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PHYLLIS D. RANCOURT
WINSLOW—Phyllis D. (Cole) Rancourt, 83, passed away at home Sunday, April 25, 2010. Phyllis was the daughter of the late James Harry and Lucy (Foster) Gratto.

She was born June 13, 1926, in Waterville and lived much of her life and died on the Cushman Road, in Winslow.

She taught herself to play the piano, and was the life of the party when she began to play. Phyllis was famous for her rendition of "Roll out the barrel."

Phyllis attended Winslow schools, and worked for several area businesses, her favorites being as a dental assistant for Dr. John Poirier, Stern's Department Store, where she was a buyer and department manager, and the Waterville Credit Bureau where she retired as office manager in the early 1980s.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 20 years, Raymond; a son, Daniel Berard Sr. and his wife Mary; a daughter Helen (Cole) Bard and her husband, Dan; her sister Helen Patnaude, of North Vassalboro; three stepsons, Steve Rancourt and his wife, Lorna, Randy Rancourt and his wife, Norma, and Chris Rancourt and his wife, Renee; two stepdaughters, Carol Brochu and her husband, Mark, and Lynne LeClair and her husband, Tony; and a special daughter-in-law, Jan Clark. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Dan Jr., Cristal, Sarah, Hannah, Megan, Brenda, Bobbi-Jo, Barbara, Colby, Taylor, Michael and Stephanie, as well as many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She will be sadly missed by her brother-in-law, Wilbur Rancourt and his wife, Jan.

In addition to her parents, Phyllis was predeceased by her brothers James, Charles, and Pearly Gratto and a sister, Mary Cummings. She was also predeceased by her previous husband, Donald E. Cole.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Harold Alford Center for Cancer Care in Augusta or HealthReach Hospice, Waterville, both c/o MaineGeneral Health, Office of Philanthropy, P.O. Box 828, Waterville ME 04903.

Arrangements under the care and direction of Dan and Scott's Cremation & Funeral Service, 445 Waterville Road, Skowhegan.

DORIS D. LIZOTTE
WINSLOW—Doris D. Lizotte, 93, passed away peacefully on April 27, 2010, at Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home. She was born November 27, 1916, the daughter of Denie and Aglae (Marcoux) Picard.

Doris was a loving mother who devoted much of her life to caring for her children, grandchildren and family members.

She graduated from Winslow High School, class of 1935, and worked for several years as a secretary for the Joseph A. Roy Real Estate Agency and the Harold A. Labbe Real Estate Agency in Waterville. Doris was a resident of Winslow until moving to Waterville in 1985. She was a communicant of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Winslow.

She was predeceased by her husband, Louis D. Lizotte, who died in 1957; three brothers, Gilbert Picard, Ronaldo Picard, and Romeo Picard; and two sis-

ters, Yvette Mathieu and Fernande Marcoux.

Doris is survived by one son, Gerald N. Lizotte and his wife, Laurie, of Winslow; one daughter, Corinna A. and her husband, Wilfred Dubois, of Winslow; one stepson, Marc A. Lizotte, of Corpus Christi, Texas; three sisters, Julia Bolduc, of Waterville, Constance Bolduc, Lucille and her husband, Roland LaRoche, of Winslow; two sisters-in-law, Pauline Picard, of Winslow, and Theresa Picard, of Waterville; six loving grandchildren, Jennifer, Michelle and Scott Lizotte, Chad, Amie and Dominic Dubois; two beautiful great-grandchildren, Lillian Dubois and Alex Dubois, several nieces and nephews.

Donation in her name may be made to St. John's Memorial Fund, or to the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, Silver Street, Waterville.

OTHERS DEPARTED

Bethany and Jared Rackliff, both of Whitefield, lost their grandfather, **Merrill F. Pray**, 65, of Belgrade, on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, in Belgrade Lakes.

April Burke and Stacy Spinney, both of Jefferson, lost their grandmother, **Dorothy A. Roberts**, 80, of Nobleboro, on Saturday, April 24, 2010, at Miles Memorial Hospital, in Damariscotta.

Barbara A. Linscott and husband Mahlon, of Washington, lost her father, **Robert C. Winchenbach**, 91, of Waldoboro, on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at Pen Bay Medical Center. Also, Russell Winchenbach, of Vassalboro, lost his brother, and Greg Tolman, of Washington, lost his grandfather.

Thomas Colpitt Jr. and wife Kris, of North Whitefield, and Penny Fredette, of Windsor, lost their brother, **Kevin L. Colpitt**, 56, of Gardiner, on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at his home.

Richard Giroux and wife Pamela, of Windsor, unexpectedly lost his father, **Lawrence J. Giroux**, 81, of Waterville, on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at his home.

Thomas A. Tilton III and wife Martha McCarthy, of Waterville, lost his father, **Thomas A. Tilton Jr.**, 82, on Saturday, May 1, 2010. Also, Thomas A. Tilton IV and Katie Tilton, of Waterville, lost their grandfather.

Unhappy Vassalboro neighbors petition against tower

by Mary Grow

The Vassalboro Planning Board's May 4 discussion of a proposed telecommunications tower on Bog Road brought almost a dozen unhappy neighbors, with a petition signed by others opposing the tower. The board ultimately put off a decision until June 1, to give Codes Enforcement Officer Paul Mitnik and Road Foreman Eugene Field time to recheck the proposed driveway entrance onto Bog Road.

Board Chairman Virginia Brackett said the board could not accept the petition – town land use ordinances, which govern board members actions, don't cover petitions. The group planned to give it to selectmen instead. Brackett said because Vassalboro voters regularly reject land use restrictions, town ordinances have no zoning that prohibits commercial projects in residential areas. When the town's comprehensive plan was revised several years ago, discussions made it "extremely clear that zoning was not wanted," she said.

Developer Michael Willette said T-Mobile intends to be the first tenant on the 190-foot tower. T-Mobile looks to fill a gap in coverage between the Mudgett Hill and Cook Hill towers in Vassalboro and one in China, he said. The company chose the area near the intersection of Bog and Webber Pond roads. He rejected an initial proposed site as too conspicuous. Then he negotiated with Diane Plante, who lives in the former LaLime house. Plante said the LaLime house is on the national register of historic buildings.

The current proposed site is on Colleen Leathers' and Clifford Pooler Jr.'s property just west of Plante's. Willette said the couple plan to live on the front of the lot; the tower will be on leased land about 400 feet from Bog Road, accessed by a gravel driveway along the east edge of the lot.

Plante said although she had talked with Willette, after consideration she opposes the tower in the area. She fears it will lower property values, and she considers it incompatible with the historic building and nearby old cemetery. Jody LaLime Welch and others agreed. Brackett said property valuations are up to the town's assessor, not the planning board. Reading from federal historic register information

Willette included with the application, Brackett found the house has architectural, not agricultural, significance, so surrounding land is not protected. Willette said his federal applications include historic values.

Jodi Smith and Susan Linscott were afraid radiation from the tower would adversely affect their children and students at Vassalboro Community School. They found information on the internet linking towers with brain cancer and other health problems. Brackett warned them to make sure things they read on the net are produced by reputable scientists and peer-reviewed. A lot of alleged information on line is "totally bogus," she said. Willette said he lives about 200 feet from a tower and has children. He estimated the distance between the tower and the school at 1,500 feet. Linscott also foresaw students trespassing on the tower. Willette said the base will be surrounded by an eight-foot fence with barbed wire.

Brackett added that the planning board has learned by experience that it cannot deny a permit based on possible risks or hypothetical adverse consequences. If an application meets ordinance standards, the board must approve it. Norma Gilman, who lives west of the Leathers-Pooler lot, thinks the tower's height and location will be detrimental to the neighborhood. "I don't want to sit on my back deck and look at it," she said. On the other hand, board member Jay Nutting rebutted, a person has the right to use his or her own property as he or she pleases. Gilman also fears the tower would fall onto her

property. Willette said towers are designed to implode – fall straight down – if they do fall.

Gilman was the first to raise a concern about traffic and the proposed driveway, which enters Bog Road near a sharp curve. She, Linscott and others think the sight distance is not adequate for safety. Willette said Mitnik and Field checked both proposed driveways, for the house and the tower, and were satisfied. The town ordinance gives the board leeway, Brackett found: it says sight distance must meet state standards "to the maximum extent possible." There was disagreement over whether the state standard is a fixed number or varies with the speed limit. Willette expects very low traffic at the tower, maybe 10 vehicles a month. There will be more during construction, which he said will take four or five days. Board members asked Mitnik or Field to remeasure the sight distance from the proposed tower driveway entrance.

The only other business at the May 4 meeting was a short discussion with Paul Morneau, who intends to file a new application for his Mystic Ridge subdivision on South Stanley Hill Road in East Vassalboro. His previous application expired in March, after legal challenges followed by rainy summers delayed work on the planned interior road. Planning Board members voted unanimously to terminate the prior permit. Morneau said engineer Al Hodsdon, of Waterville, is helping with the new application. If it is complete by the board's June 1 meeting, a decision is possible then.

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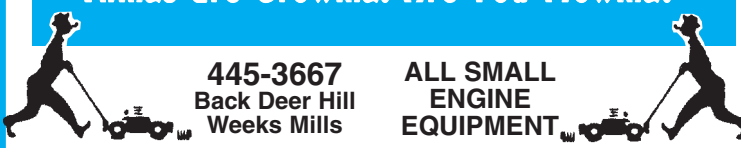
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