

DAR dedicates marker at Revolutionary War patriot gravesite

by Linda Miller

On Saturday, June 26, 2010, a Daughters of the American Revolution marker was unveiled at the gravesite of Amos Adams, Sr., a Revolutionary War Patriot, at the Blackwell Cemetery on Kincaid Road in Madison. It was placed with grateful thanks for this patriot's service to country and heroic sacrifices which aided and advanced the cause of independence.

The ceremony opened with a prayer led by Barbara Carpenter, Vice President General, NSDAR asking for God's blessing on the marker placed in honor of Amos Adams, Sr. Ms. Carpenter added that "The unequalled liberties enjoyed in America today are the legacy of brave, strong patriots whose deep faith and belief in God's guidance together with the hope of living in freedom, fortified them throughout the War for Independence."

A color guard was provided by members of the Sons of the American Revolution led by Rev. W. Dalton Salisbury, Maine SAR Color Guard Commander.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Kathy

Palmer, Eunice Farnsworth-Ruth Heald Cragin Chapter Regent. Several members of the chapter were present; as were members of several other DAR chapters across the state from as far away as Portland and Machias and from the State of Maryland.

"The Star Spangled Banner" was led by vocalist Catherine Fisher, Mary Torr Chapter Regent from New Hampshire.

Lucille Greer of the Norridgewock Historical Society presented her research, "Amos Adams, Sr., His Life and Times" which included some of Lucille's wonderful down to earth humor.

State Regent, Vrege Murray said that "In remembering the past, we honor the men and women who gave their lives for the preservation of our freedoms and our future." She prayed, "Help us be worthy of our noble dead."

Ms. Murray then concluded with, "Therefore, we the members of the Maine State Organization Daughters of the American Revolution now dedicate this marker in grateful recognition of the service of Amos Adams, Sr., a Patriot of the American Revolution."

Mary Jane Hensley, the Honorary State Regent from Maryland whose inspiration and support for this marking were gratefully acknowledged by the Maine State Regent, Vrege Murray, unveiled the marker.

Flowers were placed at the grave by Crystal Kwon, Maine State President of the Children of the American Revolution.

"Faith of Our Fathers" was led by Catherine Fisher, followed by the Color Guard. "Taps" was played by Randy Salisbury, trumpeter.

At the conclusion of the grave marking ceremony, the Maine State Regent invited those in attendance to a reception at the Kennebec Valley Grange Hall on Route 148 in Madison.



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

When it has been awhile since I have sat down to write this column, it is hard to catch up on where I left off. My apologies for not having a column in last weeks paper, but because of the staff being on vacation last week, they had put together two papers before the vacation, and I didn't know that I needed to write two columns until it was too late.

When I have been walking I noticed the marks and measurements on School Street and Pleasant Street, so, wondering what that was all about, I went to the town office and talked to Selectman Elaine Aloes. She said that road commissioner, Bunny Giguere, has been talking about doing away with the sidewalks and extending the sides of the streets eight feet. The plan is to repave all the streets, Pleasant Street, Brook Street, York Street, School Street in 2012, it was last done in 2000. Manzer did the surveying for free.

On July 10, the 55th Dunphy family reunion of the descendants of Alvah and Gertrude Howard Dunphy was held at the home of Bryce and Tammy Dunphy, in North Anson. Thirty five descendants and friends attended. The oldest descendant was Gary Dunphy, of North Anson, the son of Robert and Thelma Dunphy. The youngest was Zechariah Dunphy of Embden, the son of Christopher and Gwynne Dunphy. The weather was hot and rainy but this didn't hinder the fun, and of



Linda French, director of the Solon Thrift Shop, hosted a luncheon at The Evergreens Restaurant in Solon for her volunteers at the Solon Thrift Shop on June 21. This luncheon was in appreciation and thanks for all the help and support that these volunteers provide. Front, from left to right, Gloria Young, Kim Vicneire, Shirley Graham, Glennis Rogers and Linda French. Second row, Brenday Padham, Diane Hines, Pat Blackstone, Chrystelle Mullin, Orlene Beane, Gerry Giguere, Maureen Zalla, Diane Gobin, Pam Wilder, Alma French and Gail Cates.
Photo courtesy of Marilyn Rogers

course, there was lots of good food. Bryce and Tammy have many animals and they had ordered 100 chickens to raise, and when these arrived they were all roosters! In the afternoon, the children were told that if they could catch a chicken they could take it home, I would imagine there were a lot of happy children.

In the July 1 issue of this paper I told you about the annual July breakfasts that the North Anson Congregational Church is sponsoring. Starting last Saturday, a senior citizen special price is \$5 for each breakfast on the remaining days, Saturdays July 17, 24, and 31. I went to it last Saturday, and as always, it was great!

Work is progressing on the steeple at the Congregational Church on Main Street in Solon. Enough money has been raised by members and friends of the church to do the job. It will be

wonderful to have that old bell under cover again, and a steeple reaching to the heavens once more.

The Fairfield Red Hat Society toured the South Solon Meeting House last Thursday. They had lunch at Griswolds and then were given a tour of the History House on Solon's Main Street by chairman of the Solon Historical Society, Lois Starbird. I think I can safely say that they had a good time, I know I did.

Percy is not enjoying this heat wave, but as always, he wants to share some words of wisdom with you. "To dream anything that you want to dream—that is the beauty of the human mind. To do anything you want to do—that is the strength of the human will. To trust yourself to test your limits—that is the courage to succeed." (words by Bernard Edmonds)

Egg Festival set in Pittsfield

The Central Maine Egg Festival is Tuesday - Saturday, July 20 - 24 in Pittsfield. New events will be included with the favorites, including the festival's first annual art show, sponsored by Sebasticook Valley Art Alliance, will held at Pittsfield Public Library, Tuesday, July 20 through Friday, July 23, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Tuesday, there will be an artists reception from 4 to 6 p.m.

The annual street dance is Tuesday, 7 - 10 p.m., at Pittsfield Municipal Parking Lot, with music and egg trivia.

The Central Maine Egg Festival Egglympics, a day of games for children ages three to 16, is Wednesday, July 21, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., in Hathorn Park. Watermelon eating, egg toss and rubber chicken throwing contests are just a few of the activities.

Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m., bring a chair for Concert in the Park in Hathorn Park.

The window painting contest for all ages starts at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 22. All entrants must register at the library. For more information, contact Jason Judd at 487-4453. The Pittsfield Community Theater will hold an open house and tours from 3 - 7 p.m. The Kiwanis Kiddie Parade is at 6:30 p.m., marking the start of the Kiwanis Carnival. The parade lines up on Main Street and goes into Manson Park to the Carnival grounds.

Call the Pittsfield Town Office at 487-3136 for information about baking contests on Friday. At 1 p.m., the sidewalk art contest begins, open to kindergartners through 12th graders. Registration is recommended.

On Saturday, you can have breakfast 6 - 8 a.m., in the park, visit the craft tents and then see the Famous Big Parade starting at 9:15 a.m., from Industrial Park to Manson Park. The Carnival continues at 11 a.m., along with a petting zoo, on-going live musical entertainment, bike rodeo, barbeque lunch and supper, softball game, fireman's muster, dog costume contest, and so much more. South of Santa Fe performs 6 - 9 p.m., followed by fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

For more information contact Debra Billings at 207-680-0646.

Poolers celebrate 75 years



Charles and Norma Pooler celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary at a family gathering hosted by Rance and Eleanor Pooler, at the Solon Masonic Hall on June 13. Charles and Norma were married on June 15, 1935, in Bingham, with Rev. Arthur McDougal officiating. Charles worked for State of Maine DOT for 45 years. Charles is a 65-year member of the Solon Masons and they are both 57-year members of the Bingham Grange. Over 60 family and friends attended the open house.

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