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## Yellow Tulip Project

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

“It’s okay to not be okay.” How many times have you heard that these days? It’s become a kind of mantra. But do you live it? Do you use it in your daily life? Do you check in on family and friends to make sure that they are, indeed, okay? And if they are not, do you do something about it? Well, the students on the Sacopee Valley High School Yellow Tulip Team do. Quotes of hope are shared on Wisdom Wednesday, and mental health information is shared on Find Out Friday as part of the morning announcements for the entire school to hear. Their message: You are not alone! It’s okay to reach out for help, it’s okay to struggle – everyone has their own struggle, their own story – “Let’s make sure we talk about it,” said advisor Elizabeth Sanborn, “and let folks know that there are resources available, and people out there who care about you.” They do the work of the Yellow Tulip Project.

The Yellow Tulip Project (YTP) is a youth driven movement that was created in 2016 by then sophomore Julia Hansen and her mom, Suzanne Fox, at Waynflete School. It is a non-profit organization that educates and advocates for mental health, with a mission “to smash the stigma surrounding mental illness,” and to let folks know that “hope is always there.” Why yellow tulips? Hansen found her own voice to speak out about mental health after losing two of her best friends to suicide her sophomore year. The yellow tulip itself represents happiness and love, but it also reminded Hansen of the two best friends she had lost, one whose favorite flower was the tulip, and the other whose favorite color was yellow.

At Sacopee, the Yellow Tulip Project was founded in 2019 by Camryn Baron when she was a 7th grader at Sacopee Valley Middle School in Dr. Sanborn’s Hawk Block class, a Response to Intervention (RTI) class for students in

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From left, Camryn Baron, Student Ambassador, Olivia Hodgdon and Margaret Brewster of the Yellow Tulip Project with Baron’s Yellow Tulip Mural at Sacopee Valley High School. COURTESY PHOTO



From left, Anthony Curro (Biddeford), Logan Fellows (Lyman), Nolan Berg (Saco) and Deacon MacLean (West Newfield) having fun skating during school vacation on Feb. 20, at the public ice rink in Lyman. The rink is located between the Lyman Community Library and the ballfield, and managed by the Lyman Parks and Recreation Department. PHOTO BY KERRY DEANGELIS

## Sanford High School senior codes his way to musical innovation

Through Sanford High School’s Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) program, senior Quang Lam has discovered an exciting way to combine his love of music with his passion for computer programming. His innovative project aims to help musicians learn new pieces more easily using technology.



Quang Lam  
COURTESY PHOTO

Think of a musician trying to learn their favorite song by ear – they listen to it over and over, writing down each note by hand. It’s like transcribing a speech word for word, but with musical notes instead. Quang is working on a computer program that could do this task automatically, saving musicians hours of work.

“I wanted to see if this process could be automated,” Quang explains. His program would listen to a musical recording and write down the notes automatically, similar to how speech-to-text programs convert spoken words into written text.

This isn’t Quang’s first time thinking outside the box. Last year, he conducted research on how weight training techniques could help trumpet players hit higher notes more easily. This creative approach to problem-solving led him to his current project, where he’s using computer programming to solve real-world challenges in music education.

While working on this project, Quang has expanded his programming skills significantly. Already familiar with creating websites, he challenged himself to learn a new programming language called Java. “I spent hours reading and learning how to make my laptop’s microphone record and process music,” he shares.

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**NEW EVERY THURSDAY!**

LOCAL news, events and faces from your LOCAL community.



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# Community CALENDAR

Email non-profit event listings to: [news@waterbororeporter.com](mailto:news@waterbororeporter.com)

## COMING EVENTS

**ACTON CHILI AND CHOWDER CROCKFEST** Saturday, March 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. If you have a spectacular recipe for chili or chowder the Acton Public Library invites you to join them for their annual cook-off challenge. Registration forms can be found at [www.acton.lib.me.us](http://www.acton.lib.me.us). If you'd like to eat and vote on the chili and chowder from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. the cost is \$10 per person or \$40 per immediate family. The event will be held at Barn Lights, 189 Hooper Road in Acton. FMI call 636-2781.

**HADDOCK SUPPER BUFFET** Saturday, Feb. 22, at

5 p.m. at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family. Offering takeout for those not wanting to come inside for seating.

**JOIN THE "BUY NOTHING NEW 2025" CHALLENGE**, Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the Hollis Center Library, Hollis. The theme for the coming meeting is "When you really, really need something." Pretend you lost your snow shovel or your winter boots. Must you rush to L.L. Beans or Walmart? Could you "make do" somehow? Can you master yourself and think creatively and find substitutes.

Call 929-6817 for more information.

**PUBLIC BEAN SUPPER** on Saturday, March 1 at St. Thomas School cafeteria on 69 North Avenue in Sanford from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Serving beans, cole slaw, chop suey, ham, hot dogs, bread, dessert and beverages. Proceeds to benefit the school. Cost is \$10 per person or \$6 for children under 12. FMI contact Ray at 651-6636.

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

**THE FIRST 40 DAYS: A VIBRANT CONVERSATION WITH SHENNA BELLOWES AND BILL NEMITZ** President Donald Trump has approved dozens of new policies, executive orders, decrees, and funding reductions for many domestic and international programs. Maine's Secretary of State, Shenna Bellows, and award-winning Maine journalist, Bill Nemitz, will address many of these issues at a public forum on Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. at the Buxton Center Elementary School, 912 Long Plains Road, Buxton. All are welcome. Donations gratefully accepted. Sponsored by the Hollis Buxton Democratic Committee

**LIMERICK WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING** The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) of Limerick will be hosting its March meeting on Tuesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. at the Free Baptist Church, 2 School St., Limerick. This month's presentation will be on the Hannah P Hayes Trust. New members to the Women's Club are always welcome.

**PUBLIC HADDOCK DINNERS** Fridays from March 7 through April 11 (4:30 to 6:30 p.m.) at the St. Thomas School Cafeteria, 69 North Avenue in Sanford. Price is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Bring canned goods or other nonperishable items for chance at 50/50 raffle. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, FMI call Ray at 651-6636.

**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER** at the Goodwins

Mills Advent Christian Church, 503 Goodwins Mills, Route 35 Dayton, March 8 from 4:30-6 p.m. Menu is corned beef, ham, mashed potatoes, carrots and cabbage, rolls, brownies and beverages. All are welcome!

**BEAN SUPPER** March 8 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Buxton Centre Baptist Church, Long Plains Road, Route 22 Buxton. Homemade kidney and pea beans, American chop suey, hot dogs, coleslaw, rolls and desserts. \$10 per person. Takeout orders are also available if you call the church ahead at 929-3011 and leave a message with your name and phone number and your order.

**MAKE-IT AND TAKE-IT SHAMROCK CRAFT** Join Miss Sheila in the Children's Room at Springvale Public Library, 443 Main Street on March 12 from 2 to 5 p.m. All materials provided. This event is suitable for ages 5-12 years. For more details, you may call the Springvale Public Library at 324-4624.

**LYMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING** Tuesday, March 18 at 6 p.m. at the Arion Lodge (the Masons) Goodwins Mills, Lyman.

**SANFORD GARDEN FAIR** The Sanford Beautification Committee is hosting its first annual Sanford Garden Fair with workshops, plants, and garden products. The Fair will be held on March 29 from 10 AM to 6 PM at the Sanford Memorial Gym, 678 Main St. Admission is five dollars, and children 12 and under are free.



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**ONGOING EVENTS**

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

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

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

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

**BEAN SUPPER** Massabesic Lions monthly dine-in or take-out the 2nd Saturday of the month, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Regional Medical Center, 813 Main St. Waterboro. Adults \$10. Children 5 to 12 are \$7, kids 4 and under are free. Kidney and Pea Beans, Chop Suey, Ham, Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, "Our homemade" biscuits and a variety of desserts.

The Acton-Shapleigh Lion's Club **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Satur-

day of every month. \$7 includes pancakes (plain or blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausages, toast, orange juice, beans, and coffee, tea, and milk. The breakfast will be served from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road.

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

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

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

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

**SANFORD TOPS** The Sanford Chapter 0113 meets every Wednesday night at 5:45pm at the New Beginnings Church (bottom floor), 181 Grammar Road, Sanford. For more info call Linda Rose at 206-6234.

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

**TOPS SANFORD 0207** at the Willard School 668 Main St.

Weigh in from 9-9:45 a.m. on Fridays with the meeting to follow. For more info call Valerie Fecteau at 324-4808 or Judie Berry at 247-5211.

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

**SANFORD STUDENT**

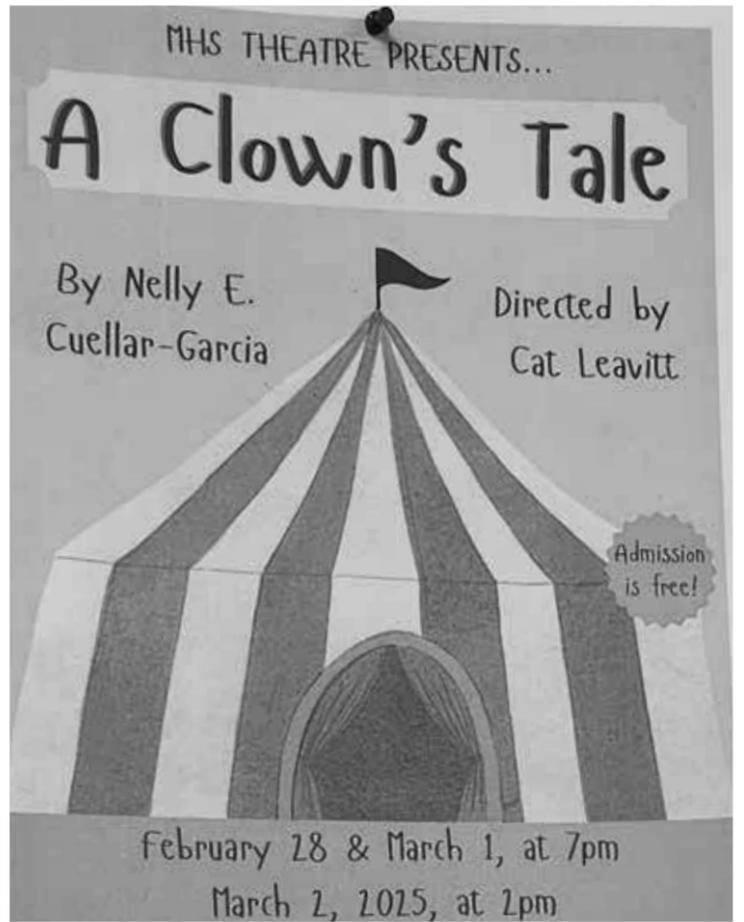
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Though the project proved more challenging than expected within the time constraints of his ELO, Quang's achievement lies in his ability to tackle complex problems and learn new skills quickly. "Quang is a remarkable student, and I'm thrilled he had the chance to gain this experience through the Extended Learning Opportunity at Sanford High School with JMG's support," ELO Coordinator Sally Quarles says. "The ELO program is a vital initiative that strengthens student success at SHS, and I'm proud to be a part of it."

Though the project proved more challenging than expected within the time constraints of his ELO, Quang's achievement lies in his ability to tackle complex problems and learn new skills quickly. He's building a foundation in both music and technology that will serve him well in future endeavors.

Looking back on his journey, Quang sees value beyond just the technical achievements. "Through this project, I found how combining different fields that may often seem conflicting with each other can create new ideas and techniques in each of the fields of knowledge."

- By Samuel A. Bonsey  
Communications Coordinator,  
Sanford School Department



Massabesic High School Theatre presents a Clown's Tale on Feb. 28 and March 1 at 7 p.m. plus March 2 at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium at 88 West Road, Waterboro. Admission is free.

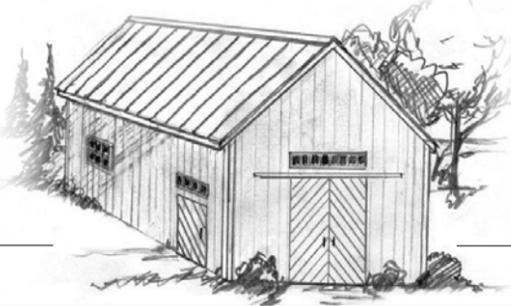
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# Candidates night held

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

The town of Shapleigh held a Meet the Candidates Night for two open seats on the Select Board. One of the seats is for a one-year term due to the untimely passing of Shawn Cavanaugh and the other is for a three-year term.

Seated at the table were Michelle Rumney, Town Administrator, who was the moderator, and Gloria Pillsbury, Bill Mageary, David Lemaire, and Mike Cote – all candidates vying for the position of Selectman. The candidates began by introducing themselves.

**GLORIA PILLSBURY** is running for the Selectman one-year term vacancy and has lived in the Shapleigh community for over 50 years. Her family hails from York County and she loves Shapleigh and would love to be part of the governing process. Pillsbury has attended all the Selectman meetings since March 2024 and served on the Building Committee for the Community Center as well as one of the Directors for the Acton Agricultural Fair. She was formally a member of the Planning Board for 15 years. She feels one of the most pressing problems in Shapleigh is the County and SAD#57 budgets. She would love to lower the cost. One of the changes or improvements she would like to make to the town is to the Reserve Fund. She would like to see it increased to keep up with inflation. In closing Pillsbury said there will always be challenges. The County Budget and SAD #57 School budget has to be paid and only the voters can help by voting on the budget. She commends all the volunteers, the Town Administrator, the Town Clerk, the Fire Chief, the Rescue Chief, and all departments. She said she uses common sense and dependability.



Candidates for Selectman at Candidates Night held at the Shapleigh Town Hall on Feb. 19. From left, Gloria Pillsbury, Bill Mageary, David Lemaire and Mike Cote. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

**BILL MAGEARY** announced that he is a candidate for the one-year term on the Select Board. He feels one of his strongest points is his previous experience as a Selectman. He said that when a new person is sworn in on the Select Board, it takes about a year to learn the process and understand how local government operates. He said he would hit the road running and would bring to the Board a great deal of experience and knowledge. Mageary served on the Budget Committee for nine years and the Select Board for three terms. He believes in community involvement which has been evident with many endeavors, including the Capital Improvement Committee, as well as the Mousam Dam Coalition, and is a Trustee for the Highland Grove Cemetery. Before his retirement, Mageary was involved in the Law Enforcement field serving as a police officer and serving with the local sheriff's department working his way up through the ranks to Chief Deputy of the County. He has worked as an instructor at the vocational-technical school. Mageary is a member of the Acton-Shapleigh Lions Club. Last year Mageary and his wife Eileen were selected by the town with the dedication of the Annual Report. He says it goes without saying that our town wouldn't be such a great place to live if it wasn't for the many volunteers. Mageary de-

scribes himself as a fiscal conservative and pledges to scrutinize all expenditures during the next budget process. During his 9 years as Selectman, the Board members kept the taxes very low and kept Shapleigh an affordable community to live in.

**DAVID LEMAIRE's** hometown was Hudson, New Hampshire, and has lived in Shapleigh for over five years. Prior to living in Shapleigh, he lived in New Hampshire. He has lived in small towns and found Shapleigh a good fit, and he has relatives living here. He worked in the printing and manufacturing business and was the former Director of Information Technology Services of Eastern Maine Sports Co., and managed budgets. Lemaire has volunteered for Community Days, as a Planning Board Member, and as a Forest Committee member. He enjoys being of service to communities and feels the most pressing challenge for Shapleigh is the Comprehensive Plan in place which will allow the town to grow. Fire and Safety also play an important role. Lemaire believes that through educating the townspeople about the challenges of running a town and doing what the people want and knowing how the system works, will help to accomplish the town's goals. He believes that public hearings are very important and that they help to solve problems. In closing, he said that he had many years of managing budgets and he asked the people of Shapleigh for their vote. Lemaire is seeking the position of both one year or three year

term as Selectman. If elected to both he would choose which one he wished to serve.

**MIKE COTE** is seeking the position of Selectman for a three-year term. He was Selectman in Shapleigh from March 2021 to March 2024 and understands the Selectman's role. He was Commissioner of the Saco River Corridor, on the York County Budget committee, former York County Commissioner, Deputy Sheriff – Civil and Court Security, and reserve and summer police officer. Cote feels that one of the pressing challenges in Shapleigh would be the School and County budgets and would like to see changes at the transfer station to increase efficiency. He is fiscally responsible and he does not like to borrow money for town expenditure. He states he is a dedicated public servant who believes in responsible government and accountability.

All of the candidates were asked a series of eight scripted questions individually. One of the questions was concerning traffic

and speed control on Goose Pond Road. All the candidates were in agreement that this is a public town road and has the same speed limit as all the roads and Shapleigh and that the Select Board did not see a need for a change. Cote responded that the Road Commissioner would have more authority for this problem than the Select Board and Lemaire said that it was worth taking the time to get to an understanding of the problem and that he also would involve the Road Commissioner.

*Voting will be held on Friday, March 7 at the Shapleigh Town Hall, 22 Back Road. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.*

*The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled to take place Saturday, March 8 at 10 a.m. at the Shapleigh Memorial School, 467 Shapleigh Corner Road, to vote on ordinances, budgets, and other Town matters. The Shapleigh 4-H group will be on site selling Baked goods, lunch sandwiches, coffee, and bottled water as a fundraiser (cash only).*

**VOTE: FRIDAY, MARCH 7th**

**BILL MAGEARY**

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**TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH**

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

**Conditional Use Permit to open a Convenience Store & 24 Gas Pumps**

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**TOWN OF ACTON**  
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The ACTON PLANNING BOARD will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 6:00pm** for the Discussion of a Preliminary Subdivision Plan Application proposing a four-lot subdivision.

**LDP Construction / New Beginnings Estates.**  
**Foxes Ridge Road, Map 260; Lot 022.**

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

*For more information, please contact the Land Use Assistant at (207) 636-3131 Ext. 410*

**TOWN OF ACTON**  
**NOMINATION PAPERS**

Nomination papers for the following seats are now available in the Town Clerk's Office **and must be returned no later than 4:00pm on Friday, April 11, 2025**, with a minimum of 25, but no more than 100 signatures of registered Acton voters. The Election of Officers will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, absentee ballots will be available Friday, May 9, 2025.

- (1) Select Board, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor (3-year term)
- (1) School Committee Member (3-year term)
- (1) District 1 Road Commissioner (3-year term)

Questions regarding nomination papers should be directed to the Town Clerk @636-3131, ext 401 or [jroux@actonmaine.org](mailto:jroux@actonmaine.org).

# Bipartisan bills introduced to support Maine's maple industry

U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Peter Welch (D-VT) introduced the Making Agricultural Products Locally Essential (MAPLE) Act and the Supporting All Producers (SAP) Act, two bipartisan, bicameral bills to support the Maine maple industry. Senator Angus King is a cosponsor of both bills.

"Maine is the third largest producer of pure maple syrup in the country, producing more than 575,000 gallons in a normal season, and bringing in more than

\$55 million to our state each year while supporting hundreds of local jobs," said Senator Collins. "These bills support both local producers and consumers and make this market more accessible for all Mainers."

The MAPLE Act would provide a new market for maple syrup producers while increasing seniors' access to nutritious, locally sourced maple syrup products by adding maple syrup to the eligible products under the Seniors Farmers Market Nutri-

tion Program (SFMNP). SFMNP gives low-income seniors access to locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey, and herbs at farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community-supported agriculture programs. In addition to Senator King, the bill is cosponsored in the Senate by Senators Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), and led in the House by Representatives Nick Langworthy (R-NY-23) and Joe Courtney (D-CT-02).

The SAP Act would require the U.S. Department of Agriculture to consult with maple producers when determining education and research priorities for the Acer Access and Development Program (Acer), a competitive grant program supporting research and education related to maple syrup production and sustainability in the industry. The House version of

the bill is led by Representatives Langworthy and Becca Balint (VT-At-Large).

The full text of the MAPLE Act can be read at <https://www.collins.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/maple-act-2025.pdf>.

The full text of the SAP Act can be read at <https://www.collins.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/sap-act-2025.pdf>.

## BUSINESS NEWS



Members of the Sanford Masonic Lodge, Preble Lodge #143 recently presented Sweetser with a check for \$3,000 to support mental health services in the Sanford/Springvale communities. The group raised funds with a successful bowling tournament. The lodge is a philanthropic organization, raising resources for local charities. COURTESY PHOTO

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Contests, Sugarhouse Tours

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Story walk at night

A participant walking through the Hollis Center Library's recent "Snowmen at Night" Story Walk event. COURTESY PHOTO

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Another week of legislative work to be done in the ME Legislature, with several weeks remaining to get meaningful work done. Many more reforms with increased oversight and scrutiny of state and local budgets and programs is 100% necessary and is the right thing to do. Additionally, we need to have agency program and performance audits done Government-wide, from the local level to the State and federal level. The federal government is currently going through this process, via the Administration's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). We certainly need this to happen, to root out waste, fraud and abuses of the taxpayer's money, via the taxes we pay. Also, the current situation with the Legislature's supplemental budget must

be addressed, with meaningful reforms of social programs, including SNAP and Maine Care. Mainers that need these benefits should be getting them. Further, they should not be going (nor should they have ever been going) to "new Americans" that have NOT paid taxes, nor paid into Social Security.

We need to solve the problems of high utility costs, including for electricity for all Mainers. Hopefully, some headway and meaningful progress will happen on this important matter for the betterment of all Mainers.

The Maine Legislature needs to be taking proactive measures to help reduce utility costs and also create a more business-friendly climate and environment and improve opportunities for Maine people. Think about it.

- David Hall, Cornish

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

This **Public Hearing** is to allow public comment regarding the application of **Eric Harper** for a proposed 9-lot subdivision on Old Kennebunk Road on Tax Map 3 Lot 87-3 and a portion of Lot 87-2. Copies of the application and plans can be viewed on the town website or in the Code Office during regular business hours.

*Kelly J. Demers, Chairman*

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**NOMINATION PAPERS** for the June 10, 2025 Municipal Election will be available starting **March 3, 2025** for the following positions:

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- 2 Budget Committee members, 3-year term
- 1 RSU #57 School Board of Directors, 3-year term

Papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours. Nomination papers are due by **4:00pm April 10, 2025**.

For more information, contact the Clerk's office at 207-247-0650 or [Townclerk@tyman-me.gov](mailto:Townclerk@tyman-me.gov)

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

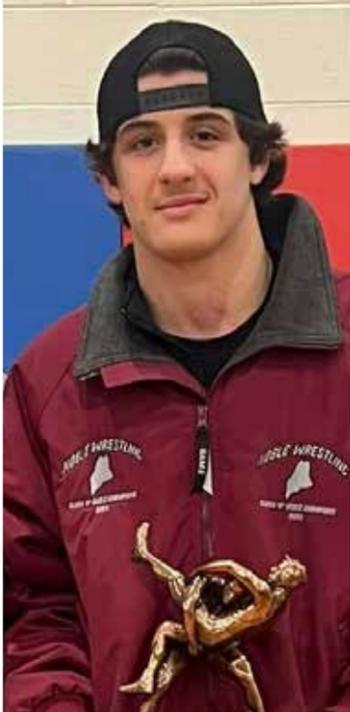
The LYMAN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will be holding a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **March 20, 2025**, at **6:00 PM** at the Lyman Town Hall.

This **Public Hearing** is an **Administrative Appeal** by **Paul and Amy Ala** in reference to their property located at **296 Wadleigh Pond Road** and shown as **Lot 18-3 on Tax Map 27** of the Assessor's Maps. This appeal is in regards to a decision made by a code enforcement officer regarding **Lot 18-4 on Tax Map 27** of the Assessor's Maps.

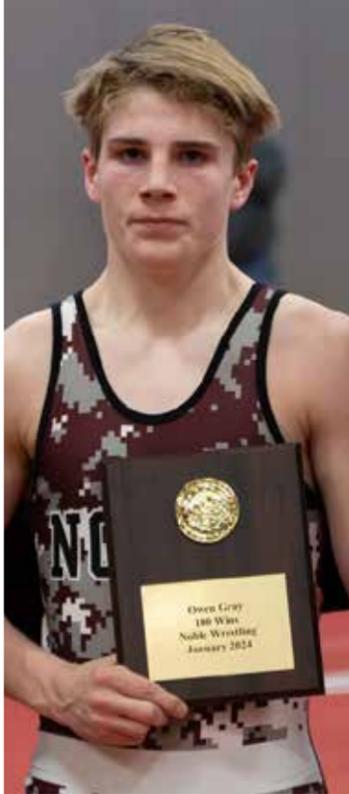
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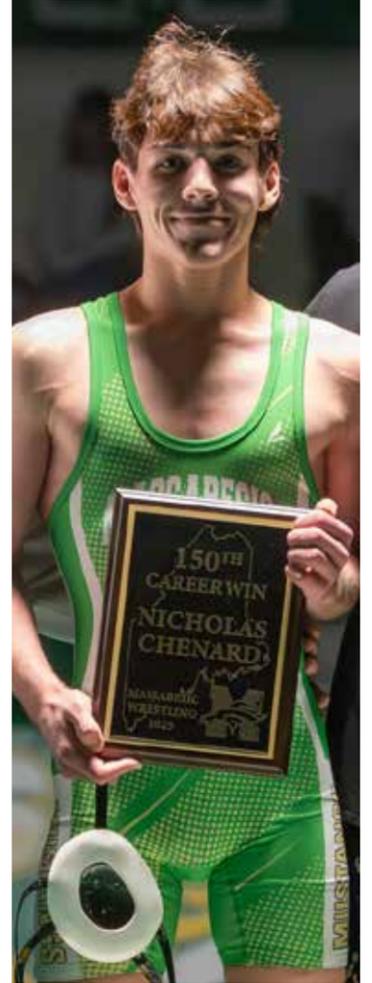
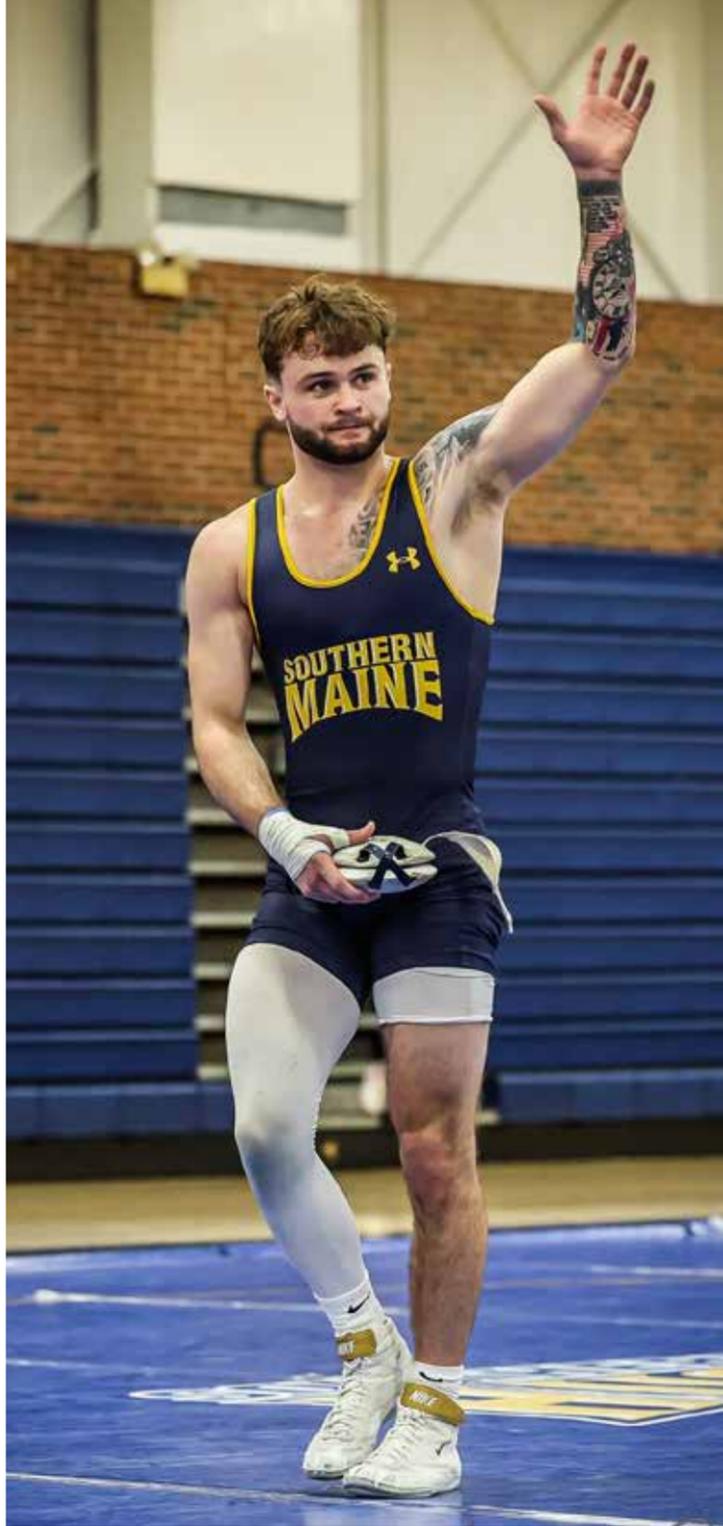
## WRESTLING



Noble High School's Brady Ouellette won Outstanding Wrestler of the 2025 MPA New England Qualifier as well as first place in the 150 lb. division. COURTESY PHOTO



Noble High School's Owen Gray recently picked up his 100th career win. COURTESY PHOTO



Massabesic High School's Nicholas Chenard recently got his 150th career win. PHOTO BY JASON GENDRON

AT LEFT: University of Southern Maine Wrestling senior and Bonny Eagle alumni Colby Frost waves to the crowd following his final win at the Costello Sports Complex on senior night. Colby is currently ranked #1 in Division 3 at 149 lbs and is gearing up for a big final post-season. PHOTO BY JASON GENDRON



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**YELLOW TULIP PROJECT**

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the Gifted and Talented program or with high NWEA scores. Her parents had divorced, and she spent a year or two living with her Mom in Portland, and had seen her own mother's struggle with mental health and addiction. She heard about the Yellow Tulip Project through a friend of her brother's, who knew YTP founder, Julia Hansen and told Baron about the project. Baron herself had developed an eating disorder, and thought to herself, "If I'm having trouble with mental health, others must be, too." At the time, students in Ms. Sanborn's class were working on Passion Projects. Baron presented the idea of starting a YTP team at Sacopee to Sanborn, distributed resources, recruited her friends, and eventually, together, they made a presentation to the School Board and the Superintendent, asking for help and financial support. They received it, as well as a donation from Diane Day. The donation enabled the group to purchase tulip bulbs to plant a Hope Garden, their first big project.

So what is a Hope Garden? It is a garden full of yellow tulips of course! Not only are the flowers beautiful, but they are a sign

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The founders of the Yellow Tulip Project at Sacopee Valley High School (SVHS) when they were 7th graders. From left, Jared Ellingwood, Margaret Brewster, Camryn Baron, Rorie Littlefield, Keira Hicks, and Makayla Doyle. All of them are seniors at SVHS now except for Makayla who went to Baxter Academy for high school. COURTESY PHOTO

of hope. YTP says, "When communities come together, get their hands dirty planting a garden, and talk about mental illness, hope blooms!" At Sacopee, about 500 bulbs are planted in October, near the front door, on both sides of the lobby, by the rockwall, along the walkway, and maybe even on the side by the portable. "We try to plant around Oct. 10," said Sanborn, "which is Mental Health Day." Every student and staff member is invited to plant one, and any extras may be sent home to those who are out or would like to plant one at home. When the tulips bloom in April/May, Sacopee's YTP Team has a Hope Celebration. According to YTP member Margaret Brewster, one of the original members, they began the

Hope Celebration during her 8th grade year, during COVID, when schools were "struggling to get kids outside." They played music, sang songs, etc. They have continued this tradition each year. Coincidentally, May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

That first year, students also created a "Hope Board." The YTP Team creates a big yellow tulip out of construction paper on a board, and then cuts yellow stickers for students, staff and visitors to the school to write what they are hopeful for, and post it on the board, filling in the tulip with the yellow stickers. The Hope Board is posted in the lobby so that it is accessible to all. The Team makes a new board every year. This year, the Hope Board was posted after

February break and will stay up until the end of the year.

On April 11, the Yellow Tulip Team will be a part of Sacopee's Youth Wellness Day, held every year in the spring. They will present at the Middle School in the morning, and the High School in the afternoon. This year the theme is loneliness, and how to deal with it. "It's not always a negative thing," said YTP Team member Olivia Hodgdon, who joined the group in High School. The Team will talk to students about self-reflection, ways to decrease loneliness, and provide a hands-on art activity. Hodgdon came into the district in 8th grade when she moved into the district. Unfortunately, it was during COVID. "I was online with kids I didn't know," she said. When she became part of the Yellow Tulip Project, she realized she was coping with struggles she didn't even know she was having, and how to deal with them in a positive manner. "Everyone has their own struggles," Hodgdon said. "Helping others overcome those struggles is really important to me." Hodgdon hopes to join a YTP Team at her future college, or create one. "College is a hard time, leaving home, getting out into the world, a time to learn how to cope with mental issues," she said. "I enjoy being part of a community, and helping to create community."

"When we started, I had no idea what it was (YTP)," said Brewster, "but I was excited because I knew that it was something that would grow, that would help teach younger kids to keep going." She continued, "Through

the Yellow Tulip Project, I have gained confidence," and added, "I've learned to cope with anxiety, what I was struggling with." Brewster also hopes to continue with YTP in college.

As for Baron, she is currently working on a YTP Mural. As a four-year art student, Baron follows the Sacopee tradition to create a Senior Mural. "I thought about what I was most passionate about," Baron said, "and it was the Yellow Tulip Project!" And the future? "Wherever I end up, I hope to do YTP at college, either join a club or establish one."

This Yellow Tulip Team began as 7th graders, and are now all graduating Seniors. What about their legacy? "There is a good group of underclassmen, sophomores, who are kind and compassionate, who are eager to take up the mission" said Baron. Hodgdon agreed. "There are some kids just as passionate as we are about the project."

"It's been amazing," said Sanborn. "Just the fact that we are willing to talk about it [mental illness]." She continued, "We don't take mental health as seriously as physical health." But that is the mission of the Yellow Tulip Project: "We hope that someday mental illness will be as normal to talk about as any physical illness, and are fiercely dedicated to making this goal a reality. We are making it less taboo," said Baron. "The climate is changing," Sanborn added.

For more information regarding the Yellow Tulip Project itself, go to <https://theyellowtulipproject.org>.



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**Ross Carl Booker**

Ross Carl Booker, 60, of East Waterboro, died on Feb. 14, 2025 at Maine-Health in Biddeford after a long illness.

Ross was born in Sanford on January 3, 1965, to Roland and Lillian (Graf-fam) Booker. He was raised in Waterboro and moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where he met and married Jennifer Abramovitz. His hobbies included bass fishing, hunting, traveling to see lighthouses, woodworking, and home renovation.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Jennifer; siblings Raymond Booker (Carolyn), Sharon Henderson (Peter), Kenneth Booker (Kathy), Mark Booker, and Kelly Daniels (Jody); and his sister-in-laws Penny Booker and Cheryl Booker. His brothers Albert, Scott, and Eric preceded Ross in death.



Ross Carl Booker

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, at Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green in Alfred. A Celebration of Life and burial at Pine Grove North will be in the Spring of 2025.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, please visit Ross' Book of Memories Page at [www.bibbersautumn-green.com](http://www.bibbersautumn-green.com).

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**Lee Chase**

Lee Chase, 75, of Sanford, died peacefully on Feb. 24, 2025, at MaineHealth-Biddeford.

Lee was born on June 29, 1949, in Presque Isle, to Roy and Capitola (Reynolds) Chase. He worked in construction and manufacturing his entire life. His hobbies included building motorcycles, woodworking, and carving, as well as telling stories and jokes.



Lee Chase

Lee is survived by his life partner of 44 years, Connie Lane, son Chad and daughter-in-law (Kelly Lehoux) of North Waterboro, brother Roy "Bunk" Chase of Limington, and sister Patricia Chase of Texas. His grandchildren, Angelina Chase, Terri Chase, Ryan Lane, and Levi Chase, also survive. He was preceded in death by his brothers Ronald, Jimmy, and Terry Chase and his nephew Wade Cote.

Visiting hours will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, at Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green in Alfred.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, visit [www.bibbersautumn-green.com](http://www.bibbersautumn-green.com).

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**Judith Knight**

Judy Knight, 89, a long-time resident of Alfred, passed away peacefully on Feb. 20 with her loving family by her side while holding her beloved sister Karen's hand.

Judy was born on Oct. 16, 1935 in Sanford, the daughter of William (Phil) and Mary Ellen (Ellie) Mitchell.

She graduated from Sanford High School in 1954, 33rd out of 133 students. She was athletic, once pitching a no-hitter in softball against Wayneville in Portland. Her nickname was "String Bean."

Judy was in the band, playing the mellophone and baritone.

Judy married Robert (Bob) Knight on September 11, 1954. Together, they raised five children. She became a well-known waitress in Alfred at restaurants such as Leedy's, 6 G's, D&H, and the Blue Door Inn. She retired November 1997.

Judy was an avid reader, seamstress, and quilter. She could play the piano and organ. Judy was a member of the Girl Scouts and Order of the Eastern Star.

Judy's fondest memories were the motorcycle rides she and Bob would take, mostly spur of the moment trips up the coast of Maine or to the White Mountains. They always towed a little trailer with a bottle of Andres Pink Champagne and two glasses. Judy and Bob loved family gatherings, includ-



Judy Knight

ing baked bean dinners and lobster feeds.

Judy moved to The Wardwell in October 2022. There, she enjoyed making new friends, Wednesday morning bingo, musical guests, and field trips (especially for ice cream).

Judy's husband, Bob, passed away on May 12, 2019. She is survived by her two sons, Greg and his wife, Heather, of Alfred; Jim and his wife, Karen, of Waterboro; and three daughters, Lisa Knight of Standish; Martha and her husband, Alan Withee, of Scarborough; and Jane and her husband, David Audie, of Biddeford. She is also survived by two sisters; Susan Mitchell, of Sanford and Karen (Mitchell) and her husband, Barry Pierce, of Acton. She is predeceased by two brothers, David Mitchell and William (Bill) Mitchell; and one sister, Martha Mitchell Cote. Judy had 10 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held in the Spring at the Evergreen Cemetery in Alfred.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, visit [www.bibbersautumn-green.com](http://www.bibbersautumn-green.com).

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**Catherine Ella Chipman**

On Saturday evening, Feb. 8, Catherine Ella Chipman (72) passed. Catherine was Born on Oct. 15, 1952 to Margaret and Hanno Chipman. A graduate of Westbrook High School she went on to work in the Education and Medical Fields for most of her life.



Catherine Ella Chipman

Cathy lived in Standish and still resided in the same home she raised her family of three boys in. Her Boys, oldest Jarrod, middle child Adam and youngest Seth all had great memories and grew up playing sports, camping, riding bikes, summer recreational programs, hitting all the swimming holes and living a great life provided by their mother's hard work. Cathy worked as a teacher's assistant for many years. She then moved into the medical field working for the hospital for a while and then as a chiropractic assistant. She often carried a second job just to make sure her boys never wanted for anything and every opportunity was available, she was a workhorse. In her later years she (Nana) loved to get together with her grandkids for BBQ's, holidays and could always be seen on the sidelines of their Sporting events.

Some of Cathy's best stories come from her youth spending summers at Higgins Beach with her family. The Ocean was always where she went to seek solitude and to recharge. Catherine and older sister Susan Chipman were extremely close.

She often referred to some tough times as kids where she and her sister raised each other which made their bond so much more than just siblings. No matter where life took each of them they always stayed in touch and got together every year for holidays and BBQ's. They traveled to Hawaii, visits to Arizona where Susan lived for many years and even some RV trips together too.. Catherine and Susan were still very close and Catherine was caring for her sister Susan through her current and declining battle with dementia.

Cathy and longtime boyfriend of 20 plus years Eugene Estabrook

made great companions. They cared for each other greatly and helped each other out with all life's tasks. Both have had many health battles and leaned on each other immensely through the tougher times. Catherine and Eugene could often be found at local restaurants (Bayhaven a favorite) enjoying the Local Seafood.

Most of all Cathy was a caregiver. She spent most of her life making sure others had what they needed. She put others before herself at all costs and without wanting any recognition or thanks, it's just what she knew best. She took care of her son Jarrod through a lifetime of mental health struggles and his battle with cancer. She cared for her sister in her youth and through dementia, She cared for both her Mother and Father through their Elder years. She cared for multiple friends who grew old and needed assistance and comfort as things came to a close. She was always there for friendship, comfort and to make you feel loved and safe. Whether she was a Daughter, Mother, Nana, Aunt or friend she will be deeply missed by many.

Catherine was predeceased by her father Hanno Chipman, mother Margaret Bunnell and oldest son Jarrod Landry. She is survived by her longtime boyfriend Eugene Estabrook, her older sister Susan Chipman, her middle son Adam Landry and wife Jess, her youngest son Seth Landry and wife Jan and grandchildren Cam, Lily, Keegan, Kaiden and Kaitlyn.

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**Dennis Edward Walker**

Dennis Edward Walker, age 74, passed away on Feb. 19, 2025 at the Gosnell House in Scarborough, with his son, Bryan E. Walker at his side. He had been a resident of St Andre's Health Care Center in Biddeford for 3 years.



Dennis Edward Walker

He had many medical issues including vascular dementia, which destroyed his body more than his mind. All the staff and residents enjoyed Dennis' unique sense of humor and he sparked more than one resident to join in and laugh.

Dennis was born in Portland on Jan. 2, 1951 to Arlene Wardsworth and Joseph Walker. His younger years growing up on Munjoy Hill were the source of many of his stories. He also attended the Mildred Day School in Arundel but because of early childhood sickness he was only able to attend until the 8th grade. He participated in many training programs and was very adept at building and repairing just about anything. At the age of 14 he lied about his age and started working in a shoe factory in Biddeford. He was a hard worker, but always had time to help others. Where ever he lived, he was involved with that town's fire and rescue departments. The skills he learned were very vital especially involving vehicular accidents. He was also a very talented artist and did a lot of commission work. The Waterboro Historical Society and the Buxton-Hollis Historical Society both have his paintings. He also was an excellent wood worker and loved to build Shaker Style furniture. As well as many children's - items step stools, rocking horses, rocking motorcycles, teddy bear rockers. He had an eye for the finished details and had many repeat customers. Whether he was repairing a leaky faucet or building a house, he had the skills and if he didn't, he knew where to find them. Among his many interests were scratch tickets, yard sales, stories of his best friend, Sammy and bragging about his grandchildren Tucker & Sierra.

His first marriage ended in divorce and 3 children, Jason J, Bryan E, and Heather L.

In 1988 he married Victoria "Vicki" Ferguson. He was proud to be able to make repairs to the 200 year old cape Vicki had inherited. He built an addition and replaced the old barn with a large 2 story one which was almost big enough to hold his many collections. His

children were a big part of his life and he always wanted to help them build the skills needed to live a good life. Because he did not have positive parental role models he did the best he could. He was a vital part of the Hollis neighborhood at the Bar Mills Bridge side of the river. Because of his skills, his wit and his honesty, word of mouth was all he needed to succeed.

He was predeceased by his parents; his brother, David Walker; brother Joseph Whalen; sister Susan Martindale. He is survived by his wife, Vicki, sister Dorothy Brown (Barney) Arundel, sister-in-law Louise Walker Saco, son Bryan (Kathy), grandchildren Tucker, Sierra of Sanford and several nieces, nephews and a great nieces and nephews.

Per Dennis' wishes there will be no service. His ashes along with his beloved dog, Sammy's ashes will be interred in June.

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In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the N.C. Watson One Room School House, c/o The Buxton Hollis Historical Society. When he was able, he did work on the building and wanted to see it continue as a historical part of our history. The mailing address is PO Box 34, Buxton, ME 04093.

**John Henry Griffin**

John Henry Griffin, 82, passed away on Jan. 25, 2025. John was born in Bristol Connecticut. on April 30, 1942, to Leo and Ella (Grass) Griffin.



John Henry Griffin

He was married to Virginia E. (Mchatten) Oct. 1, 1965, son Michael born June 11, 1966 in Germany.

He is survived by his wife Virginia (Ginny) Griffin, son Michael A. and wife Brenda Griffin. Grandchildren Alexandria, Austin John (AJ), and Liam. Great Grandson Griffin O. Bouchard. All of Ca-

naan, NH. His sister Eloise Griffin of Herman, ME. Mother-in-law Mona McHatten and Brother-in-law Donald Mchatten of Mars Hill, ME. And Sister-in-law Beverly Griffin of Florida. As well as several nieces and nephews.

John attended Blaine Grade and Grammar Schools in Blaine, and ACI High School in Mars Hill. He was very active in FFA and graduated in 1960. He attended a 2-year Agricultural program at University of Maine graduating in 1962. He enlisted in the Army in March of 1964. He served 2 years in Germany and 6 months in Fort Hood Texas. He was discharged in March 1967 due to back injury.

He was a potato farmer from 1967 through 1977. He was very active in the Central Aroostook Young Farmers and Aroostook County Farm Bureau Board of Directors (President 2 years) during that time. He spent 4 years in western Pennsylvania working for PA Farm Bureau's Farm Management program doing on the farm record keeping and tax preparation. John also started his own Income Tax preparation business in 1977 retiring in 2018.

John moved to Hollis Center in 1989. He volunteered on Hollis Fire Dept. for 15 years and the Limington Fire Dept for 4 years. He served several years on the Hollis Budget Committee. John ran his own handyman business from 2001 to 2006. From 1960 to 2007 he worked at too many trades jobs to list. He will be missed by many.

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