



SOLON & BEYOND

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Good morning, dear friends. Don't worry, be happy!

The Spring Gala and Recognition Night will be held at Skowhegan High School on Wednesday, May 19, at 6 p.m. There will be displays and demonstrations of those who have taken part in the Adult Education classes there throughout the last year. There will be a dessert competition, anyone who wants to enter this can bring a dessert and pay a dollar, and perhaps be a winner with their dessert. There will be door prizes, scholarships and refreshments.

I'm not sure what all the displays and demonstrations will be about, but I do know that they offer a wide selection in their Adult Ed program. As always, I thank them from the bottom of my heart, for their courage for going along with my dream of giving us a space for our Painting Pals Club. I am sure that all the ones who were with me from the beginning and the newer members also, share my feelings. We will all be showing our paintings and always appreciate comments from those who attend.

Students at Solon Elementary School got the chance to meet a real Senator on April 7. U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins visited the district and spoke at an assembly at the Embden School to the students grades three to five from Embden, Solon, Garret Schenck, and Carrabec Community School. Senator Collins showed a slide show and talked about her job as a U.S. Senator and her recent trips to Antarctica and Afghanistan. She also had time for a question and answer session with the students. Senator Collins seemed to

enjoy her visit and was very complimentary of the good questions the students asked and their good behavior. It was a great honor for our district to have the Senator visit us. She sent an autographed picture of each school group with her for each of the students to have as a keepsake. You can see more pictures, a slide show, and a short video of senator Collin's visit to the school by going to www.msad74.org, clicking on District Schools, and then clicking on Embden.

Mrs. Sue Lahti, from the Maine Geographic Alliance, visited the Solon Elementary School with a giant floor map (25 by 36 feet) of North America to do activities with the students around the theme of geography on May 5. Each class was able to walk on the map and learn about North American geography. Thanks go to the PTO for covering the cost of this special activity.

You know how I have been bragging about how good Percy had been acting, well he has blown that theory a couple of times lately. No one will dare to come and see me or try to talk me into getting another animal to keep him company. He has his definite likes and dislikes in people, (just like his owner. I love most people, but there are exceptions!).

Anyway, he attacked one of my good friends who hadn't been here since he had attacked her the last time she came. He was trying to get her to leave, and as she was walking toward the door he bit her on the ankle. I guess you know he got a lecture on that one! But he didn't listen as usual. On Mother's Day, Dave and Pete were here continuing to work on my house, and so were Peter and Sherry who brought Mazie, their dog. Mazie went in another room to be friendly with Percy and

pretty quick Mazie came tearing out with utter terror mirrored on her face, and Percy right on her tail, with teeth bared looking like any pictures I have ever seen of wild tigers or lions. Have got to make a sign saying, "Beware of Wild Cat!"

Percy pleaded with me to let him give you some wise words this week, "Don't let them push your button." The one trying to get you angry wants to control you. If you meet a negative approach positively, you are not letting the climate get out of your hands. I can not believe Mazie said anything to him she shouldn't have, she is such a nice friendly dog.



NORRIDGEWOCK NEWS

by Lucille Greer

The First Congregational Church was just about full last Sunday and among those present were Cecil and Bea Jones. Cecil retired as pastor of the Federated Church before the new church was built but many remember him fondly giving those easily heard sermons and singing, in a booming voice, sometimes with his guitar and sometimes with his wife, Bea, who joined him at special performances.

Rev. Nate Richards gave tribute to Cecil as one of those who had inspired him to study the ministry and it was just wonderful for all of us to have them with us on that day. He introduced him by saying it was Cecil who mar-

ried he and his lovely wife, Kim, over 20 years ago.

Kathy Palmer picked me up and took me to the Historical Society Museum for the DAR meeting, (no small task with my wheel chair). Kathy and I are related through the Blackwell twins who settled in the Madison area of that name (Blackwell Hill, Blackwell Hill Cemetery). She comes from Joshua, who fought in the American Revolution, and I from his twin brother, Nathaniel. My grandmother, Abbie Walker, was a Blackwell born in the building that is now River's Edge Restaurant. Her father, a blacksmith, plied his trade in the small building toward the river.

Have you always been confused about relationships beyond that of first cousin? Most of us have. So here is a little genealogy information for those who want it. First cousins have the same grandparents. Second cousins have the same great grandparents but not the same grandparents. For third, fourth, fifth cousins, just add another great for each degree distant to the grandparents. Removed is used to describe two people from different generations. For instance, your mother's first cousin is your first cousin, once removed. Twice removed means there is a two generation difference. My mother's first cousin would be my children's first cousin, twice removed, and their children's first cousin, three times removed etc. The easiest way is to go on the internet and print a "Cousins Chart" and refer to that as it is already figured out for you.

As I heard it, Jim and Liz Hilton won an award for growing some of the best corn in Maine and won a trip to California. I

wanted to call Liz and get more details but before I did, there were Jim and their son Alex pictured in the paper two days in a row in the Sentinel standing at the site where the road is washed out on the Sandy River Road. He won permission as the only one allowed to cross the gated closed off area staying on the Sandy River Road where all his fields are, keeping close to the side farthest from the river. This was not without much objection from the town manager who, though empathetic to his problem, feared it might influence insurance coverage and getting federal funds to fix the road. However, the selectmen acted independently and we hope they are right.

On Tuesday, May 18, the library committee will meet at 3:30 p.m., at the library. Wednesday, May 19, the assessors will meet in the town office at 5:30 p.m., the selectmen are there at 6 p.m. On Thursdays, May 20, the codes enforcement officers will be in the office all day and again on Thursday, May 27, when the professional assessor will be there as well. Call 634-2252 for an appointment to see either of them.

On Memorial Day, May 31, the office will be closed. Please plan to attend the parade which will start at 9 a.m., from Osoola Park. Be at the Veterans Memorial on Perkins Street for the program which follows the parade's arrival there.

Remember to salute the flag (civilians with hand over heart, veterans may render military salute whether or not "covered" (wearing a cap).

Walk up to the museum at 11 Mercer Road for the presentation of the flag in honor of a WW II hero from Norridgewock.

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China Baptist Church Rev. Ron Morrell, Pastor - 968-2120 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. www.chinabaptist.org	Vassalboro Friends Meeting Stanley Hill Rd., E. Vassalboro Singing 9:40 a.m. Silent Worship 10-11 a.m.	Fairfield United Methodist Church Rte. 201 - 453-7505 Rev. Tim Wilcox fumcfairfield@myfairpoint.net Worship - 10:30 (Nursery)
First Baptist Church Rev. Dr. Glenn Miller 1 Park St., Waterville 872-5741 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	Nazarene	Lutheran
North Windsor Baptist Church 955 Ridge Road, Windsor Pastor David Gorton, 445-4267 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Sun. 6 p.m.; Wed. prayer 7 p.m.	China Regional Church of the Nazarene Rte. 3, South China - 445-4838 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church ELCA 209 Eastern Ave., Augusta Pastor Jonathan Vogel Communion Services 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided/handicap accessible 623-9486 / www.poplink.org
Augusta Baptist Church Rev. Howard J. Cole • 622-5039 2567 No. Belfast Ave., Augusta Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:45 a.m. Eve. Worship 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer 7 p.m. www.augustabaptist.org	Non-denominational	Lutheran Church of the Resurrection 26 Cool St., Waterville Rev. Paul Nielsen Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 8:45 a.m. 872-5208 lcr@gwi.net • www.lcrwtvl.org
North Vassalboro Baptist Church 996 Main St., No. Vassalboro Rev. Steve Rogers, pastor 242-3614 Sunday worship, 10 a.m.; Children's 10:30 a.m. Prayer & Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.	Palermo Christian Church 322 Branch Mills Rd., Palermo Sun. worship, 9 a.m. & 6 p.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m., Wed. Prayer 7 p.m. FMI 993-2636 or see website www.palermochristianchurch.org	Advent Christian
Multi-denominational	Faith Community Church 557-1625 Greetings & Coffee 10 a.m. Worship Service & Junior Church - 10:30 a.m. Meeting at the Unity Centre for the Performing Arts, 42 Depot St., Unity www.unityfcc.org	Chelsea Advent Christian Church 1158 Eastern Ave., Chelsea Pastor David N. York - 582-7919 Children's Sunday School 9 a.m. Sunday morning service, 10 a.m. Wed. eve. Promise Builders, 6 p.m.
South China Community Church Village St., South China - 445-4111 Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. southchinacommunitychurch.org	Dirigo Road Bible Church Dirigo Rd., Weeks Mills • 547-3726 Sunday Service 10 a.m. Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible / Prayer 6:30 p.m. "The church where everyone is welcome"	Spiritualism
To be included in the Hours of Worship for as little as \$5 a week, call 445-2234	East Benton Christian Church 500 East Benton Road Rev. Sheldon Keezer - 453-2052 Sunday Services 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Wed. Bible/Prayer 6 p.m.	Madison Spiritualist Camp Chapel Lakewood Village, Madison Sunday Services 11 a.m. May-Sept. Wed. & Fri. Message Circle 7 p.m. - \$10 FMI: Madisoncamp.org 582-6745
	Name of church plus five lines \$5 per week	