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SEBAGO HAPPENINGS

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CROOKED RIVER ACADEMY BUILDS TRAIL BRIDGES ON DOUGLAS MOUNTAIN

By Allen Crabtree

“When we’re through building these two new foot bridges Douglas Mountain hikers will have an easier way to climb the mountain,” said Brian Clark. Clark mobilized a crew of his students and over two days in early June he and fellow teacher Lynne Harrison worked with volunteers from the Crooked River Academy to do trail improvements and built two new foot bridges along the Douglas Mountain Scout Trail.

One foot bridge was installed near the trail entrance across a tumbling mountain stream. Students then brushed out a short trail through the woods to allow hikers to bypass a section of the snowmobile trail that is often muddy and difficult to cross. The new trail rejoins the main hiking/snowmobile trail on

the other side of the muddy section.

A second foot bridge was installed further down the Scout trail where it crossed another mountain stream. This stream crossing was often slippery, especially when the rocks were icy, and at least one hiker had fallen and injured himself there in the past.

Sebago Selectman Jeff Harriman had contacted Clark at the Lake Region High School on behalf of the Douglas Mountain Committee to solicit their help to do the trail improvements. Harriman suggested that doing trail improvements and building two foot bridges on the trail would benefit both the Town of Sebago and people who hike the Douglas Mountain trails. Clark agreed and the two made plans to have a crew of students come. The Town provided the materi-

als and the students contributed their labor.

Sebago Selectman Chris Parker donated the telephone poles to be the stringers for the two bridges and hauled them into place for the students. Clark and Harrison recruited students Mark Kemp-Libby, Justin Rice, Taylor Garrett, Cody Parker, Derek Secord, Dakota Bellavance, McKae Curran, Ryan Kruger, Jordan Morgan, Ashley Decker and Bryan Barbosa to help.

On June 4 and 5, 2013 the students installed the bridge stringers over the two streams and then installed deck boards to complete the foot bridges. They then completed the trail bypass. The two foot bridges and the new trail bypass have already been used by hikers, and are a welcome and positive improvement to the Douglas Mountain hiking experience.



Check out our hiking trails!

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Town Office

- Tuesdays - 10am–7pm
- Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8am–5pm

Transfer Station

- Tues., Thurs., Sat., Sun. 8am–5pm

General Assistance

- Tuesdays - 1pm–3pm



Crooked River Academy students Mark Kemp-Libby, Justin Rice, Taylor Garrett, Cody Parker, Derek Secord, Dakota Bellavance, McKae Curran, Ryan Kruger, Jordan Morgan, Ashley Decker, Bryan Barbosa and instructor Brian Clark all worked together installing foot bridges along the Douglas Mountain Hiking Trails.





Sebago Days Committee Celebrated 35 Years in the Hot July Sun



By Carl Dolloff, President
Sebago Days Committee



Hello Everyone,

This year the Sebago Days Committee celebrated 35 years in the blasting summer heat. Although the crowds for Sebago Days were down compared to previous years, many people still ventured out in the hot July weather to enjoy the fun. Here is a recap on how things went this year compared to last year.

There were 3,700 bonus drawing tickets sold compared to 4,500 in 2012 and the Fun Run had 112 runners compared to 140 in 2012. The civil war encampment drew the attention of people as they marched in the parade, enacted skirmishes on the grounds and told plenty of stories about camp life. This proved to be an educational trip in history.

This year's Grand Parade was dedicated to our former committee member Robert "Bob" Greene who passed away last winter. Bob spent numerous hours during the event helping out with the never ending electrical needs. In his memory, we were honored to have his beloved wife Lin as the Grand Marshall of the parade.

The talent show was a huge hit. Every year more and more talented people come forward to entertain us. Next year the committee is hoping to

increase the registrations from 10 to 15 contestants. We are also hoping to increase the amount of food vendors next year. I'm sure you'll agree that you can never have enough fried dough and ice cream vendors.

As always, the fireworks were well attended, but this year we did things just a bit differently to add a special touch to this event. Maureen Scanlon (I'm sure you know her from the Town Office.) joined us as our special guest. She sang the National Anthem just before the fireworks went off. As a matter of fact, the start of the display was timed to coincide with the song's lyrics. Everyone agreed that it really added something special to this popular event.

Overall, this year's Sebago Days event turned out to be another successful year. We had a busy schedule of events along with games, rides, and a wonderful variety of entertainment ranging from classic rock, blue grass and red hot country music. The G-Force Laser Tag turned out to be a hit with the crowds, and the committee is hoping to offer this again next year.



Every year the committee struggles with the carnival companies. Because this is a small town event its hard to get an amusement company to participate. It is difficult for them to make their quota to cover operat-

ing expenses. Our committee received a percentage of the profits after expenses are met. However, amusement profits were down this year. This meant that the committee received nothing which didn't help our bottom line. We strive to provide rides for all age groups, but its tough.

The Sebago Days Committee is very, very thankful for all of our local and area businesses, organizations and volunteers for their many years of strong support and for all of the hard work that goes on throughout the year to prepare for this event. We thank you all.

As President of the committee, I'm very thankful for the dedicated committee members that continue to work hard on this event every year. It is a pleasure to be part of this great team.

We are always open for new ideas. If you're interested in becoming a committee member or would like to volunteer to help, or just share any ideas you may have to make this a fun filled community event for everyone, please contact me at 787-3732.



"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude." Maya Angelou

Sebago Warming Hut/Food Pantry News!



Plant a seed and watch it grow when you give of yourself!

On November 12th the Good Shepherd Food Mobile was at the Sebago Food Pantry. They provided free food to local residents in need. A total of 382 people from 134 households benefited from the combined efforts of these dedicated workers.

The "Clothes Closet" change over to winter clothing was completed in mid-October. Winter coats, hats and boots are still needed.

The recent Aucoin (fund raising) Block Party was well supported. The funds raised helps us in helping others. We thank you for your support.





From the Doghouse



By Maureen F. Scanlon, Editor

For this edition of “Sebago Happenings” I wanted to update everyone on a few things that fall under Animal Control for Sebago.



First and foremost, we now have a new Animal Control Officer. Jacquie Frye has taken over for Bobby Silcott who has accepted a new position in the City of Westbrook as the Executive Director of the Animal Refugee League. Bobby was an asset to this community that will be greatly missed. However, the good work that he was able to perform while he was with us continues. For example he is the founder of a program he started called the POM Project. POM stands for Pet Oxygen Masks. Bobby recognized a need that now provides rescue vehicles with masks that are specifically adapted to treat pets that may need emergency oxygen to save their lives, if for example they were the victims of a house fire. If you'd like to learn more about this project please visit their website at www.themainepomproject.org. I recently took a few moments to check out this website and was thrilled to see what they have been able to accomplish. For instance it

mentions that the project has provided 262 sets of Pet Oxygen Masks, free of charge to Maine's Fire & Rescue Units. The goal is to be the first State to equip all Fire & Rescue Units with them. Bobby is also certified to teach Animal First Aid and CPR. He volunteers his time, so the proceeds from these classes goes towards the purchase of these much needed masks. The results speak for themselves, many animal lives have been saved already thanks to Bobby and his dedicated team of animal lovers. Although he will be missed, we wish him well and know that others will benefit from his efforts.

Jacquie Frye took over the Animal Control Officer's duties in August. She will not only be handling Sebago's needs, but also for the towns of Hiram, Baldwin, Denmark and Sweden. When meeting Jacquie it is obvious that she is also an avid animal lover. She told me that her goal is to protect and educate as many people as possible in the surrounding communities on animal welfare. Having said that, I'm sure she will be contributing valuable information for all of us in future editions of “Sebago Happenings”.

I'd like to mention two important items that are coming up in January.



The annual **Rabies Clinic** will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2014

from 10am - 12pm at the “Old” Town Hall building. The clinic will be limited to cats and dogs only. Please, no puppies or kittens. Cats must be in carriers and dogs must be on a non-retractable leash. The veterinarian also requests no sick or pregnant animals. Cost will be \$10.00 per shot. **Please bring the most recent rabies certificate to receive a 3-year shot, otherwise a 1-year shot will be administered.**

All dogs must be licensed annually by January 31st in order to avoid the \$25.00 late fee that will be charged after that date. **We are now issuing dog licenses for 2014.** To license your dog, a current State of Maine Rabies Certificate must be presented. The fee for neutered/spayed dogs is \$6.00; unneutered/unspayed is \$11.00. This year to encourage the registration of dogs, Wizard of Paws in Bridgton is donating a “pet friendly” gift basket and a \$50.00 gift certificate that will be raffled off on February 1st. Register your dog by January 31st for a chance to win. One entry per registration whether registered at the Town Office or on-line.



SANTA CLAUSE IS COMING TO TOWN!!



The Annual Breakfast with Santa and Santa's Workshop: Saturday, December 7th at the “Old” Town Hall Building. Breakfast starts at 8:00 am and then the kids are welcome to do their Christmas shopping upstairs at Santa's Workshop. Our special elves will do the gift wrapping so the secret is safe. **NO PEEKING ALLOWED!**

The Annual Lighting of the Christmas Tree: Sunday, December 8th at 5:00 pm at the Veteran's Memorial Park. There will be hot chocolate and yummy treats, we will be singing Christmas Carols and best of all, don't forget to plan on visiting with our very special guest... Santa Claus!

RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES



Adult Snowshoeing: Snowshoes are available for use, free of charge, to adults at least 18 yrs. old, contact Corinne @ 595-8173.



Ice Rink: The Ice Rink behind the Sebago Elementary School is open to the public, free of charge, during the months of January & February. This is great for the whole family, so bring the hot chocolate and have some fun!



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETINGS

(Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.)

October 1 & 15
November 5
December 3



PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

(Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.)

October 8
November 12
December 10



RABIES CLINIC

The annual Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2014. Check out the "From the Doghouse" article on page 3 for more details on this and our pet friendly raffle gifts.



MISSION STATEMENT

To provide truthful, up-to-date and educational information on how the community works, in order to provide the opportunity for making informed decisions while also enriching the lives of our citizens that want to live here, prosper, and raise their families.

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GENERAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Please take note of the fact that the General Assistance hours have changed from Thursdays to Tuesdays. They are still being held from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES



Basketball starts in the beginning of December. Check out the other activities being offered by the Recreation Department on the bottom of page 3.

"SEBAGO HAPPENINGS" UPDATE

The "Sebago Happenings" newsletter is going from quarterly to three editions per year. Don't forget that you can subscribe on-line at www.townofsebago.org.



WINTER SALT/SAND AVAILABLE FOR SEBAGO RESIDENTS

Just a reminder that Sebago residents and taxpayers may obtain salt/sand from the designated area in the lean-to building located in front of the Public Works Garage (and next to the EMS Bldg.) to use only on their own property located in the Town of Sebago. Contractors shall not obtain or use any town salt/sand for commercial purposes.



Don't forget to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.



Enjoy the beauty of fall!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU ALL!