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## Memorial scholarship established

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

A scholarship is being established to honor the life of Acton resident Joseph D. Letourneau. After his death in August of 2020, a group of friends and relatives approached his wife, Mary, with the idea of starting a scholarship fund in his memory.

Letourneau was a graduate of Unity College and was the Acton Road Commissioner until the time of his passing. He enjoyed landscaping, farming, forestry, heavy equipment operation, and was a business entrepreneur. He and his wife, Mary, owned Local 130, on Emery Mills Road, a local restaurant on Route 109 in Shapleigh, which Mary currently operates.

Judie Shain, Chairman of the Acton School Committee, and her son Andy Brazier and many friends and neighbors, thought it would be a great idea to honor Letourneau in this way. "He did a lot for his community, and he was a great person," said Brazier. Letourneau's wife Mary said she is "honored to keep his name alive through this scholarship."

They are hoping to give out two scholarships this year with a value of approximately \$2,000 each, and are looking for donations to achieve this goal. Donations can be made to the Joseph D. Letourneau Scholarship Fund, c/o Mary Letourneau, 1110 Milton Mills Road, Acton, ME 04001. It is her desire to make this an annual scholarship.

The scholarship is open to any Acton high school student who is pursuing post-graduate education in any area of study. Scholarship envelopes already addressed are available from Amanda Cormier, at the Acton Elementary School, 700 Milton Mills Road, Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road, and Local 130 Restaurant, 130 Emery Mills Road, Shapleigh.



Joseph D. Letourneau



## Golden performances

## Students win gold at band competition

Both the Sanford Winter Color Guard and Sanford's "Impact" Indoor Percussion scored gold medals at the Maine Band Directors Association Finals competition, held Sunday, March 27 at Sanford High School.

Both performances were distinct crowd pleasers and brought huge cheers from the audience. The Winter Guard show was a dramatic evocation of the ghostly local legend "Death Ship of Harpswell." Captain Mia Noon led her team to the gold. The Impact Percussion show, "Glitch" had the performers playing a high-speed dynamic piece, while replicating the maddening effect that happens when your tech "glitches out"! Co-Captains Mason Nguyen, Brad Roy and Finn Hamblin accepted the gold medal for their group.

Student performers in both groups are not just from Sanford, but hail from surrounding communities and schools, including Massabesic, Kennebunk, Berwick and Wells. Both groups will be back performing next Winter.

COURTESY PHOTOS



A young visitor to the Goat Hill summit waves at Square Pond, one of two local water bodies visible from the hilltop in Acton. PHOTO BY THREE RIVERS LAND TRUST

## \$50,000 awarded for accessible trail

Three Rivers Land Trust is celebrating a \$50,000 grant from the Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program (RTP), a state-administered program that provides funding for projects that facilitate diverse trail use. The grant will be used to help make the Goat Hill Trail in Acton accessible for people using wheelchairs and other mobility devices. The land trust is holding a guided tour of the 0.8-mile trail on April 23 at 9 a.m. for those interested in visiting the trail and learning more.

Since 2016, Three Rivers Land Trust and the Town of Acton have pursued the dream of having a "universal access" trail to the summit of Goat Hill, which has spectacular views over fields and orchards to nearby lakes and also the Presidential Range in the distance. When complete, the trail will allow hikers of all abilities to access the summit picnic area and these scenic views. The recently awarded RTP grant will cover about half of what is still needed to complete improvements to both the trail and

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# Community CALENDAR

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## COMING EVENTS

**MUSIC JAMBOREE** Saturday April 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the old Town Hall on So. Effingham Road in West Newfield. All genres of music suitable for family is welcome. We didn't use a mic the last couple of times. We formed a circle with chairs and did a round. Mic available if requested but the hall acoustics are very good. For more info call 468.1491

**EGG DECORATING EVENT AT SHAPLEIGH LIBRARY** Shapleigh Community Library is holding an Easter Egg Decorating Challenge. Stop by the library at 607 Shapleigh Corner Road between now and April 2 to pick up a white plastic egg to take home and decorate. The eggs can be dyed, colored, painted, etc. When completed, bring the egg back to the library by April 7 to put on display. Prizes will be awarded on April 9.

**"MAMMA MIA"** The Sanford High School Theater Club will perform the musical "Mamma Mia!"

on April 1 and 2 at 6:30 p.m., and April 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 with additional discounts given for students and seniors. Visit [www.sanfordpac.org](http://www.sanfordpac.org) to purchase tickets.

**PRE-MOTHER'S DAY JEWELRY SALE** at Alfred Parish Church, on the Green in Alfred, Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Huge selection of all new items, including accessories, at 65 percent off retail prices. Baked goods also available for purchase. The church is located at 8 Kennebunk Road.

**BLUEGRASS CONCERT** Southern Rail welcomes spring with their exuberant blend of upbeat bluegrass and riveting vocals at the acclaimed Sanford Springvale Historical Museum on Saturday, April 23 at 7 p.m. Doors open 6:45 p.m. at 505 Main St., Sanford. Tickets are \$15 (free for under 18). Available at the door or by reservation. Tickets and info: 324-2797 or [www.Sanfordhistory.org](http://www.Sanfordhistory.org). Masks and proof of vaccination required.

**ONLINE AUCTION** Over 100 online auction items are now available for viewing at [springvalelibrary.org](http://springvalelibrary.org). Starting April 8 you can bid on fun items such as tickets to the Mainers, Maine Botanical Gardens, Maine Renaissance Faire, and Children's Museums, a scenic plane ride, fire truck ride to school, weekend at Wells Beach, YMCA and martial arts school memberships, yoga, wine tastings, golf, bowling, fine art and crafts, specialty gift baskets, and restaurant gift cards. There are also practical items such as ratcheting tie-downs, a pop-up greenhouse, loam, a fire pit, car washes, haircuts, and massage. Bidding is from 9 a.m. April 8 until 5 pm April 17. Pick up what you win on April 18 or call the library to arrange a time. FMI call 324-4624.

## 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.

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.

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**YOUTH CORPS HIRING** ASYCC Acton Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corp is now hiring students to be Courtesy Boat Inspectors & Erosion Control Crew members. Apply on-line at: [programdirector@asycc.com](mailto:programdirector@asycc.com). Questions call Dave at 651-2604



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## Alfred Republicans meet

An Alfred Republican Meeting was held March 24 in Alfred Town Hall. New officers elected were Randi Stark, Treasurer, Finance Officer; Laetitia Borden, Secretary and Malcolm Longnecker, Chairman. Twelve persons were present at the meeting.

The speakers were Roger Hicks, who is running for the position of York County Sheriff and who described his work experience including 25 years in the York County Sheriff's office and 13 years as sergeant, now retired. He has a long history of community service.

Also Rep. Heidi Sampson who announced a fundraising event at the Province Lake Golf Course. Entertainment will feature the Country Music Hall of Fame. Music, Line Dancing and refreshments will be featured. The event will be held June 4 in the Wedding Barn.

Paul Main proposed filling a guitar with "soft money" to help with the fundraising at this event.

Heidi Sampson updated the members on her work in the House and on the State Education Committee. She is running for her 4th and final term for Representative from District 140. Her opponent is Democrat Joseph Wagner from Lyman.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 21, in Alfred Town Hall as announced by Chairman Malcolm Longnecker. Future meetings will be on the third Thursday of each month, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

## Selectmen's March 15 meeting

Those present at the March 15 Selectmen's meeting besides the selectmen were Treasurer Fred Holt, CEO Jim Allaire and Karla B. Wilcox, Administrative Assistant. The motion to accept a \$150 donation for Fueling February was and carried unanimously.

The CEO updated the Selectmen with the ongoing issues with the property at 36 Saco Road. The consent agreement has been placed on hold at this time. The CEO said he has been in communication with the town's attorney. More information to follow.

Concerning the Emergency Action Plan, Chairman Palminteri along with the other selectmen, reviewed the minor amendments to the policy. Motion was made by Chairman Palminteri, seconded by Glenn Dochtermann, to approve the Plan as amended. No further discussion and motion carried.

On the Town Hall Building Use, Glenn Dochtermann wanted to express his thanks to the CEO for assisting in the overbooking of the upstairs room last week.

Under new business was the Certificate of Appointment for Planning Board Member Dorothy Guinard. The motion was made by Chairman Palminteri, seconded by Glenn Dochtermann, to appoint her as a regular member of the Planning Board from which she had previously resigned due to personal reasons. She is now able to fulfill the remainder of her term.

Concerning the Tree Growth Application for Christopher and Sasha Malone, the motion was made by Chairman Palminteri, seconded by Glenn Dochtermann, to approve the application for the Malone's as presented.

Katherine Farnham was presented to the selectmen for a Tree Growth Application. Motion made by Glenn Dochtermann, seconded by Rich Pasquini, to approve the

Tree Growth Application.

On Tax Abatements for Robert Morin for \$15.74 & \$45.78 for tax years 2020 and 2021, this property was assessed to the incorrect owner. Motion made by Rich Pasquini, seconded by Glenn Dochtermann to approve the tax abatements.

Under other business, Chairman Palminteri stated he had a conversation with someone interested in helping with the Recreation Committee. The meeting took place on Sunday, March 13, with Dean Currier, former Recreation Committee Chairman and 4 other persons in attendance. Dean agreed to help with mentoring the group for a few months to help with organizing the programs. Another meeting will be scheduled.

On a Planning Board matter, Rich Pasquini updated the selectmen concerning a telephone call he had with the Planning Board Chairman concerning the proposed Zoning Ordinance change to no longer accept private roads for town maintenance was discussed. Rich was informed the Planning Board members do not support the ordinance. The Board of Selectmen will be conducting the public hearing which is required concerning the Ordinance change. The matter will be placed on a warrant article for the June Town Meeting.

On the RSU 57 School Funding Budget, Treasurer Fred Holt stated he has received updated RSU 57 budget information. The proposed budget has an approximate increase to the Town of Alfred of \$190,000. A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 23 at 1 p.m. with the Superintendent of RSU 57, Business Manager and the 6 Area Board of Selectmen in order to discuss state funding and the overall RSU 57 budget.

On the LD 2003 Housing Bill, Chairman Palminteri updated the Board of Selectmen regarding LD 2003. The bill had been approximately 80 percent amend-

ed. Maine Municipal Association doesn't support this bill. From last week's meeting, to summarize, the law would force municipalities to allow accessory homes and 4 unit buildings. This law takes away decades of municipal work on local zoning ordinances.

Concerning the Budget Committee, the Treasurer stated the Budget Committee continues to meet. Last night the Budget Committee met with the Fire/Ems Chief to discuss the needs of the Department.

Under Correspondence there was a thank you note, the Budget Committee minutes, and the 2022 MMA Risk Pool Renewal - at this time the Selectmen would like more information concerning the current values listed and the replacement costs.

There was no public comment. Pending are to schedule a Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance Amendment and to schedule the Town Meeting at Alfred Elementary School.

## Parson's Memorial Library

Among the new books at Parson Memorial Library for Level 1 Readers (Blossom Readers) are "The Bruce Swap" by Ryan T. Higgins, "How to Tap a Maple"

by Stephanie Mulligan, "I Spy Green" by Amy Culliford, "White is the Snow" and "I Spy Green in the Jungle," also "I Spy Yellow in the Desert" all by the same author. Junior fiction includes "Max and the Midnights" by Lincoln Peirce, "Unleashed" by Amy McCulloch, "The Magic Treehouse" by Mary Pope Osborne, and "Winter According to Humphrey" by Betty G. Birney.

For young adults there is "Anatomy, A Love Story" by Dana Schwartz, "The Diamond Eye" by Kate Quinn, "French Braid" by Anne Tyler and "The Lightning Rod" by Brad Meltzer.

There is a weekly storyhour for preschoolers on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Newcomers are welcome.

## Parish Church

Palm Sunday will be observed at Alfred Parish Church on April 10, with Eric Ducharme leading the service. Easter Sunday, on April 17, members are invited to bring lilies or other flowers to decorate the sanctuary. Rev. Larry Greer will lead that service.

Following last week's service, members of the Mission Committee, Outreach Committee and Social Justice met to discuss ways they could coordinate their efforts in church activities.

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## Easter egg hunt

Laura's Legacy of Love and Kona Ice of York County are hosting a FREE Community Easter Egg Hunt and Pictures with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will take part at the town fields on School Street in Alfred (across from the Alfred Fire & Rescue Building).



All children from area towns are invited. There will be different areas set up for different age groups to ensure the safety of everyone. The Easter Egg hunt starts at 11 a.m., followed by pictures and games until 2 p.m.

Sign up your children ahead of the event so we can ensure we have enough for every child at <https://lauraslegacyoflove.com/2022-easter-egg-hunt/>. For those who would like to volunteer stuffing eggs or the day of the event, click on the link on the sign-up page above.

Donations to help with all the eggs, candy, easter baskets and prizes can be directed to 608-1639 or visit at [www.lauraslegacyoflove.com](http://www.lauraslegacyoflove.com).



## Axe women

The Axe Women, Loggers of Maine appeared at Hilltop Boilers on Saturday, March 26 and will perform again on Saturday, April 2 at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 2:30 p.m. at 159 Elm Street, Newfield.

From left, Maddie Killian, Kristine Sabasteanski, Alissa Wetherbee, Hanna Severy. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI.

## LAND TRUST

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the summit.

The summit of Goat Hill rises 161 feet above the parking area on H Road in Acton. Creating a trail with the gentle grades needed for universal access has been a unique challenge on this rocky landscape. The land trust broke ground on the trail shortly after the purchase of Goat Hill by the Town of Acton in 2018. The purchase was part of a wider conservation effort that protected 240 acres from development. The Goat Hill Trail began as a rough-cut track, but each phase of development since then has made the trail easier to use.

Recent visitors to the trail might wonder what more there is to do – the last round of construction in 2021 created a five-foot-wide, easy-to-walk, gravel-surfaced route from the parking lot all the way to the grassy summit, which has become a well-known destination in Acton. However, the trail and the summit both need additional modifications before they can be considered accessible for wheelchair users and other mobility devices. During this last phase of construction, the land trust aims to meet or exceed Forest Service guidelines for accessible trails, which will include staying within strict grade limits, offering appropriate resting areas, and re-finishing the surface with harder-packed gravel. To determine the trail's needs and make a plan for these final modifications, the land trust contracted with Mike Cooper of Caribou Recreation Development, a professional trail builder who has experience in creating and renovating accessible trails. Mr. Cooper analyzed the current trail foot by foot, made recommendations for the necessary changes, and also came up with an accessible design for the planned picnic area at the summit.

Three Rivers Land Trust is currently fundraising to match the \$50,000 RTP grant, and is in the process of selecting a trail builder with appropriate experience for this important completion phase. For more information about the trail or the upcoming hike, reach out to Development Director Ruth Gutman at [ruth@3rlt.org](mailto:ruth@3rlt.org) or call/text Executive Director Cheri Dunning at (207) 358-9695.

The *THREE RIVERS LAND TRUST* is a membership-supported organization dedicated to building stronger, healthier communities through the protection of wild and working landscapes in Acton, Alfred, Lebanon, Shapleigh and Sanford/Springvale. Named for the Little Ossipee, Salmon Falls, and Mousam Rivers, Three Rivers Land Trust holds conservation easements to protect farms, forests, and wetlands, and maintains preserves which provide recreation and hunting access.

## PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF LYMAN

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS** for the **May 3, 2022 Special Town Meeting Referendum Election** will be available in the Town Clerk's Office starting Monday, April 4th. The last day to request an absentee ballot is Thursday, April 28th unless special circumstances exist.

The election will be held at the Lyman Town Hall located at 11 South Waterboro Road from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### VOTER REGISTRATION

Registrar of voters will be available April 27-29 and May 2 during normal business hours and Election Day 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to register new voters and correct the voting list. *Please bring I.D. and proof of residency with you.*

## PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF LYMAN

**NOMINATION PAPERS** for the June 14, 2022 Municipal Election are available 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.

## Town of Acton JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Acton is currently accepting applications for a **Transfer Station Superintendent and Maintenance Person**. This combined position will cover all responsibilities at the Transfer Station and miscellaneous Handyman services, such as cleaning, minor construction/building work, and general building maintenance as needed. The chosen candidate will have a minimum of 3 years of supervisory experience, strong people skills, the ability to multi-task and work well independently. The Town of Acton's Transfer Station has a budget of approximately \$300,000, the Superintendent will be responsible for the creation and managing of this budget with Selectmen oversight, therefore attention to detail is a must. This will be a salary position of 35 hours per week with a yearly pay range of \$36,000-\$40,000 depending on experience.

The Town of Acton currently offers health insurance, earned paid time off, paid holidays and a longevity bonus.

Interested candidates should send their resumes to the Town of Acton, Attn: Town Administrator, 35 H Road Acton Maine 04001. Position shall remain open until filled. The Town of Acton is an EOE and reserves the right to reject any and all applications.

## Town of Acton JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Acton is currently accepting resumes for the position of a Recreational Director. This position is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Rec. Program, including but not limited to basketball, baseball, cheering, soccer, swimming, and the Christmas tree lighting etc. Specifically the Director will work closely with the Town's appointed Recreational Committee and will be responsible for the scheduling of games, assignment of teams, coach selections, use and maintenance of fields, purchasing, and overseeing and preparing of the approved budget. This is a flat stipend position that is expected to be approximately 15-20 hours per week and reports to the Board of Selectmen. The chosen candidate will have strong people skills, communication skills, the ability to pass a background check.

Persons interested in this position should contact the Town Administrator for more information or can submit a resumé to: Town of Acton, Attn: Rec. Director, 35 H Road Acton, ME 04001 or [jroux@actonmaine.org](mailto:jroux@actonmaine.org).

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# The Hoarder's Widow

The Hoarder's Widow is a book about loving, hoarding, submitting, and grieving. It is serialized weekly in chapter form. Read, learn, enjoy.

## CHAPTER TWELVE No goat paths!

The next morning about 7:45 A.M., I heard Sadie barking. I was not sleeping upstairs. Bob and I were not bedding together at this point in the marriage. I went downstairs thinking Sadie needed to go outside and that Bob had gone to the gym. Sadie was locked in her crate. Bob's bedroom door was shut. I went in to ask him if he had fed Sadie but I found him, unable to ever holler again! Immediately I called 911. They questioned me as they sent an ambulance. "No, he is not dead, chilly but not dead. I feel a pulse in his neck. His eyes are half shut with just a slice of the blue showing. No, he doesn't have a bad heart. No, he has no history of diabetes. What medications is he on?" I knew Bob was in bad shape, probably never to be the same old Bob I loved despite our differences about his "stuff." He had said over and over, "I will never go to a nursing home. I will go out in the woods and shoot myself." It took about ten minutes for the rescue to get here.

Bob had thrown off the covers, wet his pants, and somehow managed to get a folded piece of dry toilet paper into his undershorts. He had no shirt on but did have an old Smartwool sock on his left foot, the top ragged and ripped, his big toe

sticking straight out of a large hole. I pulled the holey sock off. "Oh, Bob, I can't let you go to the hospital like that," I said as I began begging God to save him. "God, don't let him die! Don't let him die!" I screamed as if God needed a loud holler to hear me. When I took hold of Bob's hand, he, in return, grasped my wrist so tightly I had to peel one finger off at a time. That was the last sign of life I felt in him.

"Oh, Bob, please forgive me for all my sins towards you." I loved him. I wanted him to know I cared. "Hang on, Bob!" I said when I heard the ambulance siren. I ran to the side door to wave the emergency team in. Gurney, medical bags, pillows, and three EMTs quickly and easily entered the house. There were no goat paths and no special treasures to hinder their rush to aid Bob. They called out the same questions as the 911 operator, "Does he have diabetes, heart problems, or anything else? What meds does he take?" I tried to explain again as clearly as I could as they began their exam, listening to Bob's heart, hooking him up to oxygen, and loading him onto the stretcher for a ride in the ambulance.

"Ma'am, would you like to ride along," the team leader asked? I was dressed in an old, faded flannel nightgown, a pretty beat-up fleece jacket with all but two buttons missing, and holey socks. I had not even flossed my teeth for the day. The ambulance rule seems to be that the person needing a ride to the hospital would be taken to the nearest one which was twelve miles from Dayton. Once Bob was examined, I was sure he would be trans-

ferred to the big hospital in Portland, twenty miles away, which is equipped for such serious cases. No way was I going to the hospital dressed like this with my Sadie dog barking at the door to be fed. I could not possibly chase an ambulance. I couldn't figure out what was right to do.

"I'll be along soon," I said, thinking Bob would be immediately taken to Portland. At this moment, the only good thing about this almost all-finished, fake colonial house was that the 911 team and the gurney had no goat paths to traverse and none of Bob's special stuff obstructed the way. Safely and smoothly the men got Bob into the ambulance heading for help.

I started getting ready, even plugged in my hot roller set from the 1960s, unsure how the day would go. I could not possibly meet the world like I met the 911 team. About fifteen minutes after Bob got to the hospital, the phone rang. "Hello, is this Mrs. Niles?"

"Yes, it is."

"This is your husband's emergency room doctor. You better get here," she said.

"Oh, you are not taking him to Portland?" I asked.

"No, he's had a massive brain bleed. There is no hope."

"No more worrying about the hair and flossing the teeth," I thought. "I can't drive to the hospital myself. What about my Sadie dog? I might be gone for hours." The phone rang again.

"Hi, Carol, this is Kathy (my Christian friend down the road). Is something wrong down there? I saw

the ambulance."

"Yes! Bob is at the hospital. It does not look good." I started to tear up.

"Do you need a ride? Sadie can stay here with the boys and Oreo. I'll pick you up in about thirty minutes."

I had so many things on my mind. Take my Bible? Money? Call the prayer chain? Get Bob's wallet with his important cards? And that dag-gum Weight Watchers! What would I eat? Maybe Sadie dog could get along without her frozen vegetables for one meal. Not flossed yet. It might be cold in the hospital, what to wear? Hair-spray? Take a notepad and my canister of pens should I need to remember something? If I'm here for days, maybe my friends' phone numbers.

- Author Carol E. Niles  
lives in Dayton

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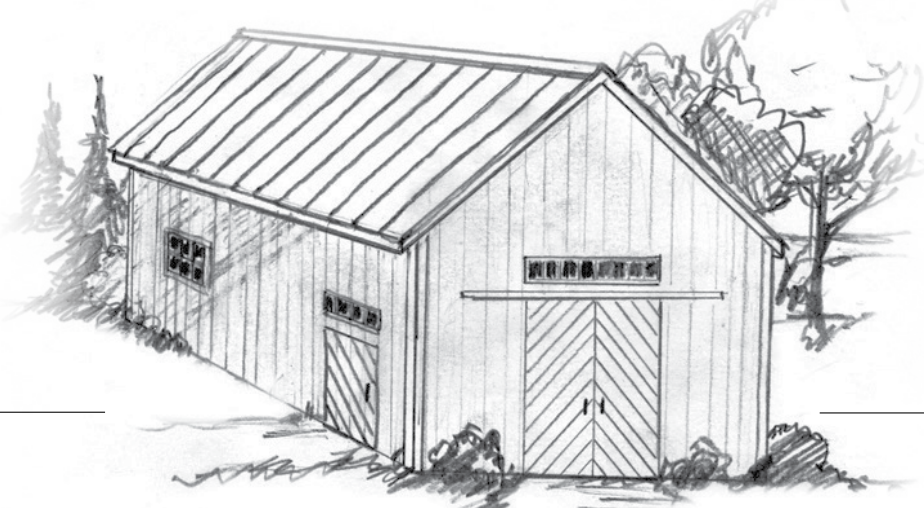
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Obituaries

**Gladys B. Roberts**

Gladys B. Roberts, 94, of Alfred, beloved mother and grandmother and friend to many, passed peacefully in the comfort of her home with family by her side, on March 26, 2022.



Gladys B. Roberts

Gladys was born on Jan. 6, 1928 at home on Essex Street, in Sanford the daughter of Charles W. and Gertrude F. (Lockhart) Brown, Sr. Her family moved to Alfred and lived on Gore Road from 1932 – 1937 and in 1939 they moved to Upper Main Street in Springvale. When World War II started, the family moved in 1944 to Elm Street in Springvale.

Gladys graduated from Sanford High School in 1945 and began working at the Sanford Goodall Mills beginning in 1944 until 1950.

On Jan. 22, 1950, Gladys married George R. Roberts and moved to the family home on Federal Street, which was on a dirt road, and had an outhouse. They lived upstairs at the farmhouse with George's parents living downstairs.

They were blessed with three daughters, Marilyn, Joyce, and Ellen. George owned his own construction business and together he and Gladys started their own business at their house in 1962, fabricating septic tanks. The business was moved to Route 111 in 1982 and they retired in 1985.

Gladys and George enjoyed 32 years of retirement, traveling to Germany, Alaska, Hawaii, Bermuda and spending time with family and friends in Florida. They also explored the Grand Canyon, Oregon, California and closer to home, Vermont.

Gladys enjoyed writing poetry and spent many happy years at their camp on Loon Pond and later at Ossipee Lake. She was a member of the North Alfred Baptist

Church, president of the Ladies Aid and sang in the choir before attending the South Waterboro Bible Chapel.

Gladys sewed throughout her life and taught many others to sew. She sewed over two hundred dresses for 'Dress a Girl Around the World' when she was 90 years young!

Gladys was kind, laughed heartily and often. With her blue eyes twinkling with delight and pride, she talked about her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Gladys possessed a deep faith and lived a life of caring and kindness towards all. She will be dearly missed, and she has been reunited with her Lord and loved ones who have been called to their eternal home.

She is lovingly survived by her three daughters, Marilyn Tosi and husband David of Florida; Joyce Violette and husband Philip of Shapleigh and Ellen Morrison and husband Paul of Alfred; her special grandchildren: Steve and Shannon Violette, Stacey and Ken Moulton, Rachel Morrison, Timothy Morrison and wife Addiana; and Toby Luman; and three great grandchildren Makayla Moulton and companion Sam Foglio; Kelsie Moulton and Penny Morrison; and brother-in-law, Paul Roberts and wife Ruby MacLellan of Sanford.

A calling hour will be held on Saturday, April 2 beginning at 10 a.m. until the time of the memorial service at 11 a.m. at the South Waterboro Bible Chapel, 911 Main St., in Waterboro. Following the service, please join the family in the fellowship hall for refreshments.

Committal prayers and burial will be held at Evergreen Cemetery in Alfred on Friday, June 3 at 10 a.m.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit [www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com](http://www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to South Waterboro Bible Chapel for their Multimedia Equipment Fund, P.O. Box 910, Waterboro, ME 04087.

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**Senator Collins urges Social Security Administration to immediately reopen field offices**

U.S. Senator Susan Collins wrote to Social Security Administration (SSA) Acting Commissioner Kilo Kijakazi to urge her to immediately reopen the SSA's field offices that have been closed for more than two years. In January, the SSA indicated that it was planning reentry of its teleworkers on March 30 and anticipating that field offices would resume in-person services to the public in early April. However, the agency has still not provided a specific date in April that the field offices will reopen to the public.

"It has now been two full years since the SSA suspended in-person

services because of the COVID-19 pandemic," Senator Collins wrote. "While the SSA reportedly submitted its reentry plan to the Office of Management and Budget in July 2021, it has still failed to fully reopen its offices to the public. The resulting disruptions to millions of Social Security beneficiaries are especially difficult for individuals and seniors in rural areas who do not have reliable telephone or Internet access and experience mail backlogs and delays in receiving benefit payments."

Senator Collins has repeatedly urged the Biden Administration to

transition federal workers back to in-person operations to address the widespread lack of responsiveness and accessibility across the federal government. In November 2021, she joined a group of 42 Senators in sending a letter to the heads of the Office of Personnel Management, the General Services Administration, and the Office of Management and Budget, calling on them to bring federal workers back to offices. Additionally, in December 2021, she joined a group of 15 Senators in pushing the SSA to immediately reopen its field offices.

**Pingree hails long-awaited finalization of USDA Livestock Rule**

Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (D-Maine) today released the following statement regarding the U.S. Department of Agriculture's finalization of Obama-era Origin of Livestock rule, which levels the playing field for organic dairy farmers, thus protecting the integrity of the organic label:

"Finally, family-run organic farms will not be harmed by unfair loopholes in USDA's livestock rules. The pandemic only exacerbated the tremendous obstacles and hardships organic dairy farmers have experienced, so this long-awaited rule couldn't come a moment too soon.

"Under President Obama, a new USDA rule was proposed to close the loopholes around the transitioning of conventional dairy cows into organic production, but was never finalized. Failure to close these loopholes has contributed to an oversupply of milk in the market, depressed organic dairy prices, and diminished consumer confidence in the organic label as a whole.

"As a longtime organic farmer, I know how important it is to have meaningful, well-defined standards for organic livestock and poultry, and while I'm disappointed it took nearly seven years for the rule to be finalized, I'm thrilled that at last farmers will have the clarity they need. Finalization of this rule will support organic producers, preserve the viability of the sector, and safeguard consumer trust in the organic label."

**BACKGROUND:**  
For years, the organic community has asked for clarity on standards relating to the origin of organic livestock. Some organic certifiers are currently allowing dairy animals to be continuously transitioned in and out of organic production, while other certifiers

correctly enforce the one-time transition of livestock. The Origin of Livestock proposed rule, developed under the Obama Administration in 2015, would have clarified that continuous transition of non-organic livestock into organic production is prohibited. The proposed rule, which was withdrawn during the Trump administration, would have leveled the playing field for organic

dairy farmers, thus protecting the integrity of the organic label.

Pingree has led several bipartisan efforts in urging the USDA to finalize the Origin of Livestock rule in recent years. In October 2021, Pingree pressed USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack during a House Agriculture Committee hearing about the agency's timetable for finalizing the rule.

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# SPORTS



Biddeford Youth Hockey's Coed 12U 'Team Red'. Front row, from left, Colby Bodwell, Owen Poshpeck, Oliver Thompson, Nathan Stuart and Wyatt Hill. Back row, from left, Coach John Kane, Keagan Campbell, Ashley Sanderson, Cordelia Kane, Alexa Hubbard, Gabz Phelan, Michael Lamontagne, Ries Vander Does, Cam Provencher and Coach Doug Sanderson. Missing from photo are Paul Montalbano and Drew Raymond. COURTESY PHOTO

## Local youth hockey team wins Midcoast Classic

BY MICHAEL DEANGELIS  
Sports Editor

The Biddeford Youth Hockey 12U coed "Team Red," made up of players from all around the area, won the Midcoast Classic Tournament, 4-3, on Mar. 20. "Team Red" fell behind 2-0 after "Team Blue" got a pair of first period goals from Aiden Barker. Cordelia Kane cut the lead in half at 2-1 early in the second period when she finished a nice scoring play with assists from teammates Ashley Sanderson and Gabryella Phelan. Oliver Thompson got the game even at 2-2 in the third period with help from Wyatt Hill and regulation closed with the score deadlocked. Two overtime sessions were not enough to finish it so the contest went to a shootout where Thompson gave Red their first lead with his second score of the night. Next, Owen Poshpeck turned aside Barker's shootout

attempt and when Ries Vander Does scored on his attempt the celebration on the Red bench started to fire up. Maddy Nichols quieted the celebration momentar-

ily with a shootout goal to cut the lead back to one at 4-3 and Sanderson's try was turned aside nicely by goalie Cam Huot to keep the drama alive. But Poshpeck was

ready in goal for Red and he came up with a stop on Piper Schambach to seal the win.

Team Red had a fine regular season, going 12-4-2. They took

the bronze at the state qualifier tourney at the end of February and they lost in the semi-finals in double overtime up in Brewer in the State Tournament.

### BRIEFS

#### Plant sales

The Landscaping and Horticulture program at the Sanford Regional Technical Center (SRTC) is springing into a new growing season with two plant sales in the upcoming months. The plant sale will run for the week of April 11 to 15. The horticulture students will manage the sale during their school hours at SRTC.

Although colorful pansies are the featured plants of the sale, cold hardy vegetables and herbs will be available for those looking to get their vegetable gardens started. A variety of indoor house plants and succulent gardens will also be for sale for people who like their plants inside. The second sale during the week of May 9 will feature an array of vegetable seedlings. For more information email [pdurack@sanford.org](mailto:pdurack@sanford.org).

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