

2010 Bethel News Index

May 11

Tom and Marcey to North Carolina for meeting with Franklin Graham
Gould Academy – new Laptop program for all students and teachers – Macbook
Bethel Inn news – 15 groups hosted in April
Faye Taylor Art show – at Moses Mason House on subject of skiing
Volunteering at a Columbia park – Jeff and Patti Parsons and Jim and Henrietta List
BIG Adventure Center – a tour of the laser tag arena
River View Resort has trimmed brush behind building for better view of field and river

May 18

Mt. Abram Ski slopes awarded \$80,000 grant for low energy snow making towers
Mahosuc Realty and Bethel Realty (Savage) merged their realty businesses
Bethel Hostel managers – Dave and Deb Doyle are new managers at the West Bethel, Bethel Hostel
Physically Active Communities – Barbara Russell and Maura Rodway represented Bethel at Auburn conference
Mahosuc Community Band – concert at Congo Church – favorite When the Saints Go Marching In
Cross Excavation sold – Douglas Jones, Inc is new owner of the company but Cross Excavation still runs by Cross
Selectman's meeting – advertise for Wind Power committee members, Davis Park parking plan and grant for installing energy reducing equipment at waster water plant
ProAves in Columbia – bird protection – Parsons and List's trip
Riverside Cemetery Assoc meeting – remove trees, remove stumps and repair fence
Bethel's "Burma Bridge" – Bethel Outdoor Adventure plans bridge to island from campground
Is anyone interested in Sunday River history?
Gem Dig at Bethel Outdoor Adventure – Brian Head to run operation this summer
Department of Global Warming: For those who are interested, here is temperature data for the last few years. For the period of November 1 to May 1: 2009-2010, average daily mean temperature was **33.99**; compared to: 2008 – 2009, 28.21; 2007 – 2008, 28.54; 2006 – 2007, 31.24.

May 25

Who Needs Broadway – Telstar's "Guys and Dolls" show a knockout hit – Victoria Forkus and Nic Kingsbury
Goat Island – Dean Richmond son Bryce and Jeff Parsons canoe goats to Hastings Island; Richmonds own Birchmont Farm in West Bethel



New Book on Bean Descendants – Frank Gibson’s sister, Robert Gibson Pevear at Historical Society book signing
Bethel Masonic Lodge to celebrate 150th anniversary on June 10th

Bethel Walking Paths – Mahoosuc Land Trust trails committee – path from Davis Park to and along Gateway property
Western Maine Water Service, LLC, has opened an office in the Mayville Junction building
Gould Academy Equestrian team put on an end of the year show for the public on the Gould athletic field

June 1

At Mayville Junction - Choice Funding had merged with Envoy Mortgage
Western Maine Water Service - Dave Bartlett from the Bear River side of Newry is the new owner
Mason Street Sidewalk Cometh Thursday men and machines from Pratt and Sons of Minot began grading
Bethel Riverside Cemetery: Spend to improve cemetery appearance and finish survey by October 1st
Faye Taylor Art Show – first place winners: Max Kruse, Beth Gibson and Mathew Paul Chiasson
Gould Academy concert - standing ovation was an unbelievably superb piano performance by Annabelle Hicks, a
graduating senior, playing a Mendelssohn fugue
Gould Commencement - This year’s valedictorian was a young man from Kabul, Afghanistan, Sikandar Ahmadi.
Sunday River 1873 news – surprise visit by hot air balloonist

June 8

Around town – Ross Timberlake and Lynn Arizzi filming for play, granite curbing of Mason Street sidewalk, nothing
happening at Gehring house, finishing up at Connors’ house
Bethel Early Learning Center - Jefrae Alford opened her center May 10 in Casablanca building
Bethel Inn news – Bethel Rotary golf meet and groups from Mass., and Rhode Island booked
Family fishing day at Angevine Park – over 90 attended
At Gilead’s new bridge - decking laid, approaches banked and covered with rock

June 15

Sunday River Sun Valley Sports – Lisa Frieda-drift boat fly fishing down the Androscoggin River

We Party Supplies – Suzy Harrington’s business at the former Roberts Poultry Farm

Library Fund Raising – Lucia Schwartz and Caroline Gould – Saturdays – quilt raffle

Masons celebrate 150th – John Trinward, Charlie Heino, Harry Kuzyk, Robert Keniston, Avery Angevine – Sally Smith made the cake

Momentum Theater on the Common - their “theatre truck”, performance of Shakespeare’s Tempest



Bethel’s 2010 Town Meeting: 58 voters met for 51 minutes A number of appropriation articles were reduced due to the vote on disbanding the town police department.

June 22

Bethel Town Report – report by Town Manager and Airport committee – improvements over previous reports

Trek Across Maine – reporting and photos from Jan Stowell – a record 2,300 riders signed up for the 26th trek

Part Two – We Party - history of the farm from Eames, Philbrooks and Roberts

The 2010 Library Quilt – Cross Country Quilters, Mabel Kennett director – Mrs. Kennett passed away November 25.

Bethel Police coverage - June 15 Oxford County Commissioners voted Yes on sheriff coverage of Bethel

Bethel Selectmen’s meeting – sheriff transition going smoothly, former Ranger station is new sheriff station, approve use of fire station for non-profit Bingo on Mollyockett day

June 29

Maine Mineral, Gem museum in Bethel – news from Augusta symposium that Stifler, McFadden and Mann to establish museum in Bethel village

Oil to Wood Pellets - his 2009 wood pellet installation works fine but with business down and oil down it would be tough to invest in new furnace

Bailey’s Outdoor Power – Shawn Bennett, Laurence Bailey’s grandson now operates business, helped by his brother Thaddeus. Mr. Bailey passed away July 2009.

Blakes given surprise 60th anniversary party at Littlefield's Beaches – Phyllis and Sonny Blake camp there every summer
One-der- Works - Keith and Marilyn Hamel have opened a roadside outlet - Adirondack chairs started by Al Sumner
Rotary Auction – Dave Murphy - initial tally showed a gross of just over \$7,000 better than last year's \$6,100
Book Award - Arla Patch of Bryant Pond has been awarded a Gold Medal book "Finding Ground: Girls and Women in Recovery"

Bethel Inn – Golf Week for Juniors - Twenty two young golfing aspirants attended. Mark Mallory/Travis Brooks pros
Mason Street sidewalk finished

July 6

Maine Mineral and Gem Museum – the Stiflers and Jim Mann hope to have new museum open in 2012 with the present Kennett building on Main Street

Bruce Manzer paving plant in Douglass Gravel Pit - "control tower" which is equipped with brand new computer systems
- components were moved from a location in the south

Bethel Art Fair - a photograph by a young man from Auburn – Chris Bilodeau.

Bethel Porch Plays – 2010 - Even our editor, Mike Daniels was in one of the acts, photo shooting



Tree removal at Riverside Cemetery – Rice Tree Service

Bethel Airport has new sign

4th of July swimming – Artist Bridge, Letter S and Frenchman's Hole

July 13

Oxford County Mineral and Gem Show at Telstar – Hugh Chapman chairman – panning for gold setup at entrance

Tom White's Studio - a display of used body parts – life sized plus statue of Clarence Sasser – Medal of Honor soldier

New porch added to the Bonnema's house on Main Street

Obit for Stanley the Turkey – his wreckage was found in our field

The Fishing Trip – I rode a drift boat cruise from Gilead to West Bethel – Bethel Outdoor Adventure

Maine Mineralogy Group - group from the Fernwood Cove Summer Camp for Girls in Harrison

Selectmen's meeting – Stan Howe and Lawrence Engdahl on Wind Power Committee, Mill Hill Inn Sept 9th

July 19

Mollyockett Day at 50 – gone is the annual chain saw contest

Mayville business – Artistic Endeavors and new items at Gourmet in a Pinch

NTL – 39 staff and participants at Bethel Inn Conference Center – Christine Greenleaf Bethel NTL anchor office in Bethel Inn

Great Jazz on the Common Molly Ockett Day

Mason Street Parking – traffic is two-way and no parking from 7AM to 5 PM by Moses Mason House

Moxie the Maine State Drink

July 26

The Bethel Laundromat – a needful thing – Michael Bean and son Kevin – keeping machines up to date – refinishing outside of building

Mt Zircon Water – Rumford's enterprise died in 1993

Rentals – more rental agencies and property maintenance businesses

BitterSweet magazine, Al Barth and the big Dig - article by Sally Clay in 1978 about "nine intrepid diggers and their leader"

August 3

World Guy—Walking for Diabetes Awareness

Bethel Ambulance Service—Completed 36 years of service on July 1st – Cheryl Bennett, Director, David Pratt, Para Medic



Big Auction at Clantons - Gaidis Auction Company of Bryant Pond

Bethel Bicycle Hybrid Bike - a mixture of old and new styles – easy riding

Lincoln Street shopping – vendors Ed Bennett and Nancy Thew from Upton – and a curb side hot dog stand from Andover

Additions to Sunday River History - 84 page manuscript from researcher Howard Kaepplein which include many details about Benjamin Barker's arrival in Sudbury-Canada thence to that unnamed river in 1780.

August 9

Selectmen's meeting – Gabe Perkins appointed to Planning Board vacancy – traffic plan during Rt 2 bridge repairs in 2011

Planning Board – BOA bridge, David North Otter Brook, Farwell Mt Estates, trail permit for Davis Park to Middle Interval Road

Roadside Snapshots – Wilderness House sign gone; Liam's sign gone – new business coming

Middle Interval House slate of new year's officers proposed – meeting on August 15th

45th Anniversary of - August 1965 Bethel School Committee dissolved

Newry honors Steve Wight's 30 years of Service at North Peak restaurant

Name from history – Fritz Tyler – father of Tyler Street and other enterprises

August 16

Peyton Place – speaker at historical society – Ardis Cameron

Historical Society – Summer Heritage Festival, 1st Annual

Middle Interval House annual meeting – plaque unveiled – building added to National Register of Historic Places in Maine

Farwell Mountain Estates sightseeing tour

Second house moved from Schiavi Homes park in Mayville – house went to Sunday River near the Daye's place

New Yorker Magazine – the game player article, Maine author Nicholson Baker

ZIP line ride opened at Sunday River Resort

Riverside Farm photos requested by Culinary Institute of America

Charles Hastings – a most distinguished son of Bethel, division chief of card division at Library of Congress

August 23

School News from Superintendent David Murphy - Kindergarten bus safety and continued implementation of laptops in elementary school

Outward Bound - Caroline Blair-Smith is the Maine Programs Director, office at the LL Bean building. Expect 220

Readers Write – from Dave "Fuzzy" Thurston brought up Rowland Evans, Jr., his connection – Richardson Lakes

Farm Stand Roundup – Capen Hill Farm, Swain Farm and Carter's also and survey of the Farmers Market, Maine Lobster Boys

Old House-New House – Allen and Mame Connors house at end of Broad Street

August 31

School Transportation Management – a Ron Deegan of their new program to help parents
Riverbank work at Sunday River – near the old Reynolds place – Jay Milot of Caribou Springs, LLC, Timber Crib erosion control method
Gould Academy reception for new staff and faculty – Bethel deputy sheriffs attended
Trappers Weekend at Neil Olson’s – largest crowd ever reported – demonstrations and vendor setups – perfect weather

September 7

The War Canoe – Sonny Hastings and the trip his canoe made to Songo Pond – an Old Town canoe
(This was a one subject news week with lots of photos and two parts to story – getting canoe from the Hastings canoe loft and the next day of canoeing at Songo)

September 14

Locke Summit work in progress – Estates has been dropped from the name for promotion purposes – broader appeal
Rail Feasibility Study – at Bethel Inn – Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments project – Portland-Auburn-Montreal
Mill Hill Inn opens - open house was crammed with guests and well wishers – everything looked A plus



SAD 44 bus drivers – continuous training program
Canoe Mania – cleaned up Androscoggin draws many canoeists
Selectmen’s meeting – Sheriff reported on first 75 days – AOK. Jarrod Crockett fill vacancy on Conservation Commission
– paving for 2011 goes to Manzer Co – town managers contract extended to 2014

September 21

Bethel Inn news – 100 guests in three golf groups, weddings and 26th Jeep Jamboree
Barn Tour – Jim Swan hosted his barn, the former Locke Mountain House barn, as part of the fall barn tour arranged by

the Bethel Historical Society

Bennetts' Lumbering – the TimberPro - Mike Bennett and crew clearing and logging at Gloria Wilson's wood lot

The Wooden Pipe – excavating sewer connections at the Bethel Laundromat exposed an old wooden pipe

Harvestfest on the Common – good weather filled the Common with people – Kathy bought a cape

Mahoosuc Guide Service – the Allagash Trip – Polly Mahoney escorts a group from Orono up the Allagash and return

Bethel in Downeast Magazine – the wild west of Maine

Golf Course Café at the Bethel Inn – Monica Ludden

Gould Alumni weekend -

Bethel Inn Pro-Am Tournament – Jerry DePhilippo set new course record of 64

The Whites are in Arizona

October 5

White Maples at the corn field – Carters have plenty to clean up due to fallen trees in corn field

Summit Financial Solutions – Peter Phelps – office at Dream Realty

Sunday River Artisans – also at Dream Realty

Artist Bridge – crowd of sightseers and shutterbugs



1944 – Year of mill fires and Thurston barn destroyed – Thurston Dowel mill former Bethel Chair Factory lost

October 12

Cross Excavation has opened firewood business, supply and splitting at Mayville Junction

Selectmen's meeting – discuss sewer extension to Bethel Outdoor Adventure - Davis Parking plan – banking business to go to Northeast Bank – Cole Block roof leaks

Project American Run – Mike Ehredt passes our house on way to Rockland – honor troops in Iraq and Afghanistan

At Sunday River – October Fest and craft fair – Outdoor Center to offer cross country skiing and snowshoeing – also

sales and display for Maine Made Furniture
Gateway trail from Davis Park to Middle Interval Road has started

October 19

New House sightseeing – Merrill Hill development
Outdoor Center at Sunday River – Resort has leased former Sunday River Inn – plan to operate dog sled rides
Charley Heino talk and reunion at historical society



Riverside Cemetery – survey results and cemetery cleanup

October 26

How others see us – Yankee Magazine and foliage season sightseeing – culture and shopping
Outward Bound news – Civic Leadership
Explorers and Huskies – Commander MacMillan – Western Mountains Senior College
Our Mt Will View trip – David North developer
Sunday River opens for skiing
Twin Bridges repairs – trucks and equipment and material had arrived
Community Day at Bethel Airport – power parachutes

The Moose's Tale – about Hays

November 2

How Others see us – part two – culture

Hands on news – paving the Davis Park to Middle Interval Road trail

Schiavi Homes has moved its last model house from its lot in Mayville

Senior Players schedule for weekend of theater

Envoy Mortgage-Choice Funding have moved office to Scarborough

Explorers in Bethel Part II –about Mary Cowan – WMSC and Robert Peary – and the Peary – Wiley connection in Bethel

Timber Creek Subdivision off the Osgood Road – Savage Development – weekend tour report



Bethel Outing Club equipment sale at Crescent Park School

November 9

Political Choices – Liberal or Conservative

Maine Farm Bureau annual meeting at Summit Hotel

Selectmen's meeting – main topic was Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, inspections and certification

A Brief History of Lots – from 1980 and progress in subdivision applications

Dog Sledding – Steve Crone and sledding at Telemark Inn

Isaacsons speakers at WMSC event –

Global Warming report - From May 1 to October 31, 2010 the average daily mean temperature was 62.6 degrees. This compares to 59.3 in 2009; 60.5 in 2008 and 62.0 in 2007. But – back in 2003 the average mean was 63.0

November 16

Support the District Exchange – turkeys, money, paper supplies and personal hygiene supplies

Explorations in Art – Arla Patch at Summit Hotel

Rotary News – Michele Perejda and Erin Murphy

South Bethel school – photos of classes – students wanted

Bethel Masonic lodges news and annual election of officers

Armistice Day and commitment

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