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The Town of New Portland is an equal opportunity employer and service provider.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

PHONE: 628-4441 • FAX: 628-4440

The Town Office hours are as follows:

Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett - Ext. 1

Deputy Town Manager: Kristen Mitchell - Ext. 0

Tax collecting, registrations, hunting & fishing licenses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday11am - 5pm
Thursday2pm - 7pm
1st Sat. of ea. month (except holiday weekends)..... 8am - 12pm

Town Clerk: Alicia Wills - Ext. 2

Deputy Town Clerk: Donna Stout

Vital statistics & dog licensing

Monday2pm - 5pm
Thursday4pm - 7pm

CEO: Robert Dunphy - Ext. 5

1st and 3rd Tuesday 1pm - 3pm

Assessor's Agent: Terri Lamontagne - Ext. 3

.....Appointment Only

Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin - Ext. 4

Email for Town Manager nwprtInd@tds.net

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

The March meeting was called to order with nine members present. The secretary's report was read and accepted.

Trail Master: Kendall reported the groomer has been parked for the season. The radiator has a leak and needs to be fixed. Bill added that he and Lewis had fixed a break in the track on the groomer. Dave asked about the possibility of getting some of the old telephone poles to use for bridges that are being replaced in the area. No one was sure who to contact but would see if could get the information. Kendall reminded people grants need to be done soon, so any time spent working on trails needed to be turned into him.

Social Director: It was decided to hold the annual land owners' supper May 16. Joyce will check with Judi and the town office to see if this date is good for availability. The club will be holding elections in May. We are looking for members who would be willing to start becoming more involved in the actual running of the club. If you are interested, please attend our next meetings in April and May.

New Business: Joyce read a thank you note from the People Who Care Food Cupboard thanking the club for our food donation. Kevin brought up the subject of the club leasing an additional groomer for next season. It was made a motion and seconded for him to invite Justin Jordan to the April meeting so he could answer some of the questions that were brought up. A discussion was held about how to increase club involvement. Some suggestions were to send a letter out to all of the people in New Portland who register a snowmobile, to having members go around town

Remember...

- **Selectmen's Meeting**
1st Tuesday & 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm
- **New Portland Fire Department Meeting**
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
- **NP Community Library Hours:**
Mon, Wed, Thurs4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Tuesday and Saturday morning from 10:00 am - noon (Thank you)
- **Kingfield-New Portland Transfer Station Hours:**
Wed, Sat, and Sun..... 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
- **Library Board of Trustees Meeting**
2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm
- **Planning Board Meeting**
1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm
- **New Portland Water District**
2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm
- **School Board Meeting**
1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm
- **Wire Bridge Thrift Shop** open every Saturday
new hours 10:00 am - Noon.
- **Knitwits & Happy Hookers (NPCL)**
2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00 am

New Portlander article submission deadline is April 20 by 4:00 pm.

Any articles, submissions, information for publication should be received by:

Dallas Landry • PO Box 34, North New Portland, ME 04961 • phone 628-4201 • email: bigd@tdstelme.net

If there are any questions or needs regarding the receiving of the *New Portlander*, those inquiries should be directed to the Town Manager.

and personally talk to people who register sleds, and to make it so members have membership forms and addressed-stamped envelopes so they can hand them out to people who might be interested in joining club.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. Next meeting Saturday, April 18 starting at 6:30 pm.

Enjoy what is left of the season!

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

New Portland Community Library

From the Librarian, Shelby Newell - Happy Spring! I hope that this new season is off to a great start for you. Warmer weather is surely on its way. Don't forget that every first Saturday of the month is Children's Hour at the New Portland Community Library. We start at 9:00 am and would love to have you bring in your children for some fun at the library.

We have wrapped up the work for a grant we received. We are very appreciative to all who helped with all of the projects involved from writing the grant to painting, to building, to assembling, and beyond. We are putting the finishing touches on our cozy tutoring space, so if you need a quiet study space, we've got the spot for you.

Don't forget that the library has a projector and screen available for use within the library. We recently used both for our Winter Photo Challenge show and paired with our new shades, the room made viewing the stunning photos taken by participants, absolutely fantastic! If you have a presentation or meeting that would benefit from the use of the projector and screen, contact the library and book the space for your meeting or gathering. Anyone using the library needs to sign and agree to our Building Use Policy.

Don't forget that the New Portland Community Library is part of the Maine InfoNet Download Library! All you need is a NPCL library card and a device that enables you to use ebooks. This site has many choices for people of all ages.

NPCL is also excited to announce its third annual

Poetry Contest invitation to students of Carrabec Community School and Carrabec High School, or local students of equal grade level. One poem per contestant may be hand delivered to the library or emailed to a special contest email address of newportlandcommunitylibrary@yahoo.com by 5:00 pm on April 15. That email address may also be used for questions or to request copies of the full contest rules or call Kay Michka at 628-2014. Winners will be announced several days before the April 19 Erasure Poetry Artists' Reception mentioned later in this section. There will be a \$25 First Prize and \$10 Second Prize winner in each of the high school and middle school divisions. Best of luck to all the contestants!

The New Portland Community Library is open on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:00 - 6:00 pm and Tuesday and Saturday morning from 10:00 am - noon. You can always email us with questions at [HYPERLINK "mailto:newportlandcl@gmail.com"](mailto:HYPERLINK) \n_blanknewportlandcl@gmail.com or call us at 628-6561.

Art at the Library - Supplies and instructions for making an Erasure Poem are still available in the central seating area. The maple sap is starting to flow, so let your creative energy flow. It would also be good therapy after a stressful day. Once you complete your poem, it will be added to those already on display. The show will be coming to a close at the end of April, so stop by any time to see what people have put together. You are especially invited to meet and greet at the Artists' Reception on Sunday, April 19, between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Contestants from the CCS and CHS Poetry Contest have been invited to read their works intermittently during the reception. April is National Poetry Month, so anyone who desires to share a favorite old poem or newly discovered one, is welcome to do so that evening.

We are also eager to display some of the fine quilting work that is done in this community. If you are interested in letting us display your work for one of our art shows this year, please contact the library as soon as possible by emailing the gmail address above, leaving a phone message, or talking to Shelby. We are excited to see what you have to offer for the show. All local quilters and all skill levels are invited

to submit your work for consideration.

Friends of the Library, Kay Michka and Katie Handrahan - We are full of gratitude in this newsletter. Thank you to everyone who voted at the Town Meeting to generously support supplemental library funds. The librarian, board, and volunteers work hard to provide a center for community education, growth, and enjoyment. Our available material numbers are growing, the number of items checked out is growing, and the number of patrons who utilize our services is steadily growing. We do our best to keep up with your technology needs and provide reading materials and functions you want in order to enhance your daily lives.

Thank you to Ned Emery, of Kingfield, who always graciously helps the library at tax time. He is so patient and easy to work with when it comes to our bookkeeping. Thank you to Jim Taylor, of Lexington Township, for donating your earnings for honey and maple syrup sold at the Toasty Tuesday craft sale. That was "sweet" of you! We also appreciate the funds she earned from homemade holiday card sales this past December. Thank you so much, Jean. Bouffard's Furniture and Carpet of Farmington gave us some great deals on much needed items. That helped stretch those grant dollars a lot. Thank you, Valley Gas, for quickly answering a call to check out a problem with the library's heating system and donating the testing procedure. A big THANK YOU goes to everyone who has joined the 100 Club. We still have some memberships left, so if you would like to save up - or you find yourself flush with a little extra spending money or tax return money - and you would like to join any time during the year, please do! Just ask for the information and form at the library circulation desk. The sooner you pay your \$60 and join, the sooner you will be added to the twice monthly drawings of \$30, \$20, and \$10. You could be a lucky winner over and over!

Congratulations to Jill Lattin, the lucky winner of the first 100 Club sign-up incentive drawing for a \$30 Tranten's gift certificate! Alan and Marji Ray and Family and Carrabassett Coffee won the second 100 Club sign-up incentive drawing. Congratulations to each of you for winning a \$15 Jordan Lumber

certificate!

NPCL is pleased to announce the first 2015 100 Club drawings. Congratulations to March winners: Alan and Marji Ray and family, Anonymous, Wire Bridge Photography, Taylor Lane, Kenneth Atwood, Joye Earle

Submitted: Kay Michka

MSAD 74 / RSU 74

Kindergarten Screening for Fall 2015: MSAD 74 / RSU 74 (Anson, Embden, New Portland and Solon) will be holding kindergarten screening for all pre-school children entering Kindergarten in the fall. Children must be five years of age on or before October 15, 2015.

The screening tool used will be the Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning (DIAL-IV). Testing will be administered individually by a team of teachers on a variety of tasks. The information is used only to assist us in developing the best program for your child.

Screenings for **all** district children will be held by appointment **only** on Monday, April 13 at the Carrabec Community School in North Anson.

Please call Heidi Atwood at Garret Schenck School 696-3100 for an appointment and/or any questions you may have. Screenings take approximately one hour per child.

If you know of other children ready to start school please share this information.

We are now taking applications for the Fall 2015 Head Start Pre-School Program. Please call Lee Ann Salley at 649-6570 for registration information.

Submitted: Bonnie Atwood, Secretary MSAD 74 / RSU 74

Community Churches

New Portland Community Church News April 2015: Spring is finally here and with the promise of warmer temperatures comes the promise of West New Portland Church Suppers! Please join us for the first church supper of the year on Thursday, April 17 at 5:00 pm. Price for supper is \$8 per person. And, as always, take-out is available as well as sit-down dining. Roast pork is on the menu!

Several times during this winter Sunday services have been cancelled due to weather. The church annual meeting was also cancelled due to weather. This meeting will be rescheduled for later in the year, and an announcement will be placed in the New Portlander giving that date and time.

As always, the thrift store is open for business on Saturday mornings, 10:00 am – noon, except for the fourth Saturday of the month. Time to refresh your spring wardrobe.

If you missed last month's announcement the thrift store is still looking for people who might be willing to help out with staffing at the store on Saturday mornings. If anyone can spare a few hours for the thrift store please contact Floyd Cook at 628-4327. This is a great project for high school students who need some community service or for anyone who would like to spend a few hours out in the community.

Services continue being held in the West Village Church until summer. Come meet in the West for coffee hour from 10:30 to 11:00 am. Services begin at 11:00 am. The following is a list of ministers who will be joining us in the month of April: March 29 – Rev. Tony MacNaughton; April 2 – Maundy Thursday service at 6:00 pm – New Portland – Rev. Doug Walrath; April 3 – Good Friday at 6:00 pm – slide show of Dick and Shirley Waddell's trip to Israel; April 5 – Easter Sunday – Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Voter Hill, New Portland at 11:00 am – Rev. Doug Walrath; April 12 – Rev. Stan Wheeler; April 19 – Rev. Doug Walrath [Communion]. Respectfully ...

Submitted: Nan Berry

The Western Mountains Baptist Church had a wonderful turnout for our third annual "sledding party." There were about 50 adults and children who joined us for hot dogs, hot chocolate and marshmallows cooked on an open fire. It was obvious there was a nap in store for most of the children after a fun time outside in the cold and sun. We are already looking forward to next year's event.

April 5, we will be holding our traditional Easter celebration. A sunrise service will be held outside the church at 6:30 am. We will meet at the cross. After the brief Easter message and a few songs we will go inside the church to enjoy a big breakfast cooked by the men. At 10:00 am, we will have our regular worship service. We welcome you to join us for all or just part of the morning.

During the week, we have four opportunities for ladies to get together to study the Bible. Newcomers are always welcomed. Following is the day, time and contact person information for each event:

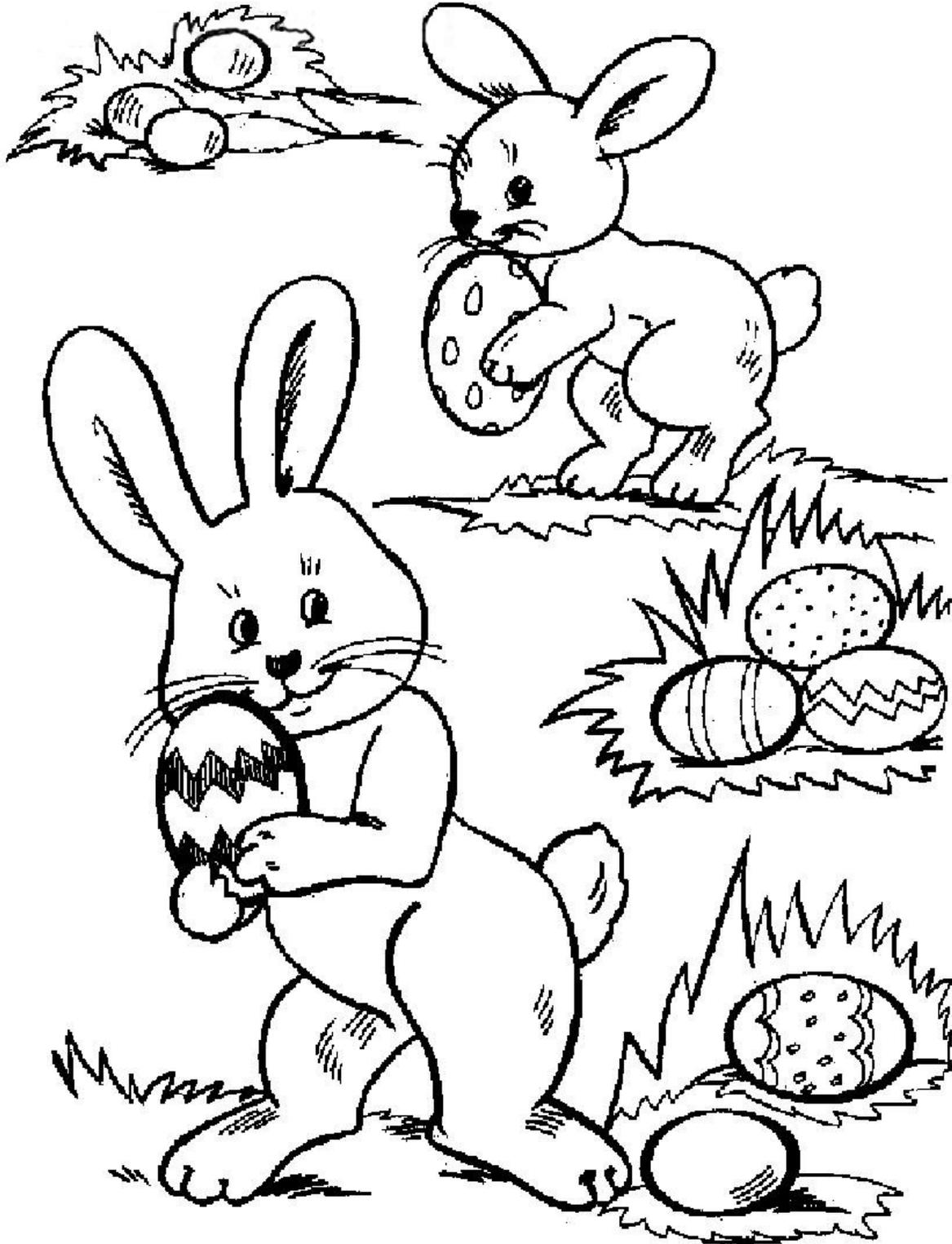
- Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am at WMBC. FMI call Betsy at 678-2328; - Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in Kingfield, FMI call Dot at 265-2408; - Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm in Kingfield, FMI call Dot at 265-2408 - Sunday mornings at 9:00 am at WMBC, FMI call Debi at 684-2050.

Our Sunday morning worship services begin at 10:00 am. For more information about Western Mountains Baptist Church and the variety of Bible studies and other opportunities to grow in your faith, please call the church at 265-2557 or email us at westernmountainbaptist@tds.net. Happy Easter!

Submitted: Crystal Fitch



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Sno-Travelers 6:30 pm			Poetry Contest Deadline at 5:00 pm NPCL	Library Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 PM		
18	17	16	15	14	13	12
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11	10	9	8	7	6	5
Town Office 8:00 am - noon Children's Story Hour 9:00 am NPCL			School Board Meeting 6:00 pm Planning board Meeting 6:30 pm			
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SATURDAY	FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY	SUNDAY



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