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Milk giveaway in Shapleigh

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

On Wednesday, Sept. 15, gallons of milk were made available to local towns at no cost, thanks to Ted Kryzak, State Representative. Cpl Mike Reid, organizer of "The Food Giveaway" program, has been working with Rep. Kryzak to obtain donations of food since the government curtailed its food box program given in conjunction with a COVID-19 initiative. Reid states the giveaways are available to residents of the Shapleigh, Acton, Lebanon, Newfield, and Limerick areas with a "no questions asked" policy. The milk was distributed at the First Baptist Church, 600 Shapleigh Corner Road, in Shapleigh, and was available to all.

Reid is a Corporal in the Army U.S. Veterans Reserve Corp (USVRC). His wife, PFC Reid, and Specialist DeAngelis assisted in distributing the milk to those who came. Lt. Adams, Detachment Commander, help supported in this mission, Eddie B. Towing and Recovery pitched in by picking up the milk in Lebanon, and volunteer Bob Kirton helped deliver it to Shapleigh.

Cpl Reid said the USVRC responds in disaster, crisis management, Fire, EMS and Community Support. He said he still has food left from the last food giveaway in July. If anyone would like to obtain these items or for more information, contact Reid at (603) 307-4926. More giveaways are planned for the future.



Long live Thelma!

By C.J. PIKE

The Newfield Fire Department has officially named their new forestry truck in honor of ther biggest supporter, Thelma Connell, and painted her name right across the front of the truck.

Almost everyone in Newfield knew Thelma, who passed away in 2017, and knew what she did for the town that she loved. She was the kind of person who would do anything for anyone, even total strangers. Over the years, Thelma was the driving force behind most of the fundraising in town.

The new truck was donated to the department by the Maine Forestry Department and just this year, they got it ready for service, but not until they had a meeting



Specialist DeAngelis, Corporal Mike Reid and PFC Reid distributed free gallons of milk at the First Baptist Church in Shapleigh on Sept. 15 as part of "The Food Giveaway" program. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

Reconstruction of the Emery Mills Bridge

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

Included in the referendum on Nov. 2, Shapleigh voters will be voting on whether or not the town will approve borrowing money for the Emery Mills Bridge Reconstruction project. The bridge is in poor condition according to the Dept. of Transport (DOT) and is coming to an end if its useful life.

The Emery Mills Bridge is located on Deering Ridge Road. It is a busy road and has recently had the weight limit reduced to 22 tons due to the poor condition.

The Board of Selectman

to decide on an appropriate name. There were several on the list, but when Thelma's name came up, they all agreed.

It was painted in the Newfield red with gold leaf, to match the other trucks, and 'Thelma' was painted across the front, so everyone could

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Newfield Fire Dept.'s new forestry truck 'Thelma' has already been put into service and is appropriately named for the person who was their biggest supporter. Photo inset: Thelma Connell was 'one of a kind.' She helped everyone who needed it, and was happy to do it. PHOTOS BY C.J. PIKE

(BOS) has been working closely with the Capital Improvements Committee (CIC) to determine the bridge's feasibility of reconstruction. The CIC, along with their chairman, Duffy Gold, has been seeking alternate ways to fund

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COMING EVENTS

SANFORD BIKE FEST Saturday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. at 1 Emile Levasseur Drive, Sanford. Join us for self-guided cycling ride through Sanford. Event start: Sanford/Springvale YMCA. Round trip distance is 7 miles. Roads closed to car traffic. Mix of pavement and gravel surfaces. Bike rodeo at St. Ignatius parking lot. Get a ride on a retro rickshaw.

CANCELLATION NO-TICE: The Maine Bicentennial event scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 16 at the Community Library, sponsored by the Lyman Historical Society, has unfortunately been cancelled due to concerns regarding the COVID virus.

BLUEGRASS AND FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL Sept. 25 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Apple

Acres Farm, 363 Durgintown Road, Hiram. Three bands, and six hours of bluegrass & roots music, plus food trucks, a craft beer tent, kids playground, and our full farm store with other 100+ locally made specialty foods and gifts. A fantastic day to come with the whole family, bring a chair, and hang out for the day! Food will include craft beer tent, traditional chicken BBQ, specialty tacos, grilled sandwiches, locally sourced vegetarian street food, french fries and burgers. Our farm restaurant will not be open but we will be hosting a cider tasting at the bar as well as a craft beer, wine and cider tent outdoors. Covid-19 restrictions may change as we get closer to the date. Currently, unvaccinated attendees MUST wear a mask indoors, and unvaccinated attendees may choose to wear a

mask but are not required to do so. We will have options for contactless payment (venmo) as well as a takeout window for doughnuts.

IT'S A FUNKY CRAFT FAIR Sept. 25 & 26 starting at noon, at Funky Bow Brewery and Beer Company, 21 Ledgewood Lane, Lyman. Come and get crafty for our 4th annual Craft Fair bonanza on Sept. 25-26. Two days of fun with 40+ craft vendors from all over Maine. 3 Dogs Rescue will be here as well. It's coming up on fall - a perfect time to shop for the season! Live music, wood fired pizza and delicious craft beer as always. Mark your calendar because you don't want to miss this! It's a funky craft fair!

OUTDOOR DINING & TAKE-OUT BAKED BEAN & CHOP SUEY SUPPER The First Congregational Church is hosting an outdoor dining, (due to covid-19 numbers), and take-out baked bean supper on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the church, 141 North St., Kennebunkport. Church volunteers will offer two types of home baked beans, American Chop Suey, hot dogs, rolls, and cole slaw, topped off with a slice of homemade pie. Church members are hoping that everyone will enjoy the meals as they have in the past, safely outdoors. Exact change is required: adults and children age 12 and up \$8 per person, and children under 12 \$5 per child. Note that there will be one more supper for this year, on Sat., Oct. 30.

FREE OUTDOOR MOV-IE on the lawn of St. Matthew Church, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. Join in for a free outdoor viewing of the movie RAYA THE LAST DRAGON (rescheduled from the rain 9/18). Bring your marshmallows and other s'more fixings to enjoy by the fire pit.

BEAN SUPPER to be held at St. Matthew Church, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 4:30-6 pm. MENU: Baked Beans, Ham, Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, American Chop Suey, Bread, Beverage & Dessert. Price: Adults \$10, Children 5-12 are \$5, Children 4 and Under - free. Everyone welcome!

OUTDOOR ROSARY RAL-LY to be held at St. Matthew Church, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick on Saturday, Oct. 2 at Noon to celebrate St. Matthew's 100th Anniversary! All are welcome as we thank God for the gift of St. Matthew's Parish and heed Our Blessed Mother's call at Fatima to pray the rosary for peace in our world.

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ONGOING EVENTS

KNOW SOMEONE IN PRIS-ON OR JAIL? "Individuals don't go to prison alone, their families go also." Rose's Room is a support group for family and friends of incarcerated loved ones, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and equally respected! Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in Sanford/Springvale location, Bishop Cote Hall, 10 Payne Street, Springvale (Facebook at "Rose's Room").

Massabesic Lions monthly dine-in or take-out **BEAN SUP-PER** the 2nd Saturday of every month, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Regional Medical Center building, 813 Main Street, Waterboro. Adults \$8. Children 5 to 12 \$5, 4 and under No Charge. Kidney and Pea Beans, Chop Suey, Ham, Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, "Our Homemade" Biscuits, variety of yummy Desserts. Everyone is Welcome.

The Sanford Unitarian Church will be bringing back their monthly **CORNER CUPBOARD** held on the third Saturday of every month. This is a non-food, essential item pantry from 10 a.m. until noon at 5 Lebanon Street, Sanford. We ask that you please wear a mask and bring your own bag.

CILIX FARSA Apples & Pumpkins at Notre Dame Orchard Wed. - Sun. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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New Century Club

Alfred's oldest social organization, The New Century Club, met last Monday at the home of Art and Celina Dumas to discuss the programs for the coming year. Although now called the New Century Club, it didn't always go by that name. It was originally "The Shakespeare Club," and then "The Magazine Club" before becoming "The English Literature Club" but in 1899 the present name was adopted, perhaps because they were on the verge of a new century.

It was noted that the goal has always been "The mental growth of its members." Speakers included Rebecca Usher, a nurse during the Civil War; Prof. Thomas L. Angell and Dr. J.A. Howe, both of Bates College; Payson Smith, superintendent of schools; the Rev. H.W.Hurlbut of Portland; Prof. Wilmot B. Mitchell of Bowdoin College and other notables. They have foregone the advantages of belonging to the State Federation of Women's Clubs, not wishing to "sacrifice its men members" as one writer explained.

The club has been known for its civic achievements which included work on the village green and town athletic field, supporting the Red Cross and Christmas Health Seals, the High School Piano Fund, placing a bronze plaque on the Whipping Tree, the purchase of ten Norway Maples which were set out on the Alfred Athletic Field and to the

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George Washington Bicentennial Memorial.

To celebrate its anniversary the group held a "Gay Nineties" meeting with members arriving in the costumes of that era, listened to a history of the club written by Miss Nellie Jordan and gathered around the piano to sing "On the Sidewalks of New York" and "In the Good Old Summer-time" and played old-fashioned games like "Black Magic" and "The Four Panels." It was a memorable meeting.

During the recent meeting Art Dumas queried the members on "What are your passions?" and encouraged members to volunteer their services as hosts or program leaders. Art Dumas read some of his original children's stories during the meeting. The first to volunteer to lead a program during the year was Barbara Carlson, who recently held the winning ticket for an unusual rug. It will be her topic in May. The December meeting is a Christmas party so no one has a topic. January and February there are no meetings. Other topics are tentative. For March, I spoke up admitting that Campobello Island is my passion - I have umpteen slides and stories to share. November's topic (tentative) will be the "Fires of 1947." In October there will be an art tour led by Harland Eastman on the new art display in the Sanford Springvale Museum.

Town Hall Positions

There are three positions available at Alfred Town Hall. One is as administrative assistant to the selectmen, also someone for the planning board, and someone on the zoning board of appeals. Applications are available at Town Hall.

Elementary School

The only news from Alfred Elementary School is that school pictures are coming up, and will be done this Friday, Sept. 24.



At left, Jim Foster, DOT meets with Shapleigh Selectman and members of the Capital Improvement Committee on Emery Mills Bridge. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

BRIDGE REPAIRS

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the reconstruction of the bridge for the last three years. They have worked exhaustively to find grants, bonds, or other means to raise the money.

Jim Foster, DOT Bridge Inspector, met with the BOS and

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the CIC on Tuesday, Sept. 14 on the bridge to discuss the bridge's future. Foster stated that there would be a few options. The first is to reconstruct the bridge and the last is to close the bridge. The closure would affect those living on the West side of the bridge, and these folks would need to find an alternative route to homes and

businesses should that happen.

A public meeting will be scheduled in October to discuss the funding of the project and options to the town. The BOS and CIC would like everyone to be aware of the facts obtained by the town, the DOT, and the CIC before voting in November in order to reach an informed decision.



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The Waterboro Selectmen presented Town Administrator Gary Lamb with a plaque thanking him for his eight years of service, at the Aug. 3 Selectmen's meeting, his last meeting. Shown above with Chair Dennis Abbott on the right. PHOTO BY DAVE LOWE

BUSINESS NEWS

Limerick orchard named a winner in reader's choice contest for Best Apple Orchard second year in a row

Libby & Son U-Picks, a family-owned fruit farm located in York County, is proud and humbled to announce being selected #6 Best Orchard in a national poll by USA Today's 10Best.com in 2021. This is the second straight year Libby & Son U-Picks has finished in the Top10 after placing 4th in 2020.

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THELMA

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see her coming down the road. They worked on it this past spring getting it ready and it has already had a couple of calls. This is their Forestry II truck, an FMTV.

The 1994 DRMO military truck, has an automatic shift, and is used for forest fires and forestry work. It holds 800 gallons of water and is equipped with all of the appropriate tools for fighting fires.

Neville said that when they had fundraisers, Thelma was right there to help out with ticket sales, and was one of the top sellers. She usually sold around 500 tickets, almost as many as they did. They thought it was only fair that they honored her in this way.

Newfield Fire and Newfield Rescue were just two local organizations that were recipients of her assistance. Other community projects of hers were the Newfield Library, the Methodist Church, the historical society, the Limerick-Newfield Lions, York County Shelter, St. Matthew's Church and more. As her daughter Cindy once said, "I grew up with a mother who constantly had a need to help others."

The late Rep. James Campbell of Newfield once dubbed her the 'unofficial' Mayor or Newfield, due to her involvements in town.

She may have physically left us, but now that the fire department has bestowed the honor of forever being an honorary member of Newfield Fire Department, and with the forestry truck named for her, she will always be watching over us. So, long live Thelma! May she be an inspiration to us all to help others when we can.

We all have our stories of how we remember Thelma, which put smiles on our faces, and fondness in our hearts of the days when she was here with us. She had a way of making us all feel that if we ever needed anything, all we had to do was call.

The fire department is back to their monthly meetings, the 2nd. Thursday of the month and they have their work sessions every Tuesday. They will have their annual elections in December and currently have about 42 active members.

It takes 10 members to fight a fire, but it takes about 30 members to fight a house fire.

Chief Neville would like to thank Crowell Towing from Wakefield, New Hampshire for bringing the truck up to Newfield for them, and all the members of the department for working on it. Also, a thanks to S.A. McLean for his donation.

Newfield Fire Department and Newfield Rescue are all-volunteer groups of individuals who donate their time to keep us safe. They are sometimes out for very long hours but make the sacrifice for the town that they love.

The residents of Newfield are proud and honored to have had Thelma on our team. She gave her all to the community, and it's nice to see that she will now always be remembered. When locals see the truck coming, maybe they will smile and say, "I remember her."

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TOWN OF WATERBORO Notice of Public Hearing

The Waterboro Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday**, **October 5**, **2021 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** to receive comment regarding a Zoning Text Amendment for Bulk Storage of Propane in the A/R Zone.

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The Waterboro Board of Selectmen will hold a second Public Hearing on **Tuesday, October 5**, **2021 immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing.** The purpose of the second Public Hearing is to receive comment regarding a Contract Zone Request for Map 005-049-001, 005-50 & 005-51.

The Public Hearing will be aired on the local cable station Channel 5 or 1302 and live streamed on the Town's website. Residents may attend in person or submit questions or comments by email to <u>waterboro@waterboro-me.gov</u> prior to the hearing.

SPORTS

Hludik receives David M. Ahern Memorial Scholarship

The Sanford Mainers are Hludik said. "One goal of mine is pleased to announce Mollie Hluto be a traveling nurse so I can see dik as the winner of the David M. and experience other places and

Ahern Memorial Scholarship for the 2021 year.

Hludik, a Sanford native, was named the recipient of the \$2,100 scholarship to be applied to her post-secondary education. She will be attending the University of Southern Maine beginning this fall, majoring in Nursing.

Hludik said she chose USM for its reputable nursing program, while also offering affordable education and being close to home. She also hopes to stay involved in community service while enrolled.

"I like to help people and make a difference and that is why I think nursing will be a great fit for me,"



cultures while continuing my career."

Hludik graduated from Sanford High School in May and was a member of the Spartans soccer program for all four years, while also participating as a member of the track and field and basketball

teams her first three years. She also served on the board of directors for the school's Key Club community service organization, including as president from her sophomore to senior years.

"David [Ahern] was a true leader on and off the field," Chairman of the Mainers Board of Directors, Jacob Ouellette said. "Mollie has shown us that she exemplifies the values of this scholarship and the Mainers are thrilled to be a part of her journey as she pursues her goals at USM."

The David M. Ahern Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a Sanford High School student for continuing their education after graduation and is named after former player David Ahern (2010), who passed away suddenly in 2016. The scholarship is based on financial need, extra-curricular activities, demonstrated leadership skills and academic strength. The \$2,100 amount was inspired by the No. 21 jersey Ahern wore during his contribution to the Mainers.

More information about the scholarship can be found on the Mainers website at sanfordmainers com.

FIELD HOCKEY Six straight – field hockey team shines

By Michael DeAngelis Sports Editor

Freshman Charlie Anderson broke a 1-1 tie with an overtime score, and the lady Mustangs' field hockey team continued their superb team defense to lift them to a clutch 2-1 overtime win over visiting Gorham on Thursday, Sept. 16. Brooke Farquar put the Rams ahead with goal in the waning minutes of the first quarter, but Emily Jacobs tied it early in the second quarter leaving both teams to grind it out until regulation play ended.

Jacobs came up huge in overtime, anticipating an outlet pass and converting the steal into a deft feed to sister Micaela who in turn hit Anderson for a sparkling goal, and what would be the game winner as both teams played out the remaining minutes of the two overtime periods scoreless. Lydia Suhy stopped four Gorham shots and Ella Donovan was credited with a defensive save.

After a stressful and tight contest with the Rams the Mustangs showed zero ill effects two days later, Saturday, Sept. 18 when they visited South Portland and fired 28 shots on goal while yielding none to the Red Riots. Goalkeeper Emily Keefe was spectacular for South Portland and she was assisted by two defensive saves. Emily Jacobs ripped home a goal off a penalty shot and Charlie Anderson banged home her eighth goal, assisted by Micaela Jacobs. The 6-0 Mustangs have outscored their opponents 16-4. They host a tough foe in Falmouth on Friday, Sept. 24 at 4 p.m.

FOOTBALL **Mustangs** outrace Rams

Masabesic's defense produced 18-points and Collin Scully had 140 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns to help post a 58-14 win at Deering on Friday, Sept. 17. Alex Graffam pulled down a toss from Scully for a touchdown and Austin Scribner added 52 yards and a touchdown for the offense, but the story was an invigorated defense that scored three touchdowns.

Caleb Waters and Michael Hendrix each had a pick-six and Alex Sharon scooped up a fumble and cruised into the end zone for another score. Sharon led the Mustangs with 7.5 tackles and Bryden Marcotte had 6.5. Sean Wakefield had a nice line: six tackles, 60 rush yards, TD.

Head Coach Lucas Labbe liked what he saw, "The kids earned this, our backs were against the wall and we definitely needed to make a statement."

Massabesic is scheduled to visit Noble on Friday, Sept. 24.



CROSS COUNTRY Lady Scots dominate annual XC invitational

The Bonny Eagle girls' cross 18 in Gorham. country team placed all five of its runners in the top 15, posting a stellar 34 team points in a dominating victory at the annual Southern Maine Classic Cross Country Invitational held Saturday, Sept.

Delaney Hesler was first overall with an 18:25.36. Hesler was joined by Emmaline Pendleton in third; Abby Thibodeau in seventh; Hannah Stevens in 12th and Meseret Day in 15th. In a display

of riches Bonny Eagle also had Kallie Warner cross in 19th place among a field of over 200.

Marshwood finished a distant second behind the Scots at 73 points and Gorham was third with 107.

Cape boys take XC tourney; Cloutier 14th

More than 300 boys turned out for the annual Southern Maine Classic Cross Country Invitational held Saturday, Sept. 18 in Gorham and Cape Elizabeth came away with first place gold. Portland was runner-up and South Portland was third. Dan McCarthy

of Bangor High School won the overall with a 15:28.28. Massabesic's Luke Cloutier finished 14th with a 17:18.57 as he joined just 26 other runners in posting a time under the 18-minute mark. The Mustangs finished 18th overall and the Scots were 19th.



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Please mail completed application with a cover letter, current resume, and at least three professional references to: Town of Alfred (Attn: Board of Selectmen) PO Box 850, Alfred, Maine 04002.

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For a job description and application please call Selectmen's Office at 324-5872 ext. 202 or email alfred@alfredme.gov.

Please mail completed application with a cover letter to: Town of Alfred (Attn: Board of Selectmen) PO Box 850, Alfred, ME 04002. **Application deadline: October 4, 2021**

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INVITATION TO BID TOWN OF LYMAN PAVING

The Town of Lyman is accepting proposals for paving.

Bid sheets and further information can be obtained at the Selectmen's Office or on the Town website <u>www.lyman-me.gov</u>. Bids will be opened at the Selectmen's Meeting on **October 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM**. The Town of Lyman reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

SEND SEALED PROPOSAL TO:

Town of Lyman, Selectmen's Office

11 So. Waterboro Rd., Lyman, ME 04002 Clearly mark "LYMAN PAVING BID" *All bids must be received by 3:00 PM on October 4, 2021.*

REPORTER



Robert S. Floyd

Robert S. Floyd, 71, of Limerick died unexpectedly at his home on Sept. 17, 2021. Bob, the

son of Robert C. and Jean D. (Large) Floyd, was was born in Sanford on Feb. 23, 1950. He attended Limerick schools and graduated from Sanford High School

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Robert S. Floyd

in 1968. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War as a Corporal in the Military Police. He married his beloved wife Delores Allaire on October 2, 1976.

Bob was in the trucking and excavation business all his working life. He worked for D.C. Foglio in Waterboro for several years before he owned and operated R.S. Floyd Excavating for over 40 years. During that time he also hauled hot top for Dayton Sand and Gravel for over 20 years.

A family man, Bob loved spending time with his children and adored his grandchildren. He

was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. Bob also liked antique cars, playing cards and games, and going for rides.

> He is survived by his wife, Delores Floyd of Limerick, son, Ryan Floyd of Limerick, daughter, Tracy Floyd and husband Genaro Sandoval of San Antonio, TX., two sisters, Janet Floyd and Barbara Callaway and husband Richard all of Greenville NC., two grandchildren, Greggory and Mariah Floyd of Limerick, as well as several nephews, a niece and many relatives in Southampton, England, New York, and New Jersey.

> A private graveside service is planned. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bob's memory to Limerick Fire and Rescue. Online condolences may be expressed at: www.mainefuneral. com

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AN ESSAY FROM ALFRED Real playgrounds are remembered forever

The playground up behind our home didn't look like a playground, but it was. There were no swings or slides or trampolines. But what it had was lots of trees, a huge anthill at the top of the hill and a path up over the hill which could be followed to reach our grandmother's house. The path wandered through a field peppered with wildflowers (now peppered with new homes) which was perfect for flying kites. An uncle taught us how to fly kites; we were willing students.

Before them, there was a small forest to explore. And explore we did. We got in shape by climbing trees at the edge of the wood. I remember that my dad was afraid we would fall and break a leg but my mother, who had come from a much larger family than his, reassured him that it wouldn't happen. And it didn't. We explored with the same curiosity Columbus must have felt, after landing in the Bahamas. We wanted to see more, and we did.

There was a very tall tree near the well trod path up over the hill. My younger brother immediately nailed short boards to it, making a makeshift ladder. We could hardly wait to climb up, and when we did there was our whole world below us, the greenhouses, the house, the zinnia gardens, and beyond all this, the road leading to Waterville, the river hugging it, the railroad track beyond the river, and beyond that, Benjamin Hill, sheltering everything. I later discovered, perched on top of the ladder, that I could read a book while also having the most wonderful view in the world, or so I thought.

That tree was our introduction to further activities. I don't know who thought of it first, but we decided to build a cabin. My younger brother liked to build; the cabin was made of saplings, one on top of the other. The door was our only real problem. How do you make a door?

We finally compromised by creating a large square hole in the saplings through which we could crawl to get inside. Old doll dishes were brought in to give it an air of authenticity. I don't recall what we ate – maybe green apples? We could hardly wait to show it to our mother. Because this project was so successful, my brother declared that when he grew up he was going to build a building taller than the Empire State Building. I am happy to say he finally gave up that idea!

When we were in the woods, there was no arguing. Our little brother was content with whatever decisions we made. This was back when older siblings were never warned about an impending arrival. It was always a complete surprise. I recall when my grandmother made the announcement my first words were "I wish it was a girl!" But it wasn't and Henry never made a change.

We began further forays toward Waterville, the next village. One fall day we discovered a ridge of land with a small forest of young trees leafed in yellow. With the sun shining through them, it was beautiful. We immediately named it "the pretty place." But shortly after that we were arrested by a not very pretty odor. We named it "stinky land" and when I later told my mother about it she said someone's septic system must have not been working.

There was a surprise waiting for us on another day, one of our last trips into the woods. Someone had nailed buckets on trees in our forest! We were insulted. By now we felt very proprietory about our forest. No one had ever told us about tapping trees for sap. We immediately removed the buckets. Years later, when I learned about sugaring, I felt a little guilty about the buckets. Why hadn't anyone told us?

When we return to my hometown we drive the road that leads from Waterville. The woods are still there but everything else has changed. The greenhouses are gone and if it is fall Benjamin Hill is in glorious color. I am glad to say the woods remain – the hillside was too steep for logging. I hope another generation is enjoying our old playground.

– By Allison Williams





PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF LYMAN www.lyman-me.gov

The LYMAN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM** at Lyman Town Hall, 11 South Waterboro Road. This hearing is to present information and to allow for public comment for Variance of Appeal on the marijuana growth facility approved for David Alves Green Acres project, Lot 10, Map 5-C.

Tom Larned - Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman

Town of Acton Public Notice

The Municipal Officers of the Town of Acton will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021 at 6:00 pm for the purpose of holding a public hearing on and enacting the following ordinance:

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE AS AMENDED

The public will be given an opportunity to be heard prior to the consideration of the above ordinance by the Municipal Officers. A copy of the amended ordinance is available at the Town Administrator's office during regular hours.

Acton Board of Selectmen



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TOWN OF HOLLIS PUBLIC HEARING

The Hollis Finance Committee will be holding a public hearing **Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM** at the Hollis Community Building to review proposed Remote Participation Policy.

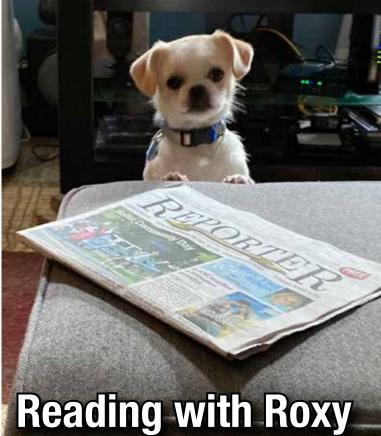
This meeting is open to the public. Comments may be submitted prior to the meeting by writing to: Finance Committee, Town of Hollis, 34 Town Farm Rd., Hollis ME 04042, or by email to: <u>planningboard@hollismaine.org</u>.

Joshua Morse, Chair Hollis Finance Committee, September 14, 2021



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LETTERS

Ongoing issues and concerns

We Mainers just celebrated Constitution Day (Sept. 17th) and Labor Day earlier this month. The people have inherent natural, unalienable rights that include the right to work and be self-supporting, among other rights. Sadly however, the people's inherent rights have been ignored and have been trampled upon, including our rights to work, to have a better livelihood, among others, including during the recent pandemic. This is unacceptable.

Much must be done to overhaul and reform state departments, including the Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Dept. of Labor. Both depts. appear to be way behind the curve in improving and reforming their bureaucracies, and programs, with the appearance of lackluster to poor responsiveness to claimants and job seekers. Sadly, many people were caught in the less than helpful and unresponsive bureaucracy when filing weekly claims for unemployment and attempting to get other social services and needed

assistance, including SNAP benefits. Additionally, Maine CareerCenters remain closed presently, except via advance appointment. This has been going on for over 1.5 years. Why? The "emergency" has been declared over, yet, Maine's people need to return to work, get & have better jobs with needed client services, especially with the end of enhanced unemployment. For now, both DoL and DHHS get, and continue to deserve, failing grades for poor, less than helpful to unresponsive customer services, and user unfriendly systems, including for food stamp/SNAP and unemployment benefits. Many substantive reforms are still needed, including for all unpaid claims and non-received benefits. So why are our state lawmakers doing little or next to nothing about all of this? Also, why do taxpayers have to fund shut-down offices and programs? This is unacceptable and unconscionable. More "chirping crickets" in Augusta.

Going forward, it is imperative that the Maine Legislature step it up substantively to investigate and review issues and agency programs, respectively, and to correct and fix the problems experienced by many

unemployment claimants. Very little progress appears to have been made to overhaul and to reform these departments and their bureaus' user-unfriendly programs, with failure to fully re-open closed CareerCenters, to pre-pandemic "normalcy." Again, this is unacceptable and a real dis-service!

In closing, Maine must do better all-around with real accountability, including but not limited to Laura Fortman's Dept. of Labor. Closed CareerCenters are not helpful at all to all Maine's taxpayers and to all clients and job seekers, including Veterans, and others. Let's move forward to fix and overhaul Maine State Government, including these depts. "Failure is not an option". Get with it, Maine Legislature et al.

P.S.: It is absolutely imperative that the People of Maine re-read both their state and national (U.S.) Constitutions, as Constitution Week continues into this week, ending on Sept. 23rd. Let's get back to lawful government vs. otherwise. Also, it's time for Maine People to demand meaningful, substantive real reforms and accountability too. "Failure is not an option". – David Hall Cornish

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