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County budget committee to caucus April 9

The York County Budget Committee – the board that meets to review the York County government spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year – will caucus April 9 and vote to fill vacancies. There are seven positions to be filled by elected municipal officials from the five York County Commission districts, as outlined in state statute. There are three vacancies for public representatives.

Constituted by state legislation in 1993, the budget committee reviews the fiscal year spending proposal for all county departments as voted by York County Commissioners, may make changes, and schedules a countywide public hearing. The committee then votes on the spending plan.

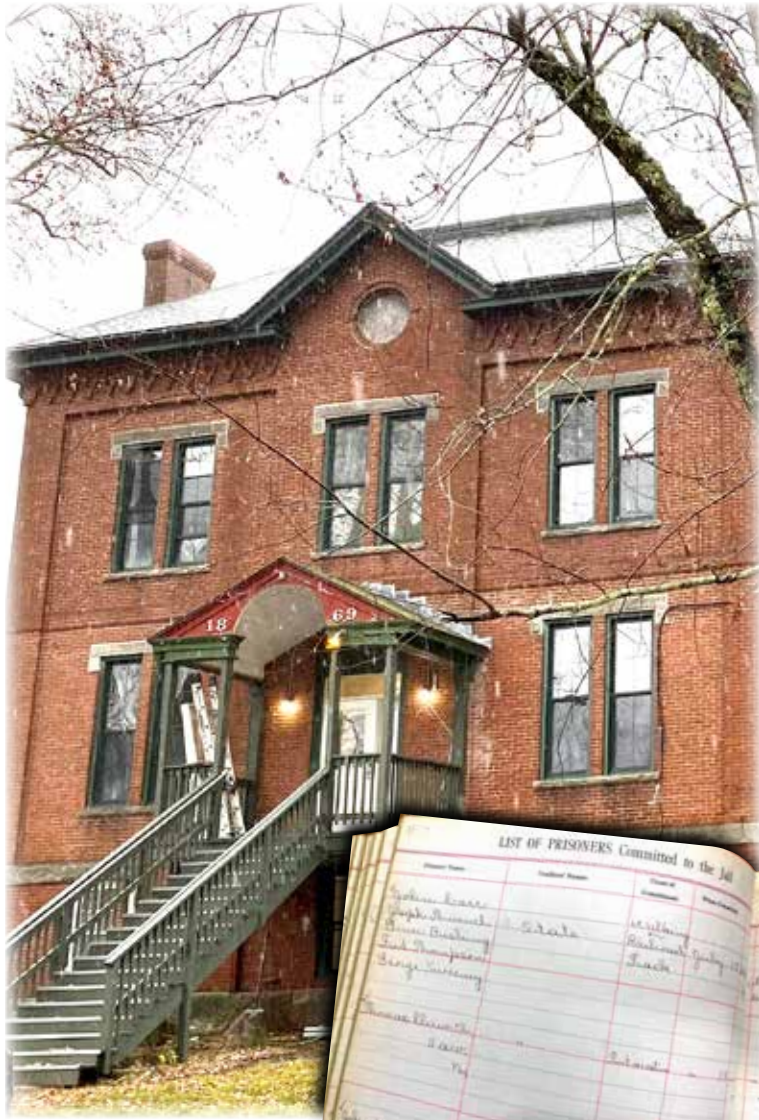
Jo-Ann Putnam of Alfred has been a budget committee representative for many years, and has chaired board for the last several years.

“My original reason (for joining) was to actually see what my taxes were going towards, other than in the town I live in,” Putnam said. “I didn’t want to be that person who complained about the taxes I pay and not be informed.”

In all, the board is comprised of 15 voting members. State statutes spell out that there are three members from each York County Commission district: two elected municipal officials and one public representative. No more than one member may represent the same municipality at a time. The statute also spells out that the York County legislative delegation selects one of their members as a non-voting, 16th member, though that position has been vacant for many years.

York County Commission District 1 includes Acton, Berwick, Cornish, Lebanon, Limington, Newfield, North Berwick, Parsonsfield, Shapleigh and South Berwick, where there are vacancies for two elected members. District 2 includes Arundel, Biddeford, Kennebunk and Kennebunkport., where there is a vacancy for one elected member and a public member. District 3 is comprised of Buxton, Hollis, Old Orchard Beach and Saco, where there are two elected member vacancies; District 4,

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The 1869 York County Jail was in use until a new jail opened on Route 4 in the 1970s. Due to overcrowding that facility was replaced by a new jail on Layman Way in the early 2000s. (INSET) A 1900 York County Jail inmate calendar, or logbook, shows that five York County residents were incarcerated for walking on the railroad tracks. It is among several logbooks that outline who served time at the jail over several years.

PHOTOS BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Old crimes revealed in York County Jail logbooks

Many of us have heard the term “that’s highway robbery!” These days, the expression tends to mean that something is far too expensive – “they want how much?” for a dozen eggs, a chuck roast, or a basic, no frills, new car.

Well, in 1893, highway robbery happened right here in York County. A Biddeford man was arrested and charged with committing that crime, and spent several months incarcerated at York County Jail, awaiting trial.

The man, who used three aliases, according to jail records, was committed to the jail – the facility at that time was on Court Street in Alfred – on June 15 and was discharged for later trial. How

the trial turned out is not revealed in jail records – nor are there any details of what the alleged highway robbery entailed. The information about the man and others committed to the jail comes from a logbook (also called a calendar) kept by the jail superintendent. It is a very basic, but fascinating, record of the people who spent time at the jail, whether for a mere 24 hours, or for much longer.

This and other tidbits of information turned up as county jail officials began the task of digitizing records of those who were committed to the facility, said York County Sheriff William L. King.

“The logbooks and (some) old (Continued on page 4)

Sheriff celebrates employees, citizens academy graduates – and chili

A citizen saw a York County resident wandering in the roadway, and quietly stepped in to assist York County Sheriff’s Office deputies help the older resident who was experiencing cognitive difficulties. Jennifer Stonehouse gently calmed the individual, and in so doing, helped the situation end safely.

A member of the YCSO command staff, Operations Major Craig Sanford, saw the difficulties a mother and her child were experiencing and how few resources they had, and quietly went shopping, using his own funds to secure supplies for the young family.

The efforts of Stonehouse, Sanford and a host of others – patrol deputies, corrections officers, and civilians, were celebrated Friday, March 21 at the York County Sheriff’s Office annual awards ceremony for 2024. There were commendations, lifesaving awards, officers of the year and a graduation ceremony for members of the YCSO inaugural Citizens Police Academy that had wound down just the evening before. It was a full afternoon – and with awards too for winners of the agency’s annual chili contest.

“Preparing for these events is

a humbling experience because I learn, or I am reminded of, the great work we do on a regular basis,” said Sheriff William L. King.

Steven Broy, who joined YCSO in 2022, was named Deputy of the Year. Selected as a detective and appointed to the Criminal Investigation Division in February 2024, he is approachable and eagerly accepts new assignments, the sheriff said. King noted Broy maintains a full caseload of felony crimes, accepts auxiliary duties like managing the York County sex offender program, is an assistant team leader with the Southern Maine Special Response Team and is a YCSO firearms instructor. As well, he is leading an effort to upgrade CID technology so detectives can review investigative aids, maintain situational awareness of patrol assignments and keep track of open investigations and assignments.

Adam Boynton was named Corrections Officer of the Year. Described as consistent, dependable, an extraordinary worker and a mentor by his supervisors, Boynton is one of the first to respond in an emergency, the sheriff said. In making the award, King said

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Detective Steven Broy was named York County Sheriff’s Office Deputy of the Year at an annual awards ceremony Friday, March 21. He is leading an effort to upgrade technology in the Criminal Investigation Division. PHOTOS BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT



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LOCAL news, events and faces from your LOCAL community.



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COMING EVENTS

PUBLIC HADDOCK DINNERS Fridays through April 11 (4:30 to 6:30 p.m.) at the St. Thomas School Cafeteria, 69 North Avenue in Sanford. Price is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Bring canned goods or other nonperishable items for chance at 50/50 raffle. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, FMI call Ray at 651-6636.

Waypoint 's Lifeworks program is hosting a **SPAGHETTI DINNER** to raise money for York County Shelter Programs on Friday, March 28, 5:30-7 p.m., at the dining hall on the Alfred campus, 147 Shaker Hill Road. The menu includes spaghetti with meat or meatless sauce; salad, garlic bread and brownies. The cost is \$15; cash only. To reserve a space, call 324-8736, between 8-3. Waypoint, in Sanford, assists people living with disabilities.

Sanford High School Theater Company Presents **GREASE** at the Sanford Performing Arts Center, 100 Alumni Boulevard in Sanford on Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 29 at 2 & 7 p.m.; Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12-15. Seniors, Students and Military

Community CALENDAR

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

receive a 10% discount. Visit www.spac.org for tickets or visit the box office during regular hours.

Try our delicious **HADDOCK SUPPER BUFFET** - Saturday, March 29 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 sit inside.

SANFORD GARDEN FAIR The Sanford Beautification Committee is hosting its first annual Sanford Garden Fair with workshops, plants, and garden products. The Fair will be held on March 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Sanford Memorial Gym, 678 Main St. Admission is five dollars, and children 12 and under are free.

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION Waterboro Library's Online Silent Auction begins April 1 and bidding will continue until

April 13. Staff has started to list items already, so you can get a "sneak peek" at the treasures available for your bidding starting now. Bidding begins April 1 at 9 a.m. and ends April 13 at 9 p.m. Call the library with questions at 247-3363. Online auction link: <https://m.charityauctionstoday.com/m/auctions/waterboro-public-library-13th-annual-silent-auction-43965>

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTS BEAN SUPPER The Arundel Historical Society will be hosting a Baked Bean and Pasta Supper on Saturday, April 5 at the M.L.Day School Gym from 4:30 to 6 p.m. located at 600 Limerick Road, Arundel. There will be 2 kinds of baked beans, mac-cheese, American Chop Suey, Hot Dogs, coleslaw, cornbread/rolls and brown bread, drinks and coffee and homemade desserts. Takeout is available. Suggested donations are: Adults \$10, Kids 6-10 yrs-\$5, Children 5 and under Free. There will be historical displays, membership info and merchandise available. Our annual raffle

calendar will be available. This is to benefit the Arundel Historical Society and all are welcome to a great family evening.

12TH ANNUAL SOUPER SUPPER Parsonsfield Seminary 504 North Road, Parsonsfield, Friday, April 11 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Southwestern chicken soup, Corn Chowder, Zappa Toscana and Chili. Tossed salad, bread, biscuits, rolls, cornbread, tossed salad, drinks and dessert. Cost is \$14, 12 and under is \$5. Music by Steve Decker. FMI: (603) 539 5233 or (207) 625 8360.

EGG HUNT AND PAINT PARTY Shapleigh's PTC will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt and Paint Party on Saturday, April 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Shapleigh Memorial School, 467 Shapleigh Corner Road. The Easter Egg Hunt will begin sharply at 3:30 p.m. The eggs go quickly so be on time.

JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER on Saturday, April 5 at 7 p.m. at the Sanford Performing Arts Center, 100 Alumni Blvd., Sanford. Join pianist Luther S. Allison and vocalists Quiana Lynell

and Milton Suggs as they bring the spirited essence of Mardi Gras to life. Tickets are \$45-\$65, with discounts for seniors, students, military veterans and season subscribers. For information, visit <https://sanfordpac.org/lincolncenter/> or call the box office at 206-1126, or visit in person Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER at the Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church, 503 Goodwins Mills, Rte 35 Dayton, April 12 from 4:30-6 p.m. Shepherd's Pie, Fruit cups, Cookies, Coffee and punch.

GROW WITH US AT THE SANFORD COMMUNITY GARDEN There are spaces available at the garden for you to grow some of your own food. Everything you need for a successful harvest is provided free of cost. Plus, Master Gardener Volunteers are available to guide you and provide information. Get started by visiting mousamwaylandtrust.org and clicking on The Sanford Community Garden before April 12. The garden is a project of the Sanford Springvale Mousam Way Land Trust.

HOMEMADE YOGURT-MAKING WORKSHOP Tuesday, April 15 at 6 p.m. in the Community Room, downstairs, at Waterboro Public Library, 187 Main Street, East Waterboro. Claire Schreiber, Cooperative Extension Master Food Preserver,

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The **ANNUAL MEETING OF BALDWIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY** is Saturday, April 26 at 5 p.m. at Brown Memorial Library. Potluck supper and the election of officers after the meal. You may also renew your membership at this time. The program for the evening will be a LIVE studio news broadcast of the 1920 Baldwin newspaper headlines. Save the date!

SEEKING CRAFTERS Tory Hill Meetinghouse in Buxton is celebrating community days on Aug. 9 by hosting the opportunity for vendors to set up on the church lawn and offer up attic treasures (yard sale items) and/or crafts. This lawn event will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 2 p.m.; we are offering spaces that are 10' x 10' for \$30/ space. (Note: There will be a \$5 discount if the application and check is received by May 15 – nonrefundable). It is for "space only" you must bring your own table/chairs. Saturday events will continue and include a road race, a town parade, the Dorcas Society's e Car and Coffee Show all centered around the church (vendor area). There will be lots of foot traffic. FMI regarding a space please call Carolyn at 229-4960.

ONGOING EVENTS

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.

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.

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

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.

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 is from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road.

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 St. 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 and a variety of desserts.

FOOD DRIVE Members of the Bar Mills Community Church are holding a food drive for the month of February to benefit the Buxton Community Cupboard, collecting non-perishable food items. The items can be dropped off at the Bar Mills Community Church on 13 Hermit Thrush Drive in Buxton across from the town hall. There will be a box in front of the church to put the items in.

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.

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.

TODDLER STORY TIME at Kezar Falls Circulating Library, 2 Federal Road, Kezar Falls, Wednesdays at 11 a.m. What to expect: A story with a short activity and a bit of music time. Geared toward ages 1-3 but all ages and abilities welcome. Open Tue. 2:30-7 p.m., Wed. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thu. 2:30-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

BUXTON TOPS The Buxton Chapter (0175) of the non-profit group Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Support Group meets every Thursday morning at 8:45am for weigh-in and meeting at Buxton Center Baptist Church (back door entrance), 938 Long Plains Rd., Buxton. FMI call Christy at 329-1020.

LIMERICK TOPS The Limerick Chapter 208 meets every Thursday at 4 p.m. at St Matthew Catholic Church at 19 Dora Lane (off Route 11) Limerick. Call Kathy Harriman at 727-3729 with questions.

YCSO AWARDS

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Boynton handled himself in an exemplary manner when a prisoner became unruly in the courthouse.

"It is our understanding that you used the minimal amount of force and other employees were impressed that you were able to gain control of the prisoner in an efficient and skilled manner," King said.

Sue Seaman, who retired as a fulltime corrections officer in 2022, returned as a reserve officer shortly thereafter. She was named Reserve Corrections Officer of the Year for 2024. "It was clearly a wise choice for the agency to retain your wisdom, corrections acumen and willingness to be a trainer and mentor to newer officers," King said. The sheriff noted Seaman is always on time, volunteers for extra assignments and is an inspiration to other corrections staff.

Earning lifesaving awards were deputies David Pratt, Justin Titcomb, Evan Souza, Kyle Kochanowicz, Steven Broy, Alex Markellos and Sergeant Joshua Morneau. Working as a team, they were able to save the life of a young gunshot victim while an unruly crowd had gathered. King said the scene was chaotic, yet the officers maintained their composure, and saved a life.

Earning commendations were deputies Matthew Cummer, Robert Carr, Stephen Gould and Duane Fay, CO Keith Seymour, Corporal Donovan Cram, Major Craig Sanford, Sergeants Josh Morneau and David Chauvette and York County Jail Administrator Major Lori Marks.

York County Jail Sergeant Colton Sweeney earned a Mat Baker Award, named in memory of the late Chief Deputy. Sweeney

was also to be named Officer of the Year by the Maine Sheriff's Association.

Supervisor Brad Paul of the YCSO Civil Division also earned a Mat Baker Award.

King recognized Captain David Lambert with a Sheriff's Award. Lambert is poised to retire soon, after working 41 years at York County Jail.

Others were recognized for their contributions to the agency, among them EMA volunteers Marc Burnell and Richard Gaudreau, drone operators who assist YCSO.

Sergeant Ellis Mattison and Officer John Nardelli were recognized for volunteering to act in a movie that was filmed at York County Jail and at York County Court House.

Ed Stubbs of American Legion Post #134, Alfred, sang the National Anthem at the ceremony, while Marine Reserve Officer John Flagler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chili contest judges Tom Baran of AAA and Samantha York of Newscenter Maine sampled eight pots of chili, scoring each on flavor, aroma, texture, color and heat and announced the winners. Diana Miles, an addiction counselor at York County Jail won first place honors, with Patricia Guay and C.J. Bolduc tying for second place.

The inaugural Citizen Police Academy that commenced Feb. 25 and ran two nights a week for four weeks saw 27 students from 10 York County communities attend classes on police patrol operations and tactics, communications, first aid, crime scene processing, political implications, community policing, constitutional law, use of force, K9 utilization, special response team operations, jail operations, in-

vestigations – and a ride along.

King had been mulling starting a citizens academy for some time. As it turned out, so have others, including Massabesic High School Resource Officer Matthew Cummer, who spearheaded the program that ran in cooperation with the school district. Cummer said he expected a modest enrollment – but applications kept rolling in.

"Thanks to all who helped," he said.

Arundel resident Paul Hodak, a retired aircraft captain and federal flight deck officer, was among the graduates. "I was in law enforcement, and I thought this would be an interesting way to get reacquainted," he said. "I enjoyed looking at law enforcement from their perspective – I saw a lot of commonality."

"I wanted to understand what they do and be more aware of how they interact with the community," said graduate Tracy Gaudet of Acton. "They're just normal people like you and I, and I don't think they're appreciated the way they should be."

"It has truly been a great experience," said graduate Jonathan Fallon.

The YCSO Citizen Police Academy graduates are Ross Albertson, Dennis Bailey, Christopher Benson, Alex Blow, Frank Brackin, James Daniels, Robert Dyer, Jonathan Fallon, Krista Freeman, Richard Freeman, Tracy Gaudet, Patricia Guay, Bruce Hagan, Joseph Harris, Paul Hodak, Linda Letourneau, Victoria Lynn, Dennis McDonald, David McQuade, Martha Morrison, Matt Ryan, Rosanna Ryan, Kevin Spainhour, Steve Veit, Tim Veit, Tom Veit, and Janet Vincent.

– By Tammy Wells, Media Specialist for York County Government

BUDGET COMMITTEE

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Alfred, Dayton, Lyman, Sanford and Waterboro has vacancies for one elected member and a public member; District 5, Eliot, Kittery, Ogunquit, Wells and York also has an elected member vacancy and a public member vacancy.

Budget committee members are elected to fill vacancies at the caucus, which is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9 at the York County Government Building, 149 Jordan Springs Road in Alfred. Notices have been sent to all 29 York County municipalities, and elected officials from those communities are asked to attend.

While a term may be up to three years, depending on the vacancy,

the annual commitment itself is not lengthy – Putnam estimated over the last few years, the committee has reviewed the budget over 3-4 meetings, followed by the public hearing and vote.

She said some members whose terms have expired, constituting a vacancy, may choose to run for another term, and the committee

looks forward to welcoming new members as well.

"Some members do usually reup for another term, which I hope happens again this year," Putnam said. "The enthusiasm of new members is also nice to have on the committee."

– By Tammy Wells, Media Specialist for York County Government

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BRIEFS

Springvale Library's Annual Auction

Every year in April Springvale Library, 467 Main St., holds its Annual Fundraising Online Auction. This year it will be on April 14 – 20 with a sneak preview on April 1 online and April 4 at the library's Community Room for in person viewing. There will be over 100 items up for bid. This is a major fundraiser for the library so be sure to tune in.

Community Center Grand Opening

The highly anticipated Shapleigh Community Center, 24 Back Rd., adjacent to the town hall will be having a grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a great opportunity to come and view the new facility. Light refreshments will be served.

Vendors wanted for 2025 Apple Festival

The Shaker Hill Apple Festival will be held this year on Sept. 20-21 (rain or shine.) The Shaker Hill Apple Festival is a fun family weekend held every year with pony rides, a petting zoo, children's activities, handcrafted gifts and products, a silent auction, food concessions, homemade apple baked goods, and much more. Parking is free.

The Friends of the Alfred Shaker Museum are actively recruiting artisans and crafters as vendors for this year's Apple Festival. Vendors need to pre-register. For more information contact Jeannette Montgomery, vendor coordinator for the 2025 Shaker Hill Apple Festival at 289-9338 if you have any questions.

– By Joanne Bargioni

ALFRED JAIL

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booking photographs were found squirreled away in the inmate records room," said King. He said there were also photographs of 17-year-olds booked into the jail – something that would not happen today, since only those 18 and older are incarcerated at Maine's county jails.

The old York County Jail, at Court Street and Saco Road in Alfred, was built in 1869 and would have been where folks awaiting trial or most of those convicted and sentenced to serve time would have done so. (Those sentenced who were considered maximum security prisoners would have served their time at the Maine State Prison in Thomaston, built in 1824). A new York County Jail was built in the 1970s on Route 4 – and in the early 2000s, beset by overcrowding, the current facility on Layman Way, off Route 4, was constructed.

The record books from the late 1800s and early 1900s list people charged with an array of crimes, from vagrancy to being a common nuisance, to bastardy – the latter a crime of failing to acknowledge and provide maintenance for a child fathered out of wedlock.

According to 1871 statutes provided by the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library, a woman claiming she was pregnant by a man refusing to acknowledge the child could request criminal prosecution against him. After questioning the woman, a justice of the peace could issue a warrant for the man's arrest, according to the statutes. Subsequently, a court would hear evidence, and a jury would decide if the man accused was indeed the father of the child. If so, he would be ordered to give a bond to pay the child's maintenance, along with assistance to the mother, and held in jail until he did so.

Some charged with bastardy ad-



A number of old jail logbooks dating from the late 1800s were found at York County Jail on Layman Way about a year ago. They show a basic record of who was incarcerated at the 1869 jail on Court Street.

mitted to it, like a man committed to York County Jail on October 25, 1879. He was discharged five days later, on Oct. 30, after agreeing to recognize paternity. He paid the sum of \$200 for the child's care and maintenance, and also for sheriff's fees.

The logbooks reference other crimes for which people were incarcerated.

In 1880, a Kennebunk woman was sentenced to 90 days in jail, fined \$100 and costs of \$8.37 "for keeping intoxicating liquor for illegal sale." She was arrested on Feb. 5, 1880, and discharged from the jail on May 5. Later on the day she was released, she was charged with intoxication, readmitted to the jail, and following conviction was fined \$5, plus \$3.97 in costs.

In July 1880, a woman was sentenced to 30 days in jail for vagrancy – not an uncommon occurrence. Throughout December 1893, about 40 people, described as tramps, were sentenced to 60 or 30 days in jail. By 1900, some charged with being a tramp were sentenced to 60 days hard labor, according to the logbooks, which does not indicate what the hard labor might have entailed.

In addition to the terms "vagrant and tramp," the statutes of 1883 also reference, "rogues, vagabonds and idle persons," and the circumstances under which those in either category could be charged.

"Whoever goes about from town to town or from place to place in any town, asking for food or shelter, or begging, or subsisting upon charity, shall be deemed a tramp," according to the 1883 statutes. If the individual threatened harm, set a fire in the street, broke into a home or carried a weapon, hard labor was part of any sentence.

The "rogues, vagabonds, and idle persons" were described thusly: "going about in any town in the county begging; persons using any subtle craft, jugglery, or unlawful games or plays, or for the sake of gain pretending to have knowledge in physiognomy, palmistry, to tell destinies or fortunes, or to discover lost or stolen goods; common pipers, fiddlers, runaways, drunkards, night-walkers, railers, brawlers, and pilferers; persons wanton or lascivious in speech or behavior, or neglecting their callings or employments, mis-spending what they earn, and not providing for the support of themselves and their families."

Sentences imposed for those convicted included incarceration and a work requirement, if able, the statutes noted.

While the laws concerning tramps, vagrants and others changed over time, they appear to have been fully repealed in 1975.

Moving ahead to 1900, five men were committed to York County Jail on July 18 and released Aug. 16 following their conviction for "walking on the railroad tracks," according to the logbook of that year. There was no indication where they lived, or in what community the railroad tracks were located. They were each fined \$5 each and assessed \$9.20 in costs.

In another 1900 case, a Saco woman was charged with being a common nuisance and was ordered to pay \$500 bail to assure her appearance at trial, at which she was convicted and sentenced to nine months in York County Jail. The definition of "common nuisance" at that time, was not explained – but fast forward to 2003 and a "common nuisance" in Maine statutes refers to buildings, for which an owner may be charged with a misdemeanor: "Buildings used as houses of ill fame or for the illegal sale or keeping of intoxicating liquors, scheduled drugs or resorted to for lewdness or gambling," among other matters. The 2003 statute goes on to say that "a person who keeps, allows or maintains a building, place or structure declared by the Superior Court to be a common nuisance, upon the filing of information, commits a Class E crime." Whether that was also the case in 1900 is unclear.

The jail inmate logs are among a treasure trove of documents owned by the County of York, which was created in 1636 in the province of Maine – a part of the Massachusetts colony during the reign of King Charles I of England. Maine remained part of Massachusetts following the Revolutionary War, until March 15, 1820, when it gained its independence from the bay state. York County is in the process of digitizing many of its records, with a view to making them publicly available online.

– By Tammy Wells, Media Specialist for York County Government

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH
 The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding a **PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** for the following:
Conditional Use Permit to Renew the Town's Gravel Pit for 3 Years
 Property located on Shapleigh Tax Map 7, Lot 7 (Corner of Square Pond Rd & Cedar Drive)
Town of Shapleigh, Applicant & Property Owner
 The Public is invited to attend.
Ann Harris, Chairman
 Shapleigh Planning Board

TOWN OF LYMAN
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NOMINATION PAPERS for the June 10, 2025 Municipal Election will be available starting **March 3, 2025** for the following positions:

- 1 Select Board/ Overseer of the Poor, 3-year term
- 2 Budget Committee members, 3-year term
- 1 RSU #57 School Board of Directors, 3-year term

Papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours. Nomination papers are **due by 4:00pm April 10, 2025.**

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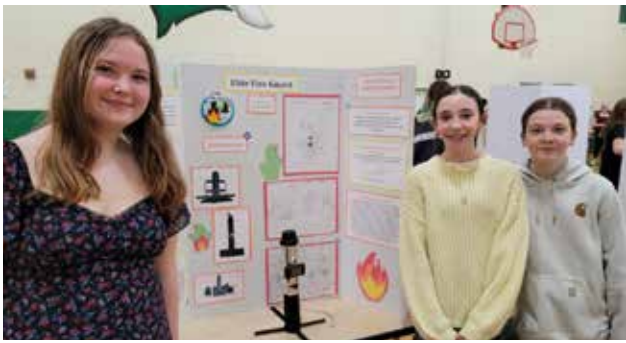
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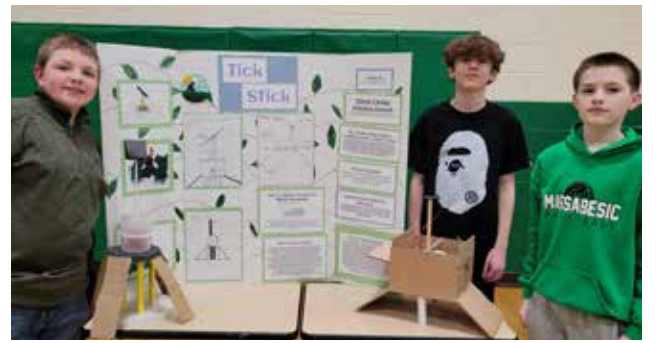
The Massabesic Middle School 7th graders have been working over the past two months on designing and innovating new solutions to help combat impacts of climate change in their science and interdisciplinary studies classes. They showcased their projects in an open-forum event on Friday, March 14 the the school gymnasium. There were 73 groups set up with posters and prototypes of their new innovations. (Students below are named left to right) COURTESY PHOTOS



Alice Ellsworth, Paisyn Burns, Bella Winchell



Izzy White, Aaliyah Thyng, Owen Lovely



Luke Fournier, Deaglan Jarrett, Jace Juntura



Jalen Juntura, Garen Cakouros, Sabrina Sibya



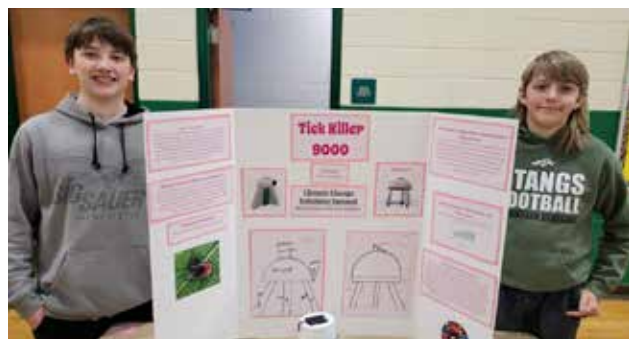
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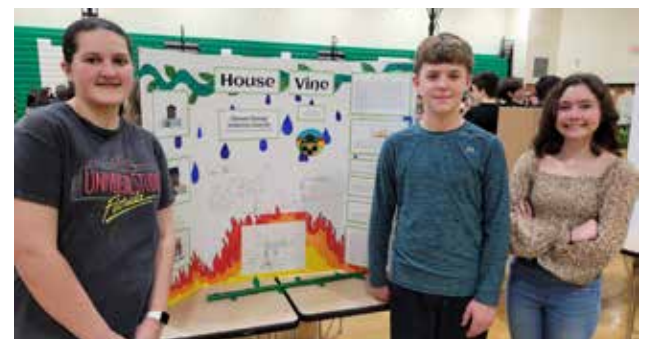
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Julia Gregoire. COURTESY PHOTO

Former Massabesic Mustang earns 'player of the week'

The North Atlantic Conference released its weekly awards for softball on Monday and Husson University graduate student Julia Gregoire (from Massabesic) was named player of the week.

Gregoire finished 6-for-7 from the plate in the Eagles only two games of the week against one of the top teams in the region on the road. Gregoire tallied two runs,

one double and three RBIs, while helping Husson defeat Rhode Island College 8-7 in game two, while nearly pulling off a 13-11 come-from-behind win in game one.

Husson is back in action of Apr. 2 when it hosts Colby College in its home-opener in a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m.

—from *HussonEagles.com*



Bonny Eagle's Paige Davis, right, was named Swimmer of the Year at the South Southwestern Conference. COURTESY PHOTO



Natalia Rothwell. COURTESY PHOTO

Natalia Rothwell is Noble High School's 2025 SMAA Female Citizenship Award recipient

Students honored for this award have demonstrated exemplary citizenship through their participation in interscholastic athletics and contributions to their schools and communities in extra-curricular and service activities.

Natalia Rothwell lives in Acton and with her mother Irene, father Robert, brother Felix and her rabbit Mocha. Natalia has been a varsity athlete at Noble High School for the past four years in Soccer, Basketball, Indoor Track and Field, and Outdoor Track and Field. She has been awarded the SMAA All-Academic Award and Coaches Award for Soccer as well as the Noble Award and Coaches Award in Track and Field. She has served as a captain for the Noble Soccer team, Outdoor Track and Field team, and the Indoor Track and Field team.

At Southwesterns for Indoor Track and Field, Natalia placed 1st for high jump and 7th for the 55m hurdles. At States for Indoor Track and Field, she placed 4th for high jump and also participated in the New England Indoor Track and Field Championship. For Outdoor Track and Field, she placed 6th at Southwesterns for the 100m hurdles, and 4th in States for high jump. Natalia maintains a 4.14 GPA.

An awards banquet will be held on April 7.

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Hanna Powell Memorial Piano Competition April 6

Get excited for a Sunday afternoon concert from some of New England's aspiring pianist students as part of the 2025 Hanna Powell Memorial Piano Competition at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 6. Admission is free to all.

The fourth annual competition is set for Sunday afternoon, April 6, at the Sanford Performing Arts Center. The competition includes juried pianists aged 15-30 who live or study in Maine, New Hampshire, or Vermont.

Through online auditions, these finalists have qualified for the final LIVE competition, each performing up to 15 minutes of music. The public is invited to enjoy this free concert. A panel of three independent concert pianists will serve as judges for this competition.

Finalists are competing for the following cash prizes: First place is \$2,000; Second place is \$1,500; and Third place is \$1,000. The \$1,000 High School Honor Prize will also be awarded to the top high school student, and may be awarded in addition to a first-, second- and third-place prize.

Hanna Powell was a talented pianist, organist, and music teacher born in Finland to a musical family. Her father, being a pianist and organist, held a university position as a music educator. One of her brothers is a violinist and plays in the Turku Symphony orchestra.

Hanna taught at St. Thomas School in Sanford as a part-time music teacher from 2012-2016. She loved teaching children of all ages. She also taught private piano lessons to many students and helped at Redeemer Lutheran

Church with the service playing and children's music ministry.

Hanna was diagnosed with advanced breast cancer in May 2006. Despite battling this illness for 11 years, Hanna remained positive and lived her life to the fullest. Hanna died Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017. Hanna's husband Andy and her sons Patrick (SHS Class of 2021) and Jonathan (SHS Class of 2023) are honored to continue Hanna's legacy through supporting young musicians and their love of music.

For concert information, visit <https://sanfordpac.org/piano-comp25/> or call the box office at (207) 206-1126, or visit in person Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon. The Sanford Performing Arts Center is located at 100 Alumni Blvd, Sanford.



Participants in the 2024 competition. COURTESY PHOTO



Hanna Powell.
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The spring weather has finally arrived and wildlife is wasting no time shedding winter's grip to enjoy the spring season!

For many of these animals, such as black bears, they have lost a significant amount of body weight and are on the move looking for food after emerging from their winter dens. While denning, black bears enter a state of torpor, slowing their metabolism and respiration, breathing only once per 15 to 45 seconds, and dropping their heart rate to 8-21 beats per minute. Even with a lowered metabolic rate, bears still lose significant body fat. Unlike true hibernators, bears don't eat, drink, urinate, or defecate during this time.

Once spring comes and bears emerge from their dens, they are working to regulate their bodily functions slowly until normal activity ensues. Bears will seek out limited springtime foods such as insects, grasses, sedges, leftover hard mast from the fall, and other early spring vegetation. While natural foods are limited, bears may take the risk and wander into backyards in search of easi-

ly accessible food. It is especially important to be proactive about securing and removing backyard attractants this time of year to prevent conflicts with black bears.

Take steps now to prevent black bears from coming to your yard:

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- Remove birdfeeders between April 1 and Nov.1
- Rake up unused bird seed from the ground
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- Use bear-resistant dumpsters or garbage cans
- Keep outbuilding and garage doors closed at all times and repair broken windows and doors

Grills

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Pets and Livestock

- Feed pets inside
- Store livestock and pet food inside
- Keep livestock in buildings at night
- Install and maintain effective fencing for livestock

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Attendees of the first-ever Maine Adaptive Music Summit. COURTESY PHOTO

Carl J. Lamb Elementary School hosts first-ever Maine Adaptive Music Summit

The halls of Carl J. Lamb Elementary School came alive with music, learning, and collaboration on Saturday, March 15th, as the school hosted the first-ever Maine Adaptive Music Summit.

The groundbreaking event brought together approximately 40 education professionals from across Maine and New Hampshire.

"I was looking for professional development for adaptive music, for teaching music to students in our specialties programs," explained Hattie Skvorak, Carl J. Lamb's music teacher who spearheaded the event. "There's a few opportunities for just music teachers, but there's not really anything where music teachers and the ED techs and special education teachers are coming together."

Carl J. Lamb Principal Sher-

ri Baron praised Skvorak's initiative: "Ms. Hattie Skvorak demonstrates exceptional dedication to music education excellence. Recognizing a significant gap in music teacher preparation programs regarding special education methodologies, she took the initiative to address this statewide deficiency."

The summit's schedule featured planned sessions addressing classroom needs. Participants could choose between tracks like "Beyond Notes and Rhythms: Strategies for Adaptive Music in K-5" and "Supporting Behavior in Specials." For families whose children experience sensory challenges, "Sensory Songs" with board-certified music therapist Stephanie Leavell provided strategies to help children feel confident and ready to learn.

"There's a lot of collaboration between us, and especially in my adaptive classes, the Ed techs are super hands-on with their students, and they're always asking, 'Well, how can I support my student better?'" Skvorak noted. This summit aimed to answer those questions.

Other sessions included "Emotional Regulation in the Classroom" and "The Power of Pre-Band BEYOND the Recorder," offering approaches to make music accessible for all students. The day concluded with an expert panel and roundtable discussions.

The decision to hold the summit on a Saturday ensured that educational technicians could attend without disrupting students' routines. As Skvorak explained, "If we have this event that's catered towards Ed techs, and we make it on a Friday, well they can't come, because we can't get a sub for every ed tech in the district."

The impact was immediately apparent. "Attendees provided overwhelmingly positive feed-

back," Baron noted, "with many music educators specifically requesting annual continuation of the event. Several participants noted that this summit provided the most comprehensive professional development they had ever received on adaptive music education."

What does this mean for children? As Skvorak puts it, it ensures "the students are getting the same message in all facets of the building. So what they're learning in speech applies here, or what they're working on in their classroom with their special ed teacher applies here."

The summit, held during Music In Our Schools Month, highlighted the school's commitment to inclusive music education. "Ms. Skvorak's contributions to both our local educational community and music education throughout Maine are truly exceptional," Baron said.

Following this successful inaugural summit, the school is gathering feedback with hopes of making this valuable gathering an annual tradition.

— By Samuel A. Bonsey
Communications Coordinator,
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Think about it

The Maine Legislature met last Thursday and passed a \$11.3 Billion dollar biennial state budget. Per recent news reports and as reported in last Friday's *Portland Press Herald*, there were only a few hours granted for reviewing the 400 page budget before the vote was held. That was very insufficient time to do a review of the budget prior to voting on it. It was also reported that there was no support at all by the majority party, to pass a bi-partisan biennial state budget, thus silencing the republicans and Maine's constituency. This is totally unacceptable, reprehensible and unconscionable by the Democrats in the majority party. Bi-partisanship and collaboration appears to be gone in the legislature. This isn't okay. Why is this happening, on the democrat's watch? How is this any way to govern and also manage state budgets and lead in general? Some meaningful enlightenment on all of this stuff is absolutely necessary.

Obviously, we need improved efficiencies with substantively improved accountability and over-

sight of Maine State Government, including all governmental services. Greater accountability with meaningful oversight is absolutely necessary, including with the DHHS (Dept. of Health and Human Services), including all of its bureaus and its divisions. That also includes a fully needed review of MaineCare. The ongoing financial shortages within MaineCare, aka, Medicaid, should not be happening, yet, they have happened once again. There is a lack of meaningful concerns by Legislative leadership, including by the majority party in charge. The Legislature has failed to adequately investigate, manage and get to the root causes and problems of these recurring fiscal issues and problems. As a result, taxpayers are forced to pay out even more taxpayer funds, to bail out State government, for its chronic over-spending and its mis-management, just like someone over-drawing their checking account or exceeding their credit limit. This is fiscal irresponsibility with misfeasance that must be dealt with adequately, properly and sensibly. Legislative leadership must find ways of working collaboratively vs. otherwise to address these chronic serious

issues. Taxpayers aren't happy about this recurring set of problems. When is enough going to be truly enough? Let's find better ways to address these shortfalls, including in MaineCare, and ensure that it is there for all Mainers, vs. "New Americans." We need more common sense vs. current idiocracy in State government.

— David Hall
Cornish

Trump's EPA should not ignore reality – greenhouse gases cause harm to all of us

The Trump administration's proposal to reconsider the EPA's endangerment finding is reckless, anti-science, and a huge step backward for climate action. This decision isn't just about politics—it puts our health, environment, and future on the line.

The endangerment finding, established in 2009, is based on clear scientific evidence that greenhouse gases harm public health and the planet. It's been the legal backbone for policies that reduce emissions from cars, power plants, and industry. Without it,

we lose a key tool for fighting climate change—and that's exactly what polluters want.

The reality is, climate change isn't some distant threat. It's here. We're seeing record-breaking heat, wildfires, floods, and hurricanes that devastate communities. Our state is not immune from these catastrophes and the Trump Administration's actions would reverse progress. Gutting this policy ignores science and common sense at a time when we need stronger action, not more rollbacks.

This also sends a terrible message to the rest of the world. While other countries are working toward clean energy solutions, the U.S. risks becoming a climate laggard instead of a leader.

We can't let this happen. We need to push back against this dangerous move and demand real climate solutions. The health of our planet—and future generations—depends on it. The EPA should scrap its plan to undo this regulation and maintain the rules that are protecting all of us and the air and water we rely on.

— Jo Kilburn
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Allison Agnus (Finch) Williams

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Allison Agnus (Finch) Williams quietly passed away Saturday, March 1, 2025 leaving behind her husband, Almon Williams of 70 years.

She was born April 24, 1932 to Douglas and Henerietta (Whitmore) Finch. Growing up in Winchendon Massachusetts with 2 younger brothers (Doug and Henry) and extended family. Many memories of residing at Rose Court and all the activities involving running the greenhouses and florist business. She was known for quickly sharing how she missed living there but her calling was nursing.

Her pursuit in Nursing began a whole new chapter in her life. Little did she know that this decision would result in meeting the man who would win her heart. After much persuasion, she finally said yes, and they were married October 10, 1954. They carefully planned, worked hard, and saved until they were able to decide where they would call home. That is when Alfred Maine became their home, and they found a farm that met their vision of where they could raise a family and establish their home.

After moving to Alfred, they became immersed in their new community and established themselves though being active members at the Alfred Parish church,

town activities, and being there for others. Volunteering was a given, whether it was starting a 4-H club, Sunday school activities, Alfred Festival Committee, Alfred Museum, or Master Gardening... everyone in the community can readily recall a time seeing her involved around the community.

Allison also had a passion for writing. She always wanted to write a book, but her time was limited. She decided to write local news as well as about her life through the Annals of Alfred. Sharing her adventures of being on the farm, living at the greenhouses, and of course, her second home, Campobello Island NB. She wrote for several local newspapers over the years, with the last one being for The Reporter.

In her spare time, she enjoyed being out on the boat with Almon, gardening, hooking rugs, and family genealogy.

There are too many stories and acknowledgements to share but if you lived in Alfred (or surrounding areas), you probably know even more stories.

She leaves behind her husband of 70+ years, Almon Williams; daughter April Kate Vansandt and husband James, Granddaughters Andrea Daney and husband Aaron, Gwennyth Vansandt and significant other Trent McLaughlin; great grandchildren Trent LeMay and Aria LeBoeuf; her brothers Henry and Doug; her very dear exchange daughter Sabrina Roters (in Germany), her Campobello Island family, and so many more. She was preceded by her parents, her daughter Alise Williams, her son Adam Williams, and her granddaughter Nicole LeBoeuf.

A celebration of life will be held during the summer once arrangements have been made.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Alfred Parish Church (either Grace Christian Mission or Daisy's Children), Alfred Museum, or a charity of choice.

Arrangements are in the care of Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green, 47 Oak Street, Alfred, Maine.



Maine Senior FarmShare program participant enrollment starts April 1

Eligible older adults can sign up to receive fresh, locally grown Maine produce

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's (DACF) 2025 Maine Senior FarmShare Program (MSFP) participant enrollment starts April 1. This program connects Maine farmers with eligible older adults, providing access to fresh, unprocessed, locally grown fruits, vegetables, culinary herbs, and honey. Participants receive a \$50 share of Maine-grown produce throughout the growing season by signing up directly with a participating farm or an enrolled Maine farmers' market. Enrollment is first-come, first-served while funds remain available.

Participants must be Maine residents 60 years or older, 55 years or older for Native Americans, or 18 years or older for dis-

abled adults living in a housing facility with congregate dining. The income eligibility guidelines are listed on the DACF MSFP website.

"The Maine Senior Farm Share Program helps address food insecurity experienced by Maine's older adults. The fresh Maine-grown produce can help participants nurture and sustain themselves with anything from fresh berries, apples, potatoes, herbs, honey, and more! Every farm offers something different," said MSFP Program Manager, Joanna Tarrazi. "It's a great way to connect with your local farmer whether directly through a farm or at a participating farmers' market!"

"We are excited to build on the success of 2024 by expanding the Maine Senior Farmshare program in 2025!" said Maine Federation of Farmers' Markets outreach coordinator Emily Grassie. "The positive response from both farm-

ers and participants last year has fueled our efforts to increase access to fresh, locally grown produce for Maine seniors."

How to Enroll

Eligible older adults can sign up with a participating farm or farmers' market. To find more details, visit <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/food-assistance/farmshare/>, email seniorfarmshare.agr@maine.gov, or call 287-3491.

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