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THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021



Leading off the Hollis Community Day Parade on Aug. 14 was former State Sen. Justin Chenette and Sen. Donna Bailey. The event proceeds benefit afterschool & summer programs at Hollis Parks & Rec. COURTESY PHOTO

## Drumming & dancing

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

About 27 people came to the West African Dance and Drum Workshop at Town Farm Park in Buxton on Friday, Aug. 6. The event was sponsored by Sarah Sorenson of Earth and Soul Pottery in Buxton, and Jen Ces of Shy Beaver Trout Fishery in Hollis. "We just wanted to bring more experiences out here to this area," said Sorenson.

They asked Marita Kennedy-Castro of Embody the Rhythm in Portland to come out to Buxton to teach the class. Sorenson had met Kennedy-Castro years ago when she owned a shop in Portland. "We share lots of connections!" the two women stated. Sorenson had recently invited Kennedy-Castro to her studio in Buxton, to teach a group of her students some West African Dance. They danced outside the studio with masks on and had a great time. Kennedy-Castro

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Marita Kennedy-Castro demonstrating a dance for kids who attended the West African Dance and Drum Workshop in Buxton on Aug. 6.

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## Local teacher a romance novelist

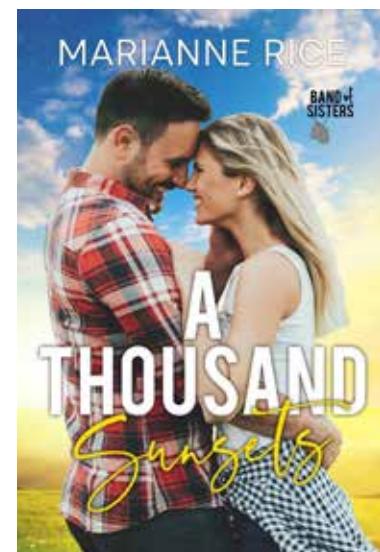
BY SHELLEY BURBANK

High school English teacher by day. Romance novelist by night. Marianne Stephenson, a.k.a. Marianne Rice, leads a double life. While some of her Massabesic High School students know about her author persona, Rice tries to keep a low profile. "I don't announce it, but living in a small community and having my own children in the school, and being friends with some of the parents... well, word gets out," she said in an online interview to discuss her recent book release.

Rice launched her latest romance novel, *A Thousand Sunsets*, in June. The book is the second in Rice's *Band of Sisters* series which focuses on the lives and loves of four military women who are in diverse stages in their Army careers. The first book in the series, *Ten Million Fireflies*, came out in March from Rice's indie imprint, Star Hill Press. A third is due out this fall.

The author's brand of sweet but sassy romance is likened to Hallmark and Lifetime Channel stories. In *A Thousand Sunsets*, the heroine, Charlotte "Charli" Kellar, returns to Maine after completing military service. She's ready to pursue not only a culinary career but also the sexy contractor who works at the summer camp where Charli's been hired as head cook. The stand-offish but sexy hero, Owen, keeps her at arm's length, unwilling at first to let her inside the walls he's constructed around his heart. The romance builds as Charli and Owen work through their conflicts and fall in love.

Readers and loyal fans, dubbed The Ricecakes, love the author's



The most recent novel by Marianne Rice. COURTESY IMAGE

wholesome characters and small-town Maine settings which range from coastal communities to inland hamlets, not unlike the town west of Portland that Rice calls home. It's the kind of place she dreamed of when she chose to attend UMaine after growing up in Los Angeles, California, and Nashua, New Hampshire.

"I fell in love with the state, and realized this was where I wanted to raise my future family. While I love visiting my family in the L.A. and San Diego areas, it's not where I wanted my children to grow up. I love everything about Maine... except the long winters," the author joked. "I'd be fine if the snow was gone by the end of February."

Taking time out from her summer school break, Rice graciously answered questions about her literary inspirations, her writing process, her path to publication... and the relative importance of a hero's six-pack abs.

*Q: When it comes to writing romance, what's more important – the first kiss or the happily ever after?*

*A: No doubt, the happily ever after. I may shed a tear or two when writing (and reading), but*

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# Community Calendar

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



## HIRAM Aug. 21: The Life of Istar, a Humpback Whale

The Hiram Cultural Center and the Children's Museum and Theatre of Maine will present 'The Life of Istar, a Humpback Whale' on Saturday, Aug. 21. This program, using storytelling, props, artifacts, and a life-sized humpback whale model, begins at 1 p.m. at the Arts Center at 8 Hancock in Hiram Village. After the 45-minute presentation, Route 160 Ice Cream will be serving free ice cream sundaes outside on the lawn. This event is free and promises to be fun for the whole family.

## Online auction for Lyme awareness

Through Aug. 24, LymeTV will be hosting an online auction fundraiser to raise money for the production of their scientific documentary about Lyme disease. Check in at [www.32auctions.com/LymeTV](http://www.32auctions.com/LymeTV) and bid on your favorite items. Manicures to artwork to coffee, there is a large collection of goodies and local experiences!

Founded in 2017, LymeTV is a volunteer-based 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization

dedicated to educating the global community about Lyme disease & other dangerous tick-borne infectious diseases located worldwide. They believe the best way to fight tick-borne diseases is with prevention, awareness, & early detection information. LymeTV aims to help reduce the incidence of these diseases through research, education campaigns, & film projects. For more information, visit their website at [lymetv.org](http://lymetv.org).

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## TOWN OF WATERBORO Regional School Unit #57 School Board Vacancy for a Waterboro Representative

The Town of Waterboro has one vacancy to serve as a Waterboro representative on the RSU #57 School Board until the June, 2022 election. Interested citizens of the Town of Waterboro should submit a letter of interest with a resumé by mail to: **Waterboro Board of Selectmen, 24 Townhouse Rd., E. Waterboro, ME 04030 or by email to [waterboro@waterboro-me.gov](mailto:waterboro@waterboro-me.gov).**

*The deadline to apply is September 6, 2021. Selected candidates will be contacted for an interview with the Board of Selectmen on the evening of September 7, 2021.*

## COMING EVENTS

### TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Knight of Columbus Council 8868 will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser for Special Olympics and education programs at MSAD 6, 55, and 57. This will be held on Friday, Aug. 20 and Saturday, Aug. 21 at Plummers Shop 'n Save in Buxton, Call's Shop 'n Save in Cornish, Limerick Supermarket in Limerick and The Milk Room in Waterboro. Thank you so much for your continued support of these outstanding programs.

### YORK COUNTY BLUES FEST

Saturday, Aug. 21 from 2 to 8:30 p.m. Rain or shine, doors open at 1 p.m. at Friendship Park, Old Alfred Road, Waterboro. Tickets on sale now only \$15 in advance at [www.YorkCounty-BluesFest.com](http://www.YorkCounty-BluesFest.com).

**BINGO** St. Matthew Church, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick will be holding BINGO in the parish hall on Aug. 21. Must be 16 years of age or older. Doors open at 5 p.m. Games begin at 6 p.m. Bingo Card Packs (20 games) \$6 and Daubers \$2 each. FMI 793-2244.

**YARD SALE** Alfred Parish Church will be holding a yard sale on Aug. 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Conant Chapel lower level off the parking lot. It will feature a boutique table with jewelry and will include unique collectibles, holiday décor, kids' toys and a huge assortment of great kitchen items, many of which are new. Masks are required. FMI call 247-8949.

**OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT & BONFIRE** St. Matthew Church, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick will be holding an outdoor movie and bonfire events that are open

to ALL families in area communities. Join us Aug. 21 at 8 p.m. Bring your S'mores fixings and a blanket or chair. Fire starts at 8 p.m. and the movie, *The Croods – A New Age*, begins at dark. Call our office FMI 793-2244.

### FOREST CONSERVATION PRACTICES TO IMPROVE YOUR FORESTLAND

Re-scheduled to Friday, Aug. 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. Join the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District, NRCS, and Maine Woodland Owners Western Maine Chapter at the Temmille River Demonstration Forest in Brownfield, for this second of three events about NRCS programs available to woodland owners.

This session will focus on what forestry practices NRCS conducts and get a chance to see what they look like. Learn about the different kinds of practices you can implement on your land for improving timber stands, protecting water resources, and enhancing wildlife habitat. Merle Ring, retired Maine District Forester, and Michael Richard, Maine District Forester, will explain how these practices work to improve your forestland and meet forest management plan objectives. Some of these practices can be implemented as part of NRCS cost-share programs which can assist landowners by reimbursing them for some of the costs. NRCS staff will be present to answer questions. Contact Michele Windsor at [oxfordcountyswcd@outlook.com](mailto:oxfordcountyswcd@outlook.com) to register and to find out more.

### JENNIFER PORTER: SUN COME AND SHINE CD RELEASE PARTY

Saturday, Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, The Hollis Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting and holding a public hearing on Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hollis Community Building.

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## TOWN OF HOLLIS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### Zoning Board of Appeals

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The Hollis Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting and holding a public hearing on **Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Hollis Community Building.

The public hearing is to review proposed **REMOTE PARTICIPATION POLICY**.

This meeting is open to the public. Comments may be submitted prior to the meeting by writing to: Board of Appeals, Town of Hollis, 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis, ME 04042, or by email to: [planningboard@hollismaine.org](mailto:planningboard@hollismaine.org). Please email if you have any questions about this meeting.

*Bart Sughrue, Chairman  
Hollis Zoning Board of Appeals, August 10, 2021*

Bar Mills. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at [www.sacorivertheatre.org](http://www.sacorivertheatre.org) or 929-6473. Join us for the perfect event to celebrate Saco River Theatre's reopening!

**PLANT LOVERS:** Join the FREE Community Plant Exchange on Saturday, Sept. 4 (rain date Sept. 11) from 9 a.m. until 12 noon in the parking lot of the Sanford Elks Club and the Trafton Senior Center located at 13 & 19 Elm Street in Sanford. Bring your extra plant divisions, seeds, cuttings, and house plants. Exotic invasive plants in the State of Maine will not be accepted. FMI call Bridget at 267-261-2122.

## ONGOING EVENTS

The Acton- Shapleigh Lion's Club is happy to be bringing back their **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Saturday of every month. The price is \$7, which includes pancakes (plain or blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausages, toast, orange juice, beans, and coffee, tea, and milk. The breakfast will be served from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road. All are welcome.

Buxton Centre Baptist Church, 938 Long Plains Road, Buxton, weekly **SOUPER SENIORS SOCIAL**. Gather for conversation, cribbage, puzzles, and other games, every Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a free lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Adults of all ages are welcome. Masks are not required, but we encourage people to be considerate of the health of others.

**BBQ FUNDRAISERS** Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1044, a veterans non-profit organization will be holding a "Summer-time BBQ Fundraiser" during the months of July and August each Saturday from 12 to 2 p.m. at 508 Elm Street, Biddeford. Money raised will be used to help veterans and their families during times of need. Menu: Italian Sausage \$4, Hamburger \$3, Cheeseburger \$3.25, French Fries \$3, Onion Rings \$3.25, Chicken Bomb \$4, Steak Bomb \$4, Pasta Salad \$1.50, Potato Salad \$1.50, Foot-long hot dog \$3.50, Chicken Wings \$4, Soda and Water \$1 each. Credit/Debit cards accepted. Take out only call 494-9287.

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I'm always left with a smile in my heart. Sometimes the first kiss is magical, but that's not always the case. It can be messy, complicated, too soon, too late, under false pretenses, but the happily ever after is where it's at.

*Q: Your latest book is part of a new series called Band of Sisters. Each of the four books follows the story of a strong woman with a military background. Can you talk a little bit about what inspired you to write this particular series?*

A: The setting was inspired by ski trips to Sugarloaf. While most of the series takes place during the summer months, the area itself was the perfect setting for the backdrop of this series. My other books take place along the coast or in southern Maine; I wanted to showcase another neck of the woods. I honestly don't remember what sparked the idea. I loved writing my wounded soldier story (WOUNDED LOVE) and it made me realize there weren't many romances with women in the military. As always, I had intended for TEN MILLION FIREFLIES to be one book, but while writing it, I wanted Brooke, the main character, to have a strong group of women as her inner circle. Hence, the Band of Sisters.

*Q: These two books came out within months of each other, and a third is scheduled for the fall. You also have several other small-town romance series as well as holiday/Christmas titles. Do you write one book at a time or do you have several going at the same time in various stages?*

A: I write one at a time. However, I'm typically editing one book (in a different series) while I'm writing another. For example, A HUNDRED WISHES, the third book in my Band of Sisters series, comes out this fall. I just finished one round of edits, while

I'm also writing another new series (set to come out in 2023), and am about to dive into edits for my next Christmas book, SNOWFLAKES & STOCKINGS. It's crazy trying to keep all the characters straight!

*Q: How many books do you end up writing in a year?*

A: I typically write three, sometimes four books, a year. I write at least one during my summer break, and usually have time to start the next. Once school starts, all writing stops. September and October are crazy busy. I've taken part in the NaNo challenge for many years (writing 50,000+ words in the month of November), which has helped push another novel out, and then I start another book during Christmas break, finishing that by the end of the school year. Sometimes I work faster than that. It all depends on my schedule and how quickly the words flow.

*Q: When did you first know you wanted to be a writer?*

A: Even though I was an education/English major in college, I didn't "enjoy" reading. I didn't get lost in books; I read to learn, to educate. It wasn't until I had my first child and was home for the summer that I picked up a Nicholas Sparks book. I devoured it. I couldn't get enough. I went to the library and checked out all his books (he only had six at the time). I wanted more.

I needed more. I needed the escape. I was reading more than one hundred books a year, and with every book, my brain started going in a, "what if" direction. I thought about alternative endings, or side characters who didn't get their stories. A few years later, home on maternity leave with a four year-old, two-year old, and newborn, I decided to pen my first book. NOT because I had the time, but because I NEEDED to. It was my escape from the crazy. It was my ME time. It took me more than three years to write; it was terrible. No one will ever see that book. Ha! During this time, I discovered the Maine Romance

Writers. I joined, not because I thought about being published, but because I wanted to learn how to write. Being an English teacher does not make writing a book any easier. I don't think you ever stop learning and growing as a writer.

*Q: Can you describe your journey from wannabe to published author? What does it take to "make it" in the writing biz?*

A: I stopped watching television, and spent my downtime reading or writing. I wrote book after book, attended writing conferences, learned more about the craft, edited my books, and wrote some more. I had seven books under my belt and still hadn't thought about publishing until my writer friends pushed me to put myself out there. I was embarrassed. Shy. I didn't want anyone to read my books, I only wanted to write them. I did it, though. I pitched to a few big time presses at a writer conference, was asked to submit, and got rejected. Repeat. Repeat. Repeat. Times a million. And then one day, I opened my email (it was seven in the morning and I was at school already), and I was offered a contract.

*Q: In today's publishing landscape, authors have many more choices from traditional publishing, to indie publishing, and various hybrid publishing options in between. After being traditionally published, what led you to pursue indie publishing, and what are some of the pros and cons based on your own experiences?*

A: I published my McKay-Tucker Men series with one publisher, and then got a contract for my Wilde Sisters and Rocky Harbor series with another publisher. I learned so much from them and the authors with the companies. I can't imagine jumping into indie publishing without that experience first. However, after having ten books with publishers, having many friends who were indie publishing, and being part of

the Maine Romance Writers, I felt comfortable (and challenged) diving into indie publishing. My Well Paired series was my first foray at it. It wasn't as stressful as I thought it would be, only because I had a huge support team.

*Q: Marketing is a big part of being an author these days. In addition to interacting with your readers and fans on your Facebook group, The Ricecakes, you sometimes post about book signings and tables/booths at face-to-face events. Are you back on the circuit with live appearances?*

A: I love these events, and I'm so happy they're up and running again. I participated in two craft fairs this summer and have a few lined up for the fall already. I'm an attending author at the Fall in Love with New England Reader event in Boxborough, MA Oct. 15-16 (we still have reader tickets available – and the book signing is free and open to the public), and I'll be signing at the USM craft fair Nov. 13-14. I'll be adding more events as they open.

*Q: What is the one question you wish I'd asked? And what would have been your answer?*

A: Well, it's not a question I wish you had asked, but it's one I get asked a lot. "Are any of the heroes in your book modeled af-

ter your husband." He will say all of them. I laugh. Hysterically. The real answer is an absolute no. He is the least romantic person on the planet. However, he is the most honest, loyal, dedicated, hard working man I've met. He has many of the characteristics we all crave in our book boyfriends and in real life... if only he had a clue when it came to romance.

*Q: So, then, what makes the perfect hero? Is it really about the six-pack abs?*

A: Ha ha! No. And I don't often write about them. Physically, my heroines are more drawn to the hero's eyes, his dimple, the simple touch of his hand on her lower back, or his fingers threaded through hers. Really, though, it comes down to their heart. A true hero is flawed, but he is someone who is honest and loyal, who puts others before himself, who cares for his family, his community, his pets.

You can find Marianne Rice's books on her website, [www.Mariannerice.com](http://www.Mariannerice.com), and on Amazon (many available on Kindle Unlimited), Barnes & Noble, Kobo, and Apple.

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### Selectmen's meeting

The three selectmen and five members of the public were present for the recent meeting. Under old business, it was reported the vandalism at the park has stopped for the moment. Several parents were approached. The gravestone preservation workshop was discussed and authorization was approved.

The library elevator was inspected. A couple of repairs are needed but it did pass inspection.

There was a tax rate discussion. There was a recommendation of \$17.25 for the 2021-2022 tax year.

Motion was made to accept funds received from Kash for Kans \$862.36 for Fueling February and rebate from Efficiency Maine of \$1,649.00,

In regards to the traffic signs, the state police were able to identify the guilty persons who confessed to damaging them. A court date has been set in December. If restitution is made before the court date charges will be dropped.

In regards to the library heat pump two estimates were put before the members and one was approved.

### Here and there

The New Century Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the home of Alfred and Barbara Carlson on Monday, Aug. 23.

There will be a blood drive at Masonic Hall on Aug. 31 from 1 to 5.

The Storyhour outside on the library lawn will be Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Su LaChance and myself visited Fran Libby this past week who is now a resident of the Lilac View Home in Rochester, New Hampshire. An address of the home may be obtained from either of us.

If you like country music, check out the music every other Saturday in the Legion Hall. The next will be Aug. 28, from 12 to 3:30 p.m. There will be hot snacks available.

Bob Liberty has a "Wheel Deal" with refurbished bicycles available at extremely reasonable prices. If your household needs another bike Bob is the one to see, at 324-6045.

### Young Adult Books

"Cemetery Boys" by Aiden Thomas; "Felix Ever After" by Kacen Callender; "Girl from the Sea" by Molly Knox Ostertag and "Long Way Down" by Danica Novgorodoff are new at the library. Also "I Survived the California Wildfires," "I Survived the Battle of D-Day 1944," "I Survived the Attack of the Grizzlies" and "I Survived the Hindenburg Disaster" all by Lauren Tarshis, and "World Traveler" by Anthony Bourdain and Laurie Woolever.

New children's books are "Drama" by Raina Telgemeir also "Ghosts" and "Guts" by the same author. For adults there is a DVD, "Call the Midwife" based on the memoirs of Jennifer Worth.

For adults there is "The Bomber Mafia" by Malcolm Gladwell; "The Barbizon" by Paulina Bren; "Killing the Mob" by Martin Dugard and Bill O'Reilly; and "What Happened to You?" by Bruce Perry, M.D and Oprah Winfrey.

The most recent junior fiction is "Best Friends" by Shana Hale, and Leyen Phan; "Unicorn Diaries" by Rebecca Elliot; "Jinxed" by Amy McCullough, "Malamander" by Thomas Taylor; "Starwars" by Jedi Academy and Jeffrey Brown.

## DRUMMING

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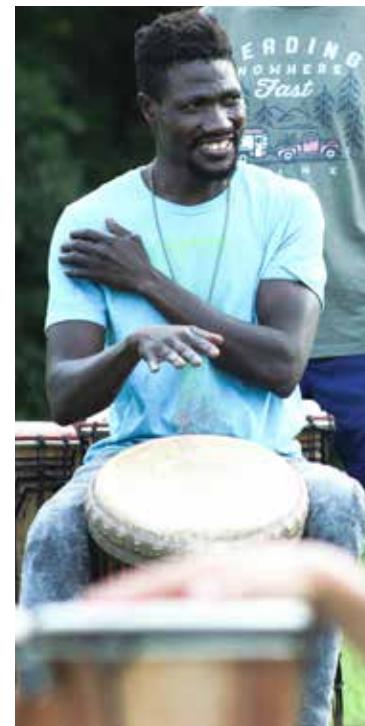
mentioned her partner, Namory Keita, who teaches drumming. That was when Sorenson thought, "This would be a good workshop for the community!" She asked the town of Buxton about a location for such an event, and was told they could use the park for free.

The drumming class was first, led by Namory Keita. Keita was born in 1982 in the village of Sangbarala, in Guinea, West Africa. He began drumming at age 7, and became the lead drummer for his village in 2006. He comes from a family of well-known drummers – his uncle, Famoudou Konate is one of the most famous West African drummers in the world, and his brothers grew up drumming with him - Solo Keita, living in Japan, and Nansady Keita, in England. He has been part of Embody the Rhythm since 2015, and accompanies weekly dance classes, as well as teaching drumming.

Keita began by putting the group in a circle, and making sure those who wanted to try drumming had a drum, the djembefola. "Bend the drum forward," he explained, "and sit on the edge of your chair." He laughed at his English. "I'm learning English from you, while you're learning drum from me!" he said. About 8 kids and about 10-12 adults participated in the drumming, with a few other people around watching and enjoying the music.

Kennedy-Castro was next, leading whomever wanted to join in West African Dance. "Dance and drumming are a rich part of culture and community in Guinea," Kennedy-Castro explains on her website. "There are traditional rhythms and dances that accompany all manner of life's passages and natural cycles."

"I fell in love with the movements in Guinea Dance, the way the traditions honor interconnec-



West African-born Namory Keita led the drumming class.

PHOTO BY EMILY THEOBALD

tion to the rhythms of nature and one another, celebrating life's cycles and seasons – something that is intrinsic to many traditional lifeways around the world, yet mostly goes forgotten in the culture I grew up in," Kennedy-Castro said in her bio. She has been studying under master West African dance and drum artists, in the US and in Guinea, for over 20 years.

"We had a great time!" Kennedy-Castro told us after the event. "It was particularly special to see the multiple generations dance and drum together." She added, "There's such a health benefit to being together in community around music and movement."

Sorenson said she was pleased with the event, which "lets the kids know about these things, to get a taste of a different culture." She added, "Awareness helps eliminate hate in the world."

A trout and a tour of the fishery and a handmade vase with flowers were raffled off at the event.

Money from the raffle will go towards the next event, a Meet and Greet with the organization Konbit Sante, an organization that works with health facilities in Haiti, with special guest, One Blue Sky, on Thursday, Sept. 16 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Garden of Earth and Soul, 168 Bonny Eagle Rd, Hollis. For more information on this event, give Sorenson a call at 727-7814.

For more information about Earth and Soul Pottery, classes and other offerings, visit their website, www.earthsoulpottery.com

For more information about Shy Beaver Trout Fishery, visit their website, www.shybeavertrout.com or their FB page @Shy Beaver Hatchery

If you are interested in West African Drum and Dance, visit www.embodytherhythm.com. Their performance group, New Moon Ensemble, will be performing on Sept. 4 at Merrill Auditorium. The show is called, "Tales of Bells and Drums" and will bring together local talent from the Rwandan and Burundian community, as well as Guinean artists, residing in Maine. Tickets are on sale now at https://boxoffice.porttix.com/tales-of-bells-and-drums-merrill-auditorium-portland-maine/2956. They also have shows in Waterville Sept. 17 and Cumberland Sept. 19.



Sarah Sorenson Coppi dancing with husband, Chris Coppi.

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### Sanford Springvale Chamber presents Faith Ballenger Memorial Scholarships

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# SPORTS

## Varsity field hockey, football get preseasons rolling

BY MICHAEL DEANGELIS

*Sports Editor*

Massabesic High School's varsity field hockey team gets the fall season rolling when they host a three-team preseason round robin with Lake Region and Oxford Hills on Friday, Aug. 20 beginning at 4 p.m. The lady Mustangs will square off against Lake Region in the opener. Next, Oxford Hills will face Lake Region, and the final tilt will be Massabesic versus Oxford Hills. Scarborough will head to West Road in Waterboro for a preseason match at 4

p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 24 and the Mustangs will finish the preseason schedule with their annual trip to Fitzpatrick Stadium to compete in the Fitzpatrick Field Hockey Play Day on Friday, Aug. 27 at 8 a.m.

The varsity football team heads into battle with a scrimmage against visiting Portland/Scarborough at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 21 before a road preseason contest against host Bonny Eagle on Thursday, Aug. 26. The Mustangs open the regular season with a home game against Marshwood on Friday, Sept. 3

## BUSINESS NEWS

### Local orchard nominated

Libby & Son U-Picks, a family-owned fruit farm located in York County, has been nominated again this year, after placing 4TH in 2020, for USA Today Top 10 Apple Orchard!

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The contest gives voters four weeks to vote for the candidate of their choice at <https://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-apple-orchard-2021/>. A person can vote once a day for the run of the contest. Voting ends

Monday, Aug. 30 and the winners will be announced on 10Best on Friday, Sept. 10 at 12 p.m.

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## Remembering Mom

My mom, Maxine Pike would have celebrated her birthday yesterday, August 18, if she was still with us, however, she passed away 4 years ago. But, in honor of her, I would like to share a story that I wrote and gave to my niece, for her to cherish the time that she had spent with her grandmother.

We have all missed Mom, and think about all the good times that we had when she was still here with us. Mom was witty, funny, kind, caring and a lot of fun. She was to all of us Pike kids, the glue that kept us centered, and the one person who filled the role of both parents for many years.

### "The Caretaker of the Family Crystal"

Several years ago, when I cleaned out my mother's apartment, I came across the crystal glasses that she received as a wedding gift. In the box were the short stemmed champagne glasses and the tall wine glasses. And, since I don't entertain, I left them packed in the box, where my mom had put them. Besides, they are more of a decorative item rather than a useful glass.

When we were kids we could only look at them and admire them in the cupboard, but were not allowed to touch them. Now that I am clearing out things that I don't use, I wondered what I should do, and who in the family would want them.

There are just some things in



I always loved this shot of my mom, from my files. We were out on a day trip, exploring and having fun. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

life that you can't bring yourself to pass on to total strangers, and these fall into that category.

My sister Heather and I took turns cleaning out her apartment, and when it was my turn, I found these and a nice story that my late brother Jeff had written in high school, and both were real treasures for me. After editing the story, I used it in my book of short stories, to always remember what a talented, clever guy he was in his short lifetime.

I have many other things as reminder of Mom, but somehow the wedding glasses, remind me that she was once a young woman, just starting out her life with my dad. And, the fact that she saved them all these years, tells me that they meant something to her.

I need to pass them on to someone who would take good care of them and cherish them as I have. Someone who might save

them, and just take them out a couple of times a year for special celebrations, then clean them gently and put them away again.

I would hope that the caretaker would cherish them, as Mom did, after all they are more than 60 years old. I have no idea if they are worth anything, but they are worth a lot to me in sentimental value, and when I pass them along, I'd like to feel that they have been given to the right person.

My decision is a difficult one, but in the final hour, I feel that my niece Jennifer is the right person for the job. Jennifer's middle name is Maxine, after my mom, so she is the best choice for the one who should carry on this task.

So, at this time, I bestow on you Jennifer Maxine the duty of being the caretaker of the family crystal. Please take good care of it, as your grandmother would have wanted, but enjoy the fact that at one time, she was a young newlywed, too. Enjoy it as you go through your life with your family, to celebrate your anniversary and other holidays. And, maybe once in a while, make a toast to your grandmother Maxine and grandfather Frank who were just 20 years old when they got married.

- C.J. Pike  
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## SHAPLEIGH

Joanne Bargioni  
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The next presentation by the Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society (ASHS) will be by member and past-president Becky Turgeon, who will present "Braided Rugs." The event will be held Monday, Sept. 13 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. at the Society's headquarters at 122 Emery Mills Rd. Braided rugs come in many shapes and sizes with patterns as wide-ranging as quilts. Turgeon will discuss the tools needed to make braided rugs as well as materials used in the techniques of braiding and lacing. The presentation will conclude with a question and answer forum followed by the Society's regular meeting at 7 p.m. This program is free and open to the public. There is ample parking at the ASHS headquarters.

## NEWFIELD

C.J. Pike  
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### Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go out this week to Josie Ring, Andre Plette, Steve Tuttle, Cindy Lewis and a happy heavenly birthday to my mom Maxine Pike.

### Meetings

Newfield Selectmen will meet on Aug. 24 at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road at 6 p.m.

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## SPRINGVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS:

### Music on the Patio

Springvale Public Library, 443 Main St., will be presenting Music on the Patio beginning Friday, Aug. 20 at noon. Bring your lunch and a chair and enjoy the day. Music on the Patio will be held every Friday through October.

### Summer reading

Teen Tails and Tales ends on Aug. 21. Good luck to all who enter the raffle. Winners will be drawn on Aug. 31. The teen and children summer reading program are partnered with the Animal Welfare Society and Loyal Companion.

### Knitting Group

The knitting group is back! Any knitters, crocheters or fiber artists are invited to join the group. They meet every Tuesday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Library. No experience necessary!

### Mysteries of Maine

The next meeting of Mysteries by Maine Authors is Aug. 26 at 6 p.m., where they will be discussing Maureen Millikens's book *Cold Hard News*. The next book in the Mystery by Maine Authors series is *A Show of Hands* by David Crossman and will be available to be picked up Sept. 1.

### Cook the Book

Cook the Book will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 5:30 p.m. Ask to see the cookbook at the main desk. The book is entitled *Secret Ingredient Cookbook*. Just pick a recipe from the cookbook. Make the recipe at home and bring it into the library on Sept. 14. For more information you can go to the library's website at [www.springvalelibrary.org](http://www.springvalelibrary.org).

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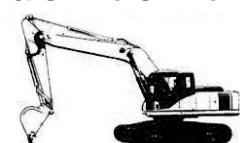
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## Jacqueline "Jackie" C. Dinsmore

Jacqueline "Jackie" Dinsmore, 89, of Sanford, beloved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, passed peacefully in her home with her children by her side, including Billy the cat.



Jacqueline  
"Jackie" C.  
Dinsmore

Jackie was born in Portland on June 23, 1932, the daughter of Eric E. and Inez M. (Christensen) Elliott, Sr.

She was a graduate of Thornton Academy in 1950. On June 10, 1951, Jackie married Curtis A. Dinsmore, and they welcomed five daughters into their hearts and home. They made their home in Eliot for the next 20 years. Jackie worked as a waitress at Valley's Steak House in Scarborough and then became the cafeteria manager for 16 years at Marshwood High School.

Jackie was a talented seamstress who made her children's clothes and their wedding dresses. She also enjoyed knitting and baking! Having the family together for the holidays brought warm

memories and loads of fun! Jackie also had "Bee Line" – clothing parties and Dutch Made parties.

Jackie was a longtime member of the International Order Rainbow Girls and was Past Worthy advisor. She believed in the values and camaraderie which her girls were fortunate to be a part of.

Jackie and Curtis would travel every other year with her brother Eric "Stubby" and her sister-in-law Phyllis. From these trips, happy memories and stories were made.

Jackie was a true matriarch of her family. She possessed an abundance of love, forgiveness, and joy. She will be deeply missed and forever cherished by her family and friends.

She is lovingly survived by her four daughters, Pamela Precourt of Sanford, Maine; Laura Zuzgo of Alton Bay, New Hampshire; Kim Cate of Eliot; April Palmer of Rochester, New Hampshire and son-in-law Mathew Ramsdell of Waterboro. She was the beloved grandmother of seventeen grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Jackie was predeceased by her husband Curtis, her daughter Joyce Ramsdell, her sons-in-law, Roger Palmer, Jeff Cate, and Marc Precourt.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21 at 1 p.m. at the Chadbourne Cemetery

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