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Xyla Kurz. COURTESY PHOTO

Sanford student wins Citizenship Award

Sanford Middle School student Xyla Kurz has been selected as the 2025 recipient of the Secretary of State's Eighth Grade Citizenship Award. This honor recognizes students throughout Maine who demonstrate exceptional academic success, meaningful community engagement, and outstanding citizenship.

From her earliest days at Sanford Middle School, Xyla has exemplified what it means to be a thoughtful and empathetic leader. Her former fifth-grade teacher, Kristi Peters, shared a story that captures Xyla's character. "On Valentine's Day, Xyla surprised every one of her classmates with hand-drawn bookmarks," Peters said.

"Each one featured a different bird – carefully chosen and drawn to reflect that classmate's personality and interests. This small but profound act showed us how deeply Xyla observes and appreciates others."

Xyla's commitment to her school community shines through her involvement in multiple activities, including theater, band, and the Civil Rights Team. Her band teacher, Erica Scarano, praised her as "one of the most exceptional students I've had in 12

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Emergency management here and abroad *Taiwan, York County officials compare notes*

When a group of emergency management officials from more than 7,000 miles across the world was looking to see how their counterparts in the United States managed weather emergencies and other disasters, one of four agencies they visited was York County Emergency Management Agency (YCEMA).

The group of 10 Fire Chiefs and EMS professionals from the island of Taiwan came to the United States in early May as part of the International Visitor Leadership Program, sponsored by the U.S. State Department, and hosted locally by the World Affairs Council of Maine. They visited Miami and San Francisco, and to gain a rural perspective, met with representatives of the Maine Fire Chief's Association, Red Cross of Northern New England, York Village Fire Department and YCEMA.

"They asked a lot of great questions," said YCEMA Director Art Cleaves, noting the delegation's keen interest in how emergency management works here.



A group of 10 fire chiefs and emergency management personnel from Taiwan stopped by York County Emergency Management Agency in May – one of four U.S. agencies the group visited to learn more about how emergency preparedness works here. PHOTO BY YCEMA

In Taiwan, he said, an island with a population of 23 million, emergency management is more centralized. "They respond to disasters by corresponding government sectors rather than the all-hazards approach of the U.S.," he said.

While at York County Emergency Management Agency, the Taiwanese leaders took part in a facilitated discussion with EMA staff about shared challenges, toured the York County Emergency Operations Center, and witnessed a demonstration from the UAS Drone Team. "Even though we face different natural hazards and are miles apart, this was a valuable opportunity to learn more about emergency management best practices," said Cleaves.

"The group was incredibly impressed with YCEMA and how

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SHS Class of 2025

Sanford High School held their 132nd Commencement Ceremony at Alumni Stadium on Wednesday, June 4, celebrating over 200 graduates from the Class of 2025. (See Page 9 for more.) PHOTO BY KRISTIE BAKER



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COMING EVENTS

Living Waters **CHILI AND CHOWDER COOK-OFF**, Saturday, June 14 at 5 p.m. Suggested donation \$8 per person; \$20 for family. Proceeds to benefit Vacation Bible school for July 2025.

ACTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S ANNUAL BOOK, PLANT AND PIE SALE Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m. to noon

at the library at 35 H Road, Acton. New this year to the sale is the raffle of items from local artists and businesses. The library is asking for donations of divided perennials and houseplants or extra seedlings. They are also accepting book donations at this time. Call the library at 636-2781 for more info or check out their website at www.acton.lib.me for more guidelines on book donations.

ALL-VW CAR SHOW Join us at Lyman Community Library for an all-VW Car Show from 8 a.m.-noon on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15. The car show is free to spectators, and there will also be raffles, a book and bake sale, and a free door prize raffle entry for dads! All proceeds to benefit the library; rain date June 22.

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP June 16 at 10 a.m. at Southern Maine Agency on Aging at 21 Bradeen Street, Springvale. RSVP by calling 396-6514.

"ICELAND: LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN AND MAGNIFICENT BIRDS" presented by York County Audubon at the Wells Reserve and also via Zoom, Tuesday, June 17 at 7 p.m. Join Shawn Carey as he takes us to Grimsey and Flatey Islands in Iceland. For complete info, visit yorkcountyaudubon.org.

LIVE AQUATIC PLANT IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP Wednesday, June 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Acton Town

Hall (35 H Road). Lake Stewards of Maine (LSM) will lead an in-person workshop to learn how to identify aquatic plants found in lakes, ponds, and rivers throughout Maine. Pre-registration for the June 18 Live Plant ID workshop is required for all attendees. You can sign-up at this link: <https://www.lakestewardsofmaine.org/workshops-events/ais-workshops> or call LSM at 783-7733.

ALFRED-WATERBORO-LYMAN REPUBLICAN COMMITTEES will be having their monthly meeting on June 19 at 6:30 pm at the Alfred Town Hall. Doors open at 6:15. Be prepared for lively discussions on current news and republican principles.

WATERBORO LIBRARY BOOK, BAKE AND PLANT SALE June 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., If you are interested in supporting the fundraiser with books, baked goods or plants you're ready to divide, contact Brigit McCallum at bmcallum@waterboromaine.gov. Come on June 21 and bring bags to fill with good stuff!

CAR WASH AND BOTTLE DRIVE Saturday, June 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Buxton NAPA store, 780 Narragansett Trail, Buxton. Dirty car? Lots of empty bottles? Come see us at NAPA in Buxton and we will sort it out for you. Hope to see you there. Proceeds support the Bonny Eagle Robotics Team.

The Nubble Lighthouse Keepers **SQUARE DANCE CLUB** is dancing the 2nd and 4th Sundays during the summer months. The summer schedule will be June 8 and 22, July 13 and 27, Aug. 10 and 24 from 2 to 4 pm at the Ocean Masonic Lodge 142, 1930 Sanford Road, Wells. Mainstream dancing with caller Kip Moulton and alternating round dancing with cuer Linda Moulton. For information email nubblecochairlarry@gmail.com.

SMAA OPEN HOUSE June 25 from 10-11:30 a.m. Walk in at Southern Maine Agency on Aging at 21 Bradeen Street, Springvale.

YARD SALE to benefit the East Parsonsfield Meetinghouse June 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. FMI contact Debbie Harrington (207) 415-0316 or email nanah@yahoo.com. Locates at 1641 North Road (Route 160).

HUGE CHURCH YARD SALE The Alfred Parish Church will be holding a HUGE yard sale on Saturday, June 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Some of the many items are household goods, decor, holiday decorations, an air mattress, some furniture items and pottery. Come early for the best selection. The church is located at 8 Kennebunk Road, in the Alfred village.

NORTH WOODS THROW-DOWN CHARITY SOFTBALL GAME your Maine Game Wardens take on the West Virginia Natural Resource Police Officers on Saturday, June 28 at 4 p.m. at the Ball Park at Old Orchard Beach. Cost is \$10 per person available online at www.porttix.com. Severe weather date is set for June 29.

WELLS FIRE MUSEUM is open for the summer. Hours are Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesday 12 to 3 p.m. Located at the former Wells Branch Fire Station, 1358 Branch Road, Wells. No entrance fee. Donations welcome. Antique Fire Trucks, Fire Gear, Call Alarm systems and interactive activities for children.

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SUMMER EVENTS

Newfield music program

Newfield Community Church, 637 Water St. at Route 11 in Newfield is holding a fun and lively program of music featuring Handbells and Woodwinds on Saturday, June 21 at 7 p.m. Laura Gustafson and the Gustafson Family Ringers will be performing.

This program is part of the ongoing series called ‘Music of the Spheres’ at Newfield Community Church. Music of the Spheres is a music series that brings people together in community for vibrational healing, and relaxation. Reset your energy and immerse yourself in the rejuvenating sounds of handbells and woodwinds. There is ample parking and handicapped accessible. All are welcome.

Community Cruising

The Shapleigh Community Center, 24 Back Road is presenting Community Cruising with cars trucks, motorcycles, and custom builds. This event will take place on June 28 from 3 to 7 p.m. There is a \$10 registration fee for participants in the event and trophies will be awarded, 50-50 raffles, food trucks, and music.

Shapleigh garden tours

The Shapleigh Conservation Commission is hosting Shapleigh Garden Tours on July 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can tour the local landscapes that feature a variety of garden styles, including formal, terraced, dramatic, and naturalistic. Each design is unique and memorable. Maps and listings can be purchased at the Shapleigh Town Hall, 22 Back Rd. from July 1 to the 12th for \$10.

Free kids haircuts

Grayson’s Legacy, a nonprofit organization is holding a free haircut day on Saturday, Aug. 23 at the Shapleigh Community Center. Parents or guardians need to sign up for a time slot prior to the event. You may email them at Grayson’s legacy nonprofit@gmail.com. Make sure you sign up early to get your spot.

– By Joanne Bargioni

ONGOING EVENTS

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

NEWFIELD MUSIC JAMBOREE Town Hall, So. Effingham Road, 1st Saturday of the month May-October. Summer hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Free, open to public. Spectators welcome. All family friendly music. FMI call 468-1491.

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

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 (rear entrance) at 19 Dora Lane (off Route 11) Limerick. Call Kathy Harriman at 727-3729 with questions.



A delegation from Taiwan and York County Emergency Management Agency staff marked a recent visit with a photo. YCEMA was one of four destinations for the delegation, which came to this country through a US State Department program to learn how emergency management is conducted in large metropolitan areas and in more rural locales. PHOTO BY YCEMA

YORK COUNTY EMA

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effectively the department is managed,” said World Affairs Council of Maine executive director Allison Hodgkins. “They particularly appreciated the ways in which YYCEMA cultivates cooperative relationship across the different municipalities in York County in order to leverage limited resources and ensure high levels of response. They also appreciated hearing from all the different department heads, and seeing how all the parts work together.”

CITIZEN AWARD

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years of teaching—brilliant, wise beyond her years, and so fun to work with.” Whether she’s leading discussions on equity, bringing laughter to band lessons, or supporting classmates in the gym, Xyla consistently shows up for her community in meaningful ways.

This year, Xyla was selected as one of only three students to represent Sanford Middle School at Girls Day at the State House—a special event focused on empowering future female leaders. She

Goals of the visit, as described by the International Visitor Leadership Program, were to see the Taiwan delegation acquire an in-depth understanding of U.S. emergency preparedness and crisis response capabilities at the national and local level; learn how the Federal Emergency Management Agency administers its role as the main coordinating federal agency for disaster response and recovery; explore local government level crisis response resources and how governmental agencies cooperate and coordinate during a disaster, and to understand how

all levels of government and non-profit organizations support disaster response efforts.

“It is always wonderful to see how easy it is for professionals from around the world to make immediate connections based on shared experiences and commitment to public safety,” said Hodgkins. “The World Affairs Council of Maine thanks everyone at YYCEMA for being such topflight ambassadors for Maine and the USA.”

– By Tammy Wells, Media Specialist for York County Government

was chosen not only for her strong voice and leadership abilities, but also for her talent in asking meaningful questions and bringing out the best in her peers.

Her teachers consistently describe her as hardworking, kind, respectful, and a true role model. Mr. Stefanilo noted that in physical education, she not only gives her best effort but also “uplifts and supports her peers.” Mr. Tarr sim-

ply and beautifully summarized: “She is not only a smart and successful kid, but she has a bubbly personality that makes her a joy to have in class.”

The Secretary of State’s Citizenship Award honors students who demonstrate a strong commitment to community service, civic leadership, and positive citizenship.

– Sanford School Department

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Eurasian Oystercatcher on Grimsey Island.
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to the island of Flatey, a real hidden gem for bird photographers and bird watchers alike. Most people pass through Flatey (via ferry service out of Stykkisholmur) on their way to the well-known Laubjarg bird cliffs to see Atlantic Puffins and Razorbills. However, for those that have or take the time to explore Flatey, you will find a small island that offers some very good photographic opportunities, especially for Black Guillemot, Red-necked Phalarope and Common Redshank just to name a few.

Shawn Carey (Migration Productions) produces bird and wildlife-related multimedia presentations, videos and photo workshops that have been presented all over the United States. Shawn moved from his home in Pennsylvania to Massachusetts in 1986 and started watching birds in 1988. Already with an interest in photography and now birds, Shawn began to combine the two in 1991. By 1994 he and good friend Jim Grady started Migration Productions as a way to present their multi-image

slide presentations to a live audience. Shawn's photos have been published in the Boston Globe, New York Times, Science magazine and many others. He is a photography instructor for Massachusetts Audubon. FMI: www.migrationproductions.com

This program will be presented at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17th in the Mather Auditorium at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm. It will be free and open to all ages, and no registration is required for attending the program in person. It will also be live-streamed via Zoom. To view it via Zoom, you'll need to register in advance. To do so, please click on this link and enter your name and email address: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k8ht-lvFSO6sgUMuSjcplw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. We hope you can join us either in person, or, if not, via Zoom!

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Maine Resident Day is Sunday, June 15

All Maine residents receive free day-use admission to Maine State Parks and Historic Sites* from 9 a.m. to closing on Maine Resident Day, June 15, 2025.

*Please Note:

- No rain date available; day-use only.
- Free admission does not apply to: Acadia National Park, the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Baxter State Park, Peacock Beach, the Maine Wildlife Park, Scarborough Beach State Park, Swan Island, the Penobscot River Corridor, or the Penobscot Narrows Observatory in Prospect, though admission to Fort Knox Historic Site will be free that day.

For an Outdoors in Maine guide to Maine State Parks, Historic Sites and the Public Lands, visit: <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/docs/outdoors-in-maine.pdf>.

BUSINESS NEWS

Free business planning class in hybrid format this summer

*Class starts July 1;
Apply by June 20*

New Ventures Maine (NVME) has an open call for Venturing Forth, a free, comprehensive business planning class for entrepreneurs, that will be offered in person in Brunswick and online via Zoom starting July 1.

For new entrepreneurs or current business owners, Venturing Forth helps participants create a written business plan from start to finish with feedback from facilitators and fellow entrepreneurs. The eight-week course covers topics including the customer, competition, marketing, recordkeeping, taxes, financing, legal aspects, and more. In-class activities, guest speakers, and assignments lead to the completed business plan and road map for success.

Individuals complete an online application and attend an orientation and individual interview to participate in the class. Anyone with a business idea or current business is welcome to apply. The online application is due by noon on Friday, June 20. Class size is limited to 15.

“This class supports small business owners in all aspects of creating their business plan,” said NVME Microenterprise Program Manager Alicia LaFosse. “Participants will not only learn through the class content, but they’ll also learn from their peers and entrepreneurs in the community as they hone their vision and create their plan.”

The Venturing Forth class will meet on Tuesdays from July 1 through August 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Participants can attend the class at the NVME UMA Brunswick Center in Brunswick or via Zoom.

The class is funded in part by the Maine Technology Institute. Participants qualify for three pass/fail credits from the University of Maine at Augusta upon approval of their completed business plan.

To request a paper application

or learn more, contact Gina Platt at gina.platt@maine.edu or 207-753-6581 or Alicia LaFosse at alicia.lafosse@maine.edu or 207-621-7457. For more information and to apply online visit the New Ventures Maine website.

A black and white advertisement for 'Property Doctors'. The background is a close-up photograph of various construction tools, including a hammer, pliers, a ruler, and a screwdriver, resting on a wooden surface. The text is framed by a thick black border. At the top, within the border, is the text 'REMODELING - CONSTRUCTION' on the left and 'HANDYMAN SERVICES - PAINTING' on the right, separated by a central dash. The main title 'Property Doctors' is centered in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. At the bottom, also within the black border, is the contact information: 'Call or text: 207-651-9269' and 'Email: mdinme@gmail.com'.

OPINION

LETTERS

Think about it

Another round of local and school board elections has come and gone in most towns. It remains to be seen what the results will be in our area towns and respective school districts. In the meantime, our property taxes, including school taxes as a subset of property taxes, keep going up unabated, while more Mainers struggle to afford all of the taxes, including property and school taxes, let alone income taxes. Why is there little being done to address rising taxes, including school taxes as part of property taxes? What meaningful measures have been put into place, to help low-income Mainers.

School budgets have risen a bit more in recent years, yet, test scores keep on decreasing. Why? How is this a good thing? How is this even acceptable? Our children and grandchildren deserve better, with better quality education, to do better and pass all school testing. In addition, there needs to be more collaborative and more harmonious ways to manage all budgets, curriculum etc. Greater attention and focus are absolutely necessary for improved school core curriculum for our children, including reading, writing, mathematics, and science. More parents should be more involved in the schools, for their children, including school curriculum and quality of education. It is absolutely IMPERATIVE that we must do better all-around and improve test scores also. The usual "same as it ever was" status quo hasn't worked nor cut it. Schools must truly improve.

Isn't it time for more meaningful accountability of our area's school systems, including improved curriculum with improved test score results, besides increased property and other taxes that Mainers are forced to pay? If not now, when? Let's all insist on (and truly demand) meaningful accountability of our school systems, with real substantive improvements in all education quality, including math, reading, and writing, with substantively improved test scores to boot.

— David Hall
Cornish

Encourage your kids to love summer reading

We've all heard the importance of getting kids to continue to read in the summer when school is out. Summer reading helps kids maintain or even enhance their school reading skills. Avoiding the summer slide can be a challenge when so many other things are competing for our kids' attention. Here are ten tips to get your kids hooked on books at low or no cost to you:

1. Listen to books on tape (or digitally these days) during car rides or road trips. Many are available through local libraries, YouTube, or services like Audible and Yoto.

2. Visit a local library. Our communities may be small, but they are mighty in libraries! Currently we have a Community or Public library in each town in RSU #57. Many host free events

throughout the summer and are a nice place to cool off on a hot day.

3. Sign up for a summer reading program. These free programs help kids get excited about reading, earning prizes, and connecting with other local kids. Additionally check out online programs like Barnes and Noble where kids grades 1-6 can earn a free book!

4. Stock your home library. Book stores are expensive. Did you know that there are many books available at thrift stores such as Goodwill where books are typically \$1-4 dollars? This is how we have personally built our home library- at a fraction of the cost! There are also great websites like Thriftbooks.com where you can shop used books much cheaper than amazon.

5. Go on a StoryWalk. There are many local Story Walks that can get kids reading and enjoying nature. Currently some are available at: Friendship Park in Waterboro, the Harbor Pier in Wells, Wells Reserve at Laudholm on the Sawwhet Trail, Fuller Farm Preserve in Scarborough, Mount Agamenticus in Cape Neddick, and Pineland Farms in New Gloucester.

6. Visit a Little Free Library. You can visit littlefreelibrary.org to find local spots near you. Alfred Elementary School has a little free library available with children's books throughout the summer.

7. Take your reading outside. Grab a popsicle and a shady tree to read as a family. Is there anything better than reading pool, lake, or ocean side? Bring that joy to your children.

8. Create access to books throughout the house. Make a reading nook with a cozy chair. Place baskets of books in the living room. Bring a book to appointments or meals out instead of technology. Kids will be more likely to reach for a book if it's right by them.

9. Host a book swap with friends or neighbors. Feeling like the kids are bored with what you have but funds are tight? Or maybe they outgrew some books. Consider having friends bring books they want to swap to a playdate. Everyone can take home a few new-to-them books without spending a dime.

10. Download a fun reading bookmark tracker or coloring page. These are available online for free with a quick search. Some kids love to color and track so it could be a good motivational tool each time they finish a book. By the end of summer it will be a great display of the fun and hard work they put into reading.

I know that summer is a busy time but it's nice to slow down the pace and enjoy a good book. Get into a routine and read together. Even after kids are reading independently, studies show that an adult reading to kids helps their vocabulary, comprehension, and empathy. When we make reading a priority, we all benefit. Happy Summer Reading!

— Amie Morrison
Alfred

Do you have unclaimed property?

Are you missing money? Maybe you forgot about an old bank account, moved and never got your security deposit back at an old apartment or have an uncashed check? If so, you may find your name on the state's unclaimed property list.



by
Rep. Ann-Marie
Mastraccio

The Maine State Treasurer's Office has released its annual list of unclaimed property, totaling over \$364.6 million worth of missing property, designed to offer Mainers an opportunity to be reunited with their missing assets. Such property includes balances from old bank accounts, overpaid bills, uncashed checks or other assets.

The Treasurer's Office holds these assets free of charge while they await claims. If you think this might apply to you, you can search the list for your name, your family member or business at www.maineunclaimedproperty.gov. Should you find something to claim, the first steps can be taken right from the website. If you have any trouble at all, please call the Treasurer's Office at 207-624-7470 or email them at up.claim-status@maine.gov and someone will assist you.

Many Mainers across the state are unaware they have unclaimed property in their name. This property should be returned to its rightful owner, so please take a moment to see if you, someone you know or a business in your community is listed.

I urge residents to be vigilant and remain cautious of scams. In recent years, the State Treasurer has issued warnings about phone calls, emails and letters in the mail asking recipients to pay a fee up front in order to claim their property. I want to emphasize that the Treasurer's Office holds these assets free of charge, and there is no fee to file a claim and receive your property.

State Treasurer Joe Perry and my fellow lawmakers may use mail as one way to notify someone that they have unclaimed property waiting for them. However, such mail from the Treasurer's Office will be sent with an Augusta return address, utilize the official State of Maine seal and have Treasurer Perry's signature. Any web links related to the unclaimed property list will be official State of Maine websites; you can tell the link is official because the URL contains ".gov."

If you think you are the target of a scam, please report it to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division by calling 1-800-436-2131.

As always, please feel free to contact me at Anne-Marie.Mastraccio@legislature.maine.gov with your questions and concerns. I can best represent our community by hearing your thoughts on legislation and issues both in our district and across the state.

Rep. Mastraccio is serving her sixth non-consecutive term in the Maine House of Representatives, where she serves the communities of Sanford and Springvale. She is the House chair of the Government Oversight Committee, and she also serves on the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee.

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SPORTS

BASEBALL PLAYOFFS: Spartans walk-off Mustangs

Sanford scored three times in the bottom of the seventh to snatch a 4-3 walk-off win over neighbor Massabesic in the opening round of the Class A varsity baseball playoffs on Tuesday, June 10.

The 9-7 Spartans entered the contest as the #8 seed. They edged the 8-8 Mustangs and were granted the lovely – yet on this day chilly – home-field advantage of Sanford’s Goodall Park. Massabesic jumped ahead with three runs in the first. Leadoff hitter and senior spark plug Noah Bryan singled to right on the third pitch and he moved into scoring position after classmate Cam Bradbury was hit by a pitch. Parker Soule-Parent drove a single to center to load the bases, but Brady Adams (W, 2ER, 6H, 7K) responded with his first strikeout. Sanford nearly escaped undamaged, but Emmett Carroll’s grounder wasn’t fielded cleanly, and the Mustangs had two runs. Cassius Hogan made the miscue hurt even more when he knocked a single to center that plated Soule-Parent for a 3-0 edge. Adams fanned the next two hitters, standing two and closing the frame.

Scott Robitaille opened the bottom of the first with a triple that led to an unearned run for the Spartans making the score 3-1. Neither team managed to get more than one runner on base for the next six and a half innings, but Sanford opened the bottom of the seventh with the first five men reaching base. Tyler Do’s RBI single drove in Drew Vessels tying the game and sending the winning run to third with no one out, but in a ‘not-so-fast’ moment, Bryan, on a fly ball to center, gunned down Drew McGrath at home trying to tag-up and win it. The emotional inning continued, and ended, with Brady Boissoneault singling home the winning run with two out.

The Spartans, who are 4-3 in one-run games, will visit #1 seed Marshwood (15-1) on Thursday, June 12 for a quarter-final tilt. The Hawks beat Sanford 3-2 in extra innings back on May 29.

Sopo blanks Scots

South Portland scored a run in the second and two more in the fifth to pace a 3-0 opening round playoff win over visiting Bonny Eagle on Tuesday, June 10. Caleb Racicot, solid all year on the mound for the Scots, was the tough luck loser. He gave up just two hits over five innings, fanning six, while walking two. Gavin Saucier had two of Bonny Eagle’s three hits. South Portland also had just three hits on the night. They’ll visit #2 Scarborough (15-1) on Thursday, June 12.

– By Mike DeAngelis

TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Scot men seventh

Bonny Eagle took silver in the 4X100 relay and bronze in the 4X800 to help pace a seventh-place finish among 25 State of Maine Class A High Schools at the annual Track & Field Championships held Tuesday, June 10 in Lewiston. In a tight finish, South Portland was crowned champion with 79 team points. Marshwood was next with 78 and host Lewiston had 72. The seventh place Scots had 34. Drew Gervais had two runner-up finishes, one in the 100 meter-dash and another in the 200. Each time senior Andrew Clark from Marshwood edged the sophomore from Bonny Eagle.

Lady Mustangs ninth

Massabesic collected 39 team points, good for ninth place overall at the Class A Track & Field Championships. Bangor was first with 84.75 and Scarborough was next at 67. Sanford was 19th. Caroline Dutton, a sophomore, had a pair of podium trips. She

was runner-up in both the javelin throw and the discus. The javelin was won by senior Cassidy Hardy from Mt. Blue (109-6) who, along with just three other athletes, managed triple digit throws. Dutton (106-11) and teammate Siena Carbone (4th; 101-2) were two in that high-flying club along with senior, third place finisher Lexi Morin (103-2) from Brunswick High School.

In the discus, Dutton was the only underclassman in the top 10 where her 110-2 chuck was second best behind Ava Syphers, a junior from Bangor High. Six athletes managed to clear triple digits in the discus. Dutton was ninth last year (94-1) as a freshman. Mustang Megan Roy was this year’s top tossing freshman. She was 12th among the field of 25 participants at 89-9. Corrine Shank had a fine day for Massabesic. She brought home the bronze with a triple jump that cleared 36’. Tanya Pelletier (37-9.25) from Windham and Alisandra Lindos (36-11), both seniors, were just ahead of the Mustang sophomore. Shank was sixth in the long jump. The Mustangs finished 16th at last year’s event.

– By Mike DeAngelis



Massabesic Middle School Mustangs’ Track & Field season cut short

Weather wreaked havoc on the MMS Mustangs’ Track and Field schedule this year, canceling two of their five regular Meets. However, in true MUSTANG style, that did not put a damper on the over 70 student/athletes who participated this year.

The Girls’ team finished undefeated, while the Boys’ team won two of their three Meets!

Thirty-two athletes achieved first place across the three competitions.

Special mention of a few of the Top Performers who attained 1st place at EACH Meet:

- 6th graders - Ella Norbert
- 7th graders - Reece Lipin and Isaac Wright
- 8th graders - Megan Walls, Gavin Melville

SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS: Scots score late, edge Mustangs

Bella Hanson went the distance for the win and host Bonny Eagle got RBI from five different players to help lift them to an opening round 5-2 playoff win over Massabesic in the Class A varsity softball tournament on Monday, June 9.

Both teams entered with 7-9 regular season records. Candice Daigle and Ella Gerrish each drove in a run in a two-run top of the third that gave the Mustangs a 2-1 lead, but the Scots tied it in the bottom half of the third and they went ahead with a lone run in the fifth. Bonny Eagle put the game away with a two-run sixth. Lily Parker drove in a run in the second with a sacrifice fly. Madison McGlinn drove in Leah Storey (2R, 2H) with a single in the third, Neveah Hagerman singled home a run in the fifth and both



Massabesic catcher Kennadi Graffam. PHOTO BY STEPHANIE SCHRODER

Emma Twomey and Ferrante singled home runs in the sixth. Hanson gave up five hits, she whiffed eight.

The Scots will visit #1 Cheverus on Thursday, June 12 for a quarterfinal matchup. In a contest with host Cheverus (16-0) back on May 28, Bonny Eagle dropped a 5-2 decision.

– By Mike DeAngelis

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Massabesic High School Class of 2025 Top 10 Students

Massabesic High School has announced the top ten students who have performed at the highest levels throughout their high school career as part of the Class of 2025. (Students are listed alphabetically.)



Kyle Abbott
Waterboro

Kyle will graduate with the highest honors distinction having achieved Summa Cum Laude in all 8 semesters of his high school career. Kyle was the recipient of the SMAA Good-Citizenship Award and was the DAR Good Citizen nominee for MHS. Academically, Kyle challenged himself by taking four Dual Enrollment college courses and one Advanced Placement course. Kyle had a prolific athletic career at MHS as well participating in Football (9 & 12) while receiving the Coach's Award and SMAA All-Conference Honorable Mention. He participated in Basketball (9,10,11, & 12) where he also won the Coach's Award (10), MVP Award (11), Mustang Award (12), and SMAA All-Conference Honorable Mention. Finally, Kyle par-

ticipated in Tennis (11 & 12) and was the recipient of the Rookie of the Year Award (11). Kyle has devoted many hours to helping the area youth by coaching basketball at clinics, coaching youth basketball teams, and volunteering through the National Honor Society and School Culture and Climate Improvement Cohort. Kyle will attend Clemson University in South Carolina to pursue a degree in Business.



Brady Batson
Waterboro

Brady has achieved Summa Cum Laude honors throughout his high school career and will graduate with that distinction as well. Brady has been successful in numerous Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses and will graduate with several college credits. Brady participated in Football (9-12), Baseball (9-12) while garnering All-Conference honors twice and serving as Captain of the team. Brady also threw a perfect game against rival Deering - this feat is incredibly rare! Brady has been recognized as an All State - Eagle Scout for his

work on the MHS Athletics Fields Flagpole project on athletic fields (totaling raising \$25k and organizing 200+ man hours for project completion). Brady will study Business at York County Community College (Wells) while working in the construction industry as an apprentice.



Noah Bryan
Lyman

Noah has achieved Summa Cum Laude honors in all eight semester of his high school career and will graduate with Summa Cum Laude distinction. He has been highly successful in several Advanced Placement courses and Dual Enrollment college courses - Noah has achieved several college credits through this academic work prior to high school graduation. Noah has performed 110 hours of community service in his high school career - most of those hours coming from his service assisting MHS Physical Education teachers in their Adaptive PE courses that teach and support students with special needs. Noah has also been a starter on the Varsity Baseball team for three years.

Noah's future plans include attending the University of Southern Maine (Gorham/Portland).



John Bryant
Limerick & Newfield

John will graduate with Summa Cum Laude distinction having achieved this honor for all eight semesters in high school. John has achieved great success in numerous Dual Enrollments and Advanced Placement courses as well earning multiple college credits before graduation. John has participated in the Armored Light Bible Club (9-12), and he served as Vice President of the club (11 & 12). John performed as First Chair Alto Saxophone in MHS Wind Ensemble (12), the Saxophone Section Leader in MHS Concert Band (12) and the Assistant Director of the MHS Concert Band (12). John received the St. Michael's College Book Award, is a member of the National Honor Society (11 & 12), and he has amassed nearly 1,300 hours of Community Service - many of these hours were performed in the service of the Waterboro Fire Department as a Junior Fire-Fighter and volunteering for the AWANA

program at the West Buxton Baptist Church. John will attend Southern Maine Community College (South Portland) to pursue a degree in Fire Science with the plan to become a full time Firefighter/EMT with a local fire department while continuing the work on the family farm, Hilltop Boilers.



Kaden Charette
Waterboro

Kaden has achieved the highest distinction for graduation (Summa Cum Laude) through focused effort to achieve Summa Cum Laude honors for every semester of his high school career. Kaden has experienced success in numerous Dual Enrollment college courses and several Advanced Placement courses during his four years at MHS. Kaden has also served as a volunteer for Technical Writing tutoring and spent many hours supporting the class in various fundraisers such as Homecoming Hallway decorating and the highly successful Senior Scare. Kaden will be attending York County Community College (Wells) to pursue an Associates Degree in Graphic Design.

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Sanford High School Commencement

A warm and sunny evening provided the perfect backdrop as Sanford High School held its 132nd Commencement Ceremony at Alumni Stadium on Wednesday, June 4th, celebrating over 200 graduates from the Class of 2025. Families, faculty, and friends gathered to honor these young adults who have dedicated years to their education and personal growth.

Principal Tracy Gibson welcomed the crowd, expressing gratitude to the dedicated staff members who worked behind the scenes, the facilities team, and the technical crews who live-streamed the event to connect distant loved ones to this special celebration. The ceremony featured heartfelt addresses that reflected on the journey these students have taken together.

Guest speaker Geoffrey Korpner, selected by the graduating class, shared three pearls of wisdom in his charge to the graduates. He encouraged them to “accept yourself and expect more from yourself,” emphasizing the importance of embracing both strengths and imperfections while setting ambitious goals.

His second piece of advice was to “pause before you respond,” teaching graduates that while they cannot control every situation, they can control their reactions. Finally, he urged students to “be kind to your future self” through small daily acts of care that build toward a better tomorrow.

Salutatorian Samone Gallagher delivered an address about growth and resilience, comparing the graduating class to a “vast red and white sea” formed by different rivers and streams. She reminded her classmates that growth can be “painfully antagonizing” because progress often feels invisible to those experiencing it. Gallagher encouraged her peers to “admire the fruits of your own growth” and remember how far they’ve come during challenging times ahead.

Valedictorian Rishi Patel delivered a speech about dreams, authenticity, and faith. Drawing from his cultural background, he shared that “good things come to those who live authentically, not to those who try to force fate.” Patel emphasized the importance of aligning thoughts with actions and maintaining faith as a moral compass. He concluded with powerful advice: “Think about today and tomorrow, but don’t get so caught up in the day after tomorrow that you miss what’s happening right now.”

Prior to the graduates receiving their diplomas and walking across the stage, Principal Gibson presented four prestigious awards, recognizing outstanding achievement in community service, character, leadership, and athletics. Recipients included Zachary Welch (Alumni Cup), Addie Fiandanca (Tribune Cup), Brady Adams (Campbell Cup), and Benjamin Terril (Achievement Cup).

The seniors also did their annual Walk Through the day before graduation. The graduates visited Sanford Middle School, Sanford Pride Elementary, Carl J. Lamb Elementary, and Margaret Chase Smith Elementary before finishing their journey at Sanford High School. Seniors got to reconnect with former teachers who helped shape their journey, while current students lined the hallways cheering and celebrating.

— By Samuel A. Bonsey
Communications Coordinator,
Sanford School Department

Sanford High School’s top students recognized

The Sanford Elks Lodge hosted its annual Youth Banquet on Thursday, May 8, honoring Sanford High School’s top 50 academically ranked students. The evening celebrated scholastic achievement with special recognition for the top 10 graduates and additional student awards.

The highlight of the event was the announcement of the Class of 2025’s top 10 students, led by valedictorian Rishi Patel and salutatorian Samone Gallagher.

Rishi Patel, described by teachers as motivated and intellectually curious, has received multiple academic awards and will attend Boston College this fall. Samone Gallagher, also named SHS Student of the Year, combines academic excellence with athletic leadership as captain of both volleyball and track teams, and will study environmental engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Rowan Winchell, recognized for his exceptional drive and environmental passions, will join Gallagher at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Elsie Gendron brings creativity and authenticity to her accomplishments as an award-winning artist and student leader, heading to Savannah College of Art and Design.

Hannah Morgan’s creativity has earned her numerous accolades across subjects, particularly in art; she will study media at the University of Southern Maine. Corinna Vitale has focused her high school career on helping others and will pursue social work at Meredith College in North Carolina.

Tala Soule, also named SHS Female Teen of the Year, balances academics with athletics, community service, and daily volunteer work in a second-grade



Sanford High School’s top graduating students, from left, Hannah Morgan, Jenifer Danis, Elsie Gendron, Daviney Sar, Rowan Winchell, Tala Soule, Samone Gallagher, Corinna Vitale and Rishi Patel. Not pictured: Ariana Spiller. COURTESY PHOTO

classroom. Soule will attend University of Maine at Farmington. Jennifer Danis exemplifies time management while excelling in mathematics and will attend the University of Maine at Orono.

Daviney Sar has demonstrated resilience, balancing academics with work responsibilities while pursuing her passion for political science. Sar will attend York County Community College. Ariana Spiller rounded out the top 10 as a creative, well-rounded student who has earned multiple academic excellence awards and will attend the University of New England.

The banquet also celebrated other outstanding seniors, including Connor Rice, who received dual honors as SHS Male Teen of the Year and Sanford Regional Technical Center Male of the Year

for his achievements in the Academy of Business. Natalie Green was recognized as SRTC Female of the Year for her accomplishments in Emergency Medical Services & Firefighting.

As these accomplished students prepare for their collegiate journeys, they carry with them the support and pride of their families, educators, and the entire San-

ford community.

Parents and community members in attendance expressed admiration for these young scholars whose dedication and hard work will undoubtedly lead to continued success in their future endeavors.

— By Samuel A. Bonsey
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Charlotte DalPra
Lyman

Charlotte will graduate with Summa Cum Laude distinction after achieving that status for all eight semesters of her high school career. Charlotte engaged in numerous Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses, and was awarded Excellence in Ceramics (2023). Charlotte has amassed 148 hours of Community Service through her volunteering with YMCA Swim lessons, the MHS Boosters Club, service as a Teacher's Aid, and with the National Honor Society. Charlotte was a dedicated member of the MHS Theatre Troupe having participated all four years of high school. She was inducted in to the International Thespian Society (3 years), was a Maine State Thespian Officer (1 year), the MHS Troupe Secretary (1 year), and the MHS Troupe Vice President (1 year).

Charlotte was honored at the state Drama Festival as one of two MHS students eligible to attend the International Thespian Festival in Indiana in June 2025. Charlotte will be attending Simmons University (Boston) to pursue their 3+1 Master's in Library and Information Science program where Charlotte will earn a Bachelor's in Information Science, and Masters in Library and Information Science.



Domenick Giarnese
Alfred

Domenick finished his high school career achieving the highest levels of academic achievement each semester (Summa Cum Laude), and will graduate with Summa Cum Laude distinction as well. Domenick was successful in numerous Advanced Placement courses during his time at MHS, and he was a dedicated member of the Upward Bound program - in this program Domenick demonstrated great commitment, poise, and focus on his way to acceptance into the

Biological Sciences program at the University of New England - Domenick will use this program and degree as a precursor of attending medical school in the future - Dr. Giarnese has a nice ring to it!



Gabe Lawrence
Lyman

Gabe has achieved Summa Cum Laude honors in all eight semester of high school which also gives him a Summa Cum Laude graduation distinction. Gabe has found tremendous success in eight Advanced Placement courses. Athletically, Gabe participated in varsity Lacrosse, (9-12) four years of Basketball (3 years varsity) where he garnered the Most Improved Award, and varsity Soccer (9-12) where he received the Mustang Award. Gabe also served on the MHS Student School Improvement Group. Future plans for Gabe include attending Thomas College (Waterville) to study Accounting and to play collegiate-level Soccer.



Mackenzie Nason
Waterboro

'Kenzie' will graduate with a Summa Cum Laude distinction for her academic efforts. She has participated in service and leadership capacities in many roles during her career: Class President for two years, Student Council President (member all 4 years), and National High School President. Mackenzie successfully completed five Advanced Placement courses, four college Dual Enrollment courses and is the recipient of Maine Principals Award and the Clarkson High School Recognition Award. Additionally, Mackenzie has participated in four years of varsity Field Hockey (Captain also), and four years of varsity Lacrosse (Captain also). Mackenzie was named an SMAA All conference player in lacrosse (Sophomore and Junior year), SMAA All-Academic team in Field Hockey, All State All-Academic team in Field Hockey, NFHCA All-Academic team in addition to participating in four years of club Lacrosse. Mackenzie has also performed over 100 hours community service. Mackenzie will

be attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, New York) majoring in Environmental Engineering and to play collegiate-level Lacrosse.



Emelia Theriault
Lyman

Emelia will graduate with Summa Cum Laude distinction through her work in numerous Dual Enrollment courses while serving on the Student Council, as the Secretary for her class, and through her efforts with the Community Improvement Club. Athletically, Emelia was a member of the varsity Softball team (3 years) where she was a 2024 SMAA all conference honorable mention. She also participated in varsity Volleyball (2 years). Among Emelia's most impressive accomplishments were her volunteer hours - many of which were performed in the service of the Massabesic High School Unified Basketball Team. Emelia selflessly supported students with Special Needs to feel included and valued. Emelia will attend Fordham University (Bronx, NY) majoring in Psychology.



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History of Waterboro series

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Oftentimes our local Historical Societies offer an evening lecture on the history of the town, but recently, Massabesic Adult Ed offered a three-part series on the History of Waterboro with Jim Carll from the Waterboro Historical Society. An incredibly large topic, offered by a gentleman full of knowledge, the class covered so much, and left participants wanting more!

How did Waterboro get started? Well, Major William Phillips of Boston purchased a tract of land in 1664 from four Native American Chiefs. When he died in 1683, his wife inherited the property. It was then passed on down through their children. Did you know the origins of Waterboro were so old?

"The first mast men came in the area about 1760ish," said Carll. This was shortly after the fall of Quebec in 1759, which ended the supplying of weapons and money from the French to the Natives, keeping out the English. "The need for masts for the King was very important," he explained, to build the king's ships. Unfortunately, there was nothing left along the coast or the rivers, so mast men had to come into the interior to get the wood/logs to make the masts. "What we call the Mast Camp Road in East Waterboro would have been a perfect place to set up such a camp," Carll said. "The 'heath' would have supplied hay for the oxen, a necessity for the procurement of masts." [The oxen hauled the logs out of the woods, and down to the coast to ship off to England.] "Some of the mast campers were also early permanent settlers."

Captain John Smith came to Massabesic in 1768, and is said to be its first settler. "He was my 5th great grandfather," Carll added. Carll said many reasons motivated people to move to Massabesic. Carll explained. "Most of these early settlers had served in the war, and some had expected the land to be free to veterans, which was not true. Some just expected free land, and there was none." He continued to explain that some were simply "looking for new opportunities." Some were looking for land to farm, usually the second or third sons, as the first son inherited the family farm, and then it was passed on to his first son, etc.

Carll provided a list of some of the early settlers and where they came from, including some of his ancestors. Here are a few examples:

- James Carlisle, "one of our first selectmen," came from Exeter, and settled between McLucas Road and Bagley Road.
- Alexander Jellerson and his son, George, from North Berwick, settled Jellerson Road. They were mast men.

Carll told the group that a proprietorship, whose major holders were John Avery, Col Josiah Waters, and John Wheelwright,

was established sometime around 1770. "Josiah Waters was the Proprietor who did most of the selling in Waterborough and owned quite a few lots himself." The Proprietor, or agents for the Proprietor collected money for the land. Some of the early settlers were charged with squatting, including Carll's 5th great grandfather, Thomas Guptill. Guptill left and founded Waterbury, Vermont.

Have you heard the story of how Waterboro got its name? Some say that it came from an old man who was watering his burro, but Carll says that's not true. "The inhabitants named the town for their proprietor Josiah Waters," he explained. "He in turn presented our first town record book to us. It is still in the Town House along with all our Town Records." He continued, "We are fortunate to still have our records, they were kept in the homes of town officers for years... They are now in a climate-controlled space at the Town House."

"The first settled area was the Federal Street, Middle Road, Ossipee Hill Road area, today called Old Corner, as in Old Corner Church." Carll added, "The first Town Meeting in 1787 was held at Capt John Smith's at Old Corner." There was a meeting house here, and the Old Corner Church was built on the same site in 1803.

"The second settlement and the most populated and business oriented was Waterboro Center, at the time called Carle's Corner. It's popularity was because of its convergence of 5 roads." Carll explained, "Simeon Carle (from Saco), his son John, and his grandson Peter were early settlers of the area." Simeon was Carll's 5th great grand uncle. "The Carle's Corner Meeting House was built in the early 1800's as a Baptist Church. It was sold to the Town in 1863 and used for all town meetings until 1982." He continued, "The part that you vote in was the original Meeting House." According to Carll, if you look to the left when you go into vote, you can see the choir loft. At one point, this was Waterboro High School.

Carll said there was a grist mill in 1795 at the outlet of Little Ossipee Pond in North Waterboro, owned by the Webbers and later the Chadourne families. "At one point in time, the north end of the lake was Chadbourne's Pond, and the south end was Carle's Pond," said Carll. He added, "As soon as the first dam was built, it became one pond and named Ossipee."

Also in 1795, along the banks of the Little Ossipee River was Ossipee Mills, with a mill and residences. "By 1860, the Ossipee Manufacturing Company moved in." Carll explained, "They made woolen blankets; this of course, became a necessity during the Civil War." Unfortunately, it burned in 1874.

"By 1795 the Thing's had a mill on Buffom Rd (now Buff)," Carll said. "Thing's Mills is located at the north end of Middle

Rd; it can be accessed from Middle Road, Clark's Bridge Road, Garland Hill Road, and West Road via the Red School House Road." According to Carll, it was once a highly populated area. "There was a running battle with the Town and their neighbors because they would block the brook when they needed water for the mill then release it and wash out the road."

William Deering came from Scarborough around 1770 and settled Deerings Ridge, and James Philpot from Somersworth settled on Roberts Ridge. "These ridges were all farm areas, including Cluffs, Days, Weymouths, Hoopers, Knights, Warrens and Tibbetts," he said. "They did their business at Carle's Corner."

According to Carll, there were once 17 school districts in town! "There are a number of those schools or replacements still in existence," he said and continued to explain where to find them. "The oldest is the Deering School, having been moved from Deering's Ridge to the Taylor House property." Another of interest is the Waterboro Library, built after 1900, was a two-room used until about 1980. The first high school was held at the Massabesic Lodge of the Knights of Pythias in North Waterboro about where Dollar General now stands, was built in 1894. The following year, it went to the Town House, "and by 1918 most students were going to Alfred," Carll said. "The medical center was built in 1922 and served as the high school until 1953," he explained. Then, students went to Sanford. "Massabesic High was built in 1969."

"The first case of someone having to be taken care of by the Town was in 1790," said Carll. "Someone would bid what they would take the person for and bill the town for their care." This was known as the Town Farm. There were also several Town Pounds. "At a town meeting in 1787, it was voted to build a town pound," Carll explained. "The pound was used to house wandering domestic animals." The first pound was to be built at Tobias Leighton's, which Carll believes was on the West Road on the left just above the Old Corner Church. "The second pound was built on Ossipee Hill Road in 1822," said Carll. "If you are going up Ossipee Hill Road from the Center, it is on the right, just beyond Cross Road on the left." Carll added that it is still there, was cleaned and a plaque put on it during the bicentennial. "A third was built in North Waterboro on the Dennis Johnson farm. You can see part of it across from Eon Drive."

According to Carll, there are more than 114 cemeteries in town. "The oldest one is probably by the brook between Middle Road and Scooter Lane," he said. "This is where many of the first settlers of Federal Street were buried." Most of the cemeteries are scattered around town on family farms. Carll is a member of the Cemetery Committee.



Waterboro's Jim Carll recently held a lecture series at Massabesic High School on the history of Waterboro.
PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

"The War Between the States changed Waterborough forever," Carll continued. "This little town with a population of around 1900 people sent about 130 boys," he said. "I place out over 100 flags on Civil War Vets in town."

In 1867, the Portland and Rochester Railroad came through town. "The railroad stations at Westcott (East Waterboro) and South Waterboro changed these villages and the town forever," Carll said. "Visitors started coming on the train and spending vacation time at the Swett Hotel on Ossipee Hill, the Durgin Hotel, and camps on the lake started popping up." Carll said there was a stagecoach at Westcott that took folks to Limerick, stopping at Waterboro Center and North Waterboro. The Westcott station was across from the old Post Office, which is now Kirin restaurant. According to Carll, the railroad led to the development of the village as the retail center of the town of Waterboro, and the town grew considerably."

After the railroad, it was the fire of Wednesday, July 12, 1911 that changed the village of South Waterboro. "The fire started in the stable of Alfred McKenney, on the Ross Corner Rd around 2pm," Carll explained. Unfortunately, "the village was without fire protection of any kind," and while bucket brigades were formed, and calls for help were sent to Sanford and Portland, there was little that could be done. "Driven before a strong wind, the flames ate their way through the very heart of the village," said Carll. "The fire crossed the tracks of the Worcester, Nashua & Portland division of the Boston & Maine Railroad, burning the Waterboro Station and cutting the town off from both telephone and telegraph communications with the outside world." Carll continued, "By 6pm, [it] had wiped out 30 dwellings, 2 general stores, the post office, the railway station and workshops, and the Smith Lumber and planing Mill." Over 100 people were left homeless, and several were injured.

The fire of 1947 also swept through Waterboro. "Mike Ferguson manned the fire tower on Ossipee Hill in Waterboro," Carll told the participants. "On the eve-

ning of Friday, Oct. 17, Waterboro had its first alarm, a call to help with a fire between Ross Corner and Newfield," and the fire continued to Waterboro. "Part of the Ross Corner fire went down to the Middle Road, and went south to South Waterboro. The other part crested Ossipee Hill and split going to North and East Waterboro." He continued, "it came across Route 5 about where Merrill's store is located and burned south about a mile down Route 5, and jumped the farm to the lake, burning everything in its path." Once again, there was no fire equipment and no firemen to fight it. "There was an exodus from Waterboro, one car behind the next, each filled to the brim with belongings and people headed out of the lower end of town." According to Carll, 110 families lost their homes all over town. "The Red Cross set up headquarters and immediately started putting up barrack-type two family houses, trying to beat the snow." These were Quonset huts, surplus from World War II, Carll explained. "Put a roof on it and windows, and it looks like a chicken coop. "There is one next to the Milk Room," Carll said.

Carll stopped there, and then talked to the group about genealogy, how to research our family tree, and even how to research property. Carll himself has a wealth of knowledge and stories, and is an entertaining speaker.

For more information, sources that Carll recommends are: Hamiltons of Waterboro by Samuel King Hamilton, Early Waterborough Families by Fred Boyle, and Twice Told Tales by Ernest G Knights. For genealogy, he recommends ancestry.com, familysearch.org and familytreearch.com, among others

Of course, you can always attend other talks offered by the Waterborough Historical Society! Keep an eye on their website, <https://waterboroughhistoricalsoociety.com/> or their Facebook page.

Their next event is an Antiques Appraisal Night by Frank Wood on July 3 at 7pm at the Waterborough Historical Society, 31 West Road. Bring up to two items to be appraised, Wood will offer insights into their history and value.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The Saco River Corridor Commission,
under the authority of 38 M.R.S.A. §951 et.
seq., will hold a public hearing beginning at
7:00 PM on June 25th, 2025, at the Porter
Town Hall, 71 Main Street in Porter, Maine.
The subject of the hearing is a petition
from **Lee Hoagland** to redistrict a parcel
located at **10 Moderation St. in Hollis,
Maine (M10/L43)**. Under the Saco River
Corridor Act, this parcel is in the Limited
Residential District, and the petitioner
requests a change to the General Develop-
ment District (as described in §957-B,
§957-C, and §962-B of the above title).
For more information or to comment,
contact the Commission at 207-625-8123,
srcc@srcc-maine.org or P.O. Box 283, Cor-
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Obituaries

Erica L. (Willey) DiCentes

Erica L. (Willey) DiCentes, 52, of North Waterboro, passed away on June 4, 2025, after her battle with ALS.

Born in Norway on March 7, 1973, to Gerald and Janice Willey, Erica grew up in a military family, where she developed a lifelong love of travel. From a young age, she was exceptionally artistic, with a passion for creating through both art and photography. A 1991 graduate of Nokomis High School, Erica went on to attend the University of Maine at Presque Isle, where she earned her degree in Art and became a proud sister of Kappa Delta Phi Sorority. It was during this time that she met the love of her life, Jon DiCentes, whom she would share 24 years of marriage with.

Erica worked for many years at Hannaford, where she built lasting relationships with her colleagues and customers. Outside of work, she found great joy in nature—hiking, fishing, and hunting with her dad, Jon, and other family members. She also loved gardening, crafting, camping, and volunteering in her community, often participating in color runs, charity walks, and other fundraising efforts.

Erica was known for her bright smile, generous spirit, and deep love for those around her. She brought happiness and warmth to everyone she met.

She was predeceased by her



Erica L. (Willey) DiCentes

maternal and paternal grandparents, her mother Janice Willey, and her niece Janelle Sperdakos.

Erica is survived by her husband, Jon DiCentes of North Waterboro; her father, Gerald Willey, and stepmother, Shelly Willey of Hartland; her sister, Jennifer Bouffard, and brother-in-law, Heath Bouffard of Poland; her nephew, Ethan Sperdakos of Poland; as well as many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

A graveside service will be held at Murch Cemetery in Casco on Saturday, June 21 at 10 a.m., with a private family gathering to follow. Online condolences may be shared at www.mainefuneral.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service, East Waterboro.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Clinic at Mid Coast Hospital, 329 Bath Road, Suite 3A, Brunswick, Maine 04011.

Carolyn M. (Stevens) Harrison

On May 31, 2025, Carolyn M. (Stevens) Harrison peacefully passed away at Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough, holding the hand of her youngest grandchild, Wren. Carolyn had been surrounded by her loving family around the clock for several days prior to her passing. In true Harrison fashion, there was plenty of food, snacks, and drinks. Lots of stories were told, laughs, tears, and quiet times were also shared.



Carolyn M. (Stevens) Harrison

Carolyn M. Stevens was born on Sept. 30, 1931, to parents, Carroll F. Stevens and Jennie B. (Harriman) Stevens who brought her home to the Alfred family homestead on Brackett Hill. Living in Alfred for most of her life, she attended the “old” Alfred Elementary School where there was a dirt floor in the basement. When learning to drive, her father told her to take the family Model-T out to a field and just “drive it!” She enjoyed summering with her family at Bunganut Lake as well as attending Camp Laughing Loon, eventually becoming a camp counsellor, which she was very proud of. Carolyn attended Sanford High School before pursuing a degree in business at Westbrook Junior College. While attending Sanford High School, she met her lifelong love (at only fifteen years old), J. Richard Harrison, who she would go on to marry on October 13, 1951. Carolyn and Richard went on to have six children, making them one of the smallest families in the Court Street neighborhood. After residing in Alfred for 60 years, they moved to Kennebunk so that surrounding family members could better take care of them as they aged. Carolyn and her husband were married for 68 happy years before he passed away in 2019 at the age of 92.

Being a wife, mother, and eventually a grandmother (great, great-great) were some of Carolyn’s most joyous achievements in life. But her dream was always to be a nurse. So, at the age of 40, she attended SMVTI where she earned her degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She worked at the “old” Webber Hospital in Biddeford before transitioning to work at SMMC where she spent the next 25 years working on the OB/GYN floor as a devoted Labor and Delivery nurse.

Carolyn had a deep love for the outdoors and wildlife. She loved the Green Mountains of Vermont, the White Mountains of New Hampshire, and was an avid hiker. She successfully climbed Mt. Washington in the White Mountains of New Hampshire 5 times! For her 92nd birthday, she along with some family made it to the summit one last time via The Mount Washington Cog Railway. Maine was the state she loved most! She loved wildflowers, most notably: lady slippers, lupins, daisies, buttercups, clovers and daffodils. She loved spotting wildlife like moose, deer, fox and the many birds that would flock to her feeders. She enjoyed visiting several locations throughout the state including the Moosehead, Sebago and Rangeley Lake Regions, Greenville, Eustis, Wilson’s Pond, Parlin Pond, Caribou Lake, Winslow Memorial Park, Ocean Park, and most recently “camp” located up in Burnham. She loved riding in the boat, and on occasion, driving it.

The love for her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and even great-great grandchildren was immeasurable. Carolyn enjoyed attending countless sporting events, plays, concerts, graduations, and birthday parties. She taught all the children the importance of being kind, having dreams, and loving others.

Carolyn and her boundless love will be missed every day. She is survived by her only sister Janet Allen of Newfield, her four children Daniel Harrison and wife Lisa Harrison of Kennebunk; Alan Harrison and wife Sue Harrison of Alfred; Beth Burchill and husband David Burchill of Kennebunk; Ellen Harrison of Scarborough; and special family friend Robin Frost of Shapleigh. She is also survived by her gaggle of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren as well as two nieces, a nephew, many cousins, friends and neighbors. She is predeceased by her parents, husband J. Richard Harrison, son Stephen Harrison Sr. and daughter Kathryn Harrison.

To honor Carolyn, donations may be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, the Fire Rescue of Kennebunk, or the charity of your choosing.

Per her request, Carolyn will not have a public service. She will be buried at the Evergreen Cemetery in Alfred during a private family gathering.

Sidney Norman Pinkham

Sidney Norman Pinkham, age 94, of Waterboro, passed away surrounded by his loving family on June 3, 2025.

Sidney was born on March 20, 1931, in Bucksport, Maine to Sidney Norman parents Sidney Edward Pinkham and Sarah (Cairns) Pinkham. He was raised alongside 10 siblings and grew up in a loving family.

In his adulthood he became a father to two children and was a collective business owner and was all about cars and attending auctions. He started a Taxi service, owned multiple rental properties, and later began his favorite and most successful business, Pinkham’s Used Cars. His biggest passion was his work, and Cadillacs were his favorite! His family described him as a giver; not a taker, and as a kind, quiet, and gentle man all throughout his life. Outside of being a hardworking business owner, Sidney was an involved father and grandfather. He often enjoyed attending mud races with his son and grandson.

Sidney lived almost 70 of his 90+ years of his life in Hudson, Maine. He owned Pinkham’s Trailer Park in Hudson and



Pinkham’s General Store in Hudson for 20 years.

He will be remembered for this work ethic, as he worked right up until he passed. The community will remember him for his giving character and for helping so many people over the years.

Sidney was predeceased by his wife Shirley Jean Pinkham, his parents Sarah and Sidney, and 8 of his siblings.

Sidney will be remembered by his two children Kevin Norman Pinkham and his wife Paula of Millbridge, and his recently reunited daughter Cindy Norma Bell and her husband Raymond of North Waterboro, two sisters-Gloria St. Laurent and Vesta Ebert, multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as many loving friends.

Services will be handled privately amongst family.

Online condolences can be made at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service, East Waterboro, website, www.mainefuneral.com.

Jayne L. Smith

Jayne L. Smith, 88, formerly of Sanford, died on May 29, 2025, in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Jayne was born on Nov. 13, 1936, to George and Edith (Parsons) Larson in Melrose, Massachusetts. Jayne L. Smith She graduated from Middleton High School in Middleton, Connecticut, and the Hartford Hospital for Nursing. Her working career was spent working with developmentally disabled clients in Upstate, New York, while also raising her family. Jayne moved to Maine in 1987, and worked for Great Bay Center in Portsmouth, York Hospital, and opened a homeless shelter.

During this time, she met her loving companion, Carl Cressey, Sr. Together, they built a home in Sanford and shared their love of traveling. Jayne and Carl went on 24 cruises with Italy, Mediterranean, Panama Canal, Caribbean, and Bermuda as favorites.

Jayne is survived by her daughter, Susan Cousins of Clarksville, TN; son, David (Lissa) of Bradenton, FL; her grandchildren, Serena (Nathan) Roginsky, Nicholas (Rachel) Toomey, and Jesse (Destinee) Cousins; and her sisters, Sandra Stone of Albany, NY and Holly North of Wellesley, MA. She was preceded in death by her companion, Carl Cressey, Sr.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, June 16, at Eastern Cemetery (227 Main Street) in Gorham.

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.



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REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Acton is now accepting snow maintenance contracts for the 25/26, 26/27 and 27/28 seasons. The Town of Acton has two districts, north and south with different specifications that must be bid on separately. For complete details or to receive a copy of either bid, please visit www.actonmaine.org or stop into the Town Administrator’s during regular business hours.

Deadline to bid is Wednesday July 19, 2025..

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Interested candidates should complete a Town of Acton Application for Employment, no later than 4pm on Wednesday, June 24 with the availability to interview Friday, June 27. Applications can be found online or picked up in person at the Town Administrator’s Office.

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Michael W. David

Michael W. David, 67, of Acton, formerly of Salisbury, passed away after a courageous 2 year battle with colon cancer.

He was born on Dec. 27, 1957 in Newburyport, Massachusetts. He was the son of Sylvia



Michael W. David

Gyrin of Rangeley and her husband Arthur Gyrin who passed away from COVID complications and his biological father the late Wayne David. Recently Michaels mother moved to Acton after her husband's passing to be closer to her sons, grandchildren and any other living relatives, and living friends. Michael grew up in Salisbury, Massachusetts and graduated from Triton High School, in Byfield, Massachusetts in 1976.

Michael loved and adored his family very much. He leaves behind his two adult sons, Joe David of Sanbornville, New Hampshire and Andrew David of Portland, and their mother Susan Sarty who passed in 2022; grandchildren, Angelina David, Joseph David Jr., who are the children of Joe and his wife Christine, Bailey David and Charlotte David who are the children of Andrew David and Annie Berube. Michael also leaves behind his significant other Diane Hansen and her three daughters. Mike was especially close to Josephine "Jojo" and considered her to be the daughter he never had. He also leaves behind his 2 dogs Larry and Frankie, who laid by his side during his last days; brother Steve David and his wife Lisa and their sons, Casey, Patrick and the latest additions to the family. Also, mourning the loss of Micheal is his sister Racheal David and her children.

In addition to his biological father Wayne, he was predeceased by his grandmother Marie David, grandfather Arthur (AJ) David the founder of David's Fish market who were all from Salisbury, Massachusetts.

He worked for many years at David's Fish market in Salisbury, Massachusetts to support, and raise his two sons. They didn't have much money but they always managed to do something exciting and fun with their dad. Fond memories like ice fishing, fishing on Wayne's boat with their uncle Steve, and Grampy Wayne, hunting, taking trips to Rangeley or taking the dog Teddy to Footes Ice Cream.

He later started working at Keiver-Willard Lumber Corporation in Newburyport, Massachusetts where he retired from at the age of 62.

He purchased the David family Farm in Acton, Maine in 2001 and enjoyed the 60 acre lot to do hobbies like gardening, planting, as well as hiking, and hunting. He was a sim-

ple man who didn't have a need for nice, flashy or expensive things. He was very laid back, friendly and was known to have a great sense of humor at times. He enjoyed scaring the critters out of his garden, walking his land with his mother enjoying nature and all its beauty and offerings. He also enjoyed having a cup of tea with his mother in the morning helping her with puzzles. Micheal just wanted to live his remaining days on his side by side and John Deer lawn mower he just purchased and was so proud of.

A graveside service was held on June 10 in the Long Hill Cemetery, Salisbury, Massachusetts. Visit www.RemickGendron.com to view Michael's memorial website and sign his tribute wall.

Patricia Louise Watkins

Patricia Louise Watkins, born Patricia Louise Smilie on Valentine's Day,

1953, in Alfred, passed peacefully on Nov. 20, 2024, at the age of 71. She was a woman whose life was shaped by compassion, sacrifice, and quiet strength - a true embodiment of unconditional love.



Patricia Louise Watkins

The eldest daughter of Carlene and Gerald Smilie, Patricia grew up helping to care for her beloved younger sisters, Cindy and Linda, both born with special needs. From an early age, she displayed a remarkable sense of responsibility, spending afternoons caring for her siblings while her mother worked the night shift. She was a protective and loving sister, also to her brothers Robert (predeceased) and Danny Grant, her only surviving sibling.

A graduate of Massabesic High School, Class of 1971, Patricia moved from her small hometown in Maine to Fort Lauderdale, Florida in the late 1970s - a bold and brave move that fulfilled a lifelong dream and brought her closer to the warmth she so adored. She would never return to live in cold weather again.

Patricia spent over two decades as a dedicated insurance agent, fiercely committed to providing for her family. Her children, Laurie A. Watkins and John Watkins, and her devoted husband, Scott Watkins, were the center of her universe. She worked tirelessly, never once complaining, always going without so her children could have more. Her motivation was simple: she wanted to leave them with something lasting - a home, a legacy of love.

Despite facing years of chronic health challenges, Patricia remained a pillar of perseverance and grit. She never let hardship de-

fine her, always putting her family first. Whether it was shuttling her children to sports practices, chorus rehearsals, or school events, she was always there - on the sidelines, cheering, encouraging, loving. She prepared dinner nearly every night, fostering in her children the value of togetherness around the family table.

Patricia was a woman of hidden adventures and quiet victories. In 1984, just a year after giving birth to her son, she summited Katahdin's Baxter Peak, the final leg of the Appalachian Trail, including the daunting Knife Edge. Her spirit was fierce, but her heart was gentle.

She found joy in the small pleasures of life - reading fiction novels, classic rock turned up just a little too loud, shopping trips, and joining her daughter on work travels to new cities. She loved fried clams with bellies, a good margarita at La Bamba, and the warmth of Sunday calls with Laurie. Her rescue pup, Rigel, and memories of her first dog, Lily, brought her comfort and companionship in recent years.

Patricia was a passionate supporter of causes close to her heart, including the Broward County Humane Society, Women in Distress, and the American Veterans Association. In 2012, she met First Lady Michelle Obama - an encounter she often recalled with pride.

Her life was simple in design, yet profound in impact. Patricia passed away on her brother Robert's birthday - what we can only imagine was a sacred reunion, a homecoming free from pain and filled with peace.

She is survived by her children Laurie and John, her husband Scott, her brother Danny, and her cherished dog Rigel. She is deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her, and forever remembered for the love she gave so freely.

May she rest in eternal peace, her spirit now soaring - watching over those she loved with the same unwavering devotion she carried throughout her life.

Kathleen Mary (Shultis) Fink

Kathleen Mary (Shultis) Fink passed away, after a brief illness, with her family at her side on Friday May 30, 2025. Kathleen was known by most as Kathy.



Kathleen Mary (Shultis) Fink

Kathy was born on March 12, 1939, in Schenectady, NY to Mary Eloise (McDonald) Shultis and William Parry Shultis. Raised by love mother Anna Lena (Ciani) Shultis from age 3. Kathy had a younger sister Linda (Shultis) Ralbovsky. Her family resided in downtown Schenectady, then in Rotterdam, New York.

Kathy graduated from Draper High School, Rotterdam, New York in 1957.

Kathy married Lewis Edwin Fink, Jr. of Niskayuna, NY on Aug. 10, 1958 in Mayfield, NY. They met while working at General Electric in Schenectady, NY and were married 6 weeks later.

Kathy graduated from the University of Maine in 1988 with an Associates of Science with highest honors. Kathy became an ordained Stephen Minster in Baltimore, Maryland in 1992. Kathy performed as the Referrals Coordinator for Stephen Ministers at the First Baptist Church in Springvale.

Kathy enjoyed all employments beginning with General Electric Company in Schenectady, NY and in Brockport, NY. After moving to Sanford, in 1972, Kathy worked for Sanford Stampings, Dr. Lorenzen, Dr. Bacon, Dr. Gorin, Southern Maine Regional Planning, York County Employment and Training Association, Hussey Manufacturing, and Eagle Industries. Kathy was a correspondent for *The Journal Tribune* newspaper for 17 years, followed by a correspondent for the *Sanford News* for 4 years. Kathy was pleased to be the secretary at the First Baptist Church in Springvale to Rev. Dr. Hugh Crouch, Rev. Kenneth Keating, and Rev. Michael Lauziere.

Kathy taught crocheting to adult education classes in Sanford High School, Noble High School, Massabesic High School, and Kennebunk High School for a time reaching 21 years. Kathy was the manager/bookkeeper for the Oldtimers' Shop in Sanford, ME from 2003 to 2010; then bookkeeper from 2010 to 2025.

Kathy also wrote two books *Rural York County* and *Westerly*. These books were part of the Images of America Series by Arcadia Publishing.

Kathy was predeceased by her husband, Lewis Edwin Fink, Jr.; sister, Linda (Shultis) Ralbovsky; and her parents, William Parry Shultis, Lena (Ciani) Shultis, and Mary (McDonald) Shultis.

Kathy is survived by her four children and their spouses: Patricia Ann (Fink) Angers and Steve Angers, Melinda Mary (Fink) Tyler and Gaines Tyler, Lewis Edwin Fink III and Maryann Fink, William David Fink and Peralie Burbank; 14 grandchildren: Harry C. Reed Jr. and wife Linda, Sarah J. Reed-Bragdon and husband Rich, Margaret L. Zappala, William D. Fink Jr and wife Samantha, Lyndsay R. (Fink) Sargent and husband Will, Tyler J. Curry, Katelyn E. (Fink) Field and husband David, Carolyn M. Curry, Rachel M. Fink, Jonathan M. Fink, Sophia J. Hallett, Austin P. Fink, Lauren L. Fink, and Lewis E. Fink IV; and 10 great grandchildren: Felicia M. Black, Alec E.L. Reed, Gavin M. Zappala, Conor Sargent, Logan Sargent, Caleb Girodet, Deivian Fink, Kara Fink, Gabriel Bragdon, Mason Bragdon, Daniel Brissette, Karliah Brissette; and two great-great grandchildren: Alastor C. Black and Emmitt R. Black.

A Celebration of life will be held at the First Baptist Church of Springvale, 429 Main Street, Springvale ME 04083, at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 21. Interment at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery, private ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to either the First Baptist Church of Springvale P.O. Box 277, Sanford, ME 04073 or the Oldtimers' Shop (917 Main Street, Sanford ME 04073).



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COMMUNITY CAFÉ at Southern Maine Agency on Aging, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 21 Bradeen Street, Springvale (Use the entrance on Bodwell Ct.) and the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at Mayflower Place, 27 Mayflower Drive, Sanford. Call 396-6500. Suggested donation \$8.

COMMUNITY CUP Tuesdays 9 to 10 a.m. Free coffee, donuts and conversation at Southern Maine Agency on Aging at 21 Bradeen Street, Springvale.

SANFORD FARMERS MARKET is open for the

2025 season every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Central Park (across from City Hall). Open May to October, featuring locally grown vegetables, fresh breads, mushrooms, flowers, chicken, eggs, herbs, honey, juices, yogurt, cheeses, meats, and more!

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.

FREE COFFEE & CARMADERIE Every Sat 8 a.m. at Archie’s Strike & Spare bowling alley, 135 Federal Street (Route 25) Kezar Falls. Free coffee for

Veterans and family members. A great chance to meet other Service Members in the area, kick back, talk, maybe make a friend, and build a community. Breakfast pizza available for purchase.

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.

Hiram Community Center’s **ROAST BEEF SUPPER** first Saturday of the month at 5 p.m. (doors open at 4:45). \$15 for adults and \$12 for kids 12 and under. Fundraiser for the Hiram Community Club, volunteers that run the Hiram Community Center. They buy the best beef, roast it the day of the supper, and carve it in front of you. They do all the cooking. They bake the

pies. They serve water and a cold drink (lemonade in summer) at the tables. Coffee is available. Visit with friends and make new ones at 14 Historical Ridge (off Main Street, Route 117) adjacent to the Great Ossipee Museum.

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. **NEW LOCATION:** The breakfast is from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the new Shapleigh Community Center at 24 Back Road, Shapleigh.

ST THERESE FOOD CLOSET open every Thursday from 12 to 2 p.m. Located at 66 North Ave., Sanford, directly behind the St Therese Church in the gray trailer.

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. Bring your own bag.

YORK COUNTY FOOD PANTRY is open to the public at 5 Swett’s Bridge Road in Alfred on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12 to 3 p.m. operated by York County Government’s nonprofit, First County Foundation.

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