scheduled Donors have priority versus walk-ins however Walk in's are accommodated! Call Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767.

CHILI & CHOWDER COOK-OFF The Acton Public Library invites you to join us at our 5th Annual Crockfest Chili & Chowder Cook-Off Challenge on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. This Fall Fundraiser will be held at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road. You can enter your special recipe of Chili or Chowder for \$20 while having the opportunity to represent your business, organization, or family heritage with that special recipe you've been keeping secret. You could also WIN \$50 cash if it's voted the best! Or, you can come eat and judge all the delicious recipes for \$5. For more information call 636-2781, emailactonpublib@gmail.com or visit: www.acton.lib.me.us. Like us on Facebook too!

CONCERT Saturday, November 9 at 7 p.m., the Arts Center at 8 Hancock Avenue in Hiram presents the Americana band Harmony in concert. BYOB. Adult \$10/child \$5.

The Waterborough Historical Society will have its annual **HOLIDAY FAIR & SILENT AUCTION** at the Grange Hall, 31 West Road, South Waterboro on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Check out the crafters on two floors offering a variety of items and break for lunch available downstairs. Purchase a goodie at the bake sale and bid on a bargain in the huge silent auction featuring items and gift cards donated by local merchants. For a unique gift for someone who enjoys local history, peruse the table of society merchandise. FMI, contact Jim Carll at 247-5878 or carllj@sacoriver.net.

FALL FAIR Crossroads United Methodist Church Womens' Group will be having their annual Fall Fair on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A live auction will begin at 1 p.m. with a pre-auction time from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. There will be a crafts, jewelry, baked goods & candy, re-gifting table and toy table. Muffins and coffee will be available. Come and browse or bid on auction

items the family and friends! Do your shopping early! Crossroads is located at the corner of Rt 202 and Grammar Road in Sanford and is handicap accessible and plenty of parking. FMI call 324-4750.

CRAFT FAIR Lake Arrowhead is having a craft fair on Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 206 Old Portland Road which is Clubhouse 2. Silent auction table to help raise money for LACC and various crafters selling american girl clothes, quilts, home decor, baby items, crochet items, pet items, jewelry, ornaments, craved wooden boxes to name a few.

EMBRACING HYGGE for Simple, Joy-Filled Living at Waterboro Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 6-7 p.m. Have you heard the term "hygge" and wondered what it is? Do you need a fresh perspective on how to enjoy and savor the winter season? If so, join Simple Living Coach & Consultant, Lisa Luken for this program. Lisa will illustrate what hygge is and where it's from, she'll share why it's important for happiness and she'll teach how to create and embrace it in your life this winter and beyond. Walk away with new insights and ideas that will help you create a simpler, more joy-filled life. Registration not required. Event is free and open to the public. Waterboro Public Library is located at 187 Main St., East Waterboro. For more information, call 247-3363 or visit the website waterborolibrary.org. Events are free and open to the public.

CHAIR YOGA is being offered at the Waterboro Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 2:30-3:15 p.m. Cindy Simon, M.A., NCC, RMT will teach you stretches, yoga positions, tai chi exercises, and deep breathing while you are seated in a chair or standing using a chair for support if needed. This program is great for seniors and people wanting to get back in shape, and anyone with physical limitations or any sort of chronic health issues. Registration is required and can be done by email librarian@waterborolibrary.org or by calling the library at 247-3363. Events are free and open to the public.

FREE CANCER SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP - First and third Friday of each month (Nov. 1, 15): 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at MaineHealth Cancer Care Center York County, 27 Industrial Avenue. For more information contact facilitator Jess Welch, LMSWcc at 459-1666 or jm-welch@smhc.org



Saco River Theatre

PETE SEEGER'S "THE INCOMPLEAT FOLK SINGER"

A Canadian Tribute to an American Hero With Mark Hellman - Nov. 17, 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills. Tickets are \$15. Reservations call 929-6472 or www.sacorivertheatre.org.

A rollicking, tumultuous, triumphant sing-along musical memoir in 2 acts, this quintessentially Canadian creation pays tribute to celebrated American folksinger, social activist and environmentalist, Pete Seeger, told in his own words and featuring 29 favorite songs from his early years (1935-70). On its very first tour to the US! Originally produced by the Other Guys Theatre Co., Victoria, BC, Canada, 2015.

"...a beacon on the horizon that calls out to our better selves to respond, to act...this show, an old-style hootenanny...you'll thank yourself for taking it in." - BrokenLegReviews (Vancouver, BC)

"...Hellman shines...I can't remember a play that had me singing along so much." - Georgia Straight (Vancouver, BC)

FREE BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP with Janice Lessard. Empowering you through mother to mother support. This free support group is a great opportunity to meet other new breastfeeding mothers in your community, share experiences, and receive postpartum and newborn care information and support. A lactation consultant is on hand to answer your questions, provide guidance, and perform infant weight checks. This group is held every Thursday from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Webber Building Conference Room on the second floor. Call 283-7335 with any questions.



Lyman Community Library weekly programs

On Tuesdays, Lyman's Community Library hosts a drop-in Knitting and Fiber Arts Group for knitters, crocheters, spinners, embroiderers, cross-stitchers, tatters, quilters, and anyone else who enjoys chatting it up while slinging the string (or yarn, or thread, or what have you). Feel free to drop in for just a few minutes, or for the whole two hours: All ages and skill levels are welcome, as are snacks!

On Wednesdays at 3:30pm, Lyman's Community Library shows children's and family movies in the Activity Room—movie screenings at the library are always free, and you are more than welcome to bring snacks! Call 499-7114 for titles.

Fridays & Saturdays: Preschool Storytime is a 30 minute program at Lyman's Community Library featuring themed stories, fingerplays, and songs to be enjoyed by parents, caregivers, and children, and is followed by a small related craft. Storytime is held at 10am on Fridays and 10:30am on Saturdays.

For more information about any of these programs, stop by the Community Library at 10 John Street in Lyman, check our Facebook page, or give us a call at 499.7114.

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ONGOING EVENTS

MONDAY WRITERS at the Waterboro Public Library, first Monday of every month (when the library is open) 6-8 p.m. All writers are welcome. Bring a short piece to read and discuss.

POETRY WORKSHOP, Limerick Public Library, 2nd Thurs. of every month at 6:30-8 p.m. All poets from beginners to advanced are invited to bring an original poem to discuss.

WEEKLY YOGA CLASSES Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Soldiers Memorial Library Arts Center, 8 Hancock Ave., Hiram.

SUNDAY SERVICES of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - 9 to 11 a.m. at 25 Westview Drive, Sanford or 10 a.m. to noon at 15 Smith Lane, Saco.

TOPS is a weight loss support group that meets every Wednesday from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. in the lower level of the Springvale Public Library. Meetings are open to all. For more information, contact group leader Linda Rose at lrose4180@yahoo.com or 676-9063.

UPCOMING EVENTS

at the Wellness Studio

AURAS & CHAKRAS REVEALED

Friday, Nov. 8, 4-6pm

Reiki Master, Diana Minutelli will guide you in understanding the human energy field for health. **Cost \$45.**

FREE WELLNESS EVENT

**** FUNDRAISER ****

Sunday, Nov. 10, 1-3pm

Stop by our Wellness studio and bring a non-perishable item for the Waterboro Food Pantry. **Free!**

CANDLELIGHT YOGA

Sunday, Nov. 10, 4-5:30pm

Join Kelyc McNamara in this evening of restorative yoga. **Cost \$30. Pre-registration required at 207-251-9952.**

HEALTHY THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

Thursdays, beginning Nov. 14, 6-7:30pm

Keep your balance this holiday season with the guidance of Functional Medicine Health Coach, Kerry Chamberlain. **Cost \$100.**

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SHAPLEIGH

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Shapleigh to vote on Public Safety Administrator

Tuesday Nov. 5 is voting day. Questions 1 and 2 are Maine State Referendum Questions and Questions 3 and 4 pertain specifically to Shapleigh.

Question 3 is to authorize the board of Selectman to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the York County Sheriffs Dept. in order to renew the contract Deputy Service in the towns of Acton and Shapleigh for a period of four years?

Question 4 concerns the new Public Safety Administrator position. Shall the Town of Shapleigh vote to appropriate the sum of up to \$80,000 (includes benefits,

FICA and Workers Compensation) from Undesignated Funds to hire a Public Safety Administrator for Fire and Rescue who will oversee both departments and to create the Public Safety Administrator Reserve Fund, said funds will be placed in said account.

The above position regarding the Public Safety Administrator has been placed on the ballot for the residents to vote. Why might we need an administrator? According to the Town this position is necessary due to the retirement of our current Fire Chief, Duane Romano and also the fact that we only have an interim Rescue Chief. The Rescue Chief and Fire Chief are only part-time positions. It is necessary to have a full-time PSA to have someone to oversee the needed Public Safety Budget Totaling over \$550,555,000. The PSA will also be responsible for personnel issues and Dept. of Labor Violations, Transparency, Cross-Training, safety log equipment and long term budgeting and planning capital improvement needs. The breakdown of the \$80,000 is as

follows: \$60,000 salary, \$4500 FICA and Medicare, \$110 Unemployment Insurance \$6000 workers compensation, \$6500 (50% of Medical), \$265 (50% of Dental) and \$857 Income Protection.

The possible savings by hiring a PSA would be Training Officer, Fire Prevention Officer, Education Officer, Operations Lieutenant, Treasurer and Secretary all totaling \$6,126 in savings. The thought is to replace the two part-time positions of Fire Chief and Rescue Chief thus saving their salaries and have one person to oversee the Public Safety Budget. Positions are not being eliminated but may be combined with other existing positions.

Honoring our veterans

The Shapleigh Memorial School, 467 Shapleigh Corner Road, would like to invite Veterans and their families to a coffee hour honoring them on Friday, Nov. 8 starting at 8 a.m. followed by an assembly at 8:45. RSVP by Nov. 4. at 636-1752 or e-mail el-lenoneil@rsu57.org.

WATERBORO

Waterboro to vote on ATV Ordinance

On Tuesday, Nov. 5 polls at Waterboro Town Hall will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for residents to vote on whether or not to adopt an ordinance titled "Town of Waterboro ATV Ordinance" that will allow legal passage on specific town roads to access off-road ATV trails. A copy of the warrant and ordinance is available on the town's website at http://www.waterboro-me.gov/document_center/elections/nov2019/110919_Municipal_Warrant.pdf.

BUSINESS NEWS



Partners Bank President Blaine Boudreau, left, presents Sanford Performing Arts Center Director Brett Williams with a check for \$6,000 for the Center's Spotlight Sponsorship Program. COURTESY PHOTO

Partners Bank donates \$6K to Sanford Performing Arts Center

Partners Bank is proud to announce its support of the new Sanford Performing Arts Center with a \$6,000 pledge as part of the SPAC's Spotlight Sponsorship Program.

Opened in December 2018, the SPAC is committed to providing educational and cultural-enrichment opportunities that foster the development, understanding and enjoyment of the performing arts in the Sanford community. The facility—comprised of an 854-seat theater with state-of-the-art acoustics and lighting—presents live performances of all kinds, including music, theater, dance and comedy.

In addition to school productions and speakers, the SPAC hosts national touring performances. The Bank's gift will help the

SPAC continue to attract regular bookings to the venue.

"Ticket sales alone do not cover the cost to present world-class performances," says Brett Williams, Director of the Sanford Performing Arts Center. "Quite simply, the show would not go on without the support of Partners Bank."

"We're tremendously excited about having SPAC join our community," says Partners Bank President & CEO Blaine Boudreau. "Its dedication to enhancing and expanding the area's arts and culture scene will enrich the lives of all who live here. In this respect, the Center's values are perfectly aligned with those of Partners Bank."

For more information on the Sanford Performing Arts Center, visit <http://www.sanfordpac.org/>.



Betsy Smith and Janet Tucker took a break from raking leaves at Conant Chapel during the clean up at Alfred Parish Church. PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

ALFRED

York County Shelter seeks donations for Thanksgiving food boxes

Every year York County Shelter Programs' Food Pantry assembles Thanksgiving dinner boxes for those in need. On average, YCSP makes 1,000 to 1,200 boxes for households of all sizes. YCSP also provides boxes to

several community agencies that have clients who may be in need.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance for this holiday meal, contact York County Shelter Programs' Food Pantry Coordinator Mike Ouellette at 324-1137, ext. 103 or mikeo@ycspi.org. You can also contact Mike if you would like to donate non-perishable holiday food items (canned goods, gravy mixes, ingredients for stuffing, etc.) or make a monetary donation.

The boxes will be available for pick-up Nov. 25-27 at the pantry, at 5 Swetts Bridge Road in Alfred.

Boxes include a turkey or a gift card for purchase of a turkey, plus all "the fixings" for a holiday dinner.

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LETTERS



Ron Smith of the Limerick Fire Department will walk 9.1 miles in full gear on Nov. 2 to raise money for the elderly in Limerick. COURTESY PHOTO

Not all heroes wear capes

I decided to help the elderly in Limerick by walking 9.1 miles from the Limerick Fire Dept. to the Cornish Fire Dept. along Route 5 on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 9:10 a.m. to raise money to help with heating fuel. J.P. Carroll Fuels holds the account and donations are accepted all year long. One person can definitely make a difference for their community. Be creative and help your community.

Over the past month, with the help of the following donors, I have raised \$3,620 as of Oct. 30: Sokokis Seafood Shack & Ice Cream; Doughboy Donuts; Wild Cherry Woodworks; Charles Pellegrino; Play 2 Learn Childcare; Maine Lifegate Christian Church; Limerick Supermarket; 10 Acre Wood Day Care; Mike and Kathy Ward; Partners Bank; Limerick

Village Tumblers; Cool Stuff R/C; Annie's Teeny Tiny Quilt Shop; Woodland Valley Disc Golf; Maple Grove Farm; The Shop; New Oxford Dragway; Welch Services; Homevest LLC; S.A. McLean; Village Smiles; Maine Source Machining Co.; KNN Trucking; Fricks Farmstead; Jeremiah Mason House Bed and Breakfast; J.P. Carroll Fuel; Uptown Auto Sales; Stone Hill Landscaping - Nicholas Storer; Thrivent Financial - Eric Paul; Corrie's Cleaning Service; Dennis & Ann Marie Crowley; In Memory of Dorothy LaFavre and In Memory of Frank and Barbara Carroll, plus ten anonymous donations.

A huge thank you to all the sponsors that have helped so far. Donations are still being accepted at J.P. Carroll Fuel Company, 150 Washington Street, Limerick.

— Ron Smith
Limerick Firefighter

Let the citizens decide

On Nov. 5, Limerick residents will vote on issues including a change to the Budget Committee. The committee's members are presently ELECTED by the citizens of Limerick. If the item on the ballot passes, the Budget Committee will be APPOINTED by the board of selectmen. I believe that it is up to the citizens of Limerick to decide who represents them for the crucial role of reviewing the budget proposals

the town will vote on in March. The Board of Selectmen review the budget items and make their recommendations for what will be expended. The Budget Committee also reviews this data and makes recommendations that may or may not be the same. The Budget Committee should be independent and be elected by the citizens, not appointed. Preserve the independence of our hard working Budget Committee.

— Gil Harris
Limerick

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Please include name, town and phone number for verification.



10th Annual Let's Dance with the Stars Fundraiser in Support of Maine Children's Cancer Program

Let's Dance with the Stars fundraiser is a wonderfully fun annual dance competition hosted by the Sanford Elks Lodge #1470, with all proceeds benefiting Maine Children's Cancer Program (MCCP). The event will be held Saturday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. This year, to celebrate the event's 10th anniversary, the event is moving to the beautiful new Sanford Performing Arts Center.

The competition features performances by seven pairs of dancers. The "Pros" and "Stars" create and perform a two-minute routine, set to their choice of song and dance style. Winners will be decided by combining the judges' scores and audience

votes. This year's teams include Monique Martineau owner of Northern Explosion Dance Studio and Dylan Leary, Kaylee Balcewicz owner of Phoenix Elite Dance Company and Gary Nadeau, Trish Moulton owner of Dance Studio of Maine South and Hayley Smith-Rose, Kendra O'Connell owner of Jazz Tappin' Dance Academy and Steve Perry, Jenn and Patrick Marass, Mario Barros and Beth Letourneau, Emily and Doug Spaulding.

Funds raised from our sponsors Kennebunk Savings Bank, Partners Bank, PeoplesChoice Credit Union, Atlantic Federal Credit Union and event tickets will all go to support children and their families undergo-

ing treatment at MCCP. Tickets are available for purchase online at the following link: www.sanfordpac.org

About Sanford Elks Lodge #1470: For 26 years, the Sanford Elks Lodge #1470 MCCP Committee has been committed to raising funds for the Maine Elks Major Charity Project, MCCP. From the beginning, the committee has strived to make its fundraisers fun for community members to enjoy while at the same time helping children and families fight their battle with cancer and blood disorders. Fundraising efforts to date have raised \$2.5 million dollars in support of MCCP.

FROM THE OFFICE OF SENATOR ANGUS KING

ACA open enrollment begins Nov. 1

As winter approaches, Maine people are busy preparing for low temperatures, high snowfalls, and a holiday season that seems to grow a little longer each year. With so much to do (and shorter days making it even harder to get it all done), I know how easy it is for something important to slip through the cracks – which is why I'm writing today to remind you that the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) Open Enrollment period is open for only 6 weeks, starting on November 1st. You can sign up by visiting www.healthcare.gov, or by calling 1-800-318-2596.

If you've watched the news lately, I'm sure you've seen a lot of debate on the future of our healthcare system – but what's been ignored all too often in this conversation is the fact that the ACA, while flawed, is working. The law has helped millions of Americans access life-saving coverage, and premiums have actually decreased since last year, meaning insurance may be less expensive than you think. It makes you wonder how much better the law could be functioning for all of us if it weren't being constantly chipped away by the Administration and threatened in the courts.

There are good options out there if you shop around, but it's vital that you start your search

right now. The current Administration has slashed the Open Enrollment period from 12 weeks to just 6 weeks. This critical period is when all eligible individuals can purchase health insurance for 2020; if you miss the window, you won't be able to enroll without qualifying for a Special Enrollment Period (i.e. if you're getting married, moving, welcoming a child).

Another reason why you need to start your shopping today: insurance is complicated! It's always been hard to find the right plan that will work with your medications, your doctors, and your budget, and it's even more challenging now that the Administration allows for "junk" insurance plans. These plans are exactly what they sound like – they offer coverage in name only, and aren't required to cover any pre-existing conditions. In short: these plans won't be there when you need them. By starting now, you can identify your personal insurance needs, weed out the junk plans, and find one that best covers you and your family.

(By the way, a small aside: many folks seem to think that Members of Congress get some sort of special healthcare. That's just not true – I get my insurance through the ACA, and know firsthand about the challenges of pick-

ing the right plan.)

Even though this Administration has drastically cut federal funding for programs that are designed to help consumers make sense of different healthcare plans, there are still resources available for Maine people searching for help. For example: Maine Consumers for Affordable Health Care (CAHC), a non-profit advocacy group dedicated to helping Maine people get quality, affordable healthcare.

CAHC can help you learn more about your options by connecting you with an 'assister' – you can call their free confidential helpline at 1-800-965-7476 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. (Leave a message if the line is busy – they'll get back to you!) You can also visit them online at any time at www.maineacahc.com.

In the event of an unexpected illness or injury, insurance can save you from medical or financial ruin. With such a short window to secure critical coverage, there's no time to put this off. December 15th will be here before you know it. This holiday season, give yourself and loved ones the gift of peace of mind, and find the best healthcare plan that keeps you healthy both physically and financially.

FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL & ENERGY TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL OF MAINE

Environmental forum to examine plastic bag ban, forever chemicals, Maine Climate Council

E2Tech, Maine's largest clean technology business growth network, announces DEP Commissioner Jerry Reid will headline its next forum, entitled "Climate Ain't All That's Changing." E2Tech prides itself on not only presenting current and thought-provoking forums on topics affecting Mainers but also selecting panelists and keynote speakers who are experts in their field.

With a new plastic bag ban, first in the nation laws against the use of polystyrene and "forever chemical" PFAS in single use packaging, the sector has been very active. The Maine legislature

also enacted new emissions reductions goals in conjunction with the formation of the Maine Climate Council.

Said E2Tech executive director Marty Grohman, "Panelists will look at the effect on the economy and the environment of the new policies, both positive and negative. Viewpoints from the environmental, municipal, and business community will be offered and there will be time for audience questions."

In addition to Commissioner Reid, confirmed panelists include Rebecca Graham of the Maine Municipal Association and Pete Di-

disheim of the Natural Resources Council of Maine. Mr. Didisheim and Ms. Graham were both "in the room when it happened" throughout the development of the legislation and will provide key insight as to what the policies will mean for Mainers in their respective sectors. Attorney Bill Ferdinand of Eaton Peabody will serve as moderator.

The forum will be held at the Governor Hill Mansion in Augusta, on Wednesday Nov. 6 from 7:30 to 10 a.m. and will include time for coffee and networking. For more information, contact: Marty Grohman at 423-8260.



Julia Gregoire sprawls to make a stop while Emily Morin (12) defends behind her and Emily Jacobs (22) closes. Gregoire made 16 saves and the Mustangs advanced to the final against Biddeford.

PHOTO BY JASON GENDRON



The Bonny Eagle Girls' Cross Country team is the Class A South Regional Champions for the second year in-a-row.

PHOTO BY ALLIE HESLER

SPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY

Massabesic heads to field hockey final

Mustangs top Rams 3-2

BY MICHAEL DEANGELIS
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Julia Gregoire made 16 saves and Izzy Hurlburt scored twice, lifting Massabesic to a tight 3-2 win over visiting Gorham (10-6) on Saturday, Oct. 26. The Mustangs will play in the Class A Regional Championship on Wednesday, Oct. 30 in Sanford at 7 p.m. against defending state champion #1 Biddeford (16-0).

The second seeded Mustangs never trailed, scoring seven minutes in. Mary Duffy got control and fired a shot towards goal from straight on near the 25-yard line-off of a penalty corner while Hurlburt got position in front. The junior deftly redirected Duffy's ball into the right corner for a quick 1-0 Mustangs lead.

Molly Rathbun tied it 1-1 with 15:31 left to play on the first half, but Emma Snyder put Massabesic back on top to stay with a beautiful goal at 7:53. Micaela Jacobs set the play up with a nice takeaway and move into space with the ball. She then threaded a pass along the left sideline past

midfield to Snyder who collected it, beat a defender and slipped a forehand shot inside the left post.

Hurlburt got her second goal, putting Massabesic (15-1) up 3-1 just five minutes into the second half, but the Rams responded two minutes after that at 18:25 with a goal by Sydney Connolly.

Gorham picked up the attack after the Connolly goal, testing a superb Gregoire and the Mustangs' defense with multiple scoring chances while carrying much of the play, but nothing found the back of the net.

Emily Morin had two defensive saves. Emily Jacobs assisted on the second Hurlburt goal.

Massabesic was scheduled to face Biddeford in the Class A Regional Finals on Oct. 30, just after the Reporter's print deadline. See results in next week's issue and for more up-to-date info, follow us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Reporter207.

CROSS COUNTRY

Lady Scots claim XC Regional title

Bonny Eagle turned in a dominant team performance, placing three runners in the top ten and all seven in the top 30, to help lift them to their second consecutive Class A South Regional Championship in girls' Cross Country on Saturday, Oct 26 in Cumberland.

The Scots posted just 59 team points, well ahead of runner-up Falmouth's 83 and ahead of third place Gorham's 100. Massabesic was 13th overall.

Five runners posted times under the 20-minute mark and two of them were Scots: Emma-line Pendleton was fourth with a 19:35.48 and Delaney Hesler

was fifth with a 19:47.39. Bonny Eagle also had Hannah Stevens cross in 10th; Emma Abbott was 14th and Ella Dunne was 26th.

Demonstrating their wealth of riches, the Scots had Emma Noonan 28th and Gwen Catalano 30th. Team scores are based on the times of the top five runners.

More than 100 runners from 15 high schools competed. Bonny Eagle will look to repeat as State Champions when they return to Cumberland on Nov. 2.

Mustang men ninth at XC regionals

Jakob Saucier was 15th with a 17:30.36 and the Mustang men had two other runners crack the

top 30 at the annual Class A Regional Cross Country Championships held Saturday, Oct. 26 in Cumberland.

Falmouth was first overall with 90 team points. Scarborough was second with 92, Kennebunk was third with 128 and the Scots were fourth with 141. Massabesic was ninth overall among 17 high schools competing.

Elijah Karecki was 24th for Massabesic and teammate Jesse Cadigan was 30th. Ben Greene of Falmouth was first with a 16:32.20. Just eight runners crossed with times under 17-minutes. Over 120 runners competed.

-By Michael DeAngelis

FOOTBALL

Set to host playoff game

Massabesic won their final regular season game, topping host Portland 31-26 on Friday, Oct. 25. The win, their third in-a-row, lifted the Mustangs to 6-2 and made them the #3 seed in the Class B playoffs which were set to begin on Friday, Nov. 1 at Massabesic High School on West Road in Waterboro. Marshwood (7-1) won the conference and took the #1 seed. Kennebunk (6-2), who beat the Mustangs on Oct. 4 is #2 and Biddeford (5-3) rounded out the

top four. The Tigers beat the Mustangs on opening night 27-23, but Massabesic won six of its next seven while Biddeford managed just a 4-3 mark the rest of the way.

The three game win streak, during which the Mustangs have outscored their opponents 109-52, began with a 52-18 pasting of Westbrook/Waynflete at home back on Oct. 11. They followed with another home win, this one over Gorham 26-14 and they head into the playoffs trying to make it four straight wins thanks to the 31-26 win over the Bulldogs.

-By Michael DeAngelis

UMAINE SIBLINGS

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the most excited of the four to be joining her siblings, plans to be a surgeon.

"I have been left by myself with my parents for the last two (years) while they came here," says Grace, a biochemistry major with a pre-med concentration. "So I am definitely happy to get to hang out with them more than I usually do during the school year."

Having family on campus has had other benefits, Sophia says.

"My twin sister and I have all the same classes, and we study together for every exam. And my brother studies with us for the classes that we have together," she says.

The LaFrance siblings have fully embraced the breadth and depth of the state's only public research university.

Garrett says he loves UMaine's atmosphere.

"There are so many clubs, groups and events to choose from, and everywhere you go there are opportunities to meet good people," he says. "I'm looking forward to seeing Grace make new friends and have a great start to her college career like I did."

Sophia says working with faculty has made her UMaine experience particularly satisfying.

"I love that most of the professors you have are there to help you whenever you need it," she says. "I've visited so many professors' office hours and most of them are always available to give you extra help because they also want you to succeed."

"It is such a beautiful place, and it's hard not to call UMaine home (during) the eight months I'm in school," says Joanna.



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Merton W Grant

Merton ("Mert") W. Grant, 91, died peacefully surrounded by family on Oct. 15, 2019, at Mass. General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. He was born on Aug. 10, 1928 in Hollis, the oldest child of Walter L. Grant and Florence (Bradbury) Grant.

He was the husband of Phyllis Jameson Grant. They were married on Dec. 7, 1957 in East Providence, Rhode Island.

Mert attended schools in Hollis, Maine, graduating from Hollis High School in 1946. After serving in the military during the Korean War until 1953, Mert next attended Bryant College in Rhode Island, where he met his future wife, Phyllis, by a chance meeting on the streets of East Providence one cold, wet March afternoon. Phyllis, a nursing student in her formal nurse whites, starched cap and blue cape, was making home visits and ran into an acquaintance who introduced her to his companion, Mert. Her feet cold and wet, Mert invited her to his nearby apartment to warm her toes and ended up warming her heart. From then on, the two were inseparable and that romance led to a wonderful, loving marriage of nearly sixty-two years. After a brief time living in Maine, they moved to NH and raised their family in Nashua. Mert worked for Sanders Associates for 18 years, and spent the last 30 years of his career as a beloved realtor in the Nashua area.

Mert was an avid sports fan, who especially enjoyed watching the Red Sox, Bruins, and Patriots. To the end, he would stay up late to see the final scores. He was also a lifelong fisherman and hunter, joining in his last moose hunt at the age of 85.

Mert was a member of the Gate City Church in Nashua, and for many years was involved with the Gideons ministry. He lived his faith, and was a kind and caring man to his family and many friends. He trusted God and didn't waste his time worrying about things he couldn't control. All who knew him will miss his upbeat attitude for life.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis, daughters Jane Grant Ten-

tas (and husband Charles), Jill E. (Grant) Caron (and husband Guy), granddaughters Laura (Tentas) Limbek and Emily Tentas, and grandson Bryce Caron. He is also survived by his siblings, Mary Neal, Walter Grant, and Owen Grant, all of Maine, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Those who wish may dedicate a donation in memory of Merton Grant to The Gideons International: www.gideons.org/donate.

A private interment at the VA Cemetery in Boscawen, New Hampshire will be at a later time.

Scott A. Whatley

Scott A. Whatley, 62 of Javica Lane, Sanford, died suddenly Wednesday at his home.

He was born Aug. 12, 1957 in Sanford, son of Robert and Kay (Avery) Whatley and graduated in 1975 from Lincoln-Sudbury High School, Massachusetts.



Scott A. Whatley

Scott earned a Bachelors Degree from the University of Maine and worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for 31 years, spending many years as a Shop 38, Outside Machinist and culminating his career as a Work Packaging Technician.

Scott spent his childhood summers developing a love of water; alternating time between family camps in Lubec and Square Pond in Shapleigh. Spending time at the camp on Square Pond with friends and family became one of his treasured pastimes and was one of the places he was most happy. In 1996 he built a home on Bauneg Beg Lake, close to nature and enjoyed canoe and boat rides in the evenings. One of his favorite 'toys' was his John Deere tractor whether he was working around the yard or touring the neighborhood on Javica Lane. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle and taking afternoon drives in his 1996 Corvette with Cindy. Scott loved woodworking in his shop with his collection of Dewalt tools and took a lot of pride in his handiwork which is displayed all around home and camp, including Cindy's well-built potting bench and his daughter, Eliza's, new kitchen island. His grandmother left him

a cherished antique cuckoo clock years ago and he became fascinated with its intricacy, eventually collecting a handful of interesting cuckoo clocks.

He was passionate about sports from a young age, especially the New England Patriots, and loved watching football with his dad. He spent a lot of time outdoors; camping, hiking, snowmobiling, and skiing – on both water and snow. He loved watching his daughter, Eliza, ski and was her biggest fan during her years on ski teams at CVA and Plymouth State. A few years ago, he built a custom raft for his grandchildren, whom he adored, so they could develop the same love of water he had at Square Pond, where it was "all about the kids." Scott was a big man who loved giving bear hugs and those hugs will be missed.

Scott was pre-deceased by his mother Kay and brother Craig Whatley. Surviving are his father, Robert Whatley of West Yarmouth, MA; his wife of 8 years, Cynthia (Cindy) Hunt-Whatley of North Berwick; his beloved daughter Eliza Whatley of Sanford; two stepdaughters, Chelsea Hunt-Smith (Jason) of Somersworth, NH and Lauren Hunt-Saracina (Joe) of Berwick, ME; grandsons Hunter Smith, Wyatt Saracina; granddaughter Abigail Smith; sister Joy Paules (Todd) of Yarmouth, MA; nephew Garrett Whatley of MA as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins; and his daughter's mother, Janice Clark.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Contributions in Scott's memory may be made to Another Chance Animal Thrift Shop, Sanford (from where his cat 'Socks' was adopted). Arrangements are entrusted to the Johnson Funeral Home, 26 Market Street, North Berwick, ME. Condolences may be expressed at www.JohnsonFuneralHomeME.com.

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The Maine Honorable Service Coin design, front (left) and back to be presented to veterans Nov. 8. COURTESY PHOTO

Maine Veterans to receive new State of Maine Honorable Service Coins

On Friday, Nov. 8, the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services (MBVS) will host a Veteran recognition ceremony and art show at the Maine State House, where Veterans will be awarded the new State of Maine Honorable Service Coin meant to honor all Maine Veterans, past and present, regardless of their branch or era of service.

U.S. military members have a longstanding tradition of carrying special "challenge coins" to symbolize branch and unit identity and foster esprit de corps. In 2002, the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services commissioned the first of four bronze plaques that now hang in the Hall of Flags at the Maine State Capitol, each representing Veterans who served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, as well as women Veterans. A likeness of each of the four plaques was made into coins that are regularly presented to Maine Veterans based on their era of service.

As many other Maine Veterans have served during peacetime and in conflicts other than WWII, Korea and Vietnam, in the fall of 2018, MBVS worked with local Maine artist Georgette Kanach to design the State of Maine's first-ever "Honorable Service Coin" and plaque – a plaque that will also hang in the Hall of Flags at the Maine State House. Going forward, MBVS will present the new coin, along with a certificate of appreciation to Maine Veterans in acknowledgement of their

service and sacrifice, as part of its dedicated Veteran recognition program.

"One of the important missions of the Bureau is to extend a 'Thank You' to our veterans to properly recognize their service," said David Richmond, Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services. "These events are a great opportunity to publicly celebrate and acknowledge their service. The Maine Arts Commission was instrumental in our selection of Ms. Kanach, the designer of the coin and the future plaque, and I really appreciate their expertise and collaboration. This ceremony will be the first official public presentation of the Honorable Service Coin and we're thrilled to have the opportunity to unveil it."

The ceremony will take place at the Maine State House from 9 to 11:00 a.m. and will be co-hosted by the Maine Arts Commission.

Veterans who wish to attend the ceremony should register online and contact the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services to ensure the Bureau has their DD214, for certification purposes. Veterans who register will be presented with a certificate of appreciation, and coin.

Free public parking is located in front of the Cross Office Building, accessible from Sewall Street, and in the multi-level parking garage on the corner of Capitol and Sewall Streets. There are several additional smaller lots, northeast of the parking garage, near the Blaine House, on Wade and Grove Streets.

Handicapped parking spaces are located between the State House and the Cross Office Building and on the Capitol Street side of the west entrance. There are additional spaces on the lower levels of the parking garage and near the north end of the Cross Office Building lot. The public entrance to the State House is on the back, facing the Cross Office Building.

Please note that the Maine Capitol Police conduct entry screening of all visitors to the Maine State House, including students.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Georgette Kanach, of Gray, Maine, is a proud artist, Main-er and mother of two Veteran daughters; grandmother to two Veteran grandchildren; sister to four Veteran brothers; and aunt to many nieces and nephews who have served and who are serving in the military. Kanach says her greatest honor would be to one day present each of her daughters with an Honorable Service Coin.

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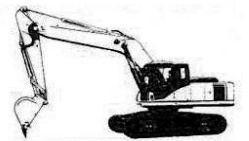
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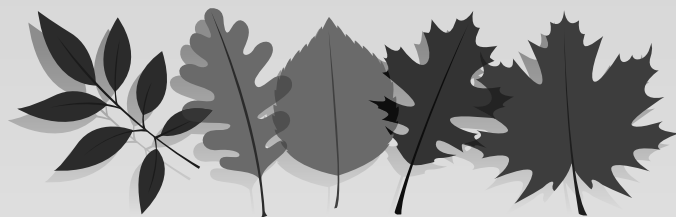
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THE CREATURE
FROM THE OLD AC- By
C.J. Pike

The inside of the old AC was covered with decades of tiny bug carcasses, pollen and other nastiness. Black mold was seeping from underneath it and a further look inside revealed something even more horrifying – some sort of creature was living in there, that was for certain. Evidence of a sleeping area and the remains of food particles were scattered all over.

But, the big question was – if something was living in there, where was it now? I started thinking that maybe the creature could disappear and then come to life to wander the house, before disappearing again. It was strange, but there was no other explanation. I had never seen or heard anything.

I wondered when it came out and where it went. These were questions that sprang to my mind as I stared at the nest. And, as I tried to get to sleep that night, my mind wandered, and I tossed and turned for several hours.

Then, all of a sudden, “Thump!” “Bang!” came from inside the AC, and with every sound, I snuggled down under the covers a little more. I had a strange feeling that something was nearby, staring at me, but I didn’t dare open my eyes to see what it was, and just didn’t want to stare into the face of that thing. As it shuffled back and forth grunting at the end of my bed, my mind raced as I tried to decide what to do.

Finally, I decided that the best thing was to lie there and pretend that I was asleep, but I was terrified. It was late when it stopped and went back into the old AC, and I dozed off worried that I might have a major problem on my hands.

I knew one thing for sure, if this kept up, I would consider taking the old AC out, or just moving far away. It’s a sad day when you have to put an old AC like that to bed for good. It has worked well for the last 25 years and I expect it would last for another five to ten years.

I didn’t know what was in there and why, but I also knew that I really don’t want to find

out. And, if it was something of a ghostly nature, why was it hanging around my house? With the exception of mice, spiders, flies, mosquitoes and other bugs, nothing that I know of has died in my house. And, I know for a fact that no one has died here.

The next morning as I sipped my coffee, I thought the situation over, and it occurred to me that I might even have to hire a ghostbuster or maybe an exorcist. A ghostbuster would get rid of any ghosts living in my house, but an exorcist would evict any evil demons or spiritual beings from a person or an area. And,

who knows, maybe there was a demon within me that came out at night – like my alter-ego! Now there was a frightful thought! It lived in the old AC, and then over the years it took over my body. Yikes! I guess that explains a few things.

I thought about it and decided to take the advice of an old friend, who had ghosts living in her place. She suggested to her kids to go into the room and ask the ghosts if it was okay if they used the room. They did and from then on, the ghosts never bothered them.

So, the next night while I laid in my bed with my eyes closed, I said something out loud like, “I don’t know who or what you are, but I just wish that you would move on and not scare me any more, by coming out at night.”

And, as I laid there listening and being very quiet, waiting to see what would happen, all of a sudden there was a ‘whoosh’ past my face. I sat straight up in the bed and screamed like a banshee “AAAAHHH!” But, when I looked around, there was nothing there. “What just happened here?” I said out loud. As soon as I calmed down, I laid back down, brought the blankets up to my chin and tried to get to sleep. But I couldn’t. I was awake all night, but never heard anything else.

After that night, I didn’t hear any more paranormal activity in my house, but to this day, I can’t help but wonder what had haunted my old AC for all those years. However, every once in a while I would have a strange dream that it had returned and this time it was out for blood.

But then, several months later, a strange thing happened, just as I was feeling comfortable again in my own home, I heard some creepy noises. It surprised me, and I thought to myself – Oh My God! I think that the creature is back!”

Ode To
The Night

Ghost, Goblins, Witches and Ghouls,
Part time Poets, and full time fools
Black cats on picket fences
Windblown leaves and graveyard benches
Apple cider and pumpkin pie
Creepy spiders and things that fly
Haunted hayrides at Autumns peak
A witch’s cauldron of bubbling squeak
Ibbide dibbide bibbide boo
Hocus pocus a curse on you
Headless horsemen ride the night
Wielding swords by shadowy light
Looking for a head to cleave
T’is Ichabod Crane on All Saints Eve
Such myth and lore have legends borne
They to their secret rendezvous gone
Part of joy – part of sorrow
October’s farewell to Sleepy Hollow
So creatures don their horrid mask
Till the witching hour comes at last
Whilst’ bats swirl the moon and swoop

And children stand
upon my stoop
This and only this
they scream,
“Trick or treat,
it’s Halloween!”

- By R.A. Burns
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