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ON THE BACK ROADS Discovering a forgotten past

By C.J. PIKE

You never know what you will find on the back roads of Maine. We were out driving around Parsonsfield one day when we happened to find a very old three-story building that we thought was quite interesting.

Who would think that such a large old building would be way out on the back roads of the town, so of course we wondered about it. It didn't look like anybody lived there, which made me even more curious as to what it was and why had it been built on such a rural, woody road.

The building, located at 424 Maplecrest Road was originally built in 1887 as a lodge, called the Forest Lake House and cottage. It was a summer hotel that was built on 100 acres of land and accommodated 35 people. The proprietor was A.C. Varney, but later changed hands to Charles Varney.

Dr. Francis J. Welch purchased it in 1912 and used it as a private sanatorium for treating tuberculosis and respiratory disease patients. It was called the Maple Crest Sanatorium. It was steam heated and the bathrooms and plumbing facilities had proper sanitation. "They boasted of excellent natural spring water and fresh food from the region. Each patient received careful individual attention and their treatment was governed according to their needs."

After World War I, Welch got into a contract with the Veterans Administration and treated veterans with lung disease. It was called The Rest Land Sanitarium and he owned the property until the late 1950's when he died.

It saw other owners and uses after that; it was a sportsman's lodge called the Randall Mountain Lodge, and then a restaurant in 1974 and 1975.

According to the research, in the late 1970's, the building was also used as a school for troubled children called the Elan School and was owned by the Elan Corporation, with headquarters in Poland. Parents from out of state sent their troubled teenagers to the school, which was supposed to be a treatment center for the kids. It accommodated 60-80 teenagers and had a staff of 26.

Michael Skakel, a Massachusetts teenager, who was accused of the murder of a girl named Martha Moxley, was sent to Elan by his father in the 1970's. He was there for two years and later, in a 1998 book proposal, Mr. Skakel wrote that while at Elan, "I was subjected to a level of torture deemed unacceptable even for prisoners of war."

After contacting the Parsonsfield/Porter Historical Society, I found out more about it.

Elan is a French term which means momentum, energy, style and enthusiasm, but according to the reports, there wasn't much positivity with the way these teenagers lived.

Elan School was first founded in 1970 by psychiatrist, Dr. Gerald Davidson and the late Joe Ricci, who later became owner of the Scarborough Downs Racetrack. The first school opened in Poland for grades 8-12, from 13-18 years old. They also owned two schools in Waterford, and another that burned down.

They later purchased the building in Parsonsfield in 1975, with many objections from the town. Parsonsfield officials, at the time, "Felt like a bomb had been dropped on them."

Evidently, Elan Corp had obtained all of the necessary permits from Augusta, even from the Department of Health and Welfare, without even giving the town any notice. It was a licensed by Maine

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A building with history

This building in Parsonsfield was an Elan School campus, which operated for 6 years in a remote part of the town, where the teenage residents were isolated. The old building had many uses over more than 100 years. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE



Waterboro Market & Café store manager, David Pendleton, recently presented the Waterboro Fire Dept. with a check for \$5,000, which will be used to help outfit the town's new ladder truck with some rescue ropes and equipment. According to Pendleton, there was a 'September 11th tribute' store promotion that helped to raise the funds for this donation. COURTESY PHOTO

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Community Calendar

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

COMING EVENTS

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 13 and 14 at the Newfield Historical Society Building at 64 Elm Street from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plenty of talented crafters and artists with hand crafted, one-of-a-kind items, to start your Christmas shopping, such as knitted hats and mittens, crocheted afghans, custom signs, ornaments and artwork.

VENDOR CRAFT FAIR at the Masonic Hall, 165 Waterboro Road, Alfred on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission to a dozen vendors and crafters selling perfect gifts for Christmas. Sponsored by the Fraternal Lodge #55.

CRAFTS TO GO Lyman Parks and Rec is sponsoring two craft projects to go at the Community Library at 10 John Street in Lyman. Kids can pick up a Thankful Tree craft kit or Turkey craft

kit Saturday, Nov. 13 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. outside at the library. Call Holly at 710-3021 or email parksandrec@lyman-me.gov to reserve your November Craft!

FUNDRAISING CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR to benefit the Acton Public Library at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road, on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pictures with Santa will be available for \$5.

WATERBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY FESTIVAL OF TREES at the Grange Hall at 31 West Road in Waterboro on Nov. 19, 20, 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 20 area businesses are donating fully decorated, pre-lit Christmas trees with an abundance of unwrapped gifts underneath. After paying a \$2 donation to get in (children 12 and under are FREE), you may purchase raffle tickets: \$1 each;

\$15 for 20 tickets (.75 each); \$30 for 50 tickets (.60 each); \$55 for 100 tickets (.55 each); or \$100 for 200 tickets (just .50 each). Drop a ticket (or several) into the bucket in front of any tree you are interested in winning! If your ticket is drawn on the final Sunday, you win the tree with all of its decorations and all of the gifts underneath! There will be trees with kids gifts, outdoor gifts, games, camping gear, patriotic items, and so much more!

CHRISTMAS MARKET-PLACE at Bar Mills Community Church, 13 Hermit Thrush Drive, Buxton, Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A great selection of fresh greens to decorate your home, a wide variety of baked goods, like cookies, breads, pies and candy to satisfy your taste buds. Pick up a couple of jars of Wanda's Wonderful Homemade Pickles. Plenty of handcrafted gift ideas for your family, friends and even your pets. Visit [\[millscommunitychurch.org\]\(http://millscommunitychurch.org\) or call Judy at 929-5555 for more info. We look forward to seeing our old friends and to meeting new friends.](http://www.bar-</p>
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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.



NEIL MCGARRY'S "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" A stunning one-man performance of Charles Dickens *A Christmas Carol* Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 4 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills. Tickets \$15 at www.sacorivertheatre.org. or call 929-6473.

Due to the high transmissibility of the Delta variant, the Saco River Theatre Board of Directors has voted to join a growing number of Maine performance venues by requiring that all adult audience members present proof of Covid-19 vaccination at the door, or a negative Covid-19 test result from within the prior 48 hours of the attended event. Proof of vaccination can be your physical vaccine card or a photo of your card. Masks will also be required indoors. All Saco River Theatre employees and volunteers working in the building are fully vaccinated. We are doing everything we can to ensure that our venue remains open, so we can continue our mission of providing a safe and valuable resource for audience members, performers, volunteers and staff, and all of our friends and families. Please join us in supporting each other with good cheer and goodwill.





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York County 4-H Annual Fall Fest

The 2021 York County 4-H Fall Fest will be held on Nov. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. The festivities will be held at 951 Limerick Road, Arundel. Youth ages 5 to 18 who are interested in learning more about 4-H and adults interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend. Activities include arts and crafts, button making, rope making, corn hole and more!

Attendees are encouraged to bring a gently used item to include in the penny raffle. Tickets for the penny raffle cost \$5/sheet (25 tickets) or \$0.25 for individual tickets. Proceeds go towards youth scholarships and 4-H trips to Washington DC. Items will be raffled at 2:30 p.m. You must be present to win.

All attendees are asked to wear a mask. Hand sanitation stations

will be available for use. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation (by 11/18), contact Erin McDonald at 324-2814 or 800-287-1535 (in Maine), or email erin.mcdonald1@maine.edu

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WATERBORO

Santa's Little Helper accepting letters

If you are a Waterboro resident with children 16 and under and find yourself needing help with Christmas this year, write a letter to: Santa's Helper, PO Box 80, East Waterboro, ME. 04030. Letters should include the first name, age and gender of each child, plus what they would 'like' and what they 'need.' Also include your name, address and best phone number to reach you at. If shoes, boots, or clothing, are on your list, include what size(s) are needed

Letters must be received by Dec. 15. To donate, contact Nancy at Waterboro General Assistance at 247-6166 x114.

Festival of Trees

The Waterborough Historical Society is sponsoring a Festival of Trees at the Grange Hall at 31 West Road in Waterboro. This holiday event will be held on multiple dates: Nov. 19, 20, 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Area businesses are donating fully decorated, pre-lit trees with unwrapped gifts underneath. Just pay a \$2 donation to get in (children 12 and under are FREE), then you may purchase raffle tickets for \$1 each; \$15 for 20 tickets (.75 each); \$30 for 50 tickets (.60 each); \$55 for 100 tickets (.55 each); or \$100 for 200 tickets (just .50 each). Drop a ticket into the bucket in front of any tree you are interested in and if your ticket is drawn on the final Sunday, you will win the tree with all of its decorations and gifts.

Election results

The results of the Nov. 2 Referendum Questions from Waterboro are as follows:

QUESTION 1: Citizens Initiative, 1,366 Yes, 615 No, 8 blank.

QUESTION 2: Bond issue, 1,235 Yes, 741 No, 13 blank.

QUESTION 3: Constitutional Amendment, 1,374 Yes, 602 No, 13 blank.

Donate turkeys

Last year, the Waterboro Community Pantry passed out over 100 turkeys to local Waterboro families in need. To donate turkeys, call or text Shannon Batson at (207) 608-1669. Donations are accepted at the pantry, next to town hall, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays or during normal business hours at Partners Bank in East Waterboro.

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The position will be 32 hours per week, to start, with an hourly pay rate of \$16.00 per hour. Resumes, with a cover letter, and 3 references must be delivered to the Town Administrator, no later than **4:00pm on Friday, November 19, 2021**. The Town of Acton, 35 H Road, Acton Maine 04001 or email jroux@actonmaine.org. The Town of Acton is an EOE and reserves the right to reject any and all resumes.

Reserve early!

The Thanksgiving week Reporter will be published early on **Wednesday, Nov. 24** and will have an early deadline for all submissions of

MONDAY, NOV. 22 AT 5 P.M.

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ALFRED

Allison Williams

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New Century Club

Jim Litchfield hosted the New Century Club during their Nov. 8 meeting. During the business meeting the current schedule of meeting times was discussed; it was voted to keep to the current schedule of evenings at 7:30 on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting will be an afternoon Christmas celebration at the home of the secretary, Marjorie Anderson at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12. The book "The Mills on the Mousam" by Joseph W. Hardy has been purchased by the society and given to Parsons Memorial Library.

President Alix Golden introduced the speaker, John Cook, who gave an interesting talk on "Forest Fires". He spoke on forest fires in general from the viewpoint of a firefighter. He had served in the Alfred Fire Department for many years and was chief at one time. Pieces of fire equipment were shown and their use. During the time of the '47 fires he had been quite young but he told how his family had labored to save their house and barn from the flames. A neighbors house was a complete loss.

Many anecdotes of the activities of Alfred residents to save the town were recounted. Only three

houses were lost, while Waterboro lost over one hundred. This accounts for the difference in the current appearance of the two towns. An enjoyable social time followed with delicious refreshments provided by co-host Lisa Cook.

October fire calls

There were 8 calls for fire alarm activation, 1 for medical code, 1 for medical assistance transported by mutual aid, 6 medical non transport, 1 brush woods fire, 14 medical transport ALS, 17 medical transport BLS, 3 motor vehicle crashes, 1 for public assistance, 2 for smoke/CO/odor investigation, 1 structure fire and 4 calls for tree limbs, or wires down making a total of 58 calls. Two were cancelled.

New library books

New children's books at the library include *Gladys the Magic Chicken* by Adam Rubin, Adam Rex; *If You Lived During the Plimoth Thanksgiving* by Chris Newell; *Ice Cream Soup* by Ann Ingalls; *Pick a Pumpkin* by Patricia Toht; *A Simple Christmas on the Farm* by Phyllis Alsdurf; *Tiny Tales Shell Quest* by Steph Waldo; *What Are the Winter Olympics?* by Gail Herman; *Ice Cream Soup* by Ann Ingalls; and *The Guncle* by Steven Rowley.

For adults there is *The Mayflower* by Rebecca Fraser; *Dusk Night Dawn* by Anne Lamott; *Simon the Fiddler* by Paulette Jiles; *State of Terror* by Hillary Rodham Clinton; *The Judge's List* by John

Grisham; *The Magician* by Colm Toibin; *Oh William* by Elizabeth Strout; *Silverview* by John LeCarre; *500 Miles From You* by Jenny Colgan; *Foul Plan* by Stuart Woods; *It Ends With Us* by Colleen Hoover; and *Stalking God* by Anjali Kimar.

Parish Church

Stewardship Sunday will be Nov. 14. Pledges are due by Dec. 6. The Neighbors in Need Offering will end Nov. 21. Mabel Laird will lead the service on Nov. 14, and Rev. Larry Greer on Christmas Eve. Anyone able to provide a cooked pie or turkey for Sunday, Nov. 21, is asked to contact Lisa LeBoeuf or Su LaChance, who are planning the Thanksgiving meals.

Here and there

The Alfred Town Christmas Tree has been set up in Town Hall festooned with cards giving names of young people who would appreciate getting a Christmas gift. The cards state the sex and ages and ask that unwrapped gifts be put on the tree with numbers labeled on the cards. If you feel extra generous at Christmas, take a card. Do not wrap the gift but put it on or under the tree with the card's number included.

I've stopped trying to count the number of geese who gather each afternoon by Shaker Pond, the number is growing. When will they head south? Will they all go at once? I wish I knew - it would be lovely to see them all take to the air at the same time.

We welcome Karla Bergeron-Wilcox, the new member of the Town Hall staff, who comes to us from Shapleigh. She is the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

NEWFIELD

C.J. Pike

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793-8760

Successful supper

The Newfield Historical Society would like to thank everyone who supported their corn chowder and chili drive thru supper on Nov. 6. Three days after the supper, they received a donation of \$150, which put them over their original \$800 goal!

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go out this week to Taylor Bruhl, Aylssa Crowell, Ryan Illig, Andrew Dailley and Wanda Wonson.

Meetings

Newfield firefighters will have a work session on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street at 7 p.m.

SHAPLEIGH

Joanne Bargioni

joannebargioni@gmail.com

Election results

The results of the Nov. 2 Referendum Questions from Shapleigh are as follows:

QUESTION 1: Citizens Initiative, 533 Yes, 285 No.

QUESTION 2: Bond issue, 510 Yes, 306 No,

QUESTION 3: Constitutional Amendment, 587 Yes, 226 No.

SPRINGVALE LIBRARY NEWS

Author talk

On Nov. 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Dr. Chuck Radis author of "Go By Boat: Stories of a Maine Island Doctor" will be appearing at the Springvale Library, 443 Main Street. When he was fresh from his training as a medical doctor, Dr. Radis and his wife moved to Peaks Island. He was unaware of what life would be like living on an island. If attending in person, masks are required. This will also be shown live on the library's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/springvalelibrary>.



Make a book turkey

Kits are still available for the Adult Craft of the Month, a Repurposed Book Turkey. Pictured above is George, and we have lots of kits left for you to make your very own. The kits include a recycled book, instructions, book pages, and a turkey silhouette. All you need is a glue gun and a cutting knife. If you don't have one, we have spares that we can lend you.

NOTICES

TOWN OF ALFRED Snow Removal Policy 2021/2022 Season

- It is important that all plowed right of ways within the Town limits be kept clear of obstructions. Therefore, it is the obligation of all owners & occupants of property in Town to make sure that their mailboxes or any other structure within the Town right of ways are there at the owner's risk. Neither the Town nor the Road Commissioner or Plow Contractor accepts any responsibility for damages to said structures by plows or sand trucks.
- There is also a Town Ordinance prohibiting plowing snow across roads from driveways.
- A ban on overnight parking on roadways and in municipal parking lots is in effect as of November 1st. There will be no parking on the sides of streets during the rest of the winter months. Vehicles restricting plowing and sanding will be towed at the owner's expense.

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**THURSDAY,
November 25th**

**FRIDAY,
November 26th**

**SATURDAY,
November 27th**

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

**The Shapleigh Planning Board
will be holding a PUBLIC
INFORMATION MEETING on:**

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Snow Date Wednesday, Dec. 15th at 6:00 pm

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

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.
Roger Allaire, Chairman - Shapleigh Planning Board

SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY



Members of Bonny Eagle's girls' cross country team training for the New England Championships which will be held in Thetford, VT on Saturday, Nov. 13. The Scots were 10th at New England's in 2019 and they were 13th back in 2018. They head to Vermont with their best chance for a medal as they dominated the 2021 state championships, placing all five runners in the top 22. Bonny Eagle owns three consecutive state titles (2018, 2019, 2021). They were fifth best in Maine in 2017. COURTESY PHOTO

BUSINESS NEWS

Ribbon cutting



Chamber welcomes Rivers Run Hair Studio to Springvale

The Sanford/Springvale Chamber Ambassador Committee recently paid a visit to Rivers Run Hair Studio to cut the ribbon at their new Springvale location. Rivers Run is a professional hair studio/barber shop with over 40 years of experience offering "personal grooming done proper." Owners Steve and Charline Edwards want you to know they take great pride in offering the cleanest, safest, and most courteous environment to the community. Pictured in front, from left: Evelyn Libby (Fresh Start Boutique), Liz Kilkenny (Best in Business Marketing & Consulting), Suzanne McKechnie (InvestComm Commercial Group), cutting the ribbon are Rivers Run Owners Steve and Charline Edwards, Rebecca Lapierre (Town Square Realty) and Chamber Board Chair, Caren Martineau (Batchelder Brothers Insurance), and Rick Stanley Chamber President. In back, from left: Studio Professionals Gloria Calcaterra, Kathy Stewart, Patty Libby and Janeen Owens. Rivers Run is located at 463 Main Street in Springvale. Call 850-1092 for more info, or to make an appointment. COURTESY PHOTO

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TOWN OF HOLLIS Request for Bids

The Town of Hollis, Maine is requesting bids for the mowing and landscaping at four (4) locations within the Town of Hollis: Hollis Town Complex (34 Town Farm Road, Hollis, Maine); Hollis Sports Complex (At the intersection of Plains Road and Lower Tarbox Road, Hollis); Clarks Mills Ballfield (Route #35 at the end of Clarks Mills Road, Hollis); and Salmon Falls Library (12 Hollis Road, Hollis). **Bids are due no later than 12:00pm on November 24, 2021** at the Hollis Town Hall. Bids may be sent to the following address and should also be marked "MLCT Bid": Town of Hollis, Attn: Select Board, 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis, ME 04042.

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

Bids will be opened publicly at the Hollis Select Board meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 7:00PM at the Hollis Community Building, 35 Town Farm Road. Additional info can be obtained by contacting the Hollis Select Board at 207-929-8552 x26.

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OLD SCHOOL

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Department of Education and a “full member of the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs.”

The school practiced a controversial behavioral modification program that relied on shouting sessions, long hours in a corner, boxing matches, discipline for smiling without permission and they were subjected to derogatory comments.

The Town of Parsonsfield did not welcome the school but it continued to operate at that campus until mid 1981. In fact, it was referred to as The House of Horrors and was an E-4 facility, where the

most extreme cases were sent by the state. It was a locked facility and even if they did escape, “It was surrounded by miles of nearly impenetrable woods located in the middle of nowhere.”

The first school in Poland, in Androscoggin County was a private, coeducational, and controversial residential behavior modification program and therapeutic boarding school. And, the other schools operated the same way. There were about 150 students who paid \$44,000 a year to attend.

Ricci headed the Elan School until his death in 2001, when his widow Sharon Terry took over. The Elan Corporation made money, but it closed in 2011 due to declining enrollment and resulting financial difficulties, according to Wikipedia.

The history of the Elan School made for a feature film called “Children of Darkness,” which was “a critically acclaimed documentary filmed in 1983 that explored the grueling realities of emotionally troubled youth and the various residences and institutions that housed them.” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTCSfx47R1w>)

Another documentary called “The Last Stop” was released in 2017. The film was directed by an Elan graduate and includes interviews from residents. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-WLcl_sb4JA)



Robert “Bob” Stover

The date for the celebration of life for Robert “Bob” Stover has changed.

A celebration of life will be held on Nov. 20, at 621 North Parish Road, Turner, at 2 p.m.



Robert “Bob” Stover

Northern Light Mercy Hospital to host COVID-19 vaccine clinic for ages 5-11

Online registration is open for the Nov. 13 clinic that will provide Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine to those aged 5-11 on Northern Light Mercy Hospital’s Fore River Parkway campus. Additional details are below, and parents and guardians can register children onow using the online registration tool at <https://covid.northernlight-health.org>.

This clinic is by appointment only at Northern Light Mercy Hospital’s Outpatient Specialty & Surgery Center located at 155 Fore River Parkway, Portland, ME 04102. Please note, this is a new building on the campus.

The Dose 1 clinic will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Then, the Dose 2 clinic will be on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Community members under age 18 who would like to be vaccinated, must have a parent or guardian complete and initial the online scheduling form on their

behalf. In addition to scheduling a vaccine using the online process, patients under 18 are be required to bring a completed consent to treat form signed by their parent or guardian to their appointment. Patients under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to their vaccination. If

you have any questions you can call 204-8551.

If you cannot find an appointment that works for you at a Northern Light Health location visit visit the state COVID-19 vaccination sites list at: <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/vaccination-sites>.

NOTICES

TOWN OF HOLLIS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Hollis Planning Board has received an application for a Conditional Use Permit for an Adult Use marijuana retail store to be located at 415 Hollis Road, Hollis ME, Map 1 Lot 65 (the former Pizza Garage).

On **Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 6:30 PM**, there will be a public hearing regarding this application during the Planning Board meeting at the Hollis Community Building, 35 Town Farm Road. All Hollis residents are welcome to attend.

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, Nov. 4, 2021

TOWN OF HOLLIS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Hollis Planning Board has received an application for a Conditional Use Permit for Adult Use marijuana cultivation and manufacturing to be located at 44 Hanson Lane (Map 9 Lot 18).

On **Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 6:30 PM**, there will be a public hearing regarding this application during the Planning Board meeting at the Hollis Community Building, 35 Town Farm Road. All Hollis residents are welcome to attend. Zoom access will also be available; for details and access info, please see the Hollis website: www.hollismaine.org.

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TOWN OF HOLLIS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Hollis Planning Board has received an application for a Conditional Use Permit for an Adult Use Marijuana Retail Store to be located at 321 Hollis Road (Map 2 Lot 88-1).

There will be a site visit at this location on **Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 3:30 PM**. All Hollis residents are welcome to attend.

There will be a public hearing regarding this application during the Planning Board meeting on **Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 6:30 PM** at the Hollis Community Building, 35 Town Farm Road. Zoom access will also be available; for details and access info, please see the Hollis website: www.hollismaine.org.

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AN ESSAY FROM ALFRED

How to get lost – or found

Anyone who has a tendency to get lost knows the feeling – which way is home? Is that really the right direction? Should I try it?

I cannot now recall the reason I was on a particular road looking for a manager associated with the courthouse. Why? I cannot remember the reason. But I had taken the wrong turn. Of that I was positive. And it led to nowhere I wanted.

I had stopped at a garage where someone gave me a lot of directions- none of them on paper. He had just reeled of this list of instructions. I started out but was still lost. I took an interesting road but it went nowhere I wanted. That lost feeling began to overwhelm me. Some people get lost easily. I am one of them.

I am sure it is hereditary. I inherited it from my mother. I remember the time we were looking for someone in Rochester. We never did find the address so we went home. At least we were able to find home. The time we were blueberry picking in Massabesic Forest was more interesting because the person we had lost was my husband, who can find his way anywhere. So we began to holler – he heard us and began moving through the bushes in our direction. That is the only time I can remember his losing his way.

The time we were heading home from Campobello Island was more interesting. I was with a friend in one car, another friend was with someone in another car. We were supposed to meet at a restaurant for lunch. We made it to the restaurant but couldn't find them. Perhaps they would show up? We ordered and waited. They never did show up, so we finally left. Nearing home the traffic slowed because several vehicles ahead of us there was a very large truck which no one could pass. I finally spoke to my companion. "That looks like them, right behind that big truck! Doesn't it look like them?"

It did indeed. We had found them! And we were almost home. What a coincidence!

The time we were lost on Lake Champlain I was only a child. My father was at the helm of the boat and could NOT find his way back to our rented cottage. It was a beautiful night, the water was absolutely calm with barely a ripple on the water, on a lake famous for its unexpected storms. By ten o'clock my mother had convinced my little brother to lay down on the life preservers in the bow and go to sleep. My father (who rarely lost his way anywhere) had begun stopping at islands and trying to find someone who could help us. If there were large barking dog at the cottage he would pass by and continue to the next island. Our motor was famous for getting cranky and refusing to go but that night, miraculously, it chugged along willingly. (We had rented the boat but the motor was

our own.) He finally found a cottage where someone was home and explained the problem.

"Oh, there's a dance tonight. That's where everyone is. And you're on the wrong side of the lake! This isn't North Hero!"

My father got back into the boat, explained the problem to my mother, and headed back across Champlain, which is a mini-ocean, or at least it was to us. By the time we landed both my brothers were mostly asleep and there was a crowd on the beach discussing

what they should do because we had not returned. Should they start dragging? Where should they start?

We were grateful for their concerns, but mostly grateful for our beds. I have been getting lost ever since.

The latest episode was on a road exhibiting lovely homes – maybe someone would know the way back to Alfred? But no one seemed to be home. On the third try a woman came to the door, told me to come in and did I want to

use the phone? It would have been useless because I knew my husband had a dental appointment. I scanned the telephone directory, found the number of the dentist, and made a call. My spouse said to stay where I was ! He would come as soon as he was free.

I parked our orange vehicle down by the road, had a glass of water and relaxed. If you ever get lost, don't panic. The world is full of nice people willing to steer you in the right direction!

– By Allison Williams



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