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Celebration at Baldwin Water Tower

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Mark your calendars for the weekend of Sept. 19 and 20. The People's Perch, the old water tower in Baldwin is turning 80, and owners Ian Klepetar and Montana Morris want to celebrate with the community! The tower, built in 1946 is 120 feet tall, and can hold 100,000 gallons of water. Built by the Pittsburgh Des Moines Steel Company, it was originally built as a fire suppressant for the mill that was across the street. It has been a landmark in Baldwin. Over the last 5 years, Klepetar and Morris have been working on making it a community space.

Festivities will begin on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 a.m. with a Sunrise Birthday Hat hoisting. "We have a 4-foot Birthday Hat that we will be hoisting up and placing on top of the tower," Klepetar said. This will be followed by a morning bike/walk/run to Sand Pond, an Oatmeal Bar Breakfast and learn to juggle workshop and many other activities, including a Bike Parade at 5:30 p.m. (Klepetar is an avid biker) followed by a Potluck dinner with Water Tower Trivia.

Things will pick back up again on Sunday morning with a walk/ride/run to the rope swing, followed by a Pancake Breakfast at the Brown Memorial Library. There will be paper airplane making and flights off the tower and more water tower trivia. To see the full schedule for the weekend, go to <https://peoplesperch.org/events/>

"We really want to highlight the history of the area," Klepetar said, "and these water structures are so beautiful!" Klepetar said they will have a 10,000 gallon tank on site for folks to go into and explore, and they plan to have a "History Hub," highlighting the history of the tower and the mill across the street, and the activities that have taken place there in years past. The goal is to open the tower to different people, to help them appreciate the past and the present. Klepetar said that one side of the roof of the tower has been painted. Only folks coming from the east can see it. Folks coming from the west will see just the old patina look.

You can find the People's Perch at 243 Pequawket Trail (Route 113) in East Baldwin, across from the Whistle Stop, next to Lake Region Energy. To learn more, visit <https://peoplesperch.org/>.



Waterboro's Angie Alcock has been selected as the Elite Maine State Queen for a pageant known as National American Miss (NAM). NAM is not a standard beauty pageant, but rather focuses on giving women and girls the chance to build confidence, learn new life skills, and make lasting friendships with other participants. At the state tournament, Alcock also received the titles of "Best Resumé," "Miss Spirit," "Miss Personality," "Talent winner," "Photogenic winner" and "Spokesmodel Winner." She also received, as part of her prize package, a \$128,000 college scholarship to Midland University to be used over the course of four years. Alcock has been invited to compete in the national competition in Orlando, Florida this Thanksgiving. Angie is the daughter of Sherri and Paul Alcock. COURTESY PHOTO



The Lady Mary Inn Teahouse in North Berwick.
PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

The Lady Mary Inn, a Victorian landmark reborn in North Berwick

By JOANNE BARGIONI

Nestled at 2 Elm St. in North Berwick, The Lady Mary Inn occupies a striking Victorian mansion once owned by local industrialist and philanthropist Mary R. Hurd. Today, the property welcomes guests for lodging and high tea, but its story stretches back more than a century and reflects the evolution of the town itself.

Historical accounts note that Mary R. Hurd was born in 1839, the daughter of William Hill who founded the North Berwick Woolen Mill, a major driver of the town's early economy. When her father died in 1873, she inherited the mill and continued its operation during a period of growth and prosperity.

Hurd married twice, first to William Hobbs, and later to Daniel Hurd. During her marriage to Daniel, she commissioned the construction of the grand Queen Anne-style mansion overlooking

the mill. Known locally as Hurd Manor, the home became one of North Berwick's most impressive examples of Queen Anne and East Lake Victorian architecture, a symbol of both her success and her civic presence.

By the 1950s the woolen mill had closed and the entire estate, including the mansion was sold at auction. The once vibrant property sat unoccupied for several years until the late 1960s when entrepreneurs opened a restaurant on the first floor and converted the basement into a café and lounge.

In the 1970s Judge David Brooks purchased the building. He established his law office on the first floor and operated a boarding house in the upper levels. Under his ownership, the mansion was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1977 securing its place as a protected historic landmark.

The property changed hands
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International comedy phenomenon opens new season

The Sanford Performing Arts Center kicks off its new season with an international comedy phenomenon, The Umbilical Brothers, for one night only at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23.

Named two of Entertainment Weekly's "100 Most Creative People in Entertainment," Australian comedy duo David Collins and Shane Dundas have spent decades turning the conventions of live theater completely upside down — and leaving audiences around the world laughing along the way.

The Umbilical Brothers

have performed in 40 countries, from Hawaii to Tokyo and New York to Moscow, captivating audiences with a lightning-fast mix of physical comedy, vocal sound effects and verbal interplay. With little more than their voices, bodies and wildly inventive imaginations, the duo transforms everyday situations into hilariously unexpected theatrical adventures.

Their impressive résumé is almost as unconventional as their act. They have appeared on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, performed after James Brown

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The Umbilical Brothers will perform at the Sanford Performing Arts Center on Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. COURTESY PHOTO

NEW EVERY THURSDAY!
LOCAL news, events and
faces from your community.



Community CALENDAR

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

COMING EVENTS

HOLLIS CENTER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK, BAKE AND CRAFT SALE at Hollis Center Church, 388 Hollis Rd Hollis ME Saturday, Sept. 12. Interested crafters email Heidi at helynch2@gmail.com.



Jamaican Spindalis.
PHOTO BY DOUG HITCHCOX

A BIRDING TOUR OF JAMAICA WITH DOUG HITCHCOX is being presented by York County Audubon at the Wells Reserve and via Zoom, Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. Join us for this great program on the amazing birds of Jamaica, along with various cultural and culinary highlights, either in-person or by Zoom. For complete information, visit yorkcountyaudubon.org.

The **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LYMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY** will take place Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Mason Lodge Goodwins Mills. Election of officers will take place and the Trustees will meet at 5:30.

The Sanford-Springvale Historical Museum welcomes back the **RUSSIAN-AMERICAN PIANO AND CELLO DUO**, Ilya Kazantsev and Sergey Antonov on Sunday, Sept. 20. Doors open at 2:15 p.m. Both artists were child prodigies who entered the Moscow Tchaikovsky State Conservatory before the age of 10. Event starts at 3 p.m. at the Historical Museum, 505 Main Street, Springvale. Tickets are \$20 and are required for ages 18 and up. Children are admitted at no charge. Tickets may be reserved by phone or email to be purchased at the door just prior to the event. For questions, please call 207-490-1028 or email info@sanfordhistory.org. The museum is handicapped accessible.

THE UMBILICAL BROTHERS Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Sanford Performing Arts Center, 100 Alumni Blvd, Sanford.

Internationally acclaimed Australian comedy duo The Umbilical Brothers bring their hilarious mix of physical comedy, vocal sound effects and rapid-fire verbal interplay to the SPAC stage. Tickets: \$38-\$58 @ <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35877/production/1283612>.

HARVEST FAIR Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Arts Center at 8 Hancock in Hiram Village, sponsored by the The Hiram Cultural Center. This exciting event is a new twist on the Autumn Artisan Craft Fair, with the same quality of artisan wares with seasonal activities to really put you in the mood for fall. Plan to be in Hiram for lunch because the famous soups and other delicious offerings won't last all day!

WALK WITH A FORESTER on Sept. 30 at 5 p.m. at the Sid Emery Demo Forest on Brock Road in Lyman. This is your chance to learn how to manage your woodlot, learn about programs that can assist your goals to improve your forest for wildlife and birds, get information on threats to our forests from invasives, and learn a little tree ID. The walk is easy and offers a chance for you to get your questions answered. Please email melissabrandt@yorkswcd.org FMI or to register.

LET'S EAT!

BEAN SUPPER Massabesic Lions monthly dine-in or take-out the 2nd Saturday of the month (next on Sept. 12), 4 to 6 p.m. at the Lions Regional Medical Center, 813 Main St. Waterboro. Adults \$15. Children 6 to 12 are \$8, kids 5 and

under are free. Pint of chop suey for \$8. Kidney and navy beans, chop suey, ham slices, red hot dogs, coleslaw, "our homemade" biscuits and dessert.

BEAN SUPPER Acton Public Library's Fall fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Acton Congregational Church, 59 H Road, Acton. Enjoy a delicious meal that includes Hearty Beans, Mac & Cheese, Hot Dogs, Dessert, and Beverage. Adults \$10, Ages 5-17 \$5, Children under 5 are Free.

ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER First Baptist Church Sanford is hosting its Annual Harvest Dinner Sept. 19, 2026 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at 905 Main St, Sanford. Use the Kimball Street entrance. The dinner includes Pork Loin with Cranberry glaze, Potato, Carrots, Green Beans, Butternut squash soup, Apple sauce, Rolls and Desserts. The cost is \$14 per plate. Eat in or Take out. To reserve a dinner, call 324-5456

BAKED BEAN & CHOP SUEY SUPPERS The First Congregational Church monthly baked bean & American chop suey supper the last Saturday of each month from April to September (next on Sept. 26) from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the church, 141 North St., Kennebunkport. Two types of home baked beans, American chop suey, mac & cheese, hot dogs, rolls, and cole slaw, topped off with a slice of homemade pie. Adults and children age 12 and over \$12 per person, \$5 per child under 12.

The Acton-Shapleigh Lion's Club **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Saturday of every month (Next on Oct. 3). \$7 includes pancakes (plain or blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausages, toast, orange juice, beans, and coffee, tea, and milk. The breakfast will be served from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Shapleigh Community Center at 24 Back Road, Shapleigh, next door to the Shapleigh Town Hall.

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

COFFEE HOUR every Wednesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Hiram Arts Center, 8 Hancock Avenue, Hiram. Come for coffee, conversation, companionship, and community.

COMMUNITY CAFE 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.

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.

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

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH FOOD PANTRY at 19 Dora Lane, in Limerick open every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon and the first Monday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. FMI call 793-2244.

ACTON FOOD PANTRY at 59H Road open the first Monday of the month (next on July 6) 9:30-11 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. FMI 977-0228.

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 needed!

NEWFIELD FOOD CUPBOARD & VILLAGE FRIDGE are open and available to all 24/7/365 at the Newfield Community Church, 643 Water Street, outside the side entrance facing the town office. Donations welcome. FMI 229-9245, newfieldcc@gmail.com.

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Newfield Heating Assistance Fundraiser Sept. 20

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Hollis Center



COURTESY IMAGE

Revolutionary War Militia: Rest Your Flintlocks

On Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Sweat-Morin Homestead located at 374 School Street in Sanford, beginning at 11 a.m., step back in time to 1775, when military decorum and assigned duties within the rebel units gradually improved from a collection of militia farmers and yeomen to the beginnings of a coordinated and effective fighting force. Officers of the Continental Army, former merchants, planters, lawyers, farmers, and legislatures realized the need for organized camp life.

If a regiment learned to adhere to a strict routine of duties while in camp, then field and armament drills in preparation for battle would be a natural spinoff. Discipline, routine, and respect for the pecking order of command were the ingredients that over time would mold a country’s citizenry into an army of resistance.

The soldier’s life was not allowed to be passed in idleness. Uniforms and arms required daily attention before the hour for

parade through constant drilling. The endless duties connected with cooking, obtaining fuel, and caring for the camp provided much work for all. Attendees of this program will learn how to drill with muskets, saw wood for the campfire, examine what the soldiers carried in their haversacks, and see what they ate while at camp.

Note that there will be a tour of the house beginning at 10 a.m., prior to the start of the “Revolutionary War Militia” program at 11 a.m. which runs until 12:30 p.m. Regular homestead tours will also be available until 2 p.m.

The homestead house and barn are handicapped accessible. Admittance to this event is FREE to the public, although donations are always welcomed. For questions, call 490-1028 or email info@sanfordhistory.org.

This program is presented in partnership with the Sweat-Morin Homestead and is generously supported and sponsored by the Harry A. Mapes Charitable Trust.

Fire Marshal’s Office investigates Waterboro fire involving juvenile

On Monday, Sept. 8, at approximately 8 p.m., the Waterboro Fire Department responded to a small wildland fire in the area of 62 Meadowbrook Drive in Waterboro. During the response, firefighters discovered what appeared to be a Molotov cocktail in the debris. The State Fire Marshal’s Office was notified, and fire investigators, along with Rangers from the Maine Forest Service, responded to assist with the investigation. Investigators identified a 17-year-old juvenile

as being responsible for the fire. The juvenile and the juvenile’s parents are cooperating with the investigation. The York County Sheriff’s Office also assisted with the investigation.

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UMBILICAL BROTHERS

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at Woodstock ’99 and even appeared before the Queen. Their comedy has also found a huge audience online, where their videos continue to introduce new generations of fans to their unmistakable style.

The Umbilical Brothers will perform The Best of The Worst of The Best, bringing together highlights from some of their most-loved routines. The show combines mind-bending physi-

cality, rapid-fire vocal wizardry and surreal comedy in a greatest-hits collection showcasing why the duo has earned acclaim around the globe. Their appeal crosses generations, with younger audience members drawn to the wildly inventive physical comedy while the show’s more sophisticated humor lands squarely with adults. The result is an evening that is wonderfully difficult to categorize — and even harder not to laugh at.

Whether you’re a longtime fan or discovering The Umbilical

Brothers for the first time, The Best of The Worst of The Best offers a chance to experience one of the world’s most original comedy acts live on the SPAC stage.

Tickets are \$38-\$58, plus a \$3 per-ticket handling fee, with a 10% discount for seniors and military and a 15% discount for subscribers. For tickets and information, visit sanfordpac.org or call the SPAC box office at 206-1126. The box office is also open in person Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon at 100 Alumni Boulevard, Sanford.

Reducing taxes through conformity and common sense

My name is David Mongeau. I am the un-enrolled candidate for District 141 in the Maine State Legislature covering Springvale, Shapleigh, and Newfield. A primary goal as a legislator is reducing the cost of living for Mainers. One of the direct ways that a legislature can do that is by reducing taxes on folks that cannot afford them. I believe that Maine should conform to the changes in the tax code brought about by HR 1 (aka the big beautiful bill)



Why do I support this?

- The bulk of these tax savings will benefit those making \$100,000 or less.
- That money will be spent here in District 141, not Augusta.
- It simplifies tax filing for Mainers.

A lot of you are asking about common sense. So here are some examples:

Doing the wrong thing: When the State does not conform, it makes tax filing harder, and often expenses higher for tax payers affected. So by not conforming the State of Maine is causing a group of people they know make little enough money that they qualify for a tax break, to pay more and work harder on their taxes, so that they can figure out the extra tax they have to pay to the State. That is not what we should be doing.

Unfair accounting: When the State of Maine Governor, and legislature met last year, and rejected this tax conformity, they did it based on the ‘cost to the State’. They took the amount of tax they would collect, and subtracted that money from their coffers. They claimed the State would be out \$10’s of millions of dollars, and therefore all this economic benefit would be missing. BUT According to their numbers, there was no economic benefit for people having that money. There was no accounting for those millions being spent in the economy when regular people spent it. That is not fair, or true apparently.

Can I sign your shell?

Lets look at the Senior discount that the State ‘cannot afford’. To qualify for this tax break you are in the 5.8 - 6.75% brackets. Lets round to 6%. Well 6% of \$6,000 is \$360 to each taxpayer. We could not afford that, but earlier this year (right before a certain Senate race). the Governor approved \$300 checks to low income seniors under the idea that they would spend the money. The money from the tax reform would have been just as green as the money from the check. That is a painfully political shell game.

Thank you for reading, I hope that these articles help show you what I want to do, and how I want to cut through some of the business as usual in Augusta.

If you know someone who is challenged either by being visually or auditorily (hearing) impaired or otherwise, I have videos on my youtube channel @votefordave141

There is only so much you can get from reading. If you would like to meet me or ask me questions in person I have three meet the candidates nights coming up.

PLEASE JOIN ME AT ONE OF MY MEET AND GREETs

- **Tuesday, September 29, 5-8 PM**
SPRINGVALE SOCIAL CLUB
22 Bridge Street, Springvale
 - **Wednesday, September 30, 5-8 PM**
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22 Back Road, Shapleigh
 - **Thursday, October 1, 5-8 PM**
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COLLEGE NOTABLES

Alfred Biochemistry Major to begin Master's in Sweden

Stonehill College has long encouraged students to see the world as their classroom, and biochemistry major Julia Helms '26, will begin her master's degree in pharmaceutical technology at Lund University in Sweden in the fall.

"I was drawn to Lund University because of its strong reputation in pharmaceutical sciences and sustainability initiatives and its location in Medicon Valley, a leading life sciences hub," said Helms, who came to Stonehill from Alfred, and has family in Sweden. "The region offers access to cutting-edge research, industry connections and career opportunities in biotech and pharmaceuticals, which closely align with my long-term goals in drug development and disease prevention."

Helms says she is confident that

the research and leadership opportunities she had at Stonehill have positioned her well for success in graduate school and beyond.

"As secretary of the Chemistry/Biochemistry Club, I developed strong leadership and organizational skills," she said. "And my participation in the Stonehill Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) program not only strengthened my technical laboratory skills but also taught me how to think critically, problem-solve and take ownership of long-term scientific work."

Throughout it all, she was grateful for the mentoring support of her professors, especially Professor Marilena Hall of Stonehill College's Chemistry Department.

"Professor Hall has played an instrumental role in my growth as both a scientist and a student, creating an environment where I have felt supported and valued," said Helms. "Beyond academics, our shared love for fashion and music has allowed us to connect on a more personal level, making her mentorship even more meaningful."

Maine heads to The Big E with food, farms and makers

The Maine Building at the Big E returns for 17 days of Maine food, farms, makers, and traditions, Sept. 18 - Oct. 4

From loaded Maine baked potatoes and lobster rolls to wild blueberry crisp, maple milkshakes, smoked salmon, and wood-fired pizza featuring Maine ingredients, the tastes and traditions of Maine are returning to The Big E this fall.

The State of Maine Building, located on the Avenue of States alongside buildings representing the five other New England states, will welcome visitors throughout the 17-day Eastern States Exposition, Sept. 18 through Oct. 4, in West Springfield, Massachusetts. Maine Day will be celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 19.

For more than a century, the Maine Building has introduced generations of fairgoers to the people, products, and traditions that make Maine stand apart. The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) owns and operates the building as a showcase for Maine agriculture, food, fisheries, forests, tourism, artisans, and businesses.

"The Big E gives Maine a special opportunity to showcase our food, farms, and agricultural businesses to people from across New England and beyond," said DACF Commissioner Amanda Beal. "Food is one of the most immediate and memorable ways to make that connection. Someone may come into the Maine Building for a baked potato, lobster roll, or a maple or wild blueberry dish, but they leave with a greater appreciation for the farmers, producers, and small businesses behind those products."

The Big E is one of the largest fairs in North America, providing Maine businesses with access to an enormous regional marketplace, helping them introduce their products to new customers and build awareness that can lead to future visits, online purchases, and other business opportunities.

"We view the Big E as both a marketplace and a long-term opportunity to build awareness of Maine agriculture," said DACF Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources Director Craig Lapine. "Many of Maine's farms and food businesses are small businesses, and reaching an audience of this scale is difficult to accomplish individually. By bringing them together in the Maine Building, we can show visitors the robust diversity of what Maine grows, harvests, makes and creates."

Visit <https://www.thebige.com> for more info.

LETTER

Support for Tilburg

I am voting for Charles Tilburg for state Representative representing Hollis and Buxton in district 137. I hope you will as well.

It has been along time since we have had a candidate as passionate and qualified as Charles. His decision to run was simple.

Can I represent Hollis and Buxton in a way that improves our lives, and makes government work for all of us.

Can we do this efficiently, honestly and with full transparency. Will we support our education system from pre school through post high school so our children will become successful adults contributing to Maines future. Will our seniors be able to afford their rent and or property taxes and still afford groceries and gas for their cars.

How about the incredibly difficult decisions on how we deal with climate change and future energy sources.

Charles Tilburg is passionate about all of these issues and so many more. By the time you have read this Charles will have knocked on over 2100 doors in Hollis and Buxton. So many of you have met him. What do you think? Is he the kind of man you can trust? I believe so. Please vote for Charles Tilburg with your absentee vote or at the polls on Nov. 3.

— Maynard Charron
Hollis Center



YORK COUNTY
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

York County Soil and Water Conservation District (YCSWD) is seeking local residents who would be interested in joining our volunteer Board of Supervisors.

If you live in York County and have an interest in conservation, we would like to talk with you! YCSWD is part of a national network. Maine has 16 local districts. We have a long history (over 75 years) of providing service to our community. Some of our primary areas of interest are soil erosion control, dealing with invasive species (land and water), sustainable farming and forestry practices, protecting wildlife, providing technical assistance (either individually or in groups) and strengthening our conservation community.

Board members help identify and prioritize local conservation needs, assist in the promotion of community programs, and assist in the creation of the District's annual operating plans. Our Board oversees the work of the District as a team with our staff. Must be a York County resident.

TIME COMMITMENT: Board meets monthly usually for 1 to 2 hours, in person attendance is preferred, but an online option is available. Our meetings are informal and open to everyone. Participation in sponsored activities such as trainings and field days is encouraged.

*Interested in conservation of land and water?
Please come and join us!*

Contact melissabrandt@yorkswcd.org FMI.

SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION

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 September 23rd, 2026, at the Porter Town Hall, 71 Main Street in Porter, Maine. The subject of the hearing is a **hardship variance request from Roger Letendre** for relief of the following standard on property at the intersection of Beaver Brook Road and Sokokis Trail in Limerick (Map 45, part of Lot 68A) in Limerick, Maine: 38 M.R.S.A., §957-B(3)(E)(3): *The combined river frontage and setback of any building is not less than 500 feet.* The hearing is required in accordance with 38 M.R.S.A., §963.

Information is available at the Commission office (207-625-8123 or srcc@srcc-maine.org), located at 81 Maple Street in Cornish, Maine. Written testimony or applications for intervention as described in 5 M.R.S.A., §9054 must be received by the Commission's office no later than 4:00 PM on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026. Oral testimony will be taken at the public hearing on September 23rd.

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

Public Hearing Notice

The Shapleigh Select Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 7:00pm** at the **Shapleigh Community Center**

to discuss a proposed **Municipal Tax Levy Ordinance** that will be voted on at the **November Election** as a result of a voter's petition. Exact language of the proposed ordinance can be viewed in person at the **Shapleigh Town Hall** or on the Town's website at: <https://www.shapleigh.net/other/public-hearings>

TOWN OF HOLLIS

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hollis Select Board is holding a **PUBLIC HEARING Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 6 PM** in the **Hollis Meeting Room** 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis, ME 04042

To review the secret ballot warrant articles and proposed ordinances for the Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Warrant articles and proposed ordinances can be viewed at the Hollis Town Office and on our website hollismaine.org. The public is welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. Zoom info is available on our website calendar.

Posted by the Hollis Select Board

LADY MARY INN

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again in 2004 when it was purchased from the Brooks estate and transformed into a bed-and-breakfast and in 2021 new owners, Ryan Gosser and his partner Steve acquired the mansion, launching extensive renovations to preserve its architectural character while reimagining its purpose. Their efforts culminated in the creation of the Lady Mary Inn and in January 2025 the long-awaited teahouse opened to the public.

The Lady Mary's Inn teahouse offers guests an intimate experience inside the mansion's beautifully restored downstairs. Tables are arranged throughout the original parlors, allowing visitors to enjoy a delicious tea, surrounded by authentic Victorian craftsmanship.

The teahouse serves over 20 blends of tea and wine accompanied by a generous high tea menu. Each service includes tea, sandwiches, and three scones; blueberry, cheese and herb, and plain served with Devonshire cream, lemon curd, and jam. There is also a selection of desserts, including mousse, thumbprint jam cookies, and hermit cookies.

All offerings are presented on beautiful bone china enhancing the traditional English high tea ambience.

Today, the Lady Mary Inn stands as both a tribute to Mary Hurd, her legacy, and a vibrant part of North Berwick's cultural landscape. Its careful restorations, welcoming tea house, and continued preservation, ensure that this Victorian treasure remains a place where history, hospitality, and community meet. The Lady Mary's Inn also hosts events, and weddings.

Applications being accepted to three homes in Sanford



Habitat for Humanity York County is now accepting applications for three new affordable homeownership opportunities on Island in Sanford. Applications will be accepted through Oct. 31, 2026.

Habitat homebuyers receive an affordable mortgage with monthly payments capped at no more than 29 percent of household income, including taxes and insurance. To qualify for a Habitat for Humanity home you must:

- Live or work in York County, Maine for at least a year.
- Fall within the income guidelines based on your household size.
- Being willing to complete 200-400 hours of sweat equity on the build site or at the Kennebunk Restore.
- Have a need for safe and affordable housing
- Have a minimum of \$2,000 in savings
- Have a minimum credit score of 660

Visit <https://www.habitatorkcounty.org> to download an application.

A drop-in information session will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12 at Sanford’s Goodall Library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY



The Massabesic Varsity Field Hockey team won their season opener 5-0 against Portland/Deering.

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Loan fund to support revitalization of downtown Sanford

The Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council and Partners Bank have partnered to launch the Sanford Downtown Revolving Loan Program, a new financing resource supporting business growth, property improvements, and continued investment in downtown Sanford.

The program provides \$150,000 in total funding, with loans of up to \$50,000 available for eligible projects, including business expansion, equipment, working capital, property improvements, redevelopment, and improvements to vacant or underused commercial spaces.

Designed exclusively for downtown Sanford, the revolving loan fund reinvests loan repayments into future projects, creating an ongoing source of funding to support the downtown business community.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Eligible applicants may include existing downtown businesses seeking capital for expansion, equipment, inventory, working capital or operational upgrades.
- Commercial property owners may use the program to support improvements, upgrades or mixed-use redevelopment projects.
- Businesses and property owners interested in applying are encouraged to contact the Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council at 324-9155 to discuss potential projects and learn more about the application process.
- Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council Website: <https://sanfordgrowth.com/>

Interested businesses and property owners should contact the Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council at 324-9155 to learn more.

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TOWN OF LIMERICK REQUEST FOR BIDS HEATING FUELS

The Limerick Selectboard is soliciting heating oil/propane and service bids for all Town buildings, as well as rates for General Assistance for the October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, heating season.

- Fixed Price #2 Heating Oil – per gallon automatic delivery and GA deliveries: \$ _____
- Fixed Price K-1 Fuel – per gallon automatic delivery and GA deliveries: \$ _____
- Fixed Price for propane for GA deliveries – per gallon: \$ _____
- Additional charge for called in GA deliveries - per delivery: \$ _____
- Additional charge for after-hours GA deliveries - per delivery: \$ _____
- Additional charge for priming system for GA deliveries - per prime: \$ _____
- Heating Equipment Service charge – per hour: \$ _____

Please submit sealed bid, clearly marked “Heating Fuel and Service” to:
Town of Limerick, Select Board Office
55 Washington Street, Limerick, ME 04048
ATTN: Courtney Alexander

QUESTIONS 207-793-4475

**ALL BIDSMUST BE SUBMITTED BY 3PM
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The select board reserves the right at its sole discretion to waive any Informality or irregularity in any bid, to reject any and all bids, wholly or in part, to call for rebids, to negotiate with any bidder, or to accept any bid even if that bid is not the lowest, if the board in its discretion deems it to be in the best interest for the Town of Limerick.

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TOWN OF BUXTON Sealed Bid Requests ROADSIDE MOWING SERVICES

The Town of Buxton is soliciting bids for roadside mowing of approximately 120 miles of road. This is a two-year (2) contract covering mowing periods of 2026 and 2027

You can obtain bid sheets & specs at Buxton Town Hall or by email: kkimball@buxton.me.us
For more information, contact Kevin Kimball, Public Works at 207-229-8574.
Bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked “Roadside Mowing Bid.”

Submit Sealed Bids to: Town of Buxton, Select Board, 185 Portland Road, Buxton, ME 04093.
The deadline for bid submissions is Wednesday, September 16th, 2026 at 12:00 PM
The Town of Buxton reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids

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TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH Request for Proposals 2027-2029 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Shapleigh Select Board is now accepting proposals for 2027-2029 Grounds Maintenance for municipal locations.

Detailed specifications can be found on the town website at: https://www.shapleigh.net/operating_hours/requests_for_proposals.php

Contact the Town Administrator with any questions at 207-636-2843 ext. 0

Please submit sealed bid no later than 4:00pm, October 3, 2026

Town Administrator -Attn: Grounds Maintenance Bid, P.O. Box 26, Shapleigh, Maine 04076, or deliver in person to 22 Back Road, Shapleigh, Maine.

LETTERS

On Constitution Day, let's honor the Constitution by using it

Every Sept. 17, Constitution Day, we celebrate the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787. The founders had the foresight to include an amendment process to update and strengthen the document as our nation evolved. Americans have fought for and added twenty-seven amendments to the Constitution. Neighbors organized, citizens petitioned, and communities demanded change, strengthening self-government one amendment at a time.

It's time to do it again. Outside money is flooding our elections and drowning out the voices of everyday Americans. Billionaires and Super PACs with no stake in our communities are shaping our future. Political spending for the midterm election is expected to exceed \$11 billion, shattering the previous midterm record.

Maine called for a constitutional amendment to address political spending in 2013 with a bipartisan resolution in the state legislature and again in 2023 with a historic referendum. As part of the 2023 referendum, the

Maine Ethics Commission issues an annual report outlining different amendments in Congress that are addressing unlimited and unchecked political spending. The Commission just issued the 2026 report. The public testimonials are overwhelmingly positive, the vast majority calling for Maine's Congressional delegation to address this urgent issue.

On Constitution Day, the best way to honor the Constitution is to strengthen it. Visit the Maine Ethics Commission website and read the 2026 Report on Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Learn about the amendments in Congress and urge your representatives to advance a Constitution amendment to allow States and Congress to regulate campaign spending.

— Corinna Cole
Lebanon

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Support for Vigliotta

I am writing to express my strong support for Mark Vigliotta in the race for Maine Senate District 33, covering Sanford, Waterboro, Lebanon, and Alfred. Mark's entire career has been about fighting for his co-workers to have better wages and benefits. Now he is ready to fight for Senate District 33.

As a Clean Election campaigner, Mark is out there meeting with and listening to district residents as they describe struggles with access to healthcare, affordable housing and childcare. His oppo-

nent recently posted the misleading statement that Mark "has taken hard earned tax dollars". The truth is that Mark is earning clean election donations one at a time as he meets with constituents. Mark refuses to "take" corporate PAC or special interest money as his interest and dedication is with the people of our district. The Clean Election system is what allows experienced and qualified people who want to serve the opportunity to campaign for election.

Mark raised his family in less stressful economic times, and he will work to help bring back op-

portunity and affordability. His experience in representing over 5000 workers, negotiating and delivering for them is exactly what we need in a State Senator.

Send Mark a note with your thoughts and concerns at markformaine@gmail.com. Learn more about his experience and accomplishments at <https://www.markformaine.com/>.

Hard work is in Mark's nature. He has a history of working for others and District 33 deserves to have him working for us.

— Sarah Johnson
Sanford

Obituaries

Morrill "Bobo" Edward Cobb

Morrill "Bobo" Edward Cobb, age 76, of Cornish, passed away Sept. 4, 2026 at home with family by his side after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Bobo was born in Portland to Robert and Phyllis Perkins Cobb on Dec. 15, 1949.



Morrill "Bobo" Edward Cobb

Bobo met Marie Fenderson at Wildwood in Steep Falls shortly after his graduation from Bonney Eagle in 1967. They married on July 13, 1968 and started their family moving to Massachusetts. In Massachusetts he worked at Contemporary Interiors delivering furniture.

In 1978 Bobo and his family settled in Cornish, Maine and he worked many years at Kimball Supply in Hiram. Bobo was a member of organizations such as the Odd-fellows in Limerick, Ossipee Valley Horseshoe Club, and the Ossipee Valley Fair. He often could be found at the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds chasing water leaks. He ran the annual Fair Horseshoe Tournament and maintained the pits. Bobo and Marie traveled with dear friends to participate in the World Horseshoe Tournaments held in various locations in the US and Canada.

Bobo played cards and pool with his friends, enjoying the rivalry. He enjoyed hosting family and friend events. He was often found videoing events and had fun recording interviews of the youngest children.

Predeceased by parents, Sister

Brenda and husband Steve Dow, brother in law, James Fenderson Sr. and nephews, Russell and Zachary Fenderson and Ryan Smith.

Survived by wife Marie, Daughter Michelle and Robert Hunter of Sanford; Tracy and Tim Neilson of Hiram; granddaughters: Kelsey Doliber and daughter Josey Thornton of Old Town; Kara and Aaron Gauthier, sons Chase and Orion of Milbridge; Amanda Hunter and Luke Moreau and daughter Zoe Moreau of Phippsburg; Hannah Neilson and her fiancé Kim Moulton of Sanford; Elisha Neilson of Australia; Brother Wayne and wife, Cheryl Cobb of Limington; and Marie's Brothers and many nieces and nephews as well.

A celebration of life will be held on Sept. 19, 2026 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Hiram Community Center at 14 Historical Ridge in Hiram, ME 04041 with a private burial at a later date.

In lieu of Flowers, donations can be made in memory of Bobo to: Sacopee Valley Rescue Unit, 17

Allard Circle, Hiram, ME 04041 or online at Sacopeerescue.com.

Bobo enjoyed his friends, family and leaving everyone with a smile. As Bo would say "over-and-out , 10-4."

Thomas "Tom" Francis Shortill, Esq.

Thomas "Tom" Francis Shortill, Esq., 76, of Falmouth, passed away peacefully on Sept. 3, 2026, at a nursing home in Portland.

A Celebration of Life, as well as a private gathering Francis Shortill, Esq. and service, will be held at a later date. To visit Tom's memorial page, leave a condolence or memory, and check for updates about the Celebration of Life, visit mainefuneral.com.



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