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Armed Forces Outreach Group honors Veterans

By Joanne Bargioni

The Armed Forces Outreach Group (AFOG) of Saint Matthew's Parish, Limerick, honored local veterans on Nov. 11 by hosting a Veterans Day continental breakfast, bringing together veterans, parishioners, and community supporters for a morning of appreciation and recognition.

Guests enjoyed a variety of muffins, donuts, cakes, coffee, tea, and juice while gathering in fellowship and gratitude for those who have served in the nation's armed forces.

Following breakfast, Deacon Paul Lissandrello spoke about the history of the AFOG, which was established 21 years ago after a parish survey identified a need for veteran representation within the community.

"Our mission is to reach out to veterans and their families with assistance, prayer, and support," said Lissandrello. The group meets 4 to 5 times each year and has supported numerous charitable organizations and veteran-focused programs over the last two decades.

Deacon Lissandrello highlighted many of the charities and causes that have benefited from AFOG efforts. Among them is the Veterans Center in Springvale, which provides counseling and support services for veterans. Over the years, AFOG has donated Veterans Day gift baskets and now provides May baskets to veterans as an annual expression of appreciation.

In 2019, the group helped veterans attend Tai Chi classes designed to assist with stress management, and in 2025, nine veterans in need received $50 gift cards during the Christmas season.

The group has also supported organizations that provide therapy and service dogs to veterans who have post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), including a 2022 donation to support Paws for Purple Hearts.

Parker Dow, grandson of late veteran David Snyder, spoke about the House in the Woods, an organization that provides outdoor recreational opportunities and family vacation experiences for veterans.

Honor Flight Maine was another recipient of support. Honor Flight Maine provides veterans with free trips to Washington, D.C., allowing them to visit the memorials built in honor of their service. In partnership with the Knights of Columbus, more than

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Puzzle winners!



A 500-piece Jigsaw Puzzel Tournament was held at the Lyman Community Library on Nov. 3. The winning team, Chris & Bre, finished their puzzle in 37 minutes and won a new puzzle. The next tournament will be held in February. COURTESY PHOTO

Bonny Eagle – Class A South Champs!



The Class A South Champs, Bonny Eagle, after a 35-28 win over Thornton Academy on Saturday, Nov. 14. The Scots will face Oxford Hills/Buckfield in the Class A Championship game on Nov. 21 at Fitzpatrick Stadium. *(See related story on Page 4).* PHOTO BY AME PHOTOGRAPHY

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COMING EVENTS

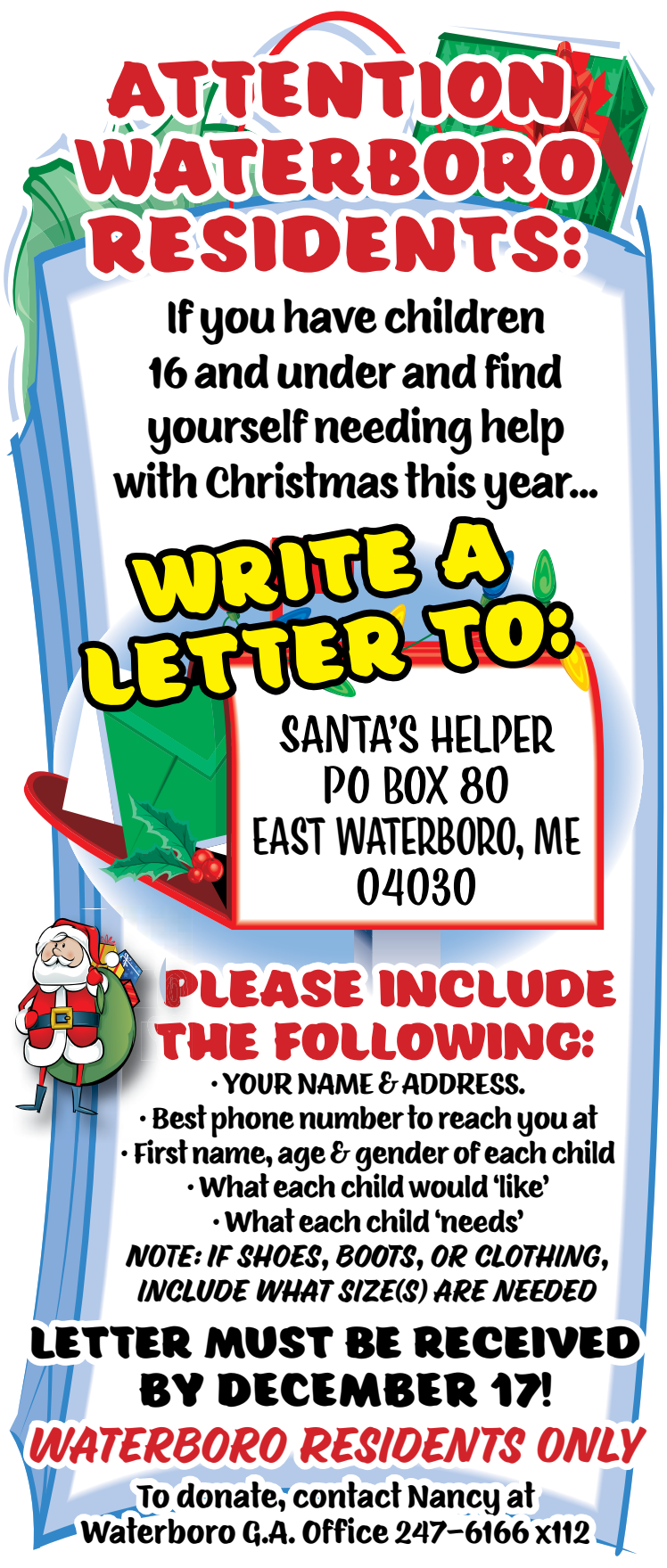
FESTIVAL OF TREES at 31 West Road, Waterboro, to benefit Waterborough Historical Society, Friday, Nov. 20 and 21 from 10-7, Sunday, Nov. 22 from 10-6, Friday, Nov. 27 and 28 from 10-7 and Sunday, Nov. 29 from 10-4.

CORNISH REPUBLICANS will be meeting at the Cornish Town Hall on Monday, Nov. 23, at 6 p.m. The town hall is located at 17 Maple Street in Cornish. E-mail: Info.CornishRepublicans@proton.me FMI.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR Nov. 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Buxton Centre Baptist Church, Rte 22, Buxton. Craft and Bake Sale and a table for children to shop at.

GRAYSON'S LEGACY CRAFT FAIR will be held on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sanford Memorial Gym, 678 Main Street. There will be over 40 unique vendors, and Santa will appear from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. There will be face painting (price depends on style, etc.), plus free Pokémon cards and free kids' winter hats.

CHRISTMAS CLASSICS, CAROLS, AND HOLIDAY SONGS Sunday, Nov. 29, at 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 141 North St., Kennebunkport. Former music director Joyce Painter Rice will accompany the Grassi family on violin. The Grassi sisters, Sophia, Antonia, Christianna, and their mother, Megan, are all accomplished musicians who grace our community with their talents. Concert goers are encouraged to bring a donation of gently used or new winter coats, hats, mittens/gloves, waterproof boots for adults and children in need.



NEWFIELD TREE LIGHTING AND CAROLING Sunday, Dec. 6 at 4:30 p.m., Join the Historical Society of Newfield for the annual Tree Lighting and Caroling at the bandstand on Elm Street in Newfield.

Parsonsfield Seminary, 6th annual, **DECK THE HALLS**, Formerly Festival of Trees Friday Evening Preview Dec. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. with live music, Wassail and nibbles Saturdaym Dec. 5 & 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission Friday evening $15 Saturday & Sunday $5 tickets at the door. Under 12 Free. Parsonsfield Seminary 504 North Road. Parsonsfield, ME. Questions? Call 603-452-4725.

CHRISTMAS MARKET PLACE at the Bar Mills Community Church 13 Hermit Thrush Drive Buxton, Friday, Dec. 4, from 2 to 7 p.m. Handmade Crafts, Breads, Baked Goods, Pickles, Fresh Holiday Greens & Wreaths, home made desserts, snacks for your pets, and a wide variety of hand made gifts for you to choose from. Homemade grab and go meals to conveniently heat and serve at home: chicken pot pie, mac and cheese, and a variety of soups and desserts for you to enjoy. FMI contact Judy at 929-5555.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR Bonny Eagle Middle School, Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Benefiting Best Buddies, 92 Sokokis Trail, Buxton.

LIMERICK CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING ceremony Saturday, Dec. 5, at 5 p.m. at the Band Stand on Main Street. Hosted by the Limerick Research Club. Bring Flashlights.

PARSONSFIELD: **The Maine Hermit has moved inside! Saturdays and Sundays, 10 AM - 3 PM.** Follow the signs. Route 25 to 251 Devereux Road.

FREE PICTURES WITH SANTA Following the Tree Lighting - Saturday, Dec. 5, at 5:30 at the Limerick Brick town hall, enjoy hot cocoa and cookies, free prize drawings for kids and write letters to Santa. Hosted by the Limerick Historical Society

"SOUNDS OF THE SEASON" to be held at the Bar Mills Community Church 13 Hermit Thrush Drive, Buxton on Sunday, Dec. 6. This event of Christmas Joy is presented by churches in the Bar Mills, Buxton and Hollis area. Please join us as we celebrate the joy and light of Christ's birth!

MAINE DEP CERTIFICATION IN EROSION CONTROL PRACTICES Shoreland Zoning Regulations require any "contractor" working in the municipal Shoreland Zone must ensure an individual certified in Erosion and Sedimentation Control Practices (ESC) by Maine DEP is present on the site during all phases of soil disturbance and is responsible for the installation and maintenance of any Best Management Practices (BMPs). Dec. 10 or Jan. 20 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m in Sanford. Cost is $75 for new certifications or $50 Recertification. Contact: melissabrandt@yorkswcd.org or 207-459-6914 to sign up.

LET'S EAT!

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. NOV. 21: Chicken/Turkey Casserole, Mashed Squash, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls & Pies.

BEAN SUPPER Sat, Nov 21, from 4 to 6 p.m., St. Matthew's Knights of Columbus will host a Bean Supper at 19 Dora Ln. 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.

FOOD PANTRY EVENT: PMP CAN JAM 2, Sat, Nov 21, 5 to 9 p.m., Peppermill Tavern. Please bring non-perishable food pantry items for chances to win prizes donated by local businesses. All food donations will be given to the Limerick Food Pantry.

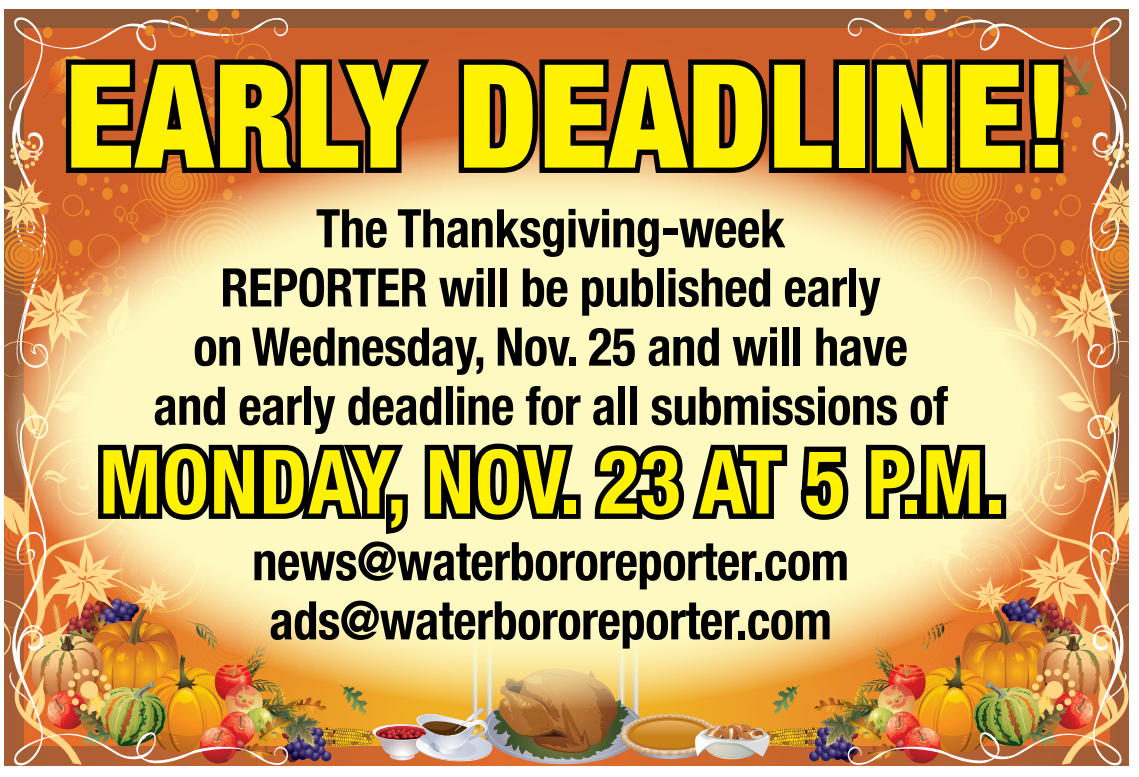
TIRED OF TURKEY? TRY OUR DELICIOUS HADDOCK SUPPER BUFFET Saturday, Nov. 28 at 5 p.m. at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: $12 Adult, $5 Child, $24 Family.

The Acton-Shapleigh Lion's Club **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Saturday of every month (Next on Dec. 5). $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.

BEAN SUPPER Massabesic Lions monthly dine-in or take-out the 2nd Saturday of the month (next on Dec. 12), 4 to 6 p.m. at the Lions Regional Medical Center, 813 Main St. Waterboro. Adults $15. Children 6 to 12 are $8, kids 5 and under are free. Pint of chop suey for $8. Kidney and navy beans, chop suey, ham slices, red hot dogs, coleslaw, "our homemade" biscuits and dessert.

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.

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



Thanksgiving is the busiest day for home cooking fires

Red Cross urges cooking safety ahead of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is the busiest day of the year for home cooking fires, with more than three times the daily average of cooking-related incidents nationwide. Ahead of the holiday, the American Red Cross of Northern New England is urging families to take simple precautions to prevent fires and ensure their smoke alarms are working.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, cooking causes about 80% of home fires reported on Thanksgiving and nearly 40% of civilian fire injuries that day. Home fires remain the nation's most frequent disaster, and Red Cross volunteers in Maine respond regularly to help families affected by local fire emergencies. So far this year, the Red Cross has responded to nearly 220 home fires in Maine, assisting 730 people.

"Home fires remain one of the most frequent disasters our volunteers respond to, and many can be prevented," said Steve Thomas, executive director of the Red Cross Southern Maine Chapter. "As families prepare holiday meals this Thanksgiving, we encourage everyone to stay focused in the kitchen, keep an eye on what's cooking and test their smoke alarms. Taking a few simple precautions can help prevent a joyful celebration from turning into an emergency."

Top Thanksgiving cooking safety tips

Follow these safety tips and visit redcross.org/fire for more information, including a sample fire escape plan to practice with your family.

1. Never leave cooking food unattended.

2. Keep anything that can burn away from heat sources, like loose clothing or dangling sleeves, potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging and towels.

3. Keep kids and pets at least three feet away from cooking areas.

4. Keep a fire extinguisher in your kitchen.

5. Make sure smoke alarms are working.

6. If using a turkey fryer, fully thaw and dry the turkey before frying and keep the fryer at least 10 feet from structures.

Specific to deep frying turkeys:

• Deep frying of turkeys should occur outside and at least 10 feet from any structure, vehicles, or anything that can burn. Never in a garage, on a porch or under any structure.

• Thaw the turkey completely and pat it dry before frying. Ice or water reacting with hot oil can cause violent boiling and splattering.

• Do not overfill the fryer with oil. Check the correct oil level by first placing the turkey in the pot with water to measure displacement, then remove and dry the pot completely before adding oil.

• Turn off the burner before lowering the turkey into the oil to prevent flare-ups.

• Lower the turkey slowly and carefully to avoid splashing.

• Monitor the oil temperature with a fryer thermometer. Never allow it to exceed 350°F (177°C).

• Never leave the fryer unattended while it is in use.

• Always wear heat-resistant gloves, long sleeves, and eye protection.

• Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the cooking area.

• In case of fire, do not use water to extinguish a grease fire — it will make it worse. Use a Class K or ABC-rated fire extinguisher and call 911 immediately if a fire occurs.

• After cooking, allow the oil to cool completely before moving or disposing of it.

Check your smoke alarms before Thanksgiving

Working smoke alarms can cut your risk of dying in a home fire by half.

• Place smoke alarms on each level of your home, including inside and outside bedrooms and sleeping areas.

• In addition to testing your alarms once a month, change the batteries at least once a year, if your model requires it.

• Check the manufacturer's date of your smoke alarms. If they're 10 years or older, they need to be replaced because the sensor becomes less sensitive over time. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.

• Identify two exits from every room.

• Teach children what smoke alarms sound like and what to do when they hear one.

Solve the puzzle. Help save a life: Give blood or platelets with Red Cross

TYPE O BLOOD DONORS ESPECIALLY NEEDED NOW

Receive an exclusive Red Cross x Wheel of Fortune mug for coming to give Nov. 23-Dec. 6

The American Red Cross asks donors to go for a spin and help save lives by giving blood or platelets in November. The last two months of the year can be a challenge for many donors trying to juggle regular donation appointments with packed schedules full of seasonal activities and holiday planning. Donors of all blood types – especially those with type O blood – are urged to make an appointment to donate now.

The Red Cross and Wheel of Fortune are teaming up to give back to donors this Thanksgiving. Those who come to give blood or platelets between Nov. 23 and Dec. 6, will receive an exclusive Red Cross x Wheel of Fortune oversized mug, while supplies last. Additionally, all who come to give Nov. 23-Dec. 6 will automatically be entered for a chance to win a three-night trip for two to Los Angeles with entry to a Wheel of Fortune taping. Full details can be found at RedCrossBlood.org/WheelofFortune.

Every spin counts. Every drop matters. Reserve your spot to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

The Red Cross urges donors not to wait to make a lifesaving difference – share your good health this holiday season by donating blood for patients in need. In November during National Diabetes Awareness Month, successful donations will get free A1C testing (one result per calendar year; do not fast before donating). For details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/Maze.

Need a weekend or evening appointment? Consider giving blood at one of our local Red Cross blood donations centers.

Upcoming local blood donation opportunities:

• Nov. 30, 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Standish Town Hall, 175 Northeast Road, Standish

• Dec. 1, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Kennebunk Masons, 159 Alfred Road, Kennebunk.

• Nov. 23, 12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., North Parish Church, 893 Main Street, Sanford

• Nov. 28, 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., First Parish Federated Church, 150 Main Street, South Berwick

• Nov. 20, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Wells Ogunquit Senior Center, 300 Post Road, Wells.

Visit RedCrossBlood.org.











From the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Apply today to be a Deputy Game Warden next summer

Maine Game Wardens protect the people, places, and outdoor traditions that make Maine unique.

If you're interested in this rewarding, adventurous law enforcement career, one way to get started and get your feet wet is becoming a seasonal Deputy Game Warden. The seasonal position runs from early May through the end of August 2027. Although not guaranteed, many Deputy Game Wardens choose to pursue full-time, permanent positions after the boating season is complete.



What Deputy Game Wardens do:

Seasonal Deputy Game Wardens patrol the Sebago Lakes, Belgrade Lakes, or Moosehead Lake Region in state issued watercraft. Deputy Game Wardens share information about safe boating and aquatic invasive species prevention with the boating community and enforce boating laws and rules to keep everyone on the water safe.

Hiring Process:

The hiring process is open until Dec. 21, 2026. Applicants must successfully complete the Physical Fitness Test to apply. To schedule a test, call the Maine Criminal Justice Academy at 207-877-8000.

Interested in a full-time, permanent position?

Maine Warden Service is also hiring full-time game wardens!

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TOWN OF WATERBORO

PLANNING BOARD
Notice of Public Hearing

The Waterboro Planning Board will hold the RESCHEDULED **Public Hearing** on an application for a **wireless telecommunications facility at 87 Thyngs Mill Road**.

A copy of the application is available at the Town Hall or on the Waterboro Town Website: https://www.waterboro-me.gov/information_center/public_hearings.php

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

- **Attend in-person** at the Town Hall and speak at the Podium during the Public Hearing. ***Meeting information below.***
- **Send in a letter** to the Town of Waterboro Planning Board: Town Planning, 24 Townhouse Road, E. Waterboro, Maine 04030.
- **E-mail a letter** to: achute@waterboromaine.gov.
- All Public Hearings are streamed live on Youtube accessible via the Town's website and recorded for future viewing at www.youtube.com/WaterboroMaine.

Please contact the Town Planner with application questions at mjordan@waterboromaine.gov or 247-6166 ext.122. Please contact the Planning Board Administrator at 247-6166 ext.121 to receive information on how to participate via phone.

DATE: RESCHEDULED to December 2, 2026
TIME: 6:00 PM *(Previously scheduled for Nov. 18)*
LOCATION: Town Hall - 24 Townhouse Road, E. Waterboro, Maine 04030.

– Rebekah Higgins, Chairman

VETERANS

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$1100 was raised for Honor Flight Maine in 2016.

The Maine Veterans Home in Scarborough has also benefited from the AFOG's generosity. Donations have enhanced the comfort and care of long-term residents. From 2020 through 2025, AFOG delivered Easter plants to veterans in every room to bring joy and companionship during the Easter season.

A new initiative, Vets to Vets, provides one-on-one visits to veterans who may be in need of fellowship and companionship.

Support has also been provided to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), which offers care and assistance to military families coping with grief and loss.

Another organization recognized was Soldiers Angels, which supports active-duty military members, veterans, and their families. Guided by the motto "no soldier goes unloved," the organization sends care packages to service members around the world. During the July Sunshine Fair at St. Matthews, the AFOG participated in the Ship- a -Cup of Joe program, helping send coffee overseas to deployed troops.

In addition, the AFOG sends Valentine's Day cards each year to service members serving overseas.

The group has also supported the Wounded Warrior Project, which was founded following the September 11 terrorist attacks.

From June 2022 to the present, Vickie's Olde School Gift Shoppe, 52 Elm St., donates money collected throughout the year to support the AFOG's work with veterans.

Don Berthiaume of the Knights of Columbus thanked the Knights' partnership with the AFOG, noting that four Knights of Columbus members currently serve on the AFOG committee. He also encouraged new membership in the Knights of Columbus to help continue supporting parish programs and veterans' initiatives.

The event concluded with Deacon Paul Lissandrello presenting each veteran in attendance with a personalized card of thanks and recognition of their service and sacrifice. The heartfelt tribute reminded everyone that veterans' dedication and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Our veterans have given so much to our country through these efforts; the AFOG wants them to know their service is appreciated, remembered, and honored.



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SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Scots triumph over Trojans in regional

Lucas Klehn threw two touchdown passes and he rushed for two more to help lift Bonny Eagle to a 35-28 win over host Thornton Academy on Saturday, Nov. 14. The win put a halt to a seven-game losing streak against the Trojans and sends the Scots to the Class A Championship game on Nov. 21.

The longtime foes traded touchdowns early and the first quarter ended even at 7-7. The Scots blanked the Trojans in the second quarter and went into halftime up 21-7. Klehn, a senior, carried 24 times for 142 yards. Classmate Benedito Noe had six carries and a 19-yard touchdown reception. Klehn completed five of nine pass attempts for 78 yards and a 124.1QBR. Wes Pinkham had two receptions for 42 yards and a TD for the Scots.

The defensive effort from the Scots was equally as impressive. Klehn had 13 tackles and Pinkham and Ben Havu had 12. The junior also made five extra points; kicked off six times for 201 yards, and he punted twice. Finley Leavitt had four tackles and a fumble recovery.

Bonny Eagle will head to Fitzpatrick Stadium for the Class A Championship game versus Oxford Hills/Buckfield (OHB). The teams met during the regular season for a North-South Crossover game with the Scots handing OHB their only loss on the year, a 45-6 pummeling back on Oct. 9. The championship game can be heard on FM radio 96.3 WJJB with coverage beginning at 10:30 a.m.

YOUTH SOCCER

Season wrap-up

Massabesic United Soccer Club's U13 teams posted excellent seasons with both teams winning a regional title and securing a trip to the state championship game.

The boys, who fell to Merrymeeting in the final turned in an overall record of 11-2-1. They began the season with five straight wins before a tie broke the streak. Then they won their next four. The boys beat Saco 4-1 in the quarterfinals and then blanked Falmouth 7-0 in the semis.

The girls U13 team didn't have the type of start the boys had, going 1-4-1 early on, but they got it together and made a run all the way to the championship game. They won the opening round of the playoffs with a shootout win over Marshwood. The girls punched their ticket to the final with a gritty 3-1 win over Scarborough who they had fallen to during their rough start.

The U13 boys were coached by Ryan Rossignol and the girls were coached by Jason Brunet.

– By Mike Deangelis
Sports Writer



Members of the Massabesic High School Class of 1976 gathered at their recent 50th reunion. COURTESY PHOTO

Massabesic Class of 1976 celebrates 50 years of memories, friendship and history

Bicentennial Class marks its golden anniversary during America's Semiquincentennial year

Fifty years after their high school days together, members of the Massabesic High School Class of 1976 returned to celebrate a milestone reunion filled with laughter, memories, school spirit, and renewed friendships.

The Oct. 2–4 reunion weekend held special historical significance. The Class of 1976 graduated during America's Bicentennial year and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2026, as the nation commemorates 250 years of independence during its Semiquincentennial. This remarkable connection between two major anniversaries added special meaning to the celebration.

The three-day weekend began Friday, Oct. 2, with a return to Massabesic High School. Classmates enjoyed a tour of the school, followed by a tailgate gathering before the Mustangs' Homecoming football game against Noble High School. A special section of the bleachers welcomed the returning Class of 1976, whose members received recognition during halftime. The evening was filled with Mustang pride, including an unexpected moment when the stadium lights temporarily went out. Spectators quickly illuminated the stands with their cell phones, creating a scene reminiscent of a concert. The Mustangs went on to win the game, making the Homecoming celebration even more memorable for the returning classmates.

Saturday's activities provided another opportunity for classmates to reconnect in a relaxed setting, with a beach walk followed by a gathering around a fire pit, complete with appetizers, conversation, and shared memories.

The weekend culminated on Sunday, Oct. 4, with the official 50th reunion celebration at The Ridge in Sanford. Once again, sunshine greeted attendees, who spent the afternoon reconnecting, reminiscing, sharing photographs, and celebrating a half-century of memories.

A total of 78 people attended Sunday's reunion, including 51 classmates and 27 guests. Seven classmates traveled from out of state to join the festivities, reflecting the enduring friendships and connections that have continued across the miles and decades.

A delicious meal was provided by Above and Beyond Catering at The Ridge and the festivities also included door prizes. Attendees received commemorative keepsakes recognizing the significance of the occasion. A specially designed souvenir coin honored the Massabesic Mustangs Class of 1976 as America's Bicentennial Class celebrating its golden anniversary during the nation's Semiquincentennial year. The coin features the Massabesic Mustang emblem on one side, while the reverse commemorates the years 1976–2026, bearing the inscription "50 Years of History and Friendship," along with references to America's Bicentennial Class and the Semiquincentennial reunion.

A special reunion souvenir flyer offered another glimpse into the past and present, featuring the class song, major headlines from 1976 and 2026, and reflections on the remarkable changes that have taken place over the last fifty years.

A group photograph captured the returning classmates together, while smaller group and individual photographs recorded additional memories. A special slideshow provided another opportunity to revisit familiar faces, friendships, and moments from years gone by.

Among the most meaningful moments of the reunion was a memorial tribute honoring classmates who have passed away. The remembrance display offered a touching tribute to those who could no longer join their friends, but whose memories remain an enduring part of the Class of 1976 and its shared history.

The celebration also welcomed former classmates who had shared their school years at Massabesic, reflecting friendships that extended beyond graduation and have endured through the decades.

While many were able to attend, the class also remembered those who could not join the celebration. Their absence was felt, and they were missed.

More than simply an opportunity to look back, the weekend was a reminder that friendships and shared experiences can endure across generations, miles, and years.

For the Massabesic High School Class of 1976, the weekend was more than a reunion. It was a celebration of fifty years of memories, a lifetime of stories, and friendships that have endured through the decades.

Fifty years of memories. A lifetime of stories.

Time passes. Memories fade. Friendships find their way home.

– By Diane (Lavigne) Cyr
(originally from Lyman)
Massabesic Class of 1976

Board of Appeals
TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH
Public Hearing Notice

The Shapleigh Board of Appeals will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING at the Shapleigh Community Building on Monday, December 7, 2026 at 7:00 pm for the following:

A REQUEST FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S JULY 8, 2026 REVOCATION DECISION, WHICH REVOKED A BUILDING PERMIT ISSUED TO THE APPELLANTS ON MAY 26, 2026.

Ref. Shapleigh Zoning Ordinance §105-71C(1)

PROPERTY LOCATED AT:
Shapleigh Tax Map 35, Lot 29 (380 Cedar Drive)
APPLICANT: Matthew and Heidi Genest

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH
Public Hearing Notice

The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Tuesday, December 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** for the following:

Minor 4-Lot Subdivision
Property located on Shapleigh Tax Map 8, Lot 69B (Ross Corner Road)
Stephen Foglio Jr., Applicant & Property Owner

The Public is invited to attend.

Ann Harris, Chair ~ Shapleigh Planning Board

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH
NOMINATION PAPERS
for the March 12, 2027 Municipal Election are available for the following offices:

(1) Select Board, Assessor, Overseer of Poor - 3 Years
(1) Forest Trustee - 3 Years
(1) Budget Committee - 3 Years
(2) Library Trustee - 3 Years
(1) RSU #57 Director - 1 Year
(1) RSU #57 Director - 3 Years

Nomination Papers will be available 11/24/2026 and must be filed with the Town Clerk by 4:30 PM January 05, 2027.

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SANFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

FOR SALE - Cone Bottom High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Tank, Filter, and Pump. Sealed Bids Due Dec. 1, 2026 at 1:00 pm, in person viewing November 19 at 3:00 pm. Market value of items is $3,700. See full description and more information to bid at www.sanford.org.

FOR SALE

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Historical Society of Newfield remembers Veterans, honors community members

By Joanne Bargioni



Bob Greenleaf lays the Memorial stones in the Compass of Remembrance on Veterans Day as Historical Society of Newfield President Vinny Tymoczko reads a brief history of each inductee. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

The Historical Society of Newfield brought the community together on November 11 for a meaningful Veterans Day ceremony at the Newfield town offices on Water Street. Veterans, families, and residents gathered to honor those who have served our country and to reflect on the sacrifices made to preserve our freedom.

Historical Society of Newfield President Vinny Tymoczko welcomed everyone and thanked veterans and their families for their service. He reminded those in attendance that the sacrifices made by American servicemen and women will never be forgotten and that their dedication continues to inspire future generations.

The ceremony began with a flag- raising ceremony, conducted by members of Boy Scout Troop 329 of Newfield, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance as the community stood together in patriotic remembrance.

Selectman Sam Park offered remarks recognizing the importance of Veterans Day and an expression of gratitude to all who have served.

Guest speaker Bruce Bryant, a longtime community member and owner of Hilltop Boilers, shared thoughts on the importance of remembering veterans and honoring their service. Drawing on remarks by Ronald Reagan during past Veterans Day observances, Bryant reflected on the enduring message that while we can never fully repay veterans for their sacrifices, we can ensure they are remembered. He also spoke about the responsibilities of passing the history of our nation and the meaning of freedom on to younger generations.

The program also included remarks from Melinda Fairbrother Dyer. She spoke about veterans dating back to the Revolutionary War, beginning in 1775; a roll call of veterans was read, recognizing those who served throughout the nation's history.

Navy Petty Officer, 2nd Class, Clement Joyal laid a wreath on the monument in front of the town offices with a 15-second salute.

Tymoczko then read the names of local veterans and their branches of service, bringing the Veterans Day observation to a close.

Following the ceremony, attendees were invited to the Historical Society of Newfield, 64 Elm Street, for another special tradition, the annual Compass of Remembrance Induction Ceremony.

Historical Society Treasurer, Laura Rowe, welcomed guests and expressed her appreciation for the strong turnout at both the Veterans Day ceremony and the Compass of Remembrance. This year's honorees were Dr. Marian Moulton, Thelma Connell, and Bob Greenleaf, each recognized for their long-lasting contributions to the Newfield community. Greenleaf, who conceived the idea for the Compass of Remembrance, was surprised when the Historical Society included his name engraved on a stone. All the memorial stones bearing the inductees' names were placed in the Compass of Remembrance, and Tymoczko shared brief biographies highlighting their lives, service, and dedication to the town. The ceremony also recognized Ruth Ayers, whose contributions have touched many lives in the community.

A bell was rung in honor of each recipient, followed by a moment of quiet reflection. This marked the fourth Compass of Remembrance Induction Ceremony, continuing a tradition of celebrating local residents whose generosity, leadership, and commitment have helped shape Newfield's history.

Nov. 11 served as a reminder not only of the sacrifices made by veterans, but also of the importance of remembering the individuals whose efforts have strengthened the community for generations. Through both ceremonies, those gathered honored the past while preserving the stories and values that continue to define Newfield today.

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Lawrence G. Roberts

Lawrence G. Roberts of Shapleigh. July 15, 1933 - Oct. 26, 2026. PLEASE NOTE: Services for Lawrence Roberts have been rescheduled for sometime next spring. The service date and further details will be announced when available.



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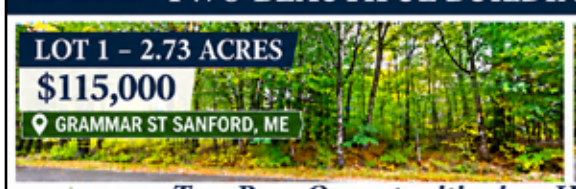
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