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Turning County courthouses into affordable housing

A bill sponsored by Rep. Traci Gere, D-Kennebunkport, which gives MaineHousing and local housing authorities the first option to purchase three courthouses in York County and redevelop them into much-needed housing, is now law after recently being signed by Gov. Janet Mills.

“Repurposing vacant buildings for housing is a valuable tool in addressing Maine’s housing crisis, and this strategy offers a practical and cost-effective approach for revitalizing the former courthouse buildings in York, Sanford and Biddeford,” said Gere, the House chair of the Legislature’s Joint Select Committee on Housing. “Allowing these properties to be redeveloped by local housing authorities will provide new housing for people and communities that sorely need it.”

At least 10,100 new housing units need to be built in York County by 2030 to meet current and future demand, an October report found. Some of the state’s priciest communities are in the region, which is between greater Portland and the Boston metro area.

“In York County alone, there are an estimated 300 individuals without housing,” said Rep. Anne-Marie Mastraccio, D-Sanford. “Converting unused state buildings into badly needed affordable housing is a smart and tangible way for the state to help alleviate our region’s extreme housing shortage.”

“The current affordable housing crisis calls for out-of-the-box thinking when it comes to creating new ‘truly’ affordable units,” said Guy Gagnon, executive director of Biddeford Housing. “For BHA to be able to obtain a building with its current infrastructure being in good condition and largely reusable, is a head start we never are able to begin with. Our development costs per unit will be less than 50 percent of what it takes to rehab or build new units today. Being able to pass on those savings in the form of lower rents is a once in a lifetime opportunity for BHA. And its convenient location in the center of town is just icing on the cake.”

The new law will go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns.



Clean-up crew
From left, Brigit McCallum, Dale Schultz, Dina Benson, Mark Benson, Spike Ross-Corbett, and Rob Berger were just some of Lake Arrowhead Community’s litter clean-up crew on April 20, shown above enjoying pizza donated by Merrill’s Country Store. PHOTO BY DEBBIE BRODERICK

Dredging to start in November

The City of Saco and the County of York have signed a memorandum of understanding that outlines how the parties will proceed with dredge operations. Six additional municipalities - Ogunquit, Wells, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Biddeford and Old Orchard Beach - have also told county officials they too, plan to do so. York County Commissioners unanimously approved the agreement with Saco on Wednesday, April 10.

The agreements formalize the commitment of each municipality and York County and will be followed with formal contracts later in the process.

The county-owned dredge will be bottom-painted at Portland Yacht Services, and later this month, Ellicott Dredge, which manufactured the vessel, will be joined by Michel’s Construction, Inc., to complete the final assembly. The dredge will then be towed to Wells, where it will be harbored until the November dredge season begins.

It will be used to help restore sand dunes and beaches that took a heavy beating over Jan. 9-13. It is designed to collect and deposit sand on the shorelines, restoring beaches and dunes to pre-storm conditions, making them more resilient and compensate for sand lost to storm erosion.

“I’ve coordinated with all the towns, everyone is in favor,” said York County Emergency Management Agency Director Art Cleaves. “The towns think it’s a good thing... and it will save them money in the end.”

According to the MOU, the county intends to contract dredge staffing.

Two of the municipalities - Wells and Ogunquit, have dredging permits in place.

York County is poised to cover all startup costs, according to the MOU. It notes a significant amount of engineering work, and other professional services will be needed prior to start of operations, and states the county will pay those costs and bill each town on a proportionate basis as they occur.

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Acton residents receive Community Spirit Awards

By JOANNE BARGIONI

Each Spring, some residents of Acton are selected to receive a “What’s Up In Acton Community Spirit Award.” According to Judie Shain, School Committee Member, “these awards were initiated a few years ago by Jim Driscoll, the original moderator of the ‘What’s Up in Acton’ Facebook page, to recognize some of the many people who give so generously of themselves to make Acton a better place.” Driscoll, who is also the Acton-Shapleigh Animal Control Officer, continues to spearhead these awards each year with the

assistance of some community members.

One of the recipients recently recognized at a School Committee Meeting held on April 11 at the Acton Elementary School (AES) was Sue Walsh. Shain said, “Walsh is a farm lady who cares for horses, ponies, sheep, chickens, peacocks, guinea hens, dogs, cats, hedgehogs, and even a turtle. She is widely known in the community for her dog training classes and is also a dog trainer who takes service dogs through the first steps of their journey as part of the National Education for Assistance Dogs Services (NEADS) program.”

Walsh supports local craft fairs and displays some of her many handmade works of art and is always quick to offer her help to Driscoll when he is trying to round up any large animals who have managed to escape from their enclosures. Walsh’s greatest contribution to the community, said Shain, “is to the children of Acton. She has been taking her reading therapy dogs to the Acton Elementary School for more than ten years, where hundreds of children had the opportunity to read to them and relax while showing books to a dog on their lap. Rachel

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From left, Rachel Driscoll, Acton Elementary School Title 1 Reading Teacher, Sue Walsh (holding Livy) and Judie Shain, Chairman of the Acton School Committee, presenting the What’s Up In Acton Community Spirit Award to Walsh. COURTESY PHOTO

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Community CALENDAR

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The Original's present "A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED" BY AGATHA CHRISTIE at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, April 25, 26, 27 at 7:30 p.m. and April 28 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15 General Admis-

sion at www.sacorivertheatre.org. **DELICIOUS HADDOCK SUPPER BUFFET** Saturday, April 27 at 5 p.m. at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family. We

will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating.

The Arundel Historical Society will be hosting a **BAKED BEAN AND PASTA SUPPER** on Saturday, April 27 at the M.L.Day

School Gym from 4:30 to 6 p.m. located at 600 Limerick Road, Arundel. There will be Baked Beans (2 kinds), Mac-n-cheese, American Chop Suey, Hot Dogs, Cole slaw, Cornbread/Rolls, Drinks and coffee and Homemade desserts. Takeout is available. Suggested donations are Adults \$10, Kids 6-10 yrs- \$5, Children 5 and under free. There will be historical displays, membership info, Spring Raffle, and merchandise available. This is to benefit the Arundel Historical Society and all are welcome.

SHAPLEIGH'S 3RD ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEANUP will be the morning of Saturday, April 27. Gather family and friends to help clean up your road and meet at the Shapleigh Commons at noon for some sweet treats. The cleanup is sponsored by the Shapleigh Conservation Committee.

The First Congregational Church is hosting the first **BAKED BEAN & AMERICAN CHOP SUEY SUPPER** of 2024 on Saturday, April 27 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the church, 141 North St., Kennebunkport. First Church bean suppers will be held on the last Saturday of each month through October 2024. There will be two types of home baked beans, American Chop Suey, hot dogs, rolls, and cole slaw, topped off with a slice of homemade pie. Adults and children age 12 and over \$10 per person, and children under 12 \$5 per child.

13TH ANNUAL BOWL-A-THON FOR VETERANS Sponsored by Rolling Thunder®, Inc Chapter 1 Maine, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bowl-A-Rama, Main Street, Sanford. We're looking for teams and sponsors. All proceeds benefit local veterans and their families. Teams can bowl for 1-6 hours. Challenge your friends, family and coworkers. Raffles and 50/50, hourly door prize drawings. Trophies will be presented and teams can enjoy free pizza while it lasts following the bowl-a-thon. Pre-Registration suggested, but not required. \$10 per person. Registration fee covers bowling and shoe rental. To register or more info call Bonnie 324-0636.

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

The Friends of ParSem will hold their **PRE BLACK FLY YARD, BOOK AND BAKE SALE** Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Rain date Sunday, May 5. The location is route 160 (504) North Rd. Parsonsfield. All proceeds go for the restoration of the buildings on the campus, including the Blazo School.

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

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

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

ONGOING EVENTS

SANFORD TOPS The Sanford Chapter 0113 meets every Wednesday night at 5:45pm at the New Beginnings Church (bottom floor), 181 Grammar Road, Sanford. For more info call Linda Rose at 206-6234.

TOPS SANFORD 0207 at the Willard School 668 Main St. Weigh in from 9-9:45 a.m. on Fridays with the meeting to follow. For more info call Valerie Fecteau at 324-4808 or Judie Berry at 247-5211.

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

LIMERICK TOPS The Limerick Chapter 208 meets every Thursday at 4:45 at St Matthew Catholic Church at 19 Dora Lane (off Route 11) Limerick. Call Kathy Harriman at 727-3729 with questions.

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

BEAN SUPPER Massabesic Lions monthly dine-in or take-out the 2nd Saturday of the month, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Regional Medical Center, 813 Main St. Waterboro. Adults \$10. Children 5 to 12 are \$7, kids 4 and under are free. Kidney and Pea Beans, Chop Suey, Ham, Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, "Our homemade" biscuits and a variety of desserts.

The Acton-Shapleigh Lion's Club **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Saturday of every month. \$7 includes pancakes (plain or blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausages, toast, orange juice, beans, and coffee, tea, and milk. The breakfast will be served from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road.

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WATERBORO

Historical society kicks off season May 2

Waterborough Historical Society is kicking off their 2024 season at the Grange Hall located at 31 West Road, Waterboro on Thursday, May 2 at 7 p.m.

What do one hundred oxen have in common with a 51-foot-long, two-masted schooner?

Come hear the story of the schooner built by a farmer that "sailed" down Ossipee Hill. See the slide show that details the route that began at the old corner Church in Waterboro and ended at Durrell's Bridge in Kennebunk Landing.

Group prayer at MHS

A group of approximately 26 people from the greater RSU57 community gathered together in front of Massabesic High School on Sunday, April 21 to offer heartfelt prayers for all returning to school after spring break. These individuals represented numerous churches in the area. "May we be quick to hear, slow to speak, and may God protect all who enter this building" To learn more about the power of prayer, please reach out to your local church.

Bus driver advances in skills competition

During April Break, nine RSU 57 Transportation Department staff attended the Maine Association of Pupil Transport Conference, including Director of Transportation Richie Newton. Drivers, mechanics, and directors from throughout Maine discussed topics about maintaining a safe and respectful transportation environment for students and drivers.

A driving skills competition was also held, and RSU57 driver Mark Bryant placed third, and will go on to the state championship. Mark has been with RSU 57 for one and a half years.

ACTON AWARD

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Driscoll, Title I Reading Teacher at AES, describes the impact and value of the reading dog therapy program as "an immeasurable gift to the children of Acton Elementary School. Whether it's a child who may not view reading as a fun activity or has other struggles reading with Livy the dog next to them can change their whole day."

AES gave Walsh her award publicly because the school wanted to give her special recognition. Other 2024 recipients received plaques. Sam Eveleth and Mark McGuire received their award for service to the community with their equipment and helping the elderly. Tammy and Dan Krampetz received an award for their work with the Mary Grant Land Preserve activities, and generosity with free meals at the town hall. Kassi Dobson's award was presented for volunteering to teach CPR to kids, her EMT work, and multiple volunteer activities. Ken Allan was awarded for his tireless work, restoring and caring for cemeteries in the Acton area. Two awards were given each week over three weeks.

ARTS

Saco River Theatre launches new children's programming for the community

The series kicks off with 4 vaudeville shows on Sunday afternoons in May and June and continues with 2 one-week summer camps in August

Saco River Theater (SRT), a 501(c)3 organization located in Buxton, announces an expansion of their programming to include "SRT, Jr", a family friendly theater program, beginning with 4 Vaudeville shows on Sunday afternoons in May and June and two one-week theater camps in August.

The performances feature well-known Maine performers, Janoah Bailin in meSSeS, Andrew Silver in The Silver Circus, Michael Trautman in Body Talk, and Jason Tardy's High Energy Juggling. They offer hour-long shows consisting of unicycling, juggling, feats, or contortion, balancing, and other physical skills bound to enthrall audiences of all ages. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5 to 18. Admittance for children under 5 is free. Please visit Saco River Theater's website <https://www.sacorivertheatre.org/> for tickets and performance dates.

The two one-week children's theater camps in August will be led by local theater professional Karen Ball. These theater camps

will provide an enriching experience where children can explore their creativity and develop confidence through the theater. Future plans call for a production class in the fall. Each camp runs for one week from 9am to 3pm and features campers learning theater games, improvisation, and other group activities.

"Circus Ship Follies" Camp will take place August 5 to 9 for students entering grades 3-5. Set sail on a weeklong creative adventure of workshops, games, rehearsals, and stagecraft that help your child develop an understanding of how the magic of theater is created. Over the course of the week, campers will bring to life a page-to-the-stage adaptation of Circus Ship, by Chris Van Dusen, with a performance for families to end the week.

"Heroes and Villains" Camp will take place August 12 to 16 for students entering grades 6-8. Experience the joy of performance in an original one-act play. Campers will use their imagination to cre-

ate original characters in a series of engaging theater games designed to teach them more about the craft of acting. These characters will form the basis of an original production to be performed for an invited audience at the end of the week.

Karen Ball is an actor and teacher. She earned her Master of Fine Arts at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire of Acting and Music in Birmingham, UK. Some of her acting credits include Hamlet, Titania, and Lady Macbeth. The cost for each camper is \$350. Register at SRT, Jr. — Saco River Theatre.

Saco River Theatre is an Actors Equity Small Professional Theatre and music venue, now in its 34th season. By adding children's programming, the SRT board hopes to welcome more young families, furthering its mission to enrich the community as a performing arts center and public forum for accessible and diverse cultural and educational programs.

The Saco River Theater is located at 29 Salmon Falls Road in Buxton. Free parking is available, and friendly volunteers are on-hand to assist. Call 929-6473 or email info@sacorivertheatre.org for more information.



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TOWN OF LEBANON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 10:00 am

Lebanon Elementary School Gymnasium
65 Upper Guinea Road, Lebanon, ME

A Public Hearing to review the Warrant/ Referendum Items:

- Shall an ordinance entitled 'Floodplain Management Ordinance' be enacted?
- Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to adopt the changes made to the 'Lebanon Shoreland Zoning Ordinance' adopted 1993, amended June/2024?
- Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to amend the 'Lot Size Ordinance 2017'?
- Shall the Town of Lebanon amend the 'Maine Uniform Build and Energy Code Administrative Ordinance'?
- Shall the Town of Lebanon amend the 'Site Plan Review Ordinance'?

For the Annual Town Meeting/Election on June 11, 2024
Copies of the Warrant/Referendum Items available at Town Office

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING on: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. for the following:

Construction of a Private Way Property located on Shapleigh Tax Map 22, Lot 1 - (84 Wardens Way) William & Sean Dumont, Applicants

The Public is invited to attend.
Steve Foglio, Chairman - Shapleigh Planning Board

TOWN OF HOLLIS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REGARDING:

An amendment to the Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing ("TIF") District Development Program known as: "Poland Spring Water Municipal Development And Tax Increment Financing District" (Second Amendment)

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Hollis will hold a public hearing on

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024 at the Hollis Community Building 35 Town Farm Road, Hollis, ME 04042 The Public Hearing will be at 6:00PM

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the items identified above, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended. The proposed Amendment seeks to add an additional project cost to the Development Program to allow the Town the ability to use TIF funds for costs related to the construction or renovation of the municipality's central administrative office.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard at that time. A copy of the materials relating to the Amendment will be on file at the Town Clerk's office prior to the public hearing and can also be obtained by calling the Town Clerk at 207-929-8552 ext. 18, during normal business hours and requesting that a copy be mailed to you.

Please see the Town of Hollis website at hollismaine.org in advance of the meeting to find out if there will be a remote participation option. Public comments will be taken at the meeting and written comments should be submitted to Martha E. Huff at mhuff@hollismaine.org, no later than 4:00 p.m. May 15, 2024.

OPINION

PART 5 of 5

Understanding how information is processed for understanding, for memory, and for application is imperative. The five articles in this series review research-based understandings that can support many interactions.

NEURO-MOVE #5: Social Interaction

“The brain is directly and powerfully shaped by interactions with others.”

Unpacking Social Interaction

The power of interaction cannot be overstated and directly impact motivation. My wife drives 20 minutes to exercise classes three times weekly. I asked about her commitment to drive, attend, ache and perspire. “I need the exercise,” she replied. I countered, “Then why not do routines at home and skip driving time and fees?” She said, “It’s not the same.” Driving, physical strain, ability, condition,

economics, and daily disposition are insufficient variables in deterring motivation to be alongside others. Membership and the presence of others matters. The collective experience of people having a common purpose, supporting one another actively, openly, or even unwittingly... is fundamental.

What if...

...Competent interactions were explicitly taught throughout all levels of education? Three aspects are:

1). Connecting with Purpose: We all need to understand the purpose of our interaction, what we are working toward, and why it matters. Educators are instrumental in assuring this is known for each student.

2). Organizing Thinking: The competent expression of our thinking requires learning how to organize thoughts. Learners must be taught how to participate as they prepare for exchanges. Explicit instruction with ways to organize and prepare ideas is fundamental.

3). Collaborative Interaction: The capacity to collaborate productively with others is imperative, not innate. Educators know how important it is to establish a respectful community. Decision making, managing emotions, positive relationships, and competent social exchanges are more important than content.

Social deficits were compounded in many settings through school closures. Screen-based activities and fragmented instructional options became the default. Computer apps attempted to generate quasi-social interfacing. Now abundantly clear, 2D is not the same as 3D, face-to-face exchanges.

Moving toward tomorrow

Context: Units of study need to begin by framing the arena (context) in which the learner will explore big ideas, the essential concepts, ideas, and content. This represents the starting point for clarification, choice of direction, emphasis, and purposeful engagement.

CLASSIFICATION: Consider how students will apply the natural tendency of comparing/contrasting things.

DUAL CODING: Central representations provide connections to meaning and purpose. Consciously accessing internal and external images through visual and verbal coding helps learners relate to transferable big ideas, improving recall.

EMOTION: Knowing each student’s dominant emotions toward learning is critical to both engagement and motivation. Personal, constructive emotional tags have an impact on behavior, attention, and learning.

SOCIAL INTERACTIONS: Ensure there is an opportunity within each unit for each student to interact and express their ideas purposefully within their own personalized context of experience.

If active minds-on processing generates more learning, these neuro-moves are requisite. It would be unfortunate for anyone to not connect to their work. Too often students do work largely to achieve a grade or score. This is not learning behavior. We need to foster more personalized efforts, if learning is the goal. See www.greenleaflearning.com and the DNA of Learning Blueprint for expanded examples and more depth.

— By educators Dr. Robert K. Greenleaf of Newfield and Elaine M. Millen, M.Ed. C.A.G.S.

Town of Acton Job Opening - Treasurer

The Town of Acton is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Treasurer. This is an salaried position of 26 hr a week, with an additional 10 hours available performing other miscellaneous office work as an Administrative Assistant. The Town of Acton Personnel are on a 4 day work schedule, set as T, W, and F from 8:00am - 5:00pm and Thursday from 10:00am - 7:00pm. Work is performed under the direction of the Town Administrator/Select Board with independence of action in accordance with applicable laws and following accepted accounting practices. The ideal candidate will have strong math and computer skills as well as an accounting background. The Town of Acton offers competitive pay, benefits that include, 85% paid health insurance, longevity, paid time off, retirement and more.

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- Posting daily work and creating adjusting journal entries as needed.
- Filing Quarterly returns for Federal and State income tax withholding
- Filing Quarterly unemployment reports with MMA
- Creating W4 and 1099 for employees and vendors annually
- Schedule annual audit and scan and upload to the auditing firm all relevant information to complete the audit
- Reconcile Ambulance Billing Service Balances monthly
 - Workers Comp Insurance Administrator
 - Property/Casualty Insurance Administrator
 - Unemployment Insurance Administrator
 - Health Insurance Administrator
- Maine Public Employees Retirement System Administrator- monthly reporting to MEPERS
 - Prepare annual budget
- Create RFP’s for banking, loan, and audit services
- Administer “new hire” information and communicate with Maine DOL for new hire notifications
- Assisting Select Board with the annual Tax Commitment
- Tax Liens, discharge paid liens with the registry, send 45 day notices during the automatic foreclosure process
 - Supporting the budget process
 - Other duties as assigned

Interested candidates should mail a complete resumé to:

TOWN OF ACTON, ATTN - TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, 35 H ROAD, ACTON, MAINE 04001

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SPORTS

By **MIKE DEANGELIS**
Sports Editor

TRACK & FIELD

Scot men 2nd at South Portland Invitational

South Portland got the Track & Field season going full steam ahead with their annual Red Riot Invitational held during school vacation week on Friday, April 17. Locally, some excellent performances were logged.

The Scot men, who won the 4x400 relay with a speedy 3:49.95 finished second with 40 points (the hosts had 74). Rowan McDonald won the 1600 race walk in dominant fashion, posting a 6:59.88. No one else in the field kept their time under nine minutes. Harrison Dunne took the 400 with a 54.64. Teammate Parker Moore was third. Andrew Catalano won the 3200 in 10:45.89 and the Scots got a pair of third place finishes from Drew Gervais in both the 100 and 200. On the field, Bonny Eagle had Brandt Abbott with silver in the triple jump and bronze in the long jump.

Mustangs' Hanlon wins javelin toss

Massabesic senior Rebecca Hanlon's javelin throw cracked the 100' mark, topping her nearest rivals' by more than thirty feet, at the annual Red Riot Invitation held Friday, April 17 at South Portland High School.

Hanlon's throw was better than all but eight of the 35 men

that competed on the other side. She added a sixth-place finish in the discus. Massabesic freshman Corinne Shank had a fine day. She won the 800 with a 2:36.21 and added a third in the 1600 and a fourth in the long jump. Classmate Caroline Dutton was runner-up in the long jump and fourth in the tightest event of the day: the triple jump where just 18 inches separated the top six spots. South Portland's Zoe Indenga took first with a leap of just under 32'.

Scots' Thibodeau wins 1600, 3200

Senior Addy Thibodeau added two more pieces of hardware to the trophy cabinet with wins in the 1600 and 3200 at the Red Riots Invitational on April 17.

Thibodeau blew the field away by more than 70 seconds in the 3200, posting a 12:16.78. She coasted to victory in the 1600 with a 5:30.08. Teammate Bailey Shaw was runner-up in the 1600 and the Scots got a second-place finish from Lillia Freeman in the high jump.

BASEBALL

Gill leads Spartans

Ben Gill had five hits and scored five runs, lifting Sanford to an easy 16-4 win over host Deering on Tuesday, April 23.

The Spartans (1-1) got on the board early with a three-run first. Beckett Barlow singled and scored with one out after Gill sin-

gled and Deering mismanaged the baseball. Gill came across to score when he took off to steal third and the throw went into left field making it 2-0. Scott Robitaille Jr. doubled to make it 3-0. Gill made it 4-0 with an inside-the-park home run and the Spartans made it 5-0 with another run in the third after Gill's bomb.

Sanford added five in the fourth; two in the fifth and four more in the sixth. Deering plated four runs in the bottom of the fourth, but Tyler Brennan came on and retired all five men he faced. Brody Baron finished it with a scoreless sixth.

Sanford is playing in the 17-team Class A South Division along with locals Bonny Eagle and Massabesic. As of Wednesday, April 24, four teams held perfect 3-0 records: Biddeford, Falmouth, Marshwood and South Portland.

Hawks soar

Massabesic fell to 0-3 on the season following a 7-1 loss to visiting Marshwood on Tuesday, April 23.

The Hawks got all the runs they'd need with a three-run top of the first. The Mustangs got something going in the fourth when Matt Letellier singled with one out and Elijah Greenleaf followed with a double, but Noah Fitzgerald (6IP, 3H, 2BB, 5K) set down the next two hitters to snuff out the threat.

Fitzgerald also doubled and scored a run at the plate. Marshwood (3-0) blew the game open with a four-run top of the sixth.

Tigers top Scots

Biddeford scored two in the first and they added two insurance runs in the seventh to help pace a 6-1 win over host Bonny Eagle in varsity boys' baseball on Friday, April 19.

The Scots topped Massabesic 6-0 in their opener two days prior behind a complete game shutout from Trevor Nevells. Aiden Toy knocked in two runs.

SOFTBALL

Mustangs beat Rams

Massabesic won its opener against visiting Deering, 10-1 on Thursday, April 18. Felicia Parker went the distance for the win. She fanned 10. Ella Donovan had three hits, drove in four and hit a homer. The host Mustangs lost 14-0 to powerhouse Gorham on Monday, April 22.

Bryant homers but Scots fall

Bonny Eagle opened their varsity softball season with back-to-back losses. They fell 11-0 to Windham on April 18 and they dropped a 6-5 decision to host South Portland on Monday, April 22. The Scots led 4-1, but the Red

Riots exploded for five runs in the sixth to go ahead 6-4. Reese Bryant got a run back in the seventh with an inside-the-park home run, but the Scots could get no closer. Madison McGlinn and Lily Parker each had two hits for the Scots.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Sanford wins third straight

The Lady Spartans are off to a fine start, winning three straight contests after losing a tight opener, 5-4, to Thornton Academy (2-2). Sanford got into the win column on April 18 when they beat Westbrook 10-6. The Spartans followed with a 13-1 home win over Bonny Eagle, and they hit the road for their third straight win on Monday, April 22, this one another triumph over the Scots (0-3) by a 9-6 count.

Mustangs make it two in-a-row

Massabesic pushed its early season record to 2-1 after back-to-back wins following an opening day 9-6 loss to Cheverus. The Mustangs beat up on visiting Mesalonskee on April 17, topping them 14-2 and they kept the offense flying high two nights later when they banged out a 16-3 win over South Portland.

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The Wood Waste Processing Facility will be located at 359 Chadbourne Ridge Road in North Waterboro, Maine.

A request for a public hearing or a request for the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over this application must be received by the Department, in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the processing of the application.

The above mentioned location would be used for the creation of wood by products to be utilized in sediment-erosion control best management practices, bio-mass, as well as natural mulch.

G&F Septic Inc. anticipates filing for the permit-by-rule notification no later than May 23, 2024. The application will be filed for public inspection at the Department of Environmental Protection's office in Portland, Maine during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Waterboro, Maine.

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Obituaries

John Oliver Curtis, III

John Oliver Curtis, III died peacefully in Clermont, Florida, on March 21, 2024, at the age of 76, after a 21-year fight with cancer. John was born on February 24, 1948, in Saco, Maine to the late John Oliver Curtis, Jr. and Patricia Irene Lessard Lachance. He grew up in Lyman, Maine and graduated from Kennebunk High School Class of 1966 with high honors and held the seats of Student Body and Senior Class President. A self-made man, John put himself through Northeastern University's Co-op program and worked in Seattle and Boston. In 1971, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree with high honors in Mechanical Engineering. While at Northeastern, John was a member of Pi Tau Sigma, an International Honor Society for Mechanical Engineers and Tau Beta Pi, the oldest and most respected Engineering Honor Society in the world. In 1974, John was inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, one of the most prestigious honor societies in the country and obtained a Master of Engineering Mechanics from Colorado State University in Fort Collins. In 1992, John earned a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Physics from Dartmouth College.



John Oliver Curtis, III

After moving to Vicksburg, Mississippi in 1974, John continued his lifelong pursuit of learning and science. He was employed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers at Waterways Experiment Station where he spent more than 30 years as a professional engineer, acting in several capacities as a physicist and environmental scientist. As a civilian with top-secret clearance status, he was able to support special operations within the U.S. Army and NATO. Dr. Curtis authored and co-authored many technical reports and publications. He retired from the Corps after 32 years of dedicated service and in 2006, he received the Department of Army's Super Civilian Service Award. He then pursued the other professional love of his life - teaching. He thrived for ten years

as a physics professor at Mississippi College, retiring again in 2016.

John met his true love, his wife Leigh, in Vicksburg, Mississippi. John and Leigh had a deep and abiding connection which filled their days with laughter, affection, joy, music, and abundant love. John and Leigh both recently wrote a collection of stories from their lives via StoryWorth. John wrote, "In the winter of 1981, I found my true soulmate at last, and my life has been nothing but joy ever since. I treasure my life partner's pure heart and her innate joyfulness." And, after many other stories, "I hope that I've left you with an impression of what a remarkable human being she is. She saved me from a life of mediocrity, and for this, I will be forever grateful. She is the love of my life."

It is impossible to put into words how much John was adored by his wife, Leigh. She marveled at his extreme intelligence, his great humility, his vast talent, his uniform selflessness, his

incredible tenacity, and his joy in simple pleasures. His positive attitude was like no other. Thoughtfulness and kindness were woven throughout his every word and action. John and Leigh shared so many things: family devotion, love of the arts especially music, curiosity, love of learning and exploration and all of nature. He was the very best part of Leigh's life.

Leigh and John took great joy in raising their three remarkable children, David, Lauren and Jensen. No better father can be found. John felt pure delight in all of their endeavors at every stage. John's children remember their dad as the best man they have ever known. Together, they reflected: "Dad taught us by his actions, and he was a powerful teacher. He was unequivocally kind, brilliant, motivating, humble and funny. Dad modeled patience and a work ethic. He possessed an inner strength that was quiet and sure. Dad had not an ounce of 'quit' in him and he showed us how hard work and a positive attitude 'make good things happen.' He embodied these ideas by the way he lived. Our Dad was easy company - and calm, which made it so natural to be open and share with him. Those he met automatically loved him. It was impossible to spend any time with him without feeling an immense respect (and learning something new). He was imaginative and curious and encouraged those characteristics in his kids and grandkids. He was a true gentleman. In all our years with

Dad, we have never met another human being who even came close to the person he was. His impact on us will live on and through us in how we treat others and will hopefully be a direct reflection of his love for us. We utterly revered our Dad."

Dr. Curtis was passionate about discovery. A lifelong learner and natural teacher, his daily activities included reading, researching, and solving puzzles. John was rarely seen without a clipboard with pages of sudokus, anagrams, and cartoons, and he always had a book by his side. John was fascinated with space, and in addition to teaching physics, electricity and magnetism, fluid mechanics, and a variety of mathematics courses, he also taught astronomy. He tutored many young people, never charging, but out of the goodness of his heart. He loved to share in the discovery of knowledge.

John began singing in barber shop quartets during his senior year of high school and continued in Vicksburg in the melodrama Gold in the Hills. John's passion for theater led him to be an active member in the Vicksburg Theater Guild, starring in and directing many plays and musicals. John's great fervor for music also led him to take piano lessons. He composed several pieces of music, including love songs for his wife Leigh.

John loved sports and was an exceptional athlete. He could play anything with a ball, including football, baseball, basketball, golf, and soccer. He was a highly respected state licensed soccer referee. John was a powerful runner and a member of the Mississippi Track Club and ran in many 10k races, as well as half marathons and even one complete marathon. He coached many sports teams for the community and for his children. And even though John was a New Englander, he was a diehard Mississippi State fan.

John was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, singing in the choir and serving as an Elder at Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Mississippi. A dedicated member of the community, John often volunteered as a judge for science fairs and Mathcounts competitions.

John also served nationally on a Lay Review Committee with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. An irreplaceable void will be left with the loss of this amazing man that was loved by all who knew him. He was a truly extraordinary person.

John is survived by his wife, Ceila Leigh Wilson Curtis; his children, David Phillip Curtis, Patricia Lauren Ruby (Dan), and Jensen McLeese Curtis; his grandchildren: Addison Leigh Curtis, Oliver Allen Ruby and Elora Leigh Ruby, and by his brother Steven Allen Curtis and sister Kathy Jean Boucher (Gary).

Private services for the family will be held in Maine and in the Redwoods of California. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in John's name to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at <https://jdrf.org> or the American Cancer Society at <https://www.cancer.org/donate>. John's family would like to thank the many wonderful and kind professionals at the Orlando Health South Lake Hospital and at Cremation Choices in Minneola, Florida. To share a message of sympathy with his family, visit www.cremationchoicesfl.com.

Wilfred Roy

The Roy family announces with great sadness the loss of Wilfred "Freddie" Roy, a beloved family member, cherished friend, and respected community figure, who passed away at the age of 91 on April 15, 2024, in Scarborough. Born to Joseph and Clara Roy on Feb. 9, 1933, in Sanford, Freddie grew up to embody the virtues of hard work, kindness, and commitment to his loved ones.



Wilfred Roy

He married Rosalie Pendexter on Dec. 21, 1963, and together they shared a devoted marriage of 47 years, filled with love, laughter, and travel. Their adventures took them across the United States and Europe, creating a tapestry of memories, with special fondness for their experiences in Branson, Missouri, and the Canadian Rockies. After Rosalie's passing, Freddie continued to live a life rich in the legacy of the love they shared.

Freddie was a true patriot, having served honorably in the Army for two years. His professional life was marked by dedication to his roles at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from where he retired. Freddie's memory will be held dear by his surviving family: sisters Rita Savoie and her husband Roger, Claire Bliar and her husband Carroll, and his adoring nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Rosalie and his siblings Lucien Roy, Lucienne Gregoire, Roland Roy, Florian, Fernand, Jeanne Roux, Ralph Roy, Doris Meunier, and Rene Roy.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the York County Shelter Programs, Inc., in remembrance of Freddie and his late wife Rosalie.

Visiting hours be held from 5-7 pm on Friday, April 26, at Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green in Alfred. Burial will take place at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery at a date yet to be determined.

Freddie will forever be remembered as a man of integrity and warmth with an incredible sense of humor. His spirit will endure in the hearts of all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

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Dredging and depositing sand on York County's ocean beaches has been a practice for many years, as erosion has taken a toll – a heavy one in some locales, like the Camp Ellis area of Saco, which has lost 38 homes to the sea over the last several decades. A regional dredge had been discussed by the municipalities previously but never materialized.

A new regional effort emerged as the federal government passed the American Rescue Plan Act to assist counties and municipalities during the pandemic. York County Commissioners agreed to pur-

chase the 82-foot Ellicott dredge using \$1.54 million in APRA funds and took delivery of the vessel several months ago. When the two January storms decimated dunes and beaches along the shore, county officials knew they could help the municipalities by putting the dredge to work.

"Do you think we can get the dredge utilized in all seven towns this fall?," asked Commissioner Justin Chenette following the vote. "That is a lot of towns requesting a dredge."

Cleaves said the towns understand it will take time for all of the projects to completed, and the timeline isn't yet known.

– By Tammy Wells, Media Specialist for York County Government



Saco became the first of seven coastal municipalities to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with York County government on the use of the county's dredge to rebuild sand dunes, berms and beaches damaged in the Jan 9-13 storms. YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT PHOTO

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