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Humphrey's makes history at barbecue championships

West Newfield husband-and-wife team earned a perfect brisket score!

From a small town in western York County to two of the most prestigious stages in competitive barbecue, a Maine husband-and-wife team has just completed an extraordinary two-week journey. Chad and Nicole Humphrey, owners of Humphrey's BBQ in West Newfield, traveled more than 1,500 miles to make their first-ever appearance at the 46th American Royal World Series of Barbecue in Kansas City, Kansas, before heading directly to Lynchburg, Tennessee, for their second consecutive appearance at the

Jack Daniel's World Championship Invitational Barbecue. And they didn't just show up. They made their presence known. At the American Royal, Humphrey's BBQ walked the awards stage five times, including a first-place finish in the U.S. SOY Combine. Just one week later, at the Jack Daniel's World Championship, the team earned a perfect 180 score in brisket, finishing second in the category. For a small Maine team competing against some of the best barbecue cooks in the country and around the world, the accomplishments were remarkable. The American Royal World Series of Barbecue is recognized

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Chad and Nicole Humphrey at the World Series of Barbecue in Kansas City. COURTESY PHOTO

ACTON-SHAPLEIGH
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS
**Past-Times
Theatre:
'Not Before
Bedtime'**
*Victorian Tales of
Mystery & Suspense*

Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society invites you to a special performance of Not Before Bedtime on Saturday, Oct. 24 at Mousam Lake Pavilion, 25 Back Road in Shapleigh. Tracy Levasseur, Society President, said, "We are thrilled to host professional British actor Andrew Harris and his intimate one-person performance. Harris will bring to life spooky Victorian

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Morton Gold. PHOTO BY BRETT WILLIAMS

Sanford composer Morton Gold to present free concert at Sanford Performing Arts Center

Sanford Performing Arts Center will welcome acclaimed composer, pianist, and Springvale resident Dr. Morton Gold to its stage on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 3 p.m. for 'Once More, with Feeling,' a special concert featuring a selection of his original compositions. The performance is free and open to the public. The concert offers a rare opportunity for audiences to experience the music of a composer

who has devoted his life to creating and sharing music, performed alongside an accomplished ensemble of guest musicians. Dr. Gold will perform at the piano throughout the afternoon, accompanying instrumentalists and vocalists in a program that showcases the breadth of his musical imagination. Among the program's highlights is Gold's Concerto for

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Tractor Supply Co is opening a new location in Waterboro with a Grand Opening planned for Saturday, Oct. 24. The store is located at 19 Dunkin Run, East Waterboro, behind the Dunkin Donuts, adjacent to Hannaford on Route 5. According to the Tractor Supply website, Waterboro is one of a dozen new stores opening around the country this month. Nine new U.S. stores opened last month. They also have a store located at 1770 Main Sreet in Sanford, plus stores in Gorham, Windham, Bridgton and Scarborough. Visit tractorsupply.com for more info. PHOTO BY KERRY DEANGELIS



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COMEDY SHOW
Friday, Oct. 23rd • 7-9:30 p.m.
Italian Heritage Center, Portland • 18+ • ComedyTickets.org

Community CALENDAR

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

COMING EVENTS

PARSONSFIELD SEMINARY'S HAUNTED HOUSE
Oct. 16, 17, 23 & 24 630-9 p.m. at 504 North Road (Route 160) Parsonsfeld. Free parking and Snack Shack on site. We take cash and Venmo. We are a tax exempt non-profit organization. FMI (207) 625 4449. Scare you there!

MOVIES IN THE PARK HALLOWEEN EDITION showing Hocus Pocus Friday, Oct.16, Gowen Park Gazebo, 741 Main

Street, Sanford. Movie begins at 6 p.m. Admission is FREE! Get ready for a spooky fall evening under the stars hosted by Sanford Parks & Recreation. Bring your blankets, chairs, dinner, and favorite snacks and settle in for a fun, family-friendly night with the Sanderson Sisters! Registration is highly encouraged to help the Recreation Department plan for attendance. Register online at sanfordme.myrec.com.

FESTIVE FALL BBQ in Hiram Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Food truck, beverage

truck, crafters, Open Museum, 12 p.m. Award for Outstanding Service presented to Sylvia Trueworthy Pease, 12:30 p.m. presentation of Quilt of Valor to Dan Gillis, Vietnam Veteran wounded by mortar, 1 p.m. raffle drawings (foodie raffles, 50/50 raffle, live music, kids crafts table - fun for the whole family. A la carte and full meals available. The first 100 attendees to present a receipt for a meal - \$15 adult, \$12 child - get a free slice of pie - BBQ chicken, pulled pork, hot dogs and hamburgers and all the fixings. Rain or shine. Food trucks and crafter vendor canopies outside. Eat inside at the Hiram Community Center (14 Historical Ridge), enjoy the Great Ossipee Museum of Hiram Historical Society (20 Historical Ridge). ADA compatible.

COMMUNITY CRAFT FAIR AND BAKE SALE The Shapleigh Community Center is hosting its Second Annual Craft Fair and bake sale on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. If you are interested in renting a table space, reach out ASAP to Penny at 636-2844 ext. 5 or officeassistant@shapleigh.net. Space is limited and available on a first come/first serve basis. Proceeds to go to the Shapleigh Emer-

gency Heating Assistance Fund.

The Sanford-Springvale Historical Society presents **"UPRISING ON KING STREET: THE BOSTON MASSACRE OF 1770,"** performed by Theatre Espresso of Boston, MA on Sunday, Oct.18. Doors open at 2:15 p.m., event starts at 3 p.m. at the Historical Museum, 505 Main Street, Springvale. The museum is handicapped accessible. Tickets are \$20 at <https://uprising-on-king-street.eventbrite.com?aff=reporter>. Registration is REQUIRED for this event, as space is limited to 60-70 participants. If you are unable to register on Eventbrite, call 490-1028 or email info@sanfordhistory.org.

Join the Goodwins Mills Cemetery Association and the Lyman Historical Society for the second annual **CEMETERY WALK** OCT. 18 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (RAIN DATE Oct. 25) Come see actors portraying former residents of Lyman and Dayton and learn our histories from their stories.

OCTOBERFEST BOOK & BAKE SALE Sunday, Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thousands of items, priced to move. Stock up for winter. Also holding a free **SHARPIE TIE-DYE** event—who knew you could make tie-dye shirts without making a huge mess? Supplies available but limited, feel free to bring your own t-shirt if you need a specific size. Raintdate: Oct. 25. Lyman Community Library, 10 John Street. FMI: 207-499-7114. Also holding a 50/50 RAFFLE and SILENT AUCTION that day. Outside will be Lyman Parks & Recreation's **2ND ANNUAL OCTOBERFEST** with handmade goods and crafts for sale, Local organizations to learn about, Good food, live entertainment, and more!

YORK COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING (an affiliate of the Maine Federation of Republican Women) Monday, Oct. 19 at the Seacoast Republican Headquarters, 99 York Street (Rte 1), Kennebunk. Doors open 6 p.m. GOTV project 6:30-8 p.m. All Republican women welcome. Candidates wishing to address the members email info.ycgopwomen@gmail.com or call (207) 468-2395.

"NOT BEFORE BEDTIME," a Past-Times Theatre production of Victorian tales of mystery and suspense, Saturday, Oct. 24 at 4:30 p.m. at Mousam Lake Pavilion, 25 Back Road, Shapleigh. Tickets \$10 each; children 16 and under are free. As the nights draw in, beneath flickering oil lamps, our Victorian ancestors enjoyed nothing more than being read stories, taking them on a journey of mystery, intrigue and suspense! You are invited to join British Actor, Andrew Harris in his Dickensian portrayal of one of the greatest storytellers of all time. Presented by the Acton Shapleigh Historical Society. FMI and tickets, visit www.actonshapleigh.org.

SHAPLEIGH TRUNK OR TREAT Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Shapleigh Community Center, 24 Back Road, Shapleigh.

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NEWFIELD, 64 Elm Street in Newfield will be open every Tuesday in August from 10 a.m. to noon and then again from 5 to 6 p.m. for visitors.

WRITING GROUP opened to all levels and genres. Meetings first and third Fridays of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hollis Center Library, 14 Little Falls Road. Call 929-6817 FMI.

ACTON SEED LIBRARY Acton Public Library has its own seed catalogue. If you would like to donate some seeds or pick them up, you can stop by the Acton library at 35 H Rd.

ALFRED VILLAGE MUSEUM current museum display is Alfred Minutemen – 250 years. Museum open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 2 to 4 p.m. through September. Any questions contact Bruce Tucker, Alfred Historical Committee, 324-5441.

ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL every Wednesday night at the Line School, 818 Water Street, West Newfield, from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Questions? contact Dan McAllister at 247-8857.

CHESS MATES at Limerick Public Library, 55 Washington Street, Limerick. Play chess with old or new friends 2nd Wed each month at 6 p.m. **DROP-IN LEGO BUILD** every Tuesday at 3 p.m. and Sat. at 10 a.m. FMI-793-8975 or limericklibrary.org. Enjoy building a creation with our LEGO collection.

WRITERS GROUP: All levels and genres are welcome for readings and friendly discussions. From 2 to 4 p.m. on second and fourth Fridays of every month at the Limerick Public Library, Washington Street, Limerick.

RED HAT LADIES Women 50+ enjoy comradery, card games, meals out, bowling, mini golf, movies etc. Tuesday card games at 12:30 p.m.: Pay Me & Scat. Bring a snack to share. Take turns meeting at member's homes; you are not obligated to offer your home. FMI Diane Dunn 229-6135.

ARTISTS OPEN STUDIO on Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m at the Parsons Memorial Library, located at 27 Saco Road, Alfred.

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	BBQ RIBS WITH WHITE RICE \$8.00
	SOUP - TRADITIONAL CHILI \$6.50
TUESDAY	DINNER- CHICKEN SCAMPI \$10.00
	LUNCH - SHEPHERD'S PIE \$9.00
	SOUP - PASTA FAGIOLI \$6.50
WEDNESDAY	DINNER- BANGERS & MASHED \$9.00
	LUNCH-BBQ TOPPED MEATLOAF DINNER SERVED W/ CORN & MASHED POTATOES \$9.00
	SOUP - WEEKLY ROTATING OPTIONS
THURSDAY	DINNER - CHICKEN ENCHILADAS \$8.50
	LUNCH - TRADITIONAL LASAGNA & CHICKEN SPINACH ALFREDO LASAGNA \$9.00
	SOUP - CORN CHOWDER \$6.25
FRIDAY	DINNER- POT ROAST W/ POTATOES & VEG \$10
	LUNCH - BBQ PULLED PORK SANDWICH \$6.25
	SOUP - FISH CHOWDER \$8 MAC & CHEESE \$6.00
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ONGOING EVENTS

MAHJONG every Wednesday 10 a.m. to noon at the Acton Public Library, 35 H Road. Please bring a set if you have one. Open to new and experienced players.

LET'S EAT!

HAM DINNER Friends of Old Corner Church will be having a ham dinner, Saturday, October 17 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Alfred Masonic Lodge, 165 Waterboro Road, Alfred. Donation is \$12 per person. Children under 10 free. Potato, ham, vegetable, squash, rolls, drink and dessert. Maybe a surprise dish.

BEAN SUPPER Saturday, Oct 17, from 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Matthew's Knights of Columbus, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick. 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.

TURKEY DINNER Saturday, Oct.17 from 4:30-6 p.m. annual fundraiser Turkey Dinner to sponsor Operation Christmas Child.

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Maine military mothers launch Blue Star Mothers of America Chapter to support service members, veterans, and families

Military mothers from across Maine have come together to establish the new Blue Star Mothers of America, Maine Chapter, creating a statewide network of support for military families, active-duty service members, veterans, and families of the fallen.

Blue Star Mothers of America (BSMA) is a national nonprofit organization founded in 1942 and chartered by Congress in 1960. The organization includes mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, and female guardians of military service members and veterans. With more than 6000 members across 200 chapters nationwide, the organization provides support, service, and advocacy for military communities across the country.

The formation of the Maine chapter was inspired by Rosie Vanadestine when her child entered military service. After discovering there was no active BSMA chapter in the state, she started outreach which quickly gained momentum, and a group of dedicated Maine mothers joined her as founding members to bring the nationally recognized nonprofit organization to Maine.

With the official installation ceremony completed at the national level, a local celebratory event is planned to bring together

military families, veteran organizations, elected officials, community leaders, and members of the public to celebrate this milestone and formally launch the Blue Star Mothers of America new ME3 chapter.

This event will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2026 at 2:00 pm at the VFW Post 887, 509 Leighton Road, Augusta, ME 04330. The distinguished guest speaker is Major General Diane L. Dunn who serves as the 41st Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard and Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management. Light refreshments will follow. Anyone interested in learning more about Blue Star Mothers of America ME3 chapter is encouraged to attend.

President Rosie Vanadestine shared, "Military families should never have to walk this journey alone. Our mission is to support troops, veterans, military families, and the families of fallen heroes while supporting one another through every stage of military life."

The BSMA ME3 Maine chapter plans to provide peer support for military families, ship care packages to deployed service members, assist veterans, support Gold Star families, participate in community service projects, and

partner with organizations serving Maine's military and veteran communities.

Full membership is open to mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers, and female legal guardians of active-duty service members, National Guard members, Reservists, veterans, and fallen service

members. Associate membership is available for all other family members and individuals seeking opportunities to support the organization's mission through volunteer service and community involvement.

ABOUT BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA: Blue Star Mothers of America is a nonprofit

organization dedicated to supporting active-duty military personnel, veterans, military families, and the families of fallen service members. Since 1942, chapters across the United States have provided encouragement, resources, volunteer service, and advocacy to strengthen military families and honor their sacrifices.

Heritage Industries

My name is David Mongeau. I am the unenrolled candidate for District 141 in the Maine State Legislature covering Springvale, Shapleigh, and Newfield. I believe that good economic growth is the best solution to solving the struggles Maine is having. One of the hallmarks of good economic growth is an industry that creates an export out of Maine, that brings money back in Traditional industries like logging, farming, wood products, and fishing do just that when they are strong enough to compete.



I am far and away the strongest supporter of these industries in my race, for four reasons:

1. Fostering Business Development by matching financing to the business cycle.

Right now when you look at the Maine State budget basically, HHS takes half, Education takes a quarter, Highways takes 10%, and everything else comes out of the other 20% -ish. If it does not make the budget, then it goes to the appropriations table. If it does not get appropriated, then it might get put into a bond issue that might pass.

That is where support for these industries is now. Much of the support they need depends on the passage of bonds, and it wreaks havoc on the long-term business planning that these industries need. Remember the sales cycles for these products are long by their nature. It takes a year to grow a crop, a few to grow a bush, a decade to replenish a fishery, or decades to grow a tree. Having a 3 year funding cycle for a 20 year product is a complete mismatch.

The support for these industries needs to be part of the budget each and every year. This is not just good for the farmer and the fisher, it is good for Maine. This is the kind of spending that brings growth to the State, by bringing money in, not just spending it.

2. Understanding that each of these businesses is part of an ecosystem that much of rural Maine (and therefore Maine) depends on:

Here is one example: When loggers cut down wood, to maintain a healthy forest at least half of the cut is not suitable for boards, etc. That lower quality wood is used by the wood products industry in many forms. Well, if you tear out the Shawmut dam instead of creating a fish ladder, which Maine has spent decades and millions developing by the way, then you take out a wood processing plant. Yes, you lose the headline grabbing 800 jobs, but that is only the beginning. That Sappi plant is the buyer for most of the low quality wood in Maine. If that were to close there is not a market for that low quality wood, then cuts are not profitable. No wood gets cut, then no wood needs to be driven by logging trucks.

There are whole communities that depend on these industries and we have let them wither on the vine by neglecting the support they need to keep up with globalization.

3. Supporting the home team: The Kennebec River Dams

Right now if you were to look at the situation with the dams on the Kennebec river you will see plans to remove (4) dams instead of using fish ladders or other co-habiting technologies. If/when these dams are removed each of the four will hurt a player in Maine's shrinking wood products industry. After hearing about 800 job losses at one plant, the State leadership has decided to save the biggest mill where the Sappi plant is located. That is a great first step. Sappi, an international company out of South Africa, invested a lot of money here in Maine, and we should support their investment in our State. It helps create a better overall business environment if we are not undercutting these large investments.

But the other four operations are integrated with the Sappi mill, and the larger wood products economy. If we save only the dam that is attached to the international company then we are going to force the closure of smaller Maine businesses. Impact the economies of mutual towns, and create an opportunity for larger players to come in from away, and buy those assets on the cheap.

That whole cycle has been repeated across industries in Maine and it is one of the reasons that we do not have a larger commercial tax base. We allow large companies to buy these assets, and squeeze them (and the communities they are a part of) dry. We need comprehensive policies that are not just going to save face in the headlines, but actually do what is right to save Maine industry and grow our economy.

4. Creating markets: The pellet stove example

Ideally the State of Maine would be working across State and international borders to seek markets for our products and services, and increasing that effort is something I strongly support, but let's look at some low hanging fruit. Many people do not know this, but the State of Maine offers a tax credit for wood heat stoves just like they do for mini split systems and the other fossil fuel based heating cloning systems. That is because a lot more money, and effort went into promoting natural gas and propane heaters than wood options. BUT, Maine grows wood, and has virtually no fossil fuel production.

Why are we shooting ourselves in the foot and promoting products we KNOW are going to send billions of dollars out of the economy over time, when we have literally a home grown alternative. As a legislature we need to become advocates for Maine businesses, and think about the effects of our legislation on the whole economy.

Please check out my article on Data Centers, in the Sanford Springvale News, and check out my website for past articles (including supporting agriculture, and the Blue economy), and a summary of proposals that I will put in if I am honored by being your choice to represent us in Augusta.

On my website you can also find rides to get a ballot, see which neighborhoods we are canvassing on that day, or request a meeting.

Please say hello if you see me!

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LET'S EAT

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The menu will include Turkey, Mashed Potato, Carrots, Peas, Stuffing, Gravy, Rolls and Apple Crisp for dessert. Eat in or Take out. \$14 per plate. Sanford First Baptist church 905 Main St. Kimball Street entrance. Parking behind Shaw Hardware and behind Garnsey insurance. To reserve dinners, Call 324-5456.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER Public Welcome at the Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church, 503 Goodwins Mills Road on Route 35 from 4:30-6 p.m. OCT. 17: Beans and Franks, Cole Slaw/ Macaroni Salad, Rolls & Chocolate Chip Cookies. NOV. 21: Chicken/ Turkey Casserole, Mashed Squash, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls & Pies.

COMMUNITY SOUP AND SING Soup and Bread Potluck plus Singing Circle, Saturday, Oct. 24 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 5 Lebanon Street, Sanford. Sponsored by The Center for Radical Transformation

TURKEY DINNER The Acton-Shapleigh Lions Club will host a turkey dinner on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 4-6 p.m. at the Shap-

leigh Community Center, 24 Back Road. The cost is \$10 per person and includes dinner with all the fixings, a drink, and dessert.

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

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

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

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REPRESENTATIVE JOHN EDER
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LETTERS

Support for Tilburg
My friend, Charles Tilburg, is running for Maine House District 137 (Hollis and Buxton) and I'm excited to support him. He is one of the most decent people I know and supporting Charles has put me in the enviable position of actually voting FOR someone instead of just voting against the other guy.
Charles is already working hard for our community. So far, he has knocked on over 2,000 doors in our district to reach out, introduce himself, and to find out what is on people's minds. Charles feels strongly that government should be accessible and transparent and will fight to improve our children's education and help the families in our community get ahead and not just tread water.
Charles has the character and competence to be a real problem solver and we need someone like that to represent us in Augusta. Please vote for Charles Tilburg on Nov. 3.
— Kelley Heath Hollis

Thanks for nothing
Wow – thank you Donald Trump for your generosity in recently sending \$90 dollar stimulus checks to Medicare recipients to 'partially' offset the cost of Medicare Part B. However, people who are on Medicare Advantage Plans did not qualify; even though the Medicare Part B premium is taken out of our monthly Social Security checks the same as direct Medicare recipients. Your 'generosity' is overwhelming! By the way, it is estimated that premium will be increasing by around \$79 per month in January on top of the \$200 per month increase last year.
— John Lemire North Waterboro

Think about it
Another election is here with under three weeks remaining, including elections for Congress and US Senate, among other offices. Candidates for Congress and US Senate have much to address and fix on multiple issues at the National level. Concurrently, much must be fixed and resolved

at the State level. Our politicians at both the State and National Levels have fallen short of many expectations, IMHO. That all must improve.
Mainers have very important choices to make at the National and State levels for political leadership. We need new Congressmen in both Congressional districts and must consider re-electing Susan Collins, our senior US Senator. She has been very bi-partisan on many issues and has good constituent services as a whole. Her staff work very hard on a multitude of issues. Also, Sen. Collins' support for hospitals and EMS facilities is valuable and important for the betterment of these important facilities with needed upgrades to these facilities. As an example, several Million dollars was appropriated to upgrade Emergency Room services at Bridgton Hospital, among others, for needed upgrades and necessary improvements. Her tenure in the US Senate has served Mainers as well as possible in a very challenging political environment. Our Congress people haven't done as well as expected. Much lays ahead to address, fix, cure and resolve many problems, including waste, fraud, misuse and theft of taxpayer funds appropriated by Sen. Collins and others in Congress.
Concurrently, State level issues must be addressed and resolved, including those caused by Troy Jackson while he was Senate President in Maine and all problems from this State Administration. Examples include: unpaid, unresolved claims for social services and other support, including SNAP, unemployment etc. during and after the COVID Pandemic. The State administration and legislatures woefully failed, falling short of all expectations on State-level constituent services. That must be fully addressed prior to this election. Additionally, questions must be answered as to why anyone has two primary domiciles/residences. State services and all constituent services need improvement, with increased programmatic reviews and audits.
In closing, let's be very discerning and mindful of who we choose to represent us in Congress, U.S. Senate, and all other public offices at the State and local levels. Let's all re-read our Constitutions and do more to enforce constitutionality of legislation, holding our political representatives responsible for their actions. Think about it and consider this prior to voting this November. Please vote sensibly and wisely. Thank you.
— David Hall Cornish

Support for King
Sheriff Bill King's depth of experience in municipal, federal and county law enforcement are unparalleled in the State of Maine. His expertise has been demonstrated by improvements made at the Sheriff's office since his initial election in 2014. The York County Sheriff's office was the first sheriff's office in Maine to be accredited by the Maine Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. It was only one of seven agencies in Maine to recently be re-accredited, demonstrating that it continues to exemplify professionalism, accountability, community service, and compliance with state and federal law enforcement requirements.
Sheriff King is a Certified Jail Manager and has assumed an active role in the management of the jail. In its most recent Maine Department of Corrections inspection, the York County Jail received a 100 percent compliance rating, a challenging and rare achievement. Sheriff King believes in providing inmates with opportunities for self-improvement while incarcerated, and ensures that they have access to resources facilitating their productive reentry into the community and potentially reducing recidivism.
Sheriff King has worked tirelessly during his 12 years in office to update all aspects of departmental operations to align with current best practices. The York County Jail has a body scanner to intercept contraband; police cruisers have video systems; deputies have body-worn cameras, all of which improve both citizen and officer safety.
Please join me and my family in reelecting Sheriff Bill King!
— Karen B. Lovell Saco

PLEASE NOTE:
There will be no political letters published on Oct. 29, the issue prior to the Nov. 3 election. Political letters run as space allows. The opinions expressed on these pages are not necessarily those of the Reporter or its contributors.

TOWN OF ACTON

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Acton Planning Board will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on Thursday, October 29th, 2026 at 6:00pm** for the discussion of Proposed Amendments to the Town of Acton Zoning Ordinance in relation to State of Maine LD Bills 1829 & 2173.

This Public Hearing will be held in person at the **Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road.**

For more information, please contact the Land Use Department (207) 636-3131 ext. 410

TOWN OF ACTON

Voters Take Notice

INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 6:00pm

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 6:00pm
at Acton Town Hall – 35 H Road, Acton.

WARRANT ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$199,000** from the Unassigned Fund Balance for the purchase of land located at Tax Map 229 Lot 052.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to **\$32,064.72** from the Unassigned Fund Balance for the installation of a concrete pad and retaining wall at the Transfer Station.
Estimate based on: \$2,500.00 for Conduit; \$6,490.00 for Concrete; and \$23,074.72 for Excavation & Materials.

THIS IS AN "OPEN" TOWN MEETING, YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO PARTICIPATE.

Questions, contact the Town Administrator at 207-636-3131, ext. 401 or jroux@actonmaine.org.

— Acton Select Board

TOWN OF ACTON

Job Opportunity

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FROM THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY

Maine’s 2026 Fall Foliage Season goes out with a bang

As we wrap up this season’s foliage reports, we would like to thank you for sharing your autumn adventures through emails and comments on the Maine Foliage Facebook page. Your photos, favorite views and stories helped us celebrate fall in every corner of Maine.

“From the rocky coast to the deep woods of the north, Maine put on quite a show! While the leaves may be letting go as Maine bids adieu to another spectacular fall foliage season, there is still plenty of fall left. Who knows, you might even catch a little “snowliage” in northern Maine (when a dusting of snow meets the last of the fall foliage),” said Gale Ross, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) fall foliage spokesperson.

One last colorful hurrah

This may be our final report of the season, but autumn has more in store. From glowing jack-o’-lanterns and coastal harvest festivals to scenic drives and seaside walks, October offers plenty of reasons to get outside and savor the season.

- A little lobster, a lot of flavor. Portland’s Harvest on the Harbor, Oct. 16-17, celebrates Maine’s culinary bounty with a Lobster Chef of the Year competition and oyster tastings featuring the best of Maine’s working waterfront.

- Let there be pumpkin light. Thousands of glowing jack-o’-lanterns illuminate Freeport during the Camp Sunshine Pumpkin Festival, Oct. 16-18, with pumpkin carving, live music, family activities and a festive atmosphere, all supporting a great cause.

- Take a ride on the pumpkin express. Climb aboard a vintage trolley at the Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport, Oct. 16-18, for a trip to the pumpkin patch, followed by pumpkin decorating and family-friendly fall activities.

- Fall fun with a side of sea breeze. The York Harvestfest & Kidsfest takes over Short Sands Beach on Oct. 17 with local makers, live music, seasonal food and family activities, all steps from the ocean.

- Fall colors from a bird’s-eye perspective. Ride the chairlift at

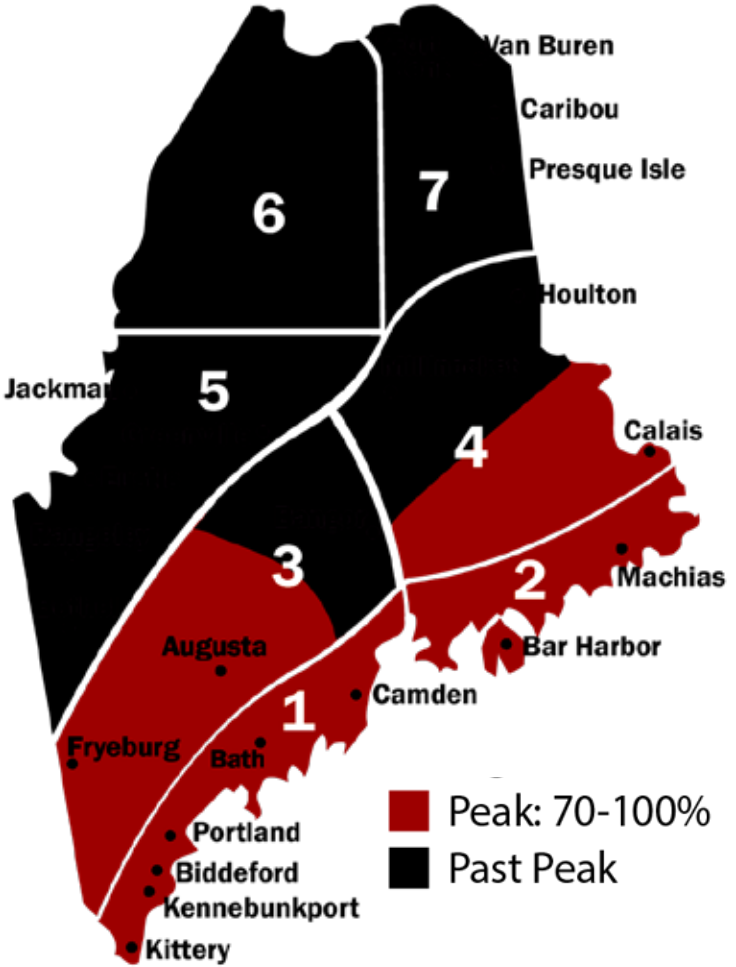
the Camden Snow Bowl on Oct. 18 for a panoramic view of autumn color stretching from peaks to Penobscot Bay.

- Take the long way to the edge of Maine. Follow the Bold Coast National Scenic Byway through Downeast Maine, where rugged cliffs, blueberry barrens and quiet fishing villages offer a different perspective on fall. Make time for the dramatic coastal trails at Quoddy Head State Park or a stop in picturesque Lubec.

More Fall fun through October

The season isn’t over yet. Keep the autumn adventures going with OgunquitFest Oct. 23-25, featuring a costume parade for dogs and a High Heel Dash. For a final dose of Halloween spirit, look for spooky celebrations across Maine on Oct. 31.

Find this season’s reports on Maine’s official foliage website (https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/projects/fall_foliage/index.shtml) and continue sharing your fall adventures with #MaineFoliage. Visit [VisitMaine.com](https://www.visitmaine.com) for more trip ideas.



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WATERBORO

Raising the past

Restoring the Taylor/
Frey/Leavitt property

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Lee Hoagland of Hoagland Restoration in Buxton spoke last week at the Grange Hall in Waterboro about the restoration of the Taylor/Frey/Leavitt property, located at 6 Old Alfred Road on the corner of Route 5. This was an event sponsored by the Waterborough Historical.

The Taylor/Frey/Leavitt House was built in 1850 by a wealthy merchant, James Leavitt, who moved to Waterboro from Alfred. It is built of wooden weatherboard on a granite foundation in the Greek Revival style. It is owned by the town of Waterboro, and cared for by the Waterborough Historical Society.

As Hoagland began working on the timber frame of the home, he learned that the house was “meant to have gutters,” but they weren’t big enough for the water capture and went into lead pipes into down spouts. The water would drip down and splash back up on to the house, creating rot. “Wherever we found a deck, etc, there was rot,” Hoagland ex-

plained. “It was like peeling back an onion.”

According to Hoagland, the house was originally built in an L, and “was the most modern when it was built.” The design was “very thoughtful,” he said, “it was obvious they wanted a modern, mid Greek Revival Era home.”

“The granite is in good shape,” he continued. “You can see the mason’s marks on the cornerstones and capstones.” He showed the audience photos of the “loom” frame of the house, with plaster between the studs vertically, then plastered over that. Hoag suggested it might be some kind of insulation. The stone all around the house created “splashback.” Hoagland explained that crushed stone is best around a house, as when the water comes out, the water spreads out over the smaller stones.

Hoagland said there was rot on the subfloor, so they took pictures, labelled everything, and took it down. Waterborough Historical Society member, Jim Carll suggested, “Go look at the front.” So they went to the front of the house



Lee Hoagland at the Waterborough Grange Hall discussing the restoration project at the Taylor House in Waterboro.
PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

and looked at the porch/deck. The deck, of course, was under a drip and had rotted clapboards. Then, they looked at the side door. It was worse. At one point, the building had a porch with a covering, but there is nothing there now. So the splash back was bad there. Each spot was carefully cared for and repaired by Hoagland and his team.

During the restoration, Hoagland and his team found dates on the boards in the wall, as well as a shoe! “It was customary to hide a shoe in the wall for Good Luck!” Hoagland explained, and perhaps that luck extended to Hoagland and his team. “Overall, the building is in great shape,” said Hoag-

land. “It just got a re-set.”

At the end of the presentation, Carll spoke and wanted folks to know that, “No taxpayer money was used to pay for this restoration.” All funds came from grant money from Helen Taylor, the granddaughter of the last family who owned/lived in the house. All of the windows were taken out and restored, as well as the barn and the foundation. This was the last phase of the restoration.

The next event of the Waterborough Historical Society is the 6th Annual Festival of Trees, Nov. 20-22 and 27-29. For more information or to sponsor a tree, contact Roxie at 929-0176.



Composer, Morton Gold.
COURTESY PHOTO

FREE CONCERT

(Continued from page 1)

Bassoon, Op. 91, composed in 2007, which will receive its first performance in Maine, featuring bassoonist Desiree “Des” Caron.

The program will also feature A Prayer for Peace, Op. 126, a work that reflects Gold’s ability to communicate deeply human themes through music.

Joining Dr. Gold for the performance will be his son Tsvi Gold on euphonium, Desiree Caron on bassoon, Nathan “Nate” Caron on trumpet, and soprano Olivia Boughton.

For Sanford Performing Arts Center Artistic and Managing Director Brett Williams, the concert represents something particularly meaningful: the opportunity to celebrate a remarkable musician who calls the community home.

“Morton Gold is a gift to our community,” said Williams. “He’s not only an extraordinarily talented composer and pianist, but also a wonderful person and friend. Having the opportunity to present his music right here in Sanford, where he lives, is something very special. We’re delighted to open our doors and invite the entire community to experience his work.”

Unlike a traditional classical concert featuring familiar works by composers of the past, Once More, with Feeling gives audiences the opportunity to hear original compositions performed with the composer himself at the piano, offering a personal connection between the music, its creator, and the audience.

The performance is presented as a celebration of music, creativity, and the extraordinary artistic talent found right here in southern Maine.

The Sanford Performing Arts Center is located at Sanford High School, 100 Alumni Boulevard, Sanford. Admission is free and open to the public. Tickets are not required for this concert. Visit www.SanfordPAC.org for more information.

– By Brett Williams

TOWN OF ALFRED

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 — 6:00 P.M.

Alfred Town Hall

The **Alfred Board of Selectmen** will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. to receive public comment on the following matter:
As a result of a citizen petition, voters will consider the following question:

Article #__ : Video and Audio Recording of
Alfred Town Meetings and Board Meetings

Shall the Town of Alfred vote to:

Require that the following meetings and public hearings be electronically video and audio recorded and that such recordings be retained and made accessible to the public for live and on-demand viewing pursuant to Title 1 Maine Revised Statutes § 403:

- The Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meetings
 - Select Board Meetings and Select Board Public Hearings
 - Planning Board Meetings and Planning Board Public Hearings
 - Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings and Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings, **AND**;
- Appropriate \$5,950.00 from the Town’s Unassigned Fund to implement the services to electronically video and audio record the following meetings, including the services to retain such records, and the services to provide the public’s live viewing and on-demand access to such recordings, starting January 1, 2027.

This will be voted on at the November Election, Tuesday, November 3, 2026 – Secret Ballot Referendum. The public is invited to attend and provide comments.

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TOWN OF WATERBORO

PLANNING BOARD

Notice of Public Hearing

The Town of Waterboro Planning Board will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall on Wednesday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed **2-100x60 foot garage/storage buildings located at Lot 53C Old Alfred Road, E. Waterboro.**

A copy of the application is available at the town offices or at www.waterboro-me.gov.

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING, THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE:

- Send in a letter to the Town of Waterboro Planning Board – 24 Townhouse Rd, E. Waterboro, 04030
- E-mail achute@waterboromaine.gov with a letter

Please contact the Department with any questions at achute@waterboromaine.gov or 207-247-6166 ext. 121.

DATE: Wednesday, October 21, 2026

TIME: Public Hearing 6:00PM

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– Rebekah Higgins, Chairman

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‘Wicked Strange’ evening with Jeff Belanger delights local audience

By JOANNE BARGIONI

The Louis B. Goodall Memorial Library, 952 Main Street, Sanford, in collaboration with Springvale Public Library, 443 Main Street, hosted an unforgettable program on Oct. 6 featuring Jeff Belanger, one of New England’s most entertaining storytellers of the paranormal, the peculiar, and the wonderfully weird. The program was sponsored by the Nasson Alumni Association. His presentation, “Wicked Strange New England,” taken from his book entitled “Wicked Strange – Your Guide to Ghosts, Monsters, Oddities and Urban Legends from New England,” blended humor, history, and folklore into a lively evening that kept the audience laughing and occasionally wondering what might be lurking in their own backyard.

Belanger opened with a line that set the tone for the rest of the night. “The world was pretty normal until people showed up, then it got weird.” From there, he launched into a fast-moving mix of personal stories, historical oddities, and legendary tales, all delivered with his signature wit and theatrical flair. His storytelling style, which is engaging, mischievous, and full of comic timing, made even the strangest tales feel inviting.

One of the first stops on Belanger’s tour of the unusual was

Stonehenge, followed by a lesser-known counterpart – America’s Stonehenge in New Hampshire. He described the site as a 4,000-year-old calendar carved into stone, a place that raised more questions than answers. His engaging commentary kept the audience smiling while still sparking genuine curiosity about the ancient site.

Belanger’s childhood in Sandy Hook, Connecticut, put him near famed paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren, whose work inspired films like “The Conjuring.” Their presence in town fueled his fascination with ghost stories and set him on a path that led to writing for the television show “Ghost Adventures,” producing programs for the History Channel and Travel Channel, and hosting the PBS series “New England Legends,” earning Emmy nominations and running a popular podcast with some legends fueled with listener-submitted tales.

One of the evening’s most amusing and memorable stories involves Roger Williams, the founder of Providence, R.I. After Williams’ death, the people of Providence planned to dig up the body of Williams and move it to a more prominent spot. As they exhumed the grave, they found an apple tree root that had grown in the shape of Williams’ decayed body, curling around his spine before



Percy Nolette, Goodall Library Programming Assistant (left), and Lesley Unger-Mochrie, Springvale Public Library Director (right), with Jeff Belanger at his “Wicked Strange New England” presentation at L. B. Goodall Library. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

splitting into two legs and feet. An apple tree grew from his grave, its roots reportedly weaving through his remains. Belanger joked that anyone who ate the apples was, in effect, eating a piece of Roger Williams. The Rhode Island Historical Society still preserves a part of the tree’s roots and surrounding soil for visitors to view.

Belanger then shared the tale of Edwin Robinson of Falmouth, Maine, known as the “Luckiest Man in Maine,” who suffered severe hearing and vision loss from a truck-trailer accident until the day he searched for his chicken, Tuk Tuk, during a lightning storm. Struck by lightning, Robinson was knocked unconscious and woke up able to see and hear perfectly. The story earned him a Timex watch endorsement with the slogan “It takes a licking and keeps on ticking.” Belanger’s comedic delivery made the tale feel both incredible and captivating.

Another highlight was the sto-

ry of Levi Hutchins of Concord, New Hampshire, who invented the first American alarm clock in 1787. Belanger called it a “torture device,” noting that no one expected it to catch on. The audience laughed knowingly that few inventions have disrupted more mornings.

Belanger told stories of hobgoblins and ghosts from Springvale, including the Garvin house ghost who appeared to tenants.

More stories followed from Foster, Rhode Island, where the old Ram Tail Factory and Woolen Mill reportedly still echo with phantom bells. His delivery made each tale feel like a campfire story told by a friend who enjoyed seeing you shiver just a little.

Belanger also shared his own UFO sighting from 1987 when he and his father saw a slow-moving ring of lights drifting across the sky. More than 200 people reported the same sighting, and

the official explanation blamed Cessna aircraft, but years later a pilot’s photo taken at the time of the sighting from the cockpit confirmed a circular formation of lights, something far stranger than the official report suggested.

Belanger closed with a line that perfectly captured the spirit of the evening: “Weird is like croutons in a salad; it makes everything better.” His message was clear. “Weird should be celebrated.” The strange stories woven into New England history are not just curiosities. They are part of what makes the region vibrant, memorable, and endlessly entertaining.

Belanger’s book, which is beautifully illustrated with photography by Frank Grace, “Wicked Strange: Your Guide to Ghosts, Monsters, Oddities and Urban Legends from New England,” containing over 100 New England stories, offers even more tales of the unusual and can be found on Amazon and in most bookstores.



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SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY

Mustangs host locals

Massabesic hosted Marshwood, Noble and Sanford on Friday, Oct. 16 for a Cross Country meet at the Massabesic Middle School course. The lady Mustangs had a superb day, claiming the team victory as well as the top six spots among a field of 16 runners. Junior Abigail Gilley was first with Corinne Shank second and Miriam Vigue third. Macy Wentworth from Noble was sixth. For the men, it was Sanford's Michael Mastraccio taking first. Mustang Remington Grunhuvd was next with Patrick Trulock of Noble third. Sanford won the team event.

FOOTBALL

Red Riots top Mustangs

South Portland overcame a 12-point first half deficit with a 21-18 win to snatch a potential fifth victory from visiting Massabesic on Friday, Oct. 9. The Mustangs scored 12 in the

first quarter but were held off the board until the fourth. The Riots jumped ahead with a 13-point third quarter and a touchdown plus conversion in the fourth sealed it. Cam Smith threw two touchdown passes and he rushed for 72 yards. Koston Milgrom had 17 carries for 69 yards. Christopher Salamone Jr. had 70 yards rushing and a touchdown for South Portland.

Scots win sixth

Bonny Eagle stayed perfect, winning their sixth in-a-row with a 45-6 thumping of visiting Oxford Hills/Buckfield on Friday, Oct. 9. The Scots, who scored in each quarter, put the game away by halftime with a 31-6 lead. Next, Bonny Eagle hosts Exeter, NH before they visit 6-0 Thornton Academy for a contest with huge playoff implications. The Scots host Sanford (1-5) in the season finale scheduled for Halloween Eve. They've outscored opponents 129-18 last in their last three games.

— By Mike Deangelis
Sports Writer

YOUTH SOCCER



The Massabesic United Soccer Club's U13 team was undefeated in their regular season.
COURTESY PHOTO

Massabesic U13 posts unbeaten regular season

Massabesic United Soccer club's U13 team has the district buzzing after an undefeated regular season (8-0-1).

The squad, led by coaches Ryan Rossingnol, Mark Gordon and Melissa Corcoran outscored opponents 47-16 over the nine-game stretch. The forwards are Bentley Link; Liam Gordon, and

Noah Swan. The midfielders are Jacob Azara; Cameron Beaulieu; Brandon Berube; Xander Corcoran, and Andrew Lasalle. The defenders are Lucas Damon; Ty Evans; Calvin Nadeau-Bussiere; Brannon Pennell; Zachary Rice, and Miles Torberg. The striker is Bryce Rossignol, and the goalkeeper is Kenny Bailey.

MU13 Regular Season Scoreboard

Saco 4-3
Westbrook 10-0
Sanford 6-0
Bonny Eagle 5-1
Falmouth 6-2
Saco 4-4
Merrymet 4-1
Bonny Eagle 4-2
Sanford 4-3

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BUSINESS NEWS

‘Pop-up’ coffee trailer

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

A new coffee trailer is open in the Cornish area – Pine and Fizz, owned and operated by Amanda Hale of Hiram. The business first “popped up” in July!

Hale had worked as an Insurance Broker for 10 years. “It was high stress,” said Hale, 10 hours a day at the computer. “I always liked coffee and cooking,” she said, and she started looking into coffee businesses and trailers on-line. Hale quit her job in May. Syrup recipes began to show up on the internet, and in June, she began experimenting with making her own. “My goal is to use whole, real ingredients,” she said, “with less dyes, and as little of anything ‘artificial’ as possible.” She then trialed espresso machines. And coffees. Hale chose coffee from ‘Coffee by Design’ in Portland to use in her drinks.

At first, Hale thought she’d start in a tent and “pop up” here and there. Then, she bought a trailer. Hale made the floor plan, and her husband, Cory, did the electrical work. The coffee trailer debuted in July at the Masonic Lodge in Cornish recently.

Their menu includes coffees, lattes, iced tea, lemonade, sodas (including a dirty Dr. Pepper!) and Refreshers, as well as something “For the Littles.” Hale also offers some snacks: Welch’s Fruit snacks, and when I visited, apples and apple donuts from Brackett’s Orchard in Limington.

“The first sip is so refreshing,” said Shay Libby from Porter, who was in line waiting for her drinks. She made a purchase for herself, and also a Strawberry Milk for her little girl.

“The ‘real’ ingredients are popular,” Hale said. “My syrup flavors are more popular.” Hale added that she uses local maple syrup (there are so many in the area, she rotates through them all!), and pumpkin spices from the tea shop in Cornish. “It’s good to support local,” she said.

Hale hopes to offer more baked goods in the future, and, with suggestions from Libby’s Antiques, has been making local connections with Baked on the Lake in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire for muffins, sour dough for gluten free options from bakeries in Freedom, New Hampshire and Fryeburg, and hopes to offer more from Brackett’s Orchards.

The Pine and Fizz logo was designed by Hale herself. “I wanted something Maine inspired,” she said. She created the menu and a friend prints it for her. They also have mugs, T-shirts and totes. “There will be more fun stuff coming soon,” Hale said.

“My goal was to work less,” Hale explained, “I work more flexible and different hours, so I still enjoy it and have fun.” For many people, and Hale herself, “It’s a special treat to come out and get a coffee.” Hale hopes to expand next year. “I want to do more herbal teas and sodas,” but said that would be after more taste-testing. In addition to her husband Cory, her friend’s daughter Avery, and her 2 children, Carlee, 13 and Porter, 6 are her taste testers. Hale reported that Porter is especially fond of the Strawberry milk and boba. “We’re all a little more addicted to caffeine than before,” she added.

“It’s been fun,” she said. “I’ve received a lot of great community support. There are lots of regulars from the area that come by. “It’s a little nerve-wracking,” said Hale, “but it’s been wonderful to connect with people I would see once or twice a year, and now I am seeing them every week, to connect and hear about what is going on in their lives.”

Pine and Fizz can be found at the Masonic Lodge in Cornish on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6:30 to 11 a.m. Check their Facebook page or Instagram to see where else they might “pop up”! As they say, “Rooted in Maine, crafted for adventure.”



Pine & Fizz owner Amanda Hale and with her husband Cory. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

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HUMPHREY’S BBQ

(Continued from page 1)

as the world’s largest barbecue competition, attracting hundreds of teams from across the United States and internationally. Humphrey’s BBQ believes it is the first Maine team ever to compete at the event.

In the prestigious Invitational competition, which requires teams to qualify through championship victories, Humphrey’s finished 20th in Pork and 33rd Overall.

The team competed in the American Royal Open against approximately 360 teams, earning: 22nd Place for Chicken; 18th Place for Ribs; 26th Place for Pork; 15th Place Overall; and 1st Place in the U.S. SOY Combine, recognizing the highest combined scores in Chicken, Ribs and Pork. In all, the team walked the awards stage five times during its first appearance.

“We went to Kansas City with one goal — to walk that stage,” said Chad Humphrey. “We knew how incredibly difficult the competition would be, and we just wanted to prove that we belonged there. Never in our wildest dreams did we imagine hearing our name called five times.”

With little time to celebrate, Chad and Nicole packed their competition trailer and headed to Lynchburg, Tennessee, for the Jack Daniel’s World Championship Invitational Barbecue on Oct. 10.

Known throughout the barbecue community simply as “The Jack,” the invitational is one of the sport’s most coveted competitions, bringing together qualifying championship teams from around the world. This marked Humphrey’s BBQ’s second consecutive appearance at the event.

And once again, the Maine team delivered. Humphrey’s BBQ earned a perfect 180 score in brisket, securing second place in the category at the Jack Daniel’s World Championship.

In competition barbecue, a perfect 180 is an extraordinary achievement, representing the highest possible score from the judges. “To earn a perfect score

in brisket at the Jack is something we’re going to remember for the rest of our lives,” Nicole said. “These are some of the best teams in the world. To hear our name called for second place and know we had earned a perfect score was just unbelievable.”

What makes these accomplishments especially meaningful is that the Humphreys weren’t competing on equipment purchased from another manufacturer. They were cooking on smokers they design and manufacture themselves in West Newfield.

Humphrey’s BBQ is a family-owned manufacturer of insulated cabinet smokers, vertical charcoal smokers and barbecue accessories, with customers throughout the United States and beyond. Their competition setup included Humphrey’s insulated cabinet smokers and the company’s Hot Box vertical smoker.

For Chad and Nicole, the competition circuit is more than a hobby. It provides an opportunity to test their products under demanding conditions while demonstrating the performance of Maine-made equipment.

The couple began competing in barbecue in 2013, stepped away for several years to focus on their businesses, and returned to the competition circuit in late 2024. Since returning, they have earned numerous top-ten finishes, championship victories and invitations to two of the sport’s biggest events.

After two weeks of world-class competitions, Chad and Nicole are making their way back to West Newfield. They’ll return to their manufacturing business, their employees and their customers with some unforgettable memories — and proof that a small Maine business can compete with the very best.

“We’re incredibly proud of what we accomplished,” Nicole said. “We’re just two people from a little town in Maine who love barbecue, love what we do and work really hard at it. To have the opportunity to compete at this level, on equipment we build ourselves, is something pretty special.”



Nicole and Chad Humphrey of Humphrey’s BBQ at the Jack Daniel’s World Championship Invitational Barbecue on Oct. 10 in Lynchburg, Tennessee, where they earned a perfect brisket score of 180 and a second-place finish in the category. COURTESY PHOTO

VICTORIAN TALES

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tales, just in time for Halloween.

As the nights draw in, beneath flickering oil lamps, our Victorian ancestors enjoyed nothing more than being read stories, taking them on a journey of mystery, intrigue and suspense! The performance runs for about 70 minutes with no intermission. This performance is not suitable for very small children. Refreshments will be available.

Tickets are \$10 per person, with young people 16 years and under free, and can be purchased online at www.actonshapleigh.org/calendar-of-events/not-before-bedtime. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the show. For further information, email info@actonshapleigh.org or visit <https://www.actonshapleigh.org>. Please note that this performance has a limit of 90 tickets. So be sure to get yours early.

Doors open at 3:30 p.m., and the performance starts at 4:30 p.m. There is parking on the Pavilion lawn, along Back Road, and at the Shapleigh Town Hall parking lot across the street. The Pavilion is handicap accessible.

A portion of the ticket sales goes towards the Mousam Lake

Pavilion restoration project. Originally standing in Alfred, the building formerly owned by Mousam Lake Grange was taken apart and rebuilt in 1922 in Shapleigh, where it stands today. After almost 100 years of grange use, the building was transferred to Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society so that it could be restored and continue serving the community.

Stage actor, director, and theater educator Andrew Harris’s passion for educational theater led him to work for major theaters such as the Globe, the National Theatre (London), and the Royal Shakespeare Company as an education associate, along with similar positions in a number of regional repertory theaters. In the UK, he was responsible for creating the high school elements of a new national curriculum and pioneered a comprehensive approach for delivering compulsory arts programming nationwide.

Harris founded and directed two professional theater companies, and some of his memorable stage performances include: Sir Toby Belch - Twelfth Night, Marius Byleveld - The Road to Mecca, and 1st Voice - Under Milk Wood. In the States, he has appeared on film with the History Channel and on stage with the Public Theatre and Portland Stage. His directorial credits number many over a 50-year career. He is delighted to be able to lay claim to having saved a number of significant arts organizations from financial disaster and

been responsible for building and developing three new theaters. He recently retired from his position of chair and lecturer in theater at the University of Southern Maine.

Harris has no intention of stopping his creative endeavors as he is currently performing and developing his repertoire of one-man performances with his own theatre company, Past-Times Theatre, which he founded in 1985.”

Harris states, “A visit to a grand auditorium is always a delight; however, dedicated actors with a story to tell and an audience willing to suspend belief are all that is really required. I have always enjoyed playing in non-traditional spaces; otherwise, a small, intimate theatre is my preference. I spent my youth and then first professional engagements in theatre-in-the-round, an environment where the audience has an immediate connection with the actors and their fellow audience members. Given that information, my work is designed to satisfy my preference of space, so I am really looking forward to bringing ‘Not Before Bedtime’ to Mousam Lake Pavilion.

The setting should lend itself ideally to the telling of Victorian stories of mystery and suspense. In the dim and distant past, I am sure the old grange has heard similar stories!”

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Wabanaki Tribal Chiefs endorse Hannah Pingree for Governor

Chiefs back Hannah’s plan to restore full Tribal sovereignty and strengthen government-to-government partnership

Hannah Pingree, former Speaker of the Maine House and Democratic nominee for governor, joined Wabanaki Nation Tribal Chiefs and leaders today to announce their endorsements of her campaign, ahead of Indigenous Peoples’ Day weekend. During her years in public service, Hannah has partnered with Tribal leaders on economic opportunity, infrastructure, climate resilience, and public health. As governor, she will build a strong government-to-government relationship to continue taking action on these issues.

Hannah supports full tribal sovereignty and will work with the Tribal Nations and the Legislature to pass legislation in her first 100 days in office. She believes the Wabanaki Nations deserve the same rights and opportunities as every other federally recognized tribe.

“Sovereignty is not a favor from the state. It is overdue. Restoring it means Tribal Nations will have the same rights and autonomy as every other federally recognized Tribe. It is an issue of fairness. Getting this done will be a top priority for me,” said Pingree.

Statements of support from Wabanaki Chiefs

Chief Sheila McCormack, Mi’kmaq Nation:

“Hannah Pingree has my full support to be the next Governor of Maine. She has demonstrated a consistent commitment to working together with Tribal governments and has the experience and temperament to deliver on her campaign promise of Tribal Sovereignty within her first 100 days in office.”



Hannah Pingree (center) with Wabanaki Tribal Chiefs. COURTESY PHOTO

Chief William Nicholas, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township:

“I’m proud to endorse Hannah Pingree for Governor of Maine. She is a leader who listens first and works alongside people to get things done. She has shown that she values real partnership, and I believe she will bring that same collaborative spirit to the governor’s office.”

Chief Kirk Francis, Penobscot Nation:

“Hannah is a proven leader with deep roots in Maine. As Speaker of the House and as a community leader, she has a reputation for listening, bringing people together, and honoring her word. I’m so pleased to support her for Governor.”

Chief Clarissa Sabattis, Houlton Band of Maliseets:

“Hannah Pingree does not back down when it matters for Maine families. She is tough, she is fair, and she sees a future where tribal nations and the State of Maine thrive side by side.”

For more information on Hannah Pingree’s campaign, visit www.hannahforgovernor.com.

YORK COUNTY AUDUBON NEWS

An evening with William Brewster

Readings from the Journals of a Nineteenth Century Ornithologist

York County Audubon invites the community to a special program at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 20th.

Bird watcher (and sound artist) Dianne Ballon has been wanting to present An Evening with William Brewster ever since she found a copy of Concord River: Selections from the Journals of William Brewster, Harvard University Press, 1937. His observations and explorations are quietly extraordinary.

William Brewster (1851-1919) was a renowned naturalist, conservationist and ornithologist. He worked as a curator at Har-

vard’s Museum of Comparative Zoology, and gifted a lifetime of bird observations to Harvard. He co-founded the American Ornithologists Union and the Nuttall Ornithological Club, served as the first president of Mass Audubon. Brewster’s collection of diaries, journals, correspondence and photographs are a trove of valuable scientific data and a delightful account of his years exploring the woods, fields, rivers, and lakes of New England.

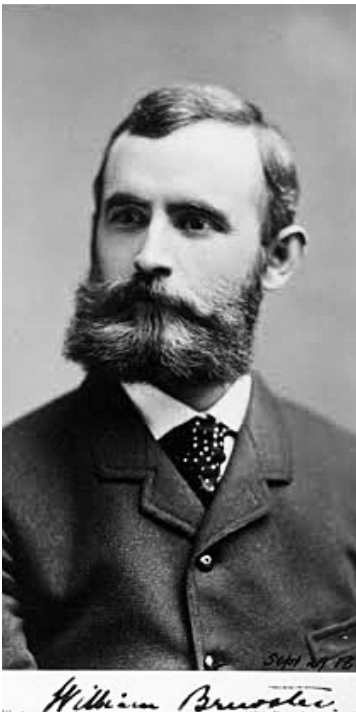
Join us for an evening of readings from the bird observations of William Brewster. We will hear from two Harvard archivists

from the Ernst Mayr Library, Museum of Comparative Zoology, who continue to work on the Brewster collection. We will hear from the Executive Director of the Museums of the Bethel Historical Society on Brewster’s connection to Maine. And then, we’ll settle in for an evening of late nineteenth-century bird observations up and down the Concord River.

This program will be presented at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20th, in the Mather Auditorium at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm. The entrance to the parking area is off Skinner Mill Road in Wells.

It will be free and open to all ages, and no registration is required for attending the program in person. It will also be live-streamed via Zoom. To view it via Zoom, you’ll need to register in advance. To do so, please go to this event on our website, www.york-countyaudubon.org, and click on the registration link in the post for this event. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

We hope you can join us for this entertaining and inspiring presentation, either in person, or, if not, via Zoom!



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Obituaries

Frank Boyce Norton

Frank Boyce Norton, 63, of Limerick, passed away peacefully at his home on Oct. 5, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family after several years of battling illness.



Frank Boyce Norton

Born on May 19, 1963, in Sanford, Frank built a life marked by hard work, generosity, and time shared with family and friends. As the owner of Norton Automotive for over 20 years, Frank built a reputation for hard work, integrity, strength and a genuine commitment to helping others in his community.

Frank is survived by his wife, Marie Norton; his son, Gary Norton; his grandsons, Andrew Norton and Brady Oliver; his granddaughter, Savannah Barreras; his sisters, Karen Grant and Tina Norton; his mother-in-law, Alyce Bramblett; his brothers-in-law, Thomas Bramblett and Steven Bramblett; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Boyce Norton; his mother, Mary Cogill; his father-in-law, Ronald Bramblett; his brother, Michael Norton; and his daughter, Lynda Norton.

Frank enjoyed RC racing, spending days at the range with the kids and friends, taking trips to the casino, and going out to dinner with friends. These were the moments that brought people together around him and created lasting memories.

Frank will be remembered as a man with a big heart and a giving spirit. Those who knew him are encouraged to remember the best times, the laughter, and the adventures he lived while he was strong. His life touched many, and his memory will remain with all who shared in those times.

He will be deeply missed by his family and by the many friends who knew him through work, hobbies, and the everyday moments of life.

The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the Casco Bay crew and the many nurses and doctors whose care, compassion, and support meant so much throughout the years.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, Oct. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service Chapel, 125 Sokokis Trail (Rt. 5) in East Waterboro. Burial information is forthcoming and will be held at Highland Cemetery in Limerick. Online condolences can be submitted at www.maineFuneral.com.

Robert McFall Jones, Jr.

Robert McFall Jones, Jr., of Sanford, passed away on Monday, Oct. 5, 2026, at The Moor-ing in Kennebunk, with his family by his side.



Robert McFall Jones, Jr.

Born on March 12, 1944, in Omaha, Nebraska, he was the son of Robert M. Jones and Jean (Porter) Jones. Bob grew up in Lakeland, Florida, alongside his sister, Mary Lou. After graduating from high school, he joined the United States Air Force, where he served as a C-130 crew chief.

Following his military service, Bob attended a four-year carpentry school in Ventura, California, where he met his wife, Charlotte. They remained in California for another three years before moving to Maine to begin their family. A skilled journeyman carpenter and talented mechanic, Bob had a remarkable ability to fix just about anything.

Bob had a passion for motorcycles and enjoyed riding so much that he took several cross-country trips on his bike. He also loved traveling, camping, and exploring national parks with his family. Among his many hobbies, he devoted countless hours to restoring the family home in Alfred. His talents extended to creating stained-glass artwork, building tree houses and swing sets, and constructing stalls and fences for the family horses. He even rebuilt his beloved old Datsun truck more than once.

An enthusiastic intermediate skier, Bob enjoyed weekly ski trips for many years. In retirement, he

and Charlotte made their home on Estes Lake in Sanford, Maine, where he became an avid boater and embraced the lake lifestyle.

Although Bob was never one for crowds, those who knew him well could always count on his wicked sense of humor in a smaller gathering. Above all, his family was his greatest priority. He always made time for his children, and his love and dedication to them never wavered. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bob was predeceased by his mother, Jean (Porter) Jones. He is survived by his beloved wife, Charlotte Jones of 53 years; his three children, Travis Jones, Julia Cunningham, and Karen Champion; his sister, Mary Lou Jones and her husband Tom Drane, his two grandchildren, Jordan Champion and Violet Champion, his nephews, Dan Dye and Dave Dye and their families, as well as many dear friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 12 p.m. at Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, Alfred, Maine 04002. Those wishing to attend the burial are welcome to gather at Evergreen Cemetery on Route 4 in Alfred at 11 a.m. that morning.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, visit www.bibbersautumngreen.com.

Arrangements are in the care of Autumn Green at Bibber Memorial Chapel, 47 Oak Street, Alfred, ME.

Francis D. (Red) Chalmers

Francis D. "Red" Chalmers, 94, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of service, hard work, and deep devotion to his family. Born on Jan. 13, 1932, in Akron, Ohio, he was the son of the late James K. and Clara I. (Searles) Chalmers.



Francis D. (Red) Chalmers

A proud veteran, Red served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1950 to 1954 before embarking on a long and diverse professional life.

A man who truly embraced hard work and community connection, Red dedicated his life to serving those around him. His professional journey included meaningful roles at Raytheon in Wayland, Massachusetts, and later serving as the Code Enforcement Officer for Alfred. Never one to sit idle, Red balanced a vibrant work ethic with an entrepreneurial spirit, running a small landscaping business and working for Hancock Lumber. Deeply committed to his community, he served as an EMT on the Alfred Rescue team and brought endless smiles to locals and visitors alike as a York County school bus driver and a Wells trolley driver.

Red's greatest joy was his family. He leaves behind his beloved

"bride" of nearly 50 years, Sheila (Regan) Chalmers. He was a dedicated father to his children, James (Diane) Chalmers and Kerry (Laurie) Chalmers, and joins his late son, Kenneth, in eternal rest. He was also predeceased by his siblings, Kenneth, Urline, Margaret, James, and Carol Ann.

His legacy lives on through his cherished grandchildren, Jennifer (Jake), Meghan (Mike), Luke (Tatiane), and Jackie, as well as his six great-grandchildren, Polly, Coby, Daisy, Cyris, Leon, and Diana. He is also survived by many loving cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws.

An active Christ follower, Red filled his time with fishing, golfing, wood carving, and painting. Above all, he cherished spending time with his family and fellowship at the First Baptist Church in Sanford, Maine. His warmth, wisdom, humor and dedication to those he loved will be deeply missed.

Service will be Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Sanford First Baptist Church, 905 Main Street, Sanford, ME 04073. Calling hours at 10 a.m., immediately followed by funeral service at 11 a.m. Interment will be private at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate support for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (www.stjude.org) or The ALS Association, 1300 Wilson Blvd. Suite 600 Arlington, VA 22209 (www.als.org).



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SHAPLEIGH, NEWFIELD, SPRINGVALE AND A PORTION OF SANFORD

These are just a few of the things I am concerned about:

- ★ Responsible State Spending
- ★ No Tax on Tips or Overtime
- ★ Lower Energy Costs
- ★ Protect Our Girls' Sports & Private Spaces
- ★ Stand Up for Small Businesses

ENDORSEMENTS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES
AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Caleb Chessie Excavation SHAPLEIGH	Dutton Designs Leatherworks WATERBORO	The Whole Nine Yards ACTON
Pleasant Hill Auto Repair LEBANON	Brierley Construction LLC NORTH BERWICK	Iron Tails Saloon ACTON
Northeast WiFi ACTON	Guillemette Flooring SANFORD	Shoreline Services SHAPLEIGH
Ryan A. Payeur Foundations Inc ACTON	Streeter Well Drilling ACTON	B & M Mechanical NEWFIELD
Mr. Fix It WATERBORO	Stultz Building Inc ALFRED	George Marcoux Former Owner, Black Bear Auto SPRINGVALE
Country Treasures SHAPLEIGH	LB Knox Electric SHAPLEIGH	Richard Cote Former Owner, Shaws Hardware SANFORD
Black Bear Auto SPRINGVALE	Home Sweet Hair SPRINGVALE	Richard Burke Director Acton Fair LEBANON
H. A. Mapes SANFORD	Shapleigh Apparel SHAPLEIGH	Wes Phinney Former York County Sheriff SHAPLEIGH
Exit Key Real Estate SHAPLEIGH	Clean Energy Solutions SPRINGVALE	Bruce Lamb Former Owner, Springvale Hardware SHAPLEIGH
Country Style Sheds SHAPLEIGH	Wood'ya Believe Woodworking ELIOT	
Weavers Marine SHAPLEIGH		

VOTE NOV. 3:

NEWFIELD VOTING HOURS: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. • Newfield Town Hall, 23 South Effingham Road
SHAPLEIGH VOTING HOURS: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. • Shapleigh Community Building, 24 Back Road
SANFORD VOTING HOURS: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. • Sanford High School, 100 Alumni Blvd.

OR... EARLY VOTING IS OPEN:

VOTE NOW with in-person absentee voting during regular hours at
Newfield Town Hall, Shapleigh Town Hall or Sanford City Hall **through Oct. 29!**