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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025

Dinner and a show at Alfred Parish Church

Valentine's Day is coming and Parsons Memorial Library has a gift for the community everyone is sure to love. On Saturday, Feb. 15, the library is bringing a free concert to the Alfred Parish Church. Performing will be none other than Maine's own Half Moon Jug Band.

"I saw the Half Moon Jug Band at a concert in Lyman last summer and loved their music," said PML Program Director Dominique Zulueta. "They're Mainers who write songs about Maine. Their music is clever and fun and that felt like a great fit with our library community."

Zulueta combined forces with the folks at Alfred Parish Church and created an evening of celebration. Along with the concert, the church is hosting a community meal fundraiser to raise much-needed money for the Steeple Restoration Fund.

"Alfred Parish Church is home to a number of our volunteers and patrons," Zulueta said. "They help

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Lisa Gagnon sits by her sewing machine with one of her quilts. COURTESY PHOTO

Quilting for the animals

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Have you ever had a hobby that somehow, for some reason, you stopped doing, and would like to start up again? Lisa Gagnon of Limerick used to quilt years ago, "back in my 30s, and I'm almost 60 now," she explained. She picked it back up about 6 months ago. "I made quilts for my 7 grandkids, then friends and family, until I ran out of people to make them for." That's when she got the idea to make the quilts for animals and to donate them to the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland (ARLGP) in Westbrook. "I have 5 pets, 3 cats and 2 dogs," she said, "three of them came from the Animal Refuge League."

Gagnon makes her quilts with 4-inch squares, with a batting in the middle. "It's the easiest and fastest," she said, and was one of

the first patterns she learned. She also makes some with triangles, "but they take twice as long," she noted. Gagnon got a new sewing machine for Christmas, "Best present ever!" she added, and started making the quilts for animals the next day! "I just started and haven't stopped!" She and her husband went out and bought some fabric, and she set a goal of making 25 quilts by the end of the month to donate to the ARLGP. On Jan. 16, she made her first drop off of 25 quilts.

Gagnon started a second set of quilts, again with a goal of making 25 quilts in a month. But in less than 10 days, she had already made 10 quilts! She found a foster-based rescue in North Berwick called Emma's Angels Rescue, a non-profit that saves animals from high kill shelters and takes in local

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Making progress on First Responder Training Center

The water line has been brought over from York County Jail to the building site, the foundation for the First Responder Training Center has been poured, sewer piping is complete, and soon, installation of structural steel for the training center will commence.

York County Commissioners learned during a mid-January site tour that if all continues to go well, the training center building project may be complete by the end of this year. The nearby York County Recovery Center project is expected to be completed sometime in 2026 – the foundation is slated to be poured in March.

The training center will serve all first responders – firefighters, emergency medical service providers, law enforcement, and dispatchers. It is designed to provide timely instruction for those look-

ing to complete mandatory and ongoing training, to those entering a profession, and more, in a central location.

"A facility like this has been a dream for many generations"

—ROGER HOOPER
 County Fire Administrator

Darcy Valido, the Assistant Director of Operations at Sanford Regional Communications Center, learned her craft inhouse, inside the dispatch center. As well, there were training stints at the Emergency Services Communications Bureau in Augusta, and at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro – the former 94 miles away, the latter, 107 miles from the Sanford communications center.

Valido sees value in having a training center close by the agency where she has worked for 15 years. SRCC serves 15 law enforcement, fire and emergency medical agencies in 11 municipalities. The dispatch center has 22 fulltime positions and five reserves.



York County Commissioners, from left, Donna Ring and Justin Chenette, County Manager Greg Zinser and Commissioner Richard Clark toured the site of two county building projects Jan. 15. Here, the four stand by the foundation of the First Responder Training Center. The foundation for the 58-bed recovery center will be poured this spring. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

For her department, the new York County First Responder Training Center would be just about five miles away – but even York County's most far-flung lo-

cations are a reasonable distance from the site on Layman Way in Alfred, where earth moving equipment began preparing the site in mid-October. Old Orchard Beach

first responders would be 21 miles away, York, 27 miles, and Cornish, 34 miles away.

And while training close to

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NEW EVERY THURSDAY!

LOCAL news, events and faces from your LOCAL community.



Community CALENDAR

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

COMING EVENTS

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY! “Kezar Falls Library is SNOW much fun!” Come visit Kezar Falls Circulating Library on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a scavenger hunt, crafts, and fun. The library is located at 2 Federal Road, Kezar Falls.

STATE PARK CAMPING Campground Reservations Opens for Lily Bay State Park and Sebago Lake State Park on Monday, Feb. 3 at 9 a.m. Sebago Lake State Park requires a minimum 4-night stay if you make your reservation during February for the camping season. For online reservations and info visit www.CampWithME.com. Storm date if Maine State government is closed is Tuesday, Feb. 4.

YORK COUNTY EXTENSION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING; featuring The Modern Day Extension Homemakers on Feb. 6 from 6:30-8 p.m. in person at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Office in York County at 45 Kennebunk Road, Alfred. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a short business meeting followed by the Modern Day Extension Homemakers presentation by Jackie Lipsky and the homemakers. Registration is not required but we would like a count for the hands-on activities. FMI call Elizabeth Belanger at 324-2814 or elizabeth.belanger@maine.edu.

BROADWAY’S NEXT HIT MUSICAL returns to the Sanford Performing Arts Center for more laughs at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. Tickets are \$29-\$39, with discounts for subscribers,

students, seniors and military veterans. Call the box office at (207) 206-1126, or visit in person Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon. For information, visit sanfordpac.org.

INDOOR BOOK SALE The Waterboro Public Library is having a Book & Sale on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Most books are fill a bag for \$10 (bring your bags) and all other items priced as marked. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Waterboro Public Library and support ongoing library activities. If you would like to volunteer call 247-3363 or email librarian@waterborolibrary.org.

LIMERICK BEAN SUPPER On Sat., Feb. 15, from 4 to 6 pm St. Matthew’s Knights of Columbus will host a Bean Supper at 19 Dora Lane. Menu: beans (2 types), hot dogs, sliced ham, coleslaw,

casseroles, bread, drinks & dessert. Adults - \$12; Children 6 - 12 - \$6; Children 5 & under - free; Families - \$30.

FREE FISHING DAYS are Feb. 15-16 and again on May 31-June 1. On these days, any person (except those whose license has been suspended or revoked) may fish without a license. All other laws and regulations apply on these days. For rules visit: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fishing-boating/fishing/fishing-derbies.html>.

LYMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. at the Arion Lodge (the Masons) at Goodwins Mills. The Trustees will meet at 5:30 p.m.

PAINT PARTY Shapleigh PTC is having a fundraising Paint Party on Feb. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Shapleigh Memorial School, 467 Shapleigh Corner

Road. The cost is \$35 each but \$10 of the fee goes to Shapleigh Memorial Parent Teacher Committee. Contact Randy Pinette at 502-9507 for more information. All ages are welcome. To sign up go to square.link/u/9gAim-Vjg.

JOIN THE “BUY NOTHING NEW 2025” CHALLENGE, Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Hollis Center Library, Hollis. The theme for the coming meeting is “Temptation.” What are your temptations for “Buy Nothing New,” winter clothes on sale? the whole of Marden’s and their fabrics? or a grandchild’s book collection? Let’s be master over ourselves and learn to say “NO” to things we don’t need or can find a substitute for. Call 929-6817 for more information.

MONTHLY BINGO NIGHT at the Newfield Town Hall on Friday, March 1, presented by the Newfield Recreation Department. The Town Hall is located at 23 South Effingham Road. Doors open at 5 p.m. The games will start at 6 p.m. All are welcome. Bring a baked good to be served by donation. All funds will go to the Rec. department. Bingo cards will be \$1 each and you can purchase as many as you want. The funds from the cards will be used to purchase next month’s prizes. The more cards sold the bigger the prize.

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★LAMB LOVER’S DAY: Saturday, June 14

★GARDEN TOUR: Saturday, June 28 @ 2pm

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ONGOING EVENTS

FOOD DRIVE Members of the Bar Mills Community Church are holding a food drive for the month of February to benefit the Buxton Community Cupboard, collecting non-perishable food items. The items can be dropped off at the Bar Mills Community Church on 13 Hermit Thrush Drive in Buxton across from the town hall. There will be a box in front of the church to put the items in.

WATERBORO COMMUNITY PANTRY 26 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro. Open the first Tuesday of month from 4 to 7 p.m. all other Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Donations can be dropped Saturdays 2 to 4 p.m. or put non perishable in drop box on the porch. FMI 247-7789.

THE CORNER CUPBOARD which offers personal care, paper, cleaning, household, and baby items to anyone in need, is open the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Sanford UU Church, 5 Lebanon St., Sanford, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please bring your own bag.

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.

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR FOR OLDER ADULTS with Massabesic Adult and Community Education. Every third Tuesday of the month, 1 to 2 p.m. at Massabesic Lions Club, 813 Main Street, Waterboro.

TODDLER STORY TIME at Kezar Falls Circulating Library, 2 Federal Road, Kezar Falls, Wednesdays at 11 a.m. What to expect: A story with a short activity and a bit of music time. Geared toward ages 1-3 but all ages and abilities welcome. Open Tue. 2:30-7 p.m., Wed. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thu. 2:30-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

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

Join the **"BUY NOTHING NEW 2025 CHALLENGE"** Support Group at the Hollis Center Library from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Learn to save money, become more creative, be more joyful,

and less frazzled. Call 929-6817 for more information.

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

NEWFIELD MUSIC JAM-BOREE Town Hall, So. Effingham Road, 1st Saturday of the month Nov-April. Winter hours are 1 to 3:30 p.m. Free, open to public. FMI call 468-1491.

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

TRAINING CENTER

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home is a definite asset for first responders, it isn't the only one, said Valido.

"We will have more opportunity for unified public safety training with police, fire, EMS, and even other dispatch centers," she said. "And continuing education is paramount to maintaining and enhancing our skills."

Wells Police Captain Kevin Chabot, also chair of the District 1 Training Council, sees the first responder training center as a hub for mandated as well as specialized training – and a draw for those considering their career choices.

"It gives them something to aspire to," he said. "You know the training will be available as you go on."

Currently, individual police departments across York County coordinate much of the training for those employed by their departments, inviting others to join them as there is space available. New, uncertified police hires attend the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro for 18 weeks.

And while he said the MCJA does a good job of planning and hosting training sessions for various courses at its Vassalboro base, Chabot noted its distance from many York County departments.

Chabot, who has taught at MCJA and at York County Community College, outlined an array of training topics- from escalation techniques to officer wellness, first aid, digital evidence, forensic statement analysis, community policing, cell phone forensics, mental health topics, and more, that could be offered locally.

"We envision the center having specialized type of training... in a regional way so not one agency is expected to bear the burden of hosting it," said Chabot.

Waterboro Fire Chief Matt Bors, also his community's Town Administrator, said a regional training hub for first responders is long overdue.

"While I have not been directly involved, I see the benefits for the local communities, having a state of the art facility and programs nearby will be a significant asset to the departments," Bors said. "I'm confident that this will increase our capabilities to provide the best possible services to our residents and guests."

York County Fire Administrator Roger Hooper, who has been planning and organizing the First Responder Training Center for the past four years, with input from a committee of first responders, said a centralized location and shared resources where all first responders can learn, and practice are huge assets.

"A facility like this has been a dream for many generations," said Hooper. He noted it is financed primarily by a portion of York County government's share of American Rescue Plan Act funding, and other sources. Congressionally Directed Spending through Senators Susan

Collins and Angus King will help outfit the facility with equipment, props, and training aids.

"We'll host national level classes," said Hooper. "We'll provide the standard initial entry training classes as well as specialized training. We'll be able to do this on a set schedule, and for multiple agencies at one time. Partnering with other training and educational organizations, such as the York County Community College, will enhance educational opportunities."


Design build contractors Landry French took York County Commissioners and County Manager Greg Zinser on a tour of the 17-acre Layman Way property on Jan. 15.

"It's great to see this coming together," said Commissioner Justin Chenette, "I can see the progress the team is making."

"I'm pleased to see the progress. It seems to be on track, and I am looking forward to seeing it done," said Commissioner Richard Clark.

"I am so pleased with the whole project, and amazed at how quickly it has come together," said Commissioner Donna Ring. "I am proud of what the county has accomplished with ARPA funds, very proud."

– By Tammy Wells, Media Specialist for York County Government



Ice Fishing Derby at Rock Haven Lake

Public boat launch, West Newfield

Saturday, February 15th, 7am-3pm

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Sunday, Feb. 2

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ACTON

Crockfest cook-off

Acton Public Library has announced that Crockfest is coming up on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Barn Lights, 189 Hopper Road, and they need contestants. They moved Crockfest from the fall to February to see if that would help attract more contestants since November seems to interfere with holidays and family events.

Do you have a spectacular recipe for chili or chowder? The Acton Public Library invites you to join them for their annual cook-off challenge. You have the opportunity to represent your business, organization, and your family heritage with that special recipe you have been keeping secret.

To enter complete the registration form found on their website at www.acton.lib.me.us or on the Facebook event page. Do you want to eat and vote? Eat and judge all the delicious chili and chowder from 5 to 6:30 p.m. for only \$10 per person or \$40 maximum per immediate family. For more information, you can also call 636-2781.

Acton Sledding Party

On Sunday, Feb. 9 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Moose Lake Farm, Route 109 in Acton there will be the 10th annual Super Bowl Sledding Party. Girl Scout Troop #421 will be collecting canned soups for the Acton food pantry. There will be free hot chocolate and cookies. If you have any questions, you can text Terry Minihan at 603-817-8610.

– By Joanne Bargioni

University of Maine at Augusta Saco Center opens at new downtown location ahead of Spring semester

The Saco Center of the University of Maine at Augusta (UMA) is open for business and will begin the spring semester in its new location, Suite 104 at 209 Main Street, Saco, continuing to serve as a welcoming hub for academic and community engagement.

For the past 40 years, the UMA Saco Center has proudly facilitated higher education in the area, serving an average of 350 students each semester. Approximately 1,500 York County community members have achieved their educational goals and now serve our community in fields such as mental health services, business administration, computer information systems, the justice field and more.

Though the Saco Center’s new home has less physical space, it will continue to offer all the same services and support for students and partners. “UMA has been part of the greater Biddeford/Saco community for over 40 years, and we are excited to now be part of Saco’s vibrant downtown,” said Saco Center Director Dan Philbrick.

The new facility addresses the needs of how students now access higher education and includes a computer lab, three onsite classrooms, office space and break



The new home of UMA’s Saco Center at 209 Main Street, Saco. COURTESY PHOTO

area. One of the three classrooms can also serve as a public meeting room.

Equipped with an infrastructure that includes all-new Cat 6 ethernet cabling and a dark fiber network, the UMA Saco Center provides cutting-edge connectivity, with faster, more reliable internet speeds that support advanced learning tools, high-tech classrooms, and scalable bandwidth for future growth. In addition, through its video conference capabilities, the center continues to provide the flexibility and ability

for members of the community to work at a distance.

For more information about UMA’s Saco Center and its offerings, please call (207) 282-4111 or visit uma.edu/saco.

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SANFORD

Sanford man gets ten years after cop sees drugs in pocket
Nicholas Delahunt found with approximately 169 grams of fentanyl

A Sanford man was sentenced on Jan. 28 in U.S. District Court in Portland for possessing fentanyl with intent to distribute.

U.S. District Judge Nancy Torresen sentenced Nicholas Delahunt, 39, to 120 months in prison to be followed by eight years of supervised release.

According to court records, in October 2023, an officer from the Sanford Police Department noted a vehicle pulled over on the side of the road. The officer queried the vehicle and learned that the registered owner, Delahunt, had a suspended license. Police confirmed Delahunt was operating the vehicle. While speaking with him on the side of the road, the officer noted a large plastic baggie protruding from his sweatshirt front pocket that appeared to contain narcotics. Delahunt removed the bag, which was found to contain approximately 166 grams of fentanyl. A further search of Delahunt’s person revealed three additional grams of fentanyl. Just 2 grams of fentanyl is considered a potentially lethal dose. Delahunt was previously convicted in Maine in 2021 for unlawful trafficking of scheduled drugs.

The FBI investigated the case with assistance from the Sanford Police Department.

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TOWN OF ACTON
REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Acton currently has two separate bids open for the rental of containers and removal of the Municipal Solid Waste and Demolition Debris. To review the bids in their entirety, please visit www.actonmaine.org or contact the Town Administrator at 207-636-3131, ext 401.

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The Select Board of the Town of Shapleigh hereby give notice that they have ordered, pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. § 2528(4)(E), that a shortened nomination process be used to fill a vacancy on the Select Board.

THE SCHEDULE FOR NOMINATIONS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1) Nomination papers will be available beginning on **January 22, 2025**

2) Signed nomination papers must be returned to the Town Clerk by the close of business hours on **February 14, 2025**

Any questions regarding the nomination process shall be directed to the Town Clerk at (207)636-2843 ext 1 or in person at the Town Office.

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING on: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. for the following:

Amendment to the Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance
Copies of amendments can be obtained at the Town Hall during regular office hours.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

Ann Harris, Chairman
Shapleigh Planning Board

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– By **MIKE DeANGELIS**
Sports Editor

GIRLS’ BASKETBALL Spartans roll to 11th win

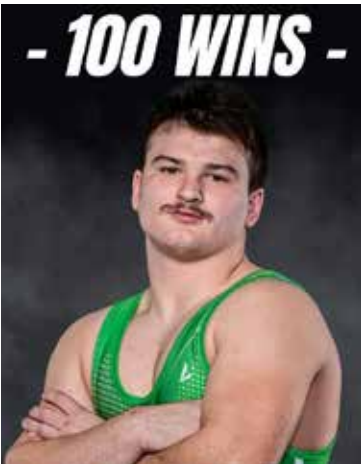
Sanford won for the third time in-a-row, topping visiting Noble 59-20 on Tuesday, Jan. 28. The win, their ninth in their last ten contests, pushed their record to 11-4 and left them in third place in the eight-team Class AA South. Gorham is second at 12-3 and South Portland is first, also at 12-3. The Spartans will face the Rams in both teams’ second to last regular season game of the season on Feb. 4.

Rams outrun Mustangs

Kennebunk handed host Massabesic their third straight loss, this one 36-27, on Tuesday, Jan. 28. The loss left the Mustangs at 5-10 and locked them in the sixth spot in Class AA South. They picked up their fifth win on Jan. 14 at Noble, holding the 1-14 Knights to just 14 points. The Mustangs finish their season at home against Sanford on Feb. 6.

WRESTLING

Massabesic senior Coleman Pennington got his 100th win on Jan. 29



The Massabesic girls wrestling team after placing second overall at the 11th Annual Phillips Academy Girls Wrestling Tournament on Jan. 26. COURTESY PHOTO

WRESTLING Silver ‘Stangs

Massabesic’s girls’ wrestling team finished second overall among 38 teams at the 11th annual Phillips Academy Girls Wrestling Tournament, held in the Snyder Center on Sunday, Jan. 26. All five team members made the podium with Nevaeh Grunhuvd and Sophie Grunhuvd both earning gold. Nevaeh Grunhuvd beat Michelle Choo from the host school in her quarter-final match and she followed with a win over Kimberly Guzman Flores from Middlesex School in the semis. Grunhuvd finished with a major decision in her final against Morgan Gibson from Nobles High School (MA). Sophie Grunhuvd began with a pin of Sydni Francis from Green Farms Academy. She beat Cindy Zhou from Phillips Andover in the semi-final and closed with a win over Amaya Smith from Oliver Ames. Savannah Thyng and Aesa Brock each came home with bronze. Sydney Cyr was fourth.

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Obituaries

Shawn J. Cavanaugh

Shawn J. Cavanaugh, 70, of Shapleigh, passed away unexpectedly at home on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025 while recovering from injuries caused by an accident.



Shawn J. Cavanaugh

Born on Easter Sunday, April 18, 1954, in Winchester, Massachusetts, Shawn was the youngest of three children of William and Helen (O'Hearn) Cavanaugh. He grew up in Wayland, Massachusetts; Salisbury, Maryland and Norway. While living on a lake in Norway, he made lifelong friends with whom he reconnected when he returned to Maine. During his high school years, Shawn moved briefly to St. Petersburg, Florida, where he graduated from high school, but his heart was always in Maine.

In 1986, Shawn returned to Maine, where he met his future wife and began working for the Kennebunk Police Department. He later worked on cars, trucks and boats, eventually operating his own business repairing boats. A true jack-of-all-trades, Shawn was a master mechanic with a remarkable ability to bring motors to life. Whether boats, snowmobiles or jet skis, Shawn could get them running. His passion for mechanics extended into his lifelong work with boats, where he built and raced hydroplanes – a love he shared with his son, Jack.

Shawn's interests were as diverse as his skills. He enjoyed ice fishing, go-kart racing and boat racing, where he traveled to race sites from Maine to Florida. A proud member of the Antique Outboard Motor Club, Shawn's enthusiasm for engines and racing never waned. He was a member of the Standish Kiwanis Club and cherished his time spent on the lake with friends in Norway and loved relaxing by the fire pit at his camper. Shawn's love for animals, particularly Basset hounds, was evident in his devotion to his beloved dog, Zoe.

In 1991, Shawn married Jo-Ann Cropley, and together they shared 33 years of marriage and raised their son, Jack. Shawn was elected as a Selectman for

the town of Shapleigh in 2023, a role in which he took great pride and responsibility. Known for his energy, ability to provide practical solutions to problems and dedication to his family and friends, Shawn will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Shawn is survived by his loving wife, Jo-Ann Cropley Cavanaugh; his son, Jack; his two sisters, Paulajeanne Cavanaugh and Colette Clark and her husband James; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held at the new Shapleigh Community Center in Shapleigh, Maine upon completion of the building in early spring. A date for the service will be announced.

Memorial contributions may be made in Shawn's name to Responsible Pet Care, P.O. Box 82, Norway, Maine 04268

Irving Patterson

Irving Jackson Patterson, 87, of Kennebunk, passed away peacefully on Monday, Jan. 20, 2024 at Maine Health Medical Center in Biddeford.



Irving Patterson

Born on Aug. 14, 1937, in Bangor, Irving grew up in Hampden on a family farm on Patterson Road with many of his cousins. After the war, his immediate family relocated to Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, where he would spend the remainder of his childhood. Irving was one of three sons of Raymond C. and Clara Mae (Jackson) Patterson.

Irving was a 1955 Graduate of Foxcroft Academy High School and a 1959 graduate of University of Maine, College of Engineering. It was at Foxcroft Academy that he met his future wife, Lorene Annis at the age of 15. They were childhood sweethearts and were married in 1957 in Dover-Foxcroft.

Upon graduating from the University of Maine, Irving started his Mechanical Engineering career at US Gypsum in Lisbon Falls. In 1962, he, Lorene, and their first two sons relocated to Sanford, Maine, where he was a Facility Engineer at the former Cyanamid Corporation. In 1969, he left engineering and entered into an eventual partnership with John Garnsey and Len Sevigny at Garnsey Brothers Insurance,

Real estate and Travel Centers. He and Lorene worked together, as a team, with all the other fine co-workers for 15 years. There are a lot of great memories of socializing with the team in downtown Sanford and, in particular, at Gene's Bakery and Washington Square.

In 1985, he and his Garnsey partners separated, and he formed new companies with his wonderful wife Lorene and sons Jeffrey and Mark and shortly thereafter Gregory. Later, his sons Michael and David would join various companies over the years. He had a lot of fond memories of working with all his sons. He was extremely proud of each of them. He offered guidance but allowed them to pursue their own dreams.

He and Lorene took a brief hiatus from working with their sons to move to Pensacola in 1991. Irving was invited to become a chief engineer, once again, at Cyanamid in Pensacola, Florida. They returned to Maine, in 1994, to finish their careers working with their sons. Irving officially retired from Patco Construction in 2001 but was always working "deals" until the end. Lorene and Irving spent many years traveling back and forth as snowbirds between Kennebunk and their beloved winter home in Pensacola and later Sebring, Florida. They always had a motor home and car in tow.

One of Irving's strongest passions was going "upta" camp. He started out with his father and brothers visiting Sebec Lake in Dover-Foxcroft. They owned camps on Greely's and later Steadman's Landing. His family would go up for extended stays during the summer and he and his brother Joel would drive up from Sanford every weekend. Later, to be more accessible, he and Lorene bought a camp on Moose Pond in Denmark and invited or dragged their five sons up there almost every weekend for 15 years. Lorene and Irving later built a camp on Schoodic Lake to get closer to their roots. Irving loved going to each of his camps, especially if there was a project he could work on. He loved projects. He enjoyed working with his sons on the projects. He taught them all how to ski at first Squaw Mountain in Greenville and later Pleasant Mountain in Bridgton. Irving also enjoyed hunting with his dad and later bringing his sons along for a family hunt. He was always up for a game of Cribbage.

Irving set the standard for volunteerism for his sons to aspire.

He was the chief and medicine man of the YMCA Indian Guides for adolescent boys. He worked on the capital campaign to build a new YMCA in Sanford. He was a leader to the 4-H Woody Wood Workers. He was a youth basketball coach for the SSYAA. He was both a Sunday school teacher and Pilgrim Fellowship youth advisor at the North Parish Congregational Church.

Irving loved to socialize and always had a story to tell. He was always willing to share his Bourbon Manhattans with just a splash of sweet vermouth. Everyone who knew him has a funny Irving story to share.

Irving was predeceased by his parents and brother Joel.

He is survived by: his loving wife Lorene who was truly his best friend and soulmate for over 67 years. Younger brother Allen and wife Joanne, two favorite sisters-in-laws, Carol Patterson and Dorna Varnum Zillinsky, Sons Jeffrey and his partner Helen, Mark and his wife Suzanne, Gregory and his wife Heather, Michael and his wife Bonnie and David. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren: Jonathan, Garret, Ian, Colin, Calvin, Grace, Emma, Lauren, Margaret, Connor and McKenna and also by his nieces: Patrica, Amy, Kristen, Kelly, Kim and Katherine.

A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at the Sanford Elks Lodge, located at 13 Elm Street, from 3-7 pm. We ask all of Irving's family and friends to join us for a party to celebrate his life and bring a good story to tell.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to express their sympathy are encouraged to make a donation, in his honor, to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (give.michaeljfox.org), the Sanford Springvale YMCA (https://sanfordymca.org/#donate) or the Maine Ulster-Scots Project at P.O. Box 365, Freeport, ME 04032.

Arrangements are under the direction of Black Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, Sanford-Springvale. To leave a message of condolence visit www.blackfuneralhomes.com.

Michel Morin

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Michel Morin, of Lyman, on Jan. 20, 2025, at the age of 63. Michel was born on April 27, 1961, in Edmundston, New Brunswick, Canada, to Adrien and Therese (Bonenfant) Morin. He was known for his strong will, unwavering determination, and his love and support for family and friends. Michel built a successful career as a skilled sheet rocker, a trade in which he took great pride. Outside of work, he found joy in fishing and hunting, relishing the quiet moments spent at home.



Michel Morin

On Jan. 20, Michel joyfully reunited with many cherished family members who had predeceased him: his parents, Adrien and Therese Morin; his brother, Maurice Morin, who passed in 1993; his sister, Linda (Morin) Laverriere, who also passed in 1993; his brother, Albert Morin, who passed in 2005; his brother, Jean Morin, who passed in 2006; his sister, Adrienne (Morin), and her husband, Edward Vaillancourt, who passed in 2020 and 2023; and his niece, Adrienne Morin.

Michel's loving spirit is carried on by his daughter, Stacy, and her husband, Dennis Ordway; two grandchildren, Kelsey Thatcher and Kailey Poirier; his sister, Claudette (Morin), and her husband, Ronald Perreault; his sister, Noella (Morin), and her husband, Fred Laverriere; his brother, Daniel Morin; and many nieces and nephews.

In honor of Michel's life, a small service at the cemetery will be organized during the warmer months. The family will share details soon, encouraging everyone to come together to celebrate the remarkable life Michel lived and the indelible impact he had on all who knew him.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Poitras Funeral Homes, www.maineFuneral.com

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MHS Film Festival

On Jan. 16, Massabesic High School hosted the 10th Annual Freshman Film Festival. Freshmen at Massabesic High School complete a unit on visual literacy by either taking an existing film and breaking it down to its conflict and film techniques, or using those techniques in practice by creating an original film. Each year, the freshman teachers select around 45-55 minutes worth of student films to put together into the showcase.

There were 9 total films submitted this year; some comedies, some dramas, and one horror film and a murder mystery. As always, the students impressed their teachers not only with the quality of their visual literacy, but the use of various camera angles and film techniques to deliver laughs, scares, or smiles. The films were judged by MHS Staff members Colby Yerxa, Heide Fryzlewicz, and Ben Durham, as well as a guest MHS student judge from last year's winning film "The To-Do List," Zoe Davidson. They scored the films based on their use of technology, the quality of the story, music and sound, and the



Film Festival Winners, from left, Autumn Vennell, Renee Reel, Lydia Dalpra, Fiona Davidson, Marcus Dery, George Wehrman, Henry Laviolette, and Morgan Johnson. COURTESY PHOTO

how well it ended!

The final results had a Freshman Film Festival first with a tie for third place. The meta-horror film by Morgan Johnson, "The Disappeared," featured a Halloween skeleton decoration that chases kids through a forest and attempted to eat them, tying with "Little Laviolette's Revenge," made by Marcus Dery, George Wehrman, and Henry Laviolette, where the main character takes unexpected revenge against a friend's insult of him.

Henry said of the night overall, "I was surprised by how many good films there were," and Morgan said she was surprised by how some films were really short while others were really long. She's right! We had some films that were under 2 minutes, and one that was 12 minutes long. In second place, Fiona Davidson's film, "The Great Jewelry Heist" showed us two dedicated police officers chasing down thieves in order to recover stolen jewelry, often with comedic results. Fiona said her favorite part was, "the filming process and all of the trial and errors. I learned that not everything goes right the first time, but that is part of the process." Finally, the first-place winner

this year was the good-hearted "Dog Gone Awry" by Lydia Dalpra, Renee Reehl, and Autumn Vennell, and featuring Miko the dog! The film follows kidnappers who steal a dog from a grieving teen, with the intention of cheering it up. The actors did a fine job, but the dog Miko clearly stole the show, and Renee was surprised he didn't try to run away! Lydia's favorite part of the whole process was "creating the script and coming up with ideas. I love brainstorming and planning things out!" Mr. Villmore and Mr. Mercier look forward to this unit next year, and seeing what a new batch of freshman can come up with!

– By Mark Mercier

BUSINESS

Grants available to nonprofit organizations

Nonprofit organizations throughout the state may be eligible for grants from the Maine Community Foundation's (MaineCF) Community Building Grant Program. In 2024, MaineCF's county and regional committees awarded \$1.97 million in grants through the Community Building Grant Program. Learn more about the Community Building Grant Program and application process at www.maineCF.org/communitybuilding. The deadline to apply is Friday, Feb. 14. The Community Building Grant Program is MaineCF's largest grant program. It is one of the only grant programs in the state that supports a broad range of interest areas, including arts, education, environment, economic development and human services. The grant program offers two types of funding: project grants and general support. Project grants are only available to larger organizations for new projects. General support grants are geared towards smaller organizations and this flexible funding may support new, expanding or ongoing programs as well as operational needs. For a list of 2024 Community Building grants by county, visit www.maineCF.org/recentgrants.



Rescue dog Millie with Cheryl Monkiewicz, President and Founder of Emma's Angels Rescue holding one of Gagnon's quilts. COURTESY PHOTO

QUILTS FOR PETS

(Continued from page 1)

owner surrenders as well. "I was touched at what I saw," explained Gagnon. While many may be familiar with the Animal Refuge League, probably few have heard of Emma's Angels. It started in 2015, and was named after a dog named Emma that had been rescued from North Carolina who passed away after she had been brought to Maine. "This place is amazing!" Gagnon said. On January 25, she delivered those 10 quilts to Emma's Angels Rescue! Gagnon is now working on her next set of quilts, with a goal to make and donate 100 quilts to ani-

mal organizations by April. She is currently looking for fabric donations. "It doesn't matter what the fabric looks like," she said, "the animals aren't picky." She would also like ideas for new places to donate her quilts. If you have suggestions, contact Gagnon at 699-6502 or reach out to her via email at lgagnon6555@gmail.com Gagnon is now teaching her 11-year old granddaughter how to quilt, using her old sewing machine. "It's my new hobby," said Gagnon, and added that she'll keep going, "until we run out of cats and dogs." "I love doing this for animals," Gagnon said. "It makes my heart full."



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OPINION

Reader's right

While I don't often comment on the opinions of others, I respect and read them. An open conversation is important to the success or failure of a community. Ben Franklin once said, "Love your enemies, for they tell you your faults."

Recently, I was made aware of budget issues by Maine Republican House Speaker, Billy Bob Faulkingham and one can't argue with the fact there may be a shortage of funding with respect to the expense of MaineCare. Which is to say, the cost of caring for the needy is far greater than the revenue generated by the state. There are two ways to solve this problem. One solution is to raise taxes for the sake of preserving the Program. The other solution is budget cuts to said social program. There is a third alternative. The state of Maine could seize control



by
Jon Simonds

of all businesses and take care of society in the way China operates, although China is growing so fast and furiously (courtesy of American corporate greed) elements of Capitalism are present in China's socialist system. Like it or not, socialism has always been a part of the American Capitalist system.

My problem with Mr. Faulkingham's solution is the singling out of a group of God's children, such as transgender persons, speaks more to a personal bias against a group of individuals the Lord, in his infinite wisdom has given us as perhaps a test of our own spiritual failings. Is the issue expansive medicaid costs, or Transgender individuals?

I did make clear the difference between such things as cosmetic surgery and necessary medical care. Want to lose weight? Doctors should not be permitted to offer something like Ozempic (as-

sociated with weight loss) to those on MaineCare when gym memberships are less costly and probably, overall, much healthier. We are facing a funding issue with MaineCare. Transgender persons are not the reason why. Actually, they are a very small percentage of Maine's population.

Another "open minded, free thinker" able to "spot falsehoods in seconds," and is guilty of dating himself, (something I do way too often) by reminding us of the libraries of the 1970s when "you could go into a library and pick up a good book." The library here in Waterboro still has plenty of good books. Fact-filled books, like The Diary of Ann Frank, or the story of Harriet Tubman who escaped the white mans southern slavery, helped build the underground railroad and returned to the South on 13 different occasions to lead other slaves to freedom. He spoke of authors who took us out of our world and completely into theirs like perhaps

Tolkien with the adventurous Bilbo Baggins.

He disgraced today's writers as having agenda's and further trashed Kindle. I am no fan of the world wide web or Kindle, but Kindle is not the problem, nor is the web. In those days "when you could go into a library and pick up a good book," CEO's earned roughly 3 dollars to every one dollar an employee made. Today's CEO earns 268 dollars to one. This accomplishment comes from such businesses as Kindle, who has laid off and ended the career opportunity of agents, acquisition editors; proof-readers; data entry persons; layout artists; printers and distributors. That's a lot of lost jobs, salaries and benefits all for the benefit of one individual: The CEO.

He describes his favorite book as the Bible. ISIS favorite book is the Koran. Both books were probably written by man as Religion itself was mans first form of organized government in mans attempt at a civilized society brought

together by a common fear of the almighty. I don't know how true that is, but so far, no one has been able to show beyond a reasonable doubt of evidence, God wrote the book or books. Moses came down from the mountain with Ten Commandments. He said God gave them to him. Our spray painted President says he never met Stormy Daniels. How many times have you wished you never listened to that car salesman's "have I got a deal for you" pitch. Was it Jesus who warned us to beware of false prophets? Did I mention the spray painted President? Didn't one of those tablets state Thou Shalt Not Lie?

I think God had something to say in the embodiment of the Bishop Marianne Budde. God bless her, and you, the reader. Keep the conversations going. Write?

Jon Simonds lives in North Waterboro and is the author of "Brooklyn Encounters," a collection of short stories available on Kindle.

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ALL BIDS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 4:00PM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

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Come see Broadway's Next Hit Musical at the Sanford Performing Arts Center on Feb. 8.
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Broadway's Next Hit Musical returns to Sanford for more laughs

Returning to the Sanford Performing Arts Center's stage at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, Broadway's Next Hit Musical presents an original improvised awards show that guarantees a night of spontaneous music and comedy. Even if you have enjoyed "The Phony Awards" in the past few years at SPAC, this year's show will be different, of course, because they base their show off your suggestions! Audience members suggest made-up hit songs, and master improvisers create a full-blown, improvised musical from the winning song. Expect memorable characters, witty dialogue, and plot twists that will have you laughing and humming for days.

With extensive tours across the U.S. and internationally, and a residency at NYC's Tony Award-winning cabaret club "54 Below," this acclaimed show offers a unique and hilarious experience. The New York Times calls it "Hilarious!" and Time Out NY praises it as "A musical of, for, and by the people." Don't miss this exciting return performance!

Tickets are \$29-\$39, with discounts for subscribers, students, seniors and military veterans. Call the box office at 206-1126, or visit in person Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon. For information, visit sanfordpac.org.



The Half Moon Jug Band will perform at the Alfred Parish Church on Feb. 15. COURTESY PHOTO

JUG BAND SHOW
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the library all the time: lending us tables, pop-up canopies, crockery; baking cupcakes and goodies; promoting our events, and so much more. We have a big-hearted relationship with APC and this collaboration helps us both."

Zulueta explained that the church is allowing PML to use the sanctuary for the free concert to accommodate a larger audience. And, because the church has done community meals for years, they have the experience needed to throw a community meal fundraiser.

Tickets to the meal are \$10 per person, \$7 for children 10 and under, or \$30 per family. The menu includes lasagna, salad, Italian bread, and Red Velvet Cake for dessert, all homemade. The meal starts at 5 and the free concert begins at 6. Those who purchased dinner tickets in advance will be given reserve seating for the show.

"We're excited to offer this free concert as a Valentine to our patrons, friends and neighbors," Zulueta said. "We love our library, our towns and Maine -- this is a great way to celebrate all these things together. And where else can you get a lasagna dinner for \$10 (\$7 for kids 10 and under, \$30 for families) and free live music? Only right here in Alfred! It's going to be a great night. Come have some fun with us!"

Tickets for the Alfred Parish Church Community Fundraiser are available at the church and at Parsons Memorial Library.

– By Kat Szmít

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