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SANFORD



Hall of Honor

Sanford High School Athletics celebrated the launch of its Hall of Honor on Nov. 30 with a ceremony at the Sanford Performing Arts Center (SPAC), honoring nine distinguished individuals for their exceptional athletic achievements and contributions to the community. This event marks the beginning of a new tradition that Athletic Director Zach Lemelin hopes will become a cherished annual celebration for Sanford Athletic supporters for years to come. The first inductees into the Sanford Athletic Hall of Honor are, from left, Paul Belanger, Michael Caramihalis, Kevin Bougie, Jennifer Roberts Zarkoskie, Tony Matoin, Roland Cote and Nicholas Scaccia. PHOTO BY ZACH LEMELIN

LIMINGTON

Local weaver's work on display at library

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

For the month of January, Librarian and local weaver Sybil Shiland will present examples of her craft in the display case at the Davis Memorial Library in Limington.

Shiland started weaving in the 70s, after visiting the Martha Hall shop in Yarmouth at the Yarmouth Clam Festival. She bought a loom and began to take classes. But like a lot of us, she got busy with work, kids, etc. Then she moved to Cornish. Her weaving was set to the side for a while.

Shiland has always done Fiber Arts, and has sheep. She has done spinning, knitting and weaving. Nowadays, she uses yarn from her sheep, but doesn't spin it herself. She sends it out to be processed. She has taken weaving classes in a lot of places, including Harrisville, New Hampshire, where the Harrisville Loom was invented. These days, Shiland spends about



Sybil Shiland's work is featured this month at the Davis Memorial Library. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

15 hours a week weaving, depending on the weather (no power necessary!) She has 6 looms herself, of different sizes; 4 floor looms, and even a tabletop loom (Shiland may be bringing the tabletop loom

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YCSO to launch Citizen Police Academy

'Recruits' to get first-hand look at patrol, corrections, K9 utilization – and a ride-along

You've watched television cop shows like 'Blue Bloods' or the reality shows like 'Cops' and wondered "is this what being a law enforcement officer is really like?"

Now, you have a chance to find out, as York County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) partners with Massabesic Adult and Community Education to host its first ever a Citizen's Police Academy next month.

Perhaps you're a citizen who has questions about crime scene processing, how investigations build, use of force, or wants to know what jail is truly like.

Maybe you're considering making law enforcement a career, but want to get a better idea of the various options available within the sheriff's office.

"We want to demystify the work of the sheriff's office from rural patrol, to serving civil summons, court security to corrections work," said York County Sheriff William L. King. "People who take this course will have a chance to view first-hand how the sheriff's office is run. Importantly, the participants will appreciate how we depend upon engaged community members to be our "eyes and ears" in the communities we serve."

King also pointed out that the sheriff's office, which includes the second largest jail in the state, is the largest cost driver of the county budget. "This citizens academy will provide you, the York County taxpayer, with an opportunity

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YCSO Deputy Matthew Cummer, the School Resource Officer at Massabesic High School in RSU 57 and a patrol deputy, is among those instructing at the York County Sheriff's Office Citizens Police Academy, which will launch in February. Residents will learn about everything from crime scene processing to community policing, jail operations (including a tour) and take part in a ride-along with a deputy. To apply contact: mtcummer@yorkcountymaine.gov. Applications are due Feb. 7.

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Dr. Malcolm Hunter

YORK COUNTY AUDUBON PRESENTS:

“Old Forests: Jewels in the crown of the Maine landscape?”

with Dr. Malcolm Hunter

The Maine landscape remains widely covered by forests but our current forests are very young compared to the pre-European landscape, when large, old trees were dominant. These old forests may be treasure troves of hidden biodiversity. Why this matters and what we should do about it will be discussed by Malcolm Hunter, Professor Emeritus of Wildlife Ecology from the University of Maine.

Dr. Hunter’s research experience covers a variety of ecosystems and organisms – birds, amphibians, mammals, reptiles, insects, vascular plants, rivers, lakes, wetlands, grasslands, and more – but his major focus is on forest ecosystems and the maintenance of their biological diversity. He is a member of a team that has studied one forest and the evolving interactions among its vascular plants, amphibians, birds, and small mammals through nearly 40 years. Dr. Hunter’s interests are geographically broad; he has worked in 30 countries on every

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Need a good laugh?

Karen Morgan, a celebrated comedian known for her engaging and relatable humor, will take the stage at Sanford Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25.

A licensed attorney in Maine and Georgia, Karen blends her professional insight with comedic talent. Living in Cumberland, Maine, she humorously reflects on her life: “Being a mom is like being a lawyer who also runs a daycare, but with less evidence and more laundry!” Her unique perspective combines sharp wit with local charm, making her performances both entertaining and resonant.

The Maine native has captivated audiences with her latest CD, “Mean Candy,” featured on Sirius XM Radio. Karen Morgan has made notable appearances on Dry Bar Comedy and TV ads for Wal-Mart and Zyrtec, and her comedy has garnered rave reviews from

top venues across the country. She has received accolades for her clean, family-friendly comedy and has been praised by venues like the Ronald McDonald House and Symphony Hall for her engaging presence. With a career marked by sold-out shows and enthusiastic reviews, Karen Morgan’s comedy is a must-see experience.

Tickets are \$25-\$35, with discounts for seniors, students, military veterans and season subscribers. Visit <https://sanfordpac.org> call the box office at 206-1126, or visit in person Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon.

On Sunday, Feb. 2, Global Music Awards winner Jeeyoon Kim, celebrated for her innovative approach to classical piano, will bring her latest project to the SPAC stage at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$24-\$35 and available online at <https://sanfordpac.org>.

continent except Antarctica. As a researcher and advisor, he interacts with a broad spectrum of organizations such as the Society for Conservation Biology, The Nature Conservancy, and the U.S. Forest Service. This year, he received the Honorary Membership Award from The Society of American

Foresters, an award that “recognizes individuals whose contributions to forestry are viewed as outstanding by their peers.”

This program will be presented only via Zoom. To view it, you’ll need to register in advance. To do so, visit www.yorkcountyaudubon.org. We hope you can join us!

Community CALENDAR

Email non-profit event listings to: news@waterbororeporter.com

COMING EVENTS

PUBLIC TURKEY DINNER the St. Thomas Council Knights of Columbus will serve a turkey dinner with all the fixings on Saturday, Jan. 18 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the St. Thomas School cafeteria on 69 North Avenue in Sanford. Cost is \$15 each or \$10 for children under 12. FMI contact Ray at 651-6636 or rascmw@gmail.com.

BUY NOTHING NEW 2025 CHALLENGE Support Group, Wednesday, Jan. 22, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Hollis Center Library, Hollis. Learn to save money, become more creative, and less frazzled! Call 929-6817 for more information.

DELICIOUS HADDOCK SUPPER BUFFET Saturday, Jan. 25 at 5 p.m. at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family. We will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating.

INDOOR BOOK SALE The Waterboro Public Library is having a Book & Sale on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Most books are fill a bag for \$10 (bring your bags) and all other items priced as marked. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Waterboro Public Library and support ongoing library activities. If you would like to volunteer call 247-3363 or email librarian@waterborolibrary.org.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION Sunday, Jan. 19, 4-6 p.m. The band, Higher Ground, presents the music of Stevie Wonder, MLK readings by Kennebunk High School students, at First Parish UU Church, 114 Main St. Kennebunk, donation: Adults: \$25, Children

and teens: \$10, use this link for tickets: uukennebunk.org/mlk25 Some tickets might be available at the door: 985-3700.

ONGOING EVENTS

ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL every Wednesday night at the Line School in Limerick from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Questions? contact Dan McAllister at 247-8857.

NEWFIELD MUSIC JAMBOREE Town Hall, So. Effingham Road, 1st Saturday of the month Nov-April. Winter hours are 1 to 3:30 p.m. Free, open to public. FMI call 468-1491.

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR FOR OLDER ADULTS with Massabesic Adult and Community Education. Every third Tuesday of the month, 1 to 2 p.m. at Massabesic Lions Club, 813 Main Street, Waterboro.

CRIBBAGE CLUB Wednesdays, from 6-7:30pm at the Lyman Community Library. All ages, all skill levels. FMI: 207-499-7114.

The Acton-Shapleigh Lion’s Club **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Saturday of every month. \$7 includes pancakes (plain or blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausages, toast, orange juice, beans, and coffee, tea, and milk. The breakfast will be served from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road.

WATERBORO COMMUNITY PANTRY 26 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro. Open the first Tuesday of month from 4 to 7 p.m. all other Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Donations can be dropped Saturdays 2 to 4 p.m. or put non perishable in drop box on the porch. FMI 247-7789.

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POLICE ACADEMY

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to actually see where your hard-earned tax dollars are going," the sheriff said.

The YCSO Citizen's Police Academy consists of two hour sessions each Tuesday and Thursday for four weeks, starting Feb. 25, plus 8 hours of required ride-along time with a deputy. Applications are due Feb. 7. Applicants must be 18 years old, live in York County, have no prior felony arrests, agree to a background check, and get their application in by the due date. To apply, folks should contact Deputy Matthew Cummer at: mtcummer@yorkcountymaine.gov. The class is free, but there is a \$25 fee for supplies. Those successfully completing the course will graduate March 21 at the York County Sheriff's Office annual awards ceremony.

King had been thinking about instituting a citizens academy for some time. And as it turns out, so have others who work for him, including Cummer, who will spearhead the program. "His enthusiasm is evident, and I am certain he will run a great academy," said King.

The four week course includes police patrol operations and tactics, communications, first aid (Narcan and CPR), fingerprinting and crime scene processing, political implications, community policing, constitutional law and use of force, K9 utilization and special response team operations, jail operations including a tour, investigations and the history and structure of the sheriff's office – plus the ride along.

"It will specifically show how rural patrols work," said Cummer, as well as showing how the jail operates, along with other aspects of the sheriff's office, like rural patrol. For the most part, the York County Sheriff's Office patrol area is in the rural reaches of the county. When back-up is needed, it can be just a few or several miles away, unlike in a more urban area, where back-up is likely a few minutes away.

Cummer started his law enforcement career in corrections at York County Jail fresh out of high school and after four years moved on to police work in Maine and New Hampshire before joining the sheriff's office patrol division 14 months ago. Now 30, he is the

School Resource Officer at Massabesic High School in RSU 57, and also works rural patrol. He clearly loves his job and said he is looking forward to being among several officers and administration teaching classes at the citizen academy – Cummer will instruct the community policing component.

King will be teaching one of the topics regarding the history of the sheriff's office but will "jump in" whenever an instructor is needed.

He is looking forward to the classes. "Meeting with community members is an honor," King said.

"I think this is a great opportunity for the public to get a better understanding on what goes on inside a jail and what the process looks like for individuals," said York County Jail Administrator Lori Marks, who will teach the jail operations piece and give the tour. She said she will provide some jail history, speak about jail populations, intake and release procedures, classification of inmates and why that is important, and programing.

There are a handful of citizen law enforcement academies conducted by municipal police departments and counties in Maine – including Kennebec Saco, locally, as does nearby Cumberland County, and Franklin County in western Maine. As well as giving citizens a look at how law enforcement operations work, proponents say the academies go a long way to ensure good community relations.

"We plan to show our Citizen Police Academy recruits all aspects of the Sheriff's Office," said King. "We have community members who want to be involved with the Sheriff's Office, and I anticipate a huge turnout. We held a one day class called 'Behind the Walls' last fall that focused primarily on our Corrections Division – we had 21 people sign up for the class!"

Looking to the future, the King said he would like to identify some participants of the citizens academy as a base for a future Volunteers in Policing Services, called VIPs, who would assist deputies with road closures and other non-enforcement type tasks.

– By Tammy Wells, Media Specialist for York County Government

SHAPLEIGH

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Community center update

By JOANNE BARGIONI

The new Shapleigh Community Center, located next to the Town Hall at 22 Back Road, is now approximately 75 percent complete according to Michelle Rumney, Town Administrator. She is hoping that it will be ready for the Annual Town Meeting in March, but it is probably unlikely. She would anticipate sometime in April but would be pleasantly surprised if it happened sooner.

The exterior work has been completed for the most part and they are currently working inside. The outside is white and matches the town hall in appearance. The drywall, primer and first coat of paint have been done, and they are working on the drop ceiling and the window trim this week. Mechanical, plumbing, and electrical contractors are working on their tasks as well.

The Center is still awaiting bathroom fixtures, kitchen cabinets, and kitchen appliances to be installed. The architect and Build-



Shapleigh's New Community Center should be available for use by Spring. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

ing Committee Chair have been meeting on-site every other week with the site supervisor. So far, it has been a pretty seamless project, and it is hoped that this will continue through completion.

The new Community Center will be a valuable asset to the town as it could be used for town events and elections, and as a warming station/cooling station when needed. It is greatly anticipated to see the completed project and to start to utilize the new Community Center in the Spring.

Shapleigh Common's pond

The pond at Shapleigh Commons has been refreshed and is ready for skaters. Holes have been drilled, and a pump and hose have been used to flood the ice and smooth it over.

Note that the ice has to be a certain thickness for skating or walking according to the ice regulations from Maine.gov. If the ice is less than 2 inches stay off the ice, if it's 4 inches thick this is suitable for ice fishing and ice-skating, greater than 5 inches can be used for snowmobiles ATVs, etc. Be aware that snowmobiles and ATVs and ice fishing are not allowed on the Shapleigh Common pond and ice skating is allowed only when it is safe to do so. Always check the ice before stepping on it.

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding a **PUBLIC HEARING** on: **Tuesday, February 11, 2025** at **6:30 p.m.** for the following:

Amendment to the Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance
Copies of amendments can be obtained at the Town Hall during regular office hours.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

Ann Harris, Chairman
Shapleigh Planning Board



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OPINION

Billy Bob Faulkingham's MaineCare

It isn't often that I listen to the complaints of Republicans and have to raise the palm of my hand to my forehead to keep from nodding in agreement. However, Representative Billy Bob Faulkingham has a point when he brings up the expansive cost to MaineCare (Medicaid) which grants government paid healthcare for the neediest among us. My problem stems from Billy Bob's desire to cut transgender care.



by
Jon Simonds

5. Libtard, my favorite— a word that combines liberal with retard.
6. Anti-American: no explanation needed.
7. Woke: the dirtiest word of all: a person who is aware of and speaks out against social injustice.

MaineCare is not the only socialist program answering a public need. Law enforcement is a socialist program. The public schools your children attend, or you attended are socialist programs.

Big city fire and rescue units are examples of socialist programs. As a matter of fact, Billy Bobs very position as House Republican Leader and the benefits he and his family enjoy is the very definition of a socialist program. How can this be? All the aforementioned programs are State sponsored. Your tax dollars fund State sponsored programs. Any expansion to MaineCare increases the cost and perhaps the need for more of your tax dollars.

Billy Bob's point that Mainers already pay enough in taxes is difficult to argue with. But, I have another question for Billy Bob. If our revenue is insufficient to support essential services, like the police and fire and salaries such as yours, then why all the celebratory bluster over the incoming federal administration's intention to slash taxes on multi-billion-dollar corporations

and millionaires? Okay. To return to the topic at hand, I, like most of you, am not familiar with the concept of transgender care. I've worked with same-sex partners who maintain a happy, healthy relationship based on their love for one another and have no interest in altering their biological being. I would welcome anyone going through gender transition to explain the need. After all, understanding is the mother of acceptance. But let's call gender care for what it is: a cosmetic procedure.

Other cosmetic procedures likely covered by MaineCare might include the tummy tuck, a facelift, a nose job, Botox, the buttock lift (a procedure removing excess skin and fat from the buttocks), breast reductions, breast enlargements, and weight loss injections. You get the idea. All are elective procedures. If we do not have the funds to support expanding MaineCare, then rather than fault gender care treatments, why not just cut out all elective procedures? Too much weight behind you? Get a gym membership. Is it wrong to believe that a tax-supported health care program should zero in on health-related issues, rather than looking good or rewarding cosmetic surgeons who fueled the success of adult entertainment clubs in the 90s? I'm not complaining, mind you. Surgeons perform excellent work, but the cost of cosmetic surgery should come from your pocket, not the taxpayers.

Billy Bob, I would like to think you were talking about cosmetic care, rather than alluding to a bias against a particular group of people. If you'd like, we could sit down and discuss this minor misunderstanding over a few beers. I'll bring a designated driver and leave my wallet in the car. If I haven't learned anything in life, I've at least learned the one thing all politicians can agree upon: picking up the tab, and why not? It's the taxpayer who's buying.

Jon Simonds lives in North Waterboro and is the author of "Brooklyn Encounters," a collection of short stories available on Kindle.

WEAVER

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to the library for kids to try their hand at weaving!). Shiland now lives in Standish, and often does demonstrations at the Fryeburg Fair.

"I always have a project in mind," Shiland said, and explained that the planning and setting up takes the longest. "The kind of yarn, its purpose, the different ways to weave." Preparation time depends on the width of the project. It takes about 3-4 hours to set up the warp, 6-8 hours to warp the loom, and then an hour or so to weave. "The weaving part itself is the fastest," said Shiland. One of her favorite things to weave are dishtowels. "They are utilitarian, something you look at and use every day," she said.

In the display case, you will see various styles of weaving, dishtowels, scarves, coasters. While she does weave larger pieces, they do not fit in the display case. She has the display organized by color. "I like using a lot of color," she explained, and is often influenced by the season. You will also see several books in the display case, including some Swedish books. Shiland has a Swedish style loom, and it is a style that she admires.

The library is located at 928 Cape Road in Limington, at the corner of Routes 11 and 117. Shiland is usually there on Saturdays. <https://davismemoriallibrary.com/>

If you are interested in weaving yourself, Shiland teaches at Port Fiber and offers lessons there (<https://portfiber.com>).

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SPORTS

WRESTLING

— By MIKE DEANGELIS
Sports Editor

BOYS ICE HOCKEY Trail Blazers 6-4

The Trail Blazers, a combined team from Windham/Westbrook/Bonny Eagle, fell to 6-4 after losses to Thornton Academy (TA) and Lewiston. On Thursday, Jan. 9, the Blazers led 3-1 against TA late in the second period, but the Trojans tied it with two quick scores. The game remained deadlocked at 3-3 deep into the third when the Blazers took a penalty that led to a power play goal, and ultimately, a 6-3 loss.

First place Lewiston topped the Trail Blazers by a 5-2 count on Monday, Jan. 13. Windham/Westbrook/Bonny Eagle currently sits fourth in the Class A -13 team 'One Region'.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Spartans streak stopped at six

Cheverus (8-3) stopped Sanford's win streak at six after a 61-51 home triumph that left the Spartans at 8-4 and in second place in Class AA South behind 10-1 Gorham. Sanford won their

fifth straight back on Thursday, Jan. 9 with a 55-49 road win over Thornton Academy. They pounded the visiting Scots 47-18 the next night for their sixth in-a-row.

Mustangs toss Knights

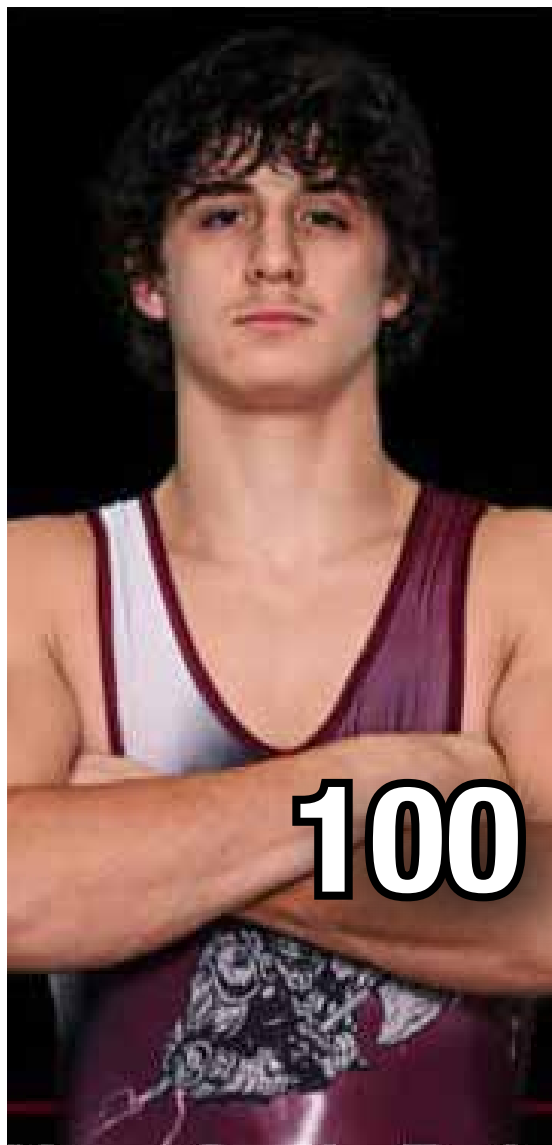
Massabesic won for the fifth time, beating host Noble 32-14 on Tuesday, Jan. 14 and moving their record to 5-8. The Mustangs battled to a four-point loss against first place Gorham (10-1) on Jan. 11 with the Rams winning 47-43.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD Massabesic's Kennedy wins 400 at USM

Massabesic, South Portland, Thornton Academy and Windham participated in a four-team meet at USM on Saturday, Jan. 11.

Mustang Lorcan Kennedy won the 400 with a 56.38. Windham's Karl Longstreth was second with a 58.02. In the one-mile run, freshman Abigail Gilley was third in what was a tight race won by TA junior Anna Moulton with a 5:47.94. Junior Julia Tompkins from South Portland was next with a 5:53.13 and Gilley ran 5:54.62. Massabesic's Miriam Vigue was third.

The SMAA Championships are scheduled for Feb. 8 at USM.



Noble's Brady Ouellette got his 100th win on Dec. 21. COURTESY PHOTO



Bonny Eagle's Chase Frost got his 100th win on Jan. 8. COURTESY PHOTO

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Obituaries

David Martin Sweeney

David Martin Sweeney (59) was born on May 19, 1965, in Marquette, Michigan, and passed away on Nov. 30, 2024, in Alfred. He entered hospice care and died at the home of a long-time friend, surrounded by love and comfort after a courageous battle with a serious heart condition. Known for his kindness, generosity, and unwavering spirit, David was a beloved friend and community member who dedicated his life to helping others. Though he did not have a home to call his own in this life, he is now in heaven with the Lord, where a mansion has been prepared for him (John 14:2).



David Martin Sweeney

After graduating from high school in Marquette, David moved to Maine to apprentice in the plumbing business with his uncle. However, his passion for the outdoors led him to establish his own landscaping business in Sanford, Maine. David's commitment to his clients and his love for beautifying their gardens remained steadfast, even as he faced the challenges of his illness.

David's compassion extended beyond his professional life. He was a devoted volunteer at the local cat shelter, dedicating countless hours to caring for and supporting the cats he adored. His love for cats was well-known, and he often found solace in their company. He also found comfort in his relationship with the Lord; on Sunday mornings, you could find David attentively listening to sermons at Curtis Lake Church in Sanford.

In his leisure time, David enjoyed tinkering with antique and classic cars, a hobby that brought him great joy and relaxation. His creativity and problem-solving skills shone through in both his work and personal interests, as he continuously sought innovative ways to assist his friends and community.

David's legacy of service and kindness will be celebrated at a memorial service scheduled for February 2025 at Curtis Lake Church in Sanford, Maine. He leaves behind a community of friends and loved ones who will forever cherish his memory and the impact he made on their lives.

David Martin Sweeney will be remembered for his generous heart, dedication to service, and enduring love for life. May he rest in peace.

Instead of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Another Chance Animal Rescue, 251 Country Club Drive, Sanford, Maine 04073.

Charles R. Harrison

Charles R. Harrison, 85, passed away peacefully holding the hand of his loving wife and was surrounded by his adoring family on January 5, 2025.

He was born Aug. 15, 1939, in Concord, Massachusetts to Jamison R. Harrison and Katherine O. (Schucker). He lived in his family home in Bedford, Massachusetts and graduated from Concord High School where his love for mechanics and all things automotive began. He shared this passion by teaching automotive and industrial arts to students at Concord High School.

Charlie was a devoted husband, loving father, Grampa and

Great-Grampa. He is survived by his devoted wife of 63 years, Shirley Ann (Unsworth) and their four children, Kimberlee Anne Harrison of Charlotte, NC and Biddeford, Sheri Lea Ervin (William Ervin) of Amelia Island, FL, Pamela Jean Harrison (fiancée Christopher Burnell) of West Baldwin and William Jamison Harrison (Crystal Harrison) of Arundel, 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Along with his sister, Katherine Priscilla Pagliccia of Malden, Massachusetts and many adoring in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Charlie and Shirley were married in Bedford, Massachusetts on May 6, 1961 and later moved to Lyman in 1972 to raise their family on their present homestead and farm.

In his early adult life, Charlie worked for several automotive dealerships in Massachusetts and Maine leading to his own automotive business, Charles Harrison Honda. His love for cars influenced his interests including car racing, mini-sprints and even building his own banked race track at home. Over the years he meticulously restored vintage John Deere and Ford tractors and antique cars.

As an active member of his community, he served the Town of Lyman for many years on several committees including the Planning Board, Library Committee and as a Town Selectman. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge and Order of Eastern Star.

All those who met Charlie would come to know that he loved his family above all else and that his grandchildren and great-grandchildren gave him much joy and happiness. He was a man of thoughtful intelligence, integrity and strength. He took pride in living by his "golden rule" of hard work and to never quit. Charlie was a true "Steward of the Land" and in retirement he enjoyed maintaining the family property, gardening, lumbering and sharing all his knowledge about farming and nature with his family and friends who would often "just show up". His curiosity

drove a desire to be a life-long learner. He was a gifted teacher to all those seeking his knowledge and advice. His legacy will live on through his words of wisdom to all those who reach-out to him.

The family would like to thank the kind and compassionate medical staff of the Maine Medical Center Biddeford Campus Special Care Unit.

Funeral services will be private. A Celebration of Charlie's Life will be held in the early summer. Thereafter or in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Charlie's name to the Lyman Cemetery Committee, Town of Lyman, 11 South Waterboro Road, Lyman, ME 04002.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, visit www.bibbersautumnngreen.com

Arrangements are in care of Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green 47 Oak St, Alfred, ME 04002.

Daphne L. Barron

Daphne L. Barron, 81 years, a resident of Kennebunkport, died peacefully at her residence surrounded by her family after an extended illness.

Daphne was born on March 11, 1943 in Dallas, Texas, the daughter of



Daphne L. Barron

Janice M. (MacLellan) Howard.

She graduated from Sanford High School and went on to earn her Bachelor's degree at the University of

Wisconsin - Madison, and then her MBA from Plymouth State College. Daphne worked as a consultant for EPIC until her retirement in 2024. In her spare time, Daphne enjoyed quilting, gardening, traveling and spending time with her family. She was a member of Mensa.

Survivors include her children, Rebecca Barron Quatman, Stephanie Barron, Jonathan Barron. Her grandchildren, Taylor Quatman, Trevor Quatman, Declan Sobers, Graden Sobers and Isadora Barron, and her great-grandson, Easton Quatman. She is also survived by Jonathan's wife, Suzana Barron, Stephanie's husband, Sean Sobers and Trevor's wife, Alexis Quatman.

Services will be held in the spring of 2025. Should friends desire, donations in Daphne's memory can be made to the National Park Foundation, Attn:

Gift Processing, PO Box 17394, Baltimore, MD 21298-9450 or online at www.nationalparks.org.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, visit www.bibberfuneral.com.

Arrangements are in the care of Bibber Memorial Chapel, 67 Summer Street, Kennebunk, ME 04043.

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Robert Liberty

Robert Liberty, 88, of Alfred, died peacefully on Jan. 10, 2025, at Maine Medical Center-Biddeford.



Robert Liberty

Bob was born in Sanford on April 9, 1936, to Victor and Anita (Vermette) Liberty. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. After the war, he returned home and began working as a pipefitter at the Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth. When he retired from the shipyard, he was a school bus driver for the Massabesic school system.

Bob was very mechanical. He repaired bicycles for children and gave them to those who needed them. His hobbies included motorcycle trips, hunting, fishing, and creating a haunted house for the community during Halloween. Bob was a past Commander and Chaplain for the American Legion Post #134 in Alfred.

Bob is survived by his wife of 68 years, Anita; sons Michael of Sanford and David (Bryanna) of Buckeye Lake, OH; sister Ann Hammer of Arizona; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 20, at the Alfred Parish Church. Burial of the cremated remains with military honors will be held in the Spring of 2025 at Oakdale Cemetery in

Sanford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Waypoint in Sanford.

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Jeffrey Philip Gahm

Jeffrey Philip Gahm, 69, of Alfred, Maine, passed away unexpectedly on December 19, 2024, leaving a deep void in the lives of all who knew him.



Jeffrey Philip Gahm

Born in Boston on April 29, 1955, to Philip and Luella (Flett) Gahm, Jeffrey grew up in Norwood, Massachusetts, and graduated from Norwood High School. He later attended the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Jeffrey enjoyed a successful career as a sales and marketing representative in the oil industry for many years.

In his younger years, Jeffrey was an adventurous spirit who hitchhiked across the country, exploring new places and meeting people. He was active, enjoying outdoor activities like skiing and was a talented baseball player who even tried out for the minor leagues.

On Dec. 29, 1985, Jeffrey married Robin Tucker in Holliston, MA. The couple moved to Maine, where they raised three sons who became his greatest pride and joy. Jeffrey's family was his heart, and he took immense pride in being a

devoted husband and father.

A man of strong opinions and a big heart, Jeffrey had the "gift of gab" and was never shy about speaking up for what he believed in. He often wrote letters to the editors of local newspapers, passionately voicing his thoughts on social issues. Jeffrey's quick wit and sense of humor were contagious, and he loved to make people laugh, whether with a well-timed joke or a funny story.

Jeffrey had a deep love for Boston sports—especially the Red Sox. He enjoyed playing golf and found great joy in coaching Little League baseball in Alfred and Waterboro, where his goal was not only to make the players better but also to teach them the value of being good, reliable teammates. In his free time, Jeffrey was an avid reader, a crossword puzzle enthusiast and a bird-watcher. He also enjoyed organizing wiffle ball games with family and friends, creating lasting memories.

Jeffrey was predeceased by his parents, Philip and Luella Gahm. He is survived by his wife, Robin Tucker-Gahm; his daughter, Danielle Taylor; his three sons, Kyle Gahm and wife Erica Berry, Taylor Gahm, and Christopher Gahm and wife Alena Comella; his brother, Allan Gahm of Strafford, NH; and his sister, Debbie Gahm of Harrison, ME. He also leaves behind three beloved grandchildren: Camille Gahm and Anton and Viktor Yoh Jansson.

Jeffrey's outgoing, humorous, and loving nature will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His memory will live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

We love you, Jeff.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 25 at 11 a.m. at Alfred Parish Church, 8 Kennebunk Road, Alfred, ME 04002.

Donations may be made in Jeffrey's memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, visit www.bibbersautumnngreen.com.

Cecile Jeanne Dion

Cecile Jeanne Dion, of Lyman, passed away on Nov. 21, 2024. Cecile was born in Biddeford on Feb. 6, 1931, to Marie (Pare) Petrin and George Petrin. She enjoyed growing up in a diverse neighborhood on Foss Street with good friends from all ethnicities and backgrounds, spending many summer days at Old Orchard Beach and nights at the pier listening to big bands and dancing.



Cecile Jeanne Dion

As a child, for many summers, Cecile enjoyed taking the trolley with her father to visit relatives in Kennebunkport, bringing home blueberries to her mother. She met her husband on a blind date and they were married in 1953. Together, they raised 10 children while running a multi-faceted business that included renting seasonal cabins, a campground, a mobile home park in the beloved town of Arundel, and owned and updated multiple apartment buildings in surrounding

towns. They encouraged their children's help and input in all parts of their business, assigning age appropriate chores as the kids grew up. This early training established a good work ethic to carry/ support each child through their life. They enjoyed attending plays at The Arundel/ Kennebunkport Playhouse together, also taking their children to enjoy The Ogunquit Playhouse in the summertime.

Cecile loved to read and shared her interests in the classics (movies) with her children. For years she worked tirelessly having garage sales fundraisers for the NF foundation. She looked forward to her regulars that knew her, and it also became an important social event for her.

Cecile spent her days making sure her kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, and great-great-grandkids have felt her love, joy and care as the humble person she was. She enjoyed great health and vitality up until the end, and passed peacefully surrounded by her family.

Cecile is survived by her brother Don Petrin and his wife Brenda, her children Michael Dion and wife Elaine, Jeanne and husband Mark Nielsen, Robert (Bob) Dion and partner Cindy Novakowski, Denise Dion, Diane and husband Kennedy Meepradit, Arlene and husband Michael Borg, Janice and husband Carmine Russo, Ron Dion and wife Holly, Cathy and husband David Cyr, Gayle Dion and partner Mike Trottier, 22 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

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