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Gravestone clean-up progress in Waterboro

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

The Waterboro Cemetery Committee worked on cleaning the gravestones at the Roberts-Wakefield Cemetery for the second time on Sunday, Sept. 26. This is the small cemetery on Townhouse Road in Waterboro, heading towards Waterboro Center, just before Roberts Ridge Road. The cemetery is hidden a bit by leaves from the trees this time of year, but is much more visible during the winter months, when the trees lose their leaves.

Ten memorials in this cemetery were vandalized back in January, spray painted in green with rude pictures and profanity, and a few other stones were knocked over. The stones affected belonged to both families, and most were children's memorials, three

of them under 6 months old. The vandalism was discovered by the local mail delivery person, and reported to the York County Sheriff's Office. Unfortunately, no one saw the vandals in the act, and though there was a lot of media coverage and a lot of talk about it in the community, the vandals have not yet been caught*.

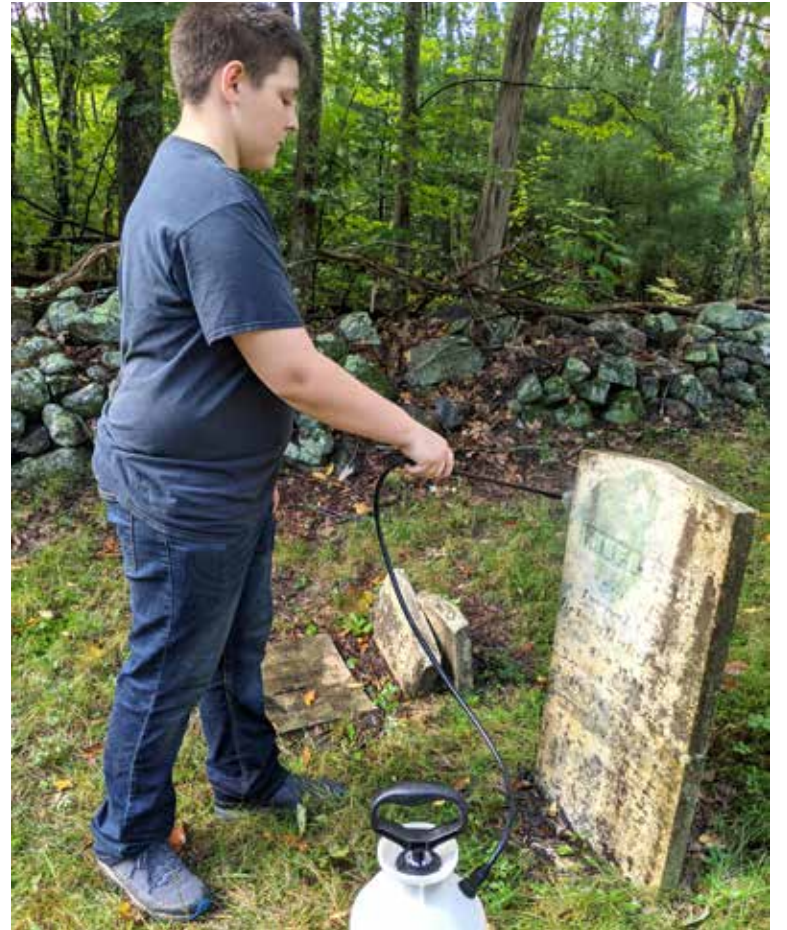
The cemetery sign had also been spray painted. Jennifer Kinsley Abbott of RSD graphics, who did the original sign, contacted the Waterboro Cemetery Committee through Facebook. "We were able to reprint it," said Abbott, and there was no need to make a new sign.

Cleaning the stones themselves, however, has been quite a process. The Waterboro Cemetery Committee, a town appointed committee dedicated to the

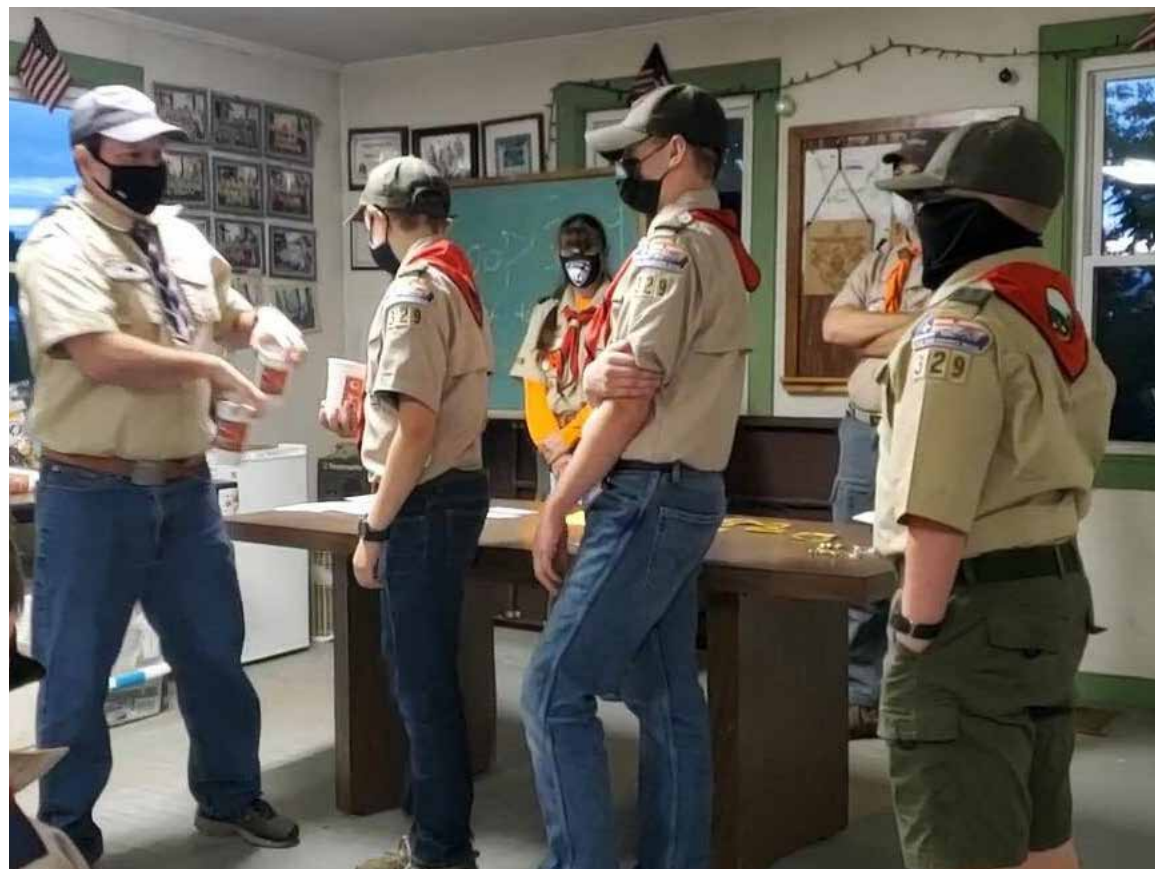
upkeep, preservation and documentation of Waterboro's 123 cemeteries, was notified of the vandalism, but generally meets from May to November, not during the winter months. "We wanted to wait until the weather was warmer," said Committee Chair, Angela Tibbetts.

The Committee's first attempt at cleaning the stones was early this summer, with a product called D2, a mild biological cleaner that, according to Tibbetts, is normally used to clean stones, and something that they have on hand. "It will remove moss and lichen, and it will keep it from coming back for a few years, as well," Tibbetts said. "I had someone recommend using it for the graffiti because it had worked for her." But, Tibbetts added, "I think her

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Caleb Donahue, 12, who came with his dad, Jamie to help with the clean-up, is seen here spraying off one of the graffitied gravestones. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS



Scout leader Dan Harriman presented awards to his son Danny Harriman, Gavin Richardson and Caiden Keith. They received awards and badges at the Troop #329 Court of Honor at Scout Hall in Limerick, along with several other scouts. COURTESY PHOTO

Scouts have Court of Honor

BY C.J. PIKE

The local Scout Troop #329 recently had a Court of Honor on Sept. 29 at Scout Hall in Limerick. It was to honor those scouts who have moved up in the ranks, and there were several ranks awarded. Merit Badges, Ranks Advancement, and other awards were all part of the ceremony and ten different scouts were recognized and 38 awards were given out.

According to assistant scout leader Kathy Michaud, Andy Michaud received a Life Scout award, and he also received Merit Badges for Family Life, Communication, Personal Management, Orienteering, Pioneering, Citizenship in Nation and Citizenship in the World.

Danny Harriman received a First Class award and received

Merit Badges for Environmental Science, Swimming, Lifesaving, and Signs, Signals and Codes.

Gavin Richardson received his Second Class award and received Merit Badges for American Culture, First Aid, Family Life, Lifesaving, Orienteering, Swimming, and Signs, Signals and Codes. Bethany Scott received her Second Class and received Merit Badges for Communication and First Aid.

Three scouts received the Scout Rank and they were: Caiden Keith, Hannah Defoe and Maddy O'Hare. There were several other Merit Badges that were given to the scouts.

Hannah Defoe received Merit Badges for Archery and Robotics. Caiden Keith received a Merit Badge for Wood Carving. Wyatt Briggs received Merit Badges

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Community Calendar

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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.

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

BOOK, BAKE AND PLANT SALE Saturday, Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Waterboro Public Library, 187 Main Street, East Waterboro. Fill a bag of books for \$5, and bring your own bag if you can! Volunteers welcome. FMI 247-3363.

CENTENNIAL CRAFTER & VENDOR FAIR - Oct. 9 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at St. Matthew Church, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick. Come check out various crafters and vendors and shop local.

YORK COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING will be held Wednesday, Oct. 13 in the Auditorium on the 2nd floor of Alfred Town Hall, 16 Saco Rd. Doors open 6:30 p.m., followed by business meeting 7-8:30 p.m.. Guest Speaker Ken Quinn of US Term Limits will discuss why it is important to put term limits on both U.S. Senate and House members as we do for our Senators and Representatives in Maine. Maps showing the new Maine House and Senate districts recently approved by the legislature will be available and Representatives who worked on the redistricting will be on hand to answer questions. FMI or to be added to YCRC email list, contact communications@york-gop.org or call 468-2395.

MAINE STATE MUSIC THEATRE BRINGS BACK COSTUME SALE Just in time for Halloween, Maine State Music Theatre will host its popular costume sale on Oct. 15 (3-8 PM) and 16 (9 AM - 2 PM) at 22 Elm Street, Brunswick. The sale benefits MSMT and offers genuine theatrical costumes from its stock at incredible prices! Ball gowns, shoes, hats, fabrics, modern clothing, historical replicas, masks, accessories, men's wear, vintage clothing, furs, wigs... and MORE! Tickets are required to attend the costume sale this

year. Ticket sales are limited to 20 people per hour in an effort to provide the safest possible experience. Masks are required. The Oct. 15 entry fee is a \$25 donation to MSMT. The Oct. 16 entry fee is \$10 which will be applied to credit on any purchases. Ticket prices will not be returned if no purchases are made. Tickets are on sale now at www.msmt.org.

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.

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, October 23rd. 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.

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 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.



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19th Annual Turkey Trot Golf Outing

To benefit Local Food Bank & Pantries

Sponsored by Province Lake Golf Course

Friday - October 15, 2021

To be held at:



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 Parsonsfield, Maine

Player Registration info:

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Your registration fee of
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 prior to event.

***Please bring extra cash
 for the snack cart &
 additional 50/50 raffle
 tix.***

**Registration 9:00 –
 10:00am
 Shotgun Start 10:30am**

The Turkey Trot is an annual event held to benefit:

- The Good Shepherd Food Bank in ME
- The Food Pantries of:
 - Wakefield, NH – serving Wakefield, Brookfield, Effingham, Milton, and Newfield ME.
 - Riverside United Methodist Church in Kezar Falls, ME

The need for support is great. Thank you for your consideration.

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Contact Person: _____ Tel: _____

Email: _____

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<u>Presenting Sponsor</u> - Name & Logo at Registration and Buffett	\$500 _____

Payment can be made in cash or the following forms:

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 - Good Shepherd Food Bank
 - Wakefield Food Pantry
 - Riverside United Methodist Church Food Pantry

Mail Sponsorships and Donations to:

**Province Lake Golf Club
 Attn: Turkey Trot
 PO Box 199 Effingham, NH 03882**

We are also accepting canned goods for the pantries. Drop off at event.

For Information, contact: Scott Inman charitableevents@provincelakegolf.com

NEWFIELD

C.J. Pike

fudgecupboard@yahoo.com
793-8760

ATV Club will soon be ready to ride

The Newfield ATV Club met a few weeks ago with about 50-60 people attending in person and by Zoom. They discussed getting permission to use existing trails, such as the snowmobile trails and setting up by-laws. Tayt Dame, Veronica Kaminski, Amy Tarbox and Amanda Parker were on the committee. They are the key members who got the ball rolling on the new club, and they answered questions from those who came to the meeting.

Once they establish some trails, the maintenance of them will be important, such as picking up trash, and keeping them in good shape. The main objective is to respect public and private land and work with the snowmobile club, which was discussed at the meeting.

They were looking for individuals to take the various positions of the president, vice president, secretary and any other position

that is needed. And, several people have stepped up to take those positions.

According to Veronica Kaminski, Jeff Hemeon will be president, Rick Caron will be vice president, Debbie Polcaro is secretary and Melissa Cabana is treasurer. There are three trail masters and they are Larry Dyer, Jr., Wade Worster, and Steve Manning, and there are 12 people on the Board of Directors.

Everyone who came was very interested in getting the club going, and feel that "It is more fun when friends get together to ride, and work together." Once they get the paperwork done and talk to the town, they should be all ready to ride.

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go out this week to Cheryl Cause, Barbara Thorne and Eleanor Smith.

Meetings

Newfield Firefighters will have a training session on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m., as well as their monthly business meeting. New members are welcome to attend.

SCOUTS

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for Rowing and Swimming. Izzy Enos received Merit Badges for Communications and Lifesaving.

Totem Chit awards went to: Caiden Keith, Hannah Defoe, Maddy O'Hare and Ian O'Hare. Firemen Chit awards went to: Caiden Keith, Maddy O'Hare, Ian O'Hare and Hannah Defoe. Polar Bear Swim awards went to Caiden Keith, Danny Harriman and Gavin Richardson.

AOL (Arrow of Light) presentation for Rank Advancement went to Caiden Keith, Madison O'Hare and Conner Clark. The AOL is the highest rank for the Cub Scouts, the Cub Scouts were from Pack 306 in Waterboro.

Coming up this fall for the scouts are the Fall Camporee on Oct. 15-17; on Oct. 31, the Halloween Walk; and on Nov. 11, Veteran's Day ceremony and flag retirement. On Oct. 23, they will be going to Camp William Hinds in Raymond for a "Spooktacular" Halloween with games, haunted woods and more, from 4-8:30 p.m. All ages are welcome.

They are also planning a Fall Hike and a Fall Clean-up.

GRAVESTONES

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spray paint was water based. We scrubbed quite a bit and the D2 did not make a difference for us."

Tibbetts did some research, and found another cleaner called, "Elephant Snot" which had good reviews. She then consulted with Joe Ferrannini of Grave Stone Matters in New York. Ferrannini is a cemetery conservator who works with towns, historical societies, cemeteries and individuals to conserve their historic gravestones and monuments. He founded Grave Stone Matters in 2008, and travels around the country. He led a Gravestone cleaning workshop with the Maine Old Cemetery Association in Thomaston this summer, and has worked all over Maine. "People who aren't familiar with caring for old cemeteries think sandblasting, pressure washing, bleach, etc are viable options, but they aren't," said Tibbetts. Ferrannini himself advises never to power wash or bleach stones. It can deteriorate the stone and create fissures in the marble which allow algae, fungi and moss in. All of the stones in this little cemetery are marble. "It is unpleasant to see the graffiti,

but at least the stone itself isn't damaged," Tibbetts explained, "and we can still read the inscriptions. We don't want to make anything worse." Ferrannini said that the Elephant Snot was safe to try on the stones, and the Committee purchased some.

Sunday was the Committee's first attempt using this new product. "It is clear, and you kind of gob it on with a paintbrush," said Committee Member Jim Carll, "let it set for a half an hour, then clean it off." All of these products require a water rinse. The product worked on some stones, but not on others. Committee Member Jamie Donahue and his son Caleb, 12, participated in the cleaning for this second attempt. "This stuff was definitely easier to use," he said. Unfortunately, it didn't clean off all of the spray paint, so there will have to be yet another, third attempt. Tibbetts is now looking into a product called, "Shadow Remover."

The Committee is working hard to clean up this cemetery, but also says that the time spent here is taking time away from other projects. "Other things aren't getting done," said Tibbetts. And purchasing these new cleaning products is not cheap – both the Elephant Snot and the Shadow Remover cost about \$85-90/gallon, plus shipping. Then of course, they have to wait for the product to arrive before they can schedule the next clean up date. The next attempt then is to be determined.

Cemetery vandalism is a crime not only against the deceased and their families, but against the whole community that these individuals helped shape. If you have any information regarding this vandalism at the Roberts-Wakefield Cemetery, call the York County sheriff's office at 324-1113.

To see pictures of the stones at the Roberts-Wakefield Cemetery as they were originally, visit <https://waterborocemeteries.smugmug.com/Other/Roberts-Wakefield-Cemetery>.

The Waterboro Cemetery Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, from May to November, and new members are always welcome. If you are not able to commit to monthly meetings, but are interested in helping out in some way with this or other projects, the Committee could always use donations of time, supplies and equipment. There are often trees that need to be removed, or clean ups such as this one. If you find a cemetery near your home, let the committee know. Committee Member Dorothy Brochu is putting together a list of document cemeteries. If you know of a cemetery near your home or around town that you would like to help maintain, you could take part in the "Adopt a Cemetery" Program. Maintenance involves mowing, raking, removing trees and debris, and notifying the committee of any damage/fallen stones). Reach out to the Committee on their Facebook page, or contact Angela Tibbetts for more information at 651-1059.

A list of the cemeteries is available at <http://www.waterboro-me.net/docs/cemetery/cemetery-list.html> and pictures of them can be found at <http://waterborocemeteries.smugmug.com>.

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 Acton Notice

The Town of Acton Municipal Offices will be closed this Saturday, Oct 9, 2021.

TOWN OF ALFRED State Referendum Election Absentee Ballots Available

Registered voters or immediate family members may request an absentee ballot in person, in writing, or by phone. **The last day to obtain an Absentee Ballot is Thursday, October 28, 2021** unless the voter completes a 'Special Circumstances' application.

**The Registrar of Voters will be available
Mon. & Wed. 8:15-4:30; Tue. 12:15-6:45;
Thu. 8:15-2:30 to register voters.**

Please bring a photo I.D. and proof of residency.

TOWN OF HOLLIS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Point of View Subdivision Project #2202-4250

The Hollis Planning Board has received an application for a five-lot subdivision to be located off Deerwander Road, Map 7 Lot 26. The Planning Board has also received a Shoreland Zoning application due to the presence of fresh-water wetlands.

On **Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 7:00 PM**, there will be a public hearing regarding these applications during the regular Planning Board meeting. This meeting will be held at the Hollis Community Building, 35 Town Farm Road, with Zoom access as well. Details will be posted on the Hollis website: www.hollismaine.org. All members of the public are welcome to join this meeting.

For further information, or if you would like to submit comments to the Board regarding this project, please mail to: Hollis Planning Board, 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis ME 04042, or email to: planningboard@hollismaine.org.

– Paul Mattor, Chair – Hollis Planning Board

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee Ballots for the November 2, 2021 General Referendum Election are available in the Town Clerk's office. Requests for a ballot made by telephone, online or written must be received by **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021** Unless special circumstance exist.

Town Clerk, Town of Shapleigh
PO Box 26, Shapleigh, ME 04076
Telephone 636-2843 ext. 1 or 6
or use the online request form at:
<https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>
or www.shapleigh.net for the link

**The Polls will be open
Tuesday, November 2nd
8am – 8pm at The Shapleigh
Town Hall, 22 Back Road**

Thank you for reading the Reporter!

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For the last year and a half, our Care Team members have experienced the most challenging period in our lifetime. And now that the vaccine is widely available, we need everyone to join us in protecting our communities.

Most of the patients in our ICUs are unvaccinated, and the surge in COVID-19 cases is making the need for shots more urgent every day.

From the beginning, we've made one simple promise: to be in this until we win this. **We're doing everything we can in here. Please do what you can out there.**

CHOOSE TO GET VACCINATED.

WE'RE IN THIS UNTIL WE WIN THIS.

MaineHealth

Limerick chocolate house opening for the season

BY SHELLEY BURBANK

Wright Chocolate House, the fine chocolate shop on the corner of Washington and Main Streets in Limerick, will be reopening for the season on Saturday, Oct. 9. Owner Lynn Wright says she is excited to welcome visitors to the store again after a summer break.

When asked why she closed for the summer, Wright explained that stopping production during the summer months is typical for fine, artisanal chocolateries in Europe and elsewhere around the world. Like our favorite seasonal berries and other produce, chocolate is a seasonal treat. "It's too hot for chocolate in the summer. Humidity doesn't work for chocolate," Wright said. In Europe, people know more about eating seasonally and would never expect a fine chocolate shop to be open in the summer. In fact, her special suppliers won't even ship product if the temperatures are too hot. Educating people about fine chocolate, including seasonality, is one of her goals. "It's a special thing," she said. "I make every single one by hand. People are starting to understand."

Though she is selling, packaging, and shipping from the new Main Street shop, Wright still makes all her chocolates in her commercial kitchen at her Stone Hill Road home where she first started in 2012. From the beginning, she wanted to make beautiful and delicious chocolates from the best ingredients. "I love to make things. I love to invent it and explore how far I can take it,



Lynn Wright, owner of Wright Chocolate House in Limerick. PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK

to find that one last little bit that will take it over the top." For example, Maine Salt Caramels are a big customer favorite. They are made with a brown sugar caramel made from Maine cream and Maine butter, dipped in dark chocolate, and then dusted with Maine sea salt. Wright's personal favorite is the Bourbon Praline, described on the shop's website as a "Crumbly brown sugar pecan praline layered over bourbon milk chocolate ganache, garnished with a pecan piece." And then there are the seasonal delights: reindeer and gnomes, hedgehogs and owls, chocolate labs and "love ewes", bunnies and Belted Galloways.

Customers sometimes offer suggestions for chocolates, as well. Over the years, a few of her customers said, "You have to do something with Allen's Coffee



Wright Chocolate House in Limerick will open for the season on Oct. 9. The Main Street windows are beautifully dressed for the holiday, much like they used to be when the same location was a specialty toy store (2006-2014), At Once All Agog, now located on Main Street in Cornish. PHOTO BY KERRY DEANGELIS

Brandy!" For those who don't know, Allen's Coffee Brandy is the favorite spirit of Maine. Wright researched and puzzled over how to incorporate the sweet, coffee-flavored liquor into a chocolate for years before things began to come together. First, she discovered tiny chocolate cups she could order from Italy. That gave her an idea for a coffee-flavored treat. A bit later, a caterer friend gave her a recipe for espresso con panna, the con panna being, according to Wright, a "white pouf of rich buttery lightness you put on top of coffee." It was a eureka moment. She created the Downeast Coffee Brandy Con Panna, a chocolate cup with espresso caramel ganache made with Allen's Coffee

Brandy and topped with a white chocolate pouf. "You never know where you'll get your inspirations," she said.

With the same attention to detail she gives to her chocolates, Wright knew she wanted to preserve and restore the shop on Main Street. When she learned the space was available for rent, she knew she had to at least try to move her retail operation there. Once she signed the rental agreement, she coordinated with the owners of the building to bring the shop space back to life. A dropped ceiling was removed, revealing a beautiful, dark-stained bead-board. New lighting was strung to add a cozy glow. The windows were reglazed and the frames repainted. Discovering original "faux grain" treatment on the long, original countertop and shelving, she decided to leave them as is. She arranged to have a wall built in the back to separate the retail space from the packaging and shipping area, and she then splurged on a gorgeous Scal-amandre wallpaper treatment with colorful florals and exotic birds on a slate-blue background. She purchased antique books from De

Wolf & Wood in Alfred to fill the bookshelves along with her collection of antique chocolate pots.

Wright likes using local ingredients for her confections. She says this isn't because being local is trendy but because she truly enjoys the relationships she's formed with the local producers. She chats with the people at Harris Farm when she picks up cream and with the Bryants at Hilltop Boilers where she sources maple syrup for caramels and maple creams. She uses honey from a local beekeeper, Bob Tims. "I feel like this should just be the way it is," Wright said. "It's not a marketing tool; it's about relationships."

Wright Chocolate House will opening for the season on Saturday, Oct. 9 with weekend hours of Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit www.wrightchocolatehouse.com to keep up with store hours, online ordering information and seasonal offerings.

Shelley Burbank lives and writes in San Diego, California and Limerick, Maine. Read more on her website at www.shelleyburbank.com.



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A win for Team Maine



Province Lake Golf Club held its 8th annual Ryder Cup event between Maine and New Hampshire on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 2 & 3. After taking the lead on day one by a 4.5 - 3.5 margin, Maine was able to retain the Ryder Cup with the same score the next day to close out a 9-7 win. COURTESY PHOTO



The Massabesic Cheerleaders during their half-time performance at the Homecoming Game on Oct. 1. PHOTO BY KERRY DEANGELIS

FIELD HOCKEY Biddeford tops Mustangs

Cece Keller scored in overtime to lift Biddeford to a 2-1 win over host Massabesic on Wednesday, Oct. 6 stopping the Mustangs' unbeaten streak at nine games. Mary Duffy gave the Mustangs an early lead, but the Tigers tied it before the half on a goal from Ayla La-

gasse. Mustang goaltender Lydia Suhy was solid, stopping 13 of 15. Massabesic is at Kennebunk on Oct. 12. They'll host Cheveus on Oct. 14 and finish their regular season at home against Portland on Oct 16.

— By Michael DeAngelis



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FOOTBALL/ CHEERING

Homecoming night

Massabesic's varsity football and cheerleading squads celebrated their annual homecoming on Friday, Oct. 1 by honoring their seniors during a pre-game ceremony prior to a matchup with the Gorham Rams (2-3). Following the introductions of the Mustang seniors a balloon release was held in memory of Sue Daigle (mother of senior Jonathan Daigle) and Jason Steeves (father of junior Preston Steeves). The Rams topped the 1-4 Mustangs 28-0. Massabesic visits an unbeaten Oxford Hills team on Saturday, Oct. 8.

SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY

Hesler, Thibodeau lead Scots to XC win Harwood Union edged by one point

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
Sports Editor

Delaney Hesler was fifth with an 18:29.01 and teammate Abby Thibodeau was 10th, pacing Bonny Eagle's top ranked cross county team to a narrow one-point win at the annual Festival of Champions held Saturday, Oct. 2 in Belfast. The Scots got superb performances from their top five runners with the aforementioned (senior) Hesler and (sophomore) Thibodeau leading the way. Senior Emmaline Pendleton turned in a solid run with a 12th place finish and classmate Hannah Stevens was nearby in 22nd place. Another

sophomore, Kallie Warner, who was 45th, rounded out the Scots' score card.

Ruth White and sister Nora from Orono High School finished first and second, respectively, and Ruth, a sophomore, broke the course record with a 17:28.46. Hesler, along with just seven other runners from a huge field from 49 high schools and close to 550 athlete's competing, crossed the line in less than 19 minutes. Just 19 runners managed a time under the 20-minute mark. Bonny Eagle finished with 91 points, nipping Harwood Union's 92. Cumberland was third with 148 and MDI was next with 192.


Cloutier 22nd at XC meet

Luke Cloutier finished in 22 place with a 17:00.53, joining just 20 other runners with a time at or below the 17 minute mark at the annual Cross County Festival of Champions held Saturday, Oct 2 in Belfast. Daniel McCarthy of Bangor was first with a 15:34.24, but Bangor had to settle for sec-

ond place with 229 points behind Brunswick's 150. Cape Elizabeth was third with 260. The Mustangs finished 29th from among a huge field of close to 670 runners from 55 high schools. Bonny Eagle, led by a 38th place finish from Andrew Sirois, was ninth.

— By Michael DeAngelis

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Update on the Emery Mills bridge project

The vote for funding the Reconstruction Project of the Emery Mills Bridge will not appear on the Nov. 2 Referendum as previously reported. The Board of Selectman (BOS) has stated that the projected price of the project is increasing. At the BOS meeting held on Sept. 21 it was discussed that they needed more time to consider other options which would be less expensive. They are awaiting the current bridge report from the Maine Department of Transportation that was done in August. The previous bridge reports from 2019 to 2021 had stated the condition of the bridge did not change much in that time period. The weight limit on the bridge will remain the same at 22 tons. The public hearing scheduled for October on this project is cancelled as it will no longer be on the referendum.

Sticker increase

The 2022 Snowmobile Registration Stickers are now being issued. As of Oct. 18 there will be a \$10 price increase that will take affect. The registration fee is currently \$45 and will be increased to \$55 plus the agent fee.

Lighting of the pumpkins

Shapleigh Recreation Committee announced the Shapleigh Community Lighting of the Pumpkins and "Trunk or Treat" will take place on Oct. 29 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Shapleigh Commons on Back Road. Pumpkins have been donated and will be available on a first-come, first serve basis starting Saturday, Oct. 16. Stop by on the 16th and grab a pumpkin to carve to enter the judging contest. Forms will be available to enter your pumpkin.

The Shapleigh Recreation Committee is also looking for pre-wrapped candy donations. A collection bin will be located at the gazebo on Shapleigh Commons starting Monday, Oct. 4. If you would like to sign up for a "trunk" please email shapleighrecreation@gmail.com. There will be tables provided to set up your pumpkins along the walkway of the Commons.

This is a free event and all community members are encouraged to bring your carved pumpkins to Shapleigh Commons for a festive "trunk or treat" with music, decorations and treats.

Election info

Absentee ballots for the Nov. 2 General Referendum Election are now available at the Town Clerk's office. A request for a ballot must be made by telephone, online or written and must be received by Thursday, Oct. 28. Contact the



Celebrating 50 years!

Bill and Eileen Mageary celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary atop the CN Tower in Toronto. COURTESY PHOTO

Town Clerk at 636-2843 extension 1 or 6 with any questions. The polls will be open on Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Shapleigh Town Hall, 22 Back Rd.

Happy Anniversary

Selectman Bill Mageary and his wife, Eileen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 26. The couple travelled to Toronto, Ontario, Canada and had dinner at the revolving restaurant atop the 1815 foot communications and observation CN Tower, with amazing views of the city. Congratulations.

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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.



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Village Museum

Several members of the Alfred Historical Committee met last week to discuss the present exhibit and next year's exhibit. Featuring toys had been discussed and it was voted to have the 2022 exhibit focus be on toys and games for children. The museum has many of both in its collection.

After Oct. 2 the museum is officially closed until spring. On Oct. 23 the present museum exhibit will be dismantled starting at 1 p.m. with loaned items returned to their owners and other articles taken back upstairs. The elementary school was contacted but teachers had decided because of the pandemic they could not have the classes touring the museum this year.

September Fire Calls

Alfred Fire and Rescue reported 40 calls in September. There were eight for mutual aid fires, two for mutual aid (medical), nine for medical transport (ALS), nine for medical transport (BLS), five for medical non transport, three for a lift assist, two motor vehicle crashes, one for tree limbs or wires down and one cancelled.

Permits issued

Codes Enforcement Officer Officer Jim Allaire issued the following permits in September. To the Thompsons on Carpenter Hill, for a 26' X 26' slab foundation; to York County on Kennebunk Road, interior renovations, to Ryan Binette of School Street for a 14' X 16' deck; to Jason Cole of Hay Brook, for a 36'x 44' two story garage with a lean too; to Dan Dallaire of Stone Road for renovations; to Phillip Giordano of Old Falls Pond Road for a two car garage and greenhouse; to Greg Kamenides on Whichers Mills Road for renovations; Jason MacLeod of Gile Road for two decks; Robert Poliquin of Waterboro Road for a 12'x16' shed and Jason Desrochers of Sanford Road to replace decks.

New Century Club

Harland Eastman will host the New Century Club at the Sanford-Springvale Historical Museum on Monday, Oct. 11. Co-host will be Barbara Carlson. Harland will take the New Century Club members on a tour of the new art display in the museum. The focus of the exhibit is work by Ray Welch, a noted Maine folk artist.

Elementary school

A book fair by Scholastic Books will be held next week from the 12th to the 15th at the elementary school. School will not be held on the 8th or 11th – one of these dates is Indigenous Peoples Day. Last week the custodians were recognized on Custodian Day with cards made by the children, also with gift cards.

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Bids should be mailed or hand delivered to the Town of Alfred, 16 Saco Road, PO Box 850, Alfred, Maine 04002 no later than Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 3:30 pm. Late bids will not be opened or considered.

Tax map, property card, and other public information concerning the property may be reviewed at the Town Hall during normal business hours: Monday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm; Tuesday 8:00 am – 7:00 pm; Wednesday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm; and Thursday 8:00 am – 2:30 pm.

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Alfred Board of Selectmen

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AN ESSAY FROM ALFRED

Alfred's remarkable entrepreneur

Every village has its memorable members and Alfred is no exception. One of them was Harriet Butler Shaw who moved from Shaw's Ridge in Sanford to what was later known as "Brickends" in the center village when she was a child. She was one of five children of Samuel Madison and Susan Lord Shaw. What is best remembered about her is the mail order business she ran assisted by her brother Greene. Until accused of fraudulent use of the mails, she supported herself by advertising coast to coast such cure-alls as "British Oleon" (Persian Plum Oil for the hair), also a cure for drunkenness (including sulfate of iron, peppermint water and shot of nutmeg) a \$1 sewing machine which turned out to be a needle, thimble and thread, a fool proof fly swatter (two small blocks of wood) and Brazilian Magic Lustre, a stain remover which was actually a cake of brick dust. It seems amazing today that the public fell for this, but they did. Not just in the United States but in such foreign countries as Peru, Brazil, Canada and Germany.



Harriet Butler 'Hat' Shaw. COURTESY PHOTO

She was careful to keep her sex unknown in business correspondence, in a time when women did not run large businesses. She advertised as H.B. Shaw or H.B. Shaw Esquire. The interesting fact about all this is that the true value of Shaw's business was in the stamps on all those envelopes. Sterling Dow, a Maine stamp dealer, wrote about her in "Stamps" magazine. The rarity of the stamps pushed up prices.

She saved all the envelopes and labeled the amount of money received on the envelope.

Self-promotion seemed to be a family trait. One of her brothers became mayor of Biddeford (2 terms), member of the legislature, and held numerous other positions. But it is Hat's position as the first woman to establish a mail order business is best remembered in Alfred. When she had to give it up she kept all those envelopes. They were later discovered by Sterling Dow who was always on the lookout for old stamps on envelopes. He had queried a friend who did furniture renovation. Had the friend ever found stamped envelopes in any of the furniture he repaired?

He finally recalled some in a shed behind an Alfred home. When he investigated the find he realized what a prize had been discovered. There were bundles of stamped envelopes in the shed, piled up under the eaves. There were 30,000 of them! They were in bundles of 100, in order of the dates on the envelopes. He immediately made arrangements to obtain them.

When Hat died, she was buried beside her parents in the village cemetery. But no one in the family took care of having a stone to mark the grave. Local stamp collector Sid Emery felt this should be remedied. He took steps to have a stone placed on the grave at his own expense. He also took all his Shaw memorabilia, put it in a box, and donated it to the Alfred Village Museum, which is where I obtained the information for this essay.

- By Allison Williams

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