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Hiram church now a local arts center

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

It looks like a little country church, because that's what it was. Once known as the Methodist Church of Hiram, and built in 1885, the church is now home to The Arts Center at 8 Hancock, located just behind the Soldier's Memorial Library in Hiram, at 8 Hancock Avenue.

In 1973, there were few members of the Hiram Methodist Church and the church was deeded to the Hiram Congregational Church. The Congregational Church was originally on the hill just down the road, on what is known as Historical Ridge, and now houses the Hiram Community Center. (SIDE NOTE: That building once had a steeple. Dan Hester, Building Supervisor for The Arts Center said that he remembers the steeple being cut and removed from the building when he was a child.) In the 1990s, the building was raised to add a basement and an elevator was installed to make the downstairs handicapped accessible. The Hiram Congregational Church continued to meet in the building until their numbers became low, and they donated the church to the Friends of Soldiers Memorial Library (FoSML) in 2016.

FoSML put a lot of thought into the offer, and wanted to be sure that they had the financial support and the volunteers to maintain the building. When the building was gifted, the Congregational Church also gave a significant amount of funds that had

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Centering on art

Pat Dietzel seated at the Hatch window, inside The Arts Center at 8 Hancock in Hiram. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS



Children were invited to tour Shapleigh Rescue's ambulance after the town's annual egg hunt. (See related story on Page 4.)

PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

Early morning blessings

By ALLISON WILLIAMS

It was obvious that Parish Church members are not enthused about rising before 5 a.m. but those attending the early Easter

service found inspiration in the warm foggy morning. It was performed outside the cemetery wall near the stone commemorating the contributions of Alfred's Senator John Holmes whom tradition states "named the state of Maine". Besides the scripture there were words written by Mayo Angelou and traditional music played by Almon Williams on his autoharp. Then the coffee was ready in the chapel and for some of us, back to bed until the morning service later.

During the morning service a special treat was music by Sunday School members singing "This Little Light of Mine" with Robyn Gahm accompanying them with her guitar. Also, Carolyn Scott played "Psalm of Glory" on the organ. I suspect most families, like ours, then went home to enjoy an Easter dinner of lamb or ham. When ours gets together each member brings part of the meal, so it is less of a burden on the hosts.

This coming Sunday, April 28, the Rev. Peter Panagore will lead the service. Rev. Sara Bartlett

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Lined up and singing their best were members of the Alfred Parish Sunday School on Easter morning.

COURTESY PHOTO BY CATHY WILKIE CONLEY

BUSINESS NEWS



SIS Bank/Partners Bank CSA/Teller Dawn Whiteside (far right) of the Bank's York branch was selected as the most recent recipient of the Bank's Employee Donation Program. She presents this donation to the York Food Pantry of the York Community Service Association, which was accepted by (left to right) Executive Director, Michelle Surdoval and Food Pantry Manager, Maureen Monsen. SIS/Partners' York Branch Market Manager, Toni Joerres, joined Whiteside for the program.

COURTESY PHOTO

York Food Pantry receives \$500 from SIS Bank employee donation

Many of us don't have to worry about food and where our next meal will come from. But for some, food insecurity is a real issue; one that must be dealt with daily. SIS Bank is therefore pleased to announce that the York Food Pantry is receiving a \$500 gift from the Bank as part of its Employee Donation Program. Dawn Whiteside is the 37th employee to have the honor of naming an organization for the donation program.

The York Food Pantry is part of the York County Service Association (YCSA), a local, non-profit organization in York that serves low-income families going through difficult times. In addition to running the weekly Food Pantry, the YCSA offers financial support to help pay for rent, fuel or any other living expenses to

help people move through a crisis.

Whiteside, a CSA/Teller at SIS' York branch, recognized the needs of her fellow community members for food and proper nutrition and so selected York Food Pantry as her charity of choice.

"Thank you, Dawn, for so thoughtfully choosing this organization," says SIS Bank President & CEO Blaine Boudreau. "Food is a basic necessity that is often taken for granted, and this donation will help to keep the pantry stocked with nutritious items that these deserving individuals and families so need."

For more information on the York Food Pantry and YCSA, including how you can donate directly, go to: <https://www.ycsame.org/>.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CORNISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 7th Annual DAF-FODIL DUCK DERBY, Saturday, April 27, beginning 11 a.m., rain or shine! **ADOPT YOUR DUCK** now for \$5 or 5/\$20. First prize \$100, other great prizes, fun family event! For more info call 625-3094 or 625-3177.

LEGO CLUB AT THE PARSONS MEMORIAL LIBRARY Monday April 29, 3-5 p.m. All ages. Race a car on the 16 foot Lego Derby track or play Lego chess! Parsons Memorial Library, 27 Saco Rd, Alfred. 324-2001.

MAINE GUN SAFETY COALITION TO ANNOUNCE MAJOR SAFETY INITIATIVE April 29 at 11 a.m. at Portland City Hall, State of Maine room. For more info contact Geoff Bickford, Executive Director, Maine Gun Safety Coalition at Geoff@mainegunsafety.org or call 689-5010.

TWO DAY RUMMAGE & PERENNIAL SALE at Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Gorham, off Rte. 25 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday May 3 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sat., May 4. Clothes, dishes, books, furniture, toys, puzzles, small appliances, perennials and jewelry at low, low prices. Mark-downs on Sat. and "fill a grocery bag for a dollar" from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Coffee, muffins and donut holes at coffee shop on Friday. One of the best recycling events around.

HEALTHY LIVING EXPO The YMCA Trafton Center, in partnership with Thriving in Place, is holding its 3rd Annual Healthy Living Expo on Wednesday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free event will be held at the Sanford-Springvale YMCA, located at 1 Emile Levasseur Dr., Sanford. The Expo is a highlight of the Trafton Center's 50th Birthday Celebration. The Third Annual Healthy Living Expo provides older individuals with important information about local services and businesses, while having fun and socializing

with others. The event will feature health and wellness demonstrations, such as Tai Chi, Yoga, Acupressure, Living Fit Exercise and Cornhole. Other demonstrations will give insight to health care technologies such as Telehealth and Lifeline. The University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine will also present a virtual reality demonstration where the participant can experience the life of Alfred, a 74 year old man. The Expo will feature a broad range of exhibitors representing local health and wellness agencies and businesses. These resources will provide valuable information about available services for seniors. Transportation to the event is available via the Sanford transit, which has a stop at the YMCA. There is also plenty of parking available for those who wish to drive. For more information about this event, please call Robin Hewitt Bibber, Trafton Center Director, at 457-0080.

YORK COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE (YCRC) MONTHLY MEETING at the Wells Activity Center, 113 Sanford Rd. (Rte 109), on Thursday, May 9. Doors open 6 p.m. for socializing and refreshments, followed by a business meeting at 7 p.m. Guest Speaker Ray Richardson, noted author and host of the Ray Richardson Show weekday mornings on News Talk WLOB 100.5 FM and the Lobster Radio Network, will discuss why "Now Is the Time to BE BOLD!" Legislators from both houses of the Legislature will be on hand to inform about legislation currently being considered and to answer questions. All Republicans are invited to participate in this meeting. FMI or to be added to YCRC email list, contact communications@yorkgop.org or 468-2395.

BUXTON GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of the Dennett, Craig and Pate Funeral Home lo-

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cated at the intersection of Routes 4A and 202 in Buxton. Call Linda at 929-5531 for more information.

DISCOVER GIRLSCOUT EVENT for potential members and volunteers May 20 at the Carl J. Lamb School, Springvale, 6 p.m. for potential members and volunteers For more information about Girl Scouts or to see a full list of Discover Girl Scout events, visit girlscoutsofmaine.org or call 888-922-4763.

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 6:30-8:00pm. 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 - 9 to 11 a.m. at 25 Westview Drive, Sanford or 10 a.m. to noon at 15 Smith Lane, Saco.

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Brooklinn Couture is helped by her Mom to collect Easter Eggs. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI.

SHAPLEIGH

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held at Shapleigh Commons on Saturday, April 20. Although rain was forecast the rain held off to everyone's relief. The children came prepared in boots and jackets just in case.

About 30 children gathered on the commons and at 10 a.m. the children ages 5 and under ran onto the commons, many accompanied by their parents. This gives the little ones time to collect the brightly-colored eggs before the older children begin. As the younger children gathered some eggs the over 5 year olds where given the signal to collect. Pandemonium ruled as the children ran helter-skelter over the commons. Within ten minutes the event was over and the excited children retreated.

The hunt is sponsored by the Shapleigh Recreation Committee (SRC) and President Jessica Eastman said the committee stuffed over 1,000 eggs with candy and

toys and scattered them all over the commons. It takes a lot of planning and work to produce the egg hunt and the SRC is always looking for volunteers and new ideas. If anyone is interested in volunteering they can reach Eastman at shapleighrecreation@gmail.com. You can also drop by one of their meetings held at the Shapleigh Library, 607 Shapleigh Corner Road, at 6 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month.

Members of the Shapleigh Rescue Squad greeted the children in the parking lot of the Town Hall after the Hunt and passed out treats for the children, including fire hats, coloring books and balls. The children were then given the opportunity to see inside the ambulance. (See related photo on Page 1.)

Benefit Dinner for the Short Family

The Short Family lost their house and all their possessions in a devastating fire on April 4. A Chili, Chowder, Pot Luck Benefit Dinner is planned for Friday, April 26 at the First Baptist Church, 600 Shapleigh Corner Road, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. All proceeds go to the Short Family. Tickets are sold at the door, \$8 for adults and \$6 for kids and seniors.

Biddeford Savings and Mechanics Savings to consolidate into a single bank charter

Biddeford Savings and Mechanics Savings announced that the organizations have filed a merger application with regulators to operate under a single charter as Maine Community Bank. Biddeford Savings and Mechanics Savings will maintain their respective brand identities, as well as local decision making, while operating as divisions of Maine Community Bank.

Biddeford Savings and Mechanics Savings are both known for their financial commitment to their communities through local lending and philanthropy, offering competitive products for their banking customers, as well as providing stable and high-quality professional employment opportunities.

"Both Biddeford Savings and Mechanics Savings have developed extremely strong commu-

nity roots over the last 150 years, so keeping those brands intact, while bringing greater opportunity for expanded lending and services to remain competitive, is really the best of all options for both our customers and our staff," said Jeanne Hulit, President and CEO of Maine Community Bancorp, the holding company of both banks.

Operating under a single charter will allow both Biddeford Savings and Mechanics Savings to increase lending capacity, expand product offerings, and enable customers to access full-service banking at all branch locations. All branches will remain open, and the single charter will provide more mobility and opportunity for the employees of both community banks.

In 2016, Biddeford Savings

and Mechanics Savings formed an alliance to operate as subsidiaries of one mutual holding company, Maine Community Bancorp. The Biddeford Savings and Mechanics Savings board of directors along with the Maine Community Bancorp board of directors has unanimously approved the charter consolidation, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2019, pending regulatory approval.

"Both banks have seen tremendous growth that would not have been possible without the Maine Community Bancorp alliance," said Hulit. "Bringing Biddeford Savings and Mechanics Savings Bank under one charter is a natural progression of our partnership. We're excited to see what the future holds as we continue growing stronger together."

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will be on vacation. Festival Day Committee after worship.

The church's Mission and Social Justice Committee is involved in the Feeding Forward project, which helps feed hungry children in the mountains of Honduras. This grew out of the "Daisy's Children" project begun in 2008 when a young mother decided to feed her children instead of herself and who died of starvation as a result. Our church now collects money to be sent to Honduras via the York Association of the UCC. June 1 will be the last day to contribute. Alfred Parish is having a fund raising dinner and concert at a later date to help with this project.

The same committee is collecting items for hygiene kits which are sent through Church World Service to areas in the U.S. and worldwide where there have been natural disasters such as floods, fires, hurricanes, etc.

Free Supper at Parish Church

The monthly free supper will be on Monday, April 29, (note change in date) with pasta dishes served with the usual varied desserts at Alfred Parish Church from 5 to 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Music by Almon Williams.

Elementary School

There is scrapbooking on Saturday, May 4 which is actually a fundraiser. Those interested may check at the school for more details. This takes place on two weekends.

First Shaker Forum

The opening day of this season's Shaker Forum will be Saturday, May 18 at 1:30 p.m. with the Enfield Shaker Singers, a volunteer ensemble of vocalists with both trained musicians and amateurs which has been performing since 1989 under director Mary Ann Haagen. Songs from Maine's Shakers are part of the repertoire of 300 Shaker songs. The groups brief history states "The New Hampshire and Maine societies had particularly close ties, and they knew each other's songs." Talks are free and are videotaped for the museum archives.

The next New Century Club meeting, on May 13, will also be in the Shaker Museum. Members will be asked what they feel was the most memorable event during the past 125 years (when the club was in existence.)

While attending the recent New Century Club meeting I had an opportunity to visit the new Shaker library. It is upstairs over the museum with storage built in under the eaves. It is very attractive with blue woodwork. Marge Anderson is the librarian and at present only members of the Friends of the Shakers can borrow books there.

If MOM "Takes the Cake"

The Friends of the Library are holding a special Afternoon Tea and Cake Raffle for Mother's Day. On Saturday, May 11th bring your mother, your family or a special friend to the Mother's Day Tea from 1 to 3 p.m. in the community room of the library. The Friends will be serving finger goodies and an assortment of teas on the most elegant of china. Fancy hats and flowery dresses are encouraged. The event is free and all are welcome.

To sweeten the day they will be raffling off several delicious cakes baked by Alfred's best bakers. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the tea or in advanced at the library. They are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. You do not have to be present to win but for those holding the winning tickets, first come, first served in the choice of your cake prize.

On Sunday, May 12, The Ukulele Strummers will be giving their weekly concert at 1p.m. hopefully outdoors weather permitting.

Lego Club

All ages are welcome to race a car on the 15 foot Lego Derby Track or play Lego Chess on Monday, April 29 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Parsons Memorial Library. This is a not-to-be missed event! It will be downstairs in the community room.

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SPORTS

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SOFTBALL

Mustangs top Gorham 12-6

Grace Tutt went the first four innings on the mound, giving up just one run and Massabesic showed the diversity of its offense with small-ball bunts and stolen bases, as well as crush-the-ball power, to help pace an easy 12-6 opening day win on Thursday, April 18 in Gorham.

With the “feels-like” temperature hovering at 39 on an overcast day it was no surprise it took a few innings to get the bats going, but once the Mustangs got them going they didn’t yield.

Lead-off hitter Tutt started it with a walk to begin the third and battery-mate Emily Morin laid down a gorgeous sacrifice bunt attempt that ended up chasing Tutt to third and putting Morin on second after an infield miscue. Both runners scored to give the Mustangs a 2-0 lead on an error.

Zoey DeAngelis (1-1, 3B, 2RBI, SAC, 2SB, BB, HB, R) got the fourth inning started with a walk and she stole her second base of the game on the first pitch that Paige Houk saw, but she was erased when she tried to advance to third on the same play.

With two out Marissa Goodwin and Tutt walked to reignite the inning and Morin pounded a double to left-center to make it 4-0.

After the Rams got one back in the bottom of the fourth, a four-run fifth blew the game open for the Mustangs.

With two outs Kaitlyn Shaw worked a walk and DeAngelis followed with a long triple to center that plated a gritty, never-quit, Shaw, who crawled the last ten feet to touch home due to a serious injury to her back. She was taken off the field by ambulance, but late word on her condition appeared to have her escaping a major injury. Ally Grant followed DeAngelis with a walk and she stole second. Pinch-hitter Haley Caswell delivered yet another big blow with a bomb double off the fence in right-center to plate both runners and Tutt (1-2, 3BB, RBI, 2R) delivered Caswell with a bullet single up the middle to close the fifth at 8-1.

The Mustangs added four more in the sixth on hits from Julia Gregoire (another entry into the “crush-the-ball” power category), Lauren Kiss, Emily Davison and Emily Antrim.

Tutt fanned five in four innings, walked four, hit a batter and gave up just one hit and one earned run.

SOFTBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
4/29	Sanford	4pm
5/1	@Portland	6pm
	JV @Kylie	4pm
5/3	S.Portland	4:30pm
5/7	@Scarborough	4:30pm
5/8	Westbrook	4pm
5/10	@T. Academy	4:30pm
5/13	Biddeford	4:30pm
5/15	@Windham	4:30pm



Strong start for softballers

Massabesic’s Zoey DeAngelis tries to beat the throw to first base after her bunt that would score Lauren Kiss, shown running home, on April 24 vs. Noble at the Massabesic Lions field. PHOTOS BY KERRY DEANGELIS



Grace Tutt on the mound vs. Kennebunk on April 22.

Mustangs top Kennebunk 10-7

Emily Davison and Julia Gregoire each homered, and the Mustangs banged out 15 hits in route to a 10-7 win over visiting Kennebunk on a rainy Monday, April 22. The Rams held a 1-0 lead until Massabesic exploded for eight runs in the third, sending 12-hitters to the plate and pounding our eight hits in the frame. Ashley Day started it with a single and Tutt followed with a base-on-balls. Emily Morin moved both runners up with a sac-

fly and Gregoire followed with an RBI single. Lauren Kiss followed with an RBI single after Gregoire moved up on a wild pitch to make it 3-0. Davison hit an opposite filed two-run blast to push it to 5-0 before the next three hitters: Haley Caswell, Zoey DeAngelis and Ally Grant (RBI) all singled. Day got a run in with a groundout and Tutt did as well with a single to make it 8-1.

Gregoire led off the fourth with a line-shot homer to left and the Mustangs added a run in the sixth on a sac-fly by Caswell. Massabesic gave back four runs in a sloppy top of the fifth but Tutt retired 8 of the last 10 she faced to close it.

Knights top Mustangs 4-2

Noble scored twice in the top of the seventh to break a 2-2 tie and help lift them to a 4-2 win over Massabesic at Lion’s Field in Waterboro on Wednesday, April 24. Julia Gregoire (7IP, 4R, ER, 4H, 6K, 6BB) gave up an earned run in the third after Noble sandwiched a pair of singles around a sac bunt, but she wiggled out of jams in the fourth and the sixth after the Knights had put two runners on base in each of those frames. The junior took the mound for the first time after missing all of her sophomore year due to injury.

Coach Kevin Tutt played small ball in the fourth to help the Mustangs take the lead after Gregoire opened the inning with a bullet single. Lauren Kiss followed with a hard fought walk and Emily Da-

vison followed that with a sac-bunt that moved up both runners. Haley Caswell laid down a sac-bunt of her own, a safety squeeze attempt that ended up plating Gregoire after a throwing error. Caswell stole second to put two into scoring position for DeAngelis who dropped a safety squeeze bunt down as well. Kiss read the play perfectly and raced

home to make it 2-1 as DeAngelis was called out at first trying to leg out a hit.

The Knights tied it without the benefit of a hit in the sixth and they plated two in the seventh on pair of singles, a hit batsman, and an error. Reagan Kelly got the win going the distance, fanning five and walking two.

TRACK & FIELD

Men make podium

The 4x800 relay unit was first and the Mustangs took home medals in five other events at a five-school track and field meet held Tuesday, April 23 in South Portland.

Matthew Pooler was second in the 800-meter; Jeffery Waters was second in the 1600-meter; Jakob Saucier was second in the 3200; Tim Zimmerman was third in the 400 and Ricky Hendrix was fourth in the discus throw.

Massabesic finished fifth with 40-team points. Thornton Academy was first with 172 points. Sanford was second with 76.5. Westbrook finished with 59.5 and the hosts were fourth with 44.

TRACK & FIELD

BOYS		
Date	Opponent	Time
4/30	Deering, Falmouth @Biddeford (coed)	3:30pm
5/7	BE, Biddeford, So. Portland @Noble (coed)	3:45pm
5/10	Relays @Westbrook	4pm
5/14	Marsh., Noble, Sanford @Kennebunk (coed)	3:45pm
GIRLS		
Date	Opponent	Time
4/30	Deering, Falmouth @Biddeford (coed)	3:30pm
5/7	BE, Biddeford, So. Portland @Noble (coed)	3:45pm
5/10	Relays @Scarborough	4pm
5/14	Marsh., Noble, Sanford @Kennebunk (coed)	3:45pm

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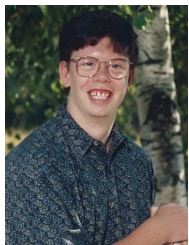
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Obituaries

Michael Owen Doggett

Michael O. Doggett, 41, of Waterboro, the beloved son of Edward and Suellen and best brother to Matthew, died peacefully at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough, on April 11, 2019. Michael fought with courage and grace a seven-month battle with a blood cancer, Burkitt Lymphoma.



Michael Owen Doggett

Mike was an inspiration to us all and his heart was full of love, adventure and kindness.

Michael was born Oct. 7, 1977 in Beverly, Massachusetts, the son of Edward A. and Suellen E. (Nason) Doggett. Due to a diaphragmatic hernia, he had three operations at MA General Hospital in Boston his first week of birth. After a month at MA General, Mike returned home to North Reading, MA and a month later moved to Waterboro, where he has lived for 41 years. He was the first infant to survive from this type of operation.

Due to the operations, Michael became developmentally delayed in his development. At 13 months old he attended the Infant Development Center in Portland, where he received help with his development. Mike attended 3 days per week for about four hours each day for three years. He also attended speech therapy in Sanford

for six years.

For three years, Mike attended the Head Start Program in Hollis; where he gained skills and socialization. This was one of the first programs to accept "special needs" children into their program.

When Michael was seven, he entered public schools in RSU 57 in Waterboro. As a "special needs" student, he stayed in public school until graduation at age 21. He was mainstreamed into some regular classes and also stayed in some classes within the self-contained classrooms. Here he gained skills in each subject area at his level of learning. Mike gained socialization as he was mainstreamed with all students. He continued speech and occupational therapies along with physical therapy and later special Adaptive Physical Education classes in junior and senior high school.

He attended the Culinary Arts Program at PATHS (Portland Arts and Technology High School) for grades 9-11 and graduated May 30, 1996. During his regular senior year at Massabesic, Mike did job shadowing for six weeks at five local businesses to gain work skills and experience; Lee's Family Restaurant, Leedy's Restaurant, Roger's Restaurant, Blue Door Inn and Alfred Country Store.

Mike attended local and state competitions in "Special Olympics" while in junior and high school and also after graduation. It was a happy day when Michael graduated from Massabesic High

School in June 1997.

Michael participated in many activities through-out the local community. Mike learned many skills with the Boy Scout Troop # 245. For the nine years he was in scouts; he had fun and socialized with friends at many camporees, parades, fund raisers, race car derbies, and pot luck suppers.

Michael attended the Special Religious Education Program (SPRED) at St. Matthew's Church in Limerick for 11 years where he learned his faith and received the sacraments of the church. He liked to volunteer at the bean suppers at church along with the yearly church fair in July; he loved those wonderful people at the Book Department.

Mike loved music and took piano lessons from Elaine Vermette Jedrychowski in Limerick for 10 years. He had the gift to play the piano by ear and enjoyed listening to a song and then playing it on the piano.

Michael was a member of the Vacationland Cruisers Classic Car Club in Waterboro for 25 years. He enjoyed the car meets, monthly meetings, socializing and pot luck suppers, along with cruising to a car meet, a special ride to a new destination, or just getting an ice cream cone together.

After graduation, he joined an adult day program, Thatcher Brook Center in Arundel, where he has been for the past 22 years. He did daily activities including shopping and cooking meals, learning about personal hygiene, going to many parks and recreational facilities in the community and doing gardening at different parks etc. He had many friends at the Center and enjoyed volunteering with Meals on Wheels and different businesses where activities were done to support or help the businesses in the community.

Mike was well known for loving his many vehicles; trains, planes, trucks, race cars, tractors, classic cars, etc. He had many models and loved reading or going online to learn more and more about each vehicle.

He was also known to enjoy the family cottage each spring, summer, and fall at Little Lake Ossipee where he enjoyed much serenity and was always with family and friends.

Michael was a very loving and caring person who loved to be with people and enjoyed each minute he was with them. He will truly be missed by family and friends and well known for the joy he brought to others. Michael, you have been a blessing in our family. . . We now release you into the arms of our Lord.

Michael is lovingly survived by his mother and father, Edward and Suellen (Nason) Doggett of Waterboro; his brother Matthew Alan and wife, Meaghan, niece, Lila and nephew, Jack of Kingston NH. He is also survived by his Auntie Diane Nason of Waterboro; Auntie Cindy Willard of Amesbury, MA; Uncle Doug Latulip of Buxton; Uncle Rich-

ard and Aunt Carol Doggett of Knoxville, TN; along with many friends and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on April 17 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 19 Dora Lane, in Limerick. To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Thatcher Brook Center, 638 Elm St., Biddeford, ME 04005 or to Hospice of Southern Maine, 180 US Route 1, Scarborough, ME 04074.

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

Norman L. Scott

Norman L. Scott, 83, of Cornish, passed away peacefully at home on April 11, 2019, supported and cared for by his loving family throughout a lengthy illness which he fought with courage, hope, and humor. Heaven rejoiced at his Homecoming!



Norman L. Scott

Norm was born in Cornish on the family farm, son of M.Howard and Phyllis Lowd Scott. He attended and graduated from the Cornish School. When referencing his formal education, he often quipped that he attended The School of Hard Knocks. Norm's character and sterling work ethic were developed throughout his childhood years during the Great Depression Era, bearing the heavy daily responsibility, along with his brother, of executing the many chores necessary to their livelihood on their family's operating poultry farm. Since early boyhood, Norm was an avid outdoorsman, developing his legendary physical stamina, honed survival skills, keen powers of observation, a wealth of knowledge of local flora and fauna, and a lifelong love and appreciation for working, recreating, and stewarding the abundant natural resources of his beloved South Cornish- the mountains, ravines, and meadows, of which, he knew as well as the back of his hand. Norm once calculated out for his grandsons that he had traversed over 50,000 miles on snowshoes in his lifetime.

Norm married his one and only true love, Joan Langlois, who he met and was immediately smitten with in Jr. High School. Their family tree grew over the years to include nine children & 17 grandchildren (some grafted in by marriage), and seven great grandchildren, with two more on the way in 2019. Like all families, they experienced their share of ups and downs, but Norm considered the 63 years lived on the fruitful homestead that he created and shared with his loving bride, partner, and life

long best friend to be "a taste of heaven on earth". A master gardener, Norm's gardens, orchard, and berry beds nourished two generations of growing children and delighted a host of neighbors and friends over the years who enjoyed both his generosity and bounty. He had an incorrigible mischievous side and an irrepressible sense of humor, often expressed in highly quotable, well timed, rascally one liners! A talented story teller, Norm regaled many with his humor laced accounts of every day situations and captivated his grandchildren with enthralling woodland animal bedtime stories. He was a kind, steadfast, humble, unpretentious gentleman who loved his family, his land, and his country, while embracing a private, personal faith in Almighty God.

Norm personified DEPENDABILITY and faithfully provided for his family throughout his five and a half decades of employment. In addition to farming, Norm was a logging operations owner, textile mill worker, paper mill worker, forester apprentice, and, ultimately, a professional forester spanning 32 years experience in forest management. Firewood stacked by Norm was elevated to an art form, with edges fitting together like puzzle pieces in vertical walls! Many Tree Farm Family Association members in this corner of the state grew to appreciate and trust Norm's friendly and competent management of their properties. For a number of years, he provided Animal Control Services to the surrounding communities, fielding calls day and night from alarmed residents who depended on his reliable and effective wildlife savvy for solutions to their unwelcome, furry intruders. For almost a decade and a half, Norm made significant contributions to the West End House Boys' Camp as custodian extraordinaire, woodlands advisor, and trustworthy friend. He gave meticulous attention to detail and his personal best effort to every endeavor he undertook, the mundane as well as the noteworthy, garnering the admiration and respect of all who knew him best.

Norm is survived by his dearly beloved wife, Joan; sons Norman, Roland, and Dan and their families; daughters Donna, Annette, and Annmarie and their families; and brother Robert and his family. A private family graveside service will be held. A future gathering for family and friends to celebrate Norman's life will be announced at a later time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Norm's honor and mailed to: West End House Boys' Camp Scholarship Fund, 105 Allston St., Allston, MA, 02134

The earth lost a towering redwood of a man packed into a 5'4" frame the day Norman L. Scott met his Creator. His family lost the best Hubby, Dad, and Grampa they could ever have loved and been loved by for all these years. His legacy will be cherished and live on in the hearts and memories of all who were blessed to experience this remarkable man's love and friendship.

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LETTERS

More on plastic

I got a kick out of the recent story about plastics and how there are now "islands" of plastics clogging our oceans. It may date me but I remember when all we had were paper bags, paper straws, paper cups, paper plates - you get the idea.

Somewhere back in the 1970s the "environmentalists" insisted that we switch from renewable paper products to "recyclable" plastic bags, straws, cups, plates and utensils. Now the recyclers don't want the stuff and the entire planet is choking on it. I say let the environmentalists clean up the mess and pay for it themselves - it was their idea and they shoved it down our throats.

Maine is 90 percent forested and most of its trees are rotting in the woods. Go back to renewable, burnable, more manageable paper and wood products.

— Stephen D. Carpenter
Lyman

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ARTS CENTER

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been raised by collections and investment. This money allowed the FoSML to do repairs to the building, including re-roofing, constructing a new roof over the kitchen, repainting the exterior, installing heat pumps, improving the electrical wiring and adding a second restroom. In 2017, a grant from the Davis Family Foundation provided funds to install a Handicapped Access Ramp and reconstruction of the Maine Entrance. "There has been extensive volunteer work," reported Hester. "The community room in the basement was repainted, improvements have been made to the lighting, granite slabs in front of the building were removed and reused to construct a stone flower planter near the library next door, and many other improvements."

Recently, FoSML has applied for a new grant to help with removal and replacement of the pews with comfortable stacking chairs, and to add a third emergency exit. "We hope to add more tables and regular seating," said FoSML President Pat Dietzel. "We'd like to make it more flexible for more venues."

When you step into the building, you will notice the open vault of the church, with a high ceiling and walls made of pressed tin painted white. In striking contrast, the trim, trellis overhang and columns are in a dark wood. Several of the old wooden pews and an electric organ remain, but you can begin to see the transformation from church into performance hall. There are comfortable chairs in the front, tall café style tables with a couple of chairs at each one in the back. And the light comes in through the beautiful stained glass windows.

At the front of the church is a round window with an open Bible in the middle, in memory of Abbie Kimball. Abbie was Jim Moulton's great aunt, and was an active member of the Meth-

odist Church, according to Pam Slattery-Thomas, Director of the Soldiers Memorial Library, where Jim's wife Sue can frequently be spotted. At the back of the church is an arched stained glass window dedicated to William Hatch, with the dates June 1775-June 1872. His son, Freeman Hatch, 1814-1904, was a founder/donor of the church, and owned Four Corners Store in Hiram for awhile, beginning in 1855, reported Sally Williams of the Hiram Historical Society.

Under the "Hatch" stained glass window is a sofa and arm chair, donated by a neighbor to the church. Also in the back of the church, the pulpit serves as a ticket booth, and the large altar chair is on display behind it, "as a way to honor the original church" said Dietzel. "It is exquisite at night," Dietzel added. "When it is dark the windows are just magnificent! There is also a space in the back for concessions/snacks, which are sold at intermission during performances.

Downstairs there is a full kitchen, a seating or gathering area with arm chairs and two pews with cushions that serve as sofas or benches, and a piano. On the walls are posters of people who have performed here over the last couple of years. Several of these people are coming back for another appearance. There are also two bathrooms, one handicapped accessible.

The building is available to rent for various functions, at \$100 per floor, so a total of \$200 if you would like to rent the entire building. It can be used for classes (there is currently a yoga class there every Tuesday), presentations, meetings, family functions, weddings, retirement parties, art shows, concerts and performances.

"There is incredible volunteer work managing the building for many community uses and for planning the schedule of events each year," said Hester.

The Arts Center will be kicking off the 2019 season soon.



Ben Hammond performing at The Arts Center at 8 Hancock, in Hiram.

COURTESY PHOTO

Check out their Facebook page for updates. The mission of the FoSML is to maintain the building and ensure that it is open and available for the library and the community to use.

"We are thrilled that the church members had the foresight to see that they needed to do something [with the building]," said Dietzel. "I'm excited to be a part of it!"

The Arts Center is located at 8 Hancock Avenue, located off of Route 117, the off of Main Street, behind the Soldier's Memorial Library in Hiram. For more information, give them a call at 625-4650, email 8hancockave@gmail.com or find them on Facebook. It is a 501c3, non-profit organization.

"We are so lucky as a community to have this opportunity," said Dietzel. "The village of Hiram has a lot to offer. There is so much richness in the small towns of Maine!"



The exterior of The Arts Center at 8 Hancock, formerly the Methodist Church of Hiram.

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NEWFIELD

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Coffee and muffins anyone?

The Newfield Community Church at 639 Water Street will be having a social gathering at the church of people who would like to get together for coffee, tea, muffins, games and more on a weekly basis. According to Rev. Phyllis MacDonald, this is still in the planning stages, but they would like to hold it for a couple of hours each week, and it will be starting on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The social event would be open to anyone who would like to attend. It has been suggested to have it on a weekly basis for a couple of hours, but a discussion will be held on that Saturday, and everyone's input is welcome. This is open to all who would like to attend, and of course, bring a friend.

According to church member Sylvia Chute, "This is a great way to get people together for a week day or a Saturday, whenever they have time." This is an easy way for local people to get out to socialize for a little while with others right here in town; just perfect for us country folks. The weekly Sunday service is at 10 a.m.

Summer camp scholarships available

Northern York County Rod and Gun Club in West Newfield has scholarship money available for local kids to go to summer camp for a week, or a day. They will sponsor two kids to go to summer camp at Bryant Pond.

The Bryant Pond 4-H Center Summer Camp has been a haven for kids for many years, and is once again open for the summer camping season. Kids can choose their own path and take whichever program they choose or mix them up and take half of one and half of another.

Interested kids must write a request, and an essay why they

would like to go. Contact Lou Polianites at 793-8556 for further instructions; and check the website at www.northernYorkCountyRodandGunClub.org.

Historical society has summer calendar

Newfield Historical Society has a full calendar of events this coming summer, including a Plant and Bake Sale on Memorial weekend, May 25. Donations will be accepted of both perennial plants and baked goods.

There are many other events during the summer, and you may pick up a schedule at the Newfield Village Library. They will also have their business meetings once a month for anyone who would like to join. Annual membership is just \$5.

Wildlife sightings

Signs of spring! My neighbor was out for a walk the other day and had a truly exciting wildlife experience. She spotted a bald eagle, six turtles and a great blue heron. Spring is finally here, time to get out to see some wildlife.

Recycling now open

The Recycling building at the town Transfer Station is now open and accepting gently used recyclable items. Check with the attendant on acceptable items.

Happy birthday!

Local people celebrating their birthdays during the first of May are: Bruce Colwell, Bob Dailey and Mary Cuevas.

Happy anniversary!

Ann and Bob Dailey will celebrate their anniversary this coming week.

Meetings

Boy Scout Troop #329 - April 29 at Scout Hall, at 7 School Street in Limerick at 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. Jim Dion is the Scoutmaster. Call Joe Iannazzo at 850-6237.

Cub Scout Pack #329 - April 29, at Line School at 818 Water Street at 6 p.m. Anastasia Ferguson is the Cubmaster.

Newfield Firefighters training session - April 30, at the Public

Safety Building at 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Tea Time - May 1, at the Newfield Village Library at 637 Water Street at 3 p.m.

Comprehensive Planning Board - May 1, at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road, at 7 p.m.

Newfield Planning Board - May 1, 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 - May 2, 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.

Northern York County Rod and Gun Club - May 3 at the clubhouse at Lewis Hill Road at directors will meet at 6 p.m. and members will meet at 7:30 p.m.

The American Legion - May 6, at the Brick Town Hall at 19 Main Street in Limerick at 7 p.m.