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## Limerick holds first Family Fun Day

By C.J. PIKE

Uptown Auto was up against the undefeated Village Barbershop and when the final score came in the barbershop won the title again, with a score of 14-3. Kevin 'Sir Bam Bam Wiffles' Freeman was the captain of the winning team, and Larry Whiteley was the captain of the Uptown Auto team. Ron Smith was the pitcher for Uptown Auto, and James Exeley umpired the game. These were the two teams in the championship wiffle ball game at the Limerick Ballfield as part of the Family Fun Day, last Saturday, July 31, organized by Lt. Ron Smith of the Limerick Fire Department.

Smith got the games started and then brought Freeman on board to help run them. Justin Berube, who played for the Barber-shop team, was voted, MVP.

Smith conceded the game graciously and looks forward to the next time they will play. This was

the first year of the wiffle ball tournament, and it looks like it will stick around for awhile.

It was a beautiful warm, sunny day for the 'fun day' and there were lots of activities for the first ever Family Fun Day. And, as I watched, I could see children running barefoot all over the field, and enjoying the many games that were set up for them. Families walked around in shorts and t-shirts, the dads played a game of catch with their sons, kids had sack races, a water balloon toss, and the adventurous ones took a chance at the dunk tank.

Music filled the air and hundreds of bubbles floated freely by, as I listened to some of my old fav's "These Boots Are Made for Walking" and "Help Me Rhonda." The music was provided by Bradley James Graffam of Alpha Moose Entertainment, and I realized that was my kind of a day, fun and relaxing.

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Good friends Kevin Freeman and Ron Smith pretend to be fighting over the wiffle ball championship trophy. But, Kevin's team, Village Barbershop, won it fair and square. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

## Free food for area residents

By JOANNE BARGIONI

Mike Reid, Shapleigh Fire-fighter and Emergency Medical Technician, in collaboration with State Representative Ted Kryzak, and Deborah Wilson of the Lebanon Truth Seekers, arranged to receive a large food donation from the Good Shepherd Food Bank on July 31. This was to accommodate the people in the Shapleigh, Acton, Lebanon, Newfield, and Limerick areas who need food or who want a food box.

There was no residency requirement, no personal information taken, and no identification required. Reid states this program helps to replace the government food boxes that were given out during the COVID-19 pandemic. That program was reduced recent-

ly as the pandemic restrictions were reduced, but the need for food is still there.

The food giveaway was held on Saturday, July 31 in the parking lot of the First Baptist Church and over 700 lbs. of food was available. Rep. Kryzak was in session in the House of Representatives and unable to make arrangements with the Good Shepherd Food Bank this month, so with the help of Wilson, Reid obtained a food delivery to the Shapleigh area from a Food Bank in Milton, New Hampshire.

Reid would like to see the Free Food giveaway more often. Maybe once a month or hopefully every week. If you are in need of food or you would like to volunteer or donate, contact Mike Reid at 603-307-4926.



Volunteers at the food giveaway in Shapleigh, from left, Bob Kirton, Natasha Reid, Mike Reid, their two children and Deborah Wilson. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

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# Community Calendar

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## COMING EVENTS

**CENTENNIAL VENDOR & CRAFTER FAIR** at St. Matthew Church, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will be selling their famous lobster rolls. You will also find basket raffles, plants, quilted items, handmade crafts and coasters, jewelry, scrunchies, cutting boards, soaps, lip balms, bath bombs, shampoo, lotions and more.

**BUXTON COMMUNITY PARADE** Aug. 7, at 11 a.m. Theme is "Everything Maine" – Uplifting the State in honor of Maine's bicentennial, missed during the pandemic in 2020. Line-Up Starts at 10 a.m. Participants should submit completed form no later than Monday, Aug. 2 to: Town of Buxton, Parade Committee, 185 Portland Road, Buxton, ME 04093-6532, Fax: (207) 929-4730. FMI email: [jmyers@buxton.me.us](mailto:jmyers@buxton.me.us) or call 929-6171.

**THE YORK COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE** monthly meeting Wednesday, Aug. 11 in the Auditorium on the 2nd floor of Alfred Town Hall, 16 Saco Rd. Doors open 6:30 p.m., followed by business meeting 7:00-8:30 p.m. Final reparation for

YCRC participation at the Acton Fair will be discussed and tickets will be available for Families for Freedom event on Aug. 21. Volunteers needed for both events. FMI or to be added to email list, contact [communications@yorkgop.org](mailto:communications@yorkgop.org) or call 468-2395.

**BEAN SUPPER** at St. Matthew Church, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick on Aug. 14 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the parish hall. MENU: Baked Beans, Ham, Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, American Chop Suey, Bread, Beverage & Dessert. Adults \$10, Children 5-12 are \$5, Children 4 and under are free. Everyone welcome. Takeout option for those unable or uncomfortable with attending a dinner. Orders must be submitted by Friday, Aug. 13 by 3 p.m. Online order form can be found on our website or <https://forms.gle/9jPZpFt5Gfb-GenMb6>. You can also call the office during business hours to place your order 793-2244.

**SLIDE LECTURE: LOST TRIBES OF WESTERN MAINE** Saturday Aug. 14 at 1:30 p.m. at Great Ossipee Museum of Hiram Historical Society, 20 Historical Ridge (off Main Street, Route 117) in Hiram. Peter Stowell will present the context for misunderstandings between

settlers and Native Americans that often erupted into conflict. The program is free and open to the public. A business meeting at 1 p.m. precedes the program. For more information, call 615-4390.

**OLD CORNER CHURCH ANNUAL SERVICE** will be held Sunday, Aug. 15 at 2 p.m. Rev. Philip Bean will deliver the sermon. Jan Thibeault and Gordon Trail will provide special music. Following the service and refreshments, Friends of Old Corner Church will have its annual business meeting. Those interested in joining the effort to preserve the 1804 landmark are encouraged to attend and participate in various plans for restoration, fundraising and utilization of the church for community events. Masks are encouraged. For more details, call Bud Jamieson at 247-3635. The church is located at the corner of West Road and Federal Street in Waterboro.

**LYMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING** Tuesday, Aug. 17 at the Lyman Community Library at 6 p.m. Bring a lawn chair. The rain date is Aug. 18. There will be a Bicentennial Celebration for Maine on Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Lyman Library from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**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.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKING CRAFTSPEOPLE** The Arundel Historical Society is seeking craftspeople for its annual Heritage Day, Saturday, Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A family event located at the corner of Limerick Road and Route 111, a day of showcasing rural living, historical displays, Civil War encampment, food, music, exhibits, etc. For information and application forms call Joanne at 985-3087 or email [info@arundelhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@arundelhistoricalsociety.org)

## ONGOING EVENTS

**WATERBORO CONCERTS IN THE PARK** Friday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at Friendship Park, Old Alfred Road, Waterboro. Upcoming concerts are Aug. 6, Kennebunk River Band and on Aug. 13, The Delta Knights, with Deej SG opening with instrumental electric guitar. The 3rd Annual York County Blues Fest will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 2 to 8:30 p.m. Rain or shine, doors open at 1 p.m. Tickets on sale now only \$15 in advance at [www.YorkCountyBluesFest.com](http://www.YorkCountyBluesFest.com).

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 "Summertime 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.

**FREE MUSEUM PASSES** Goodall Memorial Library, 952 Main St., Sanford is offering free passes to some museums in Maine. All you need is a valid Goodall Memorial Library card. For more details or to reserve a pass, call the library at 324-4714. The library is open Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit [www.lbgoodall.org](http://www.lbgoodall.org) for more information.



## Book launch

The First Congregational Church of Wakefield, NH, UCC and the Gafney Library, Sanbornville, NH invite you to join in celebrating the launch of Titia Bozuwa's newest book, *Our Tree, A Conversation with Gijs* on Saturday, Aug. 7, at 1 p.m. in the church sanctuary (2718 Wakefield Road, Wakefield) with the reception at Twin Farms (across the street). This event is open to the public, but call 522-3189 to reserve your space.

The Villages of Wakefield are extremely fortunate to have Titia Bozuwa as its resident author. Her newest book is a wonderful compilation of what she calls "vignettes" entitled, *Our Tree, A Conversation with Gijs*. Titia's ability to share her own love, loss and laughter allows for the reader to venture into a world that all could someday find relatable. Join friends and family as they celebrate the publication of this heartfelt book.

Following the presentation, a reception will be held across the street at the Twin Farms Estate where Titia will be happy to sign your new purchase. All proceeds, \$15 per copy, will be donated to the benefit of your choice, either the Endowment Fund for the First Congregational Church of Wakefield or the Gafney Library in Sanbornville.

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**Tuesday, August 10 – 5:30 PM**  
**Lyman Town Hall – 11 South Waterboro Road**

The Select Board will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, August 10th, at 5:30 p.m. at Lyman Town Hall regarding the warrant articles to be voted on at the September 7th Special Meeting. The regular Board of Selectman meeting will follow.

FROM THE MAINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND SANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT:

## Two Sanford residents arrested for aggravated drug trafficking

In the early morning hours of Saturday, July 31, agents from the York District Task Force and Sanford Police arrested Scott Huff, 40 and Eva Valley, 30 both of Sanford. Huff and Valley were arrested for drug trafficking arrest warrants related to a four-month drug trafficking investigation by MDEA and Sanford Police.

Huff and Valley were both arrested for Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (fentanyl, cocaine, and methamphetamine); the charges are aggravated due to the quantity of the drugs involved as well as the possession of a firearm in furtherance of the drug trafficking crimes.

During the investigation, agents conducted several undercover purchases of fentanyl from Huff and Valley from their previous residence on Pearl Street, Sanford. The two would regularly travel out of state to purchase fentanyl, cocaine, and methamphetamine for resale in the greater Sanford area.

Agents recently learned that Huff and Valley were no longer



MDEA agents seized 1770 grams (3.8 pounds) of fentanyl, 188 grams of cocaine and crack, 40 grams of methamphetamine, a loaded 9 mm handgun and \$19,822.00 in suspected drug proceeds. COURTESY PHOTO

living at the Pearl Street residence and were living and operating out of a motor home.

On July 31, 2021 at about 3 a.m., Sanford Police observed Huff and Valley in and around the motor home. The two were arrested for the MDEA warrants without incident and transported to the York County jail.

Agents responded to the scene and were granted a search warrant for the motor home and an additional vehicle belonging to Valley.

During the search, agents seized 1770 grams (3.8 pounds) of fentanyl, 188 grams of cocaine and crack, and 40 grams of methamphetamine. Agents also

seized a loaded 9 mm handgun and \$19,822.00 in suspected drug proceeds.

The amount of fentanyl seized in this investigation represents more than 3000 individual doses of this deadly drug. This substantial seizure of out of state drugs, drug money and a firearm was the culmination of a four month investigation.

Bail was set for Huff at \$150,000 cash and Valley at \$100,000 cash. Both will be scheduled for initial appearances this week in York District Court.

The estimated street value of the seized drugs is \$290,000

MDEA is committed to its mission of disrupting and dismantling mid to higher level drug traffickers who profit at the expense of those suffering from substance abuse disorders. The seized fentanyl in this investigation represents over 3000 individual doses of the deadly drug.

If you have information about this investigation or the illegal sale of drugs in this state, you are urged to contact the MDEA office closest to you or by texting MDEA to TIP411 (847411) or calling the MDEA tip-line at 800-452-6457.

## WATERBORO

### Waterboro crash kills two

A little past 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 31, deputies from the York County Sheriff's Department responded to an incident outside the Cozi Corner Café at 199 Sokokis Trail, Route 5, in East Waterboro where two individuals were struck and killed by a motor vehicle while waiting to go inside the restaurant for breakfast.

According to a report from Sheriff William King, an investigation revealed that Charles Stoddard, 64, of Waterboro was driving his 2003 Oldsmobile Alero North on Sokokis Trail when he veered off the roadway into the parking lot area where people were standing outside. The vehicle struck the roadside restaurant sign and continued, dispersing patrons who were awaiting entry. Two individuals were unable to avoid Stoddard's vehicle and were struck and killed.

Mark Schepis, 45 years and Luke Stephenson, 12, both of Waterboro, were pronounced deceased at the scene. Schepis and Stephenson were with their respective families and were famil-

iar with each other. The families were congregated waiting to enter the restaurant.

Stoddard's vehicle continued and struck a 2010 Ford F-150 driven and owned by Mark Tuttle of Porter, deploying the truck's air bags. Tuttle was not injured. Stoddard was transported to Southern Maine Medical Center where he was treated and released. The crash is being re-constructed by officers with the Saco and Old Orchard Beach Police Departments. The road was re-opened at 1:40 p.m. and the investigation is ongoing.

A benefit ride to raise money for the Schepis and Stephenson families is being held on Saturday, Aug. 7 from the Waterboro Eagles Club (1050 Main Street, Waterboro) to the Iron Tails Saloon (559 ME-109, Acton). The cost is \$20 per driver and \$10 per passenger. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. in Waterboro and kickstands up at 10 a.m. Raffle tickets will be sold at Iron Tails from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any type of vehicle is welcome. For more info call Zac at 712-0029 or Glen at 653-7921. (See Page 8 for more, including obituaries.)

**TOWN OF LYMAN  
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**Thursday, August 19 – 6:30 PM**  
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AN ESSAY FROM ALFRED

How to clean a freezer

Emptying the freezer of several years of fruits and vegetables, so it could be cleaned, didn't entice me. So I hunted up my husband. Could he help? He could but first he had to do some mowing. I decided to start. This was something which couldn't wait.

We have two freezers in the cellar, back to back. It presents a problem because I would have to turn off the one to be cleaned and it was impossible to tell which cord belonged to which freezer (to unplug.) I looked up a flashlight and tried to shine the light behind them. I was remarkably unsuccessful until my spouse arrived and pointed out that opening the door of the larger freezer would help. If that was the right one, its motor would stop. He was right – the smaller freezer would be the right one. So we began.

I don't mean to say we only clean them every few years but he had already done the larger one which was supposedly for meat. At least, that was the original intent but because we no longer have animals the berries and vegetables go in the smaller freezer. Our daughter used to raise animals and any meat obtained from her went in the larger freezer. It still does.

We started, piling the freezer boxes and bags on a table behind us. Where did all that rhubarb come from? I had been complaining about the rhubarb going by and here was all this rhubarb in the freezer. And peppers! Where did I think I was going to use all those peppers? My husband cannot even eat them, although they would be handy when making pickles.

Both the rhubarb and the peppers went into the racks on the door, according to the grand plan. This is the map indicating where everything goes. It is kept on the freezer door and supposedly when you want strawberry jam or squash or eggplant you just check the plan on the door. It is a great help and remains

the same every year. Unless you fail to follow the plan. This year we had only a handful of yellow beans to freeze, (We don't particularly like them) no coleslaw at all and not many parsnips but maybe they will show up later this summer, along with the butternut squash. And did I actually freeze sweet potatoes last year? We are very fond of them but no longer grow them. They seem to need a longer growing season than Maine provides. We love asparagus but seem to eat it as soon as it appears in the garden. Broccoli is kept for my husband's broccoli cheddar soup which he freezes. He enjoyed it when we ate at "Panera Bread" in Biddeford, came home and made his own recipe for it. I freeze lots of stewed tomatoes, then forget to use them. Ditto for the pumpkin. I am not a big pie maker and cannot seem to find a better use than pie for pumpkin. Each of these things has its own little niche in the freezer.

I am beginning to realize some things are more economical to buy than raise, or pick, like blueberries. When we found four pound bags of blueberries we decided it would beat going into the woods and fighting the mosquitoes, so we bought them. Finding lots of asparagus on sale was another happy find. And I am realizing those lovely long carrots in the market are better than trying to beat the moles who find our carrots so interesting.

Something which always seems better on the vine are tomatoes. During a visit to England we were impressed by the small tomato houses behind so many homes. If you don't have a freezer, keep a tomato house, although I doubt ours would survive a Maine winter.

Perhaps the wisest folks are those who sign up for vegetables raised via CSA – Community Supported Agriculture. The folks who purchased our old farm are selling their produce this way. The customers are sold as much as they need, and it is always fresh. And no weeding! I felt that was a great improvement.

– By Allison Williams

OPINION  
Sam's Luncheonette

Sam's Luncheonette was the holy temple of humanity located on Bedford Ave between Parkside and Clarkson in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn New York. It was a stone's throw away from PS 92 on Parkside Avenue. This is the early sixties, the decade of the transistor radio. Sam had his planted over the shiny metal grill cover. It was an RCA locked in on seventy seven WAB-Ceeee! Kennedy was in the White House. The Radio stayed on until Ralph, Bob and Lindsay filled the screen of a small black and white occupying the space between the green malted mixers.



by Jon Simonds

This was Sams' Luncheonette packed with working class stiffies who didn't have time for the stuffed shirts of City Hall or Wall Street just below it. This was a place for precinct cops, sanitation workers, meter maids, mailmen, cabbies and bus drivers. Ralph, Bob and Lindsay were the voice of the New York Mets and when the Mets were on, the radio was off.

This was Flatbush Brooklyn a mixed neighborhood long before there was any talk of integration. Sammy and his partner Ben were a couple of Jews. They had there luncheonette and counters full of black kids, white kids, Italian and Irish kids. Chinese kids, Spanish kids. They were kids. They were hungry kids.

I remember this one black kid. It was the way he looked down at my plate. He just struck me that one day. He climbed up on the stool next to me pointing at my plate. Our eyes connected. He was black as night with a white polo shirt. A tiny mouth and a pleading face. "Can I have that?"

"You got money," Sammy asks and we knew better than to lie. If we had money, great. If we didn't the book would come out, just like the black and white notebooks we carried back and forth to school. "Your name. Your address. Phone number. Parents name. Grade. Teacher. "Okay. You want that?"

Sometimes Sams son would come in. "Hey pops." Sam would look up at him.

"Who are you?" "Your son. If you came home once in a while you'd know these things."

"Jerry? Oy Gevalt. Bonnies appt."

Years later when Sam and Benny were gone and I ran into Jerry I asked about the Luncheonette. I wondered how Sam made any money. He asked if I remembered the black waitress. "She had two kids in PS 92. She would bring them in every morning for breakfast, don an apron and work the counter and tables til 3 or 4. We had a huge breakfast crowd. She wouldn't take a dime from my father. She wouldn't even keep the tips. She'd say "you feed my kids. We do for each other."

He went on to explain the Luncheonette was a numbers spot for the mob. There was some money to be made in that until 67 when the city muscled the mob out of the numbers racket with a pick-3 lottery game. There wasn't money in that unless you were the city, but we didn't have any investors. There was no board of directors looking for increased returns on their money. We had a savings account. Some months it grew and some months it shrank. We had a house to live in, food to eat and a bus pass for school. Life was good. It was a luncheonette, not a microphone. We weren't going to live like Jagger and Richards but we were going to live and we did and then came the clown with his Golden Arches and the Burger King. No fresh food. No people. Only wallets scattered across endless counters all bouncing to the latest jingle. Here! Have it your way as if having it your way wasn't something you had to begin with.

Sam's son is gone now, too. I can't help but think of them as I maneuver through the Delta Summer of a pandemic in a Hospital bed in Portland, Maine. Wasn't this the summer two billionaires flew two ships into space for all of about two minutes. One of em even sold a seat for 24 million dollars and the buyer ended up giving the ticket away because of a prior commitment.

I wonder if you can see the horde of homeless from way up there. Or maybe even a window looking into Sam's Luncheonette. Sam, eyes squinting, seated at his lunch counter, jotting down names in a notebook set aside for all those hungry children.

Jon Simonds lives in North Waterboro and is the author of "Brooklyn Encounters," a collection of short stories available on Kindle.



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FAMILY FUN DAY

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According to Smith, the Touch-a-Truck, at Carroll Materials had about 200 who enjoyed looking at the big trucks and classic cars.

Batman, Bat Girl, Poison Ivy, Superman, Spider-Man and some other superheroes were walking around for most of the day for photo opportunities and signing autographs.

Proceeds from the event will go to St. Matthews Church Food Pantry and for school supplies for the teachers at Line School Elementary. Money raised was \$600 for the Line School and \$300 for St. Matthew's Food Pantry.

Smith has a long list of people who helped out that he would like to thank, including his wife, Jessica DeLancey Smith, Kelli Cook Manson on the dunk tank, Katherine A. Carroll at the Touch-a-Truck, Joe and Melissa Wilson for running the kids activities, Joseph Parsons and the Rec Dept, Guinevere Sampson for the kids arts area, Bradley James Graffam for being DJ and running the corn-hole area, and Glenn Theriault for RC Cool Stuff with the remote control cars. Kyle and Carol Gerry for parking cars, Jon Campbell for DJ at the car show area, Caitlyn and Chloe Campbell for face paintings at Touch-a-Truck area, Amanda Campbell for Flag raffle, Matt Bryant for field person at Touch-a-Truck, all the employees at Carroll Materials, Kourtnei Ouellette for the balloons, Larry and Jackie Campbell for setting up balloons and cleaning up, Erin-Elyse Boudreau for the wiffle ball sign ups and face painting at the ball field, and Matthew Baron and the T-bone Trail. Also, Dave Gibson for help with getting the tables.

And, everyone who brought their trucks and classic cars to the event.

Spider-Man won the car contest and Flag raffle winners were Lisa Le Page and Dean Tardiff. And, winner of the Napa Bucket was Emma Ouellette.

He would like to thank everyone for coming down and commented that "it was a great day to get together as a community, and showing what this community is all about."

He loves to be involved in activities for the greater good of the community. Somebody once said to him, "Why don't you run for mayor?" But, he declined, and said that he likes what he is doing.

Smith also commented that "If I forgot to mention someone, I apologize as there was a lot of people behind the scenes who helped to put this event together."

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### OUT Maine partners with WERU-FM on LGBTQ+ youth voices podcast series

OUT Maine's Emerging Youth Leaders has launched a podcast series for WERU-FM radio to share their stories and help educate our communities about the realities facing LGBTQ+ youth in Maine. Special thanks to WERU-FM for providing training and support to make this series and youth skill-building possible.

The podcast series -- LGBTea Time with Chuck -- is youth-conceived and led. Every single decision -- from the name, format and discussion topics, to where it is aired and who hosts each episode -- is made by the young emerging leaders.

LGBTea Time is currently being aired on WERU-FM on the first Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Recordings of the podcast can also be heard on OUT Maine's website, outmaine.org.

The current team has seven young adults between the ages of 15 and 19 who sport coffee and tea-themed radio names -- Mocha, Jet, Chamomile, Juniper and Elderflower. The team also includes two incredible adult volunteers -- Earl and Java -- and OUT Maine staff. The youth and volunteers



join from across Maine via videoconferencing. Java even joins from a ship -- where they work at sea for months at a time -- making the group a truly global community.

Chuck hosts the podcast. Regular listeners may notice Chuck's voice sounds a little different each month, as the role of "Chuck" rotates across group members. Please join this incredible group of mature, insightful queer youth and supportive adults as they share

their experiences to help build understanding of Maine's LGBTQ+ youth and encourage community across our state. You can hear the podcast at <https://archives.weru.org/category/lgbtea-time/>.

OUT Maine has an ambitious goal: to create more welcoming and affirming communities for Maine's diverse queer youth in all of their intersectional identities by changing the very systems that serve them. For more information, visit [www.outmaine.org](http://www.outmaine.org)

### Mainers living with chronic pain encouraged to participate in free "Better Health Now with Pain" workshop

Beginning in mid-August, Healthy Living for ME is offering a free workshop to help individuals with a wide range of chronic pain conditions. Better Health Now with Pain is ideal for people who are experiencing a wide range of chronic, non-cancer related pain conditions such as arthritis, back pain, post-surgical pain and headaches, as well as other conditions that last for more than three months despite treatment. Caregivers of those experiencing long-term pain are also invited to participate in the workshop. Topics covered will include pacing & planning, medication management, and the Moving Easy Program, among many others.

Participants in this workshop will receive a free toolkit that will be delivered by mail and will work with a certified leader via telephone at predetermined times, either by themselves or in small groups.

"Better Health Now with Pain" telephone workshops are held once per week for six weeks and are one hour long. The upcoming workshop is scheduled for Mondays, Aug. 16 - Sept. 27. Materials will be mailed the week before the class begins.

This series is free to any adult Mainer dealing with chronic pain, but advance registration is required. Contact Healthy Living for ME at 1-800-620-6036 or email [info@healthylivingforme.org](mailto:info@healthylivingforme.org) for more information and to register. You can also register at [www.healthylivingforme.org](http://www.healthylivingforme.org).

In October, Healthy Living for Maine will also be offering "Living Well with Chronic Pain." Anyone interested in this workshop is welcome to register for it now, or to call Healthy Living for Maine

for more information. This workshop is free, held on Zoom and open to all adult Mainers experiencing chronic, non-cancer relat-

ed pain. "Living Well with Chronic Pain" lasts for six weeks with a choice of Monday or Thursday workshops.

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### MaineHealth to require Care Team COVID-19 vaccinations as condition of employment

As MaineHealth seeks to limit the spread of COVID-19, vaccination will be a requirement for employment, with very few exceptions, as of Oct. 1.

MaineHealth, northern New England's largest health system and Maine's largest private employer, announced today that it will require COVID-19 vaccination for all care team members, with very few exceptions, as a condition of employment, as of Oct. 1.

With this effort, MaineHealth joins dozens of hospitals and health systems, along with some government and non-healthcare private employers, in a public health effort to limit spread of COVID-19, especially in light of the growing threat of the Delta variant.

"The vaccines are very effective, and are preventing hospitalizations and health complications with COVID-19. In addition, the vaccines are proven safe -- we have a full year of data from the clinical trials and almost 200 million Americans have received a COVID-19 vaccination," said Dora-Anne Mills M.D., chief health improvement officer of MaineHealth. "To be consistent with our values and to protect our colleagues, families, patients and communities, we believe it is paramount that all care team members be vaccinated."

As of late July, 83.8 percent of all MaineHealth care team members were fully vaccinated.

"Our care team members

have worked extremely hard and have sacrificed much in the fight against COVID-19, and we thank them profoundly," Mills said. "As we ask all our care team members to be vaccinated, I'd ask all Mainers to please, please get your COVID-19 vaccination. It will protect you, your family and your community."

Having broad vaccination is especially necessary to protect those who are vulnerable, including unvaccinated children and the immunocompromised. It is for this very reason this many health care and long-term care organizations already require vaccinations for COVID-19, along with influenza, pertussis and chickenpox.

As with non-state mandated vaccines, bona fide medical and religious exemptions will be considered by MaineHealth.

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## Visit by Sparks' Ark

An interested group of preschoolers (and their parents) gathered on the back lawn of the Parsons Memorial Library this past Monday to learn about some animals which they would probably never have seen otherwise. Like a little white hedgehog, a very large (20 pound) snake and a timid chinchilla. Josh Sparks, who was introducing the animals to his audience, explained what their outstanding characteristics were. Like the softest animal known – the chinchilla, who should not get wet, is easily scared and who is given dust baths in captivity, and the hedgehog who can sleep over 23 hours at a time. There are none found in the U.S.

The reason snakes like to coil around your arm is to get warm. The one we were shown weighed 20 pounds and after devouring dinner can live a very long time without eating. Bats eat an amazing number of mosquitoes, the turtle found in your backyard is not a tortoise, and the barred owl can live 15 to 20 years. The "baby dragon" can be trained to eat from your hand.

Seeing each animal as he removed it from its pen kept the attention of every child very focused on his talk.

## July 13 Selectmen's meeting

A Certificate of Appointment for Bruce Norton to be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals was read. It was approved by all and signed.

Selectmen Pasquini updated the board that road stripping will be done in the fall at the intersection of Poole's Crossing and North Berwick Road in the Keywood area.



Josh Sparks shows a "Baby Dragon" to the children at Parsons Library and tells all about it. PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

Monthly reports by the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Parson Library's Monthly Safety Audit were reviewed. Income in the amount of \$1,149.22 was accepted to the Fueling February account after motion by Pasquini and second by Dochtermann. All voted to approve.

## Anniversary party

A well-attended anniversary party was held on Aug. 1 to honor the 50th wedding anniversary of Ann and George Dugovic. There were 30 family members present, including nine offspring and their families from Maine, Rochester,



George and Ann Dugovic with guests Ron Appleby and Eric Ducharme at the Dugovic's 50th anniversary party. PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

New York and Montauk, New York as well as Florida. Refreshments were handled by having a "Pizza Cart."

## Museum cuts hours

Because of the poor response by local people, the Alfred Village Museum will no longer be open on Wednesdays, but just on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. If someone has a particular reason for researching something during the week, they can contact the chairman, Allison Williams, 324-5823 or another member of the committee.

## July permits issued

Code Enforcement Officer Jim Allaire issued the following permits in July. To Bryan Desrochers of Colin's Meadow Lane to finish a basement; to John Barstow of Gore Road for a new front deck; to Dennis Alexander of Fort Ridge for a farmer's porch; to Mark and Denise Nelms of Blueberry Hill Road for a garage; to Ali Rasmussen of Walnut Grove on Gore Road for a jump pillow/rec equipment; to Richard Medve of Windsor Drive for a porch and to Matthew and Barbara Roberts of Gore Road for a single family home. Wilber Haskell of Jordan Spring Road for replacement windows.

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## BRIEFS

### Springvale Library

Springvale Library, 443 Main St., is fully open to the public and has asked everyone to wear a mask upon entering the library in compliance with updated CDC guidelines. Music on the Patio begins Friday, Aug. 20 at noon, just bring a chair. This program will continue until Oct.

The adult program "Mysteries by Maine Authors" continues. This is a series of five books by Maine authors, currently on book three, entitled *Cold Hard News* by Maureen Milliken. It's not too late to join this program and for more information you can visit the library's website at spl@springvalelibrary.org.

### Know someone in prison or jail?

"Individuals don't go to prison alone, their families go also." Join us at (York County) Rose's Room which is a SUPPORT GROUP for family and friends of incarcerated loved ones. We encourage anyone who has an incarcerated family member, loved one, or friend to please join us in Rose's Room where everyone is welcomed, loved, and equally respected! Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at Bishop Cote Hall, 10 Payne Street, Springvale.

## TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Municipal Officers of the Town of Shapleigh will hold a public hearing regarding **POLICY: An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Public Proceedings**

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Shapleigh Town Hall, 22 Back Road

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Obituaries

**Luke D. Stephenson**

Luke D. Stephenson, 12, of Waterboro, was taken from the world too soon on July 31, 2021. In so few years of life, he has left a lasting legacy. He will be remembered by many as the cute little blond boy with freckles who would go up to anyone, ask you your name, tell you his, and ask how you were doing, often giving a compliment. He'd proceed to talk about his dog, Moose, or how much he loved riding his dirt bike, his four-wheeler, and his snowmobile. He'd tell you about his favorite video games and his love for music, especially AC/DC. When he left, you'd have a smile on your face, and Luke would have a new friend.



**Luke D. Stephenson**

If there was music playing, he'd join in, often going right up to the musicians and sing along with the band or strum his air guitar and dance. He lived beautifully and carefree, bringing so much joy to the lives of those around him, whether they knew him or not.

Family was everything to Luke. His favorite days were when his cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and friends were all together. Luke's purpose in

life was to spread love and joy to everyone around him. He fulfilled his purpose, and for that, our world is truly blessed.

Luke is survived by his parents, David and Jami; his sister, Paige; his aunt Jodi Binsberger Terrell and Keith Minchella of Somers, Connecticut; his uncle, Shawn Stephenson and his wife, Marianne of Waterboro. He is also survived by cousins Samantha and Grace Terrell; and Isabelle, Brianna, and Samuel Stephenson; grandparents Dale and Paulette Binsberger of Sanford; grandmother, Gloria (Simon) Stephenson of Porter; grandfather, David Stephenson Sr. and Carol Lamirande of Waterboro; great grandmother Gladys Binsberger of Port Richey, Florida; and his dog, Moose.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, Aug. 5 at Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr., Sanford from 4 to 6 p.m. A private service will be held on Friday for family.

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

In lieu of flowers, we ask you to perform an act of kindness in honor of Luke.

Please consider a donation to the "David's Fund" at Atlantic Federal Credit Union, 1516 Main St., Sanford, ME 04073. This fund is to help families with services.

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**Mark R. Schepis**

Mark R. Schepis, 45, of Meadowbrook Drive, East Waterboro, passed away on Saturday July 31, 2021 in East Waterboro.



**Mark R. Schepis**

He was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on Feb. 23, 1976, the son of Robert and Yvonne (Charland) Schepis.

He attended local schools in Connecticut and graduated from Naugatuck High School. Mark then graduated from Naugatuck Valley Community College. Mark moved to Maine in 1998 and to East Waterboro in 2005.

He was employed by Bottomline Technologies for 21 years as a Director of Support. He had a positive attitude, worked as a team player and pushed for constant improvement.

Mark had a contagious personality and everyone who met him fell in love with him. No matter the situation, Mark could put a smile on your face and he prided himself on that ability. Without even trying, he managed to make a positive impact on his family, friends and strangers alike.

Mark loved spending time with his family. He was the ringleader and life of the party, whether he was singing or dancing. His most recent performance of, Man in the Box, cannot be forgotten. He enjoyed organizing Disney trips and hosting his annual Fourth of July fireworks show and listening to Iron Maiden. There was no greater Philadelphia Eagles fan north of Pennsylvania. Their Super Bowl win in 2018 was one of the greatest moments of his life.

Mark and his wife, Jessica, were married in 2002 and would have celebrated their 20-year anniversary in May. Mark always wanted to be with his children whether coaching, cheering, or attending as many of their events as possible. He spent countless hours entertaining his family which resulted in priceless memories, many which were recorded.

Survivors include his beloved wife and best friend, Jessica Schepis, of East Waterboro, a son, Alex, two daughters, Elizabeth and Dani, his parents of Naugatuck, CT, a brother, Michael Schepis, wife Lori, and niece Taylor of Wolcott, CT.

Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 6 at the Dennett, Craig & Pate Funeral Home, 13 Portland Road, Buxton (Bar Mills).

A mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7 at St. Matthews Church, 19 Dora Lane in Limerick. Burial will follow.

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