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FRYEBURG SADLY SAYS GOOD-BYE TO THEIR LIBRARIAN!

Jennifer Spofford has been the librarian in Fryeburg for the past five years. To say she moved the services and activities of the library forward during this time would be an understatement. Jennifer went above and beyond her expectations at the library, always looking for new ways to serve the public, improve the benefits of the library, and connect with other organizations and town departments and especially the community as a whole. Her creativity and infectious energy brought many wonderful events to the library members - young and old!



Originally from Illinois, mountain life has always attracted Jennifer. After graduating high school she decided to travel around the country exploring the possibilities as an aspiring artist. Subsequent to moving to the Valley in 2003, she lived in the Rockies Mountains and met her significant other. The Valley was welcoming to this inborn flatlander. She worked at several amazing establishments including Flatbread Co., the North Conway Country Club, Tuckerman’s Tavern, and McGrath’s Tavern. While working in the hospitality industry she finished her B.A. in English which was an accumulation of years attending various community colleges, studying whatever she fancied at the time (graphic design, literature, psychology, world culture).

Soon after accomplishing her degree, she started substitute teaching for SAU 9. Being a substitute teacher inspired her to explore the potential of becoming a professional educator. Her “big break” came in 2013 when she was offered the position of assistant librarian at Kennett High School. As an assistant she felt akin to librarianship. She continued working in the library capacity at SAU9 and pursued a ME.d with a library media specialist certification until the summer of 2018 when an opening came for librarian in Fryeburg. She applied, was offered the job and graciously accepted. During her tenure at Fryeburg Library she attended every professional development opportunity, established many community partnerships, made amazing friends, and finished her master’s degree in library and information science. “To say I am thankful for the opportunity to work for Fryeburg is an understatement.” states Spofford.

After four years at Fryeburg Library, she’s saying farewell to the Library Director title. She accepted a position at Conway Public Library as the Head of Technical Services. Although it was a very tough decision, Jennifer says it is what is best for her as she will be much closer to home and it will allow her to better fulfill her duties as a select person of Albany, NH, while focusing on her future and community.

We hope to see Jennifer around town, at some local events, or visiting Fryeburg Public Library from time to time. We will miss her here in Fryeburg. Conway is so very lucky to have her and we wish her all the best as she continues her journey in life.



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### Fryeburg Town Managers Report - by Katie Haley

With winter approaching there are a few items to note. Beginning November 15th, no vehicles shall be parked on any public way or street from 11 PM to 6 AM to allow for snow removal. This will remain in effect through April 15, 2023 unless notice is given to remove the order sooner. With this same notice, we would like to remind the public that it is against the law for anyone to put snow or slush in any public way or street.

Fryeburg residents are allowed to pick-up two 5-gallon buckets of sand per storm for residential use from the shed at the Town Garage. Sand is not for commercial use and no commercial vehicles are allowed. Video surveillance is in use on the premises. Please call the Town Office if you need assistance with picking up sand; we will be resuming our "Sand Buckets for Seniors" program to help people who may have difficulties with the task.

Elections will be held Tuesday November 8th at the David & Doris Hastings Community Center on Recreation Drive from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The Town Office will be closed on election day and will reopen at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Voters can take advantage of voting absentee at any point between now and election day. For specific voting information, please see the Town's website: <https://www.fryeburgmaine.org>.

The Clerks would like to remind everyone that proof of rabies is needed when licensing your dog. Residents will now be able to register dogs online or can do so at the Town Office. Dogs must be registered by December 31st.

If you have not purchased your Transfer Station Stickers for 2022 - 2023 please stop by the Town Office where they are now available

I hope everyone has a very safe and happy Thanksgiving.

### Three Ingredient Sweet Potato Casserole (plus staples like oil, salt, and pepper)

8-10 servings

#### Ingredients

- 5.5 lbs sweet potatoes, peeled & cubed
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 1/4 cups pure maple syrup, divided
- 2 cups pecan halves (about 7 ounces)
- 1 1/2 tsp freshly ground black pepper



- Preheat oven to 350°F. Oil a 3-qt. baking dish. Boil potatoes until very tender, about 12 minutes. Drain; let sit in colander 15 minutes.

- Meanwhile, heat 1/2 cup syrup in a large skillet over medium-high. Add pecans, 3/4 tsp. salt, and 1 tsp. pepper and cook, stirring constantly, until syrup has evaporated and pecans are glazed, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a parchment-lined rimmed baking sheet and let cool.

- Purée potatoes, 1 1/2 cups water, and remaining 3/4 cup syrup, 1 1/4 tsp. salt, and 1/2 tsp. pepper in a food processor until smooth. Transfer potato mixture to prepared baking dish.

- Coarsely chop pecans and sprinkle evenly over potato mixture.

- Bake casserole until top is lightly browned, about 40 minutes. Let sit 15 minutes before serving.

### Fryeburg Public Library by Jennifer Layne-Eastman

Thank you to everyone for your kind words to our outgoing director, Jen Spofford. We are truly grateful to her and send her best wishes in her new position at Conway Public Library. Thank you, as well, to our patrons for their patience during this time of transition, while we await the arrival of our new director. The library will continue to be closed from noon-12:30pm on Mon, Wed, and Thurs to allow staff a lunch break until we can resume our normal hours.

A huge thank you to the folks at the Fryeburg Fair for our First Place ribbon in the Library category! Thank You to Weston's Farm for donating farm-grown items which were included. Jen Spofford gets the credit for this colorful fall-themed creation!

- Deva's Anime Club meets every Fri at 3:30pm in the Weston Room. Please contact Deva for more information: [fryeburganimeclub@gmail.com](mailto:fryeburganimeclub@gmail.com)
- Book discussion group will meet in person on Wed, Nov 9th at 10AM to discuss The Miraculous Flight of Owen Leach by local Author/Director of Lovell Hobbs Library, Jennifer Dupree. Extra copies are available here at the library to borrow. Please join us and meet Ms Dupree or email for Zoom access.
- Author Series (by the Friends of the FPL). Join Octavia Bishop on Tues, Nov 15, at 4PM with copies of her new book and sheets for attendees to color while she shares a bit about herself, artistic journey, and art (including acclaimed murals). Call 610-587-8695 if you have questions about this event.
- For Littles and families, join us every Sat at 10AM for story time with Ms. Jennifer
- The USCA's crochet club is still meeting every second and fourth Sat at 10AM in the Weston Room. Beginners are always welcome!

Library hours: Mon 9-4, Tues 12-6, Wed 9-4, Thurs 9-4, Fri 12-6, and Sat 9-12. (Closed Nov 11th for Veterans Day and Nov 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving)

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Library Stats for the month of August: 561 patron visits, 579 items circulated from the library collection, 12 programs offered with 56 attendees.

### On-line Auction for Chatham Historical Society Building Fund

The Chatham Historical Society will host an on-line auction of locally-made items, experiences, services. The auction will run from 6 AM November 14 to 6:00 PM November 20 on the Better World platform. All proceeds will go to the Society's building fund for the upkeep and improvement of their schoolhouse at Chatham Center. The school, which closed in 1968, was the last operating eight-grade one-room schoolhouse in New Hampshire and currently is used for the society's programs, meetings, and museum. Auction items can be previewed at [www.chathamhistoricalnh.org](http://www.chathamhistoricalnh.org) or at [chathamhistoricalsociety.betterworld.org/auctions/chatham-historical-society](http://chathamhistoricalsociety.betterworld.org/auctions/chatham-historical-society).

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Robert Edwin Peary Sr. was an American explorer and officer in the United States Navy who made several expeditions to the Arctic in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In April 1909 he lead an expedition that claimed to have been the first to reached the North Pole. Explorer Matthew Henson, part of the expedition, is thought to have reached what they believed to be the North Pole narrowly before Peary.

Peary was born on May 6, 1856 in Cresson, Pennsylvania, raised in Portland, Maine, attended Bowdoin College, then joined the U.S. National Geodetic Survey as a draftsman. In 1878 Peary and his mother moved to Fryeburg at which time he made a profile survey from the top of Jockey Cap. The 360-degree survey names the larger hills and mountains visible from the summit. In 1881 he enlisted in the Navy as a civil engineer. He visited the Arctic for the first time in 1886, making an unsuccessful attempt to cross Greenland by dogsled. Several attempts followed over the years.

On August 11, 1888, Peary married Josephine Diebitsch, a business school valedictorian. The newlyweds honeymooned in Atlantic City, NJ then moved to Philadelphia, where Peary was assigned. Peary's mother accompanied them on their honeymoon, and she moved into their Philadelphia apartment, which caused friction between the two women. Josephine told Peary that his mother should return to Maine. Robert and Josephine had two children together, Marie Ahnighito and Robert Peary, Jr. As an explorer, Peary was frequently gone for years at a time. In their first 23 years of marriage, he spent only three with his wife and family.

On his 1898-1902 expedition, Peary reached Greenland's northernmost point, Cape Morris Jesup. After more failed attempts, in 1908 Peary embarked on his 8th expedition with 22 men. 1909 he claimed to have reached the North Pole. Although these claims were widely debated, eventually he won widespread acceptance when, despite remaining doubts, a committee of the National Geographic Society, as well as the Naval Affairs Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives, credited Peary with reaching the North Pole. He was promoted to the rank of captain in the Navy in October 1910 and was eventually recognized by Congress for "reaching" the pole, Peary was given the Thanks of Congress by a special act in March 1911. By the same Act of Congress, Peary was promoted to the rank of rear admiral in the Navy Civil Engineer Corps, retroactive to April 6, 1909. He retired from the Navy to Eagle Island on the coast of Maine, in the town of Harpswell. His home there has been designated a Maine State Historic Site. In 1914, Peary bought the house at 1831 Wyoming Avenue NW in the Adams Morgan neighborhood of Washington, D.C., where he lived until his death on February 20, 1920. His home in Fryeburg is known as the Admiral Peary House located on Elm Street and is currently a beautiful Bed & Breakfast. Rumor has it that some believe his mother still roams the halls of this house.

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My advice is always to work with a licensed, appointed, and certified health insurance agent. If you aren't confused by Medicare, you aren't paying enough attention. My work in this arena is fascinating. Every client is different. When I walk in to an appointment, I have no idea where we will end up, in deciding which plan has the best fit. One size fits all is not the program. Sometimes plans from work have good benefits at a decent cost. Often, you will do better on your own. Look in to it.

If you are on a Medicare Advantage Plan, be sure not to toss the letter you got explaining next year's changes. There are plans that are ending, and failure to act will leave you uninsured.

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**Eastern Slope Regional Airport by Eric Meltzer**

Part of the requirements for maintaining operational status of an airport are the surface markings. All those lines, numbers, and letters actually mean something and they need to be legible to pilots.

The runway numbers are determined by rounding the compass bearing of one runway end to the nearest 10 degrees and truncating the last digit, meaning runways are numbered from 1 to 36. The opposite end of the runway always differs by 180 degrees, so it's numbered 18 higher or lower. Larger airports may have parallel runways numbered the same way but with a L for left or R for right after the number.

Aircraft take off and land into the wind so the prevailing winds of a geographic area help determine runway headings which is why there are a lot of north-south runways in New England. Taxiways, used for ground movements of aircraft on an airport, are labeled with letters. Even the centerline and boundary stripes have meanings and can be solid, broken, or multiples. Lighting also has complexities such as blue for taxiway edge lights and white for runway marker lights.

All these markings and lights need to be clear and unobstructed which just adds to the task of snow removal. When you visit the airport you'll notice the lines have recently been repainted and are crisp and ready to show the way.

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**Local Group Spearheading Drive for Universal, Affordable Broadband in Fryeburg**

 Highly reliable, consistent high-speed internet is sadly only a dream to many rural Mainers. These Mainers includes small businesspeople trying to reach customers, students struggling to learn remotely, patients pursuing the best health care options, and older people trying to keep in touch with family and stay in their homes. And for better or worse nobody under the age of 40 will consider moving to a community without high-speed reliable internet. The very survival of towns like Fryeburg and its neighbors is at stake.

Fortunately, right now a team of committed local volunteers from Fryeburg, Brownfield, Denmark, Lovell, Stoneham, Stow and Sweden have been working for many months pulling together data and maps and considering options for how to ensure reliable, future-proof broadband can be accessible to every person who wants it in those towns. The group called Eastern Slopes Regional Broadband is now engaging with their town governments to create a regional initiative and apply for funding from the Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA).

The MCA was created a year ago in a bill I introduced in the Maine Legislature, that passed overwhelmingly with bipartisan support and the Governor's approval. Recognizing the vast sums soon to be allocated to the states from the federal government in COVID rescue funds and the infrastructure bill, my legislation aimed to make the dream of digital connectedness come true, finally, over the next five years.

Initial funding has arrived in the form of \$129 million from the American Rescue Plan Act along with \$21 million from the Maine Jobs and Recovery Program. An estimated \$200 million additionally will be directly to Maine soon from the infrastructure bill recently enacted in Washington.

All this will make a substantial down-payment on the estimated \$600 million that our Maine Broadband Plan predicts is required to accomplish the task of connecting Maine completely.

Investing all these funds smartly and swiftly and in the best interests of Maine people will require strategic focus and professional competency. That is the job of the MCA.

To get these funds invested locally here in western Maine requires our towns to work together, quickly, to form an interlocal agreement and perhaps form a Broadband Utility District, which has been done successfully elsewhere. This will ensure local control of the network while allowing competition among service providers protecting net neutrality and privacy and keeping costs affordable.


The Eastern Slopes group is working diligently to meet an expected March 1, 2023 application deadline. I have high confidence that we can meet this deadline, but it requires good organization, commitment, and focused effort.

Like rural electrification in the 1930s, we are at an inflection point on this critical infrastructure. The work we do over the next few months will pay dividends for generations to follow. Committing ourselves to complete connectivity will transform lives and breathe new life into our struggling rural communities.

As always I am pleased to hear your thoughts at  
Richard.Bennett@legislature.maine.gov or at 207-287-1505.

**District 70 Rep Nathan Wadsworth**  
**Nathan.Wadsworth@legislature.maine.gov**

**2022 is not like any other year,  
Please be sure to vote!**

 2022 is an election year and I am prevented from running for re-election by Maine's term limit law. I appreciate the support I have received from constituents and the opportunity to serve you these past eight years.

This election is more important than usual. Because of the people in charge at the federal and state levels, most of us have less money to spend, less gas in our cars, less home heating fuel in our tanks, and less freedom in our lives than just a few years ago.

Everything costs more, with grocery price increases the highest since 1979. It costs the average Maine household almost \$7,000 more to live here than the same time last year. Heating season is here and we will have to pay an estimated 17 percent more to heat our homes. This is devastating for people of limited means and those living on a fixed income.

Who we choose to support this fall is important. That is why I have endorsed Caleb Ness of Fryeburg to take my place in the Maine House. I first met Caleb in 2016 and he has followed state politics since then. He and his friend Isaac Haddam formed the Constitutional Awareness Pact where they held small, local forums on the importance of the U.S. Constitution. Those were covered by the Conway Sun.

Caleb Ness first reported the Fryeburg Fair fire last year, an action that likely saved several buildings and prevented the fire from spreading.

Caleb works at Harmac Steel. A blue collar guy, he knows the importance of hard work and the importance of letting people keep more of what they earn. Like me, Caleb Ness is concerned that state government continues to get bigger while family budgets are getting smaller.

It wasn't too long ago that 60 Maine Democrats introduced a bill, which I opposed, to increase fuel costs by .40 center per gallon. Imagine if that bill had passed. I can assure you that Caleb Ness is not someone who will support making it harder to heat our homes, get to work, or put food on the table.

Thank you for your support and for taking the time to read this. If there is anything I can do to assist you, or if you have questions before my term ends, especially please contact me.

**FRYEBURG RESCUE by Eric Meltzer**

Despite great weather and high attendance numbers it was a consistently busy week at the Fair but not overwhelming. We covered 4 calls at the Fairgrounds the week before the Fair started for various issues among campers and vendors. For the 8 days of the Fair we covered 43 total calls that broke down like this: 23 at the Fair, 10 in Fryeburg, 5 in Lovell, 3 in Brownfield, 1 in Chatham, and 1 mutual aid call.


With shorter days and longer periods of darkness coming, now is a good time to be sure your house is clearly marked with the appropriate street address visible from the road and preferably reflective. Help us find you before we need to! Also, be sure heat sources are ready to go and vents are unobstructed and ensure your smoke detector and CO - carbon monoxide detectors have fresh batteries and are functioning correctly. Stay safe and well!



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