

# THE MIDDLE GROUND

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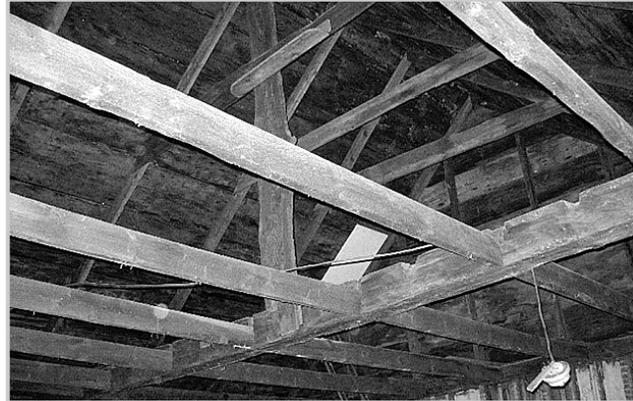
## Littlefield School Restoration – Progress Reports

After a long and complicated process of developing specs, public bid and review of contractors that fit the criteria for our federal grant, a New Hampshire company, Englewood Construction, was chosen. They in turn used several local contractors for various parts of the project.

In the last issue of *Middle Ground*, we reported on the beginning of the restoration in November. Following are excerpts, along with pictures, from the regular site reports filed after that by Frank Roberts, Architect and our lead person on this project. The WBHS Board and the building committee have come to call him “Sir Frank” in recognition of his efforts (a job worthy of knighthood) during this difficult and time-consuming restoration.

By March, the work was completed – a little behind schedule because of the wicked weather encountered in parts of December, Jan, and Feb. Surprise! A few tasks, such as final cement slab installation, were still to be finished at press time.

(For a look at the complete picture file of the restoration process, go to the web and check out [picasa.com](http://picasa.com). In the top box type in “Littlefield school-house restoration” and press “search.”) ▲



**Interior ceiling structure**

“None of us is happy with the possibility that the flooring might be damaged during removal, storage and re-installation. There may be a way to do the lifting and repair of the floor structure

**November 25** – “The roof framing is in better condition than most of us had anticipated. Two large 8" x 8" beams run east-west: one through the center of the main room and the other close to the north wall of the classroom. Ceiling joists frame into these two major girders. They seem sound.”

without taking up the floor [which indeed happened!...]”

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**Floor framing of northeast corner – amazingly good condition**



**Dec. 3 – The building is raised**

## SAVE THE DATE! June 11 Annual Mtg.

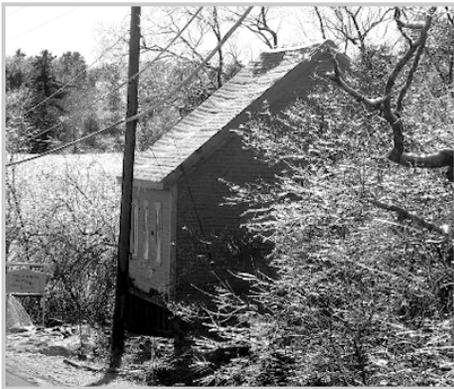
It's time for the West Bath Historical Society's annual meeting and potluck suppa', Thursday, June 11. It will be held starting at 6 pm at the Old West Bath Meeting House on Berry's Mill Road. This year's event promises to be the best ever. Architect Frank Roberts, who directed the restoration of our Littlefield School (which happened during the coldest days of winter!) will give a candid

talk on the project, complete with day-to-day pictures of “the old gal's” progress.

While we encourage attendance by WBHS members, our meeting is free and open to everyone. Bring your friends, and a dish of food to share. For coordination of supper donations, please call our refreshment chair, Joan Drake, at 443-2117. For more information, call Avery at 443-4449. ▲

## Littlefield School Restoration

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**Dec. 12** – The day after an ice storm halted the work! Note sag in roof.



Wayne Doyle's truck; we may not need the "Falling Down" sign much longer!

**Jan. 6, 2009 – 3:30 PM, Temp. 30 deg. F – Work in Progress:**

Waterproofing being sprayed onto concrete foundation. The waterproofing membrane has been sprayed onto the concrete wall over a primer ...

George has contacted the structural engineer, regarding the proper installation of the hemlock floor joists that will assure us that we will achieve 100 lbs/SF as specified. ... The solution allows the existing floor joists to remain and be assisted by the new 2"x 12"s. This allows some joists to be installed before the building is lowered onto the new foundation, thus saving time."



**Dec. 18** – Roof trusses continue to be installed



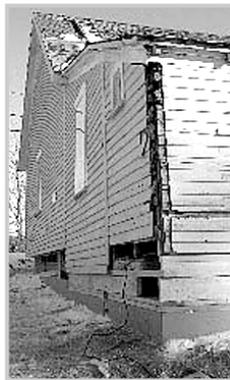
**Dec. 31** – The building stands with its new foundation (poured by Wayne Doyle), protected and ready for the New Year



**Jan. 8** – JR Hill on site to begin backfilling.



**Jan. 12** – Sills being shored; building lowered onto new foundation today.



**Jan. 12** – Northside (under old privies) being repaired after building is on foundation.

**Feb. 5** – "Present: George Pollinger, foreman; 1 workman; mason; 2 men from J.R. Hill. 10:45 AM Temp. 12

degrees. **Work in Progress:** Granite blocks being dry-set onto concrete shelf. Some rough grading is being done as they go, but the ground is obviously frozen and will have to be fixed when the ground thaws.

J.R. Hill is helping the mason with the work using his machine to set the blocks. The schedule is to dry-set blocks today and tomorrow; then build a tent at the base

of the building which will contain enough heat from heaters in the crawl space to be able to grout the blocks into place ... ( Some difficulty is being experienced because the blocks were not marked as per specs to make sure they are placed back in their same locations.)"

**Feb. 13** – "Present: Pollinger; 1 workman; roofers. ... The ice & water barrier has been installed over the entire roof and the wood shingles are being installed. The weather has been rainy one day and cold two of the days making the roof work unpleasant at best ..."



**Feb. 17** – Roofing installed on east side – slow going because ... it's cold!



**Feb. 17 – Last of clapboards being installed.**

[All restoration photos by Frank Roberts, Architect.]



**Feb. 19 – Blueboard hung; ready for plaster [note propane heaters: very necessary!]**

**Feb. 17 –** “Jamie Hill noted that he is willing to do the final grading, including topsoil, when the weather improves. The ground is frozen now and cannot be worked.”



**Feb. 25 –** “A snow-storm occurred over the weekend which left much of our area without power for 3 to 4 days, (Sun. 22nd to Tue 24th). ... Due to the storm and subsequent power outage, I gave Engelwood Construction an extension of time until Friday, February 27th to complete their work. ... The West Bath town offices were closed.

“Blueboard and the plaster coat have been installed per specs. We

**Feb. 23 – Lots of snow – no power in West Bath.**



**Mar. 24 – Finished grading; west side of building.**

have been asked to keep the room above freezing to allow the plaster to cure properly. The stove and blackboards have been returned to the site and installed. (The stove cannot be installed completely due

to parts which were missing when the stove was removed from the premises.)”

**March 24 –** “The final grading is being done as well as the utility trench for electricity...” ▲

## **PUNCH LIST – Littlefield School**

**O**ur \$100K federal grant (plus WBHS’s required commitment of partial match) covered basic restoration of our historic schoolhouse – shoring up and repairing the original foundation, fixing and adding new structural support and roof. But many basic “cosmetic” restoration details were NOT covered. Following are the key tasks – what contractors call a “punch list” – still to be done

before the schoolhouse is finished and ready for public access!

- Exterior & Interior painting.
- Finish proper stairs.
- Landscaping.
- Roadside sign.
- Outside & inside lighting.
- Finishing inside wood floors and wainscoting.
- Install compost toilet & clean original shanties.
- Repair & final installation of old woodstove.
- Also, we need a committee of educators and local docents to

develop a long-range plan for public uses of the school, from historic displays – both static and audio/visual/computer generated – to Senior College classes, to school children visits, classroom simulations, and any other uses to be determined.

***Please note: We are hoping for lots of community involvement and volunteer help – as well as donations of materials from local businesses – to get all this done. The sooner the better!***

## CHRISTMAS SERVICE HELD AT OLD WEST BATH MEETING HOUSE

Once again, for the 9th year, the West Bath Historical Society hosted an old-fashioned Christmas candlelight celebration at the Old West Bath Meeting House. On Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7 pm, more than 70 people, young and old, gathered at the festively decorated historic church to sing carols, listen to the choir, led by Steve Masters, and to celebrate the season. The Reverend Mark Wilson conducted the ecumenical service, which was open to all.

Scriptures were read by community members Tim Buckley, Susan Levey, Janet Chapin, Courtney Estabrook and Ernie Stallworth, and the historic pump organ was played by Lucy Ingraham. Board member Joan Drake organized refreshments and decorations, while her husband, Jim, as fire master, stoked the stove from early



**Christmas Service organist Lucy Ingraham.** Kerry Nelson photo.

morning 'til evening to warm the Meeting House.

Following the service, everyone gathered in the vestibule, and even spilled out the front doors, to enjoy the complementary home-baked cookies and hot mulled cider. (For once, we weren't having a serious snowstorm, though we had just recovered from a five-day power-outage!) The evening's offering, as usual, was shared with a local community service non-profit: this year, the Bath Food Bank. ▲

## NEWS FROM WEST BATH SCHOOL

Spring School Calendar

**May 18** ... 5th grade travels to the Museum of Science

**May 27** ... 3rd grade outing to Hamilton Sanctuary, Foster's Point Road

**June 8 at 6:30 pm** ... WBS Music Concert Grades K-6.

*This concert will feature all the wonderful West Bath students, as well as our band and chorus groups.*

**June 12 at noon** ... WBS PTO Cookout & Plant sale.

*Please note: the PTO is looking for small containers of divided perennials and garden yard sale items for this event. All donations will be scheduled for drop off the week before the sale. Any small plastic pots for planting would be*

## CHANNEL BUOYS

### BIRTHS



**Blake Riley Lagueux**, born Dec. 9, 2008 to David Lagueux & Linzi Jane Fitzgerald, Bath. Grandparents include **Kevin Fitzgerald**, West Bath.

**Gavin Shawn Leroy Merry**, born Dec. 24 to **Malibu Anthony & Shawn Merry** of West Bath. His grandparents include **Methyl Merry**, West Bath.

**Noah Adin Ballou**, born Dec. 25 to Jacob & Kathryn Gayton Ballou, Durham. Grandparents include **Dale & Mike Green**, West Bath.

**Brody Adam Whorff**, born Dec. 26 to **Cassandra Ann Samson &**

**Jeremie Robert Whorff** of West Bath. Grandparents include **Bill & Sue Whorff**, West Bath.

**Kennedy Marie Reno**, born Dec. 27 to **Jennifer (Forbes) & Thomas Reno** of West Bath.

**Cannon Wibur Morse**, born Jan. 24, 2009 to Eric & Erika Flanders Morse, Durham. Grandparents include **Edward & Joyce Morse**, West Bath.

**Ella Claire Lemont**, born Jan. 27 to Jason & Jamie Mayo Lemont, Topsham. Grandparents include **Frances & James Lemont III**, West Bath.

**Alan James Mitchell**, born Feb. 20 to Alan Mitchell & Bethany Withers, Bath. Grandparents include **Jack Withers**, West Bath.

**Casey B. Elizabeth Wallace**, born Feb. 26 to Kevin Wallace & Koree

Kovach, Bath. Grandparents include **Debbie & Blaine Wallace**, West Bath.

**Syerra Alexis Kwasniak**, born March 17 to **April Joy (Pierce) & Christopher Kwasniak** of West Bath.

**Paul Emanuel Lambert, Jr.**, born March 31 to Paul Lambert & Colleen Duffy, Harpswell. Grandparents include **Julie & Wayne Hamilton**, West Bath.

## WEST BATH STUDENT NOTES

**Joshua Inda** was named to Central Maine Community College Dean's List with honors for the fall '08 semester.

**Hugh B. Goodfellow** (high honors) & **Stephen B. Lamont** (honors) made Dean's List at New England School of Communications for the fall semester. ▲

much appreciated as well. Clean out your garage and drop off containers before June 7 at the school entrance. Thanks!

**June 19**, 2 pm ... West Bath School Talent Show.

Attention parents: We are looking for talent! That means any students in grades 2-6 who sing, dance, play

an instrument, or have some other talent, we want you! The time and dates for talent show practice will be announced by the school, so start planning now.

**June 20**, 6 pm ... PTO Meeting/Election of new officers.

Note: all positions are up for election. Current officers are

Melissa Belanger, President; Debra Bruce, Vice President; Fran Lemont, Treasurer; Donna Leclerc, Secretary.

**June 23** ... Last Day of School: Half Day!

– Lisa Donovan,  
School Secretary



## COOK'S KORNER

It's spring and time to think about one of nature's best tonics: rhubarb. Rhubarb loves cool places like Siberia, Alaska and even Maine! To winter-weary gardeners, rhubarb is especially appreciated because it's one of the first edibles to appear in the garden.

After a long cold winter, many people are low on vitamin C. Today, when food is quickly transported around the globe, this may not sound important. But, in the old days, winter often meant months without fresh fruit and little sunlight – perfect conditions for developing scurvy. Rhubarb is thus like a super-food – supplying the body's need for vitamin C and some calcium, while it is high in fiber, which helps rid an often-sluggish body of winter's ills.

We usually think of rhubarb as a fruit. But guess what? Botanically speaking, it is actually a vegetable because it has no seeds, and is a member of the buckwheat family.

Fruit or veggie be damned. The main point is that it is easy, versatile and tasty, although one drawback is that it's so tart, most recipes call for a lots of sugar or honey. As with other "fruits," 1/2 cup cooked rhubarb is considered a serving. A serving without sugar is only 10 calories, but with sugar, is over 100. By combining the stalks with sweet fruits, like strawberries, the sugar content can be lowered

quite a bit.

Here are two family recipes to liven up your kitchen. The first is from the late Emily McMann, a West Bath native whose cookbook, *From Emily's Kitchen*, is a local favorite; the second, from WBHS board member, Cindy Fahay.

### **Emily's Rhubarb/Strawberry Delight (a bit rich!)**

#### **Crust:**

- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup butter or margarine
- 3 eggs
- 3 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking power

#### **Filling:**

- 3 cups washed & chopped rhubarb
- 3 3-oz. packages strawberry gelatin

#### **Topping:**

- 3/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1-1/4 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar

Cream brown sugar and butter. Add eggs. Beat well. Stir in flour and baking power. Blend well. Press into a greased 13 X 9" glass pan.



**Emily McMann.**

Photo courtesy of the family.

Scatter rhubarb over crust evenly, and then sprinkle with gelatin. Make topping by combing ingredients and blending well with finger tips. Sprinkle over rhubarb and bake 40 minutes, 350 degrees, until golden brown. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream.

### **Cindy's Rhubarb Honey Crumble**

2-1/2 lbs rhubarb (about 10 cups.) cut in 1-1/2" slices & put into a 13 x 9" baking dish.

Stir 1 tsp. lime zest into 1-1/3 cups honey; pour evenly over rhubarb.

Combine 2/3 cup sugar, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1 cup flour and cut in 6 Tbsp. butter. Sprinkle mixture on rhubarb. Bake at 425 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve with ice cream or a dollop of vanilla or plain yogurt with a bit of lime zest stirred in. ▲

# CROSSING THE BAR



**James W. Rugar**, 74, of Lisbon, died Dec 29. Among his survivors is his daughter, **Dianna Moore** of West Bath.

**Minnie V. Wass**, 83, formerly of New Meadows Road, died Jan 2 at Mercy Hospital in Portland. Born and educated in Harrington, she married **Oliver Wass** in 1946. In the early 50s, they moved to West Bath. She was employed at J.J. Newbury's in Bath for many years; then as a cook at Longley's Restaurant in Bath, New Meadow's Restaurant in West Bath, The Holiday Inn in Brunswick and HillHouse Assisted Living in Bath, retiring in 1997. She was predeceased by her husband in 1977. Survivors include two daughters, one sister, and four grandchildren.

**Edgar L. McNelly**, 64, of Bath, died Jan 8. Survivors include his brothers, **Everett McNelly** and **Dale McNelly**, of West Bath.

**Florence M. Alexander**, 80, of Cundy's Harbor, died Jan 9. Survivors include her son, **John Alexander** and his wife **Darlene**, of West Bath.

**Arlene B. York**, 85, of Bath, died Jan 11 at HillHouse Assisted Living with family and friends by her side. She and her family summered for many years at Sabino in West Bath. Among her survivors: her daughter, **Marjorie** and her husband, **James Robinson**, of Bath & West Bath.

**Richard D. McRae**, 80, of Bath, died Jan 15. Survivors include his daughter, **Joyce** and her husband, **David Hennessey**, of West Bath.

**Ivis A. Love**, 77, of Bowdoinham, died Jan 15. Survivors include her son **Roger A. Love**, of West Bath.

**Louise P. Coulombe**, 75, of State Road, died Jan 25 at her home. She was born in Damariscotta in 1933, the daughter of Leroy & Agnes (Jones) Genthner, Sr. and attended Damariscotta schools. In 1951 she

moved to Bath. In 1992, she married **J. George Coulombe** and they resided in West Bath. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters; three half sisters and three half brothers; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

**Ruth B. Tobias**, 70, of Ocean Springs, Miss, died Feb 1. Survivors include her son, **Ronald Nygaard** and his wife **Traci**, of West Bath.

**Correne E. McCobb**, 88, of Woolwich, died Feb 7 at Winship Green Nursing Center. She was born in West Bath in 1920, the daughter of **Fred S.** and **Harriet Doucette Brawn**. She attended local schools and graduated from Morse High in 1938. In her early years, she stayed home raising her family and later went to work as a bookkeeper for Gray's Country Store in Dresden, and then for BIW, retiring in the early '70s. She then worked for Bert's Oil Service. After her second retirement, she moved to Florida for 15 years. She was known for her braided and hooked rugs, as well as knitting. She was a member of the Dresden Order of Eastern Star and Bath Senior Citizens. Survivors include her granddaughter, **Robin White** of West Bath.

**Barbara J. Alexander Page**, 70, of West Bath and formerly of Topsham, died peacefully on Feb 7 at the home she shared with her daughter. She was born in Lewiston in 1938, the daughter of Archibald and Margaret (Carr) Ayer. She attended Lisbon High School and then went on to marry and raise children. Many years later she began a career caring for the elderly at the Bath Nursing Home. She then advanced to administrative duties at Falmouth by the Sea, and was, at the time of her death, office manager at Dionne Commons. Survivors include her daughter, **Carol J. Alexander**, of West Bath.

**Conchita B. Alley**, 62, of Bath, died Feb 21. Survivors include her husband and her sister-in-law, **Cathy** and her husband, **Rick Hart**, of West Bath.

**Gerald "Old Goat" G. Miller**, 75 of Wiscasset, died Feb. 22. Among his many survivors is a son, **Mitchell D. Miller** and his wife, **Donna**, of West Bath.

**Janet E. Babine**, 86, of Pine Point in Scarborough and formerly of Berry's Mill Road, died Feb 26. She was born in Blue Hill in 1922, a daughter of Lawrence Grindle & Elizabeth (Harrick) Warren. She was raised in Bath, graduated from Morse, and married Lawrence "Bud" Babine in 1946. For many years she worked at the old Button Factory on School Street in Bath, now home to Halcyon Yarns. Since 2004, she was cared for by her grandson, Shawn, of Scarborough and his wife, Terry. She was predeceased by her husband of nearly 63 years; two granddaughters; a sister, and a grandson. Survivors include her grandson, **Lawrence Babine**, of West Bath.

**Faith Eleanor (Densmore) Sherwood**, 97, of Bath, died Feb 16 after a short illness. While Faith was not technically a West Bath resident, she was well known in the community as a teacher at the Littlefield School (see *Middle Ground*, Summer 2008). Although she taught at our historic one room schoolhouse for only one year (teaching all eight grades at once!), she was remembered fondly by many. She went on to teach for more than thirty years in Bath. She was a member of the Days Ferry Congregational Church in Woolwich; a member of the Cosmopolitan Club of Bath for over 50 years and a member of the Bath Garden Club. She was also an active member of the Bath Senior Center and especially enjoyed playing bocce with her buddies at the Center, still playing at 96! She was predeceased by her husband Richard, two sisters and a brother. She is survived by her son Richard

and his wife Emily, of Peaks Island; by a grandson and two great-grandsons.

**Charles D. Morse**, 66, died Feb 28. Among his survivors are his sister, **Rosalie** and her husband, **Perri Malcolm**, of West Bath.

**Dorothy M. Seekins**, of Bath, died Feb 25. She enjoyed her home and family, especially their summers at Birch Point. Among her survivors are her son, **Ralph Seekins**, his wife **Tammy**, and grandchildren **Cody & Kaylee**, of West Bath.

**Gregory D. Sanford**, 52, of West Bath, died March 11 after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Bath, the oldest of six children, he was the son of **Norman Sanford** of West Bath and Beverly A. (Knight) Ouellette of Brunswick. He graduated in '75 from Morse, where he was an avid football player. He worked at BIW for 31 years and was also a member of the Maine National Guard for 20 years. In addition to his father and mother, and his wife **Heidi**, he is survived by three sons; a granddaughter; several brothers and sisters; and his uncle, **Donald Sanford**, of West Bath.

**Marc M. Gosselin Sr.**, 54, of Milford, Conn., died March 23. He is the son of **Muriel Plouffe Gosselin** of West Bath and the late **Maurice Gosselin**. Among his many other survivors is his sister, **Elaine Secskas** of West Bath.

**Eva D. Lord**, 90, of Bath, died March 28. A summer resident at Sabino for many years, she was a member of the Sabino Improvement Association. Survivors include her husband of 68 years, **Daniel L. Lord, Jr.**, of Bath.

**Helen Rose**, 91, of Foster's Point Road, died April 15 at Winship Green Nursing Center in Bath. She was born in Rockland in 1917, a daughter of Alfred and Annie (Milne) Condon, Sr. She graduated from Rockland High and was a member of the school's 1935 state championship basketball team. In 1940, she married **Stanley "Bub" B. Rose**. She was employed at the

## Emily Marie McMann, 90

Emily died February 23 peacefully at her home in Bath. She was born in West Bath in 1918, the daughter of **Joseph W. & Emma (Sheldon) Larrabee**.

She was well-known in the Bath area for her skills as a caterer, cookbook author and for her TV cooking shows. Prior to her culinary career, she and her husband, **Edward (Red) McMann**, owned an insurance agency. After selling their family business, Emily cooked at Bowdoin College for 13 years. Although she and her husband raised five daughters, she also "mothered" many Bowdoin students who continued to be part of her family.

She also worked summers at the Island Home Club on Malden Island and was a member of the Five Islands Yacht Club; in fact, the Junior Championship sailing race at their annual regatta is named for her.

Many local groups were beneficiaries of her delicious recipes, from the Bath Area Senior Citizens and the Cosmopolitan Club, to the Bath Heritage Days Chicken Barbeques, the Hyde School and countless private parties. Emily and her friend, Ethel MacNeil, catered the Bath Sunrise Rotary Club's weekly breakfasts for years. Upon

Bowdoin and Brunswick drive-in movie theaters and was known for sewing all the costumes for students at the Fay Pye School of Dance for many years. She was a life member of the West Bath Grange. She was predeceased by her husband in 1994. Among her survivors are two daughters, and her son, **Frank L. Rose**, of West Bath.

**Edwin R. Munsey**, 90, of Phippsburg, died March 30. Survivors include his daughter **Laurel "Lollie" Reno** and her husband **John**, of West Bath.

**Florence B. Seaman**, 90, of State Road, West Bath, died April 23 at Winship Green, surrounded by her



**Emily McMann**

retirement, a scholarship was established in their names at Morse High School for prospective

culinary/home economics majors.

She was very civic minded, and through the years was active in many church, political and community clubs. At the time of her death, she was still active in the Phippsburg Congregational Church, Bath Area Senior Citizens, The Rebekahs, the Cosmopolitan Club, and could boast of her 75 year membership in the West Bath Grange.

She was predeceased by her husband; a brother, Walter Larrabee, and a sister, Anstress Swain. She is survived by all her daughters: Barbara Carlisle of Topsham; **Jacqueline Sylvester** of West Bath; Jean Markwood and her husband John, of Winchester, VA; Marie Peaslee and her husband, Paul, of Topsham, and Paula Adam of Bath.

She also dearly loved all of her 10 grandchildren and her 16 great-grandchildren, with number 17 due in May. She is also survived by a beloved sister-in-law, Margaret Larrabee, and many nieces and nephews. ▲

family. She was born in Boston in 1918, a daughter of Elmer & Barbara Smith Judkins. In 1937, she married Harry Berry and they made their home in Wiscasset. He died in 1983. Three years later, she married **James Seaman** and for the past 8 years, they have lived in West Bath. She was a hard worker, doing whatever it took to help put food on the table during tough times. She held many jobs including a waitress at the Ledges and Dodge Inn restaurants, and a nurse's aide at Bath Memorial Hospital. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter and three sons, 18 grandchildren and numerous great and great-great-grandchildren. ▲

# TOWN CRIER



## Spring & Summer Calendar:

**Wednesday, May 20th:** Public Informational Session. Town Meeting Articles will be presented at this public meeting. Those include the Small Wind Energy Conversion Systems Ordinance; proposed municipal budget; Marine Resource ordinance revisions and other items. The public is invited to participate in this informal and informative session! Location: West Bath Fire Hall at 6:30 pm.

**Tuesday, June 9th:** Municipal Election with RSU#1 Budget vote. Location: West Bath Fire Hall - 9am to 8pm.

**Wednesday, June 10th:** Town Meeting (continues on June 11th if necessary). Location: West Bath Elementary School - 6:00 pm to adjournment.

**Reminders:** Have you registered your boats, ATVs and trailers? Need a new fishing license or recreational shellfish license? Have you renewed your mooring permits? Here's to a great and safe recreational season!

**Please Note:** The lien process for Unpaid Taxes from 2008 will begin in June.

**Meeting Notifications** - Residents who would like an e-mail notification of any Town or Committee work session or other public meeting may submit their email address to [townclerk@westbath.org](mailto:townclerk@westbath.org), or call us at 443-4342.

See you at Town Meeting!  
- Rob Morris, Town Clerk

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The 'old gal' is back on her pins:  
righted, structurally sound and ready  
for final paint job! Seen here from  
the South (front) side.