

## Photos discovered in old camp bunkhouse

CASCO — Camp Brunonia was once a thriving boys camp on Pleasant Lake in Casco, opening in 1928 and closing nearly 40 years later.

It was owned by Dave Mishel, one of Brown University's famous Iron Men of 1926. Shortly after he graduated, he began recruiting campers from the greater Boston area where he lived, and started them on the summer-after-summer ritual of going to camp in Maine.

When the camp closed in the late 1960s, it was sold to a man who carried on the boys' summer camp tradition with the opening of Camp Samoset. But the Mishel camping tradition didn't end there for his daughter,

Marjorie Lantos. She and former Camp Brunonians opened Lanark, a girls' camp, situated farther down the lake. And when the end came for that camp, the land was sold as housing lots.

Earlier this summer, one of the families who built a beautiful home on the Lanark site decided it was time to renovate the bunkhouses they'd never touched from the original property. As the owners walked through the bunk with builders, discussing the prospect of putting in a foundation, they discovered a cardboard box the size of a microwave hidden underneath. The box was filled with photos, all saved from Camp Brunonia many years ago, and were most likely

hidden there by Marjorie Lantos when her parents' camp had closed, and there they stayed, forgotten.

The photos are in perfect condition, ranging from the pre-WWII images through 1965. There are photos of young counselors just back from WWII, groups of boys playing baseball, eating in the mess hall, acting in shows on the stage of the rec hall. And while some have names scrawled on the back in pencil, most of the faces are yet unknown.

Amazingly, the photos were discovered just in time for a family get-together this past month, and Dave Mishel's son, David, along with his three grandsons who had all been campers at Brunonia, had the chance to see pictures long forgotten, recalling names as easily as if the camp had closed last summer.

Documenting Maine Jewry (DMJ), a statewide project with the mission of piecing together and preserv-



BACK IN 1964 at Camp Brunonia, one from a box full of photos recently found and to be scanned and placed online by Documenting Maine Jewry.

ing Maine's Jewish History, will be scanning the entire photo collection and sharing it online and with Camp

Brunonia alumni. Since 2009, Documenting Maine Jewry (DMJ) has served as a collaborative

effort to gather, curate and share the largest online repository of Maine's Jewish history.



CAMP ENTHUSIASTS Dave and Anne Mishel of Camp Brunonia.

## Lovell news

### New Suncook School

Well, the students are back at New Suncook for another year of reading, writing, and arithmetic. With student count down to only kindergarten through fourth grade in the school it's somewhat quiet. It's also a reminder that the Sunshine Backpack program is alive and active, providing meals for children over the weekend when needed. It's also a program that is looking for donations to be able to provide these meals. For more information contact Chris Gilispie at 452-2360.

The New Suncook PTA held its first meeting last Monday. This year's theme is "Building a Better World." Everyone is encouraged to join — not just parents with children in the school but maybe a retiree who would like to be part of the Lovell students' lives. Sometimes it's difficult to balance the schedule of two children in two different schools so folks with time on their hands would be a big help. Just contact the school and let them know you'd like to join.

### Lovell Rec.

Don't forget to get your flyer with the information about the Playground Fundraiser, which will run through the month of October. A ticket will be drawn each day with a winner every day. Each ticket is \$10 so join in the fun and help get the playground equipment at the athletic field for the kids. Flyers can be found in Lovell stores, the

post office, and the library.

The Rec is also holding a community yard sale on Sunday, Sept. 17, at the New Suncook from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Anyone who would like to reserve a space for \$10 can contact Meg Dyer at lovellrecdirector@gmail.com

### United Church of Christ

Yum! The harvest dinner at the United Church of Christ was great — a full house. The corned beef was cooked to perfection and the veggies were delicious. For those who don't make pies often, the dessert was perfect. Thanks to all who worked so hard for a perfect evening.

### Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library

For newcomers to town, someone suggested I might remind the ladies about Martha's knitting group on Wednesdays at the library at 1 p.m. If you are new to town you might want to stop by the library and get on their mailing list.

The writers' group starts this Thursday Sept. 14, at 12:30 p.m. Gardening Group is on Thursday, Sept. 21, at noon; Yin & Restorative Yoga on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.; Vinya Flow Yoga on Saturdays at 8 a.m.; and NA Yoga began on Saturday, Sept. 2.

Fryeburg Area Adult Education is offering a course in Basic Mandarin and Chinese Culture at the Charlotte Hobbs Library on Mondays, Sept. 18 to Oct. 30, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., no class on Oct. 9. Teacher Jenny Huang-Dale has been



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learning through traveling, studying, living, and working in Asia for 10 years. To make the class more interesting, the students will decide the direction of the classes and there will be Chinese-speaking visitors. There is a \$34 fee and a minimum of six students is required for the class to run. For more information or to enroll contact Adult Ed at 627-4291 or <http://lakeregion-fryeburg.maineadulted.org> or stop in at the library.

On Wednesday, Sept. 27, Senior Plus Aging Specialist Valerie Cole will hold a *Live Well Plan Now* workshop from 10 to 11:30 a.m. More on this event next week but put it on your calendar.

Last Sunday, to get my mind off my family that was in Florida, I decided to take a ride over to see my granddaughter Shannon and her family. I hadn't seen my 15-month-old great-granddaughter Lillianna walk yet. There she was — not only walking all over the place

but she had a little shaking of the hips swishing the skirt of her pretty dress. I kept my eyes on her as her four-year-old brother Hunter was impressing me with his letters and counting his numbers.

When I had small children I kept the kitchen gated when I was cooking, just in case. I noticed that Shannon had done the same. I also noticed the baby was deeply interested in the gate's lock. I watched as she puzzled out the way it locked. She kept working at it until, yep, that little toddler got the gate open! She entered the kitchen and went over to her mother and pulled on her shirt until her mother realized she was there. I couldn't help but laugh when I saw the expression on her mother face, one of defeat. I'm really going to enjoy watching this little girl with that impish look in her eye frustrate her mother — I know all about that!

P.S. - All my family in Florida came out fine.



## Naples

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## News from Naples

Congratulations to Jack and Polly!

Jack and Polly Glavine of Heritage Hill will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on Sept. 16, with scores of family members and many, many friends at a grand party at the Spring Meadows Country Club in Gray. The Glavines bought their house in Naples in February 1988, and arrived to make their home here the same year after Jack retired from

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Jack and Polly Glavine

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## Veterans

American Legion Post 139  
of Harrison will hold its

4th Annual  
**Veteran Appreciation and  
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5 p.m., Monday, September 18  
at the Olde Mill Tavern in Harrison

Speaker: Major General John Libby

All are welcome.

Veterans and one guest — Free  
Auxiliary members and one guest — Free  
Nonveterans \$25

Banquet includes one adult beverage,  
meal, tax and gratuity.

Social Hour 5 p.m. — Banquet 6 p.m.