

OTHERS DEPARTED

Vicki McDunnah, of Jefferson, lost her father, **Floyd McDunnah**, 72, of Boothbay Harbor, on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at Maine Medical Center, in Portland.

Dana Witham, of Oakland, unexpectedly lost his daughter, **Kimberly J. Hall**, 48, of Harmony, on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, in Bangor, as a result of a motorcycle accident in Parkman. Also, Wayne Witham, of Clinton, Dwight Grand, of Winslow, Marlene Mann, of Oakland, and

Linda Libby, of Sidney, all lost their sister.

W. Francis Whitcomb, of Coopers Mills, lost his brother, **Richard J. Whitcomb**, 74, of Augusta, on Tuesday, June 15, 2010.

Julian T. Berard and wife Betty, of Winslow, and Daniel O. Berard Sr. and wife Mary, of Sidney, lost Julian and Daniel's mother, **Angeline E. Berard**, 91, of Waterville, on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home, in Waterville, following a short illness. Also, Daniel Berard, of Winslow, lost his grandmother.

Annabeth French, of South China, lost her cousin, **Patricia A. Foster**, 55, of Norway, on Thursday, June 17, 2010, at Maine Medical Center, in Portland.

David Tondreau and wife Jo Ann, of Sidney, unexpectedly lost his father, **Conrad J. Tondreau**, 79, of Augusta, on Friday, June 18, 2010, at MaineGeneral Medical Center, in Augusta.

Helene Duncan, of North Whitefield, lost her mother, **Mary Jane Morin**, 82, of Augusta, on Friday, June 18, 2010, at the Veterans Home, in Augusta, following a brief illness. Also, Michelle Shaw and husband David, of North Whitefield, lost her grandmother, and Andrew and Katie Shaw, of North Whitefield, lost their great-grandmother.

Beverly Nadeau and husband Docite, of Vassalboro, lost her brother, **Joseph G. LeClair Jr.**, 64, of Augusta, on Saturday, June 19, 2010, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Carol Brown, of Whitefield, lost her mother, **Jeanette T. Landerkin**, 84, of Manchester, on Saturday, June 19, 2010, at MaineGeneral Rehabilitation and Nursing Care at Gray Birch Drive, following a long illness.

Michael Santiago and wife Lori, of Fairfield, lost his grandmother, **Arlene M. Gray**, 89, of Starks, on Sunday, June 20, 2010, at Maplecrest Rehabilitation and Living Center, in Skowhegan, following a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Watching swallows in flight a joy

When I'm out on the lake fishing, I always see the tree swallows flying around. I always enjoy watching their flight as they circle around in groups.

Tree swallows are elegant birds with white undersides, iridescent blue-green backs, and moderately forked tails. Seen in profile, this swallow has a sharp line of demarcation



by Roland D. Hallee

monogamous, but extra-pairactivities are common. They nest in cavities - natural tree cavities, old woodpecker holes, or man-made nest boxes. Nests are located singly or in loose colonies. The male brings nesting material to the female, and she does most of the construction. The nest is a cup of grass, weeds

and other plant material, lined with feathers. The female incubates four to seven eggs for 14 to 15 days. Both parents feed the young, which leave the nest at 18 to 22 days. Parents continue to feed the young for at least three days after they leave the nest.

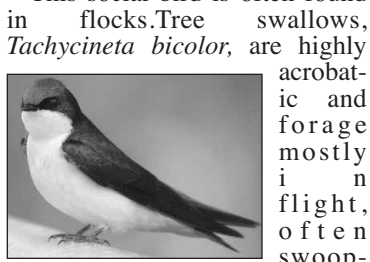
Tree swallows are migrants, but do not migrate as far as other swallow species since they are not entirely dependent on flying insect prey. They migrate in loose flocks by day and gather in large groups to roost at night. They arrive in March, quite early in the spring. Most leave by mid-August, although a few can usually be found through September.

Tree swallows winter from North Carolina, the Gulf Coast, and southern California to Cuba and the Caribbean.

Roland's trivia question of the week: What does Red Sox player Eric Patterson have in common with former Sox Edgar Renteria and Jodi Reed?

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This social bird is often found in flocks. Tree swallows, *Tachycineta bicolor*, are highly acrobatic and forage mostly in flight, often swooping



low over open water or fields, sometimes skimming food items from the water's surface.

Flying insects make up most of the tree swallow's diet, although more than any other swallow, tree swallows eat berries and other vegetative matter when insects aren't flying. This allows the tree swallow to weather cold spells better than other swallows, which in turn allows it to winter farther north.

Tree swallows are mainly

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wrong size on guns

To the editor:

I was pleased that my remarks during the Memorial Day festivities in South China were reported by The Town Line in the June 10 issue. The editing was quite good except for two things. The first was the fact that I have posted over 150 veterans in 10 years, not 15. I understand the paper noted that error in the following edition. The second item concerns the Navy Armed Guards aboard merchant vessels. The weapons they had on each ship were, one 5" gun, one 3" gun and a 20 mm gun. It was my error in mistyping the second as a 3' gun instead of 3". I should have used the word inch for clarity. For the sake of not being kidded by my Armed Guard Veteran friends, Carlton Casey and Vaughn Pierce, I'd appreciate it if this could be noted in the next edition.

Don Pauley
South China



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Descendants of Edmund Hunt to meet

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Senior Corner

New scam targets people with reverse mortgages

by Michael Branson, CEO, All Reverse Mortgage Company

Just in the last two months All Reverse Mortgage Co. has received calls from two former borrowers who had been targeted for a new scam. It seems that there is a new way to try to separate borrowers from their money and at this time we don't know if it is aimed specifically at Reverse Mortgage borrowers or all borrowers, but since the borrowers calling are all homeowners 62 and over, we know they are targeting senior borrowers for certain.

What these scammers do is get copies of the documents recorded on a borrower's former mortgage known as a "Reconveyance Deed" from the county public records which are available online. They write a letter which sounds very official and address it to a borrower from a company in the case of these two borrowers called something like "Recording Compliance Experts" or "Compliance Board" or something very similar to that.

This letter goes to borrowers and explains to them that they may not have had a Deed of Reconveyance filed and that this could cause them major problems in the future and that for a small fee of \$140 to \$175, this company will submit a request for a Deed of Reconveyance on the borrower's behalf or obtain a copy of the reconveyance that was filed for them.

In one of the instances called in , the company even put a copy of the reconveyance deed in with the letter and the borrower had already received her recorded, original document but this company sent a very urgent message to her stating that she only had 30 days to act and so she was confused and called All Reverse Mortgage Co. Lucky she did, she saved herself the \$175 they tried to get from her. She did not need any service from them, her former lender (from 2008) had already recorded her Reconveyance (she had the original recorded document).

The "Compliance Service Company" was telling her she had to act in 30 days or less and that this would be the ONLY notice she received so that they could charge her \$175 to send her a copy of the document she had already received over 2 years ago and for which she still possessed the original.

It sounds urgen. This is unreal, that there are companies out there that send letters to senior borrowers offering to perform a service which is totally unnecessary, and making it seem as though it is vitally important and time-sensitive.

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