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Veterans' camp receives boost

By C.J. PIKE

This year's ceremony for the Knights of Columbus' donation to the Veterans No Boundaries program was held as part of the Sunday morning mass at St. Matthew's Church on Sunday, November 10.

Faithful Navigator George Harnois, of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, presented the check of \$772, to Lin Schott, a retired Navy nurse, who has volunteered for the program for over 13 years. St. Philip's Catholic Church in Lyman was also involved in the program this year.

Veterans No Boundaries is an adaptive sports camp for wounded warriors, both service men and women, with disabilities.

According to the website, Veterans No Boundaries has been supported since 2007 through generous donations from groups, such as Disabled Sports USA, Patriot Riders, veterans groups, and more, who care about supporting our disabled service men and women.

The winter camp for adaptive sports is in Newry, at the Sunday River Resort. There is snowboarding, alpine skiing, pickle ball, a welcome dinner and much more. The next winter camp will be held on January 24-27, 2020.

The summer camp is at Camp Wavus in Jefferson, on the Damariscotta River and will be held on August 21-24, 2020 with kayaking, fishing, shooting, arts and

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Lin Schott, volunteer for Veterans No Boundaries, receives a donation from George Harnois, from the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

Shapleigh's historic Washington Schoolhouse vandalized

By JOANNE BARGIONI

Early in the morning of Nov. 10 Liz and Vince Kennedy were awakened by their neighbor knocking on their door exclaiming that their historic old schoolhouse, located on another section of their property on Washington School Road in Shapleigh, had been vandalized. A very large rock had been thrown through the window on the north side of the building and the frame and glass had been broken. Another smaller rock had been thrown through another window breaking a small pane of glass.

Kennedy noticed that the schoolhouse's black mailbox had also been removed from the premises, pole and all. Everyone in the neighborhood searched the area around Town Farm Road and Main Street in North Shapleigh Village for the mailbox, but to no avail. Curiously, rolls of what appeared to be receipt tape were strewn all over the village.

The Washington Schoolhouse was built in 1866 and closed in the 1940's due to low enrollment.



Inside of Washington Schoolhouse, at left is vandalized window temporarily repaired with plexiglass. PHOTOS BY JOANNE BARGIONI

The one-room Schoolhouse held 40 students in its heyday. There was not any electricity, just a pot-belly stove. The Sheffield Bell on the top of the schoolhouse was originally hung at the Hargreaves Woolen Mill in Shapleigh Village, who donated it to the Schoolhouse after the mill closed.

Kennedy says the schoolhouse has sustained hundreds of dollars worth of damage. It is currently

patched with plexiglass but she is working on getting the vintage glass and window replaced. She says "even though we may own the schoolhouse, the history of the building belongs to the Town and the townspeople. It is a landmark. Whoever vandalized the schoolhouse destroyed a part of the town."

The incident was reported to the Sheriff's Office and is under investigation.



Helping hands

Employees at Poland Spring's Hollis bottling facility collected canned goods and fresh potatoes to benefit the Hollis food pantry, just in time for Thanksgiving. Poland Spring also donated nearly 100 turkeys to its employees, many of whom donated the turkeys to the food pantry. Shown helping out is Joe Whitehurst of Dayton. COURTESY PHOTO

Historical society Christmas reading

By ALLISON WILLIAMS

Marge D'Anci told about Christmas in 1878 when the Alfred Historical Society met last week. Her account was from a story written by Lillian Gould's sister, Mary. Older residents will remember Lillian who was offered the temporary job of town clerk, and stayed

in the position for over 40 years. (It was later made permanent.)

Her account told about Christmas when most people did NOT drag trees into their homes. The grandmother in the family had read about the practice of bringing in trees, decorating them, and

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Community Calendar

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SLOPPY JOE SUPPER Friday, Nov. 29 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Limerick Congregational Church, 46 Main Street, Limerick. Cost is \$8 per person, takeouts available. Sloppy Joes, beans, coleslaw, ginger bread and whipped cream.

ERICA BROWN AND THE BLUEGRASS CONNECTION - Saturday, Nov. 30, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills. Fiddle prodigy Erica was competing at seven, touring a nine, and recording at fifteen, when she made her SRT debut with the Old Time Radio Gang. Now her five-piece Bluegrass band is enjoying great popularity and returns for their annual Bluegrass/Country/Folk music hoedown! With Matt Shipman on guitar and vocals, Ken Taylor on bass, Steve Roy on Mandolin and vocals, and Read McNamara on the bango. Tickets are \$15. Reservations call 929-6472 or visit www.sacorivertheatre.org.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & CAROLING, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. at Hiram Village Square Park, followed by free concert by the Sacopec Valley Community Band at 6:30 p.m. at the Arts Center at 8 Hancock Avenue in Hiram.

ANNUAL VETERAN'S DINNER on Dec. 12 from 6-8 p.m. at the Massabesic Middle School. The dinner is free for Veterans and three guests (MMS student, spouse, friend, parent, etc.) Massabesic Middle School 134 Old Alfred Road, East Waterboro, ME 04030. RSVP by Dec. 4. Online RSVP at <https://veteransdinner.app.rsvpify.com/> Call 247-6121, ext. 2228, Ruth Miller or email ruthmiller@rsu57.org.

CHRISTMAS MARKET-PLACE Friday, Dec. 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bar Mills Community Church, 13 Hermit Thrush Drive in Buxton. There will be a great selection of fresh greens to decorate your home, a wide variety of baked goods-cookies, breads, pies and candy to satisfy your taste buds, and don't forget about Wanda's Wonderful Homemade Pickles (100 jars have been made. Hopefully we won't run out this year.) and plenty of handcrafted gift ideas for giving to your whole family, friends and even your pets. For more information visit barmillscommunity-church.org.

Buxton Hollis Historical Society invites all to **A CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**, Sat. Dec 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The museum store will be open for your holiday shopping, along with the library and our exhibits. Light refreshments will be offered. At 10 a.m. we will have carolers for your entertainment.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT & BAKE EVENT Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy shopping with local crafter's along with supporting your local snowmobile club, Hollis Honkers, at 81 Plains Road, Hollis (Buxton/Hollis Rod & Gun Club. Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eat-in or takeout: fish chowder, chili, chili dogs and desserts. Vendors call/text cindy 590-4730.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Buxton Center Baptist Church, 938 Long Plains Road (Route 22) in Buxton. Crafts, white elephant, food table, homemade doughnuts and fish chowder luncheon.

DON ROY TRIO - Saturday, Dec. 7, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills. Tickets are \$15. Reservations call 929-6472 or www.sacorivertheatre.org. Favorites on the SRT stage for many years, Maine champion fiddler Don Roy, with Cindy Roy (piano and step dancing) and Jay Young (bass) deliver polished, tight, pulsating sets, and exemplify the driving beat of traditional music. Hailing from roots deep in the Maritimes and Quebec, the Roy's musical passion lies with the French Canadian tradition, followed closely by Celtic music. The Don Roy Ensemble has played at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, appeared with Garrison Keillor, and performed on two occasions at the Kennedy Center. Bring a friend, a date, or the whole family to this lively evening of great traditional music!

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR of local artisans and live music by Carlos Angeles - Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Arts Center at 8 Hancock Avenue in Hiram

ALFRED PARISH CHURCH HOLIDAY CONCERT Sunday, Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Music Director Eric Klaxton (also of the Soggy Po Boys Band) will present an ensemble of talent from the greater seacoast area of Maine and New Hampshire, including musicians from the church. There will be something for everyone, from familiar carols to selections from Bach and Tchaikovsky. This will be a special occasion for the community to enjoy the arts and get in the spirit of the season. Suggested donation \$10.

HOLIDAYS PAST: A BRIEF HISTORY OF TOURING AND VACATIONING IN NEW ENGLAND Join Bethel resident and historian David Jones Wednesday Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Goodall Memorial Library, 952 Main Street, Sanford. Using illustrative maps courtesy of The Osher Map Library, Jones will talk about how development, transportation innovations, and urbanization contributed to the concept of family vacations. Looking at the rise in tourism and vacationing in the 19th and 20th centuries, Jones will talk about why people went on vacation, where they went and how they got there. For more info call 324-4714 or visit www.lbgoodall.org.

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 is from 9 to 11 a.m. at 25 Westview Drive, Sanford or from 10 a.m. to noon at 15 Smith Lane, Saco.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP Free and open to anyone that has a loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's or any form of dementia. Understand the process of the disease and allows for sharing and questions. Third Wednesday of each month 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Southern Maine Health Care Pavilion Conference Room, 35 July Street, Sanford. FMI 490-7600 Kathy or Jeri.

SCRABBLE with FRIENDS meets every Wed. at 1 p.m. at Soldiers Memorial Library, 85 Main Street, Hiram. New members welcome. Library Hours: Tues. 2-5 p.m., Wed and Thurs 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 625-4650 www.soldiers.lib.me.us.

ONGOING EVENTS

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.

LYMAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY WEEKLY PROGRAMS Tuesdays drop-in knitting and fiber optics group; Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. children's and family movies in the activity room; Fridays at 10 a.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. is preschool storytime. The library is located at 10 John Street. Call 499-7114 FMI.

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Massabesic girls volleyball team members Taylor Starbird, left, (MVP Defense) and Lauren Kiss (MVP Offense) at a recent awards banquet. COURTESY PHOTO



Bonny Eagle beat Thornton Academy 34-21 on Nov. 23 to become the Class A State Champions.

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WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW

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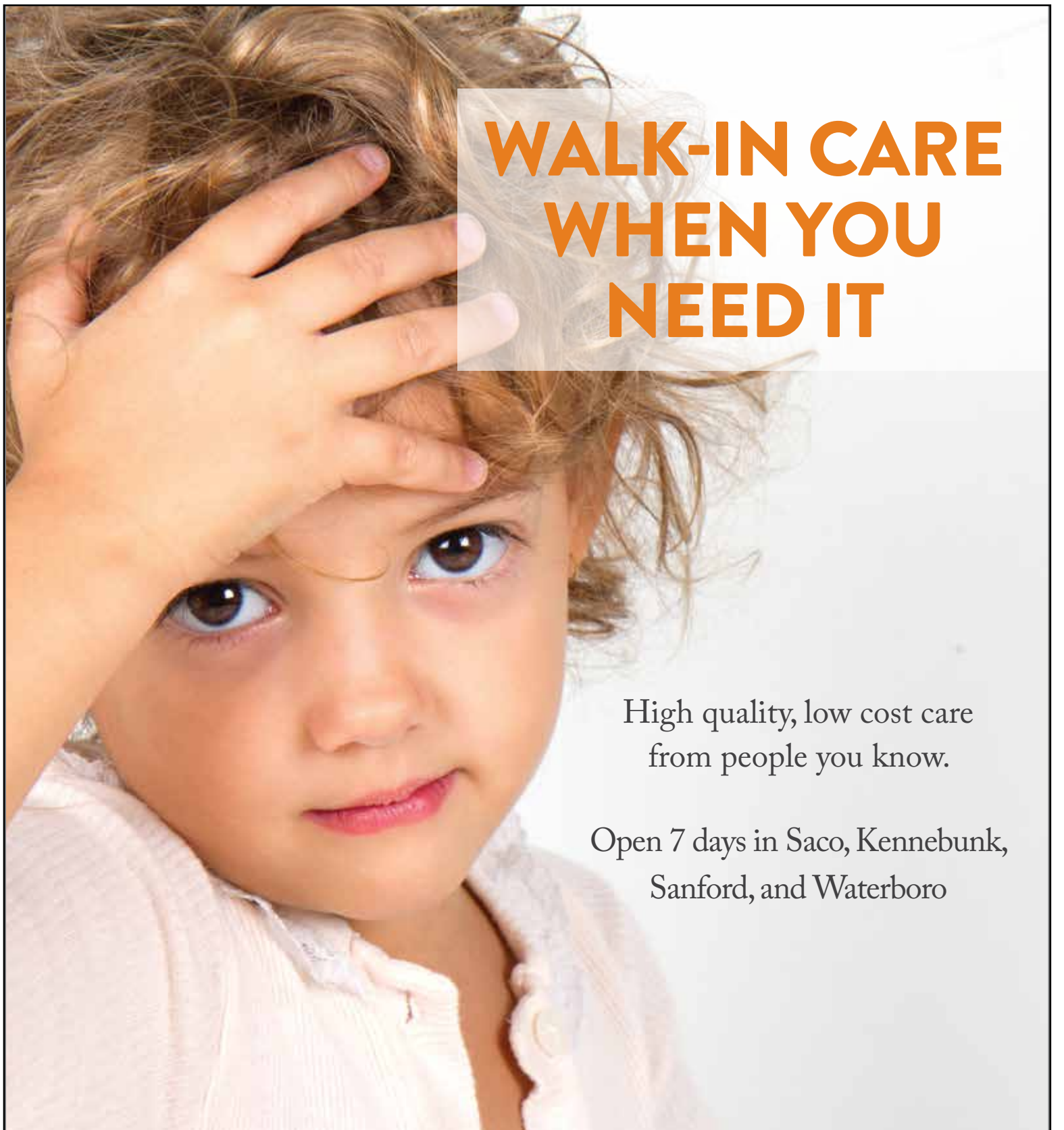
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NOV. 30-DEC. 7

Christmas in Limerick

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The Olde Limerick Town House is located at 11 Main Street

Saturday, Nov. 30

9 AM-6 PM: CRAFT FAIR at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

7 PM: HOLIDAY CONCERT with the Massabesic High School Chamber Singers at the Limerick Free Baptist Church.

7-11 PM: XMAS KICK OFF PARTY at The Peppermill Restaurant. Drink Specials, Dancing, and Karaoke with DJ Ron Parker.

Sunday, Dec. 1

1-5 PM: COUNTRY CHRISTMAS SHOW at the Olde Limerick Town House, 11 Main Street. Presented by Down East Country Music Association.

Monday, Dec. 2

6-7 PM: CHRISTMAS ZUMBA at Zen Fitness.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

10 AM-12 PM: KIDS CRAFTS at the Limerick Public Library.

4-5 PM: CHRISTMAS YOGA FLEX at Zen Fitness.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

3-5 PM: KIDS CRAFTS at the Limerick Public Library.

6-7 PM: CHRISTMAS ZUMBA at Zen Fitness.

6:30 PM: CHRISTMAS PAINTING PARTY with Yaddo Traveling Painting Party at the Olde Limerick Town House, 11 Main Street. \$30 per person, ages 13 and up. Call Deedee at 636-6723, to reserve your spot! Walk-ins are not allowed.

Thursday, Dec. 5

4-5 PM: CHRISTMAS AEROBILATES at Zen Fitness.

Friday, Dec. 6

9 AM: CHRISTMAS GENTLE YOGA at Zen Fitness.

4-8 PM: CHRISTMAS COOKIE PARTY at Gneiss Brewery. Bring the kids, milk will be available.



Special holiday beer flights, 5-5oz.pours.

6-7:30 PM: CRAFT NIGHT & COOKIE DECORATING at the Limerick Free Baptist Church.

Saturday, Dec. 7

8-10 AM: BREAKFAST W/SANTA at the Grange/Scout Hall on School Street. \$5 per person, ages 4 & under are free. Sponsored by Scout Troop #329.



AFTER THE PARADE: VISIT WITH SANTA at the Limerick Fire/EMS Station. Sponsored by the Limerick Fire/EMS. **BUILD YOUR OWN GINGERBREAD HOUSE WITH THE GINGERBREAD MAN** at the Limerick Fire/EMS Station.

8 AM-12 PM: HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE at Village Smiles and Saco River Dentistry.

9 AM-3 PM: HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR at the Olde Town House, 11 Main Street. Sponsored by Limerick/Newfield Lions Club.

10 AM-12 PM: NORTH POLE FOR KIDS & OPEN HOUSE at Zen Fitness. Bring the kids to let them explore the North Pole with Mrs. Claus, and Santa's Elves. Light refreshments will be served.

10 AM-2 PM: BLIZZARD BAZAAR at the Limerick Congregational Church.

12-7 PM: CHRISTMAS MARKET with local Vendors and Artisans, and Gotta Be Frank Gourmet Food Truck will be serving up food all day at Gneiss Brewery. Sponsored by Gneiss Brewery.

1 PM: CHRISTMAS PARADE ON MAIN STREET! All are welcome to join in, parade line up is at 12:30 pm on School Street. The only requirement is to make it look like Christmas!

Sponsored by Limerick Recreation. **RIDE THE REINDEER EXPRESS HAYRIDE WITH RUDOLPH!** Boarding behind the Olde Town House, 11 Main Street. Sponsored by the Limerick/Newfield Lions Club.

2 PM: DANCE INTO CHRISTMAS! with Performances by All That Dance, Brooks Dance Center, and Center of Movement of Performing Arts, on the 2nd floor of the Olde Limerick Town House, 11 Main Street.

3:30-5:30 PM: MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS SHOW on the 2nd floor of the Olde Town House, some very talented musicians will spread holiday cheer! If you would like to participate, contact Deedee at 636-6723.

6 PM: CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & CAROLING WITH FROSTY at the Main Street Gazebo. Sponsored by Limerick Research Club.

AFTER TREE LIGHTING: TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA. Come inside the Olde Town House and warm up with some good ol' holiday refreshments. Kids will be invited up on the cozy Christmas-scene stage as Santa rocks in his rocking chair and reads *Twas the night before Christmas*. Sponsored by the Limerick Research Club.



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VETERANS' CAMP

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crafts and more, something for everyone.

There are all kinds of activities at the camps for the disabled veterans from beginners to advanced athletes to enjoy; and all disabled military veterans are welcome and combat disabled personnel with their family members. There is no cost for these families. All of the equipment, instruction, meals, and lodging are provided for them at the camp.

A veteran who recently went to the camp for four days, said on the last day, "This has been the best 4-day weekend of my life."

For more information, or to sign up, call them at 824-2440 or email at info@maineadaptive.org. The KC hands out flags every year on Flag Day, June 14, and the money collected from donations goes to the Veterans No Boundaries.

Giving Tuesday at the museum

Support our local museum, 19th Century Curran Village, by Tuesday, Dec. 3. Your donations will allow them to develop new, maintain existing, and share at both our museum villages hands-on learning exhibits. Funds will inspire thought, nurture curiosity, and prepare a new generation for the challenges of the future with the know-how of the past.

A \$5500 Matching Fund Challenge has been pledged by another anonymous donor. If met by February, 2020 with your generous donation, they will receive a much needed \$11,000 to assist in their ongoing mission. Email them at: thecurranhomestead@gmail.com, or mail them to: 19th Century Curran Villages, PO Box 107, Orrington, ME 04474. Checks should be made payable to The Curran Homestead, or go to the website to donate through PayPal.

Lions host Christmas craft fair

The Limerick Newfield Lions Club will be hosting their annual craft fair on Saturday, December 7, at the Brick Town Hall at 11 Main Street, as part of the Christmas in the Village events.

Also, Cub Scout Pack #329 and Scout Troop #329 will be marching in the parade on that day.

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes this week go to: Jimmy Ring, Wanda Neville, Nancy Wedgewood, Nichole Hubbard, Robbie Chamberlain, Allan Hodgkins, and Debbie Gilpatrick.

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Meetings

Cub Scout Pack #329 - Dec. 2, at Line School at 818 Water Street at 6 p.m. Anastasia Ferguson is the Cubmaster.

The American Legion - Dec. 2, at the Brick Town Hall at 11 Main Street in Limerick at 7 p.m.

Newfield Selectmen will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road at 6 p.m.

Newfield Firefighters training session - Dec. 3 at the Public Safety Building, 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Boy Scout Troop #329 - Dec. 4 at the Brick Town Hall, at 11 Main Street in Limerick at 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. Jim Dion is the Scoutmaster. Call Joe Iannazzo 850-6237.

Tea Time - Dec. 4, at the Newfield Village Library at 637 Water Street at 3 p.m.

The Comprehensive Planning Board monthly meeting - Dec. 4, at the West Newfield Town Hall, 23 So. Effingham Road, at 7 p.m.

Newfield Planning Board - Dec. 4, at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road, at 8 p.m. following the comprehensive planning board meeting.

Newfield Rescue training session on Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Public Safety Building, at 85 Water Street, at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Dick or Hazel McGlincey at 793-2045 or any rescue member.

Thanksgiving dinner

Free Thanksgiving Dinner at the West Newfield Congregational Church, 1078 Maplewood Road, West Newfield. Nov. 28 from 12 to 3 p.m. Donations welcome but not necessary. If you plan on attending, call Debby at 793-3796.

C O L U M N
I am wishing you and your loved ones a very Happy Thanksgiving

When I was growing up, there were paper mills all across rural Maine. They provided good-paying jobs, and a skilled workforce, and gave families the foundation they could rely on for a bright future.

When a changing economy shuttered so many mills, thousands of hardworking Maine people were left without a way to provide for their families.

Faced with uncertainty and economic instability, Maine people could have focused on their own families first and just ignored the needs of their neighbors.

But we know, that is not the Maine way.

In 2003, in the wake of several mill closures, Solidarity Harvest was founded. Every year since then, unions, farmers, faith communities, volunteer organizations, and businesses have gotten together every year to provide locally-grown food to laid-off workers and families who have hit hard times.

Last year more than 400 people — including some past recipients of meals — and 50 organizations volunteered their time and resources to Solidarity Harvest to distribute 1,300 meals to families in Maine.

This week, I was proud to join volunteers for "Sort Week" to help Solidarity Harvest assemble food baskets to be delivered to recipients before Thanksgiving Day.

Maine farms and the farmers who run them are a cornerstone of our state's economy, producing a variety of high-quality crops that contribute substantially to our way of life.



by Governor Janet Mills

There is no reason for anyone to go hungry in Maine when we have healthy food grown by our neighbors right at our fingertips.

The baskets distributed by Solidarity Harvest combine fresh vegetables along with apples, homemade apple cider and bread and a turkey with all the fixings — all provided by Maine community members, farms, and businesses.

Solidarity Harvest is just one of the many charitable organizations helping Maine people in need during this holiday season.

From Solidarity Harvest to Stuff the Bus, which is led by Chuck Igo and provides food to Preble Street Kitchen, I urge all of you to see how you and your family might lend a helping hand this holiday season.

Looking out for one another is at the heart of our state, just as

bringing people together to celebrate life's blessings has been at the heart of the Thanksgiving holiday since its creation.

On October 3, 1863 President Abraham Lincoln declared a National day of Thanksgiving.

"In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity...peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere..." he said. "No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are...gracious gifts... It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands," he said, "to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving."

As we gather to give thanks this Thanksgiving, let us remember the gracious gifts we have received and let us extend our hands to welcome others to our tables, to our homes, and to our hearts.

That is the Maine way.

I am wishing you and your loved ones a very Happy Thanksgiving.

I am Governor Janet Mills. Thank you for reading.

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Obituaries

Robert Thomas Madden

Robert Thomas Madden, formerly of Sanford, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Cambridge, Massachusetts on Nov. 12, 2019.



Robert Thomas Madden

Robert was born to Paul and Margaret Madden on Aug. 29, 1983. He is survived by

his maternal grandparents, Robert and Iris Whitehorn of Melrose, MA and Gilford, NH. His mother Margaret Harriman and stepfather Richard Harriman; his sister Gabriella and brother Caleb of West Newfield, ME; his brother Joshua Madden and sister-in-law Jamie and nephews Isaiah and Daniel and step nieces Kayla and Chloe; his brother Anthony Madden and sister-in-law Pamela and nephews Landon and Maxwell; his sister Megan Rancafore and brother-in-law Nate and nephews Abner and Ezra; His father Paul Madden and spouse Kathy Madden; and brother Ryan and sister Erin; and many other aunts, uncles and cousins.

Robert was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Thomas and Ann Madden and his Uncle Michael Madden, his Aunt Maggie, Aunt Ann, and his maternal Uncle David.

Robert (Bobby) grew up in Melrose, MA and Sanford, ME with his first three siblings; Josh, Tony and Megan who reside in Sanford, ME. They all enjoyed many years of building house forts, games, parties, camping, hiking, roller blading, ice skating, street hockey, basketball, swimming, baseball and Monopoly!

Bobby played baseball in the Christian Youth Athletics League in Woburn, MA where he was on the Saints that made it to the Super Bowl Championship games in Baltimore, Maryland. The League director nicknamed him "Bobby; The Rocket Madden" for his fast pitch. He loved the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots.

At the age of 11, Bobby and his best friend Mike surrendered their lives to Christ by making a public profession of faith at the Power Team Convention in Manchester, NH. Bobby's best friends Mike and Luke spent many vacations, sleepovers

and play dates together. This was just one of the times Bobby grew in his Spirit, maturity and good character.

Bobby attended a Christian Church in Massachusetts, Faith Evangelical Church and later Curtis Lake Church in Sanford, ME. For many years he attended Christian concerts, events and camps every summer. His favorite camp was a week-long youth camp in Greene, Rhode Island where his whole family attended. He was a camp counselor there when he was 18 years of age.

For the last 3 years of living in Sanford, Bobby worked as an electricians apprentice and helper for Ed Kenyon. During this time he also helped at home with multiple home improvement projects, including refinishing wood floors. He moved to Massachusetts when he was 20 and worked in sales eventually becoming an assistant manager. After a few years of visiting family back and forth from Mass to Maine; he was stricken with an adult onset mental illness which greatly altered his focusing ability and perception of others and himself. He struggled with the loss of his job, homelessness and many trips to the hospital. During this time, he was unable to stay in contact with his loving family. In spite of this enormous life struggle; Bobby managed to return to us many times and was able to attend weddings, some of the holidays and several birthday parties.

During Bobby's visits home he would frequently give gifts as well as his own things to friends and family. The best times were when he was spending time with his family in Maine or with his loving grandparents in Massachusetts who would frequently take him out to his favorite places. He was loved very deeply by his family.

About 3 1/2 years ago, following a long hospitalization, he moved to a group home in Cambridge, Mass where he enjoyed a long stable period of time. This was a special group home where he received daily support but still enjoyed a great deal of independence. Bobby loved walking for long distances in Boston and attending local events. He had many interests which included rooting for the Red Sox and New England Patriots; watching Star Wars, reading the Chronicles of Narnia and watching the Grinch movie. Bobby was a great impersonator of Jim Carrey and of anyone he thought was an interesting, funny character.

He loved shopping for cloth-

ing, playing guitar, dancing, playing Xbox with his brother Josh and participating in the life of his home. Bobby integrated into a church in Cambridge while he maintained his walking routines. He was able to visit Maine a few times while living at this group home, but sadly his visits stopped over the past year.

The family would like to thank the Pine Street Inn and 11 Woodbridge Street House for their patience, care and grace shown to our dear son, grandson, brother, and Uncle Bobby. You folks were special "angels" that kept our son safe, warm and loved. We are ever so grateful...

We know Bobby's best days are yet to come as we are confident that he was welcomed into eternity with Christ and has been reunited with those who have been called home before. Bobby will no longer suffer or ever be alone as he enjoys the peace and joy he experiences in the Father's presence. We love you Bobby and thank God for your life, love and humor.

A service of Celebration of Bobby's life will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 12 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street in Alfred, Maine. A reception will follow at the American Legion Post in Sanford from 1 - 4 p.m.

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

In lieu of flowers, family and friends are invited to consider a donation to Pine Street Inn of Boston, MA or 11 Woodbridge Street House of Cambridge, MA.

Dear Bobby, We miss you greatly but are reassured and happy that in Heaven you are not sad, sick or lonely - We all loved you more than you ever knew - your loving family. We will see you again...

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CHRISTMAS READING

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surprising the children on Christmas morning. With the cooperation of the adults in the family, she began to work on the surprise. Her bedroom door was kept closed and the adults began to make decorations. That night before Christmas included the story of the Nativity in the Bible. The youngsters then donned their nightgowns, nailed their stockings to the mantle, grabbed warm bricks to warm their beds and scampered off to bed.

The adults had popped corn, and fashioned birchbark into cornucopias. They had made molasses cornballs and strung the tree with popcorn and cranberries. Little bags filled with candies were hung from the branches and the cornucopias were filled with nuts and hung on branch tips. There were also gifts hanging from many branches and oranges in netting bags. Platters of molasses corn balls and dishes of apples were placed beneath the tree.

After the Christmas feast, with aunts, uncles and cousins, all went down the hall to the grandmother's room. The children were mystified, not knowing what to expect. The writer told how she jumped for joy, entranced by the tree when the door was opened and she viewed the scene before her. There were no candles on the tree, but there were

candles in the room, and kerosene lanterns to provide light. Many years later she remembered in detail that first Christmas tree.

After hearing the story, the Historical Society members began reminiscing about Christmas trees they remembered. Harland Eastman recalled the one his family had when he was stationed in Africa. He left it on the porch and in the morning all greenery had disappeared from the tree. Marge D'Anci recalled trees decorated with candles. Almon Williams recalled the tree he had cut which was too scanty of branches so he drilled holes in the trunk and added more branches. I recalled that before electricity came to Campobello Island (after World War II) my uncle had decorated with live candles - actually everyone on the island did. But we were never there in the winter so I never saw them, to my regret. And then someone mentioned seeing a tree labeled "Douglas fir - made in China!"

There will be no December meeting of the society. Bruce Tucker will be the speaker for the Feb. 11 meeting on "Poor Farms." The meetings are now at 7 p.m.

Fire and Rescue

October appears to have been a busy month for Alfred's Fire and Rescue. There were 13 responses requiring attention by those who had experience in Advance Life Support Systems (ALS) and 8 responses requiring experience in Medical Transport BLS (Basic Life Support Systems). Ten calls were for tree, limbs or wires down. 9 calls were for medical non transport, 4 calls for motor vehicle crashes, 4 for a mutual aid fire, 2 for medical mutual aid, 2 for public assistance, 1 for smoke or odor investigation. There were single calls for an appliance fire, fire alarm activation, and a lift assist.

Town Clerk

Lisa Cook, the assistant town clerk, has been filling in until someone else is hired as town clerk. She noted there were four deaths in October and one birth. Six burial permits were issued, 32 altered dogs licensed, three unaltered dogs licensed and three hunting and fishing licenses sold.

Parish Church

During the Greening of the Church on Sunday, Dec. 1, parishioners are invited to bring an ornament to put on the tree in memory of someone. There will be a meeting on Monday, Dec. 2 of the deacons at 4:30 p.m., the trustees at 6 p.m. and the council at 6:30 p.m.

A Holiday Concert will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8 in the church sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. Music director Eric Klaxton will present an ensemble of talent from the seacoast of Maine and New Hampshire with a variety of music from familiar carols to classical selections. Suggested donation is \$10.

The November meeting of the Alfred Historical Society was held in Parsons Library with 7 members and guests present. Notes of the last mtg were read. The treasurer was unable to be present but had reported to Bruce Tucker that we had \$46.20 in the checking account and \$140.58 in savings.

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