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Sharing local railroad history

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Jonathan Wells, former brakeman, conductor, turned engineer and dispatcher on the Boston and Maine Railroad spoke to a full room at the Buxton-Hollis Historical Society on May 20 about the history of the railroad in the area. Wells retired in 2021, but has lots of stories to tell! As he said, “once it’s in your blood...”

Wells began with a picture of a locomotive from the Portland-Rochester rail line. He explained a couple of the different types of locomotives, determined by the number of wheels. He said a 4-4-0, 4 wheels in the front, 4 in the middle and 0 in the back was an American locomotive. “These are the usual around here,” Wells said. The other wheel combination he explained was 4-6-2, a Pacific locomotive.

The Portland-Rochester line was the second leg of the Worcester-Nashua-Portland rail line, connecting Worcester, Massachusetts to Portland, Maine. The first half,

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York County Fire Administrator Roger Hooper, EMS physician Kelly Meehan-Coussee and Goodwins Mills Fire Chief Matt Duross recently discussed how EMS training is currently conducted in York County today and how it will improve and change once the new regional training center opens in the new year. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Improving our in-depth local EMS training

Delivering a baby in an ambulance may not be a frequent occurrence for most rescue departments in York County, but those in the industry say it seems to be happening more often than in the past. These days, York County – the second most populous county in Maine – sports one hospital birthing unit, at the MaineHealth hospital campus in Biddeford. The birthing unit in what is now called the MaineHealth Sanford facility closed a decade ago, and York Hospital’s unit shuttered two years ago.

Ensuring emergency medical professionals have top-notch in-depth training in childbirth is essential and will be among an array of EMS courses available at the new First Responder Regional Training Center, on track to open early in 2026. In all, the training center will offer programs for law enforcement including police, corrections and dispatching, and for firefighters and emergency medical providers.

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‘County 19’ signs off; YCSO Detective Tom Searway retires

Waving youngsters greeted the convoy of York County Sheriff’s Office (YCSO) cruisers as deputies drove past Shapleigh Memorial School, lights on and sirens blaring. Further down the road, at Shapleigh Fire and Rescue, lights were flashing on all apparatus parked outside, and all available personnel cheered as the cruisers passed by.

Inside one of the cruisers was Detective Tom Searway, who just completed 15 years with YCSO, the last five as detective, retiring that day, May 30, after 20 years as a law enforcement officer.

It’s what happens when a deputy retires – all officers available escort the retiree to their home community.

A couple of miles down the road, between the Shapleigh Town Office and the town’s new

community building, as his family members, deputies and command staff, retired deputies and others looked on, Searway picked up the microphone and called Sanford dispatch – County 19 was signing off.

Those who worked with him say Searway made his mark.

“He quietly goes about doing his job, never seeking the limelight,” Sheriff William L. King told folks at a reception for Searway. “He’s a worker. He has earned several awards but each time it is a struggle to get him to accept them.”

Searway came to York County Sheriff’s Office as a patrol deputy following five years with Saco

Police Department, where he had worked in patrol and as a School Resource Officer. Earlier in his career he served two years in the US Air Force and another six years in the Reserves.

As YCSO detective, his focus was on domestic violence investigations, and he worked closely with Caring Unlimited, the nonprofit organization that seeks to eliminate domestic violence and offers support and a safe haven to adults and children whose lives are affected by domestic abuse.

“Caring Unlimited has been fortunate to have Detective Searway as a collaborative partner in the effort to support victims and

“He is truly a silent hero and will be missed”

—WILLIAM L. KING
York County Sheriff

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York County Sheriff’s Office Detective Tom Searway, known as ‘County 19,’ called in his signoff on Friday, May 30, retiring after 20 years working in law enforcement, the last 15 at YCSO. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Four York County communities now offering real-time safety alerts to summer beach visitors

York County Emergency Management Agency's Text Alert System is active for summer 2025. The public safety initiative is available at four of Maine's coastal towns: Old Orchard Beach, Wells, Ogunquit, and most recently, York. Launched in 2024, the text alert system provides visitors and residents with immediate notifications about beach safety concerns, such as missing children, severe weather events, and potential ocean hazards.

"After seeing the positive impact this service had in neighboring communities last year, we're excited to offer text alerts for tourists and beach visitors for the 2025 season," said Nicole Pestana, Emergency Management Director for the Town of York. "This technology offers a direct communication channel between public safety officials and summer visitors for them to stay informed during their stay."

During its first year, the system registered over 1,200 users across the original three partic-

ipating towns and delivered 13 critical alerts, including severe thunderstorm warnings and rip current advisories.

To receive alerts, visitors can text one of the following codes to 226787:

- WELLS for Town of Wells Beach alerts
- OGT for Town of Ogunquit Tourist and Beach alerts
- OOB for Town of Old Orchard Beach alerts
- YORKME for Town of York Tourist and Beach alerts

The service is free to use, though standard messaging rates may apply. Users can opt out at any time by texting LEAVE. Visitors are reminded to dial 9-1-1 for emergencies as this text service is not monitored.

The Text Alert System will be active from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day 2025.

York County residents can register for emergency alerts, including Text Alerts in these four coastal towns, at: <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/registration/registrationLanding.action>

Community CALENDAR

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

COMING EVENTS

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

PERENNIAL, BAKED GOODS, & YARD SALE Saturday June 7, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cressey Road Christian Church, Route 25 and Cressey Road, Gorham. All Church yard sale, cherished possessions and perennials. FMI: lindcabin@gamil.com.

PLANT & YARD SALE at the First Congregational Church of Kennebunkport, 141 North St. on Sat., June 7 from 9 a.m.-12 noon. The sale will feature tomato plants and dahlias, as well as a mixture of perennial flowers from the beautiful gardens of members and friends. Usually there are houseplants and gardening accessories as well. Not interested in gardening? Come and have fun going through various and interesting yard sale items.

to 4 pm at the Ocean Masonic Lodge 142, 1930 Sanford Road, Wells. Mainstream dancing with caller Kip Moulton and alternating round dancing with cuer Linda Moulton. For information email nubblecochairlarry@gmail.com.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT by Ensemble Ad Libitum: Elizabeth Downing (flute), Antole Wieck (violin) and Marina Minkin (piano) on Sunday, June 8 at 1 p.m. Admission is free, donations gratefully accepted. Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church, 5 Lebanon Street, Sanford. FMI call Donna at (718) 541-1844.

THE YORK COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE will meet on June 11, 2025, at Alfred Town Hall, 16 Saco Road. Doors open at 6:00 pm; business meeting is from 6:30-8 p.m. Scott Rocknak, Maine GOP Vice Chair, will be the guest speaker. All Republicans welcome. FMI: YCRCsecretary@yorkgop.org, (207) 590-1909.

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

Agency on Aging at 21 Bradeen Street, Springvale. RSVP by calling 396-6514.

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

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

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

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

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

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EMS TRAINING

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In an interview focused on emergency medical services, EMS physician Kelly Meehan-Coussee, Goodwin’s Mills Fire Chief Matt Duross – who is departing the agency for a new role as Deputy Fire Chief in Saco – and County Fire Administrator Roger Hooper talked about the new center and avenues it opens for coordinated, regularly scheduled training for those already employed in the profession and for those just starting out.

“When we were planning the center, there was an increased emphasis on childbirth,” said Hooper, who is overseeing planning, equipment procurement, course offerings and a plethora of other details associated with opening a multi-discipline training center. “We’re planning to provide better training, more realistic training to new EMTs, as well as refresher training.”

These days, there are training sessions on essential EMS topics throughout the year, but by necessity, classes are held at various fire departments and other locations across the county. Some is sponsored by the county, some by local fire and rescue departments, which open the trainings to members from other departments when space allows. Some training is conducted at the York County government building, where space is limited. Those earning a paramedic certification may travel as far as Lewiston for required classes, while at times, those earning certifications as a basic EMT may need to go to Portland.

“To become an EMT, the first level of clinician, is a 6-7 credited hour college class,” said Meehan-Coussee. “We’ve tried to say ‘let’s do it here, and here,’ but we are continuing to see expectations of scope of what an EMT can do increasing.”

“I foresee a predictable schedule of regular, basic, advanced EMT and paramedic classes,” at the new training center, said Hooper. “One of our problems in recruiting is we don’t train locally, so if people can take classes close to where they live and work, it’s a win-win. People can expect a more competent, consistent, connected EMS provider to be able to get quality training closer to home and work. And it will improve quality of life in York County.”

Some training conducted in cooperation with York County Community College are poised to continue at the new facility, said Hooper, including the entry level, 150-hour EMT course, the 200 hour Advanced EMT course, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, EMS Field Training Officer, and the EMS Field Training Evaluation Program. Other programs would be new, like an Advanced

EMT to Paramedic Bridge course, an accelerated training course to take seasoned AEMTs to the paramedic level of care, along with EMS Management and Leadership courses and more.

While there are no current statistics, it is widely known that in Maine and elsewhere, EMS personnel, from basic EMTs to paramedics, are much in demand. On May 29 one employment recruiter showed more than 250 listings from York to Presque Isle for training EMTs and paramedics at fire and rescue departments, private ambulance companies, healthcare systems and walk in care facilities.

In York County, some EMS professionals who work full time for a municipal department also work per diem for another on their days off – there are not enough full-time personnel to go around.

Duross recalled when he was applying for jobs as a firefighter/EMS provider 20 years ago, openings were scarce at large city departments, and chiefs often wouldn’t consider anyone who had less than an advanced EMT certification, and some, he said, if you weren’t a paramedic. That meant smaller departments had a large pool of applicants from which to choose. Now, he said, there are 2-3 applicants per job.

“Most municipal departments won’t hire off the street, but I think we have to get there,” said Duross. “And I think this training center will provide the avenue.”

If that were to happen, the procedure could be similar to how Maine law enforcement officers are hired and trained: an applicant is hired by a department and if not already certified, is sent for training.

One critical step in the evolution of EMS training is to enough have field training sites where students can get required hands-on experience in a medical setting in a variety of disciplines, including obstetrics, respiratory therapy, and much more, all in an area of Maine where many people involved in studying various aspects of medicine: physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners and others along with EMS – are all needing the field training time. An individual studying to be a paramedic, for example, needs 690 clinical hours for certification.

“We work really hard to ensure the future of healthcare by training, but we have to make sure what we can offer is true hands-on time,” said Meehan-Coussee.

Hooper noted there are conversations among a number of stakeholders to make sure that happens.

Meehan-Coussee pointed out that having qualified EMS providers is essential – and can save lives and shorten hospital stays for patients.

As for delivering babies, she said there’s a drive to increase education in obstetrics for EMS providers and for emergency departments that don’t have affiliated obstetric services on site – while Biddeford retains its birthing unit, in Sanford when baby is ready to be born, sometimes that happens in that city’s MaineHealth emergency department. And sometimes, when there’s no time, the little one is delivered by an EMT or a paramedic.

“It’s not frequent but it seems like the trend in increasing,” Duross said.

– By Tammy Wells, Media Specialist for York County Government

YCSO RETIREMENT

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survivors of domestic violence, while also working to hold the perpetrators of that violence accountable,” said CU Outreach Coordinator Sarah Gaetano. “His understanding of domestic violence, paired with his compassion and dedication to this work, have left an indelible mark on York County.”

At the sheriff’s office reception, with a nod to his family and to his fellow officers, Searway thanked those who helped him along the way.

His career in law enforcement, he said, “has been an amazing experience.”

King, the sheriff, described Searway as “the guy you could depend on,” describing how he volunteered to help a fellow deputy search for a missing person in a blizzard.

He spoke of Searway’s work on a York County murder case where the perpetrator pleaded guilty and is serving more than three decades in prison. And he noted Searway’s work on sensitive investigations.

“He is truly a silent hero and will be missed,” King said.

– By Tammy Wells, Media Specialist for York County Government

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SANFORD

Sanford signs with Ecomaine

Securing long-term waste and recycling services

The City of Sanford has signed an agreement to become a Member Community of Ecomaine. This exciting step is the product of a year-long process, during which the City participated with other Maine communities in exploring and negotiating the most cost-effective solution to meet current and future solid waste and recycling needs.

Through this new 30-year partnership, Sanford becomes an owner community of Ecomaine, giving the City representation on the Ecomaine Board of Directors with full voting rights to influence fee structure and other key elements, and guaranteed access to a new state-of-the-art recycling center. This means the future of Sanford’s solid waste and recycling is secure and will utilize the most eco-friendly and cost-effective means available.

Ecomaine uses a waste-to-energy model, converting municipal solid waste into electricity, reducing trash going to landfill by 90%. The company is currently constructing a new state-of-the-art single-sort recycling center designed to meet the highest standards in processing recyclables.

This new agreement is for disposal of waste and recycling, and will not affect curbside waste and recycling collection.

– City of Sanford

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More on the new exhibit at Alfred Village Museum

Sam Leighton's Coat

This summer's exhibit at the Alfred Village Museum describes the farm duties of young women before they left for jobs in textile mills in the early 1800s. The new exhibit titled Farmer's Daughters – Farm to Factory, will open May 31, 2025. Alfred diarist Samuel Leighton left an account of just how complicated, time-consuming and laborious it was making cloth on the farm.

an oak log to Sayward's mill on the Middle Branch River so he could cut it into loom parts. Only an experienced carpenter would attempt loom construction... but Sam Leighton was a man of many skills. He worked cutting out parts for his loom for a week and a half before putting the wood aside to dry. Final assembly would occur that fall when the wood had seasoned.

It all started with making a loom

When Samuel Leighton wanted a military style wool overcoat for attending militia musters, it was not a matter of picking a coat off the rack at a local department store. In 1823, getting his coat was more than a purchase...it was a process. And Leighton's process began at a very basic level...first he had to build a loom to weave his cloth. When Leighton moved from Eliot to Alfred in 1818, he left the bulky loom behind. So, Leighton's wool coat began in his woodlot with his oxen, dragging

Getting the wool ready for spinning

Next spring, Leighton washed and sheared his sheep and carried the wool to a card mill that straightened and aligned the wool fibers for spinning. Leighton could have used the card mill in Alfred on Kennebunk Road but he apparently liked to spread his work around and he dealt with a variety of card mills. He used carders in Sanford and Biddeford but sent most of his business to card mills in Doubty Falls [North Berwick]. His favorite carder was Joseph Mayall – son of John Mayall who had smuggled the

original carding technology out of England. The English considered carding technology a state secret and twice tried to kill John Mayall- once with poisoned needles in a hat band and another time with pistols in a box rigged to fire when the box was opened. Mayall survived the assassination attempts and smuggled a carding machine to Boston about 1788. By 1791, Mayall had settled in Gray, Maine and operated a waterpower card mill there. He and his sons established card mills in Saco, Kennebunk and Doubty Falls, Maine in the early 1800's.

Leighton's Diary stated: "carried our wool to Doubty Falls to get carded at Mr J Mayalls, abt 56 lbs & a peck of peas... [next day] took our rolls at Doubty falls of Mayall - 49 lbs & paid him in cash \$1.96 including the peck of peas yesterday."

The wool is now ready for weaving

After retrieving his carded wool from Mayall and returning it to Alfred, Leighton wanted to find women who knew how to spin and weave the wool to cloth. Mrs. Leighton probably had these skills but with ten Leighton children to tend to, she needed outside help to get the weaving done in a timely manner. Leighton and his wife would find spinners that were available and bring them to his house where they would live while they spun and wove wool for his coat. Over the years, Leighton used a variety of local women. Wages for spinning and weaving were very low as he noted in his diary after a Miss Merrill- probably a widow- worked at his house for nine days, then: "carried Miss Merrill to Eastman Hutchings and paid her 69 cents for her and

her daughters work spinning and weaving". The spinners and weavers were provided room and board while they worked at Leightons house- probably the major benefit to weaving work.

After weaving, the next stop for Leighton's wool cloth was the fulling mill where the cloth was pounded to flatten and felt the lumpy cloth together. The fulling mill owner also dyed and trimmed the cloth nap to make it smooth. Leighton used a variety of fullers but preferred Moulton's mill in Sanford. Leighton noted: "carried cloth to Jeremiah Moulton in Sanford to be dressed, one piece to be fulled and drest for men's wear the other to be dyed black and drest for [women's] gowns".

Finally...the coat is ready to be made

Leighton's next stop for his wool cloth was his tailor who cut out the cloth coat back in Alfred. "I had a surtout [overcoat]cut out at J. Plummer's and paid \$2 in cash and 1 shilling towards cutting my coat & left the cloth for him to cut." The cost of cutting by Plummer seemed very expensive when compared to the cost of spinning and weaving done by Miss Merrill. Though John Plummer was a tailor, Leighton apparently did not use his services beyond cutting out the pieces of material. For the sewing, Leighton turned again to local seamstresses, "Dorothy Stevens & Mrs Roberts finished my surtout. I paid her .25 cents." Leighton's well-traveled and well-handled wool had finally become a useable garment- more than a year after the process began. The cloth had spent most of its time in the care of women who performed the laborious and tedious spinning and weaving steps.

Leighton's coat was a valuable garment. After wearing his coat four years- Leighton bartered his coat away, "[Ichabod] Wentworth had of me a surtout coat to work 13 days- half mowing & half harvesting." At that time, farm laborers earned about fifty cents per day.

Newly established mills made making clothes much easier

Through the 1820's spinners and weavers visited Leighton's fireside less often as inexpensive factory textiles flooded the market. As time went by, Leighton purchased cloth to provide his growing family with clothing and avoided the hassle of making his own cloth. In 1830, Leighton bought a tavern in Alfred across Kennebunk Road from the courthouse and became a very successful innkeeper. Mrs. Leighton's work was hardly done. Besides child rearing duties, she ran the busy tavern kitchen that served 200 dinner guests a night when court was in session. She also had to contend with the mountains of laundry a busy inn would generate. Three years after buying his tavern, Sam Leighton decided to put an end to home cloth production: "sold my flock of 18 sheep to drovers for 6/7 [about .85 cents] per head."

Visit the Alfred Village Museum to learn more about the Farmer's Daughters and Leighton's coat. Museum hours are Wednesday & Saturday 2-4 p.m through September.

TOWN OF ACTON NOTICE

Election Day is Tuesday, June 10, 2025
Polls will be open from 8:00am to 8:00pm at 35 H Road, Acton.

Voters will choose (1) Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, (1) District One Road Commissioner and (1) School Committee Member. Voters will also decide on (1) Referendum question, regarding the York County Sheriff's Department Deputy Contract and Vehicle.

Absentee Ballots are now available in the Town Clerk's Office.

For complete Election information, including sample ballots please visit www.actonmaine.org

TOWN OF ALFRED

Municipal Election of Officers
RSU #57 Budget Referendum
& Alfred Water District
June 10, 2025

- One (1) Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor, 3-year term
- One (1) RSU #57 Board of Directors, 3-year term
- One (1) Alfred Water District Trustee, 3-year term

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Upstairs in the Town Hall, 16 Saco Rd., Alfred

You may register to vote in person, on the day of election by bringing a photo I.D. and proof of residency.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL Sarah Hewitt, Town Clerk at 324-5872 x204.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Saturday, June 14th
To be held in the Alfred Elementary School Gymnasium @ 10AM

TOWN OF WATERBORO

Municipal Election
June 10, 2025

The Municipal Election will be held on **Tuesday, June 10** at the Waterboro Town Hall, 24 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro.

POLLS OPEN FROM 7AM-8PM

All absentee ballots MUST be returned to the Town Clerk no later than 8:00 pm on Election Day.

A 24-hour ballot drop box is located outside the main entrance to the town hall.

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Special Town Meeting results

On Saturday, May 31 at 10 a.m. the residents of Shapleigh came together for a brief Special Town Meeting Warrant held in the new Shapleigh Community Center at 24 Back Road. The Slectboard; Gloria Pillsbury, Thomas Small, and Michael Cote were in attendance to answer questions.

Kayla Moulton, Town Clerk began the meeting with nominations for Moderator. Michelle Rumney, Town Administrator, was nominated and accepted the position to preside over the meeting. She said this was “a historic event as this was the first town meeting to be held in our new Community Center.” After explaining the procedure for voting, Rumney continued with the Warrant.

Article 2 stated “removing the amount of the private way application fee paid to the town.” Article 3 concerned a zoning requirement changing a word from “a plan shall be signed by a licensed engineer to a licensed surveyor.” Article 4 was the Consumer Fireworks Ordinance. An addition to the ordinance was a “permit may be denied based on any other factors increasing the risk of fire or danger to others in the fire chief’s reasonable judgment.” Article 5 was “to see if the town would appropriate \$4000 to be placed in the Fire Department Incentive and Emergency Event Reserve account.”

Article 6 had some discussion. It was to see “if the town would transfer up to \$40,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Public Safety Building Reserve to purchase and install a new heating system and water heater at the Public Safety Building.” Some residents were concerned that the price of \$40,000 was too high and the Selectboard responded that they did have three bids and that this was the lowest bid that they had. They would be changing the heating system from oil to propane. This would include a boiler on-demand hot water heater. The current system is over 50 years old. This would also free up space within the Public Safety Building.

All of the Articles passed.

RAILROAD HISTORY

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from Worcester to Nashua, was completed in 1848. The Rochester to Portland section was completed in 1871. The Nashua to Rochester line was completed in 1874, and the line was put together in 1883. In 1886, it was a division of the Boston and Maine Railroad, 147 miles long, and there were mile posts all along the route. On one side would be the mileage from Worcester, marked with a “W” and the number of miles, on the other side, marked with a “P” and the number to show the mileage from Portland. Wells showed the audience several pictures of these mile posts, made out of stone, that rise about 5 feet above the ground. “They are also 5 feet underground,” he said. These posts can be found today in different peoples yards, farms, fields, etc.

Wells showed an example of a Portland-Worcester Timetable, with Buxton and Bar Mills listed as stations. Next was Bradbury Station, “This was on Routes 35 and 202,” he explained, “behind the Church.” The audience mentioned/recognized that near there was the old Station House Restaurant. Next on the timetable was the Westcott Station in East Waterboro, then Waterboro. “Each stop had a stage connection,” Wells said. “There were 20-30 trains through here... everything came by rail.”

Wells showed a Track Chart. This is a kind of blueprint, that shows conductors and engineers “everything they need to know.” There are icons, which show the section house, with smoke coming out, as well as depots. It shows the gravel on either side of the tracks, later known as ballast. It is a map of the tracks, showing the curves of the tracks, and the grade of the incline of the land. “Bar Mills had a telegraph, but there were none in Buxton,” he said. According to Wells, there is an abutment over the Saco River where you can see the telegraph poles.

Wells explained “guage” in terms of the rails. Rails that were separated by 4 feet, 6 ½ inches is “Standard Guage.” “Broad Guage” is 5 feet, 6 inches, and “Narrow Guage” is 2 feet. Most rails around here were Standard Guage. The nails used in the tracks had numbers on them, displaying the date. “A nail with 34 on it meant 1934,” he said.

A scavenger and researcher, Wells has found all kinds of interesting things in the area. “There

is a mile post marker and bridge behind the Urgent Care in Waterboro,” he said. An audience member said he had walked back there with his dog and had wondered what that was! One of the last Box Cars in Bar Mills is on 117, Wells told the audience. It has no wheels but is clearly a car, with the equipment to hooked up still there. The owner has made a stable out of it! The Parish House in Buxton, next door to the Buxton-Hollis Historical Society contains the old Train Depot! The Parish House was actually built around it!

In 1949, the Sanford to Portland section of the railway was sold to the Sanford and Eastern Railway, which ran until 1961. The track to Rochester continued until 1952.

Wells has a lot of stories to tell, and will be presenting “Portland to Rochester Railroad” on June 5 at 7 p.m. at the Waterborough Historical Society, 31 West Road.

The next program of the Buxton-Hollis Historical Society will be June 17 at 7 p.m., with an author talk by UNE Professor Elizabeth DeWolfe and her new book, *Alias Agnes: The Notorious Tale of a Gilded Age Spy*. To learn more about the Buxton-Hollis Historical Society, visit their website: <https://buxtonhollishistorical.org>.

NEWFIELD

Church to hold Pride Service

June is Pride month, and the Reverend Dr. Peter Stickney would like to invite everyone to the Worship service on June 14. Reverend Stickney stated, “As we approach Pride season, we look forward to gathering in worship. This is a time of joy. It is a time of joy where mere tolerance is never enough. Our call is to fiercely celebrate the great diversity that God loved into being. This year that celebration is more important than ever. Across the globe—but also here at home—homophobia and transphobia are on the rise. LGBT people and communities are feeling and experiencing heightened risk and acts of violence. This makes our worship service a prophetic act of resistance. We remember God’s radically inclusive love made real in the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We remember the One who befriended the forgotten, embraced the outcast, and saw the Image of God in all people. Our message will be brought by Rev. Jeffrey Huot and the evening will



The Newfield Community Church located at 642 Water St., at the corner of Route 11 and Elm Street in Newfield is holding a Pride Service on Saturday, June 14 at 7 PM.

include a Communion Liturgy. The Newfield Community Church practices ‘Open Communion,’ meaning all who seek to be at peace are welcome, regardless of denomination or membership status. Refreshments and fellowship to follow!”

LETTER

Encourage Senators to vote No

The One Big Beautiful Bill will have lasting, dire impacts on Mainers for many years to come and I’m asking you to join me today in calling Senator Susan Collins and Senator Angus King to encourage them to vote No to oppose this Bill.

This tax and spending bill will take many vital services away from struggling Mainers all while funding tax breaks for the ultra-wealthy. These cuts will be to Medicaid, Medicare, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The bill looks to sharply cut Medicaid funding. Currently one third of Maine’s population (400,000 people) are covered, including 50% (133,000) of Maine children. By making it hard for people to stay enrolled, there will be a wave of negative outcomes. Losing health insurance ultimately costs us all more. Instead of seeking preventive care, those without insurance will wait until their conditions worsen, and seek help within Emergency Departments. Hospital systems then have to charge higher prices for the insured to help offset the costs of people who can not pay. Rural Maine hospitals are already struggling, we do not want to make the problem worse.

According to the Maine School Management Association, public schools are currently able to get reimbursements for Medicaid covered services that are provided to Medicaid-enrolled students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP). By law, public schools must follow and implement IEPs. Medicaid cuts would lead to reimbursement reductions for school districts. Schools would still be required to provide services indicated in IEPs. The burden would then fall onto local taxpayers to make up the difference from the reductions. Taxes would go up to simply continue required services.

Lastly, the bill proposes the largest cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the program’s history. In Maine 1 in 5 children are facing food insecurity, that’s 78,000 kids. We are 1st in New England for household food insecurity. SNAP helps improve student test scores, graduation rates, and helps adult health outcomes which reduces hospital visits. No child should go hungry. Additionally, 400 Maine farms directly benefit from SNAP spending. The Maine Federation of Farmers’ Markets states that 1 dollar spent in SNAP related spending generates \$1.50 or more in local economic activity (according to Maine Public Radio). Steep cuts

to this program will hurt Maine’s economy and Maine families.

Please join me in contacting our Senators today to tell them to vote NO on the One Big Beautiful Bill. Mainers take care of our neighbors. Cuts to these programs will harm us all.

– Amie Morrison
Alfred

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The PLANNING BOARD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on **Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 5:30 PM** at Lyman Town Hall, 11 South Waterboro Road.

This Public Hearing is to allow public comments regarding the application of **Justin & Paige Tharpe, 592 Walker Road**, to allow for a subdivision amendment to revise property lines. Copies of the application and plans can be viewed on the town website or in the Code Office during regular business hours.

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SPORTS

SOFTBALL Mustangs beat Storm on senior night

Massabesic scored twice in the bottom of the first and twice more in the third to pace a 4-3 win over Scarborough on senior night, Wednesday, May 28 at Massabesic High School on West Road in Waterboro. Senior catcher Candice Daigle went 4-4 with two runs scored and two runs batted in. Emelia Theriault went the distance for the win.

The Mustangs edged Noble 12-9 the next day but dropped their next three games to finish at 7-9 in the 15-team Class A South Division.

Scots walk-off TA

Catherine Lopresti raced home on a wild pitch, lifting host Bonny Eagle to a dramatic 5-4 walk-off win in their final regular season game on Friday, May 30. The Golden Trojans led 3-0 early, but the Scots chipped away with an RBI groundout from Madison McGlinn in the third and an RBI double from Emma Twomey in the fourth to cut the lead to 3-2. They pulled ahead 4-3 when Leah Storey knocked in a pair with single in the sixth. Thornton Academy got a clutch run in the top of the seventh to tie it a four, but Lopresti worked a walk to open the bottom half and Lily Parker sent her to third with a hit, setting up the walk-off. The win snapped a five-game skid and gave the Scots a 7-9 mark to end their regular season. Playoffs begin June 10.

LACROSSE Boys LAX wrap-up

The combined team from Noble/Sanford finished the regular season at 7-7 and in 12th place in the 18-team Class A 'One Region' Division. They dropped their final three contests after winning four of their previous five.

Bonny Eagle finished the regular season at 6-8 and in 15th place. They beat Biddeford 12-5 to end the season on a good note.

Massabesic finished 5-9, in 17th place. They went 3-3 over their final six games.

Girls LAX wrap-up

Massabesic finished the season with four wins in their final five matches. They beat Portland and Biddeford on the road and they topped Scarborough and Bonny Eagle at home. They fell to visiting Kennebunk. The Mustangs hold the #10 seed in the 22-team Class A 'One Region' Division.

Sanford was 7-6 and in 12th place with one regular season game remaining. They've won two of three, beating South Portland and Noble, but losing to Windham (12-1).

Bonny Eagle, 5-8, lost a tough contest to Westbrook 5-4 on June 2 after winning two of their previous three. The Scots were in 16th place with one game left.

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TRACK & FIELD Scots win relay, men take third overall

Bonny Eagle's men won the 4X100 relay and it propelled them to a third-place finish at the annual SMAA Outdoor Track & Field Championship's held Saturday, May 30 at Sanford High School. Sophomore Drew Gervais was runner-up in the 100 and he was third in the 200. Andrew Catalano was second in the 3200. South Portland was first among the 16 teams in the team competition.

Carbone and Dutton win gold Lady Mustangs finish 7th

Freshman Siena Carbone won the javelin throw and sophomore Caroline Dutton won the discus toss to help lift Massabesic (61 points) to a seventh-place finish at the annual SMAA Outdoor Track & Field Championship's held Saturday, May 30 at Sanford High School. Cheverus was first with 86 points, Windham was next with 82. Sanford was 10th and Bonny Eagle was 11th. Massabesic also had Alexa Roy chip in with a runner-up finish in the shot put. Dutton was second behind Carbone in the javelin.

- By Mike DeAngelis

AT RIGHT:
Massabesic Coach Scott
Carbone was recently named
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Massabesic's Siena Carbone with the javelin. COURTESY PHOTO



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BASEBALL

Batson tosses perfect game

Brady Batson retired 21 batters in-a-row, a perfect game, that lifted Massabesic to a 2-0 win over Deering at majestic Hadlock field on Thursday, May 29. Batson helped his own cause in the top off the first when he drove in Noah Bryan with a single to left. Emmett Carroll doubled home Parker Soule-Parent in the third to provide an insurance run. Batson needed no insurance. He whiffed 10 on the night and chipped in with three assists on balls hit back to the mound. He got stronger as the game went on, fanning the side in bottom of the sixth and closing out the perfect game with a K. Massabesic finished the regular season 8-8 after winning three of their last four. They closed the regular season on Tuesday, June 3 with an 8-0 thumping of visiting Portland. Noah Bryan (a scalding .471 batting average at the plate) had three hits, drove in a run and scored a run. For good measure, he chipped in with five innings of one-hit, no run pitching. Massabesic finished tied for ninth in the standings with Bonny Eagle.

Spartans secure winning season

Sanford won its ninth game on Saturday, May 31 topping Cheverus in a walk-off at Goodall Park, 5-4, in eight innings. Brady Adams singled home Ryan Alexander to plate the winning run for the 9-7 Spartans who finished the regular season in eighth place in the 17 team Class A South Division.

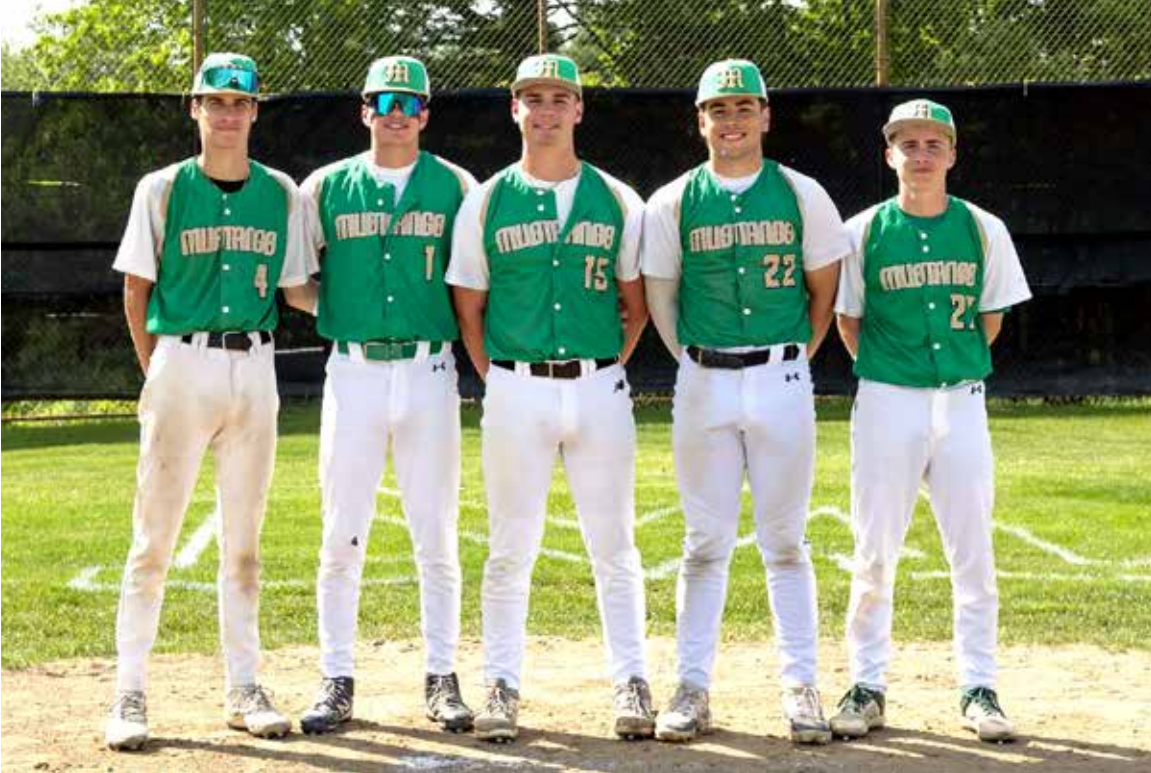
Scots stop Rams

Caleb Racicot went the distance for the win, closing Bonny Eagle's regular season at 8-8 on Tuesday, June 3 at Gorham. The Scots, winners of three of their last four, got two runs in the first, one in the second and two in the third to pace a 7-4 win. Jayden Doughty had three hits, two stolen bases, an RBI and he scored a run. Brody Donahue had two hits, a stolen base and two RBI. Bonny Eagle beat Portland 15-8 on the last day of May. They finished tied for ninth with Massabesic in the standings.

— By Mike DeAngelis

Sanford Mainers opening night at Goodall Park

The Sanford Mainers home opener is Friday, June 6 at Goodall Park. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and the first Pitch will be at 6:30 p.m. The Mainers will face the Upper Valley Nighthawks in the New England Collegiate Baseball League. Free rally towel and magnet schedule for first 200 fans!



Massabesic seniors, from left, Aiden Lamb, Cameron Bradbury, Brady Batson, Cassius Hogan and Noah Bryan. PHOTO BY JASON GENDRON

Partners Bank donates \$10,000 to Sanford Mainers and \$3,500 Boomer's Bookworms

Partners Bank has proudly been supporting the Sanford Mainers for years. For the 2025 season, the Bank is returning as the Presenting Sponsor, donating \$10,000. Additionally, the Bank is donating \$3,500 to the team's baseball-based literacy program called Boomer's Bookworms and becoming the Exclusive Sponsor.

The Sanford Mainers, part of the New England Collegiate Baseball League, are famous in Southern Maine for providing high-quality, family-friendly entertainment for those in the Greater Sanford community. The players hone their skills with the goal of having a future in the big leagues and participate in community service.

"Partners Bank's sponsorship also provides an outlet for growth with not only our players who come across the country from top college baseball programs, but also

for our interns who are seeking to advance their desired career paths through the likes of broadcasting, marketing, sports management, video production and beyond," adds Jacob Ouellette, Sanford Mainers Chairman of the Board.

The first game of the season is on June 6, where the Sanford Mainers will play against the Upper Valley Nighthawks in a home game at Goodall Park.

Boomer's Bookworms aims to spread the love of reading to the youth in the Sanford-Springvale community. The literacy program is rooted in baseball, strengthens reading skills, and helps children gain the confidence they need to engage with their surroundings.

The program concluded on April 1 and was successful in their mission. Local children logged 15,375 minutes – approximately 256 hours or 10.5 days – of reading.

Boomer's Bookworms visited nine schools in four districts and reached 3,700 children in grades K-8.

The team's Youth Development Director Andrea Knight says, "We are incredibly proud of the youth in our community and look forward to honoring them at one of our **TWO BOOMER'S BOOKWORMS EVENTS** at Goodall Park on June 23 at 6:30 p.m. and July 13 at 4:30 p.m."

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North Woods Throwdown charity softball game

Support your Maine Game Wardens as they take on the West Virginia Natural Resource Police Officers on Saturday, June 28 at 4 p.m. at the Ball Park at Old Orchard Beach. Don't miss the chance to attend this exciting event. All funds raised will be used to pay for confidential and anonymous tips for illegal poaching to help protect our natural resources; help fund youth lifetime hunting and fishing licenses; sponsor youth hunting and fishing events; and purchase much-needed equipment for game wardens to be safer and more efficient in the woods and waters of Maine

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Any Little League player wearing their game uniform and jersey to the game, accompanied by a parent, will get in for FREE! Keep in mind that the free ticket will only cover the youth player.

The game will also be livestreamed, and game t-shirts are available online at <https://my-site-109287-103261.square.site> and can be shipped to your home prior to the game.

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Live aquatic plant identification workshop June 18

On Wednesday, June 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Acton Town Hall (35 H Road), Lake Stewards of Maine (LSM) will lead an in-person workshop to learn how to identify aquatic plants found in lakes, ponds, and rivers throughout Maine. The LSM Live Plant ID workshop is a hands-on, 3-hour indoor workshop that covers the key identifiers to distinguishing both native and invasive aquatic plants. At this volunteer training event, participants will work their way through a series of learning stations studying and comparing live aquatic plant specimens - some of them invasive species and others native look-alikes, and will learn how to determine if plants are invasive or not.

Attendees will be provided with basic materials and tools to use at the workshop. Whether someone is a total novice or an active Invasive Plant Patrol or Weed Watch volunteer, this is a worthwhile opportunity to start learning, to build and refresh aquatic plant identification skills.

The workshop will be provided by LSM staff. Several local and regional groups in the York County region will be co-hosts for the event.

Early detection of IAP populations can significantly reduce the cost of managing an infestation and can minimize the impact the IAP may have on enjoyment of the waterbody, aquatic habitat



Guests learning how to identify aquatic plants at a Live Plant ID workshop. PHOTO BY LAKE STEWARDS OF MAINE

health and on the native species that are present. Learning how to recognize IAP can enable you to be an "early detector" taking an active role in protecting our waterbodies.

LSM workshops are free to all. Pre-registration for the June 18 Live Plant ID workshop is required for all attendees. You can sign-up at this link: <https://www.lakestewardsofmaine.org/workshops-events/ais-workshops> or call LSM at 783-7733. More information about the workshop, including directions to Acton Town Hall, will be provided after registering.

In preparation for this workshop, it is suggested that folks attend LSM's IPP 101 training or view a recent recording of that training. The most recent recording from this spring is available online at <https://vimeo.com/1080864058>.

Basic refreshments will be provided during the workshop. The Live Plant ID workshop is an indoor event; watercraft are not needed.

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Obituaries

Tanya Marie Young

Our family is heartbroken to announce the sudden passing of Tanya Marie Young at her home in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 31, 2025. Tanya was 33.



Tanya Marie Young

Born in Peterborough, New Hampshire on Aug. 6, 1991, Tanya was welcomed by her parents, Erik and Jolene (Williams) Young. She was later joined by her cherished brother, Jacob Young, sharing adventures and travels with family locations across the USA, mixing cultures of the East and West coasts.

Tanya graduated from Massabesic High School in Waterboro, Class of 2009. She continued her education at York County Community College with an Associate Degree in Digital Media, Graphic Design Concentration. Eventually, following her talent in digital design, Tanya relocated to Las Vegas and a warmer climate, finding an exciting city while acquiring lasting friendships.

Tanya, and her loving companion, Caleb Galuppi, were inseparable as they shared the vibrant Vegas lifestyle and opportunities. To add to their comfort, two beloved little dogs joined their home, named Eevee and Gimli.

During holidays, Tanya visited her family in Maine and New Hampshire, with these visits precious to any and all who knew her bubbly manner, especially her uncles, teasing included. Generous and sweet by nature, she was treasured.

A shared love of all things Star Trek and Star Wars became a family bond.

Of Tanya's many artistic talents, cake decorating stands out, producing imaginative, colorful, cakes. When a young child, she developed a talent in art, as well as writing. By age 10, she was creating long stories accompanied by detailed illustrations.

Tanya was a reader, full of curiosity. A wicked sense of humor delighted those close to her.

She leaves behind her long-time companion, Caleb Galuppi, her adored mother and father, Jolene and Erik Young, her sweet brother and his wife, Jacob and Rachel Young, her loving grandmother, Joyce Williams, her caring grandfather and his wife, Frank and Ellen

Young, Grandma Nancy, and beloved Uncles, Aunts, cousins, extended family and dear friends.

Her best friend, Missy Prunella, was dear to her heart, and as close as a sister.

A celebration of Life was held on April 8, 2025 in Las Vegas, Nevada attended by family, friends, and former co-workers, residing in the West who shared their photos and happier memories, along with sadness.

Tanya will be laid to rest in Cedar Brook Burial Ground in Limington. A memorial will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 209 Federal Road, Parsonsfield, from 2 to 4 p.m. on June 14.

Tanya had a lifelong love of animals, especially her beloved dogs and two Chinchillas.

Flowers are welcome, or donations in her memory may be made to the local Humane Society of your choice.

Our sweet girl leaves forever a hole in our lives, a legacy of love and giggles, an imprint on our souls. Forever remembered, forever loved.

Edward Lee Charbonneau

Edward Lee Charbonneau, 87, of Biddeford, passed away at his home in Saco on Friday, May 23, 2025. His daughters Kristine and Julie were by his side.



Edward Lee Charbonneau

Ed was born at his family's home on Beacon Avenue in Biddeford on Aug. 29, 1937. His father, Edward B., and mother, Germaine (Bolduc) Charbonneau, had three boys. Ed was the eldest, and twins Robert and Richard were born five years later. While growing up, his Mémère Bolduc and cousin Janine Hubert Laverrière, who both lived in the family home, were very influential in Ed's upbringing. Ed attended Mount Assumption Institute in Plattsburgh, New York where he excelled in football and varsity hockey. He completed his high school education at St. Louis in Biddeford, class of 1956.

Ed enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1956 and was stationed onboard the USS Tarawa (CV-40), an anti-submarine carrier, where his sea tour took him to ports such as Antarctica. He was also stationed onboard the USS Independence (CV-62), an attack carrier, where his sea tour took him to Cuba and the Caribbean. After his 4 year, 4 month Navy enlistment, he received an honorable

discharge in 1961. He immediately bought a Studebaker, which he proudly drove from Norfolk, VA back home to Biddeford. Ed enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve in 1979 where he had the opportunity to conduct his yearly training exercises in places like Cuba, Panama, Spain and New Orleans. He retired from the U.S. Navy Reserve in 1996, after proudly serving for over 20 years.

Ed was from the Silent Generation - the generation who focused on family and tradition. He was reserved in nature and worked hard with a steady career, doing whatever was necessary to provide for his loved ones. He worked as a lifeguard during the summers of his junior and senior years of high school. He even chose to lifeguard while on leave from the Navy and continued to do so for many years after. He worked at Maremont in Saco, making M16 barrels that were used in Vietnam. Being very ambitious, he took on construction jobs as well. Ed would go on to study at the University of Maine in Portland, receiving a Bachelors Degree in French in 1967. Ed then went to the Bronx in New York to take on a difficult job as a social worker for a year-and-a-half.

In 1967, Ed became a principle and teacher in Arundel. Then, 1969 would prove to be a tremendously important and life-changing year for Ed. Ed returned to Maine to become a Principal/Teacher in Arundel. He purchased an 11-acre parcel of land in Arundel with hopes of building a homestead with animals and a garden. And it was the year he met his soul mate, Marthe "Marti" Paradis. One day in August would become the most pivotal day of his life. Instead of going to work on his Arundel house, he opted to head to the beach to body surf. While up on the lifeguard stand with his buddies, Ed noticed that a young lady had fallen asleep on a towel nearby. After bodysurfing for a while, Ed got the courage to speak to Marti, who was visiting Maine from Quebec. He used his best Biddeford French on her as she didn't speak a word of English.

Marti soon returned home to Quebec, but the two grew their relationship by sending letters and they had a few visits. By December of that same year, Ed asked Marti's mother if he could marry her daughter. They were married the following summer

on August 8, 1970. Ed's Old Orchard Beach lifeguarding days had come to an end! They began their new lives together in the same town where they had first met - Old Orchard Beach. Ed purchased a home on Camp Comfort and rented out a couple of apartments in it. Once the home in Arundel was built enough to live in, they began their homestead life there. They got a horse named Gee Whiz and some chickens before beginning to raise their two wonderful daughters, Kristine and Julie. In 1976, knowing that Marti wasn't fond of the remoteness of their Arundel home, the family relocated to Waterboro.

Ed's teaching career was extensive with additional teaching and principal duties in Alfred and later in Waterboro. Waterboro Elementary is where Ed would spend the bulk of his career, teaching the 5th grade. During the summers, when school wasn't in session, he continued to do all he could to support his family by periodically working as a motel clerk, and he also did some rug cleaning. Even in his retirement years, Ed substitute taught for many years, right up to the time Marti was first diagnosed with cancer. He touched the lives of many students and teachers alike over the years.

In 2008, Ed and Marti moved to Quebec and resided in their family camp which they originally purchased in 2003. Later, in 2015, they purchased a home in Melbourne, Florida. By 2017, they purchased a summer seasonal home in Old Orchard Beach. The couple split their time for several years between the two locations.

Dear to Ed's heart were dogs, but more specifically, Miniature Schnauzers. It was a love which began several decades earlier, after Ed's first Navy stint. And it continued with Marti as they raised 4 beloved babies. First it was Pepper and Lady and then it was Chloe and Marti's personal guardian, Sadie. The couple would be seen walking them several times per day around their neighborhoods in Florida and Maine.

Ed had a number of interests, many of which highlighted his creative nature. He enjoying both woodworking and metalworking, he built several sheds and cabins on his property, undertook many remodeling projects around his homes, he tumbled stones and made jewelry. Ed had a passion for gardening,

for fixing up and taking rides on his boat in Lake Winnepesaukee, cutting firewood, tending to the fish in his aquariums, watching birds, reading and researching historical events. The Antiques Roadshow was one of his favorite shows. Ed really loved history!

Ed's love for Marti was second to none. It was literally a love story for life. She was his whole world. Friends and neighbors recalled them always holding hands while walking. He depended upon her for everything. When Marti passed, Ed tried so hard to live his life, but ultimately, it proved to be too much and Ed died of a broken heart. He longed for the day he would hear Marti once again say, "Hey Ed!" as she had hundreds and thousands of times before.

Ed was predeceased by Marthe Charbonneau, his loving wife of 53 years; by his parents, Edward B. and Germaine Charbonneau; by the grandmother he affectionately referred to as Mémère Bolduc; by his brother, Richard Charbonneau; and by his cousin, Jeannine Hubert Laverrière.

Ed is survived by his two daughters, Kristine Charbonneau and Julie Iacopelli, with husband Peter; by his brother Robert Charbonneau and wife Loanne; by four grandchildren, Renee, Ryan, Daniel and Dominic; by his aunt Charlotte Bolduc and by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Dad, you affected more lives than you'll ever know. You always left an impression on others. And your ability to recall stories from the past up until the very end was pretty special. Rest easy in eternal peace with your loving wife and your beloved fur babies. There are no words to explain how much we will all miss you.

Ed's graveside service will take place on Friday, July 25, 2025 at 1 p.m. at St Joseph's Cemetery in Biddeford, Maine. There will also be a Celebration of Life after. Details are still being finalized. If you would like more information or to be included in updates, please send an email to Kristine at kcharbs@proton.me.

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Living Waters Christian Church's CHILI AND CHOWDER COOK-OFF, Saturday, June 14 at 5 p.m. Suggested donation \$8 per person; \$20 for family. Proceeds to benefit Vacation Bible school for July 2025. Located at 197 Parker Farm Road, Buxton.

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

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Hiram Community Center's ROAST BEEF SUPPER first Saturday of the month at 5 p.m. (doors open at 4:45). \$15 for adults and \$12 for kids 12 and under. Fundraiser for the Hiram Community Club, volunteers that run the Hiram Community Center. They buy the best beef, roast it the day of the supper, and carve it in front of you. They do all the cooking. They bake the pies. They serve water and a cold drink (lemonade in summer) at the tables. Coffee is available. Visit with friends and make new ones at 14 Historical Ridge (off Main Street, Route 117) adjacent to the Great Ossipee Museum.

The Acton-Shapleigh Lion's Club MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST the first Saturday of every month. \$7 includes pancakes (plain or blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausages, toast, orange juice, beans, and coffee, tea, and milk. NEW LOCATION: The breakfast is from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the new Shapleigh Community Center at 24 Back Road, Shapleigh.

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