Correction of Toys for Tots collection dates in Lancaster

By Lyndall Demers

Kathy Millett called after last week’s paper was out, to say that we had put in the wrong dates for pickup and delivery of the toys for Toys for Tots.

Those dates should have been December dates not November.

The pickup day is December 19, between 1 and 5 at the John W. Weeks VFW Post #3041 on Main Street, across from McDonald’s. The delivery date is December 20 after 12 noon. She said someone needs to be home to accept delivery, or the packages will not be left.

Anyone with questions or in need of toys may call Kathy at (603) 586-7144 and leave their name, address, phone numbers, ages of children, and whether or not they want the toys delivered by Santa or if they will be picked up.

All names received are kept completely confidential.

Monetary donations may be made by calling Ladies Auxiliary President Larissa Cassidy at (603)-788-4901. Anyone who would like to help wrap toys, may give her a call for that also.

Our deadline for next week’s paper will be MONDAY, Nov. 23 at 4 p.m.

We will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26.

We wish all a very Happy Thanksgiving!
Elinor E. Desjardins

WHITEFIELD — Elinor E. Desjardins, 88, died Monday morning November 16, 2009 at the Coos County Nursing Home in Berlin.

Mrs. Desjardins was born in Groveton on July 15, 1922, a daughter of Marion Bruce Eastwood and Hazel (Rice) Eastwood.

Elinor graduated from Lancaster Academy in 1939. She worked for many years as a Lab Technician, working at the Mountain Hospital, the Weeks Memorial Hospital and the Suncoast Hospital in Clinton, Florida. She attended the WWII Army reunions with her husband across Europe and the United States.

Her interests included reading, crossword puzzles, collecting frogs and at one time she was on a bowling league.

She was a communicant of St. Matthew's Church in Whitefield.

Family members include her four children Peter J. Desjardins and his wife Marylene, Lynne D. Norie and her husband Robert, the Honorable Paul D. Desjardins and his wife Roslie and Anthony B. Desjardins and his wife Constance, 15 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. Her husband Emile S. Desjardins, her sister Shirley Ann Cormin of Groveton; three grandchildren: Carla, Stephanie and John and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Desjardins

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Cora G. “Jean” Graber

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During her career she served as an assistant principal at Gordon College, as an auditor for the Internal Revenue Service and Director of Annual Giving for the United States Government

She was preceded by her husband George in 1969 who relocated to the Lancaster area. She was a member of the Women of the Week and Medical Center for a number years until retiring to

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Cynthia A. Hammond

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She grew up in South Gardiner, Me., where she graduated from Gardiner High School in 1959, moving to Lancaster in 1960. During her life she has worked at various hotels throughout New England and Florida. For the last several years “The Nazi” was employed at the Suncoast Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. A gathering for family and friends will follow there will be no calling hours. A funeral service will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, at 11 a.m. in St. John’s United Methodist Church in Jefferson.

A committal service will follow in the Randolph Cemetery on Durand Road. A gathering for family and friends will follow at the Randolph Town Hall after the committal service.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in her memory to St. John’s Methodist Church, Jenne Kinison, 1307 President Highway, Randolph, NH. 03583.

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Financial Recovery Clinic being offered December 5th in Lancaster

This is the worst economic downturn most wage-earners have ever seen in their lifetimes. When previous generations dealt with one or two recession factors—such as job loss, credit crisis, or declining home values—the workforce currently is contending with all four at the same time. Many Americans are struggling to cope with too much, too fast.

The most important thing for consumers to know right now is that you can and will recover from this economic slump. In an effort to aid families in moving forward during this crisis, AHEAD is offering a Financial Recovery Clinic to help motivate households to develop their own financial recovery plan.

This half-day clinic will be offered at Littler School Elementary School in Lancaster on December 5th from 8:30-12:30 p.m. Participants will hear from certified financial educators sharing recovery strategies that work, ways to lower family expenses, and how to access free resources. Other valuable topics to be covered include: learning how to restore credit, learning the importance of having and reviewing a financial plan, and exploring low cost community resources.

There is a $10 materials fee to attend this workshop. To register call (900) 747-1377 or sign up at www.homesahed.org. With offices located in Littler, Colebrook and Berlin, AHEAD (Affordable Housing, Education and Development) is a local nonprofit affordable housing organization providing homeownership education and counseling services to all residents of Grafton and Coos Counties. AHEAD is an approved HUD Housing Counseling Agency.

Gingerbread House Contest in Lunenburg

Time to dig out those gingerbread cookies and give vent to your culinary talents! The Top of the Common Committee invites you to enter the Gingerbread House Contest to be held on December 5 as part of their annual Gingerbread Bazaar. Winners will be chosen by “People’s Choice” votes, cast during the day of the Bazaar. There’s no age limit or fee for entering this contest, but please, only one entry, per category, per participant. Entries need to be registered between 9-9:30 a.m. on the morning of the Bazaar. Please do not affix your name to your entry.

There are just a few rules to follow:
1) The house must be completely edible — no supports such as cardboard or toothpicks
2) There will be two main categories of houses — “traditional” and “purchased cookies and crackers”. In the traditional category, homemade gingerbread should be used for the main construction material. In the second category, purchased cookies and/or crackers should be used for the main construction. Both categories may use purchased fruitions and purchased “decorations” (such as pretzels, candy, etc.)

Depending on the number and types of entries within each of the “traditional” and “purchased cookies and crackers” categories, there may be additional sub-categories of: “group” for houses made by more than one person, “individual” for those made by one person, and “age” distinctions of child and adult.

Questions can be directed to Chris at questions@topoftheccomon.org or (802) 852-6654.

Feeding birds is the topic of program on November 23

Naturalist David Govatski of Jefferson will present a program on feeding birds in winter at the Weeks Memorial Library in Lancaster Monday, Nov. 23, at 7 p.m. David will explain the use of native plants for winter food and cover and the various feeders and types of bird food for local birds. He will describe strategies for dealing with squirrels and how to avoid black bear food conflicts. David will have pictures and predictions of what birds we could see this winter and how we can become involved in back yard bird voyeur.

Mr. Govatski is a retired forester with extensive experience in ornithology.

“The Last Lecture” to be shown at Rialto on November 22

LANCASTER — Hospice of Weeks Medical Center, will host a Hospice Community Education event, at The Rialto on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 11 a.m.

“‘The Last Lecture,’ by Randy Pausch is in actuality the final lessons in facing one’s own mortality.

Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, contact Mary Bates, BS, Patient Care Coordinator, 788-3020 ext 3140.
Letters to the Editor

Dog is home safe and sound

To The Editor,

I really just wanted to say “Thank You” to everyone who helped us find our dog last week. Thanks to Lyndall Demers of The Great Northwoods Journal for her last minute calls! Thanks to Mila Bizo of The Lancaster Humane Society for giving me ideas of places to check with that I never would have thought of. Thanks to the town of Dalton and the folks who found our dog and helped reunite us with him. Also to every one of the 30 or so places in northern N.H. that I called, that took the time to take my information and work to see if a dog was lost or found. Our pet is home, safe and sound and with temporary tags identifying him until the permanent ones arrive! This story has a happy ending because of all the caring people in the North Country! Thank you.

Sarah Whited, Dalton

Good reasons to exercise

There are many reasons to not exercise, but here are a few reasons to exercise. First of all, exercising helps you feel better in both body and mind. Second, exercise helps you control your weight or lose weight. (I call it “letting go” of weight.) In addition, as you exercise, especially in resistance training, like lifting weights, you elevate your metabolism and thus burn more calories throughout the entire day. In addition, as you exercise, especially in resistance training, like lifting weights you slowly build muscle, which helps to further increase your metabolism and burn even more calories. The more calories you burn, the more you get rid of excess weight. Finally, most importantly, exercise promotes better sleep, which is the body’s natural way to help you relax, and more efficient and healthy sleep, which helps in the cleansing process. When you are cleaned out, everything else functions more effectively and efficiently. So exercise everyday in some way. Keep it real and keep it fun. Till next time, I’m here for you. MKR

Melissa Loper
West Stewartstown

Lancaster’s Olde Tyme Christmas Update

There are only a few short weeks left until Lancaster celebrates its Olde Tyme Christmas on Thursday, Dec. 3rd. This year’s theme is “A Homemade Christmas.”

Again this year the Lancaster Renaissance Committee has worked hard to bring back some of our favorite old traditions like the wagon rides, sponsored in part by Woodville Savings Bank, which will start from the Welcome Center (donation $1/person) as well as some new features like New to You Consignments hosting local artist Caroline Belisle who will offer three sessions starting at 4 p.m. for children six and up to paint a holiday gift for that special someone.

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Saying, did you hear about the time…

By Ed “Midge” Rosebrook, Jr.

…we walked up to the trestle?

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon late this fall, my wife and I decided to take a walk up past the third dam and check out the train wreck. She told me that Debbie Beaton had written about it during a conversation a few days before, asking if we knew anything about it. Now, would you think a guy who spent much of his childhood roaming the tracks those tracks from Middle Street up to that trestle with his friends, might know about a train wreck? I had no idea!

We used to ride our bikes up the Brickyard Road to where it stopped and walk the tracks from there to the third dam.

The gutted power house was making an odd sound. We’d pretend it was an enemy bunker full of German soldiers that needed to be cleaned out. Armed with cap pistols and air rifles, it kept us occupied for hours. Sometimes the trestle itself was blown up, preventing enemy supplies from reaching the front. Would you believe, the trestle would play Sergeant Saunders, the weekly hero from television’s “Combat” or maybe end up back on our bicycles and pretend they were the Army Jeeps from “The Fat Patrol.” Surprisingly, some of us ever became serial killers or school shooters. In fact, when questioned about that stuff, we actually took our hunting rifles to school with us, keeping them in our backpacks. How times have changed.

Anyway, getting back to the story, I must tell you that Glynda, who as a rule jumps a chance to go for a good walk, needed some coaxing that afternoon.

“Oh, do we have to, Hon. I’m very comfortable sitting here reading the paper,” she moaned.

“But it’s gorgeous out there,” I begged, “let’s just go!”

“Okay, okay, it’s not too far.”

“No, it isn’t,” I assured her. “It’s only a little way up the tracks.”

She gave me that look. “I know you’re doing this just for me!” she said while putting on her jacket. “You’re just a little ways,” is a phrase I’ve heard before!”

The sun that day was warm and inviting—at least it seemed that way in the house. But as we started down Mechanic Street, a strong chilly fall breeze began slapping us in the face.

“Are you sure this is the best way to get there?” my bride asked.

“Yes, Hon, I’ve walked these tracks a million times. We’ll be there before you can say ‘goodbye’!”

A half an hour later my companion began having doubts. “We said we’d be there in no time! I’m not too happy right now!” she said.

“I see those pine trees, Hon.” I pointed up the tracks. “We’ll just beyond those trees, right?”

“These stupid ties are either too far apart to stride three, or two close together to step on each one!”

“Gosh Hon, I could have sworn the trestle was only a little ways past those pine pines,” I said meekly.

“Yeah, well, those pines are so far back now, I can’t even see ‘em! I was so enjoying doing my workout until you talked me into this!”

“It didn’t seem this far when I was a kid,” I answered. “Now I’m in big doggy do and I know it.”

“Look Hon! The trestle!” I shouted. “Oh goodies,” she retorted. “I was starting onto it, a feeling of uneasiness came over me that there wasn’t there 50 years ago. My heart started to beat faster, but there’s something about looking down through open railroad ties at open water 25 or 30 feet below that gives a person the shivers. Glynda yelled, “You be careful fellas!” It was the trestle train wreck. “I don’t see any thing on either side of this, that would look like a train wreck!” I shouted. “Like I said, I don’t remem...oh, wow I see it Hon!”

Looking down through the foot wide opening between the ties, there it was. I hollered. “It’s down there!” She sees me, and her last single straight down under my feet and again yelled, “Hon, you be careful!”

“I will, I will!” I said as I slowly crouched down on my knees. I could see through the opening and snapped some pictures. Then you just have to walk off the trestle something told me, “A,” this would be my last trestle walk, “B,” I’d best find some other path home or it would be my last anything. I noticed a man carrying a large leading down to the tracks.

“We can’t walk through the trestle dual path running parallel to the tracks. It was moved, very wide and perfectly flat, all the way back. ‘Honestly Hon!’ I’m tellin’ you the truth!” I pleaded, as we walked along. “This wasn’t here 50 years ago!”

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The Off Your Rocker Club

By Corinne Comeau

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