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## Pike Hall restoration continues in Cornish

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Pike Hall, that big yellow building with the white trim at the top of the hill on Maple Street in Cornish, next to the hardware store, has been a pillar of the community for nearly 100 years. And, while people around town may refer to it as Pike Hall, its official name is the LeRoy F. Pike Memorial Building.

A Cornish native, LeRoy Pike was a lumberman, and successful businessman in timber, grain and farming. He was married to Jennie Guptill, a writer for Portland newspapers, and lived on Maple St (Evie's Eclectic Collection). They had no children. Pike's grain store (which became Rine's IGA until the 1960s) was across the street from their house. LeRoy served as the first President of the Cornish School Association, which he helped form. He also held many political offices locally, including Town Clerk, Selectman, Moderator and even as the town's Constable, as well as the state level, serving on the Governor's Council, and State Legislator from 1897-

1898. LeRoy died in 1915, and when Jennie died in 1922, she left instructions in her will for \$20,000 to given to the town to build a municipal building in his memory. The Cornish School Association donated the lot, which had been the old village cemetery and the village schoolhouse, both of which were moved.

Famous Portland architect, John Calvin Stevens and his son, John Howard Stevens designed the Colonial Revival building in 1925, and it was built by contractor Frank C. Palmer of Kezar Falls. On Feb. 7, 2007, Pike Hall was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and at that time, the Pike Hall Committee was formed to help preserve this historic building. Unfortunately, it has needed some major updates.

The building was not handicapped accessible, and the town offices in the basement were damp, had exposed heat ducts in need of some major updates. The project went to the voters, and after years of debate and discussion (Do we keep Pike Hall or build a new



At left shows a view from the Pike Hall auditorium balcony with recent renovations including a new railing made from pipes. Above is a tiny replica of Pike Hall, made by Committee President John McIntyre, which serves as a donation box to help with renovation costs. Donors can also purchase a name plate on the plaque that will be hung inside the hall by the stage. COURTESY PHOTOS



### Successful sock drive

Fifth Grade students from Lyman Elementary, Shapleigh Memorial Elementary, and Line Elementary schools collected donated socks as part of their reading unit, Social Issues Book Clubs. Students read about and discussed a variety of social issues, which included homelessness. As an act of advocacy and support for people in their communities, they organized the collection to benefit the York County Shelter Programs and RSU 57's Outreach Services. Over 1,000 pairs of socks were collected. Shown above are students from Mrs. Richards Class. COURTESY PHOTO

one?), the Cornish Town office renovation project was approved. This work was completed in 2017, installing a lift from the basement to the main floor and two new ADA bathrooms, bringing it up to

code, to ADA compliance. New heating, sprinkler, and fire alarm systems were added. There were also some cosmetic changes, converting the old kitchen (formerly the Town Clerk's office), and other spaces into real office space, a little paint added, as well as better lighting to brighten it up.

But, according to longtime Pike Hall Committee member, Sharon Beever, that was just the first hurdle. "The work on the basement was for the town, as it holds the town offices," she explained. "But the work upstairs was considered private, and had to be worked on

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# Community CALENDAR

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## COMING EVENTS

**REPUBLICAN CAUCUS**  
Newfield and Parsonsfield Republicans will caucus on March 4 at 6 p.m., at the Parsonsfield Town Hall, 634 North Road, Parsonsfield. Ed Thelander, candidate for Maine U.S. Congressional District 1, Roger Hicks, candidate for York County Sheriff, and candidates for Maine Senate District 22 Nathan Wadsworth and Jim Libby, and Maine House Districts 139 David Woodsome and 141 Lucas Lanigan will be in attendance.

**YORK COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING** will be Wednesday, March 9 in Auditorium on 2nd floor of Alfred Town Hall, 16 Saco Road. Doors open 6:30 p.m., business meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Guest Speaker Aaron Kregenow, Deputy State Director, RNC, on "Getting Out the Vote: From voter contact to ballot in the box." Current legislators and 2022 candidates will also be in attendance. FMI or to be added to YCRC email list, contact [communications@yorkgop.org](mailto:communications@yorkgop.org) or call 468-2395.

**MUSICAL AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL** Junie B. Jones Jr. The Musical, presented by the

Massabesic Middle School Drama Club, Friday, March 11 at 6 p.m.; Saturday, March 12 at 2 and 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 13 at 2 p.m. at the MMS Cafetorium, 134 Old Alfred Road, East Waterboro. Adults are \$9, seniors and students are \$7 and children under 7 are \$5. Tickets on sale at the door or in advance at [showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com).

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING** The next meeting of the Lyman Historical Society will be held Tuesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. at the Community Library on John Street. If you're interested in Cousens School, we have made a reference book about Horace Cousens, the man who donated the money for it and for whom it's named. It's in the Maine section of the library.

**FREE COMMUNITY DRIVE THRU DINNER** at the Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church, 503 Goodwins Mills Road on Route 35 in Lyman. March 19 from 4:30-6 p.m. (Boiled dinner, rolls, cookies). April 16 from 4:30-6 p.m. (Beans, hot dogs, coleslaw, rolls, brownies). May 21 from 4:30-6 p.m. (American Chop Suey, green beans, rolls, cupcakes). June 18 from 4:30-6 p.m. (Cookout with

hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, macaroni salad, chips).

**BINGO** at Buxton Town Hall, March 24 at 6 p.m. Come try your luck, and if you get a BINGO you choose a prize from the prize vault. Bingo nights are free to adults and seniors. Bring your own dauber or purchase one for \$3. Visit [www.buxtonrec.com](http://www.buxtonrec.com) for more info.

**WANTED: BUXTON RESIDENTS' IDEAS FOR LIVING IT UP AS THEY AGE** A livability community provides services for people of all ages. Buxton is a beautiful town where many people hope to stay as they age. What will they want and need from their community? Help us explore opportunities through the Age Friendly Community process. We welcome All community members to come and meet to listen and share ideas Saturday, March 5 from 1-2 p.m. at The Old White Church, 15 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills. RSVP: contact Ellen or Terri: [aginginbuxton@gmail.com](mailto:aginginbuxton@gmail.com). Walk-ins are welcome. Masks are required. Refreshments will be available. The meeting will be filmed by Saco River TV and shown later at [src-tv.org](http://src-tv.org).

## ONGOING EVENTS

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, Cole-slaw, "Our Homemade" Biscuits, variety of yummy Desserts.

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 Acton- Shapleigh Lion's Club **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Saturday of every month. \$7 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.

**WATERBORO COMMUNITY PANTRY** 26 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro. Open the first Tuesday of the month from 4-7 p.m. all other Tuesdays from 1-4p.m. Donations can be dropped Saturdays 2-4 p.m. or if non perishable there is a drop box on the porch FMI call 247-7789.

**SPRINGVALE LIBRARY AUCTION** Springvale Library, 443 Main St. is seeking donations for its online auction planned for April 8 - 17. They will be accepting donations until March 15. If you would like to contribute to their auction please email the library director Leslie Unger at [lunger@springvalibrary.org](mailto:lunger@springvalibrary.org) and beginning April 8 you can go to the library website to begin bidding if you wish to attend the online auction.

**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").

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Please call DPW Interim Director Jason Champion if you have any question at 247-6166, Ext. 117



**PIKE HALL**

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separately.” Ron Peasley, Inspections Supervisor, Fire Marshall’s Office came and inspected the auditorium in 2019, and provided them with a list of what needed to be done to reopen the auditorium once again to its capacity of 400+. The list was quite long: the balcony needed a railing, the doors at the front of the balcony, and from the main hallway and front of the building, needed to be updated with panic bars and proper latches, railings needed to be installed on the balcony stairs and reflector tape put on the steps, emergency lighting needed to be provided to the exits, and the theater curtain need to be cleaned and fireproofed, and more. Finally, before any events could be held in the auditorium, the town needed to apply for a Theater license, to be renewed annually.

The Pike Hall Committee began to work hard fundraising to make this project happen, and so did several groups that have used the hall over the years: The Cornish Alumni Association, the Francis Small Heritage Trust, The Sacoop Community Band, and the Saco River Festival Association, as well as other individuals. Committee President John McIntyre made a wooden donation box, a replica of Pike Hall, that sits in the Town Office — anyone can contribute any amount at any time.

Sharon Beever became the grant writer for the Committee,

and applied to the Maine Community Foundation for the Belvedere Historic Preservation Fund. She got an estimate from Vaillancourt Properties, and applied for the first time in 2019. “We didn’t get it the first time,” Beever said, “but the Maine Community Foundation provided me with a lot of great feedback, and encouraged me to apply again the next year.” Beever did just that, and in August of 2020, the Pike Hall Committee was awarded the \$20,000 requested. That amount doesn’t cover all of the work that needs to be done, but as part of the grant, they needed to show how more money would be gathered from outside sources to complete the project. Since then, the Pike Hall Committee has been hard at work. And the community has been extremely supportive!

The Saco River Festival Association paid for the cleaning and fire-proofing of the original, antique theater curtain. Local Fireman Chris Calnan personally drove the curtain to NYC to the restoration company for this task, and brought it back when it was completed. It has since been returned and volunteers plan to rehang it soon. The Fire Marshall has already accepted the balcony, but there are still a few housekeeping issues, some cleaning and touches of paint to be added before there will be a grand reopening or open house.

Pike Hall is currently open for use. The Cornish Historical Society has on-going displays in the hall, including the portraits of LeRoy

**Alfred Elementary School Guidance Counselor recipient of the Maine School Counselor of the Year Award**



Mrs. Jaclyn (Jackie) Chaplin, Alfred Elementary School Guidance Counselor, was nominated for the Maine School Guidance Counselor of the Year award in November 2021 and navigated the rigorous application process to be awarded this prestigious award in February 2022. Principal Catherine Poulin said Mrs. Chaplin received the award during a schoolwide zoom on Feb. 10, which was a surprise to both staff and students. Principal Poulin shared that Mrs. Chaplin works hard to serve all stakeholders for the greater good of our community. Shown above, from left, Principal Poulin, Counselor Chaplin and Principal Pellerin. COURTESY PHOTO

and Jennie Pike in the auditorium, and the old schoolhouse clock from Cornish Elementary School. The Historical Society holds programs in the hall as well. In addition, Tai Chi and Jukado classes are currently being held there.

Pike Hall is once again open for weddings and other events, and the rental fees goes to the Pike Hall

Committee to continue repairs. While the work that has been done allows the building to safely open back up and use to capacity, there is some additional work that remains to make the building more comfortable and energy efficient, such as insulated blinds for the windows, emergency/safety lighting and some electrical work. So fund-

raising continues. The Committee is currently selling name plates to put on the Friends of LeRoy F. Pike Memorial plaque that will be hung by the stage. For more information, call 625-3177.

The current Pike Hall Committee is Peggi Aspinall, Sharon Beever, Laurie Carr, Sandy Howe, John McIntyre (President) and Anne McIntyre (Secretary), Diann W. Perkins, and James Ray. For more information visit [www.cornishme.com/government/town-officials](http://www.cornishme.com/government/town-officials).

To learn more about the history of Cornish and Pike Hall, visit the Cornish Historical Society online at [www.cornishme.com/historical-society](http://www.cornishme.com/historical-society).

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**WATERBORO PLANNING BOARD**

**Notice of Public Hearing**

The Waterboro Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on an application from E23 LLC / Fabian Oil for proposed bulk storage tank and filling station for small propane tanks. The applicant requests approval for the storage facility located at 1120 Sokokis Trail, N. Waterboro.

**To participate in the Public Hearing, the following options are available:**

- Send in a letter to the Town of Waterboro Planning Board – 24 Townhouse Rd, E. Waterboro, 04030
- E-mail [ceosec@waterboro-me.gov](mailto:ceosec@waterboro-me.gov) with a letter or to receive information on how to participate via phone or video via Zoom.
- Attend in person at 24 Townhouse Road, E. Waterboro
- Call Town of Waterboro during the Public Hearing at 207-247-6166 ext. 106

Please contact the Department with any questions at [ceosec@waterboro-me.gov](mailto:ceosec@waterboro-me.gov) or 207-247-6166 ext. 121.

**Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022**  
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## Saint Patrick's Parade returns after two-year absence due to pandemic

The Saint Patrick's parade will be held this year on Commercial Street in Portland. The parade starts at Noon on Sunday, March 13 beginning at the Portland Fish Pier near the Center Street intersection and proceeds along Commercial Street and ending at the reviewing stand at Bell Buoy Park next to the Casco Bay Ferry Terminal.

This year's Grand Marshal will be Laoise Moore, Consul General for the Northeast Region of the United States for the Irish Government. The parade features the Claddagh Mhor Pipe Band, the Dunlap Highland Band and the Stillson School of Irish Dance. Other participants include the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Maine Irish Heritage Center, Maine Gaelic Sports Alliance,

Portland Hurling Club and the Ceili dancers. They will be joined by, among others, mascots from local teams and companies, dignitaries, public safety representatives and the Irish American Club display of flags.

The Irish American Club of Maine was founded in 1973 and has served to preserve and promote Irish-American culture, history and community in Maine. In addition to the parade, the Club offers an annual St. Patrick's Dinner and Show, Ceilis with live music, Irish language and Ceili dance lessons and opportunities for cultural travel. For more information on our organization, please visit the website [irishofmaine.org](http://irishofmaine.org) or email [club2@irishofmaine.org](mailto:club2@irishofmaine.org).

## Free webinar: 'The Journey as a Deaf Parent'

Maine Behavioral Healthcare's Deaf Services program will present "The Journey as a Deaf Parent," a free, one-hour webinar for parents and caregivers of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, parents who are deaf or hard of hearing, and providers who work with people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, at 6:30 pm on Thursday, March 24.

Maine Behavioral Healthcare Deaf Services case managers Maria Hammond and Greg Scheuer will lead the Zoom-based presentation, which will be delivered in ASL with voice interpreters.

Kristine Gile, a licensed professional clinical counselor and program manager of Maine Behavioral Healthcare's Deaf Services program, said the program will focus on the perspective of a deaf parent raising hearing children and ways to navigate diverse communication modalities used in the home.

"The program will be beneficial to anyone whose home life includes people who are deaf or hard of hearing," Gile said. "We will explore the challenges deaf and hard-of-hearing parents face while raising children in the home, including bridging the different worlds deaf and hearing people experience."

Participants are asked to register online in advance for program. For more information, please contact Gile at 619-5747 (VP/VRS).

Maine Behavioral Healthcare is a leading provider of mental health services, with over 30 outpatient locations throughout southern, western and mid-coast Maine, as well as Spring Harbor Hospital, providing an integrated continuum of comprehensive, coordinated behavioral healthcare for Maine residents of all ages. Learn more at [MaineBehavioralHealthcare.org](http://MaineBehavioralHealthcare.org).

# The Hoarder's Widow

The Hoarder's Widow is a book about the co-mingling of loving, clearing, submitting, grieving and hoarding.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

### Where's the Sign?

I knew the perfect design company to hire for the renovation plans, Peterson Design Group of Kennebunk, Maine. When I built my fake colonial saltbox in the Port, a quilting buddy gave me the set of prints so I didn't need a designer. I did a lot of my own research. I got Colonial Homes magazines from my friend Marjorie who had a perfect replica of an old cape. I hounded her for advice. I bought used copies of Early American Life at yard sales (both magazines now defunct because most people nowadays want a plastic house with gray walls and a tarred driveway). I measured particular details on real colonial houses where I lived. I'd knock on the front door, notebook and steel tape measure in hand, and ask the owner if I could look around and measure. No one ever said no. I was often invited inside for a tour.

Peterson Design Group had a distinctive sign, a red, white, and blue flag with a star. Their motto was, "Classic residential architecture on the coast of Maine". They always stuck a sign in front of all the houses they were working on and when I saw their sign, screech, on went the brakes. I would stop, hold my breath, and admire their work for several minutes. They had designed three of the best reproduction colonials I'd ever seen. They also had done many restorations on properties at Goose Rocks Beach. They'd take those six-hundreds-square foot vintage, summer cot-

tages and replace them with gigantic, six thousand-square-foot, gray shingled, monsters. Their work is magnificent. The sign was always up telling the world who was orchestrating the project.

I called Peterson Design Group for an appointment. I'm not sure they even knew where Dayton was but we planned a day for Eric Peterson, owner, and designer, to come. He told me on the phone the cost would be about two thousand dollars for a simple plan which was all we wanted since Bob was the carpenter/contractor extraordinaire he often told me he was. We had already been designing and redesigning this reconstruction for months on the backs of placemats while Bob ate fried haddock and I ate fried clams.

The day arrived for our appointment with Mr. Peterson. I had some good ideas, the Marvin Window catalogs available, and my two file boxes full of ripped-out pictures from magazines. I was ready to go but, in my zeal, to get the project moving, I forgot we had not cleaned out the living room enough for the three of us to meet. I had become accustomed to squeezing my way through to the cellar where Bob was supposed to be working. I forgot a stranger might think this house was a bit messy. In a scurry, I started ordering Bob around. "We need a card table to sit around," I commanded. He didn't have any that were clear in his house, so he ran across the street to where we were living at Natalie's and grabbed one.

"And three chairs." Bob quickly unloaded his precious junk off three dining room chairs, throwing the stuff on the floor and putting the chairs around the card table. "The floor under the card table, sweep away that pile of papers so there will be a place for our feet," I demand-

ed. We were ready soon enough and even made a narrow path from the kitchen to the planning table.

"Welcome, Mr. Peterson," Bob said, shaking his hand. Mr. Peterson extended his hand looking around curiously. He had trouble getting into the back door, taking a little stumble. He recover nicely and took Bob's lead to the card table. We sat down for a brief discussion while Mr. Peterson took notes and looked at Bob's almost professional gambrel roof-pitch drawings. He thumbed through my file boxes of ideas and took a quick but careful wander around the downstairs. He made suggestions; create a powder room out of the bathroom where Uncle Henry's reigned, take Bob's office and make a larger bathroom there, move the cellar stair, etc. Mr. Peterson spent about an hour gathering data and taking a few photos outside. "The designs will be ready in a few weeks," he advised us. "I will mail them."

I was thrilled. "Now we will be on our way to restoration! My prayers are being answered. Maybe this will kickstart my dream colonial home here in Dayton."

As we left, I was smiling. I was hopeful. I took Bob's hand as we walked across the road to Natalie's. It had been a long time since I'd had hope. But then I noticed. There was NO "Peterson Design Group" sign, no sign with the red, white, and blue flag and star stuck on Bob's front lawn. Did Mr. Peterson forget or did he doubt this run-down, hoarded-up ranch, would ever turn out to be a fake colonial beauty?

Sounds like Carol may be losing her grip on submission! When love butts head with hoarding...help! Would appreciate email comments at [cephil@securespeed.us](mailto:cephil@securespeed.us).

- Author Carol E. Niles lives in Dayton

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Library workshops

The Acton Public Library, 35 H Street, is holding a Healthy Snacks Workshop and Let's Go 5210 on March 11 at 10 a.m. At the workshop, you can discover healthy snack options that are fun to make with the whole family. You will need to pre-register for this free class, so they know of any food allergies and how much food to buy. This event is made possible by a grant from the Association for Rural and Small Libraries.

On Saturday, March 12 at 10 a.m., Jennifer will be hosting a Baking with Jennifer at her home on Milton Mills Road. Here you can learn the science of baking ingredients and the importance of measuring correctly while making cookies and muffins. You will be able to take home your baked goods, a cookbook, and an apron! This workshop is for ages 12 and up. The class is free, but you need to pre-register. This event is made possible by a grant from the Maine Public Library Fund. For more information on any of these events, contact the Acton Library at actonpublib@gmail.com or call 636-2781.

Self-defense class at town hall

The East Coast School of Safety offers a self-defense class at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Street on Saturday, Mar. 13. This class covers a wide range of topics. It features non-lethal defense with pepper spray and self-defense keychains. Home, parking lot, and situational safety and awareness are addressed. The cost is \$20 per person. You will need to register for this class at the Acton Public Library Facebook page or call the East Coast School of Safety at 602-9978. This event is made possible by a grant from the Association for Rural and Small Libraries.

Hollis Center Library News

Join us for a pre-St. Patrick's Day Open House at the Hollis Center Library Saturday, March 12 from 12-2 p.m. Library materials will be on display as well as plans for future projects including an outdoor stage and events tent. Live Irish tunes with Gus and Mary on guitar and flute and refreshments will be provided.

Thanks to the Hannaford "Bloomin' 4 Good" program, The Hollis Center Library will receive \$1 for every bouquet sold in the month of March at the Buxton Hannaford store. Shoppers should look for the red circle sticker on the bouquet.

Hollis Center Public Library is located at 14 Little Falls Road, Hollis Center. Call 929-3911 or visit www.holliscenterpubliclibrary.org for more info. Hours are Mondays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesdays 2-7 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

AN ESSAY FROM ALFRED

My Uncle Ray

During one of his infrequent visits to Alfred, I introduced my Uncle Ray to Jere Gile. I think we were down at the apple storage, at then a new building. During the conversation I suddenly realized that Jere couldn't understand anything my uncle was saying. My uncle was a true Downeaster. You could tell by his accent!

I had become so accustomed to it that I forgot others might need time to get used to it. Actually I had the same problem with Uncle Ray's speech when we first met if we had been away from each other for a long time, but after a few hours I had become used to his accent and didn't really notice it.

He was my father's only brother. They had grown up on Campobello Island in New Brunswick, back before the bridge had been built, back before the one room schoolhouse was abandoned for a more efficient multiclass building. Like most of the islanders, his father supported the family by working in a weir, hauling in the herring and working in other types of fishing in the off season. But his father had a problem with his asthma, finally unable to go more than a few steps without stopping to cough.

His fishermen friends suggested he go to the hospital in Portland. Maybe they could cure that cough.

(This is a sad story.) So he took his boat and went to Portland, where he choked to death in the hospital on a piece of bread. They sent his body back on the boat. His widow, being a resourceful woman, became someone who cleaned houses. (No social security back then.) She hired someone to care for the boys. At least, she tried. The younger boy, perhaps two or three years old, did fine with this arrangement, but the other child, my uncle, was so lively his caretakers could not keep up with him. He had to go housecleaning with his mother!

The real problem was my uncle's tendency to play practical jokes. He just couldn't help himself. He was a practical jokester. The only time I slept in his home (many, many years later) he had put a mousetrap in my bed. (It wasn't set.) His wife, plump, jolly Aunt Gussie, was horrified, but it was to be expected.

He wasn't a particularly good driver, either. On one occasion when I arrived, he didn't seem to be anywhere. My Cousin Millie called his home but he wasn't there. Where could he be? It was late in the evening. Had something happened to him? My cousin knew his habits, and was more worried than I was. We retraced the route he would have taken, but no Uncle Ray. We returned to the house where he had been expected, and the telephone rang.

He had been found. The car had gone off the road. He was at a neighbor's house. He would retrieve his car tomorrow. "Come on," said my cousin, "I'll show you where he went". And she did. There was a sharp, hilly curve in the road he had traveled, he had missed the curve and gone right over the guard rails. There was no damage to the guard rails - how could that have happened? His car was in a back yard down below the road. I still cannot imagine how he made that journey safely!

When he discovered where he was, he went into the neighbor's house and explained his problem, said he would be back the next day for the car.

This was only one of many escapades. A near miss was during a hunting trip with friends on the island. He became sleepy, pulled off the road (the friends were in their own car) and decided to take a nap. When he woke up the next day, he discovered he was on the edge of a deep gravel pit! So he went home, none the worse for his experience.

He decided he should get his captain's license, studied for it and for a few years enjoyed seeing a little of the world. When his ship was stationed in New York City we went down to see him. We were at-

tending the World's Fair that year and my father looked forward to seeing his brother. We were traveling in the panel truck owned by the business. My folks had put down a mattress in the back (where we planned to sleep, to save funds) and the four of us (my youngest brother had yet to be born) would sleep in the back of the truck.

But we weren't as lucky as my Uncle Ray. While we were being given a tour of the ship by Uncle Ray, someone broke into our truck and stole our suitcases! The weekend picked to visit the fair was a weekend of rain, lots of rain. My brother and myself had wet shoes, wet clothes, wet everything. My folks couldn't see letting us attend the fair with soaked shoes. So new ones had to be purchased. The ones purchased for me were boy's sneakers (the cheapest things they could find) which I hated. After we returned home I never put them on again.


There are other tales I could tell about this uncle, like the time he saw the ghost, but probably these are enough. He is gone, and sorely missed. His only son married and had a large family, including twins. My uncle loved kids and really enjoyed his grandchildren. I suspect he appreciated every one of them.

- By Allison Williams

**NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF ALFRED**  
**Nomination Papers will be available**  
**March 7, 2022 for the following positions**  
**to be elected on June 14, 2022:**

- (1) Select Board member, Assessor & Overseer (3 year term)
- (1) Director RSU#57 (3 year term)
- (1) Alfred Water District Trustee (3 year term)

**Nomination Papers may be obtained from the Town Clerk during regular business hours and must be returned to the Town Clerk, 16 Saco Road, Alfred, ME 04002 no later than 6:45 PM on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.**



**Nomination Papers Available for Position**  
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**NOMINATION PAPERS must be returned to the Office of the Town Clerk by Tuesday, April 19, 2022.**

**The VOTING will take place at the Town of Alfred municipal elections on June 14, 2022 from 8am - 8pm.**

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**TOWN OF LYMAN**

**NOMINATION PAPERS** for the June 14, 2022 Municipal Election will be available **starting March 7th** for the following positions:

- (1) Selectman/Overseer of the Poor - 3 year term
- (2) Budget Committee Members - 3 year term
- (1) RSU #57 School Board Director - 3 year term

Papers are available in the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours and **must be returned by 4:00 PM on April 15th.** FMI call the Town Clerk at 247-0643.

**ATTENTION**  
**HOLLIS RESIDENTS:**

Nomination Papers will be available in the Hollis Town Clerk's Office on **March 7, 2022** for the following positions:

- One (1) - Select Board and Overseer of the Poor for a Three (3) year term
- One (1)- Tax Collector for a Three (3) year term
- One (1) - Town Clerk for a One (1) year term
- One (1)- Road Commissioner for a Two (2) year term

**Nomination Papers must be returned in person by 4 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2022 to the Hollis Clerk's Office.**  
No faxes or e-mails are allowed.

**The Hollis Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at the Hollis Community Building at 35 Town Farm Road, Hollis, Maine. Polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm**

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### TOWN OF WATERBORO

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Interested applicants should refer to a more detailed job description available at [www.waterboro-me.net](http://www.waterboro-me.net). Applications consist of a separate cover letter, resume, and salary expectations to be emailed to the Administrative Assistant at [waterboro@waterboro-me.gov](mailto:waterboro@waterboro-me.gov). Resumes must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 28, 2022. The position will remain open until filled.  
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### NOTICES

### TOWN OF WATERBORO

#### REQUEST FOR BIDS SIDING & WINDOWS

The Town of Waterboro is seeking sealed bids for the replacement of siding and windows at the Waterboro Town Offices located at 24 Townhouse Road. This project includes the removal of existing wood siding and windows and installing insulation and new vinyl siding and (9) windows.  
**Bids are due by 5pm Friday March 18, 2022, and will be opened at noon on Monday, March 21, 2022.** Bids must be clearly marked "Town Hall Siding Project" and should be mailed to 24 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro, ME 04030. For more information please refer to our website [www.waterboro-me.gov](http://www.waterboro-me.gov) or contact the Administrative Assistant Laura Lowe at 247-6166, ext. 101.

### NOTICES

#### Invitation to Bid

Three Rivers Land Trust is seeking qualified bidders for completion of an 0.8-mile accessible/universal design trail and an accessible picnic area at Goat Hill in Acton, to be finished in 2022 or 2023. The project is partially funded by the Federal Highway Administration Recreational Trails Program (RTP2250). Contractors must have experience with accessible trails. Bids must be received by March 31, 2022. The full RFP is available at [3rlt.org](http://3rlt.org). For more information please contact Executive Director Cheri Dunning at: [cheri@3rlt.org](mailto:cheri@3rlt.org) or 207-358-9695.



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Obituaries

**Nancy E. Daney**

Nancy E. Daney, age 74, passed away February 7, 2022, at her home in Hollis with her loving husband, Paul and daughters Melissa and Loretta by her side.



Nancy E. Daney

She was born in Saco on Dec. 20, 1947, a daughter of the late Chester and Mildred "Leah" (Bradeen) Wakefield.

Nancy graduated from Bonny Eagle High School in 1965. In 1974 she met the love of her life, Paul E. Daney, Sr. She started out babysitting Paul's three kids and their love grew into something more special. Paul and Nancy married on Oct. 11, 1975.

Nancy loved children! After Paul Jr. passed away she devoted her time babysitting local kids and became a Foster Mom, taking in and caring for many foster children in Maine; whom a few stayed in contact with over the years.

Nancy also enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was an avid bowler at Vacationland Bowling Center, where she went on to be the State of Maine Mixed Doubles Bowling Champion with her bowling partner, Butch Petit. She also won the Ladies Teams Handicap State of Maine Tournament with Shirley Lewis, Carmen Precourt, Linda Bushey, and Cordell Scott. She loved canoeing down the Saco River, even though she couldn't paddle a straight line, and she enjoyed gardening and planting her flower beds. She loved listening to music and going to concerts; one of her favorite artists was "Kid Rock". You couldn't ride in the car without her blaring his music through the speakers. Most of all she enjoyed going on family vacations, and Carnival cruises to tropical destinations. Nancy and Paul belonged to the Maine Coastal Cruisers. She enjoyed going to all the antique car shows and driving around in her 1967 baby blue Mustang and Paul's 1964 1/2 Mustang, which she called "White Lightning".

Nancy was a snow bird and resided in Holiday Florida with her late Mother in Law, Rita Daney, starting in the winter of 2004. She had other family members that lived in that area and she made many new friends there as well.

She is predeceased by her son,

Paul E. Daney, Jr, who passed away in August of 1977 and her brother Arthur Wescott, Jr. of Hollis in 2019.

She is survived by her loving husband, Paul E. Daney, Sr. of Hollis; daughter Loretta Daney and Fiance Johnathan Davis of Hollis, daughter Melissa Emmons and Husband David of Hollis, Julie Flood (who Nancy always called "her first born") and her husband Wally of Hollis, adopted sons Joey Daney of Pisz, Poland and Donald Daney of Hollis; eleven grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews of whom she loved and thought the world of.

A graveside service will be held on May 22, 2022 at 1 p.m. at the Wakefield Route 5 South Hollis Family Cemetery in Hollis. Online condolence messages can be submitted at [www.mainefuneral.com](http://www.mainefuneral.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Southern Maine, 180 US Rt. 1, Scarborough, Maine 04074 for their support and comfort of Nancy in her final days.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service, Buxton, [www.mainefuneral.com](http://www.mainefuneral.com).

**Barbara L. Garron (Barrows)**

Barbara L. Garron (Barrows), 102, of Sanford, departed this world for heaven on Feb. 21.

Barbara was born on Oct. 28, 1919, to Albert S. Barrows and Antoinette Knowles in Danvers, Massachusetts. She was a graduate of Danvers High School in 1937.

Barbara met her husband Chester E. Garron (Chet) in 1938 in Gloucester, MA, and they were married for over 60 years before the passing of Chet in 2001. Barbara and Chet had four children that they raised in their Gloucester home and at their summer home on

Mousam Lake in Shapleigh, where they eventually retired.

Barbara was predeceased by her daughter Sherilyn Madruga, sons Ronald A. Garron, Chester E. Garron, Jr. and grandson Timothy Caswell. She is survived by her loving daughter Donna Caswell and her husband Bill of Waterboro, ME. Barbara leaves her cherished grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren and many wonderful inlaws.

Barbara attended church in the Shapleigh area for well over 70 years. When Barbara and Chet arrived at their 16th Street home in 1945, they attended Springvale First Baptist Church and then attended Shapleigh First Baptist Church. Barbara was passionate about her faith and was a loyal member of the church community. She was often seen for Sunday service, attended weekly bible study classes and volunteered at various events. Barbara had many friends and enjoyed making chocolate chip cookies and knitting mittens for the children of the church for many years.

In 2017, Barbara received the "Boston Post Cane" award given to the oldest resident in the Acton, ME, area. For her 100th year birthday celebration, a party was hosted by family, friends and her church community. Barbara was honored with gifts, certificates and letters of congratulations from local and state dignitaries.

Barbara enjoyed relaxing on her favorite chair at home and looking out onto Mousam Lake. She had the best seat in the house for watching friends and family swim, boat and enjoy the beach. Barbara was an avid reader and was always "in the know". She enjoyed good conversations with friends and family and especially the quality time with all of the family children whose pictures she proudly displayed in her home.

The family would like to thank the amazing staff at Pinnacle Health and Rehab in Sanford for providing the highest standards of care and a comfortable and caring home to Barbara.

On Sunday, April 3, the First Baptist Church in Shapleigh, locat-

ed at 600 Shapleigh Corner Road, will remember Barbara at the 11 a.m. service. Church members, family and friends are welcome to join the congregation after the service for fellowship and refreshments.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Carll-Heald & Black Funeral Home, 580 Main Street, Springvale. Condolences may be expressed online at [www.blackfuneralhomes.com](http://www.blackfuneralhomes.com).

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**Municipal Election and Referendum**

**March 11, 2022**

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**Please consider voting Absentee due to the number of Ballot Pages (4) double-sided Consisting of 7 Municipal Offices & 66 Warrant Articles**

The Annual Town Warrant will be voted by Secret Ballot.

Requests for a mailed ballot may be made by telephone or in writing. Ballots may also be picked up at the Clerk's office by the voter or immediate family member

**DEADLINE - TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022**

Unless the voter completes a "special circumstances" application.

**Town Clerk's Office, Town of Shapleigh  
PO Box 26, Shapleigh, ME 04076  
636-2843 ext. 1 or 6**

**The polls will be open Friday, March 11th  
8am-8pm At The Shapleigh Town Hall,  
22 Back Rd**

The Official Tally of the 66 Referendum Articles will be held on Saturday, March 12th @10AM at the Shapleigh Town Hall in accordance with Title 21-A section 695 & 698. The Official Results will be posted to [shapleigh.net](http://shapleigh.net) when available. (All candidate ballots will be tallied immediately after the polls close.)

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# SPORTS

## WRESTLING

### Frost stays unbeaten Heads to N.E championships

By Michael DeAngelis  
Sports Editor

Caden Frost continued his perfect season, winning the New England qualifier wrestling tournament at Morse High on Feb. 27 in the 132 lb. division. Frost was awarded a first round bye at the New England's, which preceded a bout with Kaden Dustin of Noble who Frost topped 8-0. The final match with Farrell was a repeat from the previous week at the state tournament where Frost won 8-1. Farrell managed to make it closer, but Frost prevailed 6-3. As a freshman, Frost wrestled at

106 and won a regional title. He was second at the state championships that year. In 2020, he took both the regional championship and the state championship, again wrestling at 106. The pandemic wiped out the 2021 season, but Frost didn't stop working, he moved up to 132, cruised past 100 career wins, and went undefeated in route to a regional and state championship. Frost will have his brother Cam (120), Trevor Perkins (138), Kaden Cyr (220) and Tristan Day (285) joining him in Rhode Island for the New England championships.

### Local wrestlers punch ticket to New England Championships

James Blood of Sanford, wrestling at 106, took the gold at the annual New England wrestling qualifier held Feb. 27 at Morse High School. Blood began his tournament with a win over Hagan Chase of Belfast and he followed with a win over Lincoln Academy's Adam St. Cyr. He topped Wynn Pooler of Erskine 8-0 to capture the gold. Blood will have teammates James Chaplick (4th at 120); Luke Callis (4th at 138) and Canton Hill (4th at 195) joining him in Rhode Island on March 4 & 5 at the N. E wrestling championships.

Massabesic will send two wrestlers to the New England championships in Rhode Island on March 4 & 5 thanks to a couple of third place finishes at the qualifier on Feb. 27 at Morse. Isaac Blood, who was first at the class A state championships, will wrestle at 106 and Nicholas Chenard, who was second at state's, will wrestle at 113.

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Caden Frost of Bonny Eagle took the gold at the New England qualifier, wrestling at 132, and four teammates that hit the podium will join the senior in Providence, R.I. for the New England championships on March 4 & 5. Cam Frost had a third place finish at 120 and Trevor Perkins was runner-up at 138. Caden Cyr finished fourth at 220 and Trevor Perkins was third in the 285 group.



## BASKETBALL

### Mustang men, ladies fall in hoop semis

Massabesic's varsity basketball teams both advanced to the semi-finals in Class A hoop thanks to quarterfinal wins over Sanford, but each team fell against their next opponent, ending their seasons.

The lady Mustangs pounded the Spartans by 21 to get them into the semis against Gorham and that contest was a tight one. The Rams trailed by two at the break, but they came out in the third and turned that deficit into a seven point advantage. Hannah Samson, who ran into foul trouble early, gave the #4 Mustangs a glimmer of hope late when she nailed a three-pointer that tied the game at 42 with just over three minutes to play, but #1 Gorham finished strong and closed with a 51-43 win. Micaela Jacobs had 11 points and sister Emily had six. Mary Duffy finished with 13.

The Mustang men made the semi-final by topping the Spartans 40-38 behind 22 from James Saccuzzo. Massabesic (#6) stayed close throughout much of the semi-final against #2 Thornton Academy, but the Trojans pulled away late and won 53-48.

— By Michael DeAngelis  
Sports Editor

## SWIMMING



### Mustang swimmers at state championships

Emma Hartigan was fifth in the 500-freestyle and the lady Mustangs posted several top 10 finishes, good for 14th place overall, at the annual Class A State Swim Championships held Monday, Feb. 22. Hartigan swam second in the first event: the 200-medley relay, helping the Mustangs to a 10th-place finish. Aleena Beneszewski was first off the blocks and Evelyn Soule-Parent swam third. Dakota Staples swam anchor. The same foursome, but with Isabel Enos instead of Beneszewski finished fifth in the 200-freestyle relay. Hartigan took ninth place in the 200-freestyle and Soule-Parent was ninth in the 100-butterfly.



## ICE HOCKEY

### Boom set for playoff tilt

BOOM hockey (Biddeford, Old Orchard Beach, Massabesic) was scheduled to play #4 Falmouth at the Family Ice Arena in Falmouth on March 2 in a preliminary round playoff match-up. BOOM, the #13 seed in the one-region Class A varsity hockey pool, will enter the contest with a 4-13 mark while Falmouth comes in at 9-7-1. The two teams faced off twice during the regular season with Falmouth winning 5-2 way back on Dec. 14 and on Dec. 30, BOOM fell 8-3.

The JV BOOM compete in the JV League Championship at the Casco Bay Arena on March 3 at 8 p.m.

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