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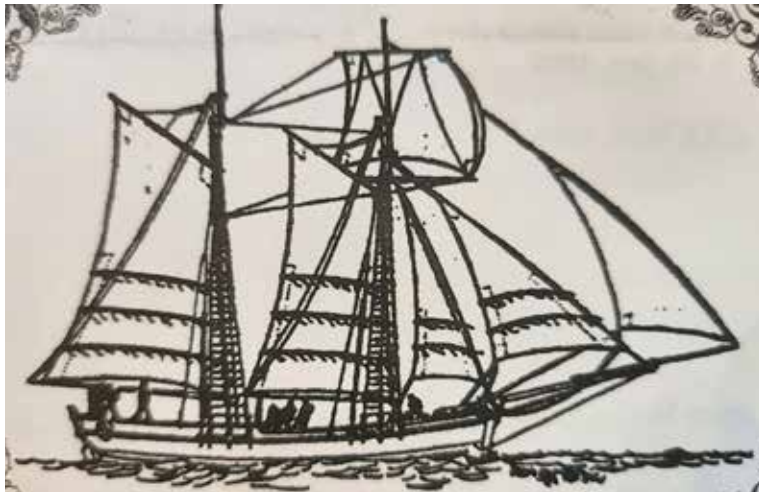
The story of the schooner Waterborough

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Every boat owner has their own story to tell about the launch of their boat, but one of the most unique stories is that of the schooner “Waterborough.”

The Waterborough was a two-masted, 51-foot schooner, 14-foot, 8-inches wide and weighing 42 tons (or 43, depending on which version of the story you read), built right in Waterboro, Maine! Pam Ridges, Waterborough Historical Society Program Director, told the story of this schooner, its origins and its journey to the water at their first program of the season, on May 2.

The story of the Waterborough appears in the book *Reflections of Waterborough*, compiled by the Historical Society. Copies of this article were available for audience members to read while Ridges told the story. Waterborough resident Josiah Swett lived on 250 acres of forest and farmland on Ossipee Hill in the 1800s. In 1818, he and his son, William began to build the schooner at the top of the hill, “hand-hewing the logs and timbers necessary to build the schooner.” With the help of Aaron Bourne of Wells,



Sketch of the schooner Waterborough, built on Ossipee Mountain and launched in 1820 in Kennebunkport by Capt. Josiah Swett. COURTESY IMAGE

the Swetts took two years to build their ship. People in town were skeptical, and thought the project was ridiculous. They referred to the boat as a “Two-Sticker”, referring to the two masts.

But Josiah and William were successful, and after two years, in February of 1820, it was time to put their boat in the water. But the ocean is 25 miles away. And, it was February! How do you get a boat down Ossipee Hill to Kennebunk Landing to put it in the water in the winter? Well, the answer is, very carefully. Josiah had built the Waterborough in a cradle, on wooden sleds. The hold of the schooner was stocked with hay and grain for the oxen, and food for the men. There were 30 volunteers, and 50 yoke of oxen. “How many oxen is 50 yoke?”

asked Ridges. “Two oxen to a yoke equals 100 oxen!” The snow was hip deep, they say, and they had to use “cant-dogs,” a logging tool with a wooden lever handle and a movable metal hook (called a “dog”) at one end, to keep the ship from running into the oxen pulling it. The neighbors came out to watch “the ark” make its way down the mountain. “We’re not sure where the farm was where the Waterborough was actually built,” said Ridges, “and we’re not exactly sure of the path they took down Ossipee Hill.” But Ridges and Waterborough Historical Society Historian, Brenda Hamilton, went out to follow the path that the boat took and documented it with pictures that they presented in a slideshow.

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Out of this world adventures

By JOANNE BARGIONI

Sanford Memorial Gym was the location of an out-of-this-world adventure on Saturday, June 8, where Fortean Fest was held. Fortean refers to all things paranormal, including UFOs, psychics, ghosts, cryptozoology, etc. This Fortean Fest was no exception. All things paranormal were on exhibition for the viewing of paranormal enthusiasts. The booths included UFOs, Bigfoot, ghost investigations, crystals, psychic readings, Reiki, haunted items, and even a haunted cup of coffee!

The organizers of Fortean Fest are the Paranormal 5, a ghost investigation group. They are a family group that includes Missy and Ritchie Lathrop and their three children, who started the

group in 2019 when they moved to Springvale. The Paranormal 5 meet up with other groups of similar interest and they teach classes on Paranormal 101, public investigations, and they conduct explorations of haunted locations.

Ritchie Lathrop said that all their investigations and research are done for fundraising purposes. They usually get calls from a homeowner who is having some strange activity in their home, or in the case of larger institutions of reportedly haunted sites, the owner/manager will contact the group.

The Sanford Memorial Gym was filled with vendors’ booths from all over New England that referenced the paranormal in some way. One of the booths included Bigfoot researcher Michelle Souliere, who owns a bookstore in

Portland called the Green Hand and has written many books on the subject.

Another group of paranormal investigators from Middleborough, Massachusetts, was Philip Anderson and Nicole Lesperance of Exploringwithphill, who specializes in the Bridgewater Triangle in Massachusetts. The Bridgewater Triangle is a 200 sq. mile area in Southeastern Massachusetts located between Rehoboth, Abington, and Freetown, where there is a large area of high paranormal strangeness. They spoke of the Pukwudgie, a small cryptid creature who beckons the unwilling victims to their death within the Bridgewater triangle. Anderson and Lesperance spoke of having captured a disembodied voice on

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June declared ‘Pride Month’ in York County

Through a proclamation, York County Commissioners have declared June as Pride Month throughout the county.

“(We) encourage residents to reflect on the continuing struggle for equality by members of the LGBTQ+ community,” the proclamation states, in part.

It was the second year York County Commissioners made the Pride Month proclamation. All three commissioners present at the June 5 meeting – Chair Richard Dutremble, Richard Clark and Justin Chenette, voted in favor. Commissioners Donna Ring and Robert Andrews were absent.

A Pride Month proclamation was first introduced by Chenette and passed by the board in 2023.

“It was the first time in our long history of county existence, since 1636, that we passed a pride proclamation,” Chenette said later. “Making history as the first openly LGBTQ+ member of the York County Commission means for me, Pride Month is personal. It’s striking to me that it took until we actually had an openly gay commissioner on the board before we passed such a simple recognition of the LGBTQ+ community in our county. Policy decisions and outcomes are greatly improved by having diverse voices at the table and leaders with varying lived ex-



Commissioner Justin Chenette. YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT PHOTO

periences.”

Chenette said that was something he saw as the youngest openly gay state lawmaker in the country in 2012 as a member of the Maine House of Representatives, and the only LGBTQ+ senator to serve in Maine between 2016-2020.

He said words, actions, tolerance and acceptance as a county government matter, and quoted a statistic from The Trevor Project that states 41 percent of LGBTQ youth have considered attempting suicide.

While commissioners approved the proclamation without comment, one member of the audience spoke out in opposition prior to the vote.

Susan Wiswell, a GOP candidate for District 5 (Eliot, Kittery,

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Organizers of Fortean Fest Ritchie Lathrop and Missy Lathrop of Paranormal 5 at this year’s event. COURTESY PHOTO

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ALFRED

Alfred library to host talks on native plants

This time of year, it's pretty easy to notice the green growing plants all around us. But what are they? While some are more obvious, others can be confusing. That's where Shawn Jalbert comes in.

Jalbert is the owner-operator of Native Haunts in Alfred, an organization that serves as an advocate for native plants. Beginning June 29, Jalbert will offer a series of interactive talks about Maine Native Plants and their importance to the region at the Parsons Memorial Library.

What drew Jalbert to his work was understanding the need for native plants and a passion for helping people find them for planting purposes.

"In the early 2000s, when I first started, it was very difficult for people to purchase native plants at nurseries," Jalbert said. "These plants were available for commercial interests, like wetland restoration work, but not necessarily for folks who wanted to add some native plants to their yards. We knew the ecological importance of native plants, and that people should be planting them. But how could they if no one offered them for sale? I wanted to change that by offering a readily accessible variety of native trees, shrubs and perennials."

One of the biggest challenges Jalbert faced in his line of work was a lack of awareness.

"[There] was a lack of widespread education on why native plants are important and why we need to be planting them instead of non-native plants," Jalbert said. "The educational gap has closed significantly over the last few decades thanks to environmental organizations and grassroots efforts getting the word out."

Another hindrance is the plants themselves.

"Many are not easy to grow due to a variety of seed dormancy breaking requirements and particular growing conditions," said Jalbert. "Finding or sourcing viable seeds is a challenge as well."

But that doesn't mean all hope is lost for native plants, as Jalbert will explain in his series. He'll start with what exactly a native plant is and why native plants are important to the local ecosystem.

"We will walk the Library grounds [where I will] point out natives and non-natives, which plants may be invasive, the ecological function of native plants, and how we can integrate them into our landscapes."

Knowing more about the plants in our yards and communities matters, according to Jalbert, because, "when we get to know the plants around us we develop a relationship with them, and we tend to care more about them because of this investment."

As Jalbert explains, native plants "are the foundational components of our ecosystems, the primary producers that ultimately feed every other animal in the food chain."

Jalbert's hope with the series is that participants will come away with a new appreciation for the native plants in their yards.

"[It's about] lighting that sense of wonder and curiosity in people with the hope that they will pass on what they have learned to others," Jalbert said.

Maine Native Plants with Shawn Jalbert runs June 29 at 10:30 a.m. and will continue July 13 and 27 and Aug. 10. Contact the library at 324-2001 or visit them at 27 Saco Road, Alfred.

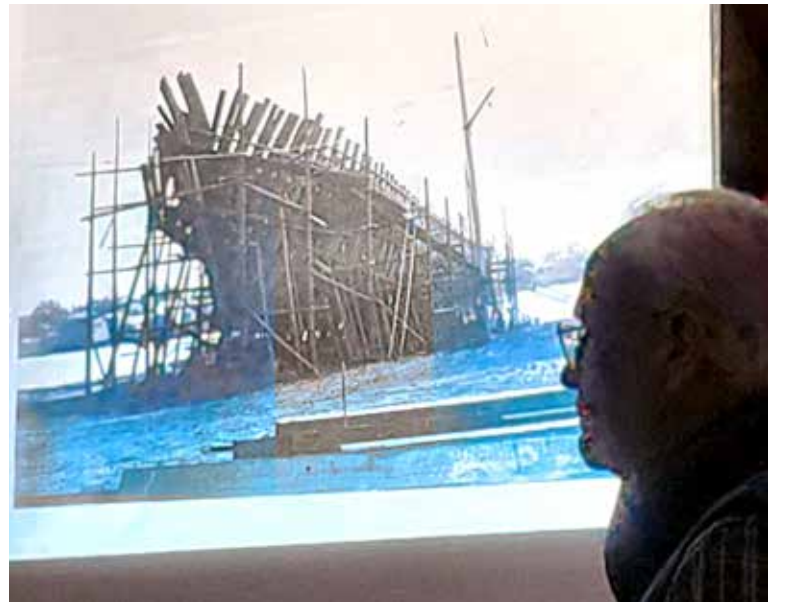
- Kat Szmít, Library Assistant
Parsons Memorial Library

SCHOONER

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"We know they ended up in Waterboro Old Corner," said Ridges, "by the Old Corner Church on West Road," she explained. From there, they turned right on Federal Street. "Their goal was the western edge of Shaker Pond in Alfred," Ridges said. The Swetts and the Waterborough team spent the first night there. The next day, they continued on from Federal Street to Gore Road, turning right onto what is now Routes 202 and 4 into Alfred village. Next, they turned left onto Kennebunk Road, crossed what is now Route 111, and continued on Kennebunk Road - apparently back then, it was called the Plains Road. "We followed it until the pavement stopped," Ridges explained. "It is now a narrow dirt road. The kind of road only 4-wheelers can go down." But, after asking questions of a resident they saw walking on the road, they knew this was the correct path. And, they also learned that this road comes out to the Day Road. According to the story, this is where the Waterborough and its accompanying party spent the second night of their journey to the sea.

Ridges and Hamilton continued their journey, and picked up the path of the Waterborough on the Day Road, and followed Route 35 to Summer Street. They went around the rotary to Storer Street past the Library, and continued on Summer Street, past the Bibber Funeral Home to Kennebunk Landing. At the Landing Store, they turned left onto Durrell's Bridge Road. Once they got there, they found a dirt road that comes down from Durrell's Bridge. "Durrell's Bridge was a drawbridge," Ridges explained, "and the land under and around the bridge was flat land." There is a Museum in the Streets sign (#23) there, labeling this area as 'The Mousam River Shipyards.' "In 1790, Tobias Lord of Kennebunk moved his ship building business to this flat land," said



Jim Cumisky from the Landing School of Boat Building discussed how boats were built, during a recent slide show about the schooner Waterborough. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS.

Ridges. "And this is where the Waterborough went in the water." The cradle frame and the sleds were removed, and as the story goes, "she went in sideways."

The ship was rigged, and young son, William Swett, became the ship's captain at age 20. It is said that it carried a load of lumber to the West Indies, and returned with rum, molasses and tobacco. And while this is not where the story of the Waterborough ends, it was the end of the journey for Ridges and Hamilton, having traced the voyage from Ossipee Hill to Kennebunk Landing.

Ridges then introduced Jim Cumisky from The Landing School of Boat Building and Design. Cumisky explained a bit about boat building. "You build a half-model first," he said, "and measure distance on the way." Then, you frame it and "plank" it. "Every board has to be measured and put in," he said. "It's amazing that they did this on the mountain." Cumisky also explained that the masts would not be attached onto the ship as it goes down the river, but would go up at the end. A boat launch was a big deal, he

explained, "Crowds came to both sides of the river to watch."

Cumisky then told the audience about the Landing School. "It started in 1978 with 9 students, who built 4 boats in 8 months," he said. "It was a cow barn, and now it is a 2-year college." Shipbuilding today is a lot different than it was back in the 1800s when the Swetts were building their schooner on Ossipee Hill.

To learn more about the Landing School and their boat building programs, visit www.landing-school.org.

The next program by the Waterborough Historical Society is on Thursday, July 11, at 7 p.m., Lyle Merrifield of Merrifield Farms in Gorham will give an encore appearance, sharing his collection of vintage maple syrup equipment and the history of maple syrup titled, "The Sweet History of Maple Syrup." The event will be held at the Grange Hall, 31 West Road, South Waterboro.

For more information about the Waterborough Historical society, visit waterboroughhistoricalsociety.com or find them on Facebook.

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Unanimous approval for County budget

York County's budget process has concluded with a unanimous vote in favor of the \$25.1 million spending plan.

Following a public hearing June 10, the York County Budget Committee voted to transmit the budget back to commissioners unchanged from the document that body sent to them, effectively ending the process.

There was no comment during the hearing, which drew a handful of county employees and one member of the public.

The budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1 contains no new positions.

At \$25.1 million, the budget is up 7.38 percent. About \$21.5 million is to be raised by taxes to the county's 29 municipalities, up 9.6 percent, or 1.8 million, from the current year.

County officials have attributed the increase to the cost of wages, benefits, contracted services, inflation, – and a decrease of about \$100,000 in revenue projections.

York County Budget Committee member Jonathan Martell of Sanford, who had proposed reductions at an earlier meeting, said he thought there was still room "for a few cuts," but in the end, voted in favor of the spending plan.

Member Rebecca Bowley of Hollis said she's like to see additional information for next year's budget deliberations, but indicated the process went well.

"I think the commissioners and the department heads have done a wonderful job in trying to keep costs down," Bowley said. "Thank you."

– By Tammy Wells, Media Specialist for York County Government

PRIDE MONTH

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Ogunquit, Wells, York) County Commissioner, said she was concerned about the proclamation.

"This is not promoting equality," she said, in part. "This is promoting discrimination against heterosexuals."

Both Gov. Janet Mills and President Joe Biden have designated June as Pride Month, and there are a number of events and commemorations across York County and throughout Maine.

– By Tammy Wells, Media Specialist for York County Government

Sanford's Megan Arsenault achieves emergency management certification

During the COVID-19 pandemic, York County Emergency Management Agency Deputy Director Megan Arsenault served as the county's incident commander. She was assigned to the county vaccine center in Sanford, with the mission of getting people vaccinated against COVID-19 quickly.

For the past several months, she and others with York County EMA have been coping with the aftermath of punishing storms in January that battered the coastline from York to Old Orchard Beach, and an April storm that resulted in heavy tree and power line damage and road damage county wide.

More recently, she's had her eye on the National Hurricane Center and gearing up for public outreach and internal planning, should one or more hurricanes head this way.

And now Arsenault, 37, of Sanford is among a relatively small number of emergency managers certified in their profession by the International Association of Emergency Managers.

"This is the highest honor of professional achievement available from the association, which has in its membership more than 6,000 emergency managers representing professionals whose goals are saving lives and protecting property and the environment during emergencies and disasters," wrote IAEM Certification Commission Chair Jon Fessler, in a letter to Arsenault. He said the certification is held by 2,363 people currently engaged in the emergency management field.

It took a lot of work, but the certification is worth it, Arsenault



York County EMA Deputy Director Megan Arsenault, CEM. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

said. She began the process last fall – one that included proof of competency in the field, a vast number of training hours, general management and more.

Arsenault has been employed by York County EMA since 2015 and was named deputy director in 2021. Her involvement in emergency management goes back to 2011, when as an animal care technician, she was deployed to Joplin, Missouri, which had experienced an EF5 tornado, the strongest on the scale, with winds in excess of 200 m.p.h. Its swath through the city was a mile wide. It killed 158 people, according to online accounts, injured more than 1,500 and caused \$2.8 billion in damages.

Arsenault was deployed to Joplin to help the city's animals; she said in a 2022 interview upon being named Emergency Manager of the Year by the Northeast States

Emergency Consortium. During her two weeks in the tornado-ravaged city, she worked in the "cat warehouse," helping care for hundreds of cats – feeding them, changing litter pans, and keeping the place clean.

"It changed my life," she said at the time. She began volunteering with York County EMA, and has not looked back.

Following her 2011 deployment, she sat with the now late Bob Bohlmann, who was York County EMA director at the time.

"We talked about my career trajectory," said Arsenault. "I remember looking up the requirements to become a Certified Emergency Manager, and I wondered if I could do that.... It's always been a goal of mine. As the years went by, it became easier to picture doing that, so I pursued it."

She has also pursued other educational endeavors, including earning a master's degree in social work.

York County EMA Director Art Cleaves said earning certification from IAEM is like earning a master's degree.

"It requires extensive documented practical experience which Megan has accomplished by deploying to many, many disasters nationwide in addition to her continued professional development by taking FEMA Incident Command System trainings," said Cleaves. "Megan has completed well over 25 FEMA advanced

training certificates."

Her training doesn't end with her certification. She is eyeing a short course for emergency managers who function as their agency's public information officer and also at perhaps establishing a networking group for those in the emergency management profession – something she said, that could result in ways to better help the public.

Arsenault said she's not sure if certification changes much day-to-day, but in an industry whose hallmark is moving from detailed planning for disasters to action in dealing with them, she said it should help.

"It's been exciting," she said. – By Tammy Wells, Media Specialist for York County Government

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Attention Hollis Residents:

The Town of Hollis is looking to obtain a grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of constructing a new Town Hall from the USDA, Rural Development.

This application will be discussed at the next public Select Board meeting on **Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 7PM** to be held in the Hollis Community Building, 35 Town Farm Road, Hollis, ME 04042. The public is welcome to attend.

Any comments, please contact the Hollis Select Board at Hollis Town Hall, 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis ME 04042 or e-mail adminsecretary@hollismaine.org.

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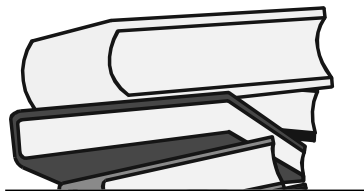
Chamber Welcomes Precision Roofing

The Sanford/Springvale Chamber Ambassadors and Board Members recently assisted Precision Roofing Owners Sue and Joe Pierce with their ribbon cutting ceremony. Precision Roofing provides top quality residential and commercial roofing services throughout York County and beyond. Whether it's a new roof or a simple repair, they are tried and tested with all roofing materials and have over twenty years of experience in the field. Precision Roofing works with many different roofing materials, including asphalt shingles, standing seam metal, and rubber roofing. Pictured from left, Sean Dumont (Edward Jones Investments), Stephanie Wilkins (Altrusa International Sanford/Springvale), Andrea Pais (Sanford Mainers Office and Sales Manager), Sue and Joe Pierce (owners of Precision Roofing), Chamber President Rick Stanley, and Dan Bowden (Pilots Cove Café).

Springvale Public Library news

Springvale Public Library, at 443 Main Street, is holding a Teen Adventure Time summer reading program for grades 6 to 12 from June 17 to Aug. 9. Teens can read two books to help with community service this summer and win free books and prizes.

On June 20, there will be a special program for children ages 5 to 12 on the library lawn called Fairy Houses with Anna Desmond. Children will learn how to make their own fairy house.



Adventures in Crafting will be held for teens from grades 6 to 12 on June 25 from 2-3 p.m. All materials are provided.

Tickles the Clown will be at the library on June 27 at 2 p.m. recommended for ages 5 to 12.

For more information, you can contact Springvale Library at springvalelibrary.org.

— By Joanne Bargioni

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YORK COUNTY AUDUBON PRESENTS: "A Seal's Journey" with Marine Mammals of Maine

Join Marine Mammals of Maine (MMoME) as they take you through a seal's journey from stranding to release, and all of the obstacles in between. Starting with seal basics such as: whether it's normal for them to be out of the water and why you might see a baby on its own, and then dive into when and why seals need our help. You will learn what MMoME is, what they do, the animals they care for, and how you can help.

Marine Mammals of Maine is dedicated to marine mammal and sea turtle response, rescue, care, research and education. With a small staff and a dedicated volunteer team, MMoME provides expert stranding response across roughly 2,500 miles of Maine's coastline (including islands), covering the geographic area of Kittery to Rockland.

Jessica Woodend has been a volunteer with MMoME since 2017. She started out helping with educational opportunities and events, and now is also part of the response team and animal care team. Jessica started her career in the field of wildlife education and animal care in 2007 and has worked all over the country.

On Tuesday, June 18, at 7 p.m., York County Audubon is delighted to host this program which will be presented in-person in the Mather Auditorium of the Wells Reserve at Laudholm, and also via Zoom. To view via Zoom, you'll need to register in advance. To do so, please go to yorkcountyaudubon.org.

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TOWN OF ACTON REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Acton is soliciting bids for the overhaul and improvement of the Memorial grounds between the Town of Acton and the Acton Congregational Baptist Church, located at 35 H Road, Acton, ME.

Rehabilitation plans should include, but not be limited to, tree trimming, restoration of the memorials, over all grounds, railroad ties, etc. Please include a specific plan of your recommendations, including a breakdown of cost.

All bids must be submitted by 3pm on June 26, 2024 to the Town Administrator, Town of Acton, 35 H Road, Acton, ME 04001. Envelope should be clearly marked "Memorial Site Bid" on the outside. Proof of liability insurance, and worker's compensation insurance or a State exemption form, must be provided within 5 days of winning the bid.

Bids will be opened at the Selectman's Meeting on June 26, 2024. Questions should be directed to Jennifer Roux at 207-636-3131 ext 401 or jroux@actonmaine.org.

TOWN OF LYMAN Select Board

Notice of Public Hearing
Monday July 1, 2024 at 6:00pm
 Located at the Lyman Town Hall

The Select Board will hold a public hearing to present information and allow for public comment regarding a draft emergency ordinance entitled "Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Lyman"

A full copy of the draft ordinance is located at the Town Hall and on our website at www.lyman-me.gov

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SPORTS

Offense gets going late as Mainers beat SwampBats



Jack Toomey (Holy Cross) vs. Keene, N.H. COURTESY PHOTO

KEENE, N.H. – For the second time in the past five days, the Sanford Mainers and Keene SwampBats played at Alumni Field. On Wednesday night, the scoreboard nearly matched what it read on Saturday night as the Mainers came away with the 7-2 win.

Sanford and Keene both stranded two runners on base in the first inning as Freddy Beruvides Jr. (Virginia) and Bijan Anvar (Franklin & Marshall) worked around trouble.

In the top of the second, Blake Schaaf (Georgetown) led off with a double for the Mainers. After two Beruvides retired the next two batters, it looked as if Sanford's season-long troubles with runners in scoring position were going to continue.

Jorge Burgos (Southern New Hampshire) did not let that happen though as he worked a two-out walk to keep the inning alive. Burgos' base on balls allowed for the top of the lineup and Matt Miceli (Stony Brook) to come back to the plate.

Miceli, who grounded out to begin the game, delivered an opposite-field single that put Sanford ahead 1-0, a score that did not change for quite some time.

Anvar worked another scoreless inning in the bottom of the frame before Beruvides issued a leadoff walk to C.J. Willis (Quinnipiac). That walk ended the night for the left-handed pitcher as Sean McKenna turned the ball over to Josh Gunther (Wake Forest).

Gunther stranded both Willis and Ray Velazquez (Vanderbilt), who Gunther issued a free pass, on base to end the third. In the process of working around the walks, Gunter struck out three Sanford hitters.

Those three hitters were the first of seven strikeouts for Gunter as he worked three innings of no-hit baseball out of the bullpen.

The Alabama native left the mound in the fifth inning, which was his third and final inning of work, with Sanford still leading 1-0.



By the time the new pitcher, Dane Burns (Mississippi State) entered in the sixth, the SwampBats had the lead.

Daniel McAliney (Binghamton), who came into the game in relief of Anvar, yielded a one-out walk to Nicholas Romano (Florida Atlantic) in the bottom of the fifth. Still with one out in the inning, the right-handed pitcher allowed a single to Alex Alicea (Louisville) to put two runners on the basepaths.

Joe Jaconski (Penn State) drove in Romano, who reached third base on a wild pitch, on a groundout to Miceli at shortstop. Jaconski's collegiate teammate Bryce Molinaro (Penn State) followed with a walk to effectively end the relief appearance of McAliney.

The first pitch from Josh Koptetski (Rhode Island) bounced to the backstop allowing Alicea to score the go-ahead run.

After both Burns and Koptetski combined to work a scoreless sixth inning, Sanford's lineup attacked Burns, who allowed two earned runs in his previous appearance against Sanford on Saturday, in the top of the seventh.

Miceli and Jared Davis (Virginia Tech) started the seventh with back-to-back singles. On Davis' single, which was his third of the game, an error by Burns allowed Miceli to move 90 feet away from home plate.

Willis was retired for the first time in nine plate appearances against Keene, bringing up Jack Toomey (Holy Cross) with two runners on. Toomey unleashed an

opposite field double that scored both Miceli and Davis, who had advanced to second on his sixth stolen base of the year, and gave the Moose a 4-2 lead.

Following Beau Brailey's (Alabama) scoreless inning in the bottom of the frame, in which he worked around a bases-loaded jam with a strikeout of Molinaro, the Mainers offense kept rolling in the top of the eighth.

Burgos reached base on his second walk of the contest before stealing second base. Davis moved Burgos up with a single, his fourth of the game, to put runners on the corners.

With Willis at the plate, Davis stole second base, and a low throw from J.D. Jones (Rutgers) allowed Burgos to break for home plate. Burgos scored with ease, extending Sanford's lead to 5-2.

Willis' at-bat concluded with him rounding the bases and he unleashed a 375-foot home run to center field to put the Mainers ahead 7-2. It was Willis' second home run against Keene, both of which went to center field at Alumni Field, and it was the fourth time he reached base in the contest following three walks to start his night.

Jackson Walsh (Wheaton College) allowed hits in both the eighth and ninth inning, but nothing came of it for the SwampBats as the right-handed pitcher closed out the 7-2 victory.

The win moved Sanford back over .500 with a doubleheader with Upper Valley looming on Thursday afternoon. Both games of the doubleheader will stream exclusively on ESPN+ beginning at 4 p.m.

– By Justin Ciavolella
Sanford Mainers Director of
Broadcasting & Media

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SPORTS

By MIKE DEANGELIS
Sports Editor

Five Mainers win gold at NE Track & Field Championships

The University of New Hampshire hosted this year's New England Track & Field Championships on Saturday, June 8 and five athletes from Maine High Schools were winners in their respective disciplines. In the 100-meter-dash it was Andre Clark from Marshwood winning with a time of 10.59. Noble's Maddox Jordan won the 1600 in 4:15.38. Griffin Gammon from Gorham won the high jump, clearing the bar at 6'9", and Maine swept the triple jump as Arnaud Sioho (only athlete to pass 48') from South Portland joined Windham's Tayla Pelletier (a jump just under 39') atop the podium. The Portland men finished third in the 4X800 relay.

Spring sports end for Massabesic

The Mustangs advanced playoff teams in three separate sports with preliminary round wins in baseball, softball and lacrosse, but none of the three were able to keep their seasons alive in round two.

In baseball Thornton Academy (12-6) eliminated Massabesic, beating them 10-0 on Thursday, June 6. However, the boys of Spring posted their first winning season (10-8) since the late 1980's.

On the softball diamond it was powerhouse Cheverus (17-1) shutting out the Mustangs 3-0 on June 6. The lady Mustangs finished the season at 10-8.

Massabesic's girls' lacrosse team fell to unbeaten Falmouth 12-0 on Friday, June 7. The Mustangs finished the season even at 8-8. They've won four Class A State Championships since 2007, the last one in 2017.

SCHOOL NEWS



Massabesic Middle School's first ever Classmates of the Year recipients, selected by their teammates as best exemplifying MMS' values. Front row, from left, Lily Phelps, Benjamin Stevens, Jules Dochtermann, Matthew Stevens and Gunnar Roberts; back row, from left, Summer Phelps, Sabrina Sibya, Jordan St. Ours, Ruby Tibbetts, Bailey Eggleston, Mary Lou Hager and Sawyer Cacace. COURTESY PHOTO

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BRIEFS

Joe Eon named to Hall of Fame

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COMING EVENTS

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER June 15 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church, 503 Goodwins Mills, Route 35. Cookout: Hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, chips, macaroni salads, baked beans, cookies, beverages.

YARD SALE at 1637 North Road, East Parsonsfield, June 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to benefit the Restorations of the Meetinghouse. We are a nonprofit. FMI contact Debbie Harrington at 415-0316.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NEWFIELD is pleased to announce that the “Moulton Building” will have its first viewing on Sunday June 16, 12-3pm. Artifacts and history of the Moulton lumber legacy and Newfield Mills will be shared. The Moulton building is next to the **BANDSTAND** on Elm Street in Newfield Village. This gathering is free and open to the public. We hope you will bring your families to enjoy.

LYMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING Tues-

day, June 18 at 6 p.m. at the Arion Lodge (Masons) in Goodwins Mills. We are always looking for ideas for historical programs people would like. These could be short, 1-hour events or something more extensive. Send your ideas to lymanhistoricalsociety.org.

“**A SEAL’S JOURNEY**” presented by York County Audubon at the Wells Reserve and also via Zoom, Tuesday, June 18 at 7 p.m. Marine Mammals of Maine will take you through a seal’s journey from stranding to release, and all of the obstacles in between.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Wednesday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alfred Parish Church, 8 Kennebunk Road, Alfred. Log on to the Red Cross website to schedule a time to donate.

CAR SHOW Saturday, June 22 at the Acton Fairgrounds, Route 109, Acton. To benefit the 2024 Wreaths Across America Day, organized by the Rolling Thunder Chapter 1 Maine. Gate opens at 9 a.m. Show ends at 2 p.m. Trophies awarded at 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$20 per vehicle. Free admission for spectators. Raffles and 50/50. Sponsored by Unassociated Crew.

The Baldwin Historical Society **ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER/MEETING** has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 22 at 5 p.m. Please join us at Brown Library, 2 Norton Place, East Baldwin. Bring a friend and a dish to share. An election of officers will be held at the meeting.

DELICIOUS HADDOCK SUPPER BUFFET Saturday, June 29 at 5 p.m. at Living Wa-

ters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family. Takeout available.

RUMMAGE SALE June 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Sanford, 905 Main St. Rain or shine, we will be holding this event inside. Use the Kimball Street entrance. We will be raffling off a corn hole board game with the Patriots logo on it. Come try your luck! The drawing will be at the end of the event. We will have a variety of “stuff” to check out. Too much to list. See you there.

SUMMER THEATER CAMPS at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, Aug. 5-16. Join us for an enriching experience where children can explore their creativity and develop confidence through the theater. FMI, visit <https://www.sacorerivetheatre.org/srt-jr>.

HAND CRAFTERS NEEDED The Alfred Shaker Museum is seeking Hand Crafters offering hand-crafted items for sale at the Shaker Hill Apple Festival being held on Saturday and Sunday, September 21 & 22. FMI call Jeannette Montgomery at (207) 289-9338.



Knots and Bolts Creating Co. Opens in Sanford

Vicki Pariyar measures fabric at the opening of her store Knots and Bolts Creating Co. which opened for business on Saturday, June 8 at 911 Main Street in Sanford. The shop was a dream of Pariyar, originally from Wrentham, Massachusetts, who moved to Sanford in 2020. She picked this location for her shop because of its proximity to the Sanford Farmers’ Market and Fannie’s Donuts, two of Sanford’s landmarks. This was a lifelong dream for Pariyar, who works there with her daughter, Keva Mitchell. Together, they create an atmosphere of creativity and a place to come to create together with other like-minded people. Pariyar said that this is not just a shop for yarn and fiber arts but also a place for unique gifts and cards you might not be able to find elsewhere. The store is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon to 8:30 p.m. and on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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JUNE FISHING REPORT

June is a great time for angling in Maine. The weather is warmer and species such as trout and bass are active. Fish hatchery teams across the state have been busy stocking this spring. Check out the Fish Stocking Report at https://www.maine.gov/ifw/docs/current_stocking_report.pdf to find where fish have been recently stocked near you!

Sebago Lake Region
From Fisheries Resource Technician Brian Lewis, 5/30/24

WHERE TO FISH:

The month of June is a great time to be an angler in Maine. The stocking trucks have done their work, bass can still be found on nests, and those wonderful wild brook trout streams are fishing at their peak. Fishing over bass

nests is primarily a boater’s activity, and likely spots include Keoka Lake in Waterford, Little Sebago Lake in Windham, and Long Pond in Parsonsfield.

FISHING TIP:

For the angler limited to fishing on the shore, brook trout streams are hard to beat for scenery, tradition, and sheer spunk of the target. These beautiful fish can be found statewide, but good spots include West Branch Pleasant River in Mason, Worthy Brook in Poland, and Branch Brook in Sanford.

Remember your tick repellent and to tuck your pants while angling in the Maine woods.

It’s the perfect opportunity to spend time outside and enjoy an activity you may not have made time for in several years... And if you’ve never been fishing before, grab a pole and check out our fishing guide full of tips and information for you to get started at <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fishing-boating/fishing/maine-fishing-guide/index.html>



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(bottom floor), 181 Grammar Road, Sanford. For more info call Linda Rose 206-6234.
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Obituaries

E. Charline Deshaies McFarland

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Charline Deshaies McFarland, who died unexpectedly (told you we'd put it in) on Sunday, June 2 at her home in Limerick.



E. Charline

Eleanor Deshaies McFarland Charline Morris was born on June 15, 1930, in Biddeford to Elsie Clegg and Charles E. Morris. She attended local schools and graduated from Biddeford High School in 1948. In October of that same year, she married Jean L. (John) Deshaies with whom she would have seven children.

In 1951, the couple bought a house on Maple Street in Limerick, Maine. It was truly their Forever Home! So many memories were made living in that community. Trips around the block were a "musts" for anyone lucky enough to live there. It didn't matter if you walked, ran, skipped, were pushed in a carriage or pulled in a cart, rode a bike or even hopped on a pogo stick. It was the heartbeat of Life in that small and unique neighborhood so fondly known as the "Horse-shoe" or just "The Block".

After the passing of her first husband and with her children all grown, Mom began a new chapter in her life. She married Sumner (Sandy) McFarland, a fellow parishioner and active member of St. Matthew's Church. Life with Sandy was different. They were involved with many church activities, attended social events, went dancing, and Traveled! They traveled overseas to Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Indonesia and Australia. They also visited Hawaii, Oregon, Washington and many other interesting places, especially those that were on their way as the Snowbirds migrated to Florida each winter. One memorable trip was to New York City where they enjoyed sightseeing and attended "The Lion King" on Broadway.

As the years passed and Sandy's health declined, they slowed down. Making puzzles, doing crosswords, playing games, crafting, and cribbage replaced dancing and traveling. Mom continued to enjoy these activities after Sandy passed, until her failing eyesight would not

allow her to do so. The Hallmark Channel filled in providing hours of entertainment. However, her true joy came from the many visits and gatherings of her ever growing family. She Loved Family Time!

Mom was pre deceased by her parents, her husbands, and her siblings Barbara Lord, Lucille Mistos Anderson, Mildred Forster, Charles R, Morris and two infant brothers.

She is survived by her children: Denise Roux (Don), Stephen Deshaies (Linda), Ronald Deshaies (Cindy), Mark Deshaies (Lori), Lisa Nava (Tony), Jody Deshaies, Brian Deshaies (Janet); Grandchildren: Tom Roux (Mary Dee), Jeff Roux, Jenn Kelleher (Justin), Tim Deshaies (Becky), Jen Park (Andy), Jason Deshaies (Katie), Heather Charette (Dan), Chris Deshaies, Ryan Nava (Jaime), Sara Maurais (Jared), Casey Nava (Ashley), Courtney Dyer (Donnie), Tyler Deshaies, John Deshaies (Jill), and Russell Deshaies; Great grandchildren: Finn, Liam, Brady, Megan, Allison, Haley, Bode, Bryce, Riley, Cody, Kaden, Arianna, Geneva, Jacob, Olivia, Donnie, Kinsleigh, Jonathan, Jack and Teddy. She is also survived by a half-sister, Sheryl Curtis and many nieces and nephews.

Others left behind include the McFarland Clan - children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren - far too many to name! Finally, her "Block Family" who were kind, caring, and so supportive and were part of the reason that she was able to stay in her own home.

In Mom's last weeks, her son Jody, would push her around the block in a wheelchair. She would talk to neighbors and reminisce about all the people who had once lived there and all the events that had occurred. Those trips around the block were more beneficial to her health than the multitude of pills she took. Her final wish was to take her last breath in the Home she loved, looking out at the Neighborhood she loved, and surrounded by the People she loved. The smile on her face as she began that final journey said it all. Her wish was granted!

She will be missed dearly but will live in our hearts forever!

Visiting hours will be held on Monday, June 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Poitras, Neal & York Funeral Home, 71 Maple St., Cornish.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, June 18 at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Dora Lane, Limerick. Burial will follow at Highland Annex Cemetery in Limerick. Online condolences can be submitted at www.maineFuneral.com.

Christine Rita (Thibodeau) Barnes

Christine Rita (Thibodeau) Barnes, 87, formerly of Buxton, passed away on June 6, 2024. She was born on Aug. 11, 1936, in Van Buren.



Christine Rita (Thibodeau) Barnes

Christine, also known as "Chris", cherished spending time on her motorcycle with her beloved husband, Bob. They shared a passion for traveling around the state to enjoy music of Bob's band the Malibu's performances. She worked at several secular job, but her favorite job was taking care of her family.

She is survived by her sister, Gloria Ahern of S. Portland, brother Gary Paul Thibodeau and wife Cindy of S. Portland, sister-in-law Pat Thibodeau of Arizona, son Rick "Ricky" Barnes and his wife Becky of Naples, Maine, daughter-in-law Lucy Barnes of Fort Smith AK, granddaughters Marlane Spain and her husband Mark of Las Vegas NV, and April Wiley and her husband Kyle and their 3 children Blake, Jasmine and Braxton of Newington CT, grandsons Eric Barnes of Fort Smith AK, and Kevin Barnes of Fayetteville AK, several nieces and nephews, and her cherished Grand dog Abby.

Chris was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Bob Barnes, her parents, Eldred and Rita Thibodeau, her brother Eugene Thibodeau, her son Robert Barnes, brother-in-law Joseph Ahern Sr. and a nephew Michael Ahern.

Chris' family would like to thank Deb and all the staff at Bella Point and Andwell Hospice

In honoring Chris' wishes, there will be no services. Both Christine and her husband Bob will be interred together at Highland Cemetery in Buxton.

Online condolences can be submitted at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service website, www.maineFuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Local Humane Society.

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BUXTON

ELECTION RESULTS

The following are the election results for the Town of Buxton, Maine for the June 11, 2024 elections.

- 6,688 Registered Voters
- 740 Total Ballots Cast for the Annual Town Meeting
- 11.06% Voter Turn Out

261 State Democratic Primary United States Senator

196 Costello, David Allen
 65 Blank

Representative to Congress, District 1

242 Pingree, Chellie
 19 Blank

State Senator, District 31

228 Bailey, Donna
 33 Blank

Representative to the Legislature, District 137

187 Gleason, Elizabeth Jane
 25 Blank

Representative to the Legislature, District 138

42 McKinney, Michael Anthony
 7 Blank

Judge of Probate

223 Houde, Scott M.
 38 Blank

13 Green Independent Primary Representative to Congress, District 1

0 Vigue, Nicholas
 13 Blank

420 State Republican Primary United States Senator

330 Kouzounas, Demi
 90 Blank

Representative to Congress, District 1

136 Piantidosi, Andrew
 228 Russell, Ronald C.
 56 Blank

Representative to the Legislature, District 137

289 Carlow, Nathan M.
 33 Blank

Representative to the Legislature, District 138

85 Blier, Mark John
 13 Blank

Register of Probate

323 Lovejoy, Carol J.
 97 Blank

744 Maine School

Administrative District No. 6 – Election of Directors

School Board Director At-Large, Buxton Resident

587 Decotiis, Ellen H.
 157 Write-ins & Blanks

School Board Director At-Large, Hollis Resident

529 Heath, Kelley C.
 215 Write-ins & Blanks

School Board Director At-Large, Standish Resident

524 Welch, Paul H.
 220 Write-ins & Blanks

732 Maine School Administrative District No. 6 – District Budget Validation

Referendum Article 1 – Budget Validation

354 Yes
 376 No
 2 Blank

740 Annual Town Meeting One - Selectman, Assessor, And Overseer of the Poor, 3 years

729 Poitras, Chad E.
 11 Write-ins & Blanks

Two - Planning Board Member, 3 years

258 Baldinelli, Christopher L.
 415 Knight, Heath D.

325 Warchol, Scott A.
 482 Write-ins & Blanks

Two – Budget Committee Member, 3 years

593 Pettis, Michael F.
 2 Harmon, David

2 Knight, Heath
 3 Ladd, Tyler

880 Additional Write-ins & Blanks

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town of Buxton repeal the ordinance named

“Town of Buxton Ordinance Regulating Tax Acquired Property” enacted November 5, 2002, as amended June 10, 2019?

362 Yes
 246 No
 132 Blank

– John Myers, MMC, CMC
 Town Clerk & Office Manager
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their digital voice recorder of the ghost of 'the red-headed hitchhiker' who was killed on Route 44 in Rehoboth and continues to haunt drivers on this road.

Members of Maine TAPS (the Atlantic Paranormal Society) were also present. The group investigates and researches all accounts of the paranormal from a scientific perspective. On display were many of the ghost hunting paraphernalia that is employed to perform a ghost hunt. There were PK (psychokinetic energy) meters and a Rem-Pod, which is an instrument that measures motion and will alarm and light up when something approaches it, whether visible or invisible, spirit boxes, and digital recorders for EVPs (electronic voice phenomenon).

Other paranormal groups were represented as well, such as Spirit Chasers Paranormal and Afterlife Paranormal. At the Afterlife paranormal booth, host Toby Hartford from Mechanic Falls stated they conduct paranormal investigations for home, business, and private events. He had an interesting wooden artifact from Africa called Woody, which purportedly would cause bad luck to anyone who owns him or comes in contact with him, and also a haunted doll called Sarah kept on a wooden bench, which was reported to cause bad luck. Both had a "touch at your own risk" sign accompanying them.

Kymz Kydz from Afterlife Dolls from Wells had a spooktacular display of creepy afterlife dolls. She had a wide selection of dolls, who seemed to have a life of their own.

Haunted Cups Coffee booth with coffee makers Will and Rebecca Risteen of Biddeford sold their "perfectly roasted coffee for people who are a little scary in the morning."

Amanda L Williams, owner of the Grey Wolf Studios, specializes in jewelry, crystals, and metaphysical items. She lives in Windham and is hoping to relocate to our area. She had a large selection of crystals and items that are hard to find.

For history enthusiasts, America's Stonehenge had a booth exploring the mysteries of this ancient site located at 105 Haverhill Road, Salem, NH. They hold various events throughout the year at the over 4,000-year-old man-made rock formation. The next event is the Summer Solstice Celebration, featuring cultural influences from ancient and modern times.



Tony Hartford of Afterlife Paranormal demonstrates a Rem-Pod.
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