

OBITUARIES



DENNIS M. TEWHEY

GLENBURN - Dennis M. Tewhey, 62, passed away unexpectedly May 6, 2016. Dennis will be greatly missed by his wife of 31 years Patti (Parady) Tewhey; his two beautiful daughters, Jill Trudel and Megan Tewhey and Fiancé Nathan Pete; grandchildren, Peyton Trudel, Kayleigh Trudel, and Jaden Pete; siblings James Tewhey and wife Mary, Ronald Tewhey and wife Tammy, Everett Tewhey, Denise Foltz and husband Doug; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents George and Irene Tewhey.

One of his earlier accomplishments was starting his own business as owner/operator of Pine Tree Optical in Old Town. He would always say "this is an old art that machines have replaced." He loved talking with his customers and the people who would stop by to say hi.

Dennis and his family were part of the UMaine Witter Farm co-op. The students and many special friends helped teach Dennis and his family about animals; eventually leading Dennis' family establishing Rockin Horse Farm. The farm meant much to him becoming his full time job and dream come true. He loved all aspects caring for the animals and his family of friends at the farm. He also made many friends throughout the farming community through shows, and other events. These activities were very important to both Dennis and his family.

Over the years Dennis never really wanted to leave the farm. He said it held all he wanted for his life - his forever dream did come true with his family and friends. He loved to have lots of activity going on. He would be very happy to have people who knew him and his family to enjoy the place he loved so much.

We are honoring Dennis with a celebration of his life here at Rockin Horse Farm and our home 1pm Saturday, May 14, 2016, at Rockin Horse Farm 2800 Ohio St. Glenburn, ME. Everyone is welcome.



RITA FRANCES LINSCHOTT

TRENTON - Rita Frances Linscott, 81, died May 8, 2016 in Ellsworth. She was born in Lamoine, January 6, 1935 the daughter of Merle F. and Josephine A. (Luchini) Linscott.

Rita graduated from Ellsworth High School class of 1953. The following year she married Sidney Linscott. She was an excellent cook and homemaker. After raising her children, she went to work at the Ellsworth Hospital, working in the maternity ward. She also worked at Willey's for fourteen years and enjoyed selling clothes and meeting people. She and Sidney wintered in Florida in later years and when they got bored they worked at the Greyhound Race Track. Their happy times were going out to eat, the more the merrier.

Rita was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Ellsworth and a long time member of the Kebo Golf Club playing if the Women's Twilight League on Wednesday's nights.

She is survived by her husband Sidney; daughters, Susan M. Wilson and husband Lawrence of Ellsworth, Mary Ellen Cummings and husband Gerald of Rapid City, SD; son, James Linscott of Hancock; 5 grandchildren, Benjamin M. Wilson, Christopher M. Wilson, Jeremy J. Linscott, Gerald Cummings III, and Courtney Cummings; 6 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Christine Linscott; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; brother, Joseph A. Linscott; sister, Teresa L. Sargent; granddaughter, Jamie Lea Linscott.

A memorial service will be held 10:00 am, Saturday, May 14, 2016 at Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin Street, Ellsworth with Pastor Bob Maddocks officiating. A reception will follow the service at the funeral home.

Contributions in Rita's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Maine Chapter, 383 US Route 1, Suite 2C, Scarborough 04074.

Condolences may be expressed at www.jordanfernald.com

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NTI to donate to Camp Sunshine

Effective April 15 and continuing through the year, Northeast Technical Institute, a career school with campuses in Scarborough, Bangor and Lewiston, will contribute half of all application fees to Camp Sunshine.

This contribution follows a recent contribution to Trinity Jubilee Center in Lewiston. Each year, Trinity helps thousands of hungry people by providing hot meals and healthy groceries, also assisting clients in addressing the reasons they are hungry and helping people find jobs, housing and more.

NTI also sponsored and donated to the WCYY Mark-A-Thon to benefit the Center for Grieving Children Telethon. NTI has participated in the Mark-A-Thon since 2012 in support of the Center for Grieving Children and this year NTI donated \$1,000.00. The center, based in Portland, serves more than 4,000 grieving children, teens, families and young adults annually through peer support, outreach and education.

WordCamp Maine gets another sponsor

PORTLAND — Hall Internet Marketing has signed on as a sponsor for WordCamp Maine, taking place May 13-14 at the Maine College of Art, 522 Congress St.

In addition to Hall's sponsorship, two members of the development staff, Gary Thayer and RC Lations,

have donated their time to help organize the event, now in its third year.

WordCamp Maine is a community-organized gathering of Web developers, designers and business owners interested in learning and sharing knowledge about WordPress. For information about WordCamp Maine, visit 2016.maine.wordcamp.org.

Google to aid Caribou businesses

CARIBOU — The city of Caribou has partnered with Google on a project called "Let's Put Caribou On The Map," which focuses on getting local business information online and on the map.

"Small businesses are the backbone of Caribou," said City Manager Austin Bless in a news release. To help businesses get more exposure, Caribou will host an interactive workshop to help businesses manage their information as it appears across Google search and maps.

A free workshop open to all Caribou businesses will be held at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, at Caribou Public Library, 30 High St., and is expected to last about an hour and a half. Preregistration is requested but not required.

There will be computers available for business owners to update their business information on Google. Wifi also will be available for those preferring to use their own devices.

For questions or to preregister, call City Hall at 493-3324, ext. 7, or email citymanager@cariboumaine.org.



JAMIE WALTER

John Christie, who played an important role in the growth of the Maine ski industry, died in Camden on May 7.

Maine ski legend John Christie dies

BY JOHN HOLYOKE
BDN STAFF

CAMDEN — The Maine ski community lost one of its giants on May 7, as John Christie, former owner of Saddleback Mountain and former general manager of Sugarloaf, died at the age 79.

He passed away while working his summer job tending the gate at Camden Hills State Park, according to his son, Josh Christie.

"He had gone into work at 6 a.m. and talked to my mother on the phone around 8:30 [a.m.], and seemed fine," Josh Christie said. "It appears that he had a heart attack sometime before 10:30 [a.m.], which is when someone came down to the booth."

John Christie, who lived in the town of Washington, was a legend in Maine ski circles, and he was a 2006 inductee into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame. According to the hall's website, Christie took over as Sugarloaf's general manager in 1965. During his three-year stint in that role, he oversaw the installation of Sugarloaf's gondola.

"He poured the concrete," Josh Christie said. "He was the first general manager after Amos Winter, who founded the place."

John Christie also worked as vice president and general manager of Mount Snow Development Corporation in Vermont, and he served in a number of roles with the Maine Ski Council, the Sugarloaf Ski Club and the Maine Ski Hall of Fame. He owned Saddleback in Rangeley from 1972 until 1976.

Friend Peter Roy remembers Christie's hard-charging nature.

"In a word, [John] was irreplaceable," Roy said in a recent email. "For John, waking up and taking the first breath of the day was a joy."

And Roy said Christie was always eager to find an audience willing to listen to his stories.

"There was never a better after dinner (or for that matter, before or during dinner) speaker," Roy said. "He would hold forth on an expansive array of subjects and more often than not the audience would never know whether the subject of his dissertation was something intimately familiar to him, or whether he was making it up on the fly, but in either event, listening to him was an unmitigated entertaining experience."

Josh Christie said that he and his twin brother, Jason, were born in 1985. Their mother, Margaret (Whipple) Christie, was John Christie's second wife, and the age of their dad — then 48 — made their family a bit different from many others.

"Most of our friends in school had fathers that were 20 years younger, but they couldn't keep up with our dad," Josh Christie said. "Neither could we."

When the twins were old enough to ski, John Christie resumed downhill activities after what had become an extended hiatus. It wasn't long before the family was back at Sugarloaf on a regular basis.

"We biked and hiked with him during the summer and then skied with him during the winter," Josh Christie said.

He agreed with Roy's assessment of John Christie's public speaking ability.

"Nobody better," Josh Christie said. "He was that quintessential Maine storyteller, the same DNA as guys like John McDonald and Tim Sample. He could just spin a yarn and whether it was true or not, make it sound true. Whether he'd heard it from someone else or it had actually happened, he made it sound like it was about him."

Only rarely did that gift of gab let him down.

"He was a charismatic guy and could just command a room," Josh Christie said. "With the possible exception of the day that I got married, I never saw him speechless. He always had something to say. And never any notes, either."

His ability to entertain landed him on TV during the 1960s, as a regular guest and resident ski expert on former Bangor Daily News executive sports editor Bud Leavitt's popular weekly TV show.

"[Leavitt said], 'What if we bulldozed a pile of snow behind the studio? Could you do a ski instruction segment?'" John Christie recalled in a 1995 BDN story about Leavitt.

The 20-foot "mountain" was built, and John Christie's segments were a hit.

"I did a lot of really basic stuff, but I remember skiing over and cutting off my microphone cord during a segment on [a turning technique]," he said at the time. "And I remember doing a whole segment of snowplow turns with my fly open."

Although he spent time living in Vermont, John Christie's roots were in Maine, Josh Christie said. John Christie was born in Presque Isle, and many of their family

vacations involved camping in Maine.

His love for the state never died.

Last fall, Down East Books published the first of two books written by John and Josh Christie. The duo appeared on WCSH's "207" show to promote "The Maine Outdoor Adventure Guide," and host Rob Caldwell asked John Christie if he'd take \$1 million if the only stipulation was that he'd have to leave Maine and never return.

"My dad said, 'No. Not a chance,'" Josh Christie said.

Their second book, "Skiing Maine," is scheduled to be released in September.

John Christie also wrote "The Story of Sugarloaf," which was published in 2007. Josh and John Christie teamed up to write outdoor columns for the Portland Press Herald for about six years until John Christie's death. Those columns served as fodder for their two books together.

Although he hadn't been sure he wanted to embark on the writing project with his dad, Josh Christie, who also is the author of three other books, said that his dad convinced him that it was a good idea, and in the end, he'd loved the process that led to "The Maine Outdoor Adventure Guide."

"I was very excited that I would be able to do a book tour with him [this year], which obviously now is not going to happen," Josh Christie said.

But Josh is a Christie, and he learned from a motivated, high-energy man.

"I'll be going in his honor, of course," Josh Christie said.

On the Job

Staff Sgt. Christopher Martin has been assigned to the U.S. Air Force recruiting office at 930 Stillwater Ave. in Bangor. Martin's area of responsibility stretches from Bangor to Fort Kent. Air Force recruits receive career training while in service in one of about 140 careers. Before being assigned to Bangor and northern Maine, Martin was a munitions system craftsman assigned to Shaw Air Force Base, just west of Sumter, South Carolina.

Jenny Rottmann has joined the Genesis Community Loan Fund in Brunswick as director of finance and administration, bringing more than a decade of experience in nonprofit management and community-based work. Rottmann, of Portland, will manage internal financial and operational systems for the Genesis Fund, a community development financial institution serving the state of Maine. Previously, she worked as

managing director at the Environmental Health Strategy Center, as organizing director at Maine People's Alliance, and as a staff person at the Center for Community Change. She also has served as treasurer or finance committee member on several nonprofit boards. Rottmann holds a Bachelor of Arts from Dartmouth College and a master's degree in public policy and management from the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine. She is also a graduate of the Lift360 (formerly Institute for Civic Leadership) Leadership Intensive.



Rottmann

S.W. Collins Co. in Caribou announced recently that **Gaye Richards** has earned certification as an associate kitchen and bath designer from the National Kitchen and Bath Association.

Richards has six years of experience with S.W. Collins and 30 years of construction, design and teaching experience. A Northern Maine Community College graduate and drafting instructor for her alma mater, Richards also earned a bachelor's degree in vocational education at the University of Southern Maine.

Kaitlynn McGuire recently joined Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association in Unity as its database manager. A native of Skowhegan and a resi-

dent of Belfast, McGuire attended College of the Atlantic, has a vocational degree in digital visual arts, and has managed an organic farm.

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Richards

tion. Certification is based on written examinations and industry experience. Certified designers also must meet mandatory continuing education requirements annually. The certification recognizes achievement in the competencies necessary for both kitchen and bathroom design.

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the summer as demand increases due to vacation travel.

"In 2015 we saw the national average peak in June and the year before it peaked

in April, so while the current plateau may seem encouraging for motorists, we still expect rising consumer demand to elevate gasoline prices as we approach the beginning of the summer driving season," Laskoski said.

Across the East Coast, the U.S. Energy Information Administration projects that the

summer price will average \$1.98, compared with \$2.53 last year. For the year, the agency's projections put the annual average around \$1.91.

GasBuddy reported the average prices last week in Vermont and New Hampshire were slightly lower than in Maine, at \$2.28 and \$2.18, respectively.