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York County Registrar of Deeds Nancy Hammond examines a volume in the Registry of Deeds at York County Court House in Alfred. The county-owned courthouse is the repository of thousands of historical documents. County commissioners have recently authorized the fourth phase of an ongoing project to preserve and digitize documents going back to the 1600s, with the aim to have them available to the public online. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

Intriguing stories emerge while preserving historical documents

A fascinating tale of a quirk in the apparently otherwise smooth operation of county government more than 200 years ago happened after an election where the incumbent York County Register of Deeds William Frost, of York, lost.

Frost, a Revolutionary War veteran, was among more than eight candidates for the post. Jeremiah Goodwin of Alfred, according to a historical memorandum written June 10, 1816, earned a plurality of about 300 votes countywide, and was declared the winner of the April 16, 1816, contest.

Frost had first been elected Register of Deeds 30 years earlier, on April 12, 1786. But incumbents are not always returned to office, and what happened next was a bit unusual – and it is all laid out in the memorandum, lo-

cated along with thousands of other documents, at York County Court House in Alfred.

In the days after Goodwin was declared the winner, Frost refused to return records books and files “stating it was injudicious and inconvenient,” according to the 1816 memorandum.

The document outlines that the Court of Sessions ordered the High Sheriff of the day to “repair to the office of Wm Frost, esquire, the (former) register of deeds, and take possession of the books of record and the files and papers belonging to the office” and deliver them to the newly elected register, Goodwin, in Alfred.

The History of York County Maine by WW. Clayton indicates the High Sheriff in 1816 was Ichabod Goodwin of Berwick.

All of the books except one

were seized, and eventually, Frost relinquished the last one; there were 93 in all, along with numerous files and record books.

Recognizing the value of old documents – some dating back to the early days of the county, which was formed in 1636 – has led York County Commissioners to authorize, in several phases, a program to sort, document and preserve them. Earlier this year, the board authorized Phase 4.

Paige Lilly of Lilly Archival, who has been helping sort, categorize and safely preserve the historical documents, said the work will include a collaboration with the Maine State Archives on a pilot project to digitize, in color, some county records. Initially, the collaboration will focus on documents pertaining to the 250th

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Local artists at work

During the past snowy and rainy months, local artists have convened to work on their respective arts and crafts projects. The Community Room at Parsons Memorial Library was transformed into a viable studio every Wednesday afternoon. It has been such a boon to all.

Meet some of my fellow artists and read their comments about the group.

Larry Brody, of Alfred: “The big advantage is to have a place where I can focus, spend time with like-minded folks, and get feedback.”

Jean Caddell, of Sanford: “Wednesdays are special! It is great to be with people who are accepting ... we all listen to each other, laugh together, and enjoy being together ... especially because we are all artistically inclined. Everyone does their own thing ... but we welcome thoughts and suggestions from each other. This Library is a special place. The staff is so helpful and welcoming by going out of their way to make us feel at home.”

Sheila Clough, of Waterboro: “The opportunity to work each week and spend time with like-minded people doing what I love to do best is priceless to me. This group of working artists is my community regardless of the art form they express themselves with! We are the creatives. We get each other!”

Camille Sammons, of Alfred: “It’s wonderful to have a space as nice and roomy as our library Community Room; to be able to get away from my regular routine; and, to dedicate some time to paint in the company of other artists. I enjoy seeing what others are working on. It inspires me to keep working even when I’m feeling frustrated or blocked with what I am doing. Everyone is so positive and supportive and no one is competitive.”

Carol Santora, of Lyman: “I enjoy the open studio time at the library because I get to spend time with my artist friends and have met new artists. It is nice to talk about art with other artists and

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Local artists are invited to the Parsons Memorial Library Community Room every Wednesday. COURTESY PHOTO

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Community CALENDAR

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

HOLLIS CENTER LIBRARY BOOK, BAKE AND CRAFT SALE Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hollis Center Church, 388 Hollis Road (Route 202), Hollis.

YARD SALE The 21 Club of Kezar Falls is having a yard sale on Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Riverside United Methodist Church, 5 School Street, Porter.

The Friends of ParSem will hold their **PRE BLACK FLY YARD, BOOK AND BAKE SALE** Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Rain date Sunday, May 5. The location is route 160 (504) North Rd. Parsons-

field. All proceeds go for the restoration of the buildings on the campus, including the Blazo School.

PLANTS PLUS at the Sanford Regional Technical Center on Alumni Boulevard is holding its Spring into Summer Plant sale the week of May 6. The greenhouse is open from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday thru Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 11. Featuring spring flowers, veggies and herbs ready for transplanting along with house plants and flowering hanging pots. Pre-orders can be made at <https://form.jotform.com/232964618558167>.

YORK COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE monthly meeting Wednesday, May 8 at Alfred Town Hall, 16 Saco Rd., Alfred. Doors open 6 p.m.; business meeting 6:30 to 8 p.m. Meeting will focus on results of State Convention and welcoming the 2024-2025 YCRC delegates confirmed at the YCRC Caucus. FMI: communications@yorkgop.org or 468-2395.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA, May 11 at 2 p.m. First Baptist Church of Sanford, 905 Main Street. Join us for Tea, Finger Sandwiches, Desserts, Pictures, Games and Prizes. Use the Kimball Street entrance.

Join the Waterborough Historical Society for their second annual **MOTHER'S DAY TEA PARTY** at the Taylor/Frey/Leavitt House. There are 17 spaces available for a 2:30 p.m. seating. To reserve your spot or for more information contact Renée Masse at 229-4379.

CD RELEASE PARTY: JENNIFER PORTER "YES, I DO!" at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, Saturday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at www.sacorivertheatre.org.

VAUDEVILLE AT SRT: JANOAH BAILIN IN MESSAGES at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, Sunday May 12 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children 5 to 18, children under 5 free at www.sacorivertheatre.org.

THE CRUCIBLE OPERA The Standish Historical Society and the Old Red Church Board of Trustees announce the performance of The Crucible by "Opera in the Pines." This Portland based organization offers alternative opera for Mainers, by Mainers. The presentations will be held at the "Old Red Church," 55 Oak Hill Road, Standish from Friday-Sunday, May 17-19. A pre-show is offered at 5:30 p.m. For more information and ticket sales go to <https://www.operainthepines.com>.

com/crucible.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER May 18 from 4:30-6:00 PM at the Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church, 503 Goodwins Mills, Rte 35. Menu: Shepherd's Pie, Rolls, Fruit Cups, Brownies, Coffee, water and punch.

The Friends of Parsonsfield Seminary Presents the **15TH ANNUAL CHOCOLATE SUNDAY** Delight in Chocolate creations and hot fudge sundaes. Served buffet style. May 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. \$14 person. Route 160 (504 North Road) Parsonsfield.

LYMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING Tuesday, May 21 at 6 p.m. at the Arion Lodge (the Masons) in Goodwins Mills.

PLANT AND BAKE SALE at the Newfield Band Stand on Elm Street in Newfield, Saturday, May 25, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Summoning all Garden enthusiasts, Bakers and Eaters. Please consider bringing a few plants and baked goods for us to sell and also some of your cash so you can acquire some new plants and goodies. The proceeds will benefit the Newfield Historical Society.

THE LYMAN /DAYTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE will be Monday, May 27 at 1 p.m. Kids are welcome to bring their decorated bikes and ride in the parade. Anyone interested in participating in the parade please email parksandrec@lyman-me.gov.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS! York County Shelter Programs is accepting applications for the craft fair at the Shaker Hill Apple Fest, which will be held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21 & 22. The fair is juried. FMI, or for an application, contact Bonnie Leslie at bleslie@ycspi.org or (207) 324-1137, ext. 109.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

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.

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.

LYMAN TOPS meet every Thursday night beginning at 5:15 p.m. We meet at the United Methodist Church at 55 Church Street in Lyman. For more info call or text Judy Brown at 651-3907.

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

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May is American Stroke Month: Do you know how to spot a stroke F.A.S.T.?

Maine stroke survivors stress importance of knowing the warning signs and acting quickly

A stroke can happen to anyone at any point in their lifetime. May is American Stroke Month and the American Stroke Association wants you to know how to reduce your stroke risk and learn the signs everyone should know to spot a stroke F.A.S.T.

Taryn Demuth of Windham, a 37-year-old with a clean bill of health, suffered a stroke two weeks after giving birth to her second child. She had a very uncomplicated pregnancy, labor and delivery. Although she knew of some common postpartum complications, stroke was never mentioned, nor did it cross her mind. Initial symptoms included a cold tingling feeling and vertigo, which intensified through the night. "I could feel my entire left side tingling and gravity pulling me to the ground. I couldn't lift myself up. I couldn't move," said Demuth. "My husband was by my side trying to understand what was happening. He was asking me a million questions and I remember being so frustrated because I just couldn't answer."

Similarly surprising, Sue L'African of Vinalhaven, an active, healthy 64-year-old suffered an ischemic stroke on her way to the gym. "I had been abnormally tired for about a week leading up to my stroke. I had recently returned from a trip to California and thought that maybe the travel and flights had taken a toll on me," said L'African. "The fatigue and tiredness were my only symptoms, although at the time I did not know that these could be possible symptoms of a stroke."

Heart disease and stroke are leading causes of death in Maine and stroke is a leading disabler.

Globally, about one in four adults over the age of 25 will have

a stroke in their lifetime. Even so, most adults in the U.S. don't know the F.A.S.T. warning signs of a stroke, and that stroke is highly treatable if you call 911 as soon as you recognize the symptoms.

Learn how to spot a stroke F.A.S.T.:

Face Drooping

Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?

Arm Weakness

Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

Speech Difficulty

Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "The sky is blue."

Time to Call 911

If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 911 and get to a hospital immediately.

If someone is having a stroke, they must get medical attention right away. On average, 1.9 million brain cells die every minute that a stroke goes untreated. When brain cells die during a stroke, the abilities controlled by that area of the brain are lost. These abilities may include speech, movement, and memory. The way a stroke affects you depends on where the stroke occurs in the brain and how much of the brain is damaged.

Demuth was diagnosed with a vertebral artery dissection, which caused a blood clot to form and led to her stroke. Vertebral artery dissections are often caused by severe head and neck trauma, but hers was determined to be postpartum related. She continued to have neck pain, in addition to challenges with postpartum anxiety and wondering if she would have another stroke. Four months later, a CT scan showed the artery to be fully healed.

"Hearing so many stories that ended differently than mine — stories of people ignoring their bodies and symptoms and not understanding the severity until things got worse — makes me want to share my story as much as possible," said Demuth. "Awareness is important because what happened to me can truly happen to anyone."

Nearly a year after her stroke, L'African is also working to balance being grateful for how much she has recovered while acknowledging the traumatic experience itself, and the changes in her body and mind since then. "Recovery from a medical emergency is not linear. There are ups and downs and sometimes more questions than answers. I need to be patient with myself and give myself love and support as I continue to heal," said L'African. "I just turned 65 and am making a couple of important lifestyle changes to aid in my recovery. I have also set a big challenge for myself as I recently registered for a 10k trail run in September with an elevation gain of 1,600 feet!

It's an important step in taking back the power in my life, and also regaining belief in myself - physically, mentally and emotionally."

To qualify for Federal disaster assistance, you must apply with FEMA by May 20

Survivors in Cumberland, Hancock, Lincoln, Knox, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington and York counties who had loss or damage from the severe storms and flooding that occurred Jan. 9-13, 2024, may have already reported their damages to the State of Maine, spoken to someone from FEMA, or registered for assistance with a community organization. That does not mean they have applied for federal assistance with FEMA.

In order to be eligible for federal assistance, you must apply directly with FEMA before the May 20 deadline.

Once you complete the application for federal assistance with FEMA, you will receive a FEMA registration number which will confirm your enrollment.

Remember, renters and homeowners must apply with FEMA to be eligible for federal assistance.

Businesses can only apply to the Small Business Administration (SBA) for assistance.

FEMA's Individual Assistance may be able to help with:

- Lodging Expense Reimbursement
- Rental Assistance for Temporary Housing
- Repairs and Out-of-Pocket Expenses

There are several ways to apply for FEMA assistance:

- Visit a Disaster Recovery Center. To find a center near you, go online to: DRC Locator, or text DRC along with your Zip Code to 43362 (Ex: DRC 04074)

- Call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362. Help is available in most languages. The Helpline is available daily from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. ET.

- Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov (also in Spanish).

Approximately 800,000 people (equivalent to about half the population of Nebraska) in the United States have a stroke every year, but the large majority of strokes can be prevented. According to the Association, the best course of action is to understand controllable risk factors

such as maintaining a healthy blood pressure level, eliminating smoking/vaping, increasing physical activity and maintaining a healthy diet to reduce the chance of stroke.

For more information and resources to help prevent stroke, visit Stroke.org/StrokeMonth.

ATTENTION ALL WATERBORO RESIDENTS:

If you are concerned about the continually increasing school budget, please attend the RSU#57 District Budget Meeting held on Tuesday, May 7th, 7pm at Massabesic Middle School, 134 Old Alfred Road, and let your voice be heard.

IMPORTANT FACTS:

- **Fiscal Year (FY) 2023:** \$10,104,275.00 Waterboro's share of school budget - an increase from the previous FY of \$316,395.00.
- **FY2024:** \$10,469,074.00 Waterboro's share - an increase from previous year of \$364,799.00
- **FY2025:** the proposed Waterboro share is \$11,187,439.00. This is an increase of \$718,365.00. **This is just Waterboro's share. RSU#57 receives money from five other towns.**

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MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Saturday, May 11 at 9 AM

If you have family members buried at the Maple Grove Cemetery this notice is for you! Save the date and plan to attend and share your thoughts and ideas. Information on further improvements and upkeep needed for both the cemetery and Historical So. Acton Baptist Church will be shared. Come and get involved in helping to keep Maple Grove Cemetery a beautiful resting place for our loved ones.

YOUR INPUT IS WELCOMED! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH
The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding a **PUBLIC HEARING** on: **Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** for the following:
UPDATED FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE
The Public is invited to attend.
Steve Foglio, Chairman - Shapleigh Planning Board

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH
The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding a **PUBLIC HEARING** on: **Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** for the following:
5-Lot Cluster Subdivision, Property located on Shapleigh Tax Map 7, Lot 16-3 (34 Stone Post Road)
Debra St. Laurent & Bruce Picard, Applicant(s)
The Public is invited to attend.
Steve Foglio, Chairman - Shapleigh Planning Board

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Historical society presents: From Fireplace to Cookstove in Rural New England

The Acton Shapleigh Historical Society, 122 Emery Mills Rd., will host a presentation by David Mann on 'From Fireplace to Cookstove in Rural New England.' The event will take place on Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Acton Shapleigh Historical Society (ASHS), and it will discuss how the cast iron stove replaced the fireplace, altered New England architecture, and became America's first mass-marketed customer-durable. Tracy Levasseur, President of ASHS, stated, "Of the many 19th century technologies that transformed life overall in New England, arguably none was more significant than the cast iron stove. Yet New Englanders were slow to adopt the new technology as they were stubbornly attached to the fireplace and open-hearth cooking. A major life event for a generation of Maine farmers was the purchase of a cook stove between the years 1820 and 1850. By 1850, 90% of Maine homes had a stove, but

kitchens still required a separate set kettle for heating water and a brick bake oven. However, the latter two technologies became obsolete by the 1800s when the stoves came equipped with a water heater and a reliable oven. In the latter half of the 19th century, competition between stove designers and manufacturers became so intense that new models were introduced every year."

This program is held at ASHS headquarters in Shapleigh and is free and open to the public. There is also ample off-street parking. For more information, contact Tracy Levasseur at 206-5947 or info@actonshapleigh.org.

Adult prom tickets now available

Grayson's Legacy, a nonprofit-based in Acton, will hold a 21+ Adult Prom fundraiser on Saturday, July 27, from 6 PM to 10 PM at The Everlee, 248 Milton Mills Rd. The tickets are \$50 each or \$90 per couple. Appetizers and desserts are included, with Tap Truck 207 and Sweet Memories Food Truck to join them for purchasing adult beverages and yummy food. DJ Jeff Bradley will be playing music. Tickets are available online at graysonlegacynonprofit@gmail.com or on their Facebook page Grayson's Legacy Inc. Please plan ahead and secure your tickets before July 17. Tickets will NOT be available at the door.

Wicky Ralph's Ice Cream and Mini Golf opens for the season

Wicky Ralph's is now open on Saturdays and Sundays, weather permitting. Check out their 18 whole dog-themed mini golf course located at 1542 Route 109, Acton, and have some ice cream, too. All the proceeds from Wicky Ralph's ice cream and mini golf go right to the Grammy Rose Dogs Rescue, so come and enjoy the beautiful weather, all while helping save the lives of deserving rescue dogs. There will be more updates coming on their schedule in the future.

Community talent show

A Community Talent Show will be held on Friday, May 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Acton Elementary School, 700 Milton Mills Road. Come show off your special talent or show and tell something that you've made. Snacks will be available for purchase. This event is sponsored by Greyson Legacy Inc. You may sign up at graysonlegacynonprofit@gmail.com. This event is not sponsored or affiliated with Acton Elementary School.

OPINION

LEARNING RITUALS SERIES: The purpose of learning

It's hard to believe, but... the gap between what the cognitive sciences have learned and what schools are doing, is getting wider and wider. The reality of education today challenges us to rethink our focus. The solution for meeting the needs of our learners is not algorithmic, following a set path for all students to follow. It is in fact heuristic, breaking away from the path to allow students to discover personalized, creative strategies; challenging their thinking to become self-directed learners.

As educators, we must consider abandoning controlling the learners' learning, and instead direct the teaching and learning toward giving students the necessary skills they need to navigate their own educational journey. In 2009, Daniel Pink, in his best-selling book *Drive*, examined the elements of autonomy, mastery, and purpose as essential for motivation and engagement. So, why is it in these challenging times of 2024 we have, in fact, increased compliance and controls in our schools? We keep hearing of teachers being charged to catch kids up to what they lost in the pandemic and in this rush to cover a prescribed curriculum. We have

bypassed the most important connection of all... helping students to understand the purpose of learning.

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See www.greenleaflearning.com for the "When Teaching Mirrors Learning" series based on the DNA of Learning Blueprint.

ARTISTS

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have a few hours of uninterrupted time to paint. I imagine most of us feel the same! I love my time at home with my hubby, dogs, and horses, but it is special being with other artists."

We hope this article strikes a chord with other artists and craftsmen out there in our community. Please join us on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. at Parsons Memorial Library.

- By Laetitia (Lee) Macos, Alfred Fellow Artist

TOWN OF HOLLIS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Hollis Select Board will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 6PM at the Hollis Community Building 35 Town Farm Road, Hollis, ME 04042

For all secret ballot warrant articles, proposed ordinances and ordinance changes for the Hollis Annual Town Meeting to be held on June 11, 2024.

There will also be a presentation by Great Falls Construction regarding the proposed project of building a New Town Hall, which will be on the ballot under Article 17. The warrant articles, proposed ordinances and ordinance changes can be viewed at the Town Hall or on our website www.hollismaine.org. PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Posted by the Hollis Select Board

TOWN OF ALFRED ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF SITE WALK AND PUBLIC HEARING

For: Ken/Mary Johnson, 64 Old Falls Pond Road, Alfred Tax Map 1, Lot 3-01

SITE WALK: Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm.
PUBLIC HEARING: Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:45 pm at Alfred Town Hall, 16 Saco Road, Alfred.

An Application for a Variance Appeal has been submitted by the aforementioned applicant(s) to construct a residence and secondary structures totaling approximately 3000 square feet in a Resource Protection District.

The complete application is available for review at the Alfred Town Hall. If you would like an electronic copy of the application packet, please email Liz at lizdudgeon@alfredme.net. For more information, contact Code Enforcement Officer Jim Allaire at (207) 324-5872, extension 206.

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TOWN OF ALFRED PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Alfred Selectmen have scheduled a public hearing for **Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm** at the Alfred Town Hall, 16 Saco Road, Second Floor to discuss the proposed stipulated judgement and final order with the City of Sanford.

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SPORTS

By **MIKE DEANGELIS**
Sports Editor

TRACK & FIELD

Girls sparkle at Massabesic Middle School meet

Middle schoolers from Biddford, Saco, Sanford and Massabesic had an opportunity to show off their abilities during a meet at the Corral on West Road in Waterboro on Monday, April 29.

In the eighth-grade competition it was Sanford's Jaslin Johnson winning both the 100 and 200 (29.13) meter dash events. Megan Roy won the shot put and she had the longest discuss throw. The junior Spartans also had a win from Lexa Roy in the high jump. Elizabeth Donovan won the 400 and the long jump for Massabesic. Abigail Gilley won the 800 and Siena Carbone had the longest javelin throw. The junior Mustangs won the 4x100 relay with a speedy 59.07.

In the seventh-grade competition junior Spartan Kenzie Provencher won the 200 and Rihanna Provencher won the long jump. Finley Therrian won the 400 with a 1:18.81 and sixth grader Sierra Walker won the shot put. The Mustangs got a win from seventh-grader Sydney Welch in the hurdles.

Massabesic's sixth grade girls won five times. Reese Lipin won the 400 and Olivia Howe won the hurdles. Chole Remillard won the high jump and Cassie Remillard won the javelin throw. The junior Mustangs won the 4x100 relay.

Boys shine at MS Track meet

The junior Spartans (eighth grade) got a win in the shot put from Michael Carpenter. Alex Howard had the longest javelin throw and Mason Wedge won the 200. Greg Cass won the 800 in the seventh-grade division and Massabesic teammate Gavin Melville won the high jump and the long jump.

The sixth grade junior Mustangs were excellent. They won the 4x100 relay and got three wins from Isaac Wright. He won the 100, the 80 hurdles and the high jump. Harrison Dutton won the 1600 and he had the longest javelin throw. Gabriel Luna won the 200 and Jordan St. Ours won the 800.

BASEBALL

Mustangs get running

After falling to 0-4 Massabesic won back-to-back games to move their record to 2-4. On Saturday, April 27 the hosts topped Gorham 3-0 behind a superb performance from Brady Batson. The lefty went the distance while giving up just two hits. Batson fanned eight and he drove in the third run with a double in the fifth. Massabesic got a run in the third thanks to a clutch two-out single to left from catcher Bryden Marcotte.

On Tuesday, April 30 the visiting Mustangs scored four times in the second inning, and they held on for a 5-4 win over Biddeford (3-2). Marcotte got the big inning started with a leadoff

double. Emmett Carroll followed with a single, putting runners on the corners. Parker Soule-Parent bounced out to short, scoring Marcotte and sending Carroll to second. Batson singled and stole second base putting two in scoring position. A wild pitch plated a run and moved Batson to third before Noah Bryan delivered Batson to make it 3-0. The Mustangs pulled off a double steal to snatch a fourth run in the inning. Elijah Greenleaf got the final four outs to earn the save.

Scots fall to Hawks

Marshwood remained perfect at 6-0 after a walk off win over visiting Bonny Eagle on Tuesday, April 30. Trevor Nevells was again excellent on the mound for the Scots. He gave up seven hits and two earned runs. Marshwood scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh with two men out to win 4-3. The Scots fell to 2-4

SOFTBALL

Mustangs even at 3-3

After three consecutive losses dropped them to 1-3 the Mustangs' offense exploded for 38 runs over the next two games, evening their record at 3-3. On Monday, April 29 Massabesic scored 16 first inning runs enroute to a 23-2 win over host Falmouth. Twelve players drove in at least one run while Ava Gerrish, Felicia Proctor and Baylee Wright each drove in three. Two days later, on May 1, the Mustangs routed Westbrook 15-0.

Lops announces 2024 coaching staff

Sanford Mainers fourth-year head coach Nic Lops announced his coaching staff for the upcoming 2024 New England Collegiate Baseball League season on Tuesday afternoon. Lops will be joined in the dugout by second-year assistant Tim Moreau and newcomer Jeff Heinz.

Heinz, a Stratham, New Hampshire native, joins the Sanford organization from Bridgton Academy where he serves as an assistant coach on the staff of Mainers' general manager Aaron Izaryk. Heinz graduated from Portsmouth High School in 2013 where he was a NHIAA Division 2 State Champion. After a post-graduate stop at Bridgton, Heinz pitched to a 3.80 ERA in 87.1 innings for Lesley University.

"I'm very excited to have Jeff Heinz join my staff for this summer," Lops said. "He has a solid baseball background and a great mind for the game. He will be a wonderful addition to the Mainers this summer."

The former closer's baseball background goes beyond just the playing field as his coaching career started shortly after alongside his father, James, at the Rye Jr. High School. Between Rye and Bridgton, Heinz worked in the Beach Collegiate League and in the athletic operation departments of Merrimack College and College of the Holy Cross.



"I look forward to this new step in my career and want to do my best to help the Sanford Mainers be a great team both on and off the field this summer," Heinz said.

That next step in his career will be alongside Moreau, who returns to Sanford for a second summer after helping the Mainers to a 24-19 regular season record and the second round of the 2023 New England League Postseason. Moreau, who also served as head coach for a win against Keene in July, worked in all facets of the team last season and served as the primary third-base coach.

The Nashua, New Hampshire native, was recently promoted to associate head coach at Colby-Sawyer College where he continues to assist with outfield, hitting and base coaching duties.

The trio of Lops, Heinz and Moreau debuts in just over two months when the Mainers travel to face the Vermont Mountaineers on June 4. For more information on the Mainers and the upcoming season, visit sanfordmainers.com.

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Obituaries

Judith Ann Ridley

Judith Ann Ridley, 91, passed away peacefully on Jan. 19, 2024 at Avita of Wells.

The daughter of William H. Velandry, Jr., and Florence Pinette, she was born in Biddeford, Maine. She graduated from Sanford High School after her family moved there when she was a teenager.

A people person with a great head for figures, Judy was a secretary and bookkeeper for the Ronel J. Dubois Insurance Agency in Sanford for 30 years. She was equally skilled at balancing the books and working with customers. A natural teacher, she hired and trained two generations of office staff.

While working full-time, Judy also was a wonderful mother, cook, and homemaker who saved and budgeted so the family could enjoy vacations at the beach or lake and other treats. Her fish chowder, grape nut custard pudding, and blueberry muffins were famous.

Judy relished her retirement years, traveling on bus tours with her husband Russell, doing aqua aerobics with her "pool pals" at the Sanford YMCA, and solving crossword puzzles in the daily newspaper. She had a way with words and delighted family and friends by writing poems about them for their birthdays.

Judy was always ready with a joke and a hug for everyone she met on her daily rounds in Sanford, from the cashiers at Hannaford's to her fellow patrons at Dunkin' Donuts. "I like making people laugh," she always said.

"What the World Needs Now is Love" was one of Judy's favorite songs in her later years, and she enjoyed singing it until the end of her life. It was her theme song. Judy spread love everywhere she went.

Judy is predeceased by her husband Russell and son Kenneth. She is survived by her daughter Kimberly Ridley and husband Thomas Curry, sister Eleanor Desrochers and her husband Robert, brother William H. Velandry III and his wife Priscilla, beloved sister-in-law Peggy (Ridley) Driscoll, and nine nieces and nephews.



Judith Ann Ridley

Judy loved walking the local beaches. Memorial donations in her name may be made to: Laudholm Trust, P.O. Box 1007, Wells, Maine 04090.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 17 at Alfred Parish Church followed with a reception.

Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green is respectfully serving the family.

Robert M. Libby Sr. (Rob)

Robert M. Libby Sr. (Rob) was born in Sanford to Franklin and Francis Libby, on April 27, 1951. Rob was the middle child of three.

Rob grew up in Sanford and attended Sanford schools. As a child he loved venturing out with his friends and visiting Babe's store. He enjoyed telling stories of his teen years and how they created a mock car in the kitchen to help him learn to operate the shifter. As a teen, Rob was always one to push his limits. Rob graduated from Sanford High School in 1970. He later enlisted in the US Navy. He served as an instrument repairman aboard the USS America, during the Vietnam War.

Rob returned home in 1976 and was honorably discharged from the US Navy. Rob went to Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, for major building construction. Rob did carpentry work, until entering the apprentice program at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, where his father worked during this time.

Rob was made staff at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as a planner and estimator where he worked for many years. During this time, he created plans for a home for his family and built it himself, in Alfred Maine. Rob retired from the shipyard in 2007 with 365 vacation days.

Rob had many hobbies, you could often find him with his son, venturing to local sports stores, reloading or target shooting. Rob's favorite pass time, by far, was enjoying his grandkids. He enjoyed every minute of watching them learn and grow. He was always their biggest fan on the sidelines, waiting with a smile and hug, win or lose. His other great passion was just sitting out on the deck enjoying the sunshine and watching the wildlife. There were also many sunshine days you could find him



Robert M. Libby Sr. (Rob)

venturing on his Harley, his other love. He was a blues guy; the Rockland Blues festival was his favorite.

Rob was a creature of habit. Every Friday afternoon Rob could be found having lunch with his mom and spending the remainder of the afternoon telling his son how to do his job, at his gun shop. He was a man full of knowledge who loved to research all things.

Rob would say, "willing to do for others, what I just don't do for myself." That was our dad. He was always willing to help others and put what he needed last. Often not even asking for help himself when he could use it. He truly was selfless, and always willing to sacrifice for others.

You might not have always agreed with what he had to say, but he surely will be a man missed by many, for the loving caring heart that he had.

Rob was preceded by his sister Janet Libby; father Franklin Libby; mother Frances Libby; brother Steven Libby; children Robert Libby II, Brittany (Libby) Guthro, Daughter in-law Jess, Son in-law Nathan; grandchildren David, Skyler, Dylan, Devan, Dani, Logan, Camden; and nephew Jeffery Libby.

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

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

Services

Wilma Harris

The internment service for Wilma Harris will be held at the Evergreen Cemetery in Alfred on May 10 at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Wilma passed away on Dec. 29, 2023 of natural causes.

A gathering will be held at the home of Dorothy Brochu at 51 Oak Lane, East Waterboro following the ceremony.



Wilma Harris

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Kenneth Charles Baldwin

Kenneth Charles Baldwin, 73, of Lyman passed away at his home on Kennebunk Pond on April 24, 2024.

He was the son of the late Annie and Charles Baldwin of Wilmington Massachusetts. Ken graduated from Wilmington High School in Wilmington Massachusetts in 1968, went on to earn a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Northeastern University, a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of New Hampshire, and obtained his doctorate degree in ocean engineering from the University of Rhode Island in 1982.

Ken was on the faculty of the University of New Hampshire from 1982-2018. He was the founding director of UNH's Center for Ocean Engineering, he worked on numerous research projects with scientists, fellow faculty members and students, was department chair for 5 years and retired as a full Professor.

Outside of work, Ken was a battered but passionate hockey player, slow and steady hiker, fairly good surfer, paddleboarder, and Nordic skier. In his later years he embraced cycling and travelling with his wife Lorna all over the map as well as camping across the continent in their travel trailer. He was always

planning and researching a new adventure.

Ken is survived by his wife Lorna Munnick, and their combined family: Hannah Baldwin and husband Rob Dillan of Durham, NH, Samuel Baldwin of Liverpool, Canada, Jared Archambault and wife Meghan of Lyman, ME, Michael Archambault and fiancée Josie Chadbourne of Lyman, ME, Luis Valverde of Shapleigh, ME as well as his extremely smart, and good-looking grandchildren Oliver, Clara, Gabriel, Veronica, Nathan, Anabell, Thomas, Ella and Waylon. Ken is also survived by his younger sister Kim Baldwin of Wilmington, MA.

Kenneth is predeceased by his younger brother Keith Baldwin, an older sister Karen Baldwin, and wife Clare McBain.

Ken will be remembered as a quintessential, absent-minded professor, die-hard cribbage player, vehement environmentalist and someone who was always willing to help anyone in need. He was a political junkie and went to his grave incredulous that Donald Trump has not yet been jailed.

Ken always believed that he could leave the world better than it was found. To honor Ken's memory, his family encourages you to go out and make our world a better place, by doing a random act of kindness.

Calling hours will be from 12-2 p.m. on Friday, May 3 at Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green in Alfred.

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anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2025 – honing in on the period from about 1770 to 1800. Other initiatives include planning for preservation of 3,000-5,000 pages of commissioners case and docket files from around 1830 to 1970s. As well, a guide to historical York County records has been prepared and once finalized, is to be made available to the public, online.

While some folks are interested in the history itself – others seek to examine the records to help them answer questions of today.

Historical records can have impact on current property concerns, from beachfront locales to property located on abandoned or

discontinued roads, said Registrar of Deeds Nancy Hammond. Surveyors, woodlot managers, employees of the Maine Forest Service and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife have all entered through deeds registry door, looking for information, she noted.

“They’re relevant on a daily basis, particularly with road issues,” said Hammond, noting the January storms that heavily damaged a road in Wells and pointing to a 1946 plan in the county’s files that showed detail about the roadway. “It is very relevant and a very pressing need.”

The vote by York County Commissioners to proceed with the next phase was unanimous.

As to Frost, he had served in the American Revolution as Ensign, Lieutenant, Commissary of Issues and Surveyor General, and

had been stationed at Fort George, Fort Ticonderoga, and Valley Forge, among other locales. As well as his 30 year tenure with the Registry of Deeds, Frost had also served as York County Treasurer from 1787 to 1812.

Frost was born May 26, 1747, and died June 2, 1827, in York Village. He is buried in the Old York Cemetery, also called Old Parish Cemetery, at the corner of York Street (Route 1A) and Lindsay Road.

Jeremiah Goodwin, who served in the War of 1812, was first elected York County Register of Deeds in 1816 and served several terms, until 1836, according to York County records. As well, he served as Alfred postmaster for 27 years, according to an online family history. In 1832, Goodwin was a delegate from the York

congressional district to the Democratic convention at Baltimore that nominated President Jackson for re-election. The Maine State Archives notes Goodwin, of Alfred, served as Treasurer for the State of Maine for the year 1839.

Born in Kittery July 1, 1785, during the latter years of his life he lived in the Great Falls section of Somersworth, New Hampshire, where he died on July 31, 1857.

In addition to his role as York County Sheriff, General Ichabod Goodwin, born in 1743, was “a loyal patriot throughout the Revolutionary War and a staunch Federalist thereafter,” according to an article by Paula Bennett for the Old Berwick Historical Society. In 1775 and 1776, Berwick chose Goodwin to attend the Provincial Congress in Watertown, Massachusetts, to deliver a petition for

the body to consider the vulnerable position of the seacoast region and to pledge support to their fellow citizens in Boston. An early assignment was to dispense money to citizens of York County in exchange for guns and ammunition. In 1787 he was elevated to the rank of Major General of the 6th Division Militia of York, Maine, according to the Bennett article. Documentation in 1789 shows him as presiding over the meeting of his fellow citizens to review the draft of the new Constitution of the United States. As well, he served as president of the committee to determine if York County should separate from Massachusetts. Later he was involved in the War of 1812. He died in 1829 and is buried at Old Fields Cemetery in South Berwick.

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