

REPORTER

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

Locally owned and independently operated.



VOLUME 21, ISSUE 47 PO Box 75, North Waterboro, ME 04061 • 247-1033 • www.waterbororeporter.com WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2023

Waterboro educator named elementary PE teacher of the year

By ANN C. FISHER

It's no surprise that Samantha "Sam" Person's motto is "Live to move, move to live."

The 31-year-old elementary school educator and reiki teacher has a deep background in competitive sports and encourages her students at Waterboro Elementary School to not just keep moving, but keep improving.

Her enthusiastic and innovative teaching methods have won her recognition as this year's Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Maine Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (MaineAHPERD).

Person received notice in August that she was the award-win-

ner after being nominated in the spring by then-assistant principal Megan Holden. In addition to another nod, a student wrote "the most beautiful recommendation you'd ever read," she said.

"She did a really wonderful job," Person said. "She was a brand-new student who basically told me that all of her young life she couldn't stand phys ed. She changed her entire perspective and she absolutely loves it now."

The student also include details about "how every kiddo is absolutely loved by me."

Person shows them the love by boosting her students' self-confidence, sometimes in unique ways.

"I big have a big jam jar on my wall for when they're stuck in
(Continued on page 5)



Waterboro Elementary School Physical Education instructor Samantha Person encourages her students to keep moving. Shown here with 5th graders working on building a trail on the school campus. Person recently received the Elementary PE Teacher of the Year award. COURTESY PHOTO



Chamber, Peer Helpers, and Army National Guard partner for Thanksgiving

The Sanford Springvale Chamber business community donated 77 Thanksgiving turkeys to the Sanford High School Peer Helpers to complete their food boxes just in time for Thanksgiving. With the support of the Maine Army National Guard 1136th Sanford Unit who helped deliver the turkeys from Hannaford in Sanford to the high school it was a fun event for a great cause. This is the 3rd year that chamber members and others provided the financial support to the Peer Helpers to complete the project in time for Thanksgiving. The chamber would like to thank the Army National Guard for all their assistance in delivering the turkeys to the school. COURTESY PHOTO

Gov. Mills declares Nov. 24 as 'Maine Grown Christmas Tree Day'

Christmas Trees and wreaths grown in Maine generate \$18 million in annual economic impact



FILE PHOTO

Gov. Janet Mills has proclaimed Friday, Nov. 24 as "Maine Grown Christmas Tree Day" in recognition of the contributions and economic impact of Maine's Christmas Tree industry, according to a recent announcement by The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF).

The production and sale of fresh Maine Christmas trees and wreath products is estimated to create more than \$18 million in direct economic impact each year and provide jobs for nearly 800 Maine people. The Governor's proclamation recognizes the contributions of the more than 100 family farms that make up the non-profit Maine Christmas Tree Association (MCTA), a cornerstone of Christmas and Solstice celebrations since 1962.

"No Christmas is complete without a Maine-grown Christmas

Tree. As Maine people kick off the holiday season this weekend, I encourage them to support our local family farms for all their Christmas Tree and wreath needs," said Governor Janet Mills. "I thank the Maine Christmas Tree Association and its member family farms for their hard work and dedication to make Christmastime in Maine beautiful each and every year."

"At a time of year when many bring joy to their homes with beautiful Maine-grown Christmas trees and wreaths, it's a great reminder of how much the work of the agriculture community in Maine enhances our lives and makes special occasions all the

(Continued on page 3)

Shop LOCALLY FOR THE HOLIDAYS Buy 2 weeks of advertising, get a 3rd week FREE!

Only 3 issues left in 2023! Advertise YOUR business by calling 247-1033 or email ads@waterbororeporter.com

BUSINESS NEWS

Unique home décor shop opens in Limerick

By SHELLEY BURBANK

In late-August 2023, Lisa and Lou Capozzi opened Home Sweet Home, a fresh and welcoming home decor and furniture shop located on their historic property in Limerick. Offering farmhouse, cottage, and vintage-style items, Lisa said their idea was to sell quality goods at various price points so that there would be something for everyone, no matter what their budget. So far, the concept is resonating with the local community.

“We wanted to bring business to Limerick,” Lisa said in a recent phone interview. “We had started a

small wedding venue, but we felt we could give more to the community by doing something like this.”

The Capozzis, who moved to Limerick in 2014, bought the historic property across from the old Baptist Meeting House and cemetery on Route 5 with the idea of restoring it. The property consisted of an abandoned home in need of repair and a barn and attached building that turned out to be unsalvageable due to crushing snow and a caved-in roof.

The couple took two years to restore the house, and in 2023 they turned their attention to creating

a shop in a barn-like outbuilding clad in a soft gray siding. With a crushed gravel parking area in front, six-over-six windows, and a black and white oval sign that beckons visitors to stop in for inspiration, delight, and the perfect piece to take home, the shop fits in with the quaint village vibe of Limerick’s historic retail district.

Stepping inside, visitors are greeted with an array of home decor, vintage and restored furniture, mirrors, pillows, farmhouse signs, pottery, metal baskets, linens, and more. Much of the furniture—pieces such as farmhouse tables, side tables, and bureaus—has been lovingly built, restored, or repainted by Lisa herself.

“I personally like good quality things. I wanted people to come into the store and find something. My pieces look as good on the bottom as on the top. We build things. I pride myself on being very much an original thinker,” she said.

While Home Sweet Home is a new shop, the business concept itself isn’t unfamiliar for the Capozzis. They have been part of a collective called Just the Thing in Dover, New Hampshire – a group of artisans, craft people, vintage dealers, and antiques purveyors – for fourteen years already. An artist by trade, Lisa has worked in watercolors and is a master ceramicist who once painted pottery for a living. This was in addition to a career at Work Opportunities Unlimited helping people with disabilities adapt to work and vice versa.

Her interest in art morphed into taking older pieces of furniture she found at flea markets and yard sales and fixing them up. If the finish is good, she’ll leave the natural wood, but often the piece is too dinged up and needs to be given a fresh start. That’s when she will transform the item with paint and new hardware to create a one-of-a-kind piece that fits with her vintage cottage and farmhouse aesthetic. She said, “I build farm tables. I restore furniture. I make signs out of old boards,” she said. She’s happy “bringing life back into furniture that has been scratched up or isn’t in perfect condition.”

The Limerick community has been as enthusiastic about the new shop in town as the Capozzis are with the community. “They walk in and say, ‘Wow!’” Lisa said. “We try to talk with people and get to know them. We are building a business and building a relationship.” People were also interested in what the Capozzis were doing with the house as they restored it, so they are happy to visit the shop and get a glimpse of the decor and style.

There’s also something new to discover all the time. Lisa and Lou change things around every couple of weeks, moving pieces over and putting in new creations. Currently, they also have many unique wholesale items and a ton of holiday collections for the season.

“This has been a 14-year journey,” Lisa said. “This makes me happy. I have a place right behind the cash register. This is my happy place.”

Home Sweet Home will be open through Christmas. Thu., Fri 10-5; Sat 10-4; and Sunday 11-4.



At left, Lisa and Lou Capozzi in their Limerick shop, Home Sweet Home. COURTESY PHOTO



Shop **LOCALLY** FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Maple Syrup makes a great gift!

Jams, honey, maple confections, locally-made gifts, and...

THURSTON AND PETERS sugar house LLC

OUR OWN MAPLE SYRUP!
Tours & samples anytime!

Open weekends until Christmas 10am-2pm or by appointment
299 Bond Springs Road
Route 11, West Newfield
taps@metrocast.net
thurstonandpeters.com
793-8886 or 793-8040

We are THANKFUL for your visits!

MAKE THE HOLIDAYS SWEET!

MAPLE SYRUP—THE NATURAL GIFT!

HILLTOP BOILERS
pure maple

The Best of Maine

159 Elm Street, Newfield
793-8850
Order online anytime:
www.hilltopboilers.com
Free US shipping on orders over \$50
MAPLE FUDGE, MAPLE SUGAR, MAPLE WHOOPIE PIES, PREMIER PANCAKE MIX AND MORE!

Sugarhouse open Saturdays 10a.m.-4p.m.

BOND MOUNTAIN
CHOOSE & CUT ACRES
Balsam Christmas Tree Farm & WREATHS

FREE coffee, cider & goodies!
OPENING
Friday, Nov. 24-Sunday, Nov. 26
OR by appointment 10am-dark.

174 Bond Spring Road (Rte. 11)
West Newfield, Maine • 793-4658

Leashed dogs welcome!

GILE'S FAMILY FARM

Shop our large selection of **MADE IN MAINE PRODUCTS!**

WREATHS 12" AND UP

KISSING BALLS & Premium Christmas Trees
Balsam • Frasier • Fralsam

139 Waterboro Road • Alfred • 324-2944
Open 7 days from 8am-5pm

Like us on Facebook



PROCLAMATION

(Continued from page 1)

more special,” said DACF Commissioner Amanda Beal.

“This proclamation is a perfectly timed reminder for MCTA members,” said MCTA President Ryan Liberty. “We thank Governor Mills for supporting MCTA’s enduring spirit and the craftsmanship showcased by the state’s Christmas tree farms, businesses, and makers.”

A list of choose and cut farms, wreaths and retail products for sale, and wholesale distributors across the state can be found on the MCTA website at www.mainechristmastree.com.

In 2021, the Governor started an annual tradition of showcasing award-winning, Maine-grown Christmas Trees from the Fryeburg Fair during the holiday season at the Blaine House. Governor Mills is expected to welcome the People’s Choice Christmas Tree, as chosen by fairgoers, and the Grand Champion Christmas Tree, as chosen by judges, to the Blaine House later this month.

Governor Mills’ proclamation, declaring Friday, November 24, 2023, as “Maine Grown Christmas Tree Day,” can be read at: https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/official_documents/proclamations/2023-11-maine-grown-christmas-tree-day-november-24.

The Origins of Turkeys

By Kevin McKeon
Maine Master Naturalist



Turkeys were first domesticated in Mexico about 3000 years ago by the pre-Aztecs—not for meat, but for feathers. The area of feathers below the feather tip is made up of very fine, downy plumage. After being softened by soaking, the feather’s tip was removed. The remaining wet feather was fastened to and wrapped around a cord made from the yucca plant, forming a sort of turkey feather yarn which was woven into blankets and robes. 12,000 to 15,000 feathers were required to make a small 4’ x 5’ infant’s blanket. Each feather was wound by hand! Feathered adornments were also used for rituals and ceremonies. Here’s a short video about the process.

Turkeys were again domesticated about 2300 years ago by a different people...the Native American Ancestral Pueblos, previously known as the Anasazi. They also first used them for their feathers, then began eating them about 900 years ago. When the Spanish arrived in the New World, they transported the turkey to Europe. It resembled a bird from

Africa brought to England via Turkey. The name stuck so now we have the “turkey”. Several varieties were developed to meet demand. Then, in the 1700’s, these European breeds were brought back to the United States. So, both our domesticated and wild turkeys descend from the Aztec breed.

Our dinner table turkeys can weigh up to twice that of the 25-pound wild birds and are usually too heavy for flight. But their wild cousins can outrun a galloping horse for a short distance and can quite gracefully fly for over a mile at spurts of 55 miles per hour! When they need to, turkeys can swim by tucking-in their wings, spreading their tails, and kicking.

They are often seen scratching the ground for food: acorns, seeds, berries, small insects and even small amphibians. In the winter, they’ll gobble down Hemlock buds, ferns, and mosses. At night they’ll roost on tree branches. About 90% of all turkeys live in the U.S. The rest are in Mexico and Canada. Since the mid-1960’s, restoration efforts were so successful that hunting is allowed wherever they roam. They are second to deer as the most hunted game species.

The skin on a turkey’s throat and head is un-feathered and can change color from flat gray to striking shades of red, white, and

blue when the bird becomes distressed or excited. Their “snood” (the flap of skin that hangs over the turkey’s beak) and their “wattle” (the flap of skin under their beak) will be bright red when the turkey is upset or during courtship.

In the spring, the hen will lay up to 18 eggs on a nest she makes on the ground, under a bush. A month later the “poults” hatch. For two weeks, unable to fly, the hen will care for them...roosting on the ground and teaching them to forage in fields for grasshoppers and other insects. When threatened, she’ll huddle with them with wings and tail spread, being very still. If they are detected, she gives a vocal command to her young to remain “frozen,” and feigns an attack on the intruder, simultaneously making a “putting” sound to quiet her chicks. By the time they are a week old, they’ll run away. A week later, they’re able to fly into thick shrubs and low branches. A week after that, they’ll fly into trees. A year later, the chicks leave mom for their own adventures.

Benjamin Franklin once wrote a letter to his daughter criticizing the original eagle design for the Great Seal of the United States, saying that it looked more like a turkey and that it’s “a bird of bad moral character” and that it “does not get his living honestly” because it steals food from the fishing hawk and is “too lazy to fish for himself.” He called the turkey “a much more respectable bird” and “a true original native of America...He is besides, though a little vain & silly, a Bird of Courage.” So, although he defended the honor of the turkey against the bald eagle, it is a myth that he proposed it as one of America’s most important symbols.

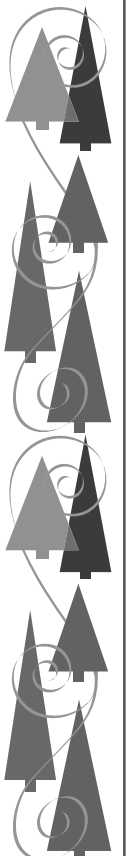
NEWFIELD

TAPs annual Heating Assistance fundraiser has raised over \$10K

In September of 2013, Thurston And Peters Sugarhouse initiated a fundraiser for the Newfield Heating Assistance Fund. This was an effort to clear out our freezers in the hope, that our neighbors would not freeze. Desserts are given free of charge for a donation to the fund. This year, donations totaled \$1,077.80. With the matching \$1,000 donation by a local resident in 2022, a total of \$10,632.62 has been donated since 2013.

Festival of trees

Sponsored by the Waterborough Historical Society at the Grange Hall, 31 West Road, Waterboro, Nov. 24, 25 & 26. The hall will be filled with beautifully decorated Christmas trees with abundant gifts donated by local businesses. These trees and gifts will be raffled off as a fundraiser for the society. There is a \$2 donation to enter, children 12 and under are free. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, 20 for \$15, 50 for \$30, 100 for \$55 and 200 for \$100. Cash or check accepted.



Town of Acton Public Notice

The Acton Planning Board will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023 at 6:00PM** for the Discussion of a Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan Review for Arthur Kelly / Acton Solar LLC. for a Ground Mounted Solar Field **Arthur Kelly / Acton Solar LLC. Sanborn Road, Map 234; Lot 044.**

This Hearing will be held in person at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road.

For more information please contact the Land Use Assistant (207) 636-3131 ext. 410.

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH NOTICE

NOMINATION PAPERS for The March 5, 2024 Municipal Election are available for the following offices:

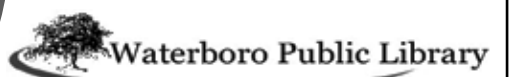
- Select Board, Assessor, & Overseer of the Poor: 3 Years
- Forest Trustee: 3 Years
- Budget Committee: 3 Years
- Library Trustee: 3 Years
- Library Trustee: 3 Years
- RSU #57 Director: 3 Years
- RSU #57 Director: 1 Year

NOMINATION PAPERS MUST BE FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK BY 4:00 PM JANUARY 5, 2024

SPECIAL NOTICE:

Please note that the election will be held on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**, in conjunction with the State Presidential Primary.

Thank you!



The staff and Friends of the Waterboro Public Library would like to thank the individuals and businesses that donated to our 12th Annual Silent Auction! Thank you to those listed below and the many others who chose to remain anonymous. In total, the Auction generated just over \$2,000 for the enrichment of our Community Room!

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Aroma Joe’s, Waterboro | De Wolfe & Wood Rare Books |
| Asian Taste | Giles Family Farm |
| At Once All Agog | Gorham Savings Bank |
| Baker Automotive | The Milk Room |
| Berlin City Auto Group - Honda | David & Faith Monroe |
| Bill Dunn Creations | Tim Neill |
| Sophia Blacker | Next Chapter Crafts |
| Blue Door Primitive Peddler | Plummer’s Ace Hardware |
| Blue Fawn Maine Dog Training Studio | RSD Graphics |
| CC Committed Creations | The Trustees |
| Cornerstone Country Market | Waterboro House of Pizza |
| | York County Blues Fest |

Solid waste contract renewal may cost taxpayers

The contract that Sanford and 11 other southern Maine communities have with Casella for waste handling and disposal will expire in July 2025, and representatives from most of the municipalities met Nov. 8 to begin discussion on renegotiating that contract as well as other options. The other towns

in the group include North Berwick, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Old Orchard Beach, Wells, Dayton, Acton, Shapleigh, Buxton and South Berwick.

Sanford currently has a very low rate of \$79.50 per ton for tipping of mixed solid waste, which includes the contents of the orange

bags, demo debris, asphalt shingles and junk wood. The City has tipped an average of 4,182 tons per year over the past three years, making an average annual expense of approximately \$332,469. The low rate Sanford pays is the result of a lawsuit settlement. It is anticipated that by the time the contract expires, Sanford may be looking at a significantly higher rate, possibly as much as a 40-50 percent increase, but that will depend on negotiations. The current market rate is about \$120 per ton.

The communities differ in how their solid waste is handled.

Sanford is the only one that hauls its own waste to Casella, while others have separate transportation contracts with the company.

A new contract with Casella is not the only option; the tri-county group will also look at the possibility of switching to EcoMaine or Waste Management of NH.

Sanford City Manager Steve Buck and North Berwick Town Manager Dwayne Morin will lead the five-person committee to negotiate with Casella or another company. Legal representation will be utilized as well. There is a target date of December 2024 to

lock in a new contract.

The City Council's Solid Waste Subcommittee heard a report on the group meeting this week. This particular subcommittee meets sporadically, but is expected to meet more often over the next year to hear updates on the contract negotiations.

Reports from Assistant City Engineer Matt Provencher and Executive Administrator Lorisa Ricketts were utilized in compiling this story.

*— By Zendelle Bouchard
Sanford/Springvale News*

THE CITY OF SANFORD announces the following openings for Boards & Committees in 2024:

The **AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE** has one opening to fill an unexpired term ending 12/31/25 for a Sanford resident who may or may not hold a pilot's certificate. This committee studies, researches and develops all aspects of the Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport and advises the Airport Manager.

The **BOARD OF APPEALS** has four openings, each for a three-year term. This board hears and decides administrative and dimensional variance appeals and works closely with the Director of Planning and Code Enforcement.

The **BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW** has three openings, each for a three-year term. The Board reviews and rules on appeals duly filed in writing by taxpayers regarding any tax assessment made by the Tax Assessor.

The **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE COMMITTEE** has five openings, each for a two-year term. This new committee is being established to coordinate the community's approach to increasing resilience to natural hazards and climate change impacts.

The **DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE** has one opening for a two-year term. The committee advises the Planning Director, the Planning Board, the Code Enforcement Officer, the applicant, and may make recommendations concerning project design proposals.

The **LAND BANK COMMISSION** has one opening for a five-year term. The Land Bank oversees the City's rental housing licensing, inspection, and enforcement program, and it purchases, acquires, holds, and disposes of real property. The Commission also makes recommendations to the City Council regarding dangerous buildings and abandoned properties, and regarding property remediation.

The **PLANNING BOARD** has three openings, each for a three-year term. The Planning Board's responsibility is to review and act upon all subdivision requests; to hear and decide "conditional use" permit requests; to help draft new or amend relevant land use ordinances; and to review and assist in developing policy, goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan.

The **RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** has four openings, each for a two-year term. This board acts in an advisory capacity to the Parks and Recreation Director.

The new **SANFORD ARTS COMMISSION** has four openings, each for a three-year term. The commission focuses on identifying, strengthening, promoting, and broadcasting Sanford's cultural assets, infrastructure, and artistic treasures and facilitating community involvement in the arts.

The **SANFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** has one opening for a member at large, for a three-year term. The SHA Commissioners are responsible for overseeing the operations of the Housing Authority and expenditures of federal monies, helping direct the management of programs that benefit the community and ensuring the provision of quality services to the residents of their housing properties.

The **TRAILS COMMITTEE** has up to seven openings: five each for a three-year term, and two to fill unexpired terms ending 12/31/24. The committee coordinates with the Parks and Recreation Director and assists in the development, funding and maintenance of a community-wide trail system.

The deadline to submit applications is Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023 at 5:30 PM. Appointments will be made Jan. 2, 2024.

Applications and committee descriptions are available by contacting the Sanford City Manager's office at (207) 324-9173 or by email at sancommittees01@sanfordmaine.org, or by visiting the City's website at www.sanfordmaine.org and looking under Government/Boards & Committees.

THE CITY OF SANFORD Notice of Public Hearing

Regarding

The proposed First Amendment to the Central Park Residences Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District and the proposed First Amendments to the 10 School Street, 12 School Street and 14 School Street Credit Enhancement Agreements

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sanford will hold a public hearing at its City Council Meeting on:

**December 5, 2023 at Sanford City Hall,
919 Main Street, Sanford, ME 04073**

The public hearing will be at 6:00 p.m. in person or remotely via Zoom

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the items identified above, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended.

The proposed First Amendment to the Central Park Residences Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District (the "First Amendment"), if approved, will allow for phased development of three parcels with Benjamin Franklin Realty Trust and Central Park Residences, LLC, for market rate and workforce housing, as well as add additional project costs to fund a housing program and services to address those experiencing homelessness, and to fund costs related to the construction of municipal public safety facilities.

The proposed Amendments to the 10 School Street, 12 School Street and 14 School Street Credit Enhancement Agreements (the "CEA Amendments") related to the First Amendment will, if approved, allow for the development to include workforce rental housing in addition to market rate rental housing.

A copy of the materials relating to the proposed First Amendment and CEA Amendments will be on file with the City and a copy can be requested from the Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council (the "SREGC") by calling Mary Hastings at (207) 324-9155 prior to the public hearing during normal business hours and requesting that a copy be provided to you. All interested persons are invited to participate in the public hearings and will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Members of the public may join the meeting by Zoom or by phone. Agenda and joining instructions can be found on the meeting calendar at sanfordmaine.org/meetings. Public comments will be taken at the meeting and written comments should be submitted to info@sanfordmaine.org. Comments may also be submitted in writing to: SREGC, Keith McBride, 917 Main Street, Ste. D, Sanford ME 04073 at any time prior to the public hearing. TDD/TTY users may call 711. If you are physically unable to access any of the City's programs or services, please contact Lorisa Ricketts at (207) 324-9173 so that accommodations can be made.

HOLDING A NON-PROFIT FUNDRAISER?

For each ad you purchase in the REPORTER, you can get a second week FREE!

(1/8 page min. \$76 required purchase)

**CALL 247-1033 OR EMAIL
ads@waterbororeporter.com**



School Resource Officer, Rick Bucklin, was recently honored. Officer Bucklin has served St. Thomas School in Sanford for over two decades and will be retiring after nearly 26 years with the Sanford PD. Shown here with students holding cards of gratitude. COURTESY PHOTO

PE TEACHER

(Continued from page 1)

“sticky situations,” Person said. Next to the photo of the jar are pictures of Person holding toast that have mindful quotes on them, such as taking a break or a reminder to just breathe.

Person and her husband have plenty of room to breathe on a 120-acre maple syrup farm in Hiram they share with three dogs. They also run an AirBNB at the mountainous property, where she hosted History in Hiking, an all-ages adventure. To stress the importance of exercise, she related that an 87-year-old participant said he made it to the top of the mountain because “he didn’t stop moving. I was so proud of him.”

Person started teaching right out of the gate at age 21 after graduating from Keene State College. Her first job was at Massabesic Middle School, where she worked as both a part time as a phys ed teacher and school librarian. She also coached both boys and girls indoor track at MMS.

Person has been on the move pretty much her entire life. She ran track and field and even competed at the national level. At Keene State she also played rugby and received the Major of the Year award from the National Association for Sport and Physical Education.

When asked what she likes most about teaching, Person replied, “I love that I can give every child a chance to succeed. Every kiddo needs someone in their court; I try to be their biggest cheerleader.”

She’s also “huge on integration,” whether it’s incorporating math, penmanship, or spelling in to her curriculum.

Her innovative initiatives include assigning fifth-graders

to build a trail at the elementary school that led to an outdoor classroom on campus.

She also wrote the physical education curriculum for Maine Winter Kids along with a nationally published Outside Guide.

Person said Waterboro was one of the first schools to participate in Winter Kids, a statewide program that encourages children to get outdoors in the chillier months. The kick-off was styled on the Olympics, and Person “had the entire school in a congo line behind me” as part of the celebration.

Person now has an even bigger reason to celebrate: According to Katherine Dupuis, administrative assistant to the superintendent of RSU 57, her nomination was chosen from a record number of nominations for this year’s Maine AHPERD award.

The judges said her “application stood out more than any other,” Person recalled. “It was a pretty huge honor for me.”

“Ms. Person’s commitment to the well-being of her students is truly inspiring,” said Superintendent Stephen D. Marquis in a district press release. “and we believe this recognition is a testament to her outstanding contributions to our community.”

The Maine Association for



Samantha Person with her PE Teacher of the Year award. COURTESY PHOTO

Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance is a nonprofit dedicated to improving the quality of life for all Mainers through effective educational practices, quality curriculum, instruction and assessment in the areas of health, physical education, recreation, dance and related fields.

THE CITY OF SANFORD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Sanford City Council will hold a Public Hearing and receive written and oral comments at its December 5, 2023 meeting at 6 pm to approve proposed changes to Chapter 280 of the Sanford City Ordinances pertaining to the Single Family Residential and Residential Development Zones and to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)/ Accessory Apartments.

The hearing will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 919 Main Street, Sanford, or via remote video and teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on cable channel 26 and online at townhallstreams.com/towns/sanfordme. Comments may be submitted in person, via mail, email, or at www.sanfordmaine.org under Email City Departments/City Council. Instructions for joining the meeting by remote methods will be posted by Friday, December 1, 2023. Questions may be directed to the Planning Office 324-9150.

THE CITY OF SANFORD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Sanford Planning Board will hold public hearings & receive written & oral comments at its December 6, 2023 meeting, starting at 6:30 pm, on

- Sanford Apartments, Major Site Plan Amendment and Final Major Subdivision Application to construct 5 new multifamily buildings with associated parking and site improvements for 96 dwelling units to the rear portion of Map R15, Lot 60 on property currently owned by Lori C. Hayden at 1508 Main Street, to be combined with R15-61A and R15-61B at 24 and 34 Patriots Lane.

- Bauneg Beg Solar, Application for Amendment to Major Site Plan and a Private Way for a reduction in size of the previously approved solar development and minor site updates on property owned by Blueberry Vista, LLC and located at Sam Allen Road and Pinewood Drive (Map R22, Lot 40 and a portion of Map R23, Lot 21)

The hearing will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 919 Main Street, Sanford, or via remote video and teleconference. Testimony may be provided in person, via mail or email, or via Zoom. Meeting information, including how to connect via Zoom, is provided at www.sanfordmaine.org. Questions or written comments should be directed to the Planning Office at 324-9150 or jlbabcock@sanfordmaine.org.

ELECTRICIAN
Seeking small jobs - nights and weekends.
Please call 793-0216

McLucas
PORTER, MAINE

FIREWOOD GREEN & SEASONED AVAILABLE

207-625-8915
www.rcmclucastrucking.com
TIMBERLOTS WANTED
Master Logger • Fully Insured
Credit Cards Accepted 35 Years Experience

Send your photos to:
news@waterboro-reporter.com

ATTENTION WATERBORO RESIDENTS:

If you have children 16 and under and find yourself needing help with Christmas this year...

WRITE A LETTER TO:

SANTA'S HELPER
PO BOX 80
EAST WATERBORO, ME 04030

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- YOUR NAME & ADDRESS.
- Best phone number to reach you at
- First name, age & gender of each child
- What each child would 'like'
- What each child 'needs'

NOTE: IF SHOES, BOOTS, OR CLOTHING, INCLUDE WHAT SIZE(S) ARE NEEDED

LETTER MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, DEC. 14!

WATERBORO RESIDENTS ONLY

To donate, contact Nancy at Waterboro G.A. Office 247-6166 x114

Community CALENDAR

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

Call for takeout
247-8440
Locally Owned & Operated Since 1999

24-HOUR Gas, Diesel & Off-Road Diesel

Thanksgiving Hours
Kitchen closes at 10:30 a.m.
Store closes at 11:30 a.m.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- from your staff & friends at Lakeside Market

Deli Sandwiches, Fried Foods, Subs, Wraps, Salads, Pizza and more!

Gift cards & lottery tickets make great STOCKING STUFFERS

MAINE SPIRITS AGENCY STORE

411 Sokokis Trail (Route 5), East Waterboro
www.lakesidemarket.net

OPEN 7 DAYS

COMING EVENTS

COMEDIAN JUSTON MCKINNEY Friday, Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. Back by popular demand, "Juston McKinney Live!" will dish up new laughs from his roots as a former York County Sheriff's Deputy — before he traded in his badge for the dim comedy lounge lights of New York City. At the Sanford Performing Arts Center, 100 Alumni Blvd., Sanford. Tickets are \$29-\$34, call 206-1126 or www.sanfordpac.org.

POP-UP HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR through Dec. 23, swing by the Lyman Community Library on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a Pop-Up Holiday Craft Fair. Different vendors every week! Call the library at 499-7114 for more information.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR Saturday, Nov. 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Matthew Church, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick. Local vendors will be offering their creations for sale. Located in church basement; parking in the rear of church. Handicap accessible.

ERICA BROWN AND THE BLUEGRASS CONNECTION at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at www.sacorivertheatre.org or call 207-929-6473 for reservations.

HADDOCK SUPPER BUFFET Tired of Turkey? Try our delicious Haddock Supper Buffet Saturday, Nov. 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.

CHRISTMAS IN ARUNDEL The Arundel Historical Society is hosting a Holiday Fair on Saturday, Nov. 25, at Weirs Motors Route 1, Arundel from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be crafts, plants, bake sale, jewelry, knit items, and soap, honey and hive products featured by a local beekeeper.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR St. Matthew's Church, 19 Dora Ln., Limerick, will be holding a Holiday Craft Fair and Bake Sale on Nov. 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be homemade crafts and items available and other great Christmas ideas.

FUNDRAISER FOR LAURA'S LEGACY OF LOVE On Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., a fundraiser is being held for Laura's Legacy of Love at Barn Lights, 189 Hopper Road in Acton. There will be over 35 vendors both inside and out, with lunch and beverages available for purchase. For \$5 you can have your picture taken with Santa.

The town of Hiram **ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING AND CAROLING** will be held on Sunday, Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. in the Hiram Village Square Park (across from Four Corners Store). Please join us for refreshments and open house at Soldiers Memorial Library at 85 Main Street following the tree lighting!

GREETING CARD WORKSHOP We're entering the holiday season—this year, why not use that as an excuse to get crafty? On Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 6 p.m., and on Friday, Dec. 1 at 1 p.m., join Gina at the Lyman Community Library to make some of your own fabulous art for your loved ones. This program is geared to adults, but also open to teens. For more information, call 499-7114.

3rd Annual Parsonsfield Seminary **FESTIVAL OF TREES** Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. -4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission \$5, under 12 is free. Parsonsfield Seminary 504 N. Rd (Route 160), Parsonsfield. Questions? Call 603-452-4725 or 207-625-4449.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CRAFT FAIR Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 905 Main St Sanford. Use the Kimball Street entrance. Raffles, Dried Floral Wreaths & Arrangements, Stuffed Animals, Baskets, Wool Applique', Jewelry, Paintings and Photography, Quilts, Handmade-Sewn, Crocheted and Knitted Items, Decorations and Foods and much more.

BAKED BEAN AND PASTA SUPPER hosted by the Arundel Historical Society on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the M.L. Day School Gym, 600 Limerick Road, Arundel. Two kinds of baked beans, Mac-n-cheese, American Chop Suey, Hot Dogs, cole slaw, cornbread/Rolls, drinks, coffee and Homemade desserts. Takeout is available. Suggested donations: Adults \$10, Kids 6-10 yrs- \$5, Children 5 and under Free. There will be historical displays, membership info, Reindeer Raffle and merchandise. This is to benefit the Arundel Historical Society and all are welcome.

Town of Lyman **HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING** Saturday, Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Library, 10 John Street, Lyman. Come by for Hot Chocolate and Cookies. Santa will come by on fire truck. Tree Lighting and Christmas Carols.

The Hiram Cultural Center presents a **CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET** on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Arts Center 8 Hancock, 8 Hancock Ave in Hiram Village. Shop locally this holiday season and support the talented artisans of Sacopec Valley! Breakfast, lunch and baked goods for sale.

2023 FAIR Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Buxton (aka Tory Hill Meetinghouse) Find an assortment of homemade fudge, candy and baked goods, raffle, vendor and white elephant tables. Outside you will find a selection of wreaths (2 sizes) and cemetery baskets. There will be a take-out lunch that consists of either chili and/or chowder along with a hot dog and cookie. NOTE: 50% of the proceeds from the luncheon will be donated to the "Keep the Heat on Project."

The Historical Society of Newfield is once again hosting its annual **HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER, YANKEE SWAP AND CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING WITH CAROLS** on Sunday, Dec. 3. The potluck and Yankee Swap/gift exchange will begin at 2 p.m. at the Historical building on Elm Street in Newfield and the town tree lighting and carols will follow at 4 p.m. at the Gazebo in the town village.

KIDS SHOP FREE – MINI MALL FOR KIDS North Parish Church, 893 Main Street, Sanford, Sunday, Dec. 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. Kids can shop for a present for someone special, wrap it and make a card, then enjoy some hot cocoa and marshmallows. Must be accompanied by an adult. Tea and Coffee for adults in our "North Pole Cafe." Special Guest Santa Clause to take pictures with. FMI call Arlene Carroll 651-5307.

NOVEL JAZZ SEPTET - Dancing with the Duke at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, Dec. 9 at 7:30 pm. Join in the fun, dancing to the music of Duke Ellington, or just settle in and enjoy the concert. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at www.sacorivertheatre.org or call 207-929-6473 for reservations.

FOOD DRIVE EVENT AND COOKIE WALK W/SANTA Dec. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Shapleigh Memorial School, 467 Shapleigh Corner Road. Santa will be there to take holiday photos. There will be crafts to occupy the children, as well as hot chocolate and candy canes. This is a free event. Shapleigh PTC will be offering a cookie walk: walk attendees can purchase a box, then go around to the different displays and select which cookies they would like to fill the box. All proceeds from the cookie walk will go to Braelyn Goodwin and her family.

VENDOR AND CRAFTER EVENT at the Fraternal Lodge #55, located at 1 Westcott Way, Alfred, Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come shop or be a vendor!

The Sacopee Valley Community Band will hold a **COMMUNITY DINNER AND HOLIDAY CONCERT** on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Arts Center at 8 Hancock, 8 Hancock Ave in Hiram Village. Doors open for dinner at 5 p.m. - suggested donation of \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Free concert begins at 7 p.m.

ONGOING EVENTS

WRITERS! The Tuesday Writer's Group meets on first and third Tuesdays of every month at the Waterboro Library from 6-7:30 p.m. Fiction, nonfiction, memoir, poetry. Join us for readings and friendly discussion. All levels welcome!

CRIBBAGE CLUB Wednesdays, from 6-7:30pm at the Lyman Community Library. All ages, all skill levels. FMI: 207.499.7114.

BEAN SUPPER Massabesic Lions monthly dine-in or take-out the 2nd Saturday of the month, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Regional Medical Center, 813 Main Street, Waterboro. Adults \$10. Children 5 to 12 are \$7, kids 4 and under are free. Kidney and Pea Beans, Chop Suey, Ham, Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, "Our Homemade" Biscuits, variety of desserts.

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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets every Friday evening at 7 p.m. at the Waterboro Town Hall, West parking lot entrance. All are welcome.

THE CORNER CUPBOARD which offers personal care, paper, cleaning, household, and baby items to anyone in need, is open the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Sanford UU Church, 5 Lebanon St., Sanford, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please bring your own bag.

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.

ST. THERESE FOOD CLOSET now located behind the Holy Family Church at 66 North Ave., Sanford. Open every Thursday from Noon until 2 p.m. Anyone in need of food is welcome.

ROSS CORNER BIBLE CHURCH is currently being broadcast all over the world. Each Sunday Pastor Steve Duff delivers a message that is exciting and can be applied to our everyday life situations. The setting is totally informal, come as you are. There is no pressure, only friendship. Service 10 a.m. to noon.

MENS BODY BUILDERS Interdenominational Men's growth group for men of all ages. Laugh while enjoying breakfast and fellowship. Learn what scripture has to tell you through God's word and grow in your faith. First Saturday of every month from 8-10 a.m. Led by Pastor Phil. Music and guest speakers. First Baptist Church of Sanford, 905 Main St., Sanford, 207-324-5456. Use the Kimball Street entrance.

CIRCLE OF FAITH WOMEN'S GROUP, Bible study for Women of all ages. Come and learn how Scripture can play a part in your life. Focused on women and their growth in their faith. Join us for breakfast and Fellowship. Every woman is invited to join the "circle." Second Saturday of every month from 8-10 a.m. First Baptist Church of Sanford, 905 Main St., Sanford, 207-324-5456. Use the Kimball Street entrance.



Mary Dexter with her exquisite handmade rug. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

An old project revisited

By JOANNE BARGIONI

Once upon a time, Mary Dexter of Hollis began making a rug. It's been 27 years since she started the rug after a stressful time in her life. To keep her mind and hands occupied, she enrolled in a rug-making class at the University of Southern Maine. The rug design was printed on the fabric and came with blue, red, green, and brown colored yarn to complete the project. The instructor gave the class six weeks to complete the rug, and Dexter worked on it.

At that time, she had young children at home and had to prioritize her life, and the rug project was put on the back burner and buried in the closet as she raised her children. Years later, after she retired, she joined the Fiber Arts group at Saint Matthews Church in

Limerick and pulled the rug project out of the closet. She needed to finish the rug, and with renewed enthusiasm, she revisited the rug again. It took her over two years to finish, but finish she did! The rug needed to be punched, which is a method using a specific tool to push the yarn through the material and back out again, forming loops. After completing this process using different color yarns, she needed to cut each loop to create a velvety nap finish. Dexter then created a sculptured design using special scissors to cut into the rug to create dimension.

Dexter said it "became a healing process" for her, and even though it took her years to complete this project, she said, "You're never too old to complete a worthwhile project. It keeps your mind alert, and it's fun to be

with other people, laughing and doing something you enjoy."

The moral of this story is that it's not too late to seek out the projects that had once inspired you and that have been put aside over the years for various reasons, and it's never too late to complete it and enjoy the excitement of seeing the finished product.



Come experience our brewery, taproom & distinguished beer.

NOW OPEN THURSDAYS!

DINNER AT FUNKY BOW

featuring our homemade brick-oven **PIZZAS** and **STUFFED BAKED POTATOES**



LIVE MUSIC

THU, NOV. 23 - CLOSED
FRI, NOV. 24 - Fog Ave **5-9PM**
SAT, NOV. 25 - Stella Blue Bros **1-4PM**
 Under the Covers **5-9PM**
SUN, NOV. 26 - 120C with Henry Lowery **1-5PM**

OPEN: THU. 5-8PM, FRI. & SAT 1-9PM, SUN. 1-5PM
 21 Ledgewood Lane, Lyman
www.funkybowbeercompany.com

LIMERICK MILLS ANIMAL HOSPITAL 135 Elm St. Limerick 793-4493

Saturday, December 2 from 10am to 1pm

Have your pet's picture taken with Santa and his Elf!

For a **\$5 DONATION**, we will e-mail the photo, or print for you to take home. (CASH & CHECKS ONLY. NO CREDIT CARDS.)

All proceeds collected will go to a local family in need.

Coffee & Hot Cocoa

Shop our retail for the 4-legged friends and pet lovers in your family!

We will not be open for appointments and NO food or Pharmacy pick-ups.

Pets do not need to be patients here to come for photos.

To place an ad EMAIL TO: ads@waterboro-reporter.com



Send us your holiday stories!

Our December issues will include holiday stories and recipes from YOU, our readers!

EMAIL letters, recipes, photos, poems & stories: news@waterboro reporter.com

Please include name and town. Opinions expressed here are independent from the Reporter and its contributors.



LOCAL Newspaper advertising WORKS! ads@waterboro reporter.com 247-1033

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CRAFT FAIR Dec. 2nd 9am-3pm Come by to see the CREATIVE WORKS by: Bree's Crafts, Jan's Purses, Bags & More, Mackenzie Lee Creative, Anewdragonfly, Cindy's Crafts, George's Joyful Scents, Wool Applique' by Jill Reed, Martha Chessie, Debbie Carrier, Whiskey & Wine Acres fresh & dried florals, Dresden & Company, Chalk Couture. 905 MAIN ST., SANFORD (Use the Kimball St. entrance.)

OPINION

LETTERS

In response

For the most part I agree with John Lemire. Customer Service isn't what it used to be. "Employees are disposable and nobody takes pride in their job."

True in some cases. I've been in the same trade since 75, and I've seen many employees come and go.

Some left for more money. Some thought the grass was greener elsewhere. Some were asked to leave. Mostly It's about attitude.

Attitude isn't created at work, and mo-money don't create good attitudes. What more money above your skill level usually creates is entitlement. Entitlement creates laziness.

Home life with parents, discipline, working; doing home chores even if you don't like what mom and dad tell you to do. That teaches and encourages a good job attitude. Praise for a job well done is frosting on any kid's cake.

When you check out at one supermarket and the young person who bags and loads your cart says "there you go." That doesn't stack up the young person that thanks you for shopping. What happened to manners?

There was a time when clerks, service workers, even laborers did a job and it was a stepping-stone to something better: unless they choose to stay put.

I'm sick of unskilled people wanting pay equal to tradesmen. That not management's fault.

The fault was mom and pop not making kids do chores, do it right, and giving discipline and praise.

It's lack of respect for authority; severely lacking nation-wide!

That is mom and pops fault, not management's.

- Edmund Stubbs Newfield

STATE NEWS

DEA Administrator briefs Sen. Collins on illegal Chinese marijuana operations, efforts to combat opioid epidemic, and increase of meth use in Maine

On Thursday, Nov. 16, U.S. Senator Susan Collins received a briefing from Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Administrator Anne Milgram on efforts to address illegal Chinese marijuana operations, combat the opioid epidemic, and fight the rise of crystal meth use in Maine.

"No community is immune from the opioid epidemic, and I commend the men and women of the DEA for their work to combat illicit opioid trafficking and distribution. While we continue to target deadly opioids, we must not lose sight of the need to protect our communities from other emerging threats. The significant increase of crystal meth seizures in Maine - from 3 kilograms in 2021 to 72 kilograms in 2022 - is incredibly shocking," said Senator

Collins. "Administrator Milgram and I also discussed the recent reporting on the illegal Chinese marijuana growing operations in Maine and the potential harm they pose to our public health and national security. We must put an end to these criminal enterprises that are flooding our State and infiltrating our rural communities. I will continue to push the Department of Justice, including the DEA, to work with state and local law enforcement and shut down these illegal operations."

In August, Senator Collins and the Maine Delegation wrote to Attorney General Merrick Garland requesting information on what the Department of Justice is doing to shut down these illegal Chinese marijuana growing operations. Following an in-

vestigation by Maine Wire that uncovered more than 100 foreign-owned drug houses throughout rural Maine earlier this month, Senator Collins renewed her call for federal action (https://www.themainewire.com/2023/11/collins-golden-renew-call-for-doj-action-against-illicit-chinese-marijuana-grows-following-maine-wire-report/).

Read the Maine Wire's Nov. 8 investigative article at: https://www.themainewire.com/2023/11/triad-weed-illegal-chinese-marijuana-grows-all-over-maine/

Read Sen. Collins' letter to AG Merrick Garland in August at: https://www.collins.senate.gov/newsroom/maine-delegation-urges-doj-to-shut-down-foreign-owned-illegally-operated-marijuana-businesses

Maine Behavioral Healthcare awarded \$2M grant to help prevent suicide

The Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has awarded Maine Behavioral Healthcare (MBH) a five-year, \$2 million grant (\$400,000 per year for five years) to implement elements of a Zero Suicide framework. The funding will be used to launch the project Life Worth Living to reduce suicide ideation, suicide attempts, and deaths due to suicide among adults residing in eight rural counties across southern, western, and coastal Maine.

Zero Suicide is a program focused on error reduction, training, communication, and education. MBH began adoption of the national Zero Suicide initiative

in 2020 with the firm belief that suicide is preventable. The grant funds will allow MBH to continue and expand on those efforts.

"There is no doubt that this grant will help save lives," said Dr. Linda Durst, MBH Chief Medical Officer, and Chair, Department of Psychiatry, Maine Medical Center. "Suicide ranks higher as a cause of death for virtually every age group in our

target area when compared to the rest of the country making this an urgent public health matter. I am so proud of the passion, energy, and commitment of our dedicated care team members to improve suicide care across our continuum of services and at every level of the organization."

The project is expected to serve approximately 12,500 unduplicated individuals per year.

Thank you for reading

Support your LOCAL businesses and be sure to tell them you saw their ad HERE in the Reporter!



POLE BARN

Traditional New England Look ECONOMICAL STORAGE 207.432.8881



www.StultzBuilding.com

SAFE STORAGE PREMIUM SELF STORAGE UNITS IN SOUTHERN MAINE RENT QUALITY SELF STORAGE UNITS AT COMPETITIVE PRICES Sanford 207.850.1051 Kezar Falls 207.625.2144 Springvale 207.324.1644 Baldwin 207.625.7867 Airport SS 207.324.8440 Hollis 207.727.9002 Route 1 207.985.3300 Waterboro 207.280.8600 www.SafeStorageMaine.com

Local Calling Cards

Free Design Service

SIZE: 3.2"W x 1.75"H



ONLY \$25 PER WEEK!

4-WEEK MINIMUM

CALL 247-1033 • AD DEADLINE TUESDAYS AT 5 P.M. • EMAIL: ADS@WATERBOROREPORTER.COM

Property Doctors
General Contracting Services
 NEW CONSTRUCTION • REMODELING
 FULL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
 Call or text: 207-651-9269

SHOP Locally!

ALL TYPES OF METAL ROOFING

Sir Henry says...
 "Throw us a bone!"

J.N.R. GUTTERS, INC.
 Residential & Commercial for Over 37 Years!

25% OFF
 off any job over \$2500
Offer must be presented at time of estimate. Not valid on pending or previously quoted jobs. LIMITED TIME OFFER.

- ROOFING STEEL • ALUMINUM • RUBBER
- SEAMLESS GUTTERS
- SIDING
- WINDOWS
- DOORS
- DECKS

Call for a FREE Estimate Today!
800-966-9238
JNRGutters.com

KP Asphalt & Landscaping LLC

(207) 284-0046 • kurt@kpasphalt.com

TOP-IT-OFF OIL
 QUALITY HOME HEATING OIL
LOWEST CASH PRICES

24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE *Guaranteed Lowest Cash Price!*
1-800-293-6448
 279 BIDDEFORD RD., ALFRED
 - Serving all of Southern Maine -

KENNEBUNK 985-6448 ALFRED 324-1133

DIRFY Generators
 Doing It Right For You

Sales • Service • Installation • Inspections • Free Evaluations & Estimates

#1 Dealer for Home Standby Automatic Generators
20 YEAR PROTECTION - CALL FOR DETAILS
 26 KW generators now available - largest air-cooled in the industry **OVER 118 AMPS @ 220 VOLTS!**

Dirfygenerators.com • 207-637-3346 • dirfygenerators@yahoo.com

J.R. GERRISH & SONS, LLC.
 EXCAVATING CONTRACTORS & SEPTIC SERVICE

Free Estimates • Site Work
 Septic Tanks Pumped
 Systems Inspected
 Septic Systems Installed

www.gerrishandsonslc.com 324-4984 JIM
 jebgerrish@gmail.com 423-7499 JEB
 Fax 207-324-9499

YOUR AD HERE FOR ONLY \$25 PER WEEK

"PROUDLY serving our community"

DIANE GRAY
 BROKER/Owner
 treelinetoshoreshoreline.com
 P.O. Box 105
 North Waterboro, ME 04061
 graysofmaine@hotmail.com
 Office: 207-247-3232
 Cell: 207-632-1943

TREELINE SHORELINE REALTY

The Waterboro Trash Guy
WEEKLY PICKUP

- Scrap Metal & Rubbish Removal
- House Clean-outs
- Construction Clean-up
- FREE ESTIMATES

Call Today (207) 550-2138
 www.waterborotrashguy.com
 Email: Jim@waterborotrashguy.com

Financing available for large jobs!

KASPRZAK INSURANCE ASSOCIATES, INC.
 Auto • Home • Life • Business • Health

247-4959

RTE. 5 • NO. WATERBORO, ME 04061

FIREWOOD
 GREEN & SEASONED
 CUT • SPLIT
 DELIVERED

207-216-2983

WANTED
Junk Cars & Trucks, Scrap Metal

HOURS OF OPERATION:
 Mon-Fri 8-4, Sat 8-2
 Closed Sundays

We buy the following metals:
 Copper • Brass • Aluminum Cans • Batteries
 • Stainless • Lead • Wire • Aluminum Wheels (with or without tires) • Large amounts of Metal
 • Steel • Appliances • Catalytic Converter

C.I.A. SALVAGE We'll beat any reasonable offer for complete vehicles.
 Call: 207-793-2022
 366 Sokokos Trail North • Route 5, Limerick, ME 04048

Founded on Integrity, Trust, & Respect

207 ROOFERS ROOFING SOLUTIONS of Portland

PAYMENTS as low as \$149/mo.

- ✓ SHINGLES ✓ METAL SHINGLES
- ✓ COPPER ✓ STANDING SEAM METAL

Text or Call 207-766-3377 Visit Us on the Web 207Roofers.com

RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • CONDOS

TOP CUTT Tree Service

Landscaping
 Tree Removal
 Chipper
 Yard Clean-ups
 Stump Grinding

207.423.7573
 Owner - Josh

Free Estimates
 Full insured

GRAPHIC DESIGN • ADVERTISING • MARKETING

KLDESIGN & MARKETING

Kerry DeAngelis • North Waterboro, ME
 E-mail: kerry@kldesignandmarketing.com

More than 20 years of experience!
(207) 206-5639
 www.kldesignandmarketing.com

Injured at work?

BILODEAU LAW CONTACT US.

207-333-5103 • bilodeaulaw.me

UPTOWN AUTO
 SALES - SERVICE - DETAILING

Larry Whitely Jr. OWNER
 uptownautolimerick@gmail.com
207-793-4600
 5 Main Street, Limerick, ME 04048

CALL 247-1033 • AD DEADLINE TUESDAYS AT 5 P.M. • EMAIL: ADS@WATERBOROREPORTER.COM

Classifieds



Local Service Directory

ONLY \$7.00 PER WEEK!

4-WEEK MINIMUM

CARPENTRY

CARPENTER, REMODELING AND REPAIR Fully Insured. Kitchens, Baths, Trim, Finish Work, Drywall, Windows, Doors, Remodels, Flooring, Built-Ins, and more!
COTE WOODCRAFT
 CALL OR TEXT 207-229-3465
 Eric@cotewoodcraft.com

CONCRETE

CONCRETE CUTTING
 Doors, windows, drops, etc. Fully insured, Professional Service.
207-590-8934

PEST SERVICES

Mice, squirrel, tick, ant & mosquito control. Wildlife relocation. Bat exclusions.
RANGER PEST SERVICES
 "Ranger" Rick Reinhard • 712-8871
 rangerpestservices@yahoo.com

TAX SERVICES

TAX PREPARATION JOHN FLEURY
207-776-0055
 E-file, Free consultation, pick up and delivery, Compare and save!

ACUPUNCTURE

Peck's Family Acupuncture
 813 Main Street
 Waterboro, ME 04087
(207) 247-7388
 www.pecksfamilyacupuncture.com

BOAT CANVAS

BOAT COVERS DOCKSIDE SERVICES
 Northeast Canvas
 necanvas@gmail.com
207-608-3212

CARPENTRY

CARPENTRY & PAINTING
 Expert Rotted Wood Repairs
 High Quality Work
 Insured • 30 Years Experience
 Call Mark: 207-432-9637
 or 603-800-9683

ELECTRICAL SERVICES

Electrical Service Calls & Troubleshooting
 25 years of experience.
 No job too small!
793-0216 • 560-7239

PORTABLE SHELTERS

SHELTERLOGIC
 12'x20'x8'-round or peak-\$699.00
 Other shelter sizes available.
 FMI call Tom's Small Engine Repair, Sanford
(207) 490-2571

TREE SERVICES

P. GILPATRICK LOGGING
 Select cutting - View cuts
 Whole tree chipping
 Paying top \$ for your timber.
 28 years strong, insured.
FREE ESTIMATES
CALL PHIL 207-252-7057

NOTICES

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH HELP WANTED

The Town of Shapleigh has immediate openings for **TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS** to fill in as needed for employees when they have unplanned absences or vacation time scheduled. Ideal candidates will be able to lift up to 50 lbs, have a flexible schedule and must be able and willing to work weekends. Though shelter is provided for getting a break from the elements, a majority of this work is outside in various types of weather. Interested applicants should reach out to the Town Administrator by phone at 207-636-2843 ext 0 or by email to: townadmin@shapleigh.net.

For more information please visit: <https://www.shapleigh.net/other/job-openings/index.php>

CONVENIENCE STORES

LAKESIDE MARKET
 411 Sokokis Trail
 Route 5, E. Waterboro
 www.lakesidemarket.net
247-8440

GRAPHIC DESIGN

MAKE YOUR BUSINESS STAND OUT!
 Call or text (207) 206-5639

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

NEED HELP WITH YOUR PROPERTY?
 We can manage existing AND new projects.
 Call the Property Doctors at (207) 651-9269

YOUR CATEGORY HERE

YOUR AD HERE FOR ONLY \$7

BUY - SELL - TRADE

WANTED TO BUY
 Antiques • Silver
 Gold • Coins
CHRIS LORD ANTIQUES
 One item or entire estate. Cash paid for all antiques.
 Antique jewelry, coins, silver, gold, paintings, clocks, lamps, telephones, phonographs, radios, nautical items, weathervanes, dolls & toys, pottery, military items, photography, swords, advertising signs, fountain pens, bottles, tools, books & much, much, more! Buying antiques for over 20 years.
Barn and attic clean-out also.
(207) 233-5814
ME & NH

HANDYMAN SERVICES

T&L HOME REPAIRS
 General Handyman Services
 FULLY INSURED
207-899-5003

WANTED

Wanted! USED CANOE
Free or Cheap!
Call 207-929-6128

HOME IMPROVEMENT

EXCAVATING
 Frostwalls, Foundation, Repairs, Septic Systems, Camps Lifted, Sill Work, Drainage, Driveways, Demolition, Landscaping
TODD ZAGARELLA LTD.
207-793-4111

TOWN OF LEBANON, MAINE SEEKING BIDS FOR:

- 2024 Town Properties Mowing Services
- 2024 Forest Grove Cemetery Mowing Services
- 2024 Prospect Hill Cemetery Mowing Services

For further information, please go to www.lebanon-me.org
 Or call Lynne Davis at 204.457.6082 #5

Thank you for reading the Reporter!

REPORTER
 YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER
An independent community newspaper

www.waterbororeporter.com
 P.O. Box 75, North Waterboro, ME 04061
 247-1033 • news@waterbororeporter.com

Kerry DeAngelis..... Publisher/Advertising Manager
ads@waterbororeporter.com

Mike DeAngelis..... Sports Editor
news@waterbororeporter.com

Joanne Bargioni..... Contributing Writer
 Ann Fisher..... Contributing Writer
 Cynthia Matthews..... Contributing Writer
 Allison Williams..... Contributing Writer

MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS:
 Receive the Reporter in the mail each week for \$75 per year. The Reporter is published on Thursdays, 50 weeks per year.
The Reporter is independently owned and locally operated and has no affiliation with any other newspaper.

©2023 All Rights Reserved. All logos and trademarks are property of their respective owners. No part of this publication may be reproduced without permission from the publisher. The opinions expressed in the Reporter are not necessarily those of the publisher.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE MAINE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION

Please note that, pursuant to 38 MRS, Sections 413 and 414-A, EPICO USA, Inc. of Eagle Creek Development Holdings, LLC of Florham Park, NJ intends to file a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit renewal application with the ME Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the Kezar Falls Hydro Project. The application is for the discharge of 22,320 gallons per day of non-contact cooling water to the Ossipee River in Parsonsfield, Maine.

The renewal application will be filed on or about December 1, 2023, and will be available for public inspection at DEP's Augusta office during normal business hours.

Persons wishing to receive copies of the permit or supporting documents, when available, may request them from the DEP.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE MAINE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION

Please note that, pursuant to 38 MRS, Sections 413 and 414-A, EPICO USA, Inc. of Eagle Creek Development Holdings, LLC of Florham Park, NJ intends to file a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit renewal application with the ME Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the Ledgemere Hydro Project. The application is for the discharge of 22,320 gallons per day of non-contact cooling water to the Little Ossipee River in Limerick, Maine.

The renewal application will be filed on or about December 1, 2023, and will be available for public inspection at DEP's Augusta office during normal business hours.

Persons wishing to receive copies of the permit or supporting documents, when available, may request them from the DEP.

NOTICES

Obituaries



Roland "Pard" R. Letellier

Roland "Pard" R. Letellier

Roland "Pard" R. Letellier, age 74, passed away from throat cancer on Nov. 3, 2023, at home in Limerick with his family at his side.

Pard was born in Biddeford on Nov. 11, 1948, the youngest of nine children of the late Oscar and Mildred (Plummer) Letellier.

In this early adulthood, Roland was employed as a machinist. Later he went on to drive a cement truck for F.R. Carroll, Inc., and also got his college degree in computer science.

Besides his love of family, he especially cherished country music. He was a masterful guitarist and songwriter, but always humble. He was in several bands throughout his life, including Pard and the Countrymen, Pardoned, and Homegrown Kin. His original songs included "Squaretoes", "The Curse of the Saco River", "She Learned to Play in Heav-

en" and "Lost in Boston." He was inducted into the Maine Country Music Hall of Fame in 2021.

Pard was known for performing at several venues throughout the state during his lifetime, including assisted living and skilled nursing facilities locally. His "Jamboree" concerts were held at the American Legion Hall in Alfred. He actually delayed some palliative care so he could play there the week before his death.

He was also a longtime member of Freedom Masonic Lodge #42 in Limerick. Pard was a kind soul, a good person, and a man with a big heart. He always had a quick, unique sense of humor that he would insert into conversation at any time. He had a special love for his pets, including his cat, Red, and his dog, Charlie, who died shortly before him.

He is predeceased by two brothers Ralph and Don Letellier; three sisters Ruby Bouchard, Lorraine Soucy, and Kathryn Marceau; and a grandson Jeffrey Letellier.

He is survived by his children Ray (Donna), Lloyd (Brenda), and Brian Letellier (Tina); brother Sherm Letellier; sisters Christine Kimball and Eva Letellier; four grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He remained good friends with his former wife Judy Hebert and also shared a special bond with Nickey Allaire, with whom he had a long endearing friendship and who took care of him the last years of his life. He is already dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 11 a.m. at the Fraternal Lodge #55, 165 Waterboro Road (Routes 202/4) in Alfred. The lodge is across the street from the American Legion Hall where the newly-named "Pard Letellier Jamborees" will be held for years to come for all to enjoy.



Students speaking with representatives at a recent SRTC career and college fair. COURTESY PHOTO

SRTC holds career and college fair

Sanford Regional Technical Center (SRTC) held its annual Career and College Fair on Thursday, Nov. 9. The fair provided an opportunity for students to engage with representatives and receive valuable insight, whether they are interested in college or are considering entering the workforce directly after high school.

Over 110 companies, colleges, and military branch representatives came out for the fair. Nearly 1,000 SHS and SRTC students attended the event, which was broken into a.m. and p.m. sessions. SRTC's resident career planning coordinator, Jenn Bartlett, coordinated the fair. Career Explorations Coordinator Katie Schindler assisted in sharing the fair prep curriculum with students, ensuring that they were well-informed

and prepared to make the most of the event.

"We had a spreadsheet with all the colleges and companies that are coming in to research ahead of time," SHS senior Cole Legere said. "We came in prepared with questions in mind for the colleges we're interested in."

For students interested in entering the workforce, the fair offered a chance to interact with various employers who provided information about potential job opportunities upon graduation.

Former student Raiden Cruz experienced the benefits of the fair firsthand when he was in school. Cruz graduated from the Building Trades Program and is now in Sargent Construction Academy's Apprenticeship Program.

"I saw Sargent and thought,

'That looks really cool,' so I figured I'd try that," Cruz said.

Peter Parizo, who works in Workforce Development for Sargent Construction, said in addition to focusing on a student's skills, he also prioritizes intangible qualities such as motivation to work and enthusiasm for the job. Parizo said Cruz showed those qualities when they met at a previous career and college fair.

"He's going through the process and doing all of the right things," Peter Parizo said. "I'm just super proud of Raiden."

From companies to colleges and military branches, the Career and College Fair was an invaluable experience for students who attended. The work behind the scenes to coordinate the event was also a team effort, with students, administrators, and instructors all chipping in to put on a successful fair.

- By Sam Bonsey

Communications Coordinator for the Sanford School Department

Dennett, Craig & Pate *Here for you since 1882*
 Funeral Home and Cremation Services

BUXTON • Portland Rd. & Rte. 202 • 929-8200
SACO • 365 Main Street • 282-0562 www.dcpate.com

OBITUARIES ARE A FREE SERVICE IN THE REPORTER
 EMAIL TO: news@waterbororeporter.com

Poitras Funeral Homes
www.mainefuneral.com

Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service Chapel
BUXTON 929-3723

Poitras, Neal & York Funeral Home
CORNISH 625-3221

Trust - Caring - Peace of Mind. Proudly Serving York County and Beyond

Sharing Memories... Celebrating Life

Bibber at **AUTUMN GREEN**
 Memorial Chapel

- Our home provides a warm and unhurried atmosphere.
- We help you create unique and memorable services.
- Your loved one will be cared for with the utmost respect.

47 Oak Street, Alfred, ME • (207) 459-7110
www.bibbersautumngreen.com

Perfect Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
 324-0937 • Lyman, ME
perfectheating.com
 locally owned since 1988

Only pay to heat or cool the rooms you use!
 Call us to find out how you can start saving money today

WE ARE OPEN BY APPOINTMENT
 for all of your hearing needs!

Hearing Essentials Inc.

545 Main St., Waterboro (207) 247-6328 | 316 US Route One - Unit B, York (207) 703-0415

AN ESSAY FROM ALFRED

BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

All about little brothers

My little brother came into the world without telling us he was coming. That is, I think he may have known he was coming but he didn't tell us ahead of time. This was back when children weren't supposed to know about such things. Mothers didn't sit down and tell us a new member of the family would soon be arriving – and we were supposed to share our toys with him. Knowing ahead of time would have been a big help.

I never realized I was supposed to share everything from dolls to teddy bears, just to keep the new arrival happy.

I noticed that the new arrival cried a lot, and was happiest sitting in Mom's lap. But not for long. Very soon he became very interested in the world beyond his crib and was eager to get there. He wasn't content just with the world inside his playpen – he wanted to see the rest of the world, but I was supposed to see that he didn't hurt himself when he explored that world.

If something happened to him I was supposed to know ahead of

time that he should not be doing such and such. "Sister, you should have been watching him". But no one told me I was supposed to watch him. How would I know, otherwise? (I was "Sister" and sisters were supposed to know what a lively two year old was apt to do.) I found this very difficult.

If we went fishing and the whole family liked to fish, I was the one who was supposed to know that he might fall in. Actually, I think he would have been delighted to fall in, as long as the water wasn't too cold. My folks never took us to a stream that was dangerously deep- just some-

where that we could easily hop from rock to rock, and that was something he liked to do. We all did – my other brother was also a good rock hopper and while our folks were busy fishing we were happy to just explore the stream – as long as we did NOT fall in.

I remember one especially interesting stream where my smallest brother disappeared and oh my, what a fuss! Had he fallen in? I really didn't think the water was deep enough to be a problem but my mother was sure something had happened to him. We went upstream calling, and downstream calling, but there was no response. My mother was ready to get a search committee together and went back to the truck – to find my little brother sitting on the running board, waiting for the family to show up. And wondering where we all were. He was like that – very independent and he knew just what to do if he got lost. I wonder if he remembers that little episode. My mother was about scared to death, but not my little brother. He hadn't been able to find any of us so he simply went back to the truck to wait, which was the smartest thing to do.

My other brother, just two years younger than I was, didn't easily get upset. I remember the time we were exploring the spring (this was after the hurricane when there was no water so my father and another worker had shoveled out the spring). We had decided to explore the spring and my brother nearest me in age had fallen in. I had held out a stick for him to grab, which he did, until he could climb out. It wasn't deep enough to be dangerous – just very cold. My mother was working in the greenhouse that day (they were florists) and we were sure she would know what we should do next.

We explained that he had fallen in a puddle. She took one look at him and said "That was no puddle – he fell in the spring! Go up to the house and get changed!" Which he did, and the next day the men who worked in the greenhouses built a kind of cage over the spring with chicken wire so it couldn't happen again. And it never did. I am sure my littlest brother would have done that same thing.

I really cannot remember any episodes where he did anything really dangerous. The woods up behind our house were our playground and we had a lovely time there. Once we even built a small cabin there by cutting down some small trees. When it was done we figured it had everything except a door. None of us knew how to make a door, so we just made a hole to crawl through which worked very well. When we showed it to our mother she agreed the hole worked well.

From then on, when we wanted to eat in our cabin we crawled up through the hole with our sandwiches and ate inside our cabin. It wasn't a very big cabin, but big enough. We were careful not to leave any scraps of bread inside which might have interested mice. Anyone interested in a good playground for their kids might do the same. Just give them a patch of forest and see what they do with it!



**Closed on Thanksgiving...enjoy the holiday!
OPEN ON BLACK FRIDAY AT 11AM**

FULL BAR 🍁 16 GREAT BEERS ON TAP



TUESDAYS @ THE TAP NOW OPEN TUESDAYS FROM 3-9 P.M.

- ROTATING MENU of small bites: street tacos, dips, flatbreads & more!
- FLIGHTS of Margaritis and beers, plus weekly cocktail specials.
- LIVE MUSIC with local artists – larger group seating so bring your friends!



TEAM CRIBBAGE FRIDAYS 5:30-9 P.M.
Message info@rivertapandgrill.com

SUNDAY BRUNCH 9AM-2PM
View our full menu at www.rivertapandgrill.com
CALL 298-9620 FOR RESERVATIONS



OPEN: Tue. 3-9 p.m.; Wed.-Sat. 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m- 8 p.m.

River Tap & Grill • 52 Golf Course Lane • Hollis

ADVERTISING INFO: ads@waterbororeporter.com