

# Readfield Messenger

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**AUGUST 2021** 

# Readfield Heritage Days 2021



#### Friday, August 13

5pm - 7pm Readfield Historical Society Wine & Cheese Social Free to Members and Guests

#### Saturday, August 14 - ALL DAY

Heritage Days Achievement Quest Children 15 and under Unlock each achievement on the list and win CASH!

 No street/road parking (park at Fairgrounds/High School)
 Free shuttle bus travels to all venues!

#### Saturday, August 14

Breakfast with the Masons -

	Masonic Hall - Main St.
9am - 1pm	Library Book Sale at the Fire Station
9am	Historical Sign Unveiling - Library
10am - 11pm	Percy's Patience Book Event/Signing with
	Barbara Bourgoine and Jemelie Bessette
	Readfield Community Library
10am	Historical Sign Unveiling - UMH
11am	Historical Sign Unveiling - Fairgrounds Lot
11:30am	Historical Sign Unveiling/Pulling Stone Oxer
	Demo
12pm - 3pm	PINKY D'S POUTINE TRUCK - Beach
12pm - 3pm	Food Composting Demo - Beach
12pm - 3pm	Maker's Market - Beach
	(Crafts, demos, and more!)
12pm - 4pm	FAMILY GAMES on the Beach lawn
	(Cornhole, Ladder Toss, Kan Jam)
1pm - 3pm	Sam Shain and the Scolded Dogs - Beach
	(Funky covers and originals)
3pm - 4pm	Union Meeting House Organ Concert

#### Sunday, August 15

Fireworks at the Beach

Beach closes for fireworks prep

**UMH Pie Sale** 

Movie Night at the Fairground Ball Field

The Sandlot

Movie plays at dusk
Sponsored by the Readfield Recreation Committee

More information on page 4

4pm

5pm

9:15pm

# Select Board Corner

Greetings Friend,

The first meeting with our new Select Board members was a great way to introduce our two new members to the Readfield municipal process.

Soon, we will meet as a board and undertake our yearly Select Board retreat, which gives us a chance to discuss items and issues that we want to work on throughout the year. This meeting is open to the public and our work will, hopefully, have a positive impact on our town.

The second weekend in August finds our annual celebration, Readfield Heritage Days, filled with activities. Be sure to check out the schedule of the days, included in this issue of the Messenger, and join us for three days of Readfield! Music, history, books, games, and food all highlight a day that is fun for the whole family. There will be fireworks on Saturday, August 14th at dusk, and we encourage all of our friends with animals, pets, and other sound sensitivities to be aware.

Finally, our meetings will continue to be broadcast, via Zoom, to your home, office, phone, or wherever you may find yourself. Our goal is to make our meetings open, accessible, and easy to see and be a part of. Check out the Select Board tab on our website, www.readfieldmaine.org, for more information.

Take care,

Dennis Price, Chairman, Readfield Select Board

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# From the Town Manager

## Town Manager's Report - Parks and Recreation

Readfield has a long history of celebrating and enhancing our open spaces, parks, and recreational opportunities and resources. We've found great success in working collaboratively with our dedicated community volunteers and with partners like land trusts, lake associations, non-profits, and community foundations. We've developed and continue to build a first-class trail network. The Town can boast hundreds of acres of conservation lands spread widely throughout our community. Town parks have seen regular in vestment in amenities like benches, picnic tables, bike racks and bleachers. We have an ever-growing set of youth sports programs. Our focus has been on providing these important recreational amenities as cost effectively as possible and ensuring that we have equal access for all of our residents. Voters in June sent a strong message that investing in Parks and Recreation is important, just as they did last year by making the beach free to residents. I want to talk about two upcoming projects being considered that could greatly enhance Parks and Recreation in Readfield.

The first is the development of a softball field and proposed basketball court, flag pole, and "snack shack" at the Fairgrounds Recreation Area. These are important and centrally located improvements that will enhance our ability to meet the growing recreational needs of our community and provide valuable opportunities for our young people. The Fairgrounds property has always hosted a wide-range of public events and activities. As has been done in the past we are planning on funding these improvements primarily through donations of time, money, and equipment rather than tax dollars. When the time comes I hope that everyone who is able considers offering supporting in one of these ways. But before we get to that point I hope we can all come together to support the project, which will be presented and discussed more broadly in the coming months.

The second Parks and Recreation topic I want to address is the need to provide stable and consistent programming for our kids, and in turn offer expanded child-care options for families in town. One of the most direct challenges brought to light by the pandemic has been the need for more and better alternatives in this area, although the need has been there for a long time. Some of the big ideas discussed to date include offering after school programs and summer day camps in the same way that surrounding towns like Wayne and Winthrop do. This would be a big undertaking for the Town of Readfield but is a direction we've been headed in for a while and it fits well with many different community goals. We have an opportunity to utilize a portion of the Federal ARPA funds coming to Readfield to develop a three to five-year plan and get a proper Parks and Recreation program up and running. As with most Parks and Recreation programs it could be self-sufficient after a few years. We have a convergence of need and resources and what appears to be a once in a generation opportunity to grow our community in areas that are truly important. We will be talking about this subject extensively may form a special committee or subcommittee to work on this project in coordination with the Select Board and Recreation Board. If you have an interest in helping out with this project or have any ideas you'd like to share please let us know!

Thank you!

Eric Dyer, Town Manager

Visit <u>www.readfieldmaine.org</u> for more information or to share your thoughts!



# Readfield Heritage Days

## Readfield Heritage Days Scheduled for August 13, 14,& 15

Readfield Heritage Days 2021 offers three days of activities, fun, and entertainment in Readfield!

Originally a fundraiser to assist the town library, Heritage Days has grown and transformed over the years to become a town-wide celebration of a great place to live.

On Friday night, August 13th, Heritage Days get started from 5-7pm at the Readfield Historical Society Wine and Cheese Social. This event is open to current members as well as newcomers that wish to join the RHS.

Saturday, August 14th is packed with fun and excitement all around town. The day begins with a pancake breakfast at the Masonic Hall from 7-9:30am. The Library Book Sale at the Fire Station begins at 9am and runs until 1pm. At the Library at 9am, there's a historical sign unveiling and at 10am a book event and signing featuring *Percy's Patience* from Barbara Bourgoine and Jemelie Bessette. At 10:30, a historical sign unveiling happens at the Union Meeting House.

At 11am, the festivities shift to the Old Fairgrounds on Church St. for more historical sign unveils and a special ox-pulling demonstration featuring the original pulling stones, used for years at the Fairgrounds!

Take the trails down to the Beach for Pinky D's Poutine Truck that opens at noon, along with the Maker's Market and lawn games, including Can Jam, ladder toss, and cornhole. EcoMaine will also be on hand for a composting demo, in conjunction with the new program at the Transfer Station.

Sam Shain and the Scolded Dogs play their funky mix of covers and originals from 1pm - 3pm and we announce our Spirit of America Awards there, as well!

From 12-3pm at the beach, there will be a donation station and raffle for Alexis Michaud, a Maranacook Community School student, recently diagnosed with a rare type of cancer, Chordoma. Purchase raffle tickets or simply donate to show your support.

At 3pm, the Union Meeting House will be filled with the sounds of the original organ, played by Christina Meisner Rao and Rosalea Kimball. Afterwards, at 4pm, there will be a pie sale, right at the UMH!

Around 9pm, the fireworks begin at the beach.

As a reminder, there is no parking at the beach or the Union Meeting House. Please park at the Fairgrounds parking lot OR at MCHS and take the free shuttle bus.

At dusk on Sunday, August 15th at the Fairgrounds Ball Field, the Readfield Recreation Committee is showing "The Sandlot." Fun for the whole family!

Readfield Heritage Days is sponsored by the Town of Readfield and all activities are free!

FMI Dennis Price Heritage Days Committee Chairman 207-577-4919, <a href="mailto:dprice@readfieldmaine.org">dprice@readfieldmaine.org</a>



# Solid Waste & Recycling

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Successful



We had an outstanding turnout at the HHW collection on Sunday July 11th; thank you to all who participated! Specific totals are not in yet but we had double the number of residents (both year-round and seasonal) participate this year compared to last year and collected far more materials too. Our partner towns of Fayette and Wayne also saw increased participation and collection this year, along with a new partner town for this event only, the town of Belgrade. Sunday worked to be an easier day to keep traffic

flowing as there is more use of the Transfer Station on Saturdays. We operated with time slots this year and were able to keep the traffic flowing with the longest wait being about 10 minutes. We plan to hold this event again next year so if you missed this one, please start placing any materials you find around your home in one place so you'll be ready for next summer. Our goal is to collect all of the household hazardous waste materials in our towns in order to make our communities safer from possible contaminants.

#### General Operation Practices

All vehicles must stop at the Attendant Booth to speak with an employee about what materials you are bringing in, to receive directions on where to dispose of these materials, and to pay any required fee.

Please leave when you are finished to avoid making the space congested.



We are open Sundays from 8 to 12 Noon after Memorial Day until Labor Day. Take advantage of shorter wait times!

# Change of Operation Practices due to Covid-19

We will continue to operate meeting standards from the Maine government including the following practices:

> Unvaccinated Staff and residents are required to wear a face covering while at the Transfer Station.

# Readfield Begins Food Composting July 24th

We have the official kunch of our Food Waste Composting Program scheduled for Saturday from 8-4 with a ribbon cutting at 10AM with our partner organizations and Sen. Craig Hickman. The public is invited. We will have educational materials, food treats, and free compost buckets and bins. We're also hosting a food drive for the Maranacook Food Pantry. We hope to see you there!





Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee



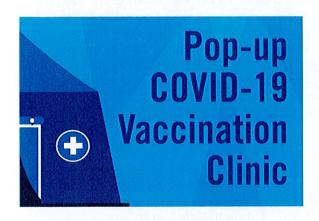
Backyard Composting Talk and Free Home Use Bin Maranacook Community School Saturday July 24th at 2PM

Join Mark King from Maine DEP and the Maine Composting School for an introduction to backyard composting and receive afree lobster trap style home composting bin. This talk is being held in conjunction with our Food Composting Grant.

# Keeping Maine safe one vaccine at a time!

The Winthrop Area Rotary Club along with Maine General is sponsoring a **FREE** Covid-19 Vaccine

Pop-Up Clinic



Date: August 21, 2021

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Place: Sully's Tavern

Come check us out while browsing the Winthrop Art Festival

# **Board/Committee Openings** – *Updated July 2021*

**Age Friendly Committee:** 

**Cobbossee Watershed District** 

**Conservation Commission** 

**Local School Board Advisory** 

**Maranacook Out Dam Committee** 

**Planning Board** 

**Road Committee** 

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee

**Trails Committee** 

1 Vacancy (2024)

1 Alt Member (2024)

1 Alt Member (2022)

1 Opening (2023)

1 Alt Member (2023)

3 Alts (2022, 2023 & 2024)

3 Vacancies (all 2022)

1 Vacancy (2023)

2 Vacancies (2024), 1 Alt (2023)

Volunteer forms can be found on the next pages (2 part form) and returned back to the Town Office or online at www.readfieldmaine.org. Forms can also be filled out online electronically and are available at the Town Office. FMI 207-685-4939.

#### TOWN OF READFIELD

OFFICE USE

DATE RECEIVED

#### APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

The Select Board shall not discriminate against an applicant based on religion, age, sex, marital status, race color, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation or physical or mental disabilities. The Select Board may exclude from consideration any applicant with physical or mental disabilities only when the physical or mental handicap would prevent the applicant from performing the duties of the appointment and reasonable accommodation cannot be made.

The Select Board shall have final authority over the appointment of citizens to Boards, Committees and Commissions that are instruments of Town Government. The Select Board shall not appoint an applicant to a position for which the applicant will likely have a frequent or recurring conflict of interest. Please check one: 1st time appointment re-appointment Which Board, Committee or Commission are you applying for? Term: Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ Street address: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (C): \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing address:\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: Below please tell us of any experience and/or training that might be useful in this position. Below please tell us the reason you are interested in applying for this position.

If you are currently employed, what is your position?

#### APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT FOR:

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## Manchester Lions Club Lobster or Chicken Dinner To Go

100% of proceeds support our community!

Pre-orders are encouraged! Can't pre-order? No problem! Meals will be available while supplies last! Choose your protein: BBQ Chicken... \$12

Single Lobster.. \$18

Double Lobster.. \$25

All dinners served with Corn on the Cob, Coleslaw & Dessert For More Information Call Lion Deb 207-441-9906

Soda and Water available for purchase

When: August 28, 2021 from 4pm - 6pm Where: Manchester Lions Club House

Grab your meal at the Lions Drive-Thru! Limited Delivery available for preregistrations at an additional charge



BBQ CHICKEN	@ \$12. = TOTAL \$	
SINGLE LOBSTER	@ \$18. = TOTAL \$	FOR DELIVERY PLEASE
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## 2021 Tax Bill & Tax Club Information

The 2021 Town of Readfield Tax Commitment has been completed and tax bills will be going out in the mail in the next few weeks.

Tax due dates are September 24, 2021 and February 26, 2022.

The Town of Readfield offers a payment plan called the Tax Club; splitting your yearly tax bill up in to interest free monthly payments.

If interested or to see if you qualify please call the Town Office at 207-685-4939.

If currently in tax club you should have or will be receiving your booklets in the mail.

## Do you have a Homestead Exemption?

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING HOMESTEAD APPLICATION

SECTION 1: Check the appropriate box related to each question. You must check all three boxes to qualify for the Maine homestead property tax exemption. If you have moved during the year and owned a homestead in Maine prior to your move, enter the address of the homestead you moved from on line 1b. Your ownership of a homestead must have been continuous for the 12-month period ending on April 1. If you did not check all boxes in this section, you do not qualify for the homestead property tax exemption. A person on active duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United States who is permanently stationed at a military or naval post, station or base in this state is deemed to be a permanent Maine resident. A person on active duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United States does not include a member of the National Guard or the Reserves.

**SECTION 2:** Enter your full name(s) as shown on your property tax bill, the physical location of your home, your telephone number, email address, and your mailing address, if different than the physical location.

SECTION 3: This section gives the local assessor information which may be used to determine if you qualify and should support your answers to the questions in SECTION 1. Please check the appropriate box for each of the applicable statements in this section. At least one of the owners of the homestead must sign this document. Please file the application with your local municipal assessor. If, for any reason, you are denied exemption by the assessor, you may appeal the assessor's decision under the abatement statute, 36 M.R.S. § 841.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Homestead: "Homestead" means residential real property owned by an individual or individuals and occupied by those individuals as their permanent residence. Residential real property held in a revocable living trust for a beneficiary who occupies the property as his or her permanent residence also qualifies as a homestead. A resident homeowner who is subject to foreclosure and subsequently purchases the home back from the municipality is considered to have no interruption in homeownership for purposes of this exemption.

Municipality: "Municipality" means any city, town, plantation, or that portion of a county in the unorganized territory.

**Permanent residence:** "Permanent residence" means that place where an individual has a true, fixed, and permanent home and principal establishment to which the individual, whenever absent, has the intention of returning. An individual may have only one permanent residence at a time and, once a permanent residence is established, that residence is presumed to continue until circumstances indicate otherwise.

**Permanent resident:** "Permanent resident" means an individual who has established a permanent residence. A cooperative housing corporation may apply for a homestead exemption to be applied against the valuation of property of the corporation that is occupied by qualifying shareholders. To qualify, the corporation must complete an Application for Maine Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Cooperative Housing Corporations.



## APPLICATION FOR MAINE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

36 M.R.S. §§ 681-689

Completed forms must be filed with your local assessor by April 1. Forms filed after April 1 of any year will apply to the subsequent year tax assessment.

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#### AUGUST 2021—LIBRARY NEWS and EVENTS

#### SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2021

It is not too late to sign up and start reading!! Our Summer Reading Program "Tails and Tales in Maine" is for children and teens ages 0-18. Simply stop by the Library anytime during open hours to sign up. Readers (and those being read to) log their minutes of reading time and earn small prizes or books throughout the summer. Readers also earn raffle tickets to put into one of 4 big raffle drawings, shown below. Program ends (and raffle drawings will be held) on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.







Lego Set of Your Choice



#### BUILD-a-BOOK Hands-On WORKSHOP for KIDS on August 2nd

1 large pizza, ½ gallon lemonade, 1 bag chips

from the Readfield Family Market

Back by popular demand! Join workshop leader [lien Bowman for a special arts/crafts bookmaking workshop OUTSIDE at the Readfield Community Library on **Monday, August 2 at 6:00pm**. Bring your sense of invention; we will provide ample outside table space, instruction, and all materials. **Limited to the first 10 children who sign-up—**please register at 207-685-4089 or <u>librarian@readfieldmaine.org</u>. This program is **ideal for children ages 6-12**, but kids younger/older are welcomed as well!



#### MAINE CHILDREN'S AUTHOR NANCY BEAULE at STORY TIME on August 10th



Special guest at Story Time on Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am! Nancy Beaule is a Maine children's author who lives in Monmouth. Her 6-volume picture book series, Changa, & the Munchy Bunch, is about a nervous carrot with superpower eyesight (from Changa, Juice, made with carrots) and his zany pals. She plans to read Volume 5, her award-winning A Peek Under, the Big Top story. Nancy will also be selling and singing her books after the reading. She accepts checks, cash, and Visa/MC. All are invited! Please bring a blanket or chairs for your family. In case of rain, the event will be held upstairs at the Readfield Town Office. FMI on Nancy: https://nancybeaule.com/

#### "GLADIATOR: FIGHT to the FINISH" Event with David Matson on August 11th

Discover a new game by Readfield creator David Matson! The Library will host this outdoors event on **Wednesday, August** 11th at 6:30pm, and the presentation will introduce the new game, including "Everything You Never Knew Abgut, Gladiators, How A Readfield Artist Took Over 40 Years To Design A Game, and a Demonstration of Play." Games will be available for purchase at \$29 with cash/check for those interested.



#### DEDICATION OF READFIELD LIBRARY HISTORIC SITE MARKER on August 14th

Readfield Historical Society will hold a History Walk and the dedication of several historic site markers on Saturday, August 14th. The event will begin when a sign for the Readfield Community Library will be **dedicated during the Library Book Sale (at the Fire Station)**. This will occur at about 9:15 a.m. From there a second sign will be dedicated (meet inside) the Union Meeting House, Church Road at 10:00 a.m. The next stop is slated for 11:00 a.m. at the old Fairgrounds on Church Road where four additional signs will be dedicated at two locations, in the parking lot and on the pulling stones trail, where an oxen pulling demonstration will also be held. FMI contact Dale Potter-Clark at <a href="mailto:crossings4u@gmail.com">crossings4u@gmail.com</a> or (207) 441-9184.

# AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR EVENT & BOOK SIGNING for Families on August 14th featuring Children's Book Percy's Patience



Join Readfield residents Barbara Bourgoine and Jeppelig Bessette as they read selections from their children's book *Percy's Patience: The Stary of Governor Baxter and Baxter State Park.* Fun for the family will include dramatization of scenes from Percy Baxter's life as well as an art demonstration, and take-home activity sheet. The author and illustrator will answer questions and sign books, available for purchase (cash, checks, credit cards accepted.) This event will be held **outdoors at the Readfield Community Library on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00-11:00am.** You may want to bring chairs or a blanket.

#### ANNUAL SUMMER BOOK SALE on August 14th



The Annual Library Book Sale will be held during Readfield Heritage Days weekend on **Saturday, August 14**th **from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Readfield Fire Station**. Please come find some treasures for adults, kids, and teens!! There will be books, puzzles, DVDs, audio books on CD, and more! If you would like to donate books for the Sale, please save them and drop them off at the Fire Station the morning of the sale starting at 7:30am. Unfortunately, we do not have space at the library to store donations ahead of the sale date.

#### CHEWONKI PROGRAM: "Mammals of Maine" on August 23rd

Please join us for our Summer Reading Program Final Celebration Event featuring Chewonki's Traveling Natural History Programs, to be held Monday August 23rd at 6:00pm outdoors at the Library. The theme for the presentation is "Mammals of Maine," which will include activities to develop an understanding of the interesting mammals of our state. Through the use of an extensive collection of mounted mammals, tanned skins, and skulls, participants will investigate specific adaptations and



identify important roles these animals play in the intricate food web. This program will also provide a living example of a non-releasable wild mammal!!

Note that the Raffle Drawings for Summer Reading prizes will take place at this event, although participants do not need to be present to win.

#### LIBRARY BENEFIT RAFFLE—Spinning Wheel



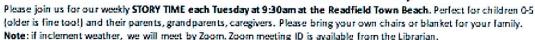
An Ashford Traveller Spinning Wheel has been donated to be raffled off for the benefit of the Readfield Community Library. This wheel is manufactured in Australia and is named the Traveller because of its light weight and portability. This is not a new wheel, but has been VERY gently used. It is a single drive, double treadle model and comes with four bobbins. Included in the package are two spinning instruction books, fiber to practice with, and a braid of luxury fiber. Also included are 3 lessons with an instructor who formerly taught spinning at Maranacook Yarns!! This wheel currently retails for between \$675.00 and \$825. Tickets are \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00 and will be available at the Library and also at the Annual Book Sale. The drawing will take place on Saturday, August 14th at 4:00 p.m. Many thanks to the generous donor!

#### MAINE STATE PARKS—2 Vehicle Passes Available to check out



Enjoy Maine's parks for FREE! The Library is offering not one, but two Maine State Park Vehicle Passes for patrons to check-out! Thank you to a very generous patron for the pass donation! Checkout period is for one week, and passes must be returned when the Library is open (not in the Book Drop, please). If you are planning a trip, you may reserve a pass in advance. Note that all State Parks in Maine are currently open for Day Use. <a href="https://www.maine.gov/dacf/covid19/parks/">https://www.maine.gov/dacf/covid19/parks/</a>

#### STORY TIME is LIVE and IN PERSON at the Town Beach each Tuesday at 9:30am



Special for Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> —Explore Books through Music and Music through Books with guest musician Ellen

Special for Tuesday August 10<sup>th</sup> —Special guest Children's Author Nancy Begulg (see separate article above for details)

#### FREE 24/7 Wifi



Afriendly reminder that the Library offers free 24/7. Wifi, which extends to the parking lot. The Wifi network is "Readfield Library Guest" with no password required.

#### AncestryLibrary AVAILABLE REMOTELY THROUGH 12/31/2021!

Normally available for in-library use only, Aggest pt library will be available remotely through December 31, 2021 thanks to the efforts of the Maine State Library. Please take advantage of this FREE service if you are interested in family history research! Use this link: <a href="https://libraries.maine.edu/mainedatabases/authmaine.asp?db=ancestry">https://libraries.maine.edu/mainedatabases/authmaine.asp?db=ancestry</a>

-Mancestry

#### Upcoming LIBRARY BOOK GROUP MEETINGS (for Adults)

Our monthly Library Adult Book Group is open to all! Please let the Librarian know ASAP if you would like a copy of any of the books listed below. The Book Group generally meets on the last Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Note that these groups will meet outside, in person behind the library, weather permitting. A Zoom option for those who cannot attend in person is also available. To attend by Zoom, please call 685-4089 or email librarian@readfieldmaine.org for the Zoom meeting ID.

<u>August Book Group Discussion:</u> August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm Mainely Power: A Goff Langdon Mainely Mystery (2020) by Matt Cost (Maine author)

September Book Group Discussion: September 27th at 6:30pm Anxious People (2019) by Fredrik Backman



#### SUMMER "Read ME" Program (for Adults)



The Readfield Community Library will participate again this summer in the statewide "Read ME" summer reading program highlighting Maine authors. We have multiple copies of these two books available at the library for check out, thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Readfield Community Library. Please note the following statewide book events.

Author Talk with Matt Cost (Mainely Power), Thursday | August 19, 2021 | 6:00 - 7:00pm | <u>Join on Zoom</u>

#### UPDATED COVID-related LIBRARY INFO

The Readfield Community Library strives to continue to offer library services while keeping patrons, volunteers, and staff safe during the pandemic. Patrons should be aware that there is some risk inherent in using shared indoor spaces with shared materials. Library visitors are entering with this knowledge of risk. Please see the library website's "COVID-19 Response/Info" page for the most updated information: https://readfieldlibrary.wordpress.com/covid-19-response-info/

Library Hours

Mondays 3pm-7pm
Tuesdays 10am-4pm
Wednesdays 1pm-7pm
Saturdays 10am-4pm

# **NEWS & NOTES FROM THE TRAILS**

This month's Messenger article, at least at the start, takes a little turn from the regular news and notes regarding our network of trails, to look back at the past year plus. As our little corner of the world starts to move ahead to get back, if you will, to a semblance of "normal" I am grateful and thankful for the leadership and dedication of our town staff and volunteer groups that helped to keep us safe and possibly sane as we weathered the pandemic.

To everyone at the Town Office and Transfer Station who kept us open at different levels over the 16

months so we could do our regular business, I say a job well done.

Our volunteers at the Readfield Fire Department continued to fulfill their responsibilities under even more dangerous and potential life threatening circumstances in their usual quiet and efficient manner.

Staff in our schools worked with their students and families in new creative ways to provide the safest and strongest possible educational opportunities in an environment no one could have imagined for our kids.

Our many town committees and boards that provide so much value to Readfield continued to meet while Zooming over their computers to write grant proposals, work on policies and budgets, and to plan events that might or might not ever occur, all in the spirit of volunteerism.

Thank you to everyone who helped to keep Readfield Strong during the tumultuous past 16 months and

continue to do so now.

#### Five Committees: One Goal

Maine's Bicentennial year saw many cancellations and postponements of events meant to honor our state's history in 2020. One of those events scheduled for Readfield is back on the going to happen list. The Readfield Historical Society (RHS) secured a grant from the state's Bicentennial Committee to sponsor an event at the Readfield Fairgrounds to honor Readfield's rich history. Readfield's Age Friendly Committee (AFC) secured a grant to support the event that will pay for new blue stone for the Fairgrounds event area. The Readfield Conservation Committee (RCC) and Readfield Trails Committee (RTC) have supplied logistical support in planning and preparing for the August 14<sup>th</sup> event during Heritage Days. The Select Board's Heritage Days Committee has contributed by organizing the whole weekend.

Starting at about 11:00 am on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, new signage will be unveiled at the Fairgrounds parking lot to showcase Readfield's past from the Civil War era up through the 1940's Agricultural Fairs. At approximately 11:30 am Brandon Fike will lead his oxen in a pulling stone activity on the trail section behind the ball field area. Several pulling stones will be hauled by the oxen to a new display area that has been developed by RCC, RHS, & RTC members several weeks ago. The fairs in Readfield routinely held pulling stones competition events by local farmers. Readfield's youth will have the opportunity to try their hands at a modified pulling stone competition. Prizes and snacks will be available. This is an event almost 20 months in

the making and you will want to be a part of it!

Due to two resignations, our Trails Committee is seeking volunteers to shore up our numbers. Bob and Jeanne Harris have been dedicated volunteers on the committee for several years and we wish them well in their new endeavors. If attending a monthly meeting is time you cannot commit to, our committee welcomes help on our projects that usually last a day at most. We have a major project slated for late summer or early fall refurbishing large sections of the Fairgrounds trails. Grant allocations as well as budgeted monies from RCC and RTC provide the product, but volunteers are needed to assist committee members with grooming the trails. Volunteering is a great way to make connections with other residents and to help improve our town. Volunteer applications are available either at the Town Office or on line at the town's website. For more information or assistance, contact Greg Durgin (durgie@roadrunner.com) or at 685-4481. As Dale Evans and Roy Rogers sang many years ago" Happy Trails To You".

Submitted by Greg Durgin Vice Chair Readfield Trails Committee



# **Readfield Union Meeting House**



A grateful thank you goes out to all who supported the July 10 "Strawberry Festival To Go." This includes the 17 board and community members responsible for picking, hulling, preparing and delivering the shortcakes to waiting customers, and cleaning up after the event was over. We've had several good reports that the shortcakes were wonderful!

Those attending the July 6<sup>th</sup> concert at the RUMH gave rave reviews to the music performance by Katie Daggett and Ed Desjardins. Be sure to mark your calendars for the August 3rd show featuring High Spirits and August 17 with Kevin Libby. These Tuesday night shows are part of the "Meet Me At The Meeting House" summer series with admission only \$10.

During Heritage Days the RUMH will feature two events on August 14<sup>th</sup>. First will be an Organ & Horn Recital at 3pm featuring Christina Misner Rao, Rosalea Kimball, & Rick Wilson. At 4pm there will be a Pie Sale on the lawn. Be sure to pick up the Heritage Days booklet listing all the activities for the weekend.

There's even more planned for August at the Meeting House. A talk and open discussion "Walk Down Memory Lane" on August 21 at 1pm will be led by Ev Potter and Charlotte Killam, both of whom have special connections to the Meeting House. We are hoping that anyone with a connection to the Meeting House will come and share their stories. Did you know that grammar school graduations and girl scout meetings were held there along with weddings and funerals? To round out the day, the well-known band Pat Colwell and the Soul Sensations will perform at 7pm. The \$20 tickets are available at the door or online at http://unionmeetinghouse.org.; https://soul-sensations.com/ web site for Pat Colwell

With the above mentioned activities, even more work is being done by the Board and Committee members on our quest to raise the needed funds for the restoration of the Readfield Union Meeting House. Presently, we are raising funds for the tower and belfry through the "Push to the Top Campaign" Many of you have donated or pledged money to this campaign, but more is still needed. We have applied for several grants and should be hearing from them within the next month or two. If you know of corporations that make donations or match funds to historic non profit organizations please give one of us a call: Jim Tukey- 215-5180, Nancy Durgin-685-4481, or John Perry- 685-3531. Thank you.

An update on the completely rstored clock and dials. The clock may be returned by the end of August. The plan is to have it on display in the sanctuary for people to stop in to see. Once the tower is completed the clock will be disassembled to get it back up into the tower and reassembled again. The dials will be arriving this fall too, and as mentioned in the last Messenger, stored in one of John Cushing's buildings.

Larry Dunn is continuing work in the Vestry. Two exterior doors are on order and some necessary prep work is under way before the plumbing can be done. According

to Larry, renovating old buildings is "always full of surprises."

Again, thank you RUMH members, donors, and the Readfield community for your support.

Nancy Durgin



Tel: 685-4064



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All are invited to join us in worship Sundays in-person or online at 10 am. For those joining us in the sanctuary, masks are no longer required for those who are fully vaccinated. If you have <u>not</u> gotten a vaccine, please wear masks.

Zoom Link for Weekly Worship - In case you're wondering, it is the same link every week!

For those zooming, please click the link, <a href="https://zoom.us/j/9759400763">https://zoom.us/j/9759400763</a>

For joining us via phone, dial +1 646 558 8656

Then dial the following access code 975 940 0763 and press the # key.

Join us on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for morning Worship at Jesse Lee Church in celebration of Heritage Days!

Our next kindness food box giveaway is scheduled for August 21st from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Jesse Lee church. Anyone is welcomed to come get a box of non-perishable food. You just pull up in the parking lot and we put a kindness box in your vehicle. No questions asked. If you would like to help us with filling these boxes there is a list of items, we suggest on our website or you can call or email the office and we will get the list to you. For more information visit our website or call the office.

# **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 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: Bob Peterson 685-7292 or Helen Wilkey 293-2351.

# **Maranacook Food Pantry**

Thursdays 3:00-4:00 PM
Maranacook Middle School
Lower Parking Lot
FMI Call 685-4923
Angela Palmer ext. 1120 or
Mary Ellen Tracy ext. 1162

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## READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### RHS PLANS FOR READFIELD HERITAGE DAYS

Friday, August  $13^{th}$  5:00-7:00 p.m. ~ RHS annual wine & cheese social at RHS, 759 Main St. Readfield Depot.

This event will kick off Readfield Heritage Days weekend. It is an opportunity to visit the RHS museum and to meet others with like interests while enjoying an array of refreshments and beverages.

New windows will be unveiled and corresponding plaques, noting donors who contributed towards making this project possible. The gift shop will be open, where our newly released book "Brief Biographies c.1900 pertaining to some Residents of Readfield" will be available to purchase (\$12.00) as well as other items of historical interest. Dale Potter-Clark will be available to sign the books and to answer questions.

There will be wine, Sangrias, non-alcoholic beverages, cheeses, and an array of delectable appetizers and sweet treats for all to enjoy. FREE to members. New members can pay dues at the door: \$10 annual, \$5 for seniors and lifetime dues \$100. This event is sponsored by the Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union.

Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. ~ History Walk and unveiling of six historic site markers when folks can either walk along as each unveiling is done, or attend those of particular interest:

9:00 a.m. Readfield Community Library at their book sale at the Readfield Fire Department.

10:00 a.m. Union Meeting House, Church Rd. Meet inside the meeting house for this unveiling.

11:00 a.m. Old Fairgrounds, Church Rd. four signs will be unveiled here. Three in the parking lot and one on the "Upper Fairgrounds Trail". These signs will cover the time span 1812-2021; from 1812 when Readfield militia musters were first held; to the Kennebec County Agricultural Fair; and the Readfield Grange Fair to and through the evolution to what is there today.

11:30 a.m. A sign on the "Upper Fairgrounds Trail" will include information about the race track where sulky races, horse and oxen pullings, concerts, circus acts and other events were held. A pulling stone demonstration will be done by Brandon Fike with his oxen during this segment, with some of the original pulling stones, to an area prepared for a special display.

Historical signs are made possible through sponsorships, donations and a percentage from residents' acquisition of circa signs. The oxen pulling event is made possible by a Maine Bicentennial Grant from the Maine Arts Commission.

Dale Potter-Clark, Secretary Readfield Historical Society dmclark1@roadrunner.com

PHOTO CAPTION: Seven more circa signs have been sold and delivered, this one to Amy Gourley on South Rd. whose home was built by Jedediah Bourne circa 1856. Her sign also notes that Benjamin T. Clough settled there circa 1800; and the land was owned by the Bourne family 1814-1934. Wording on each sign is unique according to the history of the property; research notes are included with the purchase of a sign. FMI contact crossings4u@gmail.com.



RHS is a 501C3 non-profit founded in 1985 to preserve the rich history of Readfield and its people.

Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Contact readfieldhistorical@gmail.com or 377-2299 with questions or for information about becoming a

## News From The Broadband Committee



#### **Town Meeting Question on Broadband**

On June 8<sup>th</sup> voters in Readfield overwhelming directed the Select Board to pursue bringing fiber to home high-speed internet to all residents of our town. In light of this directive, we continue to partner with our neighboring towns through the WKLCBA in pursuing development of a FTTH (Fiber To The Home) network.

On July 19th the Select Board approved spending \$40,000 of ARP (American Recovery Plan) funds that have been allocated to Readfield for a Readfield Field Data Engineering and RFP Process to be done in conjunction with other towns in the WKLCBA. This will provide the town with all of the pole data needed to create an RFP (Request For Proposal) and receive proposals from construction firms for building a FTTH network in town. This is the path to determining the cost of a network which can then be presented to the voters of our town for consideration. We expect to have this information by early fall with the possibility of a special town meeting question concerning a FTTH network by secret ballot in November during the general election.

We also approved spending up to \$10,000 of ARP funds for legal expenses which will be incurred in developing a local Broadband Utility District and any other necessary documents related to the RFP above.

The article on this year's town meeting warrant was:

<u>Article 40:</u> The following is a non-binding question to establish interest and guidance for future town considerations: Should the Select Board in 2021 and 2022 pursue the establishment of a fiber to the home high speed internet network available to all residents? **399 YES 104 No** 

#### News From The Broadband Committee

The committee last met on May 26<sup>th</sup>. We had a presentation that assessed the FTTH (Fiber To The Home) model that was prepared for the Town Of Readfield by Casco Bay Associates. Laymen terms were used to describe the proposal which led to a much greater understanding of everything. The difference between a single provider model and an open access network was clearly explained which allowed for us to better evaluate the models presented. Finances, variables and risk levels were discussed in broad terms, along with levels of current services available.

In both models the town assumes the majority of the financial risk. Operating costs need to be reasonable but also cover the expenses the town will have. In either model, the town will own the infrastructure and will contract with an ISP (Internet Service Provider) to provide the access to the internet over our network. The hope is to have multiple providers wanting to get onto our network which provides competition and ultimately lowers costs to the consumer. Having multiple towns collocated could incentivize providers to serve the area.

Currently Readfield has about 94% access to Spectrum and Consolidated. To date these companies have not been interested in expanding into any unserved areas of town nor in updating and/or expanding the services they provide in a way that is financially viable to the Town or our unserved residents. There are approximately 4.8 miles of unserved roads in Readfield with 83 homes. Some of these homes have reported exorbitant connection fee proposals from Spectrum. Consolidated Communications provides some DSL service to Readfield but it is slow by comparison. We will continue to look for ways to work with current service providers to meet the needs of our residents.

We do not have data that shows how many homes have internet connections through which companies, nor which homes do not have access to internet connection. We would like to create and publish a survey to gather this data by street address so we could more precisely determine next steps.

Updates from the WKLCBA were provided to the group. They are working on forming a Broadband Utility District similar to our local water districts in Winthrop and greater Augusta. There should be significant cost savings to each participating town that joins in both construction and operational costs.

All meetings are public and will be held in person at the Town Office. Look for links on the town website and for email alerts if you have signed up for them. Signup for email alerts is available on the town website. We will publish

WKLCBA Information

Readfield is a member of the Western Kennebec Lakes Community Broadband

Association along with five other towns: Fayette, Leeds, Mt. Vernon, Vienna, and Wayne. We are working together to find solutions for the affordable delivery of high speed, reliable broadband internet access to all locations in our towns that have electric service. Please see their website to find the studies we have completed and many articles pertinent to this effort. <a href="https://www.wklcba.org">www.wklcba.org</a>



# Little Kickers Soccer Camp - Boys & Girls Ages 5-8



Rain date: Friday, August 6th - 1 week

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Registration: \$55.00 (Includes a t-shirt)

Campers experience the principle of one ball to one person and how it is used to develop ball control skills. Children will develop balance, coordination and gross motor skills through a variety of drills, activities and game situations. Previous soccer experience is not necessary.

Please bring a labeled soccer ball, labeled water bottle, shin guards, soccer cleats/sneakers, shorts/sweats, t-shirt/tank top and sunscreen.

Coach: Ryan Martin, MCHS graduate & 3 sport Varsity Athlete. He was Mr. Basketball for the State of Maine, and went on to play professionally. Ryan has coached Little Kickers for 16+ years.

Register online at

https://maranacook.maineadulted.org/course/little-kickers-soccer-camp-boys-girls-ages-5-8/

The Readfield Trails Committee crew prepping the area and positioning the pulling stones for the Heritage Days event at the Fairgrounds







# SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER for the Michaud Family

16 Year Old Athlete and Maranacook High School Student Alexis Michaud has been diagnosed with a rare cancer called Chordoma that affects 1 in a million people. The Cancer is wrapped around her brain stem making surgery tricky. Alexis will undergo surgery soon in either Boston or Pennsylvania to remove as much of the tumor as possible, at which point they will determine her next steps in treatment.

Lets help this incredible young lady and her family offset the costs not covered by insurance, such as travel, food, lodging ect.

## Wednesday August 4th 2021

4:00pm - 7:00 pm Manchester Lions Club

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SEASON REGISTRATION - AUGUST 2ND - 5TH



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# August 2021

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