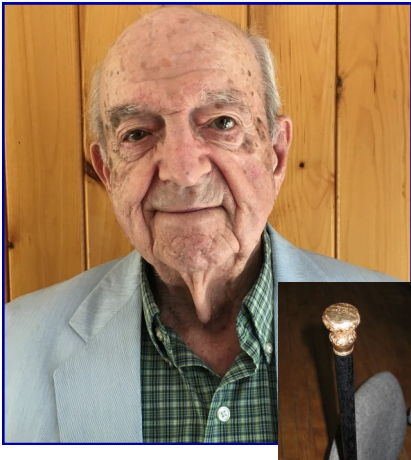


# Readfield Messenger

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## Boston Post Cane

Mr. Gordon Hillier was awarded the Boston Post Cane on July 22nd, 2017 by the Readfield Select Board and is currently Readfield's oldest resident. Mr. Hillier was born November 16, 1921 in Augusta, Maine.

Mr. Hillier is a Veteran having served in the 9th Air Force and Air National Guard for 37 years rising to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant.

He served in France and Germany during and after WWII and was also on active duty during the Korean War. He made a career in the Maine Air National Guard at the Guard Headquarters at Camp Keyes in Augusta.

Mr. Hillier and his wife Barbara of 60 years raised their two sons here in Readfield moving here in 1952. Mrs. Hillier passed in May of 2012.

Join the Town of Readfield in honoring this long time resident and veteran. Thank you for your service Mr. Hillier!



*Have you picked up your Heritage Days Book with all the events, shows and maps?*

*Available at: Town Office, Post Offices, Stores & the*



## Ballfield Dedication

The Keene Community Recreational Park was dedicated on July 22nd. The Park is located on the Town's Fairgrounds property off the Church Road.

Thank you to all donators who made this Park possible.



# July 22nd, 2017

## Volunteer Appreciation Day, Ballfield Dedication, Spirit of America and Bost Post Cane Awards

### *Spirit of America*



**David Bagley** receives a Spirit of America Award for his 40 years of service on the Conservation Commission. David held the title of Chair for at least 15 years. David's dedication to his community also included Assistant scoutmaster, little league volunteer, after-school programs, church choir and volunteer for many years as well as serving on the Kennebec area District Ministerial Committee.



**William and Florence Drake** was awarded the Spirit of America Award for their years of service and dedication to the Readfield Historical Society bring the building from the Old Depot School to making it the Readfield Historical Society and Museum. Flo was President of the Historical Society for 13 years with Bill by her side they documented and organized the building. Flo was also a member of Readfield Rescue and an EMT. Bill in his spare time repaired vacuum cleaners and donated them back to the community.

### *Volunteer Appreciation Awards*

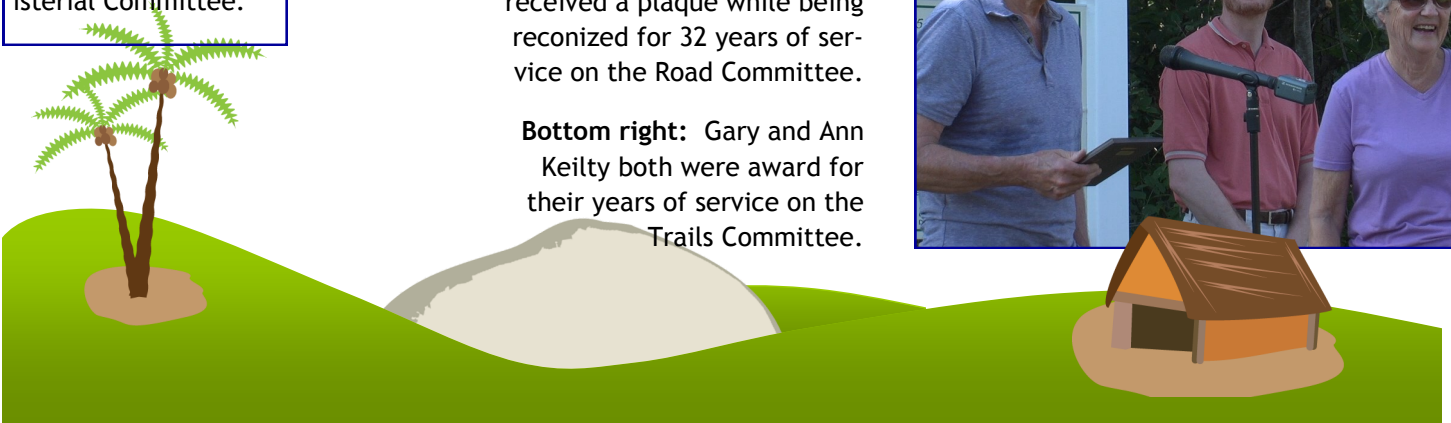


**Top right:** Darcy Whittemore was reconized for 24 years of service on the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee.

**Right middle:** Laurence Perkins received a plaque while being reconized for 32 years of service on the Road Committee.



**Bottom right:** Gary and Ann Keilty both were award for their years of service on the Trails Committee.





# Fireman's Breakfast held June 3, 2017



# Heritage Days Schedule

This is just a brief schedule of events, please pick-up the Heritage Days book with the all the details and events in it.

## Opening Day August 11th:

**4pm Volley Ball Games** with the Recreation Association at the Town Beach

**4-6pm Cook Out** with the Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club at the Town Beach

**5-6:30pm Wine & Cheese Social** at the Readfield Historical Society.

**4-5:30pm Torsey Church** Open House, come see the new Archives Room.

**7pm Michael Cooper's MASKED MARVELS AND WONDERTALES** is a performance of humor, nimble speech, and elegant gestures. Audiences of every age and description have been dazzled by Michael Cooper's performance. He is a one man extravaganza that features handcrafted masks, original stories of courage and wonder, stilt dancing and more. No admission charge but Maranacook's Performing Arts Center only has 170 seats. Advance (free) tickets are recommended for this show and are available at the Town Office.

**9pm Fireworks Show** over the Beach (parking available at Maranacook School)

## Events on Saturday, August 12th:

**Start your day with breakfast:**

**7-9am Pancake Breakfast with the Masons.** The Readfield Masons will host a pancake breakfast at the Masonic Hall which is located above the Post Office in the center of town. Proceeds will be donated to a cause of their choice.

**9am Bicycle Poker Run** Starting at the Fairgrounds

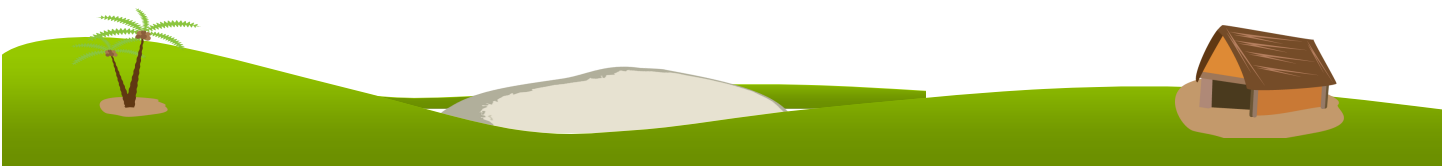
**9am Golden Guys & Gal's** will hold a White Elephant Craft Sale and Bake Sale! Come see us and find your treasures! We will be located at the Readfield Union Meeting House.

**9-1pm Annual Library Book Sale** is a Heritage Day's Favorite! Come to the Readfield Fire Station for gently used books, movies and more!

**9-2pm Union Meeting House** on the Church Rd. will have many of! A Quilt Raffle with a drawing to be held at 2:00pm! What a great chance to win a beautiful family heirloom. Huge Yard Sale which will include vintage furniture! Be there early! Small Group Tours of the famous Readfield Union Meeting House. Fantastic Demos: "Western Maine Blacksmith Association will demonstrate traditional metalworking skills, working out of their mobile "smithy". Stan Tilton, 2nd generation blacksmith and President of WMBA, will be at the forge and anvil, creating useful and decorative items from metal bars.

The Maine Barn Co. will feature traditional timber framing. The Maine Barn Company used traditional New England post and beam timber framing techniques to successfully restore beams in the Union Meeting House. Come to see this one of a kind historical craftsmanship demonstrated. These traditional techniques have assured that the Union Meeting House will stand in Readfield as an architectural treasure for years to come.

Tony Castro is an expert in restoring decorative painting on the walls of old buildings. It has been a thrill to see the famous 150 year old wall art in the Readfield Meeting House come back to life with paint that is scientifically matched to the original color! Tony will demonstrate his meticulous techniques during Heritage Days.



# Heritage Days Schedule

**9:30am-11am Old Fairgrounds Trail History Walk** Dale Potter-Clark from RHS will share some history of the Old Fairgrounds. The *Age Friendly* and the *Trails Committees* will provide the opportunity to appreciate the handicapped accessible trails within that system. Meet at the Fairgrounds parking lot by 9:30am. Refreshments and water will be available.

**10am Softball Game** Kids and parents gather for a friendly game of softball on the new Keene Community Ballfield on the Fairgrounds property. Equipment provided, just bring your glove and come have fun.

**10am-12pm Cemetery Stone Leaning and Cleaning Workshop** Back by popular demand! If you have a passion for history or want to learn how to care properly for your loved one's headstones, join Sexton, Anna Carll, at the Readfield Corner Cemetery.

**10-2pm Face Painting, Balloon Toss, Sack Race** etc. Fun activities for young and old alike will be held on the Town Beach.

**10-2pm Luncheon at the Library!** Hotdogs...Chili, Cheese & Chips...Drinks! Great prices! Sponsored by the Friends of the Readfield Community Library with all proceeds to support additional programs at the library.

**10-2pm Fun Flush!** The opposite of a Dunk Tank! Hit the target and get our volunteers soaked! This event is co-sponsored by the Readfield Community Library and the Friends of the Readfield Community Library. All proceeds to support additional programs at the library.

**10-2pm Art Walk** along the Community Pathway between the Readfield Library and the Union Meeting House. Come see the work of local artists!

**10-4pm Bounce House** on the Town Beach

**11-2pm Instrument Making Demo** with Steve Hallee is being held at the Emporium. Silverleaf Instruments is a Maine company that designs and builds musical instruments. Owner Steve Hallee, instrument craftsman and musician will demonstrate his work at the Emporium from 11-2. Steve and his co-worker and fellow musician, Scott Markee, will also provide musical entertainment. Steve crafts his Travolin (travel mandolin) [www.travolin.com](http://www.travolin.com) and Resocoustic Guitar from Maine Maple and Maine Adirondack Spruce. He will also be featuring a new steel string Jazz Ukulele called the Juke Uke [www.jukeuke.com](http://www.jukeuke.com). Come learn, listen, and enjoy!

**1-3pm Jesse Lee Meeting House** will hold an Open House and a bake sale along with some historical memorabilia

**3pm weigh in for the all-day Kids Fishing Derby** . This all day event will end with a weigh in at 3pm by Game Warden Ethan Buuck at the Readfield Fire Station. **RULES:** 1) To enter you have to be 15 years old or under! 2.) Fish must be caught from a Readfield lake or stream. 3.) Check in at the Readfield Fire Department **by 3pm** to have your fish weighed. Biggest fish by weight in the following classes wins a prize, Trout, Pickerel, Pike, Perch, Small Mouth Bass and Large Mouth Bass. PLEASE ...LEGAL CATCHES ONLY!!

## Closing Event of the Day!!

**4:30-6pm Readfield Firefighter's Annual Bean Hole Supper** at the Readfield Fire Station. Menu: Bean Hole Baked Beans, pulled pork, hot dogs, coleslaw, biscuits, fresh fruit cups, drinks and desserts. Adults \$7.00, Kids \$5.00 with a family cap of \$20.00.







## Recycling Facts

As a partner in the community, Waste Management is committed to helping the communities we serve keep their environment clean through innovative recycling programs. Recycling is an easy way to protect our environment and ensure the well being of our community for generations to come. However, the success of recycling depends on the active participation of every member of the community. By participating, people will be reducing the amount of trash that is disposed in the landfill, encouraging the reuse of materials made from recycled products and continuing the recycling circle.

## Recycling Facts & Tips

In a lifetime the average American will throw away 600 times the amount of his or her adult weight in garbage. For example, a 150-pound adult will leave a trash legacy of 90,000 pounds.

## Recycling Makes Sense

Recycling is an important component of protecting the environment and helping our local communities. Recycling helps conserve resources and energy, preserves valuable landfill space and supports a healthy environment.

Will it recycle? [Search our NEW RECYCLOPEDIA](http://www.ecomaine.org/recyclopedia/) <http://www.ecomaine.org/recyclopedia/>  
Our new searchable web app contains more than 600 common household items with descriptions on how to best dispose of them!

A detailed list of what can and can't go in the bin can be downloaded [here](#), and is printed on the next page.

<http://www.ecomaine.org/recycling-and-waste-disposal/single-sort-guide/>

With ecomaine's Single-Sort Recycling you can combine all your glass, metal, paper, cardboard, and plastics #1-7 (except plastic bags) into one recycling container. It's simple, and with more than [120 recycling containers in 60 locations](#) throughout southern Maine, ecomaine provides convenient, energy-efficient disposal of recyclable materials.

*The Readfield/Fayette/Wayne Solid Waste and Recycling Committee asks you to post the next page prominently in your home to help your family become better recyclers. A little effort makes a big difference.*

*Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee*



# Recycling Guidelines



## DO RECYCLE

**PAPER, PLASTIC, METAL & GLASS** can all be mixed together.

### PAPER

- All Clean Cardboard, Paperboard & Pizza Boxes
- Newspapers & Inserts
- Magazines
- Mail & Catalogs
- Paper Bags
- Office Paper & Envelopes
- Wrapping Paper
- Phone Books
- Hard Cover Books
- Paper Plates (*clean*)
- Milk & Juice Cartons
- Drink Boxes & Aseptic Containers
- Shredded Paper (put in clear bags)

### PLASTIC

- Water Bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Detergent Bottles
- All rigid containers marked with a #1-#7 (except Styrofoam®)

### METAL

- Tin Cans
- Aerosol Cans (empty)
- Aluminum Cans/Foil
- Pots & Pans

### GLASS

- All glass Bottles & Jars (all colors, caps on)

All containers must be **EMPTY**, but not perfectly clean. A light rinse will do.

## DON'T RECYCLE

### Note Size:

Anything bigger than a 5-gallon bucket is not recyclable.



### Trash/Garbage

### Needles & Sharps

### No Large metal parts

car, boat, truck, etc.

### Wood/lumber

Propane, helium or other gas cylinders

### Piping, plastic or metal

### Clothing & shoes

### Plastic bags:

- shopping bags
- frozen vegetable
- bread or sandwich
- newspaper bags
- chips or snack
- trash bags

### Plastic wrap or film

### Garden hoses

Batteries, alkaline or button-cell

Boat shrink-wrap/tarps

Bubble-wrap

Diapers

Envelopes that are plastic or Tyvek®

Food (compost it)

Kitty litter

Knives

Light bulbs (any type; return CFLs to store)

Paper napkins/towels

Styrofoam® or polystyrene foam (even if marked #6)

Toys

Vinyl siding

Waxed paper / boxes

Got more questions?

**ecomaine.org**

or call us at  
**207-773-1738**

## Know Which Plastics to Recycle

With the exception of polystyrene (Styrofoam), your plastic is recyclable if the answer to all three of these questions is **YES**:

1. Does it have a number (1-7) in the middle of the chasing arrow symbol?

2. Is it rigid or hard?

3. Is it a container?



Many supermarkets & retail stores accept plastic bags and film for recycling. Find drop-off locations at [plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://plasticfilmrecycling.org).

## No hazardous waste – ever!

The following items, categorized as "hazardous waste" must be disposed of carefully and cannot be included with your trash or with single-sort recycling:

- ✗ Ammunition
- ✗ Anti-freeze
- ✗ Button-cell batteries
- ✗ CFL light bulbs (compact fluorescent lights)
- ✗ Chemicals
- ✗ Computers & related parts
- ✗ Fertilizers
- ✗ Fluorescent bulbs (of any kind)
- ✗ Fuel (gasoline, diesel, kerosene)
- ✗ Mercury (in any amount)
- ✗ Oxygen tanks
- ✗ Paint thinner
- ✗ Pesticides
- ✗ Propane tanks
- ✗ Rechargeable batteries
- ✗ TVs

However, area transfer stations and recycling centers often offer programs to take this kind of waste.

For more information:

- Go to [www.ecomaine.org](http://www.ecomaine.org)
- Call ecomaine at 773-1738
- Call your town office or transfer station

**Still unsure if it will recycle?**  
Send us your recycling question at [ecomaine.org](http://ecomaine.org).





[www.ecomaine.org](http://www.ecomaine.org) | Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Compost. Energy Recovery.

## Recycling Program Kick-off Day Saturday, August 5!

**Who:** All Readfield, Wayne and Fayette residents are invited

**What:** ecomaine Recycling Program Kick-off

**Where:** Readfield Transfer Station  
Recycle Road, Readfield

**When:** Saturday, August 5 from 8 am - 4 pm

## Why attend?

**enter** drawings for **free kitchen food waste bins & t-shirts** ...

**learn** where your recycling goes ... **gain** useful tips & tools on the

Do's and Don'ts of recycling ... **connect** with  
sustainably minded neighbors ... **giveaways** for the kids ...

because recycling **saves** our community money ...



## Expense Summary Report

ALL Departments  
June

Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H - Debits	Credits	YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
10 - GENERAL GOVT	473,471.00	58,505.02	5,564.83	444,593.48	28,877.52	93.90
15 - BOARDS & COM	5,360.00	800.74	0.00	3,013.62	2,346.38	56.22
20 - TOWN BLDG	34,674.00	2,984.00	0.00	27,111.67	7,562.33	78.19
25 - COMM SERVICE	59,621.00	9,838.52	0.00	65,116.93	-5,495.93	109.22
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	26,668.00	2,218.86	0.00	20,909.17	5,758.83	78.41
40 - PROTECTION	137,690.00	22,000.04	0.00	130,519.52	7,170.48	94.79
50 - CEMETERIES	31,906.00	6,225.91	0.00	31,031.40	874.60	97.26
60 - Rds & Drain	630,085.00	5,965.89	0.00	551,295.93	78,789.07	87.50
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	140,131.00	0.00	0.00	29,204.43	110,926.57	20.84
70 - SOLID WASTE	296,016.00	33,280.00	0.00	248,343.14	47,672.86	83.90
75 - EDUCATION	3,442,351.00	286,862.58	0.00	3,442,351.00	0.00	100.00
80 - REGIONAL ORG	316,346.00	12,440.05	0.00	306,973.17	9,372.83	97.04
85 - DEBT SERVICE	346,302.00	0.00	0.00	346,250.01	51.99	99.98
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	63,938.00	0.00	0.00	54,125.27	9,812.73	84.65
95 - GENERAL ASST	4,710.00	1.80	0.00	287.75	4,422.25	6.11
Final Totals	6,009,269.00	441,123.41	5,564.83	5,701,126.49	308,142.51	94.87

## Revenue Summary Report

Department(s): ALL  
June

Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H - Debits	Credits	YTD Net	Uncollected Balance	Percent Collected
10 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,706,026.00	1,633.93	73,955.44	5,338,702.70	367,323.30	93.56
15 - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,058.71	-4,058.71	----
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	29,875.00	0.00	522.39	42,432.85	-12,557.85	142.03
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	19,201.00	0.00	3,620.00	15,524.83	3,676.17	80.85
40 - PROTECTION	5,580.00	0.00	0.00	16,146.57	-10,566.57	289.37
50 - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00	160.00	230.63	-230.63	----
60 - Roads & Drainage	41,435.00	0.00	0.00	44,254.61	-2,819.61	106.80
65 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00	-7.00	----
70 - SOLID WASTE	183,308.00	0.00	12,734.80	184,826.85	-1,518.85	100.83
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	21,489.00	0.00	11,083.96	39,579.93	-18,090.93	184.19
95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,355.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,355.00	0.00
Final Totals	6,009,269.00	1,633.93	102,076.59	5,685,764.68	323,504.32	94.62





## Readfield Community Library

### Events for August

**08/02/17- Cribbage Club-** Come to the Readfield Community Library and play cribbage! Bring your own board, and we'll provide the cards. Drop by anytime in between 2:30-4:30 to take part. Cribbage Club takes place on the first Wednesday of every month

**08/12/17- Summer Booksale-** Looking to pick up a few new books? Why not do so during our annual summer book sale during Heritage Days. Stop by anytime between 9-1 and browse our collection of books for adults and children, as well as movies, audiobooks and magazines.

**08/14/17- Read Aloud With Ms. Rungi-** On August 14th the Elementary School Literary Specialist, Maria Rungi, returns for a special read aloud. The program will start at 6:15PM and run until 7. It is appropriate for 5-8-year-olds. This will be the second of two summer programs.

**08/16/17- An Encounter with local poet, Brent Allen Northup-** On Wednesday, August 16th come to the library for a poetry workshop and reading by local Poet Brent Allen Northup. No prior experience required! Just because you don't write doesn't mean you're not a poet. The program will begin at 6:30 and run for roughly an hour. Copies of his book, *The Heart of a Poet*, will be made available for purchase.

**08/28/17- Chewonki Visit- Biomimicry-** *Many of the engineering challenges facing humans today are similar to difficulties that exist in the natural world. Plants and animals have evolved through generations of successes and failures resulting in remarkable adaptations to overcome these challenges. Join us as we explore the ways engineers have taken advantage of nature's bright ideas through biomimicry. And meet some live animals that help us draw comparisons between human-made products and animal adaptations. As we look for creative solutions to future problems, perhaps we can find inspiration by observing nature in our own backyard!*— Taken from the Chewonki Foundation website

This program, put on by the Chewonki Foundation will take place on August 28th from 6-7PM outside behind the library ( bring chairs). Rain location RES. This program is designed for elementary aged students, but is also suitable for teens and adults.

### Would you Like to Volunteer at the Library?

Are you looking for a place to volunteer this summer? The Readfield Community Library is currently looking for a few volunteers to help work at the desk. This involves checking books in and out, as well as shelving and other small projects. This is a perfect position for anyone who wants to be more involved in their community. Being comfortable with simple computer tasks is a requirement.

Anyone fourteen and older can apply to be a volunteer. What we're really looking for is someone who is eighteen or older and is comfortable working at the desk alone for a span of 2-3 hours at a time.

### The Readfield Community Library Board of Trustees has an opening.

Please apply through the Town Office. If you have any questions contact library Board Chair Deborah Peale.

The Library Board of Trustees would like to publicly thank Lou and Bob Bourque for maintaining the gorgeous flowers beds along the front of the Library and beneath the library sign. Also thanks to Eva Smith who maintains the pot of flowers at the side door of the library. Our sincere thanks for the beautiful display.

### Summer Hours at the Readfield Community Library

Until the end of August, our hours will be:

Monday: 4-8  
Wednesday: 2-8  
Thursday: 10-2  
Saturday: 10-4

Our regular hours will begin again in September.





# READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY (RHS)

**FRIDAY, AUG. 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**5:00-6:30pm Annual Wine and Cheese** There is no charge for this event

**6:30-7:00pm Dedication of “Holly Hock Dumaine” Library and Archives**

See the Readfield Heritage Days booklet, page 20, for more information about the Wine and Cheese

*Thank You to our Wine and Cheese Sponsors:*

*Winthrop Maine Federal Credit Union, Tree Spirits Winery, Oakland & Friends of RHS*

**SATURDAY, AUG. 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:30-11:00am Old Fairgrounds Trail History Walk** See the Readfield Heritage Days booklet, page 5, for more information about this History Walk

**10:00am-2:00pm Visit the RHS Museum and the new “Holly Hock Dumaine Memorial Library and Archives”:**

Readfield historian Evelyn Potter and longtime Lake Maranacook summer resident Laurie Emmett will man the RHS building. Enjoy browsing the museum and chatting with Evelyn and Laurie who, in addition to summering in Readfield for decades, was a long time friend of the infamous Townsend sisters - Ruth, Marion, Mary and Alice, of Readfield Depot.



**Photo Caption:** Townsend Farm on Tallwood Peninsula was established by Linwood and Myrtle Townsend in 1903. Through the next decade their clientele expanded and they decided to increase capacity. In 1913 the couple built a twenty-room, three story home, pictured here. When the Townsends guest rooms became full the owner of nearby Beaver Brook Farm agreed to accept their overload, so that farm also evolved into a tourist home known by various names over the years – lastly as “Rourke’s Tourist Home.” Townsend Farm was operated by members of the Townsend family until the 1950s.

**11:30am - 2:00pm** Dale Potter-Clark at RHS for a book signing and to answer questions about her and Charles L. Day’s book “*The Founders and Evolution of Summer Resorts and Kids’ Camps on Four Lakes in Central Maine*”. Included in the 356 page book are 220 photos and the histories of forty establishments and their founders that did or still do exist on the lakes Maranacook, Torsey, Lovejoy, Echo and “Lake Myra”, including Townsend Farm (see photo). Also covered in the book is the coming of the railroad and trolley; the development of Readfield Depot into a village; and the evolvement of this area into a fishing mecca and tourist destination point. FMI contact Dale at [crossings4u@gmail.com](mailto:crossings4u@gmail.com) or 441-9184.

**HISTORIC CALENDARS AND NOTE CARDS** Included in our new calendar are brief histories and photos of various organizations in town, past and present, and dozens of photos. The calendars run from June 2017 – June 2018 but they will be keepsakes long after the last month has passed. The note cards depict six structures and mills once located on old Factory Square. On the back of each card there are brief histories of the respective buildings. Calendars are \$10 each; note cards are six for \$5 or \$1 each. 100% of proceeds benefit RHS. Get yours at RHS or by calling Evelyn at (207) 685-3812 or email [etap30@roadrunner.com](mailto:etap30@roadrunner.com). S&H is \$5 regardless of how many are shipped.

**RHS SUMMER OPEN HOURS** are every Thurs. and Sat. 10am to 2pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day) and on some Sundays - if the American Flag is out, RHS is open. Arrangements can be made to open by appointment as well by contacting Bob & Jeanne Harris at (207) 377-2299 or [readfieldhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldhistorical@gmail.com).

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME** If you are not yet an RHS member we would love to have you join us. Annual dues are \$10 for a family, \$5 for people over 65 years. Lifetime memberships are \$100. The RHS physical address is 759 Main Street, Readfield Depot. Mailing address is PO 354 Readfield, Me 04355. Since 1985, tax deductible donations have helped RHS in ongoing efforts to preserve the history of Readfield and its people. RHS is a 501 C3 and all donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Be sure to visit and “Like Us” on Facebook where interesting posts of a historical nature and photos and info about events are posted regularly.

# Trails Notes and News

There has been some splendid weather since the rainy and cold days finally gave up and moved on, to enjoy Readfield's trail system. Many residents, both the year round variety as well as seasonal residents plus "people from away" have made good use of this great asset in our town. On any given day, one can see bikers, walkers, baby strollers being pushed, and runners. Several breeds of man's best friend have been noted tagging along with noses to the ground. Alas, no cats on leashes or otherwise have been observed!

This past July marked some changes for the Readfield Trails Committee. Long time members, leaders, supporters, organizers as well as "getting their hands dirty along with aching backs" stalwarts Ann and Gary Keilty decided to officially retire after 11 plus years of leading and directing many changes to the landscape of Readfield with their vision of an accessible and well maintained system of trails. They did this while keeping the cost to the town minimal by recruiting trail committee members as well as other local residents to put in hours of manual labor building the trails. Ann and Gary will be missed certainly, but, true to their nature, they have asked to be called upon to continue to help with the dirty hands and aching back part! Thank you both for your commitment and dedication.

In June, the trails committee sponsored an event at the Readfield Fairgrounds on National Trails Day. A table was available with brochures and maps. Trail users were offered water and snacks to enjoy as they set out walking. Several first time users remarked on the excellent quality of the trails as well as the solitude and comfort the woods provide. On August 12 (Readfield Heritage Days), the Readfield Trails Committee in conjunction with The Readfield Age Friendly Committee will host an Old Fairgrounds Trail History Walk from 9:30 am until 11:00 am. Dale Potter Clark and Romain Turyn will meet participants at the Fairgrounds parking lot. Also on August 12 from 2 to 3 pm the Fairgrounds Trail system will be the site of a Bicycle Poker Fun Ride with prizes. There is additional information for both events in this month's Messenger, on the town website, and in the Heritage Days Event Booklet.

As you can see our trail system is a vibrant part of our community. In September, we will be working with Maranacook Community School juniors as well as Kents Hill School students on current trails doing routine maintenance as well as possibly starting a new trail on town land in the vicinity of the transfer station. A proposal for this new trail was presented to the Select Board in July.

We always are looking for residents who wish to volunteer on the committee or possibly join us on a work day. Giving back to our town as a volunteer is a win-win: the town wins by becoming better in so many ways and the volunteer wins by knowing he/she made a difference in their community. For more information on either joining the trails committee or volunteering on a trails project, contact me. Thanks and see you on the trails!

Greg Durgin  
685-4481  
durgie@roadrunner.com





# The Union Meeting House

This August column from the Meeting House looks both forward and backward.

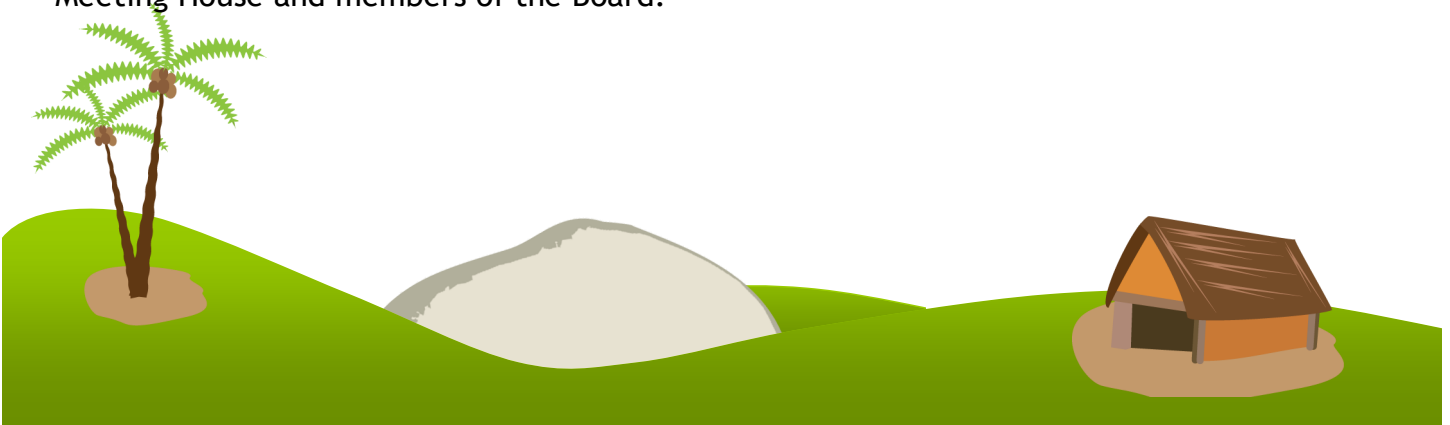
First, the Board and Advisory Board wants to sincerely thank all the many folks who volunteered to make the July 15 Strawberry Festival such an outstanding success. The turn-out was impressive which is understandable considering the luscious servings of freshly picked strawberries and real whipped cream on a tasty biscuit. The net proceeds were most pleasing and went straight into the UMH's bank account. Again, thanks to all who volunteered. And thanks to the Readfield Community that supported the UMH so enthusiastically.

Now, everyone can look forward to Saturday of Heritage Days weekend. There will be several activities at the Meeting House on the 12th. Please pick up a Heritage Days Book to see the details of the events that will be going on.

While you are at the Meeting House you will have a chance to buy a joist that will go into the new floor substructure that will be installed this summer. There are 144 joists in the floor plan and already half have been sold. Details will be available when you come to visit the Meeting House on Heritage Days.

Coming at the end of September or early October, the Meeting House will be reaping the benefits of your appetite for Mexican food. Margarita's Restaurant in Augusta has agreed to host a 10% fundraiser for the UMH. During this day, 10% of food sales will go to the UMH to help with the floor repair project. Details are still being worked out. These and the date will be announced in next month's "Messenger."

The Board of the Meeting House will be hosting a Member's Appreciation Wine and Cheese Social from 5 to 7 on Friday, September 8. This is a "thank you" to all our faithful members, friends and donors who have generously supported the restoration over a number of years. Non-members are welcome if they want to join as members at that time. It will be not only a good opportunity to us to thank you and for you to also meet other friends of the Meeting House and members of the Board.





## News from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association

### Watershed Cleanup Day - August 5th

The 30 Mile River Watershed Association and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife would like you to join us for our 30 Mile River Watershed Cleanup Day! On **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will be gathering at multiple locations throughout our watershed to clean up trash from lakes, ponds, streams, roadsides and public lands. Whether you have only one hour or all day, we would love to have you join our watershed-wide effort. To learn more about this fun way to give back to your community and to sign up, please visit [www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org).

Do you have an area in mind that could use some work? We are looking for site ideas for this event. Contact us with your thoughts!

### Save the Date – Watershed Community Social

We invite you to join us and your watershed neighbors on Wednesday, September 13th from 5:30pm-7:30pm to celebrate our shared dedication to taking care of our lakes. This event will take place at Camp Vega on beautiful Echo Lake and will be catered by *Hello, Good Pie Bakery and Gourmet Kitchen* of Belgrade Lakes. More details and information about how to purchase tickets will be available soon. We hope to see you there!

### Summer Volunteers Needed

Each summer, volunteer Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBIs), Invasive Plant Patrollers (IPPs), and water quality monitors play critical roles in protecting our lakes. CBIs inspect boats at launches for invasive plant fragments and serve as friendly educators to the boating community, while IPPs survey lake sections for invasive plants. Water quality monitors test lakes for factors such as clarity, temperature, and oxygen levels, which help indicate the health of a lake. Training is provided for all these positions. Other volunteers provide transport on the lakes for 30MRWA water quality staff. If you are interested in giving back to your lakes in fun, flexible ways with little time commitment, contact [kchurch@30mileriver.org](mailto:kchurch@30mileriver.org) or (207) 860-4043.

### Voluntary Milfoil Stickers Now Available

This season, watershed associations across Maine have teamed up for an easy and tangible way to combat invasive aquatic plants with a voluntary "Milfoil Sticker" for passive watercraft. By voluntarily purchasing a weather-proof, vinyl "Milfoil Sticker" for your canoe, kayak or sailboat, you are helping to spread the word about the importance of controlling these invasive plants and showing your love of the lakes and ponds in our watershed.



These stickers will be sold across the state for a suggested donation of \$5 and proceeds will help fund local boat inspection and plant removal programs. In our watershed, stickers will be available at some of our boat launches (check in with the Courtesy Boat Inspector to see if they have any), lake association meetings, 30MRWA events, our Farmington office, or by contacting Katie at [kchurch@30mileriver.org](mailto:kchurch@30mileriver.org).

### Youth Conservation Corps

Though our Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) crew will be wrapping up their season soon, now is the time to submit a site visit request to line up your project for next year! Our YCC provides erosion control landscaping for lakefront property owners. If your property has a sloped driveway, patches of bare soil, or an eroding pathway, then you likely qualify for a **reduced cost** project. Projects may include: shoreline plantings, rain gardens, infiltration dripline trenches, open-top culverts, and more. All projects are designed in partnership between the landowner and experienced technical program staff. For more information on our erosion control YCC program, or to submit a site visit request, see our YCC page on our website.

For more news from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association, visit [www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org).



# Readfield United Methodist Church

Route 17

Readfield, Me 04355

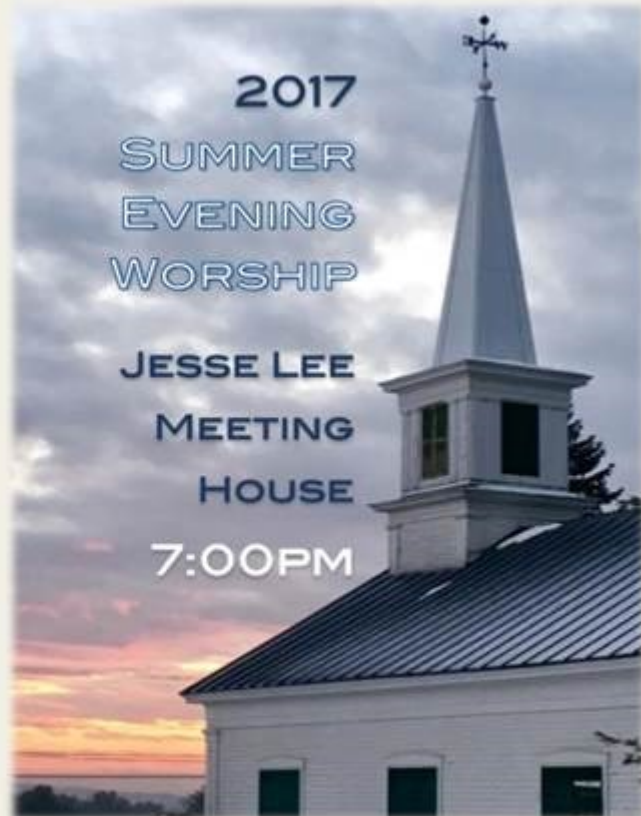
Invites you to Worship with us every Sunday 10:00 a.m. Nursery provided.

Everyone is Welcome to join us.

## Worship Leaders

- 7/2** Readfield UMC  
9 Jeff Munson & Mitch Thomas  
16 DRUM Church  
23 Green Street UMC  
30 Highland Avenue UMC
- 8/6** Laura Church  
13 Readfield UMC  
20 Wayne UMC  
27 Cox Memorial UMC

*All Welcome*



Jesse Lee Meeting House is located in the corner of Rt. 17 in Plains Rd. East Readfield

## Lawn Sale

Readfield United Methodist Church

1577 Main St.

August 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Household furniture



## Goodwill Public Supper

Saturday August 5

Readfield United Methodist Church

Route 17, Readfield (Kents Hill)

4:30-6:00 pm

Baked beans, casseroles, salads





## READFIELD RESOURCES

*(Phone numbers current as of July, 2017)*

### EMERGENCY . . . . . 911

ME State Police (non-emergency) . 624-7076

#### Town of Readfield:

Town Office . . . . . 685-4939

Library. . . . . 685-4089

Transfer Station . . . . . 685-3144

Age Friendly Committee. . . 685-4939

Post Office. . . . . 685-9220

Guys and Gals . . . . . 685-0185

Senior Café. . . . . 685-4923 ext. 1009

Spectrum Generations/

Cohen Center . . . . . 626-7777

Food Pantry (Mt. Vernon) . . . . 293-2273

Maine General Hospital. . . . . 626-1000

Legal Services for Elderly . 1-800-750-5353

Senator Shenna Bellows. . . . . 776-5404

Rep. Craig Hickman . . . . . 377-3276

Adult Education . . . . . 685-4923 ext. 1065

Maine Attorney General . . . . . 626-8800

Aging & Disability

Resource Center . . . . 1-877-353-3771

The mission of Readfield's Age-Friendly Committee is to identify information and resources to help support our aging citizens to remain healthy, safe and comfortable in their homes for as long as possible.

## Update Age Friendly Committee

The Age Friendly Committee will be participating in Readfield Heritage Days on August 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 at the Old Fairgrounds. We will be joining the Trails Committee and the Readfield Historical Society guided walk which will discuss the history of the fairgrounds. Please come learn about the early story of your town and experience our blue stone easy to maneuver trails! We will have snacks and water available.

We will also have a sign up sheet for people who may want to assist with some of our proposed projects.

### Resource Guide

Hot off the press!

We will have a newly developed Resource Guide available that lists important numbers that we all need to keep handy. How often have you thumbed through the phone book looking for the number of the Post Office or Transfer Station only to get frustrated? Visit us on Heritage Days to pick up a copy of the Resource Guide. If we don't see you then, we'll place copies at the Town Office and other locations in town for you to pick up. Or if you want a copy, please call the Town Office at 685-4939.





## RES Bikes for Books


During the month of March, Readfield Elementary students had the opportunity to participate in "Bikes for Books", a Reading Incentive program, sponsored by the Masons, of Readfield. This year, a boy and a girl from EACH GRADE LEVEL, K-5, had the chance to win a brand new bike; complete with helmet, just for reading books!!! This is how the program works: each student was given a reading Bingo card from their teacher. He or she was required to fill an entire Bingo card to enter for the bike drawing. There is no limit to the number of Bingo cards students can enter, however, a book can only be used once for a square. Once it has been used to fulfill a square, it cannot be used again. Parents wrote in the title of the book that fulfills the square requirement, and students can check off the box. In kindergarten, books that were read aloud to the students by parents could qualify, however, in grades 1-5, students had to be the ones doing the reading.

The program ran from March 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. The drawing for the bikes took place on April 13<sup>th</sup>, at an assembly from 10:00-10:30 am in the gymnasium.

Thank you to members of Lafayette Lodge #48 AF&AM, John Lord, Hobie Ellis, Chuck Colegrove, Charles Bonney, Ed Dodge, Terry Thomas and Dan Cronin. Also, many thanks to the Reay Construction Company for their donation and Patrick Welch who provided his expertise in the fine tuning of the final assembly of the bikes. The winning students were:

Kindergarten - Parker Hobart and Julia Henderson  
1st Grade - Jordan Berube and Maebella Spaulding  
2nd Grade - Jack Clark and Aubrie Schencks  
3rd Grade - Kate Parker and Dillan Cullens  
4th Grade - Nora Stehle and Marco Hirsh  
5th Grade - Katya Wurth and Ethan Clark





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## Readfield Union Meeting House

### - Yard Sale -

August 12th from 9 till 2  
at 22 Church Road

Drawing of  
"Stained Glass" Quilt  
at 2 pm

Hope to see you there!

Tel: 685-4064



Visa/Mastercard

### **KEN'S DRAG IN AUTO INC.**

*Rt. # 135, Readfield, Maine*

Used Auto and Truck Parts • Auto Repair  
Used Cars and Trucks • Buying Junk Cars

Ken Edgecomb

Mark Edgecomb

### *Readfield Emporium*

Gourmet pizzas, entrees, eat in & take out,  
wine & beer

Wed. through Sun. 5—9ish

9:00am Brunch Sat. & Sun.  
685-7348

### **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 9:30am 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 480-1525 or Helen Wilkey at 293-2351.



# August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 30	July 31	1	2 6pm Heritage Days Mtg. 6:45 Library Board	3	4 Assessor In Today! 5pm Annual Summer Resident Meeting	5
6	7	8 6:30 Conservation Com.	9 6pm Heritage Days Mtg. 9am Age Friendly 6:30 Planning Brd	10 5pm Road Com.	11 <b>Heritage Days!</b>	12
13	14	15	16 9am Cemetery Com.	17	18 Assessor In Today! Select Board Retreat Today	19
20	21 6:30 Select Brd.	22 6:30 Trails Com.	23 6:30 Planning Brd.	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		





## **We are looking for volunteer Members for the following Boards and Committees:**

Age Friendly Committee: 1 member (2020)

Budget Committee: 1 member (2020)

Cobbossee Watershed Dist.: 1 alt. Representative

Conservation Commission: 1Alt. member (2019), 1 Assoc and 1 members (2020)

Maranacook Outlet Dam Committee: 1 representative

Library Building Committee: Looking for any volunteers

Local School Board: 1 member (2018), 1 member (2019), 1 member (2020)

Planning Board: 3 alt. members (2018)(2019)(2022)

Readfield Enterprise Committee: 1 Select Board Member, 1 CPA or finance specialist, 1 attorney of legal professional, 1 Readfield Resident (suggested composition)

Road Committee: 1 member (2018) 1 member (2020)

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee: 1 member (2020)

Trails Committee: 2 members (2019), 3 members (2020), 1 Alt. (2020)

If you are interested in joining any of the above committees please contact the Town Office at 685-4939 or [readfield@roadrunner.com](mailto:readfield@roadrunner.com) for an application for appointment.

## **Select Board Contact Information**

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**Price, Dennis:** Phone: (207) 557-4919 [dprice@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:dprice@readfieldmaine.org)

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