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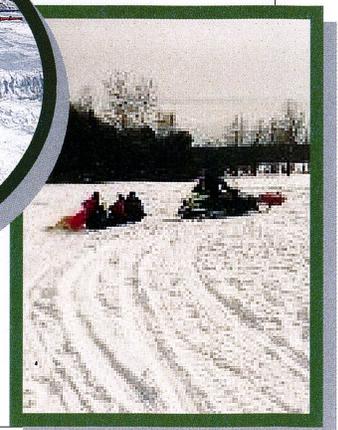
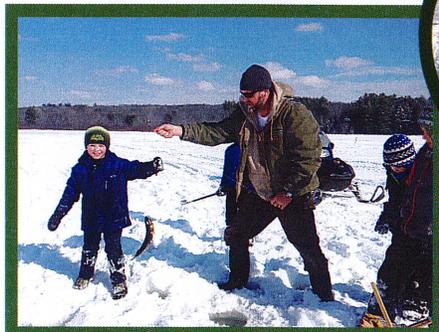
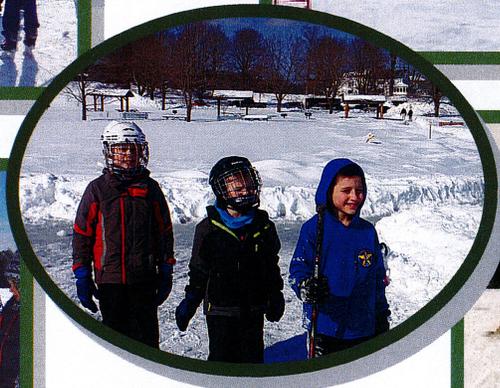
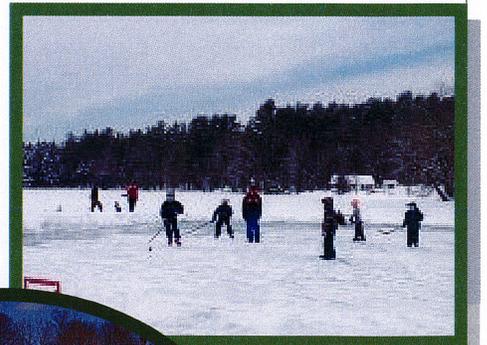
News from the Readfield Recreation Committee

Winter Fun Day was a big success! We had lots of families out enjoying a day of fun in the snow and on the ice. The weather cooperated as temperatures were into the 30's... Downright balmy! The sledding hill at the high school was busy with sleds of all shapes and sizes. A big thank you goes to the snowmobile club for grooming the sledding hill and providing rides back up the hill for the sliders. At different times we had ice skaters and ice hockey players carving the ice on Maranacook Lake. Ice fishing was also fairly successful, although nothing but pickerel was caught. Another big thank you goes to Mark Birtwell from the town office for plowing the Readfield Beach parking area and our ice rink. Also thank you Readfield Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary for the cookies and hot chocolate.

Up next, Baseball/Softball Season is coming! You may fill out the application found in this newsletter or stop by the Town Office and fill one out. We are looking forward to a great season! Batter up!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8	2 9 6:30 Select Bnd. Mtg. 	3 10 6:30 Conservation Mtg. 	4 11 6:30 Planning Bnd. Public Hearing on LUO changes for June 9th vote.	5 12 6:00 Public Informational Meeting on Town Meeting Ballot at Town Office.	6 13	7 14
15	16 NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE TODAY!	17 	18 6:30 RSU Mtg. 	19	20	21
22 	23 6:30 Select Bnd. Mtg. 	24 6:30 Trails Mtg. 	25 6:30 RSU Mtg. 6:30 Planning Bnd.  	26	27	28 
29	30	31 Last day to apply for Homestead Exemptions and any tax changes or other exemptions.	-April 1 6:30 RSU Mtg. 	-April 2	-April 3	-April 4

Select Board's Corner by Sue Reay



Transparency, accountability and honesty are why I ran for a seat on this board. Experiencing town government and representing my fellow residents to the best of my ability was and is still my goal. This is a lengthy document that I hope answers the residents questions.

Clarification and both views about issues should be public. When information is one sided and not complete, this distorts the entire picture. With that said, I now want to give accurate information regarding some "hot" topics being discussed.

Executive sessions can only be held for certain reasons. During the past 2 ½ years we have had 17 sessions concerning the union issue, 6 sessions on Town Manager reviews, 5 sessions on poverty abatement's, 3 sessions with legal counsel, 4 sessions on town manager contract negotiations, 19 sessions concerning personnel (which includes (13) complaints from residents (to board members and the town manager concerning town personnel and or board members) in which the person has the choice of open or closed session and 1 session concerning the sale of public property. These are not being abused or used for anything that is not covered by the law. Resident complaint letters actually went to the Attorney General Ombudsman and were found to have no merit in holding illegal executive sessions along with verification from legal counsel.

The budget survey, in my opinion, backfired on what my expectations were. So that everyone knows, to date, this board has not reviewed any of the comments to use as input in the budget and articles to be voted on. This should be a valuable lesson learned by all. In my opinion only, the survey should come off the website and not be given any consideration. People that took the time to fill it out, thank you, but to me it's not at all what I envisioned when I voted to proceed with this. In the future, other boards should make sure surveys are public and secure. In my opinion, if a resident has something to say, they should sign their name to it.

Conflict of interest issues seems to be one of the biggest obstacles for residents to get beyond. In the past 2 ½ years, no volunteer, resident or employee should have to tolerate abuse of any kind. Select board has been accused of abusing the town staff by over working them and trying to micro manage our employee. Before you continue to make and send uncalled for remarks, accusations, letters, and e-mails out, consider whether you have all the facts and verify they are accurate.

Conflict of interest issue of me has been dealt with on multiple occasions. To be clear, per the town's legal counsel and MMA, I am not in any conflict of interest pertaining to signing warrants on the snowplow-ing. My son has every right to work wherever he wishes. My husband and I have not benefited one penny from this contract. The first year McGee had it, we disclosed, in writing, (one copy then an amended copy which are available at the town office) that our one ton truck was a back-up for McGee and in return McGee would donate towards a future project in Readfield which was the ball field. The snowplow contract does have a clause in it: Under #10 : Subcontracting: unless extenuating emergency situations arise that deem the need to subcontract in order to fulfill this contract. This clearly addresses emergency situations, such as the one I disclosed the other day about our son taking our loader during a storm, telling us the next day and then was disclosed to the town manager.

Stefan's resignation has brought about multiple questions by residents. He was not fired, he resigned, in which I read recently from a resident's viewpoint that he was fired, this is inaccurate. This is confidential information except for his separation agreement. Circumstances beyond the board's control left the board with very little choice but to move the town forward in the best interest of the community. As far as a conflict of interest pertaining to me being involved in Stefan's resignation, our town's legal counsel ruled that I could be involved in a resignation.

Select Board's Corner Continued by Sue Reay

Building of trails, accepting easements and or agreements for trails has been another "hot topic". Opinions can vary greatly about this. Residents should all have a voice in where they spend tax dollars and where they don't. I personally have walked the trail system multiple times, have nothing against the trails being built as long as the safety issues of people and parking is provided. DOT will not change the speed zone on Route 17 down from the 50 MPH zone. As of today, I have not yet found a cross-walk for this purpose in a 50 MPH zone. If allowing the building of the Morrill Road Trail proceeds forward without these issues being addressed, I could not live with myself if a life was lost. Tells me that this is a big safety issue and needs to be addressed.

Easements go with the land for life, whereas agreements change with new owners of the property. What you need to ask yourself is: 100 years from now, when none of us are around, do we want to decide and control future owners of our properties? This will be a question before the voters. Taking time to work thru differences and misunderstandings between opposing sides, helped to produce the funds needed for trails for the next fiscal year.

Let's start with the budget and different breakouts that were done. Some misunderstand that this is beneficial to the town. No one is picking or targeting any specific area, there is a difference between funds being raised (which are your tax dollars) verses appropriated funds (which are carry forward dollars from previous years taxes, donated funds or fees that support that program). For this reason, some budget articles were created.

Each and every year new board members are elected which also comes with a difference of personalities and ideas. The town employees, residents, volunteers and board members need to adapt to these changes as they take place for the benefit of the community.

Informed on multiple occasions that we (the select board) are not following our own policies, procedures and laws in place. Reflecting upon these comments, I will agree that we do let the public speak longer than our public communications policy allows, because we do want to hear from the residents. As a board, we all need to follow what's in place. Hind sight is 20-20, so from this point on, I will hold myself accountable to this 3 minute time limit, unless the board allows additional time per the policy. In this policy it also states we will follow an agenda, which always lists other so the board can add to the agenda.

After reviewing our roles, the time limit of our meetings has gone longer than they should. This is due to the amount of transitions taking place and the time frame to get it all accomplished. Sometimes when items are time sensitive, there is no other choice. It would be very helpful and appreciated if you inform us if you notice that we aren't fulfilling our roles, except when we have no other choice due to time constraints.

Policies, ordinances and laws are supposed to be reviewed annually. This is clearly written into the roles of the select board. While some might see this as being picky, others see us doing what our roles say.

Giles Bridge also seems to be an ongoing topic of discussion. Researching past history, the Giles Bridge has been brought up in the past. My concern is not that this bridge needs to be done, but that we have a SAFETY concern with plow trucks, fire trucks, etc, having to back into the Old Kents Hill Road, which is against the law. Brought forth two options, one to start funds to fix the bridge or to create a safe turnaround on the other side. Currently, we do have some funds in a carry forward balance of just over \$ 5000.00.

Union vote was taken and the employees choose to unionize. At this point, until the town hears from the union, no negotiations can start. This information was retained from the legal counsel of the town.

Select Board's Corner Continued by Sue Reay

For clarification purposes, I, meaning just me, did not close public works down, the voter's did. I, did not accept the Town Manager's resignation, five board members did. I, did not create the secret ballot process, the voter's did. One person can't change and decide, it takes voters each and every time.

When I am wrong, I will admit it. No one is perfect and I am a big enough person to admit that. I stand behind how I have represented the residents of our community.

The town needs to come back together and stop the divisions that are taking place. Before you accuse, allege or demean someone, please get the actual facts. One sided information is not accurate to make decisions on. Negativity will get you no where. Opposing sides can come together for the benefit of the community. Listen to what others are sharing, get involved and reunite as a community.

Productivity, effectiveness, transparency, accountability and respect are what this community should be all about. Here is my olive branch to everyone, please, let's put the past behind and start over by looking at the transitions coming with a new town manager, union and secret ballot as positives for the community. Opportunity is knocking at the door and we all need to embrace it with open arms.

I have been both honored and pleased to serve the residents of this community.

A friend shared this with me the other day:

An Optimist finds a solution in every problem

A pessimist finds a problem in every solution.

Please be OPTIMISTS.

Mount Vernon Food Bank

People in Readfield who find they are in need at any time during the year do not have to go hungry. The Mt. Vernon Food Bank, located at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, serves the people of Readfield in addition to Vienna, Fayette and Mt. Vernon. It is open every Saturday morning from 10am to 12pm and is supported by the schools, churches and individuals from the area.

Those who are not in need of the food service can become supporters of the Food Bank with tax-deductible checks made payable to the Mt. Vernon Food Bank.

If you are in need of help during off hours, please call: Betty White at 293-2273, Helen Wilkey at 293-2351 or Irene Wadleigh at 293-2308.

Trails Committee



For those of you who have walked, snowshoed or cross-country skied the trails in the Fairgrounds Complex this winter, you will have noticed that there is plenty of snow of late and that certain features are buried under the snow. The granite bench on the Lower Fairgrounds Trail doesn't even show of late even as a mound of snow. But the trails are in use and are easily followed beaten down by snowshoers, walkers and cross-country skiers.

The Readfield Recreation Association will use the trails in the Fairgrounds Complex for its Readfield Winter Fun Day on February 22. The Recreation Association will have a cross-country ski tour and a guided snow shoe tour of the trails in the Fairgrounds Complex. And that is what the Trails Committee hoped to accomplish in building these trails. The Trails Committee hoped that the trails would be used by all age groups throughout the

year in the "build it and they will come" version of the movie of several years ago.

The Trails Committee is concerned about the safety of young people walking and bicycle riding along Church Road to and from the Fairgrounds and its recently built ballfield. The Trails Committee approached the federally funded pass through Recreational Trails Program administered by the state about applying for a grant for a trail (sidewalk) along Church Road to build a "trail" that would enable

people going to and from the Fairgrounds to be separated from the traffic along Church Road. The Recreational Trails Program is not for the purpose of building a trail along a street and that source of funds for that purpose is not available. The Trails Committee believes that with the institution of ballgames at the new ballfield that there will be many more people particularly young people using Church Road to get to and from the Fairgrounds and that there is a safety issue that needs to be addressed by the Town.

LORD'S CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

Located: at the New Life Church of God

874 Main Street (Rt.# 17)

Serving: Readfield & Manchester Residents

Hours: 1st Friday of the month 5:30—6:30 pm

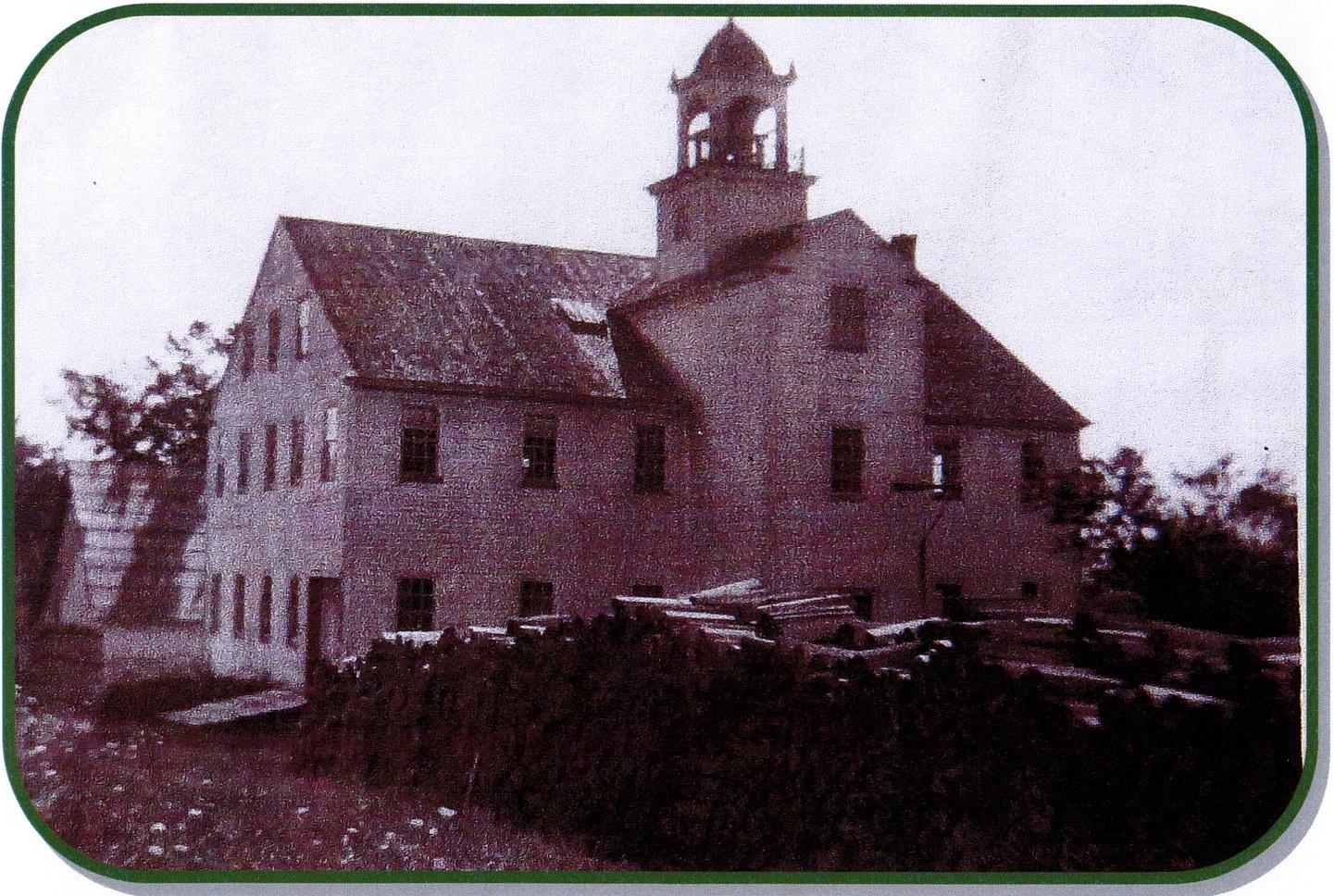
3rd Sunday of the month 1:00—2:00 pm

**If you have an emergency we will open by appointment,
call 685-4572.**

Industry in Early Readfield – March 18th Presentation

Maranacook Community and Adult Education will offer a new class by Dale Potter-Clark on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 titled *Industry in Early Readfield*. Best known is the industrial center at Factory Square but, in fact, there were others. Industry began early on in East Readfield and at other locations throughout town. Learn more about some of the businesses in town when Readfield was young, and about the men who owned and operated them.

The class will be held at Maranacook Community School on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 6:30-8:30pm. Registration fee is \$15. To register contact Maranacook Adult and Community Education Phone: 207-685-4923 x 1065 or Register online using a debit or credit card. For details and to view all classes go to <http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>.



This woolen mill was built and operated by Robert Cornforth in Readfield's early days. Cornforth came from England to Readfield about 1797 and bought Lot#211 consisting of 200 acres and significant water power. On that land he built his mill and a large brick house nearby. The mill, which was located on Giles Road, is long gone. Cornforth's home on Old Kents Hill Road is that of Charlie and Carrie Knight today.

Maranacook Adult Ed Classes



For details or to register, please visit <http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>. For more information, email us at adulted@maranacook.org or call 685-4923, x1065.

HiSET/High School Diploma Classes – Ongoing Year-round

New Mindset: Body Language and Tone of Voice, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Monday, March 9.

Ten Legal Dos and Don'ts for People over 65, 6-7:40 p.m., Monday, March 9.

Sweater Mittens, 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, March 11.

One Stroke Painting, 3 Thursdays, 6-9 p.m., begins March 12.

Change Your Thoughts, Heal Your Body, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, March 16.

New Mindset: Hypnosis, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Monday, March 16.

Photo Editing with Photoshop Elements, 7 Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., begins March 17.

Finish That Braided Project, 6 Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m., begins March 18.

Readfield History: Industry in Early Readfield, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 18.

Vision Boarding, 6-8:30 p.m., Thursday, March 19.

Aromatic Yoga Nidra, 5:30-7 p.m., Wednesday, March 25.

Hypnosis for Weight Loss, 2 Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., begins March 26.

Slow, Gentle Yoga, 6 Thursdays, 5:30-6:45 p.m., begins March 26.

Ayur-Yoga, 6 Mondays, 4:30-5:45 p.m. or 6:15-7:30 p.m., begins March 30.

Advanced Dog Obedience, 6 Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., begins March 31.

Reiki Level One, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 31.

CDL Class B: Dump Truck or Bus, April, date TBA.

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READFIELD HISTORICAL NOTES by Florence Drake



Somebody ought to shoot that darn groundhog. In spite of his prediction though, your Historical Society had a most enjoyable and interesting meeting on Feb. 7th. Though a bit of snow had been predicted (and when isn't it?), brave and hardy members gathered upstairs at the Town Office building for our annual winter meeting.

All current officers were voted to continue, and the spot of Secretary was filled, as well. Board member Lisa Bondeson agreed to keep record of proceedings, both for board meetings and the annual meeting. Thanks, Lisa!

Treasurer Mary Jernigan reported that RHS is doing quite well financially and would not be asking for any special donations or grants in 2015. Now, that doesn't mean you shouldn't donate or become a member; it just means that if you do, you'll be joining a winning team, a vibrant organization. Remember, we don't get any funds from the Town, so it's all up to our members to keep us afloat.

The guest speaker, Thatcher Freund, drove up from Portland, arriving for the business meeting so he could listen and get a feel for his audience. His impression of our group is that we are a fun organization! He said we are lively, engaged, both interested and interesting. He said he often speaks to historical society groups and wonders if someone ought to be checking pulses, they are so quiet and without expression or movement. So he really liked RHS and enjoyed his time with us. As a speaker, Mr. Freund is knowledgeable, articulate, funny, and helpful. He has suggestions on how to begin writing one's memoirs; suggestions on how to provide detail (very important); and suggestions about what questions future generations might ask. He is very inspiring, stressing that anything a person can write down may just be the piece of information a future family member or researcher might need to "fill in the blank". We hope many people will jot down their memories and donate them to RHS; they will be cataloged and a home found for them in the vault.

Meanwhile, during the week prior to the meeting, I had need to go into the RHS building to gather some of our publications to display/sell at the meeting. I had prepared to scale the 8' snowbanks in front of the building, but just as I arrived and parked down the street in the plowed out market driveway, Dave Linton arrived and plowed a driveway next to our building! He sure was a knight in shining armor to me! And now, someone (Dave? The Plow Fairy?) has plowed out in front of the building. Not real sure Dave would appreciate being called any kind of fairy; maybe I better stick with knight in shining armor. Anyway, thanks Dave!

So, remember, RHS is a FUN ORGANIZATION, so designated by a journalist/editor/historian/public speaker. (I told him to come back for our Wine & Cheese in August for another fun time.) Meanwhile, stay warm and try to stay sane; check on old folks; and for heavens sake, be nice to one another.

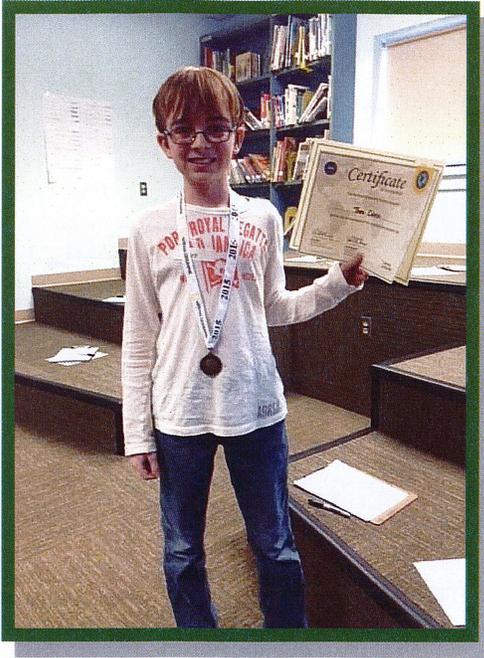


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**2015 Maine National Geographic State Bee
Sponsored by Google and Plum Creek
Semifinalist Press Release**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Local Student Named Maine National Geographic State
Bee Semifinalist by National Geographic Society**

Student's Name: Theo Colvin

Parent's Names: Ernest and Jill Colvin

School Name and Address: Readfield Elementary School, 84 South Road, Readfield, Maine 04355

Grade Level: 4

Theo Colvin has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2015 Maine National Geographic State Bee, sponsored by Google and Plum Creek. The contest will be held at the University of Maine at Farmington on Friday, March 27, 2015.

Theo is a fourth grade student at Readfield Elementary School in Mrs. Hogan's class. He enjoys golf, horses, cooking and traveling. We know Theo will represent our school and community with honor and pride at the state level competition. Good luck Theo!

This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition, which is now in its 27th year. School Bees were held in schools with fourth- through eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school champion. School champions then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. The National Geographic Society has invited up to 100 of the top-scoring students in each of the 50 states, District of Columbia, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and U.S. territories to compete in the state Bees.

Each state champion will receive \$100, the "National Geographic Atlas of the World, 10th Edition," a medal, and a trip to Washington, D.C., to represent their state in the National Geographic Bee Championship to be held at National Geographic Society headquarters, May 11-13, 2015. The national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship and lifetime membership in the Society. The national champion will also travel (along with one parent or guardian), all expenses paid, to the Galápagos Islands, where he/she will experience geography firsthand through up-close encounters with the islands unique wildlife and landscapes. Travel for the trip is provided by Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic. Visit www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee for more information on the National Geographic Bee.

National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo WILD will air the 2015 National Geographic Bee Championship final round, moderated by award-winning journalist Soledad O'Brien, on Friday, May 15, at 8 p.m. ET. The final round will be aired later on public television stations. Check local television listings for airdate and time in your area.

* Manchester * Mt. Vernon
* Readfield * Wayne



SCREENING

WHO:

- any child age 4 on or before Oct. 15, 2015
- living in Manchester, Mt. Vernon, Readfield or Wayne (RSU#38)

WHY:

- gain knowledge of your child's growth & development
- learn about the services of Southern Kennebec Child Development Corporation
- receive information about RSU#38 PreK programs for Fall 2015
- register to attend PreK in the RSU#38 district, if you choose to

WHERE:

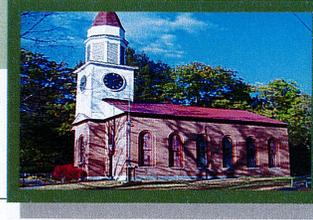
- Readfield Town Hall, 8 Olds Kents Hill Rd.

WHEN:

- Thursday, April 9 & Friday, April 10
- call 685-3336 Ex. 6 to schedule an appointment or for more information

Screening provided by RSU # 38 and
Southern Kennebec Child Development Corporation

Union Meeting House



If you go up Church Road and look at the Union Meeting House you can see why it is inactive at this time of year. We haven't seen snow up to the window sills for many, many years !

However, the Board is working hard at planning its summer programs and events and there may be some surprises in store for everyone. In addition there has been a change in Board membership. Last year long-time friend of the UMH, Nancy Durgin, volunteered to join as a member of the Advisory Board. She soon got into "the swing of things" and at the Board's February meeting she was nominated to become a member of the Board. The vote was unanimous.

Probably everyone in town knows Nancy, but here are a few lines of biography. She moved to Readfield in 1976 with her husband, Greg, since they had both been hired to teach at the new Maranacook Community school that was opening. She headed the physical education department for five years. Locally, she was one of the original members of Readfield Rescue in the late 1970s and early 1980s. In the past she served as a volunteer at the Readfield Library and was treasurer of the Little Town Club for several years before it disbanded.

Nancy recently retired after 20 years working for MaineGeneral at the Winthrop Health Center location. The UMH is fortunate to have Nancy as a new Board member and we thank her for her willingness to become involved with the Meeting House.

Town Revenue Summary (Feb.)

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Revenue Summary Report

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Department(s): ALL
February

Account	Budget Net	- C U R R MONTH - Debits	M O N T H - Credits	YTD Net	Uncollected Balance	Percent Collected
10 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,319,625.00	84.64	46,396.39	4,942,697.41	376,927.59	92.91
15 - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	0.00	0.00	25.00	129.00	-129.00	---
20 - TOWN BUILDINGS O&M	0.00	0.00	0.00	843.50	-843.50	---
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	29,575.00	0.00	13,670.68	29,811.84	-236.84	100.80
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	19,021.00	0.00	41.29	6,548.58	12,472.42	34.43
40 - PROTECTION	4,000.00	0.00	3,253.75	18,178.75	-14,178.75	454.47
50 - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	-100.00	---
60 - Roads & Drainage	36,504.00	0.00	0.00	39,825.64	-3,321.64	109.10
70 - SOLID WASTE	144,092.00	0.00	15,365.16	107,878.11	36,213.89	74.87
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	15,731.00	1,000.00	1,494.43	6,874.77	8,856.23	43.70
95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,100.00	0.00	10.00	10.00	2,090.00	0.48
Final Totals	5,570,648.00	1,084.64	80,256.70	5,152,897.60	417,750.40	92.50

Senior Café

The Senior Café is starting it's 4th year, open to seniors and retirees in Readfield and the surrounding communities. We meet every Monday from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the cafeteria of the Maranacook Middle School. Come join us for coffee, tea, warm muffins, interesting programs and good friendship and conversation.

March schedule is:

Monday March 16th - coffee/tea, muffins and good conversations

Monday March 23th- coffee/tea, muffins and good conversations

Monday March 30th- coffee/tea, muffins and good conversations



Take the first road to the right as you approach the school, follow the parking lot around to the left and watch for the orange cones that indicate our reserved parking spaces at the far end of the parking lot. The cafeteria door is the one to your right as you approach the building.

The Café is closed during scheduled school vacations or anytime the schools have a snow day due to inclement weather.

For more information, contact Liv Toftner, at 685-9516.

Town Expense Summary (Feb.)

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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H - Debits	Credits	YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
10 - GENERAL GOVT	450,520.00	51,812.38	1,135.21	303,635.62	146,884.38	67.40
15 - BOARDS & COM	14,125.00	0.00	0.00	4,571.53	9,553.47	32.36
20 - TOWN BLDG	50,377.00	4,099.14	0.00	21,906.45	28,470.55	43.49
25 - COMM SERVICE	54,864.00	3,262.60	0.00	33,772.47	21,091.53	61.56
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	24,327.00	36.29	0.00	9,141.86	15,185.14	37.58
40 - PROTECTION	137,342.00	27,421.33	0.00	90,240.87	47,101.13	65.71
50 - CEMETERIES	31,003.00	23.27	0.00	14,928.93	16,074.07	48.15
60 - Rds & Drain	567,294.00	31,859.84	0.00	452,040.98	115,253.02	79.68
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	64,160.00	5,330.00	0.00	20,482.62	43,677.38	31.92
70 - SOLID WASTE	253,185.00	20,003.15	0.00	153,831.86	99,353.14	60.76
75 - EDUCATION	3,163,541.00	263,628.42	0.00	2,109,027.32	1,054,513.68	66.67
80 - REGIONAL ORG	331,620.00	23,685.96	0.00	307,491.68	24,128.32	92.72
85 - DEBT SERVICE	355,210.00	0.00	0.00	355,448.00	-238.00	100.07
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	68,375.00	0.00	0.00	23,030.24	45,344.76	33.68
95 - GENERAL ASST	4,705.00	0.00	0.00	1,435.16	3,269.84	30.50
Final Totals	5,570,648.00	431,162.38	1,135.21	3,900,985.59	1,669,662.41	70.03

Maranacook Area School District
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RSU #38 Budget Update #4
 Re: February 25, 2015 RSU #38 School Board Meeting

“Providing support for students in order to promote academic success”

As we receive more specific information and actual numbers during a school budget development process we are able to present a more realistic picture of exactly what the budget will be. Traditionally some numbers come in higher than expected and some come in lower. Since the last budget meeting bids for fuel and diesel were opened, and in keeping with current economic conditions, the bids came in lower than last year. However, we received our first state subsidy draft and the net that we are projected to receive is \$49,979 lower than last year.

A revised summary expenditure budget, First Draft Version 2, was developed and provided at the February 25th meeting. This FY16 draft budget reflects the reduction in fuel costs. In addition the purchase of one bus was eliminated due to recent approval from the state for one bus. The prior inclusion of security lights and cameras was eliminated from the budget with the recommendation from the Facilities Committee of the Board to purchase these items through a lease purchase agreement which would replace another agreement that will be paid off by the end of FY15. These reductions totaling \$188,309 are described on the **Summary of Budget Reductions from Original Requests 02/25/15** document.

With the subsidy information we were able to begin work on a Draft FY16 **Revenue Sheet 02/25/15**. This sheet describes anticipated revenue based on numbers that we have at the present time. Included in this sheet is the state mandated local dollar match based on the state determined mill rate. The mill rate figure was raised by the state from 8.10 for FY15 to 8.48 for the upcoming FY16. This results in an increase in local dollar match of \$354,031 for the FY16 budget. Failure of the towns to provide this match would result in decreased state subsidy. The revenue sheet also provides information about the additional local dollars that would be necessary to support the present draft FY16 budget.

With the information about the proposed state subsidy and the required local match we were able to configure the impact of the increased mill rate and the additional local match based on the proposed FY16 budget on the four towns. This is outlined on the **Local Dollar Calculation Sheet 02/25/15**. During the February 25 budget meeting administrators and directors gave overviews of the following budget areas and the additional costs for FY16 in those areas:

Co and Extra Curricular Budget, 02/25/15

Maintenance Budget, 02/25/15

Program/Position/Account Evaluation Template for Maintenance Projects and Equipment

Transportation Budget, 02/25/15

Program/Position/Account Evaluation Template for Additional Pre-K bus runs, School Bus Purchase and Transportation Compressor

Adult Education Budget. 02/25/15

Food Services Budget. 02/25/15

Health Budget. 02/25/15

Program/Position/Account Evaluation Template for increased elementary nursing staff by .5 position

At the February 25, 2015 meeting Rebecca Reynolds, Director of Maranacook's School Based Health Center spoke on the Governor's proposal to cut the funding in the Master Tobacco Funding grant. This would reduce the amount of funding our School Based Health Center receives from \$36,000 to \$12,000 and would severely impact the services the health center can provide our students. The RSU #38 School Board later voted to increase the FY16 budget by \$24,000 to provide this funding to the health center should the Governor's proposal prevail. The additional funding is not included in the **General Fund Summary Budget, Version 2, 02/25/15.**

District Professional Development Budget. 02/25/15

District Curriculum Budget. 02/25/15

District Assessment Budget. 02/25/15

System Administration Budget. 02/25/15

Program/Position/Account Evaluation Template for System Admin Technology: Server

Debt Service Budget, 02/25/15

Additional information provided for the February 25 meeting included:

History of RSU #38 Electricity Expense. 02/25/15

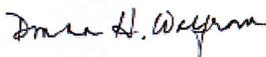
History of RSU #38 Fuel Expense. 02/25/15

Debt and Equipment Lease Purchases. 02/25/15

Bus Inventory. 02/25/15

The next budget meeting will be on March 4, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Maranacook Community High School. This meeting will be a joint meeting of the RSU #38 School Board and the Select Boards from the four RSU #38 towns. The meeting will begin with a brief overview of the expenditure budget and anticipated revenues followed by an opportunity for comments and questions from the select boards. As in every budget workshop meeting, there will be an opportunity for citizen comments in regards to the budget. I would urge the citizens of the RSU #38 community to attend this important meeting.

Sincerely,



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RSU #38 Budget Update #5

Re: March 4, 2015 RSU #38 School Board Meeting

“Providing support for students in order to promote academic success”

There are great things happening in RSU #38! For example, through the dedicated work of administration and staff, the dropout rate has decreased steadily from 6.49% in 2010, to 5.19% in 2011, to 3.89% in 2012, to 3.83% in 2013, to 3.53% in 2014. Also, in the last round of the New England Common Assessment (NECAP) state testing, the increase in the average middle school reading scores was statistically significant and every grade taking the NECAP scored higher than state average in reading. Another example of excellence in RSU #38 is that our middle school was just recognized as the only Spotlight School in Maine by the New England League of Middle Schools. Additionally, our boys have been the state soccer champions for the past two years, last year one of our elementary students, T.J. Folsom, took first place in the state Modern Woodmen speaking competition, Abigail Westberry was named State Champion in Extemporaneous Speaking and Original Oratory by the Maine Forensic Association, our boys and girls just won state championships in skiing, and the list of accomplishments of our students goes on and on. When people ask “What are we getting for our local dollars?” we can point to the successes that our students have in our quest for excellence.

The March 4, 2015 RSU #38 School Board meeting provided a forum for a joint meeting between school board members and members of the four town select boards. At this meeting the **General Fund Summary Budget, Version 3** was presented. This summary includes the addition to the FY16 budget of \$24,000 to support the School Based Health Center should the Governor’s budget pass. Also presented was the current **Summary of Budget Increases 03/04/15** and the **Summary of Budget Reductions 02/25/15**.

Diane MacGregor, RSU #38 Director of Technology walked the select boards through the RSU #38 web site and budget links where all of the presented budget documents are linked.

New information, including information that was requested by the RSU #38 School Board at the February 25, meeting, included:

Required Mill Rate History in EPS 03/04/15

Health Center Budget 03/06/15

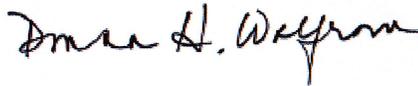
Food Service Budget 03/04/15

Overtime Expenditures, Year to Date 03/04/15

The administrative team along with the RSU #38 School Board continue to work on the FY16 budget. We are still waiting for final figures on health insurance increases and are working on final staffing needs based on current enrollment. The subsidy figures sent by the state were in draft form, so there may be changes in state subsidy based on the Governor's proposed budget. We continue to use the **RSU #38 Strategic Plan** as a guide for budget implications and our budget goal, **"Providing support for students in order to promote academic success"** as a filter for our budget development.

Please visit the Maranacook website at www.maranacook.org/budget/ for all the up-to-date budget information.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools

Readfield United Methodist Church

Route 17, Readfield, Me. 207-685-4211

All Welcome to:

Holy Week/Easter Services

March 29 - Palm Sunday, 10 am

April 3 - Good Friday Prayer Stations 2-6 pm

April 4 - Holy Saturday Prayer Stations 9 am-1pm

April 5 - Easter Sunrise Service, 6:00 am, Jesse Lee Church Easter Breakfast, 6:45, following Sunrise Service

April 5 - Easter Worship Service, 10 am, Torsey Memorial

Open Mic Night"

Everyone is Welcome

March 14th 6:00-9:00 p.m.

"Open Mic Night" in fellowship hall on March 14th.

Singers and musicians, soloist or small combos, are invited to showcase their talents. Both originals and covers are acceptable, and all musical genres encouraged, but please keep lyrics appropriate. Refreshments will be offered with proceeds going to local charities. For more information contact hosts John Twitchell @ 685-4170 drjohnnyt@yahoo.com or Rick Smith @ 860-2794macsuist117@yahoo.com.

2015 READFIELD REGISTRATION FORM

T-Ball / Baseball / Softball

Registration fees are as follows (Maximum Family Fee \$95.00):

Age*	League	# per league	Age*	League	# per league
7-8	Rookie Baseball	\$35.00	5-6	T-Ball (coed)	\$28.00
9-10	Minor Baseball	\$45.00	7-8	Rookie Softball	\$35.00
11-12	Major Baseball	\$50.00	9-10	Minor Softball	\$45.00
			11-12	Major Softball	\$50.00

A late fee of \$10 per family will be added to any registration or payment received after March 14th.
 If cost is inhibiting a child to play, please contact Kathleen Dupont at 512-2515.

Softball age as of 12/31/14 — Baseball age as of 4/30/15

	League:	Grade:	Age:	Date of Birth:	Shirt size	Pant size
1 st Players Name:						
2 nd Players Name:						
3 rd Players Name:						

Phone # _____ Cellular # _____ E-Mail Address _____

Address: _____

The success of our programs, depend on volunteers. Please indicate the activity that you would help out with:
 Team Coach Assistant Coach Umpire Scorekeeper

If Coaching, what level _____ (Team Coach may be required take coaching certification.)

Parent/Guardian name (**PRINTED**): _____

Please list any medical conditions of your child (asthma, allergies, etc.) that must be brought to the coach's attention: _____

Release of Liability

The undersigned hereby releases and holds the Readfield Recreation Association, its agents, and volunteers, from any and all claims, suits, actions, and damages arising out of, connected with, or resulting from participation in this activity. I understand there are inherent risks and dangers in participating in these types of activities, and I accept the responsibility of my child(ren).

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Uniform Agreement

I agree to return any uniform (shirt and/or pants) assigned to my child(ren) to my child's coach or Mark Hreben by July 1, 2015. This does not apply to T-Ball shirts. If I do not return the uniform by July 1, 2015, I understand that I will be billed \$30 for shirts and \$10 for pants. I also understand that I will be billed for any uniform damage considered to be beyond normal wear and tear.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Amount Paid: _____ Check # _____ Cash: _____



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If you have any questions please call Mark Hreben at 212-9527 or Kathleen Dupont 512-2515 .

Parent Pledge

Please read, initial, and sign each item and return with your sign up sheet.

1. I pledge to get my child to practice and games on time. I understand that it can be embarrassing for my child to be late and that I may be putting him/her at risk by not providing adequate time for warm up. I will be on time to pick up my child from all games and practices. This shows respect for the coach, and it tells my child that he or she is my top priority.

2. I pledge to use positive encouragement to fill my child’s Emotional Tank because athletes do their best when their Emotional Tank is full. I understand that less than 1% of youth sports participants receive college scholarships and that the top three reasons kids play sports are 1) to have fun, 2) to make new friends, and 3) to learn new skills. I understand that the game is for the players, and I will keep sports in the proper perspective. _____

3. I pledge to reinforce the ELM Tree of Mastery with my child (E for Effort, L for Learning and M for bouncing back from Mistakes). Winners are people who make maximum effort, continue to learn and improve, and do not let mistakes, or fear of making mistakes, stop them. I understand that mistakes are an inevitable part of any game and that people learn from their mistakes. I understand that children are born with different abilities and that the true measure is not how my child compares to others but how he/she is doing in comparison to his/her best self. _____

4. I pledge to honor the game. I understand the importance of setting a good example for my child. No matter what others may do, I will show respect for all involved in the game including coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans and officials. I understand that officials make mistakes. If the official makes a “bad” call against my team, I will honor the game and be silent! _____

5. I pledge to refrain from yelling out instructions to my child. I understand that this is the coach’s job. I understand that games are chaotic times for children trying to deal with fast-paced action and respond to opponents, teammates and coaches. I will limit my comments during the game to encouraging my child and other players for both teams. _____

6. I pledge to refrain from making negative comments about my child’s coach in my child’s presence. I understand that this plants a negative seed in my child’s head that can negatively influence my child’s motivation and overall experience.

I will honor the Parent Pledge in my words and actions.

Parents Signature

Print Child’s Name

Readfield Elementary School Play

Thursdays during the school year from 9AM to 11AM there will be a free toddler play group for ages infant to 4 years of age at the Readfield Elementary School in the multipurpose room. All are welcome to attend with their parent or caregiver. Activities include free play, music, story time in the library and snack. For more information contact Hannah Flannery at 685 7385.

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THE SELECT BOARD MEET EVERY OTHER MONDAY NIGHT AT 6:30 PM.



Looking for Board Members for the following Boards and Committees:

Appointment Policy Adhoc Com: 2-public members, 2-committee chairs or members

Appeals Board: 1 members needed (2017term)

Conservation Commission: 1 member 2017 & 1 member for 2016 & 1 associate member for 2017

Health Officer: 1 or 2 with public health background

Library Board of Trustees: 1 member (2016)

Library Building Committee: 1 contractor needed

Planning Board: 1 alt. member needed (5 yr.terms)

Local School Advisory Committee: 1 member (2015)

Heritage Days volunteers are needed to form a committee