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WATERBORO

Garden bounty helps to ease food insecurity in Waterboro

By SHELLEY BURBANK

The Waterboro Community Garden donated over one thousand pounds of fresh, locally-grown produce to the town's food pantry this growing season. What started out in 2012 as an idea to turn an undeveloped, wooded lot behind the Waterboro Town Hall into a space for local people to grow their own produce has turned into a thriving community space and an abundant helper for those facing food insecurity.

According to Waterboro
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Harvesting the last crops of the season (carrots and butternut squash) at the Waterboro Community garden, from left, Sadie and Mom Brenna Gardner, Debby Downs, Brenda Lavoie, Jon Gale, Pantry Garden Co-Coordinator Oksana Sigleski and Pat Lyons. PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM



Art Cleaves. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Cleaves to retire as YCEMA Director

York County Emergency Management Agency Director Arthur "Art" Cleaves has announced he will retire from the position on January 1.

Cleaves, who took the helm of the agency in January 2015, will be much missed in the role, York County Commissioners said as they accepted his decision on at their meeting Wednesday, Oct. 21.

"I think everybody should retire at some point - but not you," Commissioner Richard Clark said with a smile. He thanked Cleaves for his work over the past 11 years: "I appreciate what you've done; thank you for what you have done for the county."

Cleaves has led the agency through multiple milestones in York County: The YCEMA team mobilized in 2021 to open a COVID-19 vaccination site that dispensed more than 100,000 vaccines; the agency under Cleaves' leadership in early 2024 coped with punishing coastal storms that ripped away dunes and caused massive erosion - and found ways to mitigate the damage. Cleaves and the team worked hard to get York County's dredge program up-and-running to aid in the coastal recovery, among many other initiatives. Early in his tenure at YCEMA, in 2015, the agency instituted its first drone

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Andrew G. Harris brings Dickens to life

By JOANNE BARGIONI

The Acton/ Shapleigh Historical Society hosted a remarkable theatrical event on Saturday, Oct. 24 entitled, "Not Before Bedtime" welcoming professional actor and arts educator Andrew G. Harris to perform his one-man show at the Mousam Lake Pavilion, formerly the historic Mousam Lake

Grange. The evening blended history, storytelling, and community spirit, exactly the kind of cultural experience Harris is devoted to preserving.

Harris was born and educated in the UK Midlands. Harris continued his studies at university and launched a career that has spanned decades. Since 1985, he has performed his one-man theater across

venues, large and small. He recently retired from his position at the University of Southern Maine, and Harris now devotes his time to creating performances for Past-Time Theatre.

Harris lives in Harrison, where he has resided for more than 24 years. He was invited to bring his work to the Mousam Lake

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Andrew G. Harris PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

Marching band wins gold!



Sanford High School's Spartan Marching Band received a Gold Medal at the 2026 Maine Band Directors' Association (MEBDA) State Marching Band Finals at Waterhouse Field in Biddeford on Oct. 24. COURTESY PHOTO



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COMING EVENTS

Mayo Street Arts will host **HECK HOUSE'S SUPER SPOOKY HAUNTED HOUSE: LOST IN THE WOODS EDITION** in Portland from Friday, Oct. 30 through Sunday, Nov. 1. This Portland-based artist collective creates a unique and immersive experience for their audience by subverting the concept of a big box haunted house and creating a space full of handmade creatures, sets, sounds, and characters that

can't be found anywhere else. This haunt is proof that in an increasingly menacing world—where it seems like all we can be is scared—joy can still be found. Open from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30, 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, and 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1. Visit www.mayostreetarts.org for ticket links and more information.

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

KIDS CAN TRICK-OR-TREAT AND SHOW OFF THEIR COSTUMES AT KITTERY TRADING POST turning Halloween into a full day of fun on Oct. 31, with trick-or-treating through the store and a costume contest offering gift cards up to \$100 for the winning families.

LIMERICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S WITCHES will be at the old Congregational Church, 46 Main Street, on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 3-5 p.m. Games, treats a small haunted rooms. Come if you dare!

Join us at the Lyman Commu-

nity Library on Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 6pm for a **JIGSAW PUZZLE TOURNAMENT**. Teams of 2-4 people race against the clock—and each other—to see who can finish assembling their 500-piece puzzle first. 10 John Street, Lyman. Call the library at 207-499-7114 to pre-register.

The Sanford Veterans Memorial Committee has announced plans for its annual **VETERANS DAY EVENTS** on Wednesday, Nov. 11. The public is welcome at all events. Committee members will gather at the memorial in Central Park at 9 a.m. to place a wreath. They will then travel to the gazebo in front of Walgreens in Springvale for a wreath-laying at 9:30 a.m. At 11 a.m., the ceremonies will begin at the Memorial Gym, 678 Main Street, Sanford. Paul Auger will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Following the indoor ceremonies, attendees will be invited to come outside for a wreath-laying.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR The YMCA Trafton Senior Center is holding a holiday craft fair. Admission is free, and the event will feature local crafts, hot dogs,

hot soup lunch, cookie boxes, and more. The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 to 2 p.m. at the YMCA Trafton Senior Center, 19 Elm St., Sanford. For more information, call the Trafton Center at 457-0080.

BAKE SALE AND GIFT BASKET RAFFLE Saturday, Nov. 14 at the West Newfield Congregational Church, 1078 Maplewood Road, West Newfield, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Basket estimated value is \$162. Raffle Tickets \$2 each or 6 for \$10.

AUDUBON SOCIETY EVENT “Moving on up: Relationships between Black-capped and Carolina Chickadees in the face of Climate Change, with Bob Curry” is being presented by York County Audubon at the Wells Reserve and via Zoom, Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. featuring the chickadee, our state bird. For complete information, visit york-county.audubon.org.

SPREE OF TREES EVENT AND CRAFT NIGHT on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 5:30 p.m. at the Springvale Public Library, 443 Main Street. The Spree of Trees runs from Dec. 3-6 at the Memorial Gym, 678 Main Street, Sanford, and the Springvale library is excited to get the tree ready. Join them in making gingerbread house ornaments and a star garland. Make some and take some home for yourself. All supplies will be provided. Bring a friend if you wish.

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.

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.

CHESS MATES at Limerick Public Library, 55 Washington Street, Limerick. Play chess with old or new friends 2nd Wednesday 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.

HOLIDAY
Craft Fair

at Newfield Historical
Society Building

64 Elm Street
(next to PostOffice)

Nov. 6, 7 & 8

9:30am-3pm

Keywood Manor Activities Council

CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE

Saturday, Nov. 7, 9am-2pm

85 Pools Crossing Rd., Alfred

PARSONSFIELD: The Maine Hermit has moved inside!

Saturdays and Sundays, 10 AM - 3 PM. Follow the signs. Route 25 to 251 Devereux Road.

WEEKLY SPECIALS

• LUNCH SPECIALS READY IN THE WARMER BY 11 AM

• DINNER SPECIALS READY IN THE WARMER BY 4 PM

	MONDAY
LUNCH	- AMERICAN CHOP SUEY \$8.00
	BBQ RIBS WITH WHITE RICE \$8.00
SOUP	- TRADITIONAL CHILI \$6.50
DINNER	- LAZY MAN'S CHICKEN KABOBS \$9.00

	TUESDAY
LUNCH	- SHEPHERD'S PIE \$9.00
SOUP	- PASTA FAGIOLI \$6.50
DINNER	- CHICKEN PARM OVER PASTA \$10.00

	WEDNESDAY
LUNCH	-BBQ TOPPED MEATLOAF DINNER SERVED W/ CORN & MASHED POTATOES \$9.00
SOUP	- WEEKLY ROTATING OPTIONS
DINNER	- HONEY GARLIC CHICKEN OVER RICE \$9.00

	THURSDAY
LUNCH	- TRADITIONAL LASAGNA & CHICKEN SPINACH ALFREDO LASAGNA \$9.00
SOUP	- CORN CHOWDER \$6.25
DINNER	- POT ROAST W/ POTATOES & VEG \$10

	FRIDAY
LUNCH	- BBQ PULLED PORK SANDWICH \$6.25
SOUP	- FISH CHOWDER \$8 MAC & CHEESE \$6.00
DINNER	- BURRITO BOWL \$9.00

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Francis Small Heritage Trust Annual Meeting

Guest Speaker: Maulian Bryant
Executive Director, Wabanaki Alliance

Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026 ~ 7:00 PM

Business Meeting starts at 6:30 PM

Kezar Falls Theater (home of Smooth Feather films)
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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.

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.

KIDS' CRAFTS AT THE LYMAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 11 a.m. Upcoming projects: Painted Veggie Stones and Owl Pellet Dissection. Supplies provided, free to the public. FMI contact the library at 499-7114, 10 John Street, Lyman.

WEDNESDAY STORY HOUR The Acton Public Library holds Story Hour every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. Come meet other caregivers while your children make new friends. The Acton Public Library is located at 35 H Road, Acton.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL THRIFT SHOP Open Wednesdays 12:30-2:30 p.m. at St. James Hall, Biddeford (use South Street entrance). Monies raised help those in need in York County. FMI Bob 229 2551.

FREE MEN'S GROUP, every Wednesday beginning at 6:30pm at 114 East Shore Drive in Acton (The Kita Center). Stay; Man to Man Peer Support offers an open, confidential, and supportive environment for men to gather to discuss life's stressors. Peer facilitated, and comfortable. FMI visit www.stayforlife.org and click on programs

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

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

LYMAN TOPS meets every Thursday night at 5 p.m. at Beacon of Hope Community Church, 1298 Alfred Road, (Route 111), Arundel. For more information email jjstearns@sacoriver.net.

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FROM THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY

Maine’s Hunters for the Hungry program accepting donations

As Maine’s Expanded Archery hunting season continues, and with key dates like Maine Resident Only Day on Oct. 31 and Firearm Seasons starting Nov. 2, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry’s (DACF) Hunters for the Hungry program is making efforts to tackle food insecurity with the help of generous hunters across the state. This unique program transforms game meat donations into thousands of nutritious meals for Maine’s most vulnerable populations.

The program is a collaboration between DACF, the Maine

Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, state biologists, Maine State Troopers, and hunters. It supplies wild game meat, which is lean and high in protein, to food pantries, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters.

“This program allows hunters to give back in a meaningful way, turning their harvest into life-saving meals for neighbors in need,” said Gus Nelson, Director of The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) in Maine.

Hunters for the Hungry accepts donations of bear, deer, and moose meat. When a connection

can be made between a donor, a processor, and a pantry, hunters do not pay for the processing of donated meat. Meat processing costs are paid for by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Hunters choosing to keep their game can still donate a few pounds to the program.

Important information for Hunters:

- Hunters can easily donate their game to a participating processor. Interested hunters must contact approved meat processors. and make sure the processor has the capacity to accept the donation.

- Donated game must be legally harvested, tagged, and field dressed.

- Meat must be properly cared for – follow food safety guidelines, keep it cold, and transport it to an approved processor in a timely manner.

- The program is unable to accept donations from animals harvested in the “Do Not Eat” advisory area.

If you would like to become an approved processor for the Hunters for the Hungry program, you will need to submit an application. Approved processors are required to have a direct relationship with the food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters where the donated game meat will be distributed. Before receiving donated game animals to be processed, contact your food pantry to be sure they have space and arrange a pick-up or delivery.

Hunters, landowners, and meat processors interested in participating or who have any questions can call (207) 287-7513 or email H4H@maine.gov. More information can be found on the Maine Hunters for the Hungry website at <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/food-assistance/hunters-for-hungry.shtml>.

SANFORD TOPS Chapter 0113 meets every Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. at the Crossroads Church at 15 Grammar Road, Sanford. For more info call Linda Rose at 206-6234.

TOPS SANFORD 0207 at the Willard School 668 Main St. Weigh in from 9-9:45 a.m. on Fridays with the meeting to follow. For more info call Gloria

Richer at 284-3748.

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

Contact me with any state related questions.

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BRIEFS

Waterboro has
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beds available now

If you have been thinking about renting a garden bed at Waterboro Community Garden (WCG), and want to plant garlic, now is the time. There are a couple of beds still available for Waterboro residents for the 2027 season.

Have you tried to garden at home but shade or deer and their friends have made it difficult? If so, you can join with other gardeners, newbies and experienced alike, and plant in full sun at WCG. A bed may be rented for a fee of \$25 with an additional

\$10 security deposit for the first year. Gardeners plant vegetables and flowers and maintain their own bed, engage in volunteer tasks that help maintain the entire operation and have the option to assist with the Pantry Garden that supplies produce for Waterboro Community Pantry. Water, loam and compost are provided.

Anyone interested can get more information by picking up a handbook and application at Waterboro Town Hall or by emailing garden@waterboromaine.gov. Applications can also be found online at the Town of Waterboro website -- click on Boards and Committees, and then Community Garden. Click on the link for "Garden Plot Application 2027 Package."

Take selfies with scarecrows in Sanford

Snap a selfie and post it on Instagram or Facebook with the #sanfordscarecrows and tag @friendsofdowntownsanford to be entered in a raffle for great prizes!

Friends of Downtown Sanford is bringing some festive fall fun to the community with their Annual Selfies with Scarecrows event. Creative scarecrows are popping up outside local businesses, and everyone is invited to join the fun.

Visit participating businesses, snap a selfie with their scarecrows, and share your photos on social media. Don't forget to tag the business and Friends of Downtown Sanford! Several businesses are even offering special discounts or prizes when you share your selfie.



Sanford-Springvale Chamber of Commerce, Cobb Stadium / SSYAA, Shain's of Maine, Town Square Realty Group, North Parish Congregational United Church of Christ, Thy's Taekwon-do, T-Mobile, Knots & Bolts Creating Co, Goodall Memorial Library, Pine Valley Home Solutions, Threads of Hope - Sanford, Brink Chiropractic Clinic, Ember & Stone Wellness Spa, Edward Jones - Financial Advisor: Sean F Dumont, AAMS, Downeast Flowers & Gifts Inc, Mee-D Thai, Partners Bank, Smitty's Cinema Sanford and Pinnacle Health & Rehab at Sanford.

The 6th Annual Selfies with Sanford Scarecrows community event runs through Oct. 31 so start snapping!

DICKENS

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Pavilion, a venue that he particularly enjoys because it allows him to have close contact with the audience. Proceeds from Harris' performance support ongoing renovations at the Mousam Lake Pavilion, helping preserve a space that once hosted festivals, talks, dances, and community gatherings. Harris expressed concern that nonprofit venues like this, once central to rural cultural life, risk losing live performances that bring communities together. His mission is to help revive them.

Harris' performance featured three dramatic tales, each rooted in the Victorian fascination with ghosts, mystery, and moral transformation. His character is inspired by Charles Dickens, who famously traveled from town to town performing his works with only a velvet curtain, a pulpit, and a candle.

The evening opened with Dickens' haunting tale called The Signalman. The story follows a ghostly figure that appears in a railway tunnel, delivering ominous warnings to a troubled Signalman. He then moved on to the Gaslight story by an anonymous author. This was a chilling story about a woman, terrified by the sense of being followed, only to find that her refuge at home is not as safe as she hoped. The third and final story was drawn from The Pickwick Papers and echoed themes from A Christmas Carol. Gabriel Grub, a cruel and joyless man, is visited by the Goblin King, who reveals scenes from families past, present, and future. Through the supernatural encounter, Grub transforms into a kinder, gentler man.

Harris' portrayal was exceptional. Complete with Dickens' accent, mannerisms, and commanding stage presence. He engaged the audience directly, especially during the Gabriel Grub story, inviting them to join in as a chorus shouting 'Gabriel Grub' throughout the tale.

The evening concluded with a dramatic flourish. Harris blew out the candle and the light dimmed, leaving the audience in a moment of Victorian-style suspense.

Harris emphasizes his commitment to performing in historic community venues, especially those run by nonprofits. He hopes to help revive the tradition of local theater and spaces once central to life.

TOWN OF ALFRED
PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2026 - 4:05 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held at the Alfred Town Hall, County of York, State of Maine at 4:05 P.M. on Tuesday, November 10, 2026 in accordance with Title 30- A, Sec 3752 - 3754-A MRSA. Said hearing being on the 2026 permit applications for the following owners to operate or maintain automobile junkyards/ scrap metal yards:

Daney's Auto Salvage – Swetts Bridge Road
J&J Enterprises, Inc. – Jordan Springs Road
Morin Steel – Stone Road
Roland's Motor Sales, Inc. – Sanford Road
Jalbert's Auto Sales – Mountain Road

Any persons having any objections to the granting or issuance of said permits shall appear and show just cause.
– Board of Selectmen

TOWN OF ALFRED
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, November 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm
at Alfred Town Hall, 16 Saco Road, Alfred

Notice is hereby given that the Alfred Board of Selectmen will hold a **Public Hearing on Monday, November 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Alfred Town Hall** to receive public comments regarding the following articles to be considered at a SPECIAL TOWN MEETING:

1. **Purchase of a Rescue Pumper:**
Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow a sum not to exceed \$750,000.00 for the purchase of a new E-One Spartan Rescue Pumper?

2. **Purchase of a Monitor/Defibrillator:**
Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$55,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of one new Zoll Zenix Monitor/Defibrillator?

3. **Alfred Senior Food Assistance Fund:**
Shall the Town vote to accept any and all funds associated with a new account entitled "Alfred Senior Food Assistance Fund" for the purpose of providing food assistance to senior citizens who reside in the Town of Alfred?

4. **Revisions to the Town Code:**
Shall an ordinance entitled "Ordinance to Approve, Codify, and Enact Various Revisions to the Code of the Town of Alfred" be enacted?

All interested members of the public are invited to attend and provide comments.
– Board of Selectmen

TOWN OF HOLLIS
ATTENTION RESIDENTS:
State of Maine
General Election
November 3, 2026

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS HOURS:
The Registrar of Voters office will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
The Registrar of Voters will be available to correct any errors, correct a name or address on the voting list, and accept new enrollment. To register to vote please, bring proof of your identity and proof of Hollis residency with you. A person who is not registered to vote may not vote in any election.

NOVEMBER 3, 2026, VOTING
will be held at the Hollis
Town Hall, 34 Town Farm Road,
Hollis, ME 04042
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CROSS COUNTRY

Massabesic girls and boys cross country teams head to states

For the first time in nearly ten years, both the girls and boys Cross Country Teams have qualified for States. The Cross Country Class A Regionals post season meet was this past weekend in Cumberland.

The girls team finished 4th out of 17 teams to record their highest finish since 2016. The girls were led by First Team All Conference runner Abbey Gilley, who took fifth place overall individually, and second team All Conference runner, Corinne Shank with a 13th place finish, while individual qualifier Megan Walls took 28th place.

The boys finished in ninth place to qualify for the state meet for the first time since 2019. They were led by individual qualifiers Remi Grunhuvd in 17th and Harrison Dutton and 25th place.

The Maine State Cross Country Championship will be held on Saturday, Oct 31, on the Cony XC course in Augusta, starting at 11 a.m. Massabesic Boys race starts at 1:40 p.m. and the Mustang Girls follow at 2:20 p.m.



Massabesic Juniors Abbey Gilley, left, and Remi Grunhuvd will compete with their teams at the Maine State Cross Country Championships on Oct. 31 in Augusta. COURTESY PHOTOS

SPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY

Lady Spartans fell Falmouth

Sanford eliminated Falmouth from the Class A varsity field hockey playoffs behind a 4-2 road win on Tuesday, Oct. 27. The Spartans also beat the Navigators in the regular season by a 6-2 count. They'll face undefeated Cheverus in the regional semifinals next. The two met on Oct. 20 in a regular season tilt at Sanford with the visitors winning 3-2. The Stags beat Noble 6-0 in their playoff opener.

FOOTBALL

Mustangs outrun Storm

Massabesic went on the road and collected their sixth win with a 47-30 slaying of Scarborough. The victory was Massabesic's fourth in the last five contests and helped move their record to 6-2. They host 8-0 Thornton Academy in both teams' final regular season game on Friday, Oct. 30.

Trojans stop Scots

Host Thornton Academy won the battle of two unbeaten teams when they slammed the Scots 49-14 on Saturday, Oct. 24. The win was the Trojans' seventh in-a-row over Bonny Eagle who fell to 7-1. The Scots host Sanford (1-7) in both teams' final regular season game on Friday, Oct. 30.

– By Mike Deangelis
Sports Writer

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DEAN LePAGE

STATE HOUSE

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Growing up in Limerick, Dean was taught that when someone needs help, you step up. That's why Dean has dedicated his life to service, enlisting in the **AIR FORCE**, volunteering with our **LOCAL FIRE AND EMS**, and now running for State House. After serving in the Air Force, Dean worked for the State of Maine at the **BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES** earning a reputation for solving problems and replacing red tape with efficient, practical leadership.

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SPORTS

YOUTH SOCCER PLAYOFFS

Lipin's hat trick sends U13 girls to state final

Jason Brunet had no intention of coaching last year. "We had 13 girls sign up, including my daughter, and I was like 'no' I can't. As it turned out, there was more than one "no" meaning there was no coach- meaning Massabesic United would have no girls team. "So, I volunteered to coach and we had a great season that ended with an overtime loss in the first round of the playoffs."

Eleven 'veterans' returned for this season and five "rookies" jumped into the mix. Together, they will play in the state championship after beating Scarborough 3-1 in the semi-final on Sunday, Oct. 25 in Freeport.

Back on Sept. 20 in a regular season contest Scarborough beat Massabesic 1-0. The loss left the

locals at 0-3-1. They lost 2-1 the next week but got hot at the right time. They won their regular season finale, and they followed with a shootout win over Marshwood in the preliminary round.

A 3-1 win over Westbrook in the quarterfinals brought them to the game against Scarborough. Skylar Lipin opened the scoring for Massabesic and the locals went into halftime ahead 1-0. Lipin bumped it to 2-0 with another goal, and she finished off her hat trick with a third. Scarborough made it 3-1 with ten minutes left but Bailey Noyes stood tall in net with ten saves.

Massabesic faces Brunswick in the U13 State Championship on Sunday, Nov. 1 in Scarborough at 9 a.m.



Massabesic United Soccer Club's U13 girls team will play in the State Championship on Nov. 1. Back row coaches are from left, Jason Brunet and Josh Charette. Back row, from left, Addy Bailey, Gianna Brunet, Molly Gregory, Addyson Jipson, Bailey Noyes (goalie), Paige Nelson, Marion Worthington, Aubrey Stevens and Aria Pong. Front row, from left, Arianna Medico, Skylee Depeter, Brynlee Claypool, Haley Dangora, Skylar Lipin, Riley Harris, Charlotte Dubuc and Kataryna Arczewski-Morrisette. COURTESY PHOTO

Rossignol scores four, boys head to state final

Massabesic United Soccer Club's U13 boys team scored early and often, building an insurmountable 4-0 lead at halftime and rolling to a 7-0 triumph over Falmouth at Fitzpatrick Stadium on Sunday, Oct. 25. Liam Gordon opened the scoring with Andrew LaSalle quickly making it 2-0 MU13. Bryce Rossignol scored twice before the half to put the game out of reach. Rossignol wasn't done. He finished

off a natural hat trick by opening the second half with a goal to make it 5-0. LaSalle jumped back on the score sheet with his second and Rossignol closed it with his fourth.

Massabesic will face Merry-meeting Soccer Club for the state championship on Nov. 1 at 2:30 in Biddeford.

— By Mike Deangelis
Sports Writer



Massabesic United Soccer Club's U13 boys team will play in the State Championship on Nov. 1. COURTESY PHOTO

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GARDEN BOUNTY

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Community Garden Committee Chair Brigit McCallum, the first growing season was in 2013 and consisted of twenty-four 4x24 foot beds, and townspeople have been growing food in them ever since. Gardeners rent their own plot for a growing season—most years there is a waiting list for the plots—and they also commit to at least six volunteer hours of general upkeep of the community garden space.

One of the communal projects is planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting fresh produce in a plot dedicated to the Waterboro Community Pantry. This work is coordinated by Oksana Sigleski and Katherine Pelletier. Waterboro resident Judi Carll starts the seedlings in the spring

for the pantry garden. Community garden members also donate extra produce to the pantry from their personal plots. Says McCallum, “Fresh produce is hard to get. We consult with them to learn what people like.”

Pelletier says the 1500 square foot pantry garden plot provides a large variety of vegetables to the nearby pantry. “Along with the usual crops of squash, cucumbers, carrots, beans, peppers and tomatoes, we try to provide vegetables they might not otherwise get as much of, such as cabbage, corn, eggplant, onions, salad turnips and garlic. This year, we provided 17 types of vegetables grown in our pantry garden and donated by our members, helping to ensure families don’t have to choose between eating or staying warm.”

Sigleski agrees. “The only

thing I would add is that we try to provide more vegetables that store well like onions, garlic and butternut squash.”

“It’s become a thriving situation,” says McCallum. This year the yield from these pantry beds went from 780 pounds of produce to 1005.5 pounds. “One of the reasons they had an upswing of 200 pounds is because they grew vertically,” McCallum explained. Growing plants up trellises allows a bigger harvest in the same footprint.

According to the Waterboro Community Pantry Director, Bob Letarte, this collaboration between community garden and pantry benefits those in Waterboro struggling with food insecurity. He says customers are always telling him how nice it is to have fresh produce available.

“They grow the food, and a lot of it,” Letarte said of the garden members. “They’ve been bringing it over and giving it away on Tuesday nights . . . it really helps out.”

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RETIREMENT

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acquisition that is vital to first responders in search and rescue operations and with hazardous materials incidents when it isn’t safe to place people in the area.

His name is synonymous with emergency management. Cleaves became administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s New England region in 2005, and oversaw 34 major disaster declarations, including the Patriot’s Day Storm in 2007 and the 2008 ice storm.

Earlier, he spent 30 years with the Maine Army National Guard, retiring as a colonel, and directed the Maine Emergency Management Agency and the state’s Homeland Security office.

He worked in Haiti after an earthquake and served as liaison for FEMA and coordinated recovery operations for the New York Office of Emergency Management following Hurricane Sandy.

“I want to thank you all for all of that you’ve done for York County,” said Commissioner Donna Ring. “I’ve been here a long time, and I know what you’ve done for EMA and for the county, and it’s second to none. I appreciate everything that you’ve done.”

“You’ve been a really steady hand in lifting up . . . so many vul-

nerable communities that have really needed help in some dark moments,” said Commissioner Justin Chenette, particularly noting work carried out in coastal regions. “York County EMA is there, always.”

“You’re the heart and soul . . . and I just thank you for everything you’ve done for this county,” said Commission Vice Chair Robert Andrews.

“People often joke about ‘who do we call,’ and it’s always ‘1-800-CALL-ART,’” said York County Manager Greg Zinser.

Zinser said he has learned a lot from Cleaves, like the value and power of building relationships. “It’s those relationships that you rely when you are trying to get something done,” said Zinser.

YCEMA Deputy Director Megan Arsenault will serve as Interim Director following Cleaves’ retirement until next steps are determined.

“With all of my work in life I have been driven by tasks and missions at hand to make people more prepared for emergencies, and help after a disaster,” said Cleaves, reflecting on his career over the years. “This is bittersweet. I am engaged every day . . . the goals here are compelling, and I want always to contribute.”

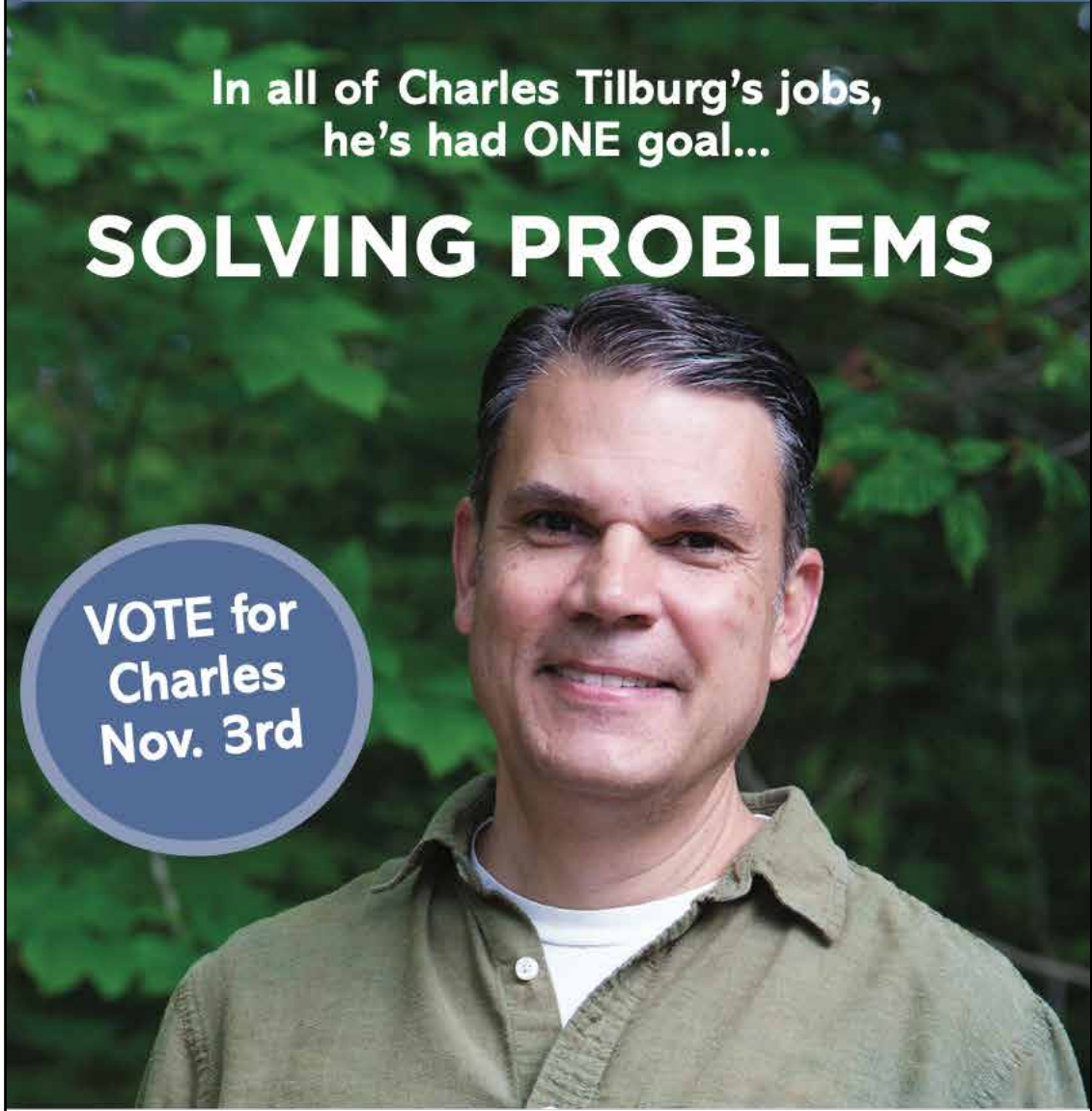
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FROM THE YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Property checks

Acton and Shapleigh residents heading out of town for a week or two or for the season can now request courtesy property checks from their York County Sheriff's Office contract deputy, Matthew Cummer.

The program gives full time and seasonal residents a simple, official way to ask that the property be checked while they are gone, Cummer said. Checks are exterior only and

are attempted only during the deputy's contracted hours as time allows.

"A lot of people around here leave for stretches of time and just want someone looking in on the place," said Cummer. "This is a simple municipal approach I can offer the taxpayers while I'm already working in the towns – a clear way to ask for a courtesy check instead of just hoping someone notices something. It's not a guarantee, but it's something useful I can do for the residents."

He said the program will fit in nicely with the business

checks program that has been ongoing for some time.

How residents request a check:

Fill out the form (available on the town websites or as paper copies at the Town Offices) and either email it to the Acton/Shapleigh Contract Deputy Matthew Cummer at MTCUMMER@yorkcountymaine.gov or drop a printed copy at the town office that matches the property address.

– By Tammy Wells,
York County government media



YCSO Deputy Matthew Cummer will check on your property. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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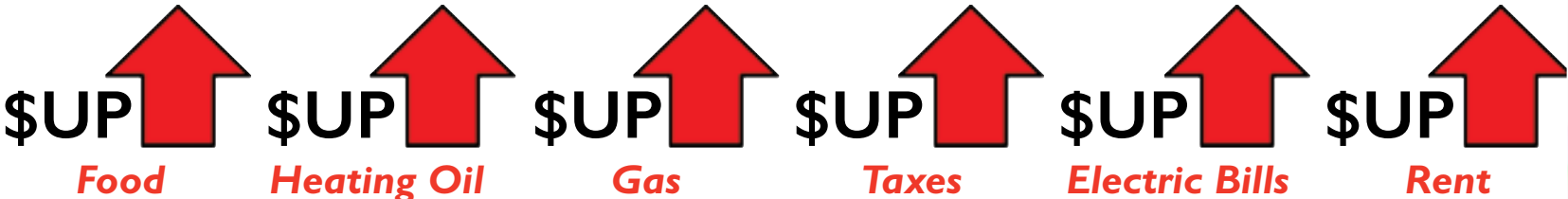
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The Shapleigh Community Center, 24 Back Rd., is holding a **CHILI AND CHOWDER COOK-OFF** on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 12 to 2 p.m. Bring your best batch of homemade chili or chowder. Prizes will be awarded to the top three People’s Choice winners. The charge is \$10 per attendee at the door. Proceeds benefit the Shapleigh Fuel

Assistance Fund. Contact Penny to register and enter your recipe at 207-636-2844 ext.5 or email at officeassistant@shapleigh.net.

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Obituaries

Jennifer Leigh Gerrish

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Jennifer Leigh Gerrish, of Limerick, who passed away peacefully on Oct. 19, 2026, at Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough, surrounded by the love she gave so freely throughout her life.



Jennifer Leigh Gerrish

Jennifer was born on May 28, 1980, in Biddeford, to Donald and Lesley Champion. She grew up in Limerick, where she attended Massabesic High School, graduating with the Class of 1998. It was there, during her high school years, that she met the love of her life, Jeb Gerrish. Their story began on Nov. 2, 1996, when they went on their first date together for a Halloween hayride at York's Wild Animal Kingdom. What began as a young love grew into a lifetime of devotion, partnership, and family.

Jen attended the University of Maine at Farmington, graduating in 2002 with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. Aug. 15, 2003, on a summer evening, Jeb asked Jen to marry him. The two were married on Dec. 18, 2004, in a perfectly cold, seaside ceremony in Wells, Maine, as the winter sky was lightly dusted with snow. It was a beautiful beginning to the life they would build together. The sunset on their wedding day was Jen's most favorite sunset of her life, a moment of beauty she would forever hold close to her heart.

From as early as she could express it, Jen knew she wanted

to be a mother. She was naturally nurturing, warm, kind, and caring, with a heart that seemed to have an endless capacity for love. Becoming a mother was not simply something she hoped for; it was the dream that meant more to her than anything else in the world. That dream came true when her first beautiful daughter, Ava Natalie, was born on Feb. 1, 2006. On Feb. 29, 2008, Jen welcomed her second daughter, Ella Grace, whose resemblance to her mother was unmistakable. With the arrival of her girls, Jen's world was complete. There was no title she treasured more, no accomplishment she held more dear, and no job she considered more important than being Ava and Ella's mom.

Jen's girls were her greatest joy, her proudest accomplishment, and the center of her universe. She poured her heart into motherhood, embracing all the big moments and little everyday ones that make a family. Her love was steady, selfless, and unconditional. She wanted nothing more than to give her daughters a childhood filled with warmth, security, laughter, and memories they would carry with them forever. Being their mother was the greatest privilege of her life, and the love she gave them will remain a part of them always.

Jen treasured family traditions and the holidays that brought everyone together. Whether it was picking out the most perfect Christmas tree at Blizzard Hill Farm or carving pumpkins on the back deck with a power drill, she found joy in making ordinary moments extraordinary. Christmas Eve, Christmas morning, and spending the entire day together as a family were some of the traditions she held closest to her heart. For Jen, the magic was never just in the holiday itself, but in the time spent together, the laughter shared, the traditions repeated year after year, and the memories made along the way. These were the moments that made a house a home, and she made sure her family had count-

less beautiful memories to carry forward.

Jen was also the ultimate dance mom to Ella and softball mom to both Ava and Ella. She poured her heart into supporting her girls, cheering them on, celebrating their accomplishments, and being there for every moment she could. The softball field became a second home to their family, filled with countless hours, friendships, laughter, victories, and memories that will forever be treasured. Jen was the perfect team mom, always willing to help, support, organize, encourage, and make sure everyone felt included and cared for. She loved not only watching her girls play but also being part of the community that surrounded them. The fields and sidelines were more than places to watch a game; they were where lifelong friendships were built and some of the most meaningful family memories were made.

Jen also had a remarkable talent for photography. What began as a hobby revealed her natural eye for capturing beauty, emotion, and the little details that others might overlook. She had a gift for seeing the perfect moment and bringing it to life through a photograph. This past spring, she took pictures of Jaxon, Ava, and Ella right in the backyard at Jay and Bri's home, and the images were so beautiful they looked as though they belonged in a professional photo shoot. Jen had an extraordinary eye and was perfectly detail-oriented in everything she did. Whether she was arranging a setting, noticing the light, or capturing a genuine smile, she brought care and thoughtfulness to every picture. Her photographs will remain treasured keepsakes, preserving moments in time and allowing the people she loved to hold on to memories for years to come.

Alongside her devotion to her family, Jen carried a deep passion for teaching and nurturing young children. She believed in the wonder of childhood, the importance of growing minds, and

the extraordinary potential found in every child. After sharing her gifts with children and families at other daycares and preschools, Jen took a leap of faith in 2012 and opened her own little school on Pendexter Way: Fiddlehead School House.

Fiddlehead was more than a preschool; it was the realization of Jen's dream and an extension of who she was. Built with creativity, determination, countless hours of hard work, and the blood, sweat, and tears of her entire family, the school was truly an all-hands-on-deck labor of love. Jen's vision, dedication, and nurturing spirit created a place where children could learn, explore, grow, and feel cared for. She had a special way of making little ones feel seen and loved. She touched the lives of countless children and families over the years. The impact of her work reached far beyond the classroom, leaving lasting memories and a legacy of kindness in the community she loved.

Jen was a woman who gave so much of herself to the people around her. She built her life around the things that mattered most: her family, the children she taught, and the relationships she cherished. Whether she was loving her girls, supporting her husband, creating something beautiful, or helping a child discover something new, she brought her whole heart to everything she did. Her life was a testament to the power of love, the beauty of nurturing others, and the lasting difference one person can make.

Though her passing leaves an immeasurable ache in the hearts of those who love her, Jen's legacy will live on in the family she built, the daughters she adored, the children she taught, and the many lives she touched. She will be remembered for her gentle heart, her creative spirit, her determination, and above all, the immense love she gave to those

fortunate enough to have known her.

Jennifer is survived by her beloved husband, Jeb Gerrish, and their daughters, Ava and Ella, of Limerick; her parents, Donald and Lesley Champion, of Porter; her grandmother, Noella Champion, of Limerick; her brother, Jason Champion, and his wife, Brianna, and their son, Jaxon, of Limerick; her parents-in-law, Julie and James Gerrish, of Alfred; her brother-in-law, Jess Gerrish, and his wife, Bethani, and their son, Kristian, of Alfred; and her sister-in-law, Jaime Chipman, and her husband, Wesley, and their children, Reese and Ryder, of Bass Harbor, and lastly our special family member Alison Thibodeau of Lyman. She also leaves behind extended family, dear friends, and the many children and families whose lives were made brighter by her presence.

Jen will be deeply missed, more than words can express, and loved for all the days to come. The world was made warmer by her presence, and the love she leaves behind will never fade.

Her greatest legacy was never what she built, but the love she gave, the family she cherished, and the countless little hearts she helped shape along the way.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in honor of Jennifer to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at <https://www.stjude.org/give.html>.

A visitation was held on Oct. 27 at St. Matthews Catholic Church in Limerick followed by a Catholic Funeral service. Family and friends were invited to Maddox Ridge Event Center, 50 High View Lane, Cornish, Maine 04020.

Online condolences can be submitted at the Poitras Funeral Homes website, www.maine-funeral.com.

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OBITUARIES

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Lucille D. Cooper

Lucille D. Cooper, age 95 of Waterboro, passed away peacefully at her home on Oct. 23, 2026, after a brief illness, surrounded by her loving family.



Lucille D. Cooper

Lucille was the daughter of the late Joseph and Blanche (Belanger) Thimble of Biddford, Maine where she spent her childhood with her siblings, Robert, Richard, Shirley, Donald and Linda. Lucille met and married James H. Cooper Jr. of Wattertown, Mass. They moved to Waltham, Mass. where they had two Sons, James and David.

Upon retirement in 1988, James and Lucille moved to Waterboro, Maine where she worked as Office Manager/Bookkeeper for The Heritage Company Roofing for over 30 years until actually retiring at the age of 91. Predeceased by her husband James, who passed in 1998, Lucille is survived by her sister Linda, brother Robert, and her sons, James R. Cooper and his wife Patty, and David J. Cooper and his wife Marie.

Lucille was a devoted Grandmother to David, Danielle (Danni), James, Matthew, and Patrick, and a cherished great-Grandmother to James (Jac), Truman (Tru), and Kallie, each of whom held a very special place in Lucille's heart.

A kind, strong, and patient woman, Lucille lived a long life filled with joy, love, and purpose. Her life was marked by devotion, resilience, and unwavering care for her family. She found happiness in the simple blessings of life and took great pride in the people she loved. She especially enjoyed her beloved dog, Susie, and going on long walks with Susie and her dear friend Mary, and her dog.

Although Lucille's presence

will be deeply missed, her spirit will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Those who passed before her have surely welcomed her with open arms, and her family takes comfort in believing that she will continue to watch over them with the same love, warmth, and gentle guidance she shared throughout her life.

Lucille will be remembered not only for the many years she lived, but also the kindness, grace, and quiet strength she brought to every life she touched. Her memory will remain a blessing and a source of comfort to all who were fortunate enough to know and love her.

Visiting hours will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. followed by a funeral service at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31 at Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green. Burial will take place at Pine Grove South Cemetery in Waterboro.

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

Arrangements are in the care of Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green, 47 Oak St, Alfred, ME 04002.

Lysle Frank Burrows

Lysle Frank Burrows, of Alfred, Maine went home to be with the Lord on Oct. 12, 2026. He was born in Sanford, on Aug. 9, 1951, to Frank and Evelyn (Chipman) Burrows.



Lysle Frank Burrows

From an early age, he was known for his strong work ethic, and his desire to be in ministry to God. After graduating from high school, he joined the United States Coast Guard and continued his service in the Reserves while building a long and successful career as an engineer at Pratt & Whitney.

Lysle was a man who found joy in life's simple pleasures. He never passed up a good yard sale, and was always eager to share about his latest "bargain" find.

He had a gift for turning ordinary moments into memorable adventures. Any road trip became more memorable with Lysle behind the wheel, choosing directions through his own delightfully random methods.

He was a gifted storyteller who could capture the attention of a room with ease. His enthusiasm was contagious, his laughter unforgettable, and his sense of humor brought joy to those around him. Deeply devoted to his faith, Lysle found great fulfillment in serving others through simple acts of kindness and generosity. He was someone others could count on and was there for those in need whenever he could be. He could often be found in his yard, tinkering on his next "million dollar idea" and always had a song in his heart that everyone will miss hearing.

Lysle was preceded in death by his former wife, Sandy. He is survived by his beloved wife, Kerry, with whom he shared many happy years filled with love, faith, and family.

Their blended family consists of eight children: Kayline, Lydia, Debra, Kevin, Ellie, Jill, Thomas and Isaiah. He cherished each of them, along with their spouses and children, and took immense pride in the family they built together.

He is survived by his sister Georgia and her five children and their spouses, as well as a large and loving extended family of grandchildren, nieces and nephews. As a grandfather and uncle, he was adored by the younger generations, who looked forward to every visit and adventure.

Lysle will be remembered for his faith, kindness, humor, and ability to make every day a little more interesting. His life was a testament to the joy that comes from loving God, loving others, and finding wonder in everyday moments.

In honor of Lysle's life and legacy, please perform an act of kindness for a stranger today.

A Celebration of Life is yet to be decided and will be held privately at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family

would like to ask anyone that is willing to please consider donating to Kindness Corner.

For those who aren't familiar with it, Kindness Corner is an idea brought to life by Kerry and Lysle to help encourage others to be kind and care for one another through small acts. It's roadside community stand offering free seasonal cut flowers, jams, and seasonal fruits/vegetables. The Venmo account linked to Kindness Corner is @Kerry-Burrows-4.

Arrangements are in the care of Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green, 47 Oak St, Alfred, ME 04002.

Bruce E. Anderson

Bruce E. Anderson, 78, of Limerick, passed away peacefully at his home on Oct. 17, 2026, following a courageous two-year battle with pancreatic cancer.



Bruce E. Anderson

Bruce was born on May 31, 1948, in Gloucester, Massachusetts, the son of the late Everett A. Anderson and Mary E. (Rogers) Anderson. He attended Gloucester schools, graduating from Gloucester High School in 1966. He went on to earn an associate's degree in science from North Shore Community College in 1969 and a Bachelor of Science in Education from Salem State College in 1974.

Bruce began his teaching career in Massachusetts and New Hampshire before moving to Maine in 1988, where he spent most of his career at Line Elementary School in West Newfield. Affectionately known as "Mr. A," Bruce was a born teacher who genuinely loved his work and his students – and they adored him in return. He had a gift for making learning memorable, encouraging curiosity, and helping young people feel capable and valued. He retired in 2011, leaving behind countless students whose lives were richer

for having known him.

That same warmth and curiosity extended well beyond the classroom. Bruce was one of those rare people who made everyone around him feel interesting and important. He was generous with his time, gracious in his words, and seemed to find something to appreciate in nearly everyone he met.

Bruce had many interests, including landscape painting and collecting rocks, minerals, and ancient coins, but his greatest passion was horticulture. An avid gardener with a special talent for bonsai, he delighted in growing unusual plants, often simply for the pleasure of seeing whether he could. He also loved hiking and exploring the woods of Maine and New Hampshire, though he never wanted to stray too far from the sea and the familiar smell of salt air.

Perhaps most remarkable was the spirit with which Bruce approached life, even during his illness. Rather than dwell on his difficulties, he chose to make the most of each day, remaining engaged, encouraging, and unmistakably himself. He will be remembered for his kindness, laughter, and the encouragement he so freely gave.

Bruce was predeceased by his parents; his sister, Donna (Anderson) Longo; and his son, Tyler B. Anderson.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary K. (Black/Plowman) Anderson; his son, Ian Anderson; his wife, Clarishell, of Waterboro; his stepson, Michael Plowman, and his wife, Brandy, of Nottingham, New Hampshire; his stepson, Jason Plowman, and his wife, Vicky, of Gorham; and four grandsons, Dylan, Lucas, Nathan, and Caleb.

A Celebration of Life open house will be held at the Congregational Church on Main Street in Limerick on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. All who knew and loved Bruce are warmly invited to gather, share memories, and celebrate a life so beautifully lived.

A private scattering of ashes will occur in the Spring.

Online condolences may be shared at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service. East Waterboro website, www.maine-funeral.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Limerick Historical Society, P.O. Box 97, Limerick, ME 04048-0097, or the Limerick Fire and Rescue, 24 School Street, Limerick, ME 04048.

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