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Heavy rain sparks road troubles for Phillips

By David Hart
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PHILLIPS — Rain, rain and more rain over the past month. A general discouragement for some, but in the case of an early heavy rain-storm last Saturday morning, the rain had damaging affect on the Town of Phillips' infrastructure.

According to Phillips Fire Chief James Gould, nearly an inch an hour was received over a three to four hour period in Phillips. As

a result, responders were called out about 1:30 a.m. to assist in dealing with major damage to roadways.

Franklin County was hit hard with rain, but based on initial reports of damage to Wheeler Hill, Tory Hill Road and Route 142; it's believed that Phillips was the hardest hit.

Based on an already full water basin, storm run-off created heavy and fast moving streams

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June rain doubles average

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NORTH FRANKLIN COUNTY — National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration cooperative observer Dennis Pike of Farmington says it's a good thing that we're not in the month of January. Nearing 10 inches of rain in the month of June would mean

that that we'd be looking at over 100 inches of snow based on a 10:1 ratio.

"So far I've logged 9.49 inches for the month of June with a day-and-a-half to go," Pike said on Monday.

Last year we also had a wet June with 9.36

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Sections of Wheeler Hill Road are almost completely washed out from the heavier than usual rains of late. The Phillips road crew will be challenged over the next few weeks to repair them. (David Hart photo)



Emma Nile (right) and Nancy McHugh, from the Stratton Eustis Lion's Club, hold the Lions' Leo Banner in Saturday's annual Family Fun Days parade with the club receiving an Honorable Mention Award. (Laura Dunham photo)

The Wild Wild West comes to Stratton

By Laura Dunham
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STRATTON — Hundreds lined the streets of Stratton Village on Saturday for the annual Family Fun Days parade sponsored by the Flagstaff Area Business Association.

According to parade chairman Melody Chase, there were 40 entries in the Wild Wild West theme parade. The parade that made its way down the Main Street was led by Franklin County High Sheriff Dennis Pike followed by the Grand Marshall Joe "Cappy" Perry of Stratton, the author of the new western novel, "The Western Saga Search." Perry was driven in the parade by Jim Boyle who owns a limo service in Stratton.

Judges' Choice for the Best Float with the Best Representation of the Theme went to the members of the Summer Recreation Program. The Best ATV entry went to Bill Kiley. The Best Float went to the members of the Girl Scout Troop and the Best Fire Truck went to the Eu-

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Sally Swallow (left in red) sings the Star Spangled Banner as the Casco Bay Concert Band prepares to play at the Seventh Annual Kingfield POPS. (Heidi Murphy photo)

7th Annual Kingfield POPS

WW II canon punctuates concert

By Laura Dunham
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KINGFIELD — Eyes were scanning the sky Saturday morning as some 40 artists and artisans raised their tents along Depot Street Saturday getting ready to show off their artistic talents.

Among the artists were Pat Pray of Lexington with her handcrafted stain glass, Unique Fabric Landscapes by Cindy David of Strong, Distinctive Metal Accessories by AK Designs of Strong, Reverse Painting on Glass (life captured in a window) by Heidi Wilde of Livermore Falls, Ridge House Designs by Sally Iverson of Eustis, Jewelry by Ami Huff of Wilton and Boka Bags made by Bobbie and Kathy of Farmington.

Throughout the day music was provided by such local artists as Joshua Stewart and Heidi Baker of Kingfield and

Lianna Wales of New Portland.

In the morning, for the first time in years the 10K road race was held again in Kingfield with 28 participating. Donna Rowe of Memphis, Tenn. had told her sister Lorna Nichols, Executive Director of the Kingfield POPS, that if she would convince the board to include a foot race this year, she would come. So thanks to Lorna and Donna, twin sisters, the race, that was run for many years by Chip Carey, was reborn and proved to be successful.

Nichols said that the warm sunny day (after what seems like weeks of dreary weather) brought more people out this year for the POPS Concert.

"Our big calling card this year was the first-time appearance of the Casco Bay Concert Band with over 80 musi-

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