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Shapleigh election results

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

Shapleigh held its municipal election on Friday, March 13 the day before the Annual Town Hall meeting on March 14. There were 250 ballots cast. David Lemaire was elected Selectboard, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor for a three-year term with 145 votes. Gloria Pillsbury received 99 votes. Lemaire said he wanted to thank the residents of Shapleigh. "I am eager and excited to do what I can to improve the community," added Lemaire.

Darren Rogers was elected as Road Commissioner, Northern District, a three-year term, with 219 votes.

The Budget Committee, three-year term positions were write-in votes only. Elected were Linda Haley with 30 votes, and Kathy Fagan with 6 votes.

Trustees for the Shapleigh



Swearing in

At the conclusion of the annual town meeting Town clerk, Kayla Moulton seated, swears in the newly elected officials. From left Darren Rogers (Road Commissioner North), David Lemaire (Selectman) and Linda Haley (Budget Committee). PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

Community Library are a three-year term. Elected were Joan Dyer with 200 votes, and Judy Kelley with 127 votes.

Trustee of the Town of Shapleigh Community Forest is a

3-year term. David Lemaire was elected with 10 votes. Mr. Lemaire has indicated that he will hold both elected positions as Selectman and as Trustee of the Shapleigh Community Forest.

Director of RSU#57 was write-in votes only. Clinton Phinney Jr. was elected for the three-year term with 55 votes, and for the two-year term Joseph Duclos was elected with 4 votes.

Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting was held on March 14 at the Shapleigh Community Center, 24 Back Road. This was the first time that the Community Center was used for the annual town meeting. Presiding on the platform was Gloria Pillsbury, the Chair of the Selectboard, Selectmen Thomas Small and Michael Cote. Also, on the platform were Kayla Moulton, Town Clerk, and Michelle Rumney Town Administrator.

There were 66 Articles to be voted on by the residents of Shapleigh. The first line of business was to elect a moderator which was again this year Jill Kramer.

Jill Kramer then introduced Sheriff King to speak at the podium. He wanted to thank everyone for their proactive step in having a contact deputy with the town. Our contract deputy is split with Acton.

All articles passed, but there were a few that received discussion.

Article 6, which stated that "the town will vote to commit taxes no later than Aug. 25, 2026 with taxes due and payable no
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Citizen police academy

A couple of classes of the Citizens Police Academy conducted by York County Sheriff's Office this winter included law and the US Constitution. It was part of the nine week program that saw students learn everything from how to conduct a traffic stop to the role of police dogs – typically called K9s – to crime scene processing and use of force.

Among the 16 graduates of the program were Bob Dyer and Matt Ryan. Both had been members of the inaugural academy in 2025 and enjoyed it so much they signed up for 2026.

"It's a good way for the community to see what's going on behind the scenes," said Ryan, who said he is interested in a career in law enforcement.



After 27 hours of instruction and a ride along with a deputy, 16 members of the YCSO Citizen Police Academy graduated March 6. The evening classes encompassed an array of topics, from crime scene investigation to the special response team, K9 handling, dispatching, jail operations and much more. The academy is held each January and February.

PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEDIA

Dyer said he found the first academy so interesting he was eager to sign up for the second. "I was amazed at the amount of time they spent on law and the Constitution," said Dyer. And then came mock traffic stops, conducted in the drill hall of the York County Regional Training Center. "At night it was really dark,"

said Dyer, with the vast drill hall simulating what it is like outside on a moonless night. "That was a whole new scenario."

Program administrator Deputy Matt Cumber said the class of 16 was a diverse group that included retirees, lawyers, healthcare workers and others who took time out of their busy weeks to attend.

The graduates were recognized on March 6, at the sheriff's office annual awards ceremony.

"I liken the citizen police academy to the Wizard of Oz movie - we give people a glimpse of what goes on behind the curtain!," said York County Sheriff William L. King Jr. "The citizen academy is not only interesting to the partici-

pants, but gives them a true appreciation of the challenges of policing in a rural environment."

Katarina Champlin works in a hospital emergency department and married into a police family.

"I wanted to see the aspects of what they do," said Champlin, who said crime scene processing
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COMING EVENTS

Newfield Recreation will be hosting a **CRAFT FAIR** at the Line Elementary School gymnasium, 818 Water St., West Newfield on March 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is also the weekend for the Maine Maple Festival. This will be Newfield Recreation's very first craft fair.

WATERBORO & ALFRED DEMOCRATS are invited to meet the candidate for Maine Senate District 33, Mark Vigliotta. Join us on Monday, March 23 at the Sanford Memorial Gym, 678 Main St., Sanford, enter at Door #6, lower level. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. FMI: sanfordspringvaledems@gmail.com.

DOLL AND BOOK TEA PARTY AT THE LIBRARY The Springvale Library will present a Doll and Book Tea Party on March 25 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for children aged 5 to 12. They can bring their favorite doll to tea and learn about Hitty, a wonderful doll from the past and see Madeline, Stuart Little, Alice in Wonderland and many other dolls of their favorite book characters. Listen to Sheila, read about a special doll named Dahlia and enjoy a craft and lightly refreshments. The library is located at 443 Main Street, Springvale.

REVOLUTION Q&A WITH HISTORIAN DR. ALAN TAYLOR Monday, March 30, Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society (ASHS) and a consortium of York County Historical organizations will be co-hosting award-winning historian and author, Dr. Alan Taylor, for a discussion on the American Revolution and its Maine connections. This program is free and will be held on Zoom. ASHS invite the public to watch the Zoom program at the Shapleigh Community Center starting at 6:30 p.m. For more info, and for the link to join

Community CALENDAR

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

the program at home, visit www.actonshapleigh.org.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT by Newfield Recreation April 4 from 10 to 11 a.m. The egg hunt starts at 10:30. Be there for some egg-citing fun. There will also be picture opportunities with the Easter bunny, crafts to take home and raffle baskets. This event will be held at Line Elementary School, 818 Water St. in West Newfield.

EASTER SERVICES at South Waterboro Bible Chapel, 911 Main Street, Waterboro, begin at 8 a.m. with a Resurrection Celebration and a pot-luck breakfast. The Easter Worship service is at 10:30 a.m. FMI call 247-6293.

LET'S EAT!

HADDOCK DINNERS Fridays, March 20 and 27 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the St. Thomas School cafeteria on 69 North Avenue in Sanford. Baked haddock, vegetables, mashed potato, bread, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, dessert and beverage. \$15 each and \$10 for children under 12. FMI contact Ray at 324-7589.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER Public Welcome at Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church, 503 Goodwins Mills Road on Route 35. Serving 4:30-6 p.m. **MARCH 21:** Ham and Corn Beef, Cabbage and Carrots, Mashed potatoes, Rolls and Brownies.

BREAKFAST AT THE MUSEUM The Alfred Shaker Museum, located at 118 Shaker Hill Road, Alfred will be holding a



Maine Maple Sunday Pancake breakfast on March 22 at 9 a.m. The menu includes 3 pancakes, 2 sausages, beans and hot dog with choice of coffee, tea or hot chocolate. The kids' portions are slightly smaller. The adults are \$12 and kids under 12 are only \$5.

DELICIOUS HADDOCK SUPPER BUFFET Saturday, March 28 at 5 p.m. at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family. We will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating.

The Acton-Shapleigh Lion's Club **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Saturday of every month (Next April 4). \$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 April 11), 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Regional Medical Cen-

ter, 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.

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

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. Bring your own bag.

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.

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 needed!

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ST. MATTHEW CHURCH FOOD PANTRY at 19 Dora Lane, in Limerick OPEN every Tuesday from 10 am to noon and the first Monday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. FMI call 793-2244.

ONGOING EVENTS

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. We take turns meeting at member's homes; you are not obligated to offer your home. FMI Diane Dunn 207-229-6135.

SHAPLEIGH CRAFT GROUP is held every second Wednesday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Shapleigh Community Center, 24 Back Road. All crafters are welcome whether you knit, crochet rug hook, embroider, etc. you are welcome at this group. You can bring some of your projects for a show and tell if you wish.

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.

NEWFIELD MUSIC JAMBOREE Town Hall, 23 So. Effingham Road, 1st Saturday of the month May-October. Winter hours 1 to 3:30 p.m. Free, open to public. Spectators welcome. All family friendly music. FMI call 468-1491.

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.

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

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

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.

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@sacriver.net.

SANFORD TOPS The Sanford Chapter 0113 meets every Wednesday night at 5:45 p.m. at the New Beginnings Church (bottom floor), 181 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 Valerie Fecteau at 324-4808 or Judie Berry at 247-5211.

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Martial Arts for Families (Ages 6+) Thursdays 3/5-4/16, 4:30-5:30 813 Main St, Waterboro \$15	Paint Night - Fluorescent Rising Bird Thursday 3/12, 6:00-8:00 Massabesic HS East Building \$15 plus \$20 material fee
LEGO Robotics (Ages 9-12) Thursday 3/19, 4-7 pm Massabesic HS East Building \$40	Knitting Friday 3/20, 12-2 pm 24 Back Road Shapleigh \$36

Call 207-247-2022 or visit massabesic.coursetorm.com to register

STATE NEWS

State mailing sent to confirm voter eligibility

Registered voters who have not voted in past two federal elections asked to verify address

The Secretary of State's Office mailed postcards in January to 148,000 registered voters who did not cast ballots in the past two federal elections. The postcards are to verify the individual's residency and eligibility to vote in Maine. The mailing is part of Maine's routine maintenance of its voter lists under the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).

Notices requested that addressees return the reply card within 20 days of receipt. Voters who wish to confirm or correct their information should complete, sign, and return the postcard to the Elections Division as soon as possible – even if it is later than the 20 days. Voters who missed the deadline will be marked as “inactive” but will still be able to vote in upcoming elections. “Inactive” voters will be asked by election officials to confirm their residential address, and if it has changed from the address on the voter list, they will be asked to complete an updated voter registration application. A voter's “active” status is restored after voting.

It is not uncommon for a residence, particularly those with high turnover rates such as apartment buildings or college residences, to receive postcards addressed to previous tenants. If a postcard is received for a former resident, it should not be completed or returned, simply discarded. Any postcards returned as undeliverable or not returned to the Elections Division will be designated as “inactive” in the voter's record. However, if a postcard is received for a family member who no longer lives at that address, it is recommended that the postcard be given to that individual to complete and return with their updated address.

While Maine enjoys high registration and voter turnout rates, there is, of course, no requirement that someone must vote, even if registered. The state is legally prohibited from cancelling a person's voter registration until after two general federal elections after the notice have passed with no voter activity.

“These mailings are a regular part of routine maintenance, and there are very specific guidelines we must follow. The multiple checks and balances in place are vital to ensure that no eligible Mainer is improperly removed from the voter rolls,” said Secretary of State Shenna Bellows. “Mainers should be proud of the quality work conducted by state and local election officials every day to ensure free, safe and secure elections.”

The database is never static and is updated daily by nonpartisan state and local election administrators in response to information received from voters and

reliable data maintenance sources such as death records and notices of cancellation from election administrators in other jurisdictions. The Secretary of State's Office annual report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs reported 217,262 total records cancelled in 2025 (as of January 1, 2026), following routine, required, and ongoing voter list maintenance activities including:

- 12,472 – voters deceased
- 15,611 – duplicate records
- 180,584 – voters inactive for 2 federal general elections
- 8,073 – voters moved from the municipality of registration
- 4 – registrar hearing determined voters ineligible
- 518 – voter requested removal from list.

Maine joins Secretaries of State seeking DHS confirmation that ICE agents will not be illegally deployed to polls

Maine Secretary of State Shenna Bellows announced recently that Maine, along with eight other states, has sent a letter to Secretary of Homeland Security Nominee Markwayne Mullin seeking confirmation that ICE agents would not be deployed to polling locations during the 2026 election cycle.

Heather Honey, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Elections Integrity in the Office of Strategy, Policy & Plans at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), told Secretaries of State on February 25, 2026, that, “Any mention of ICE at a polling location is simply misinformation. ICE will not be at any polling location during this

election cycle.”

On March 3, former Secretary Kristi Noem repeated a similar statement when appearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, saying, “There are no plans to have ICE officers at our polling locations.”

The letter from Secretaries of State asks for written confirmation that the official position of the Department of Homeland Security and Secretary-Nominee Mullin is that ICE will not have a presence at polling locations during the 2026 election cycle.

Letter signatories include:

- Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold
- Connecticut Secretary of State Stephanie Thomas
- Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias
- Maine Secretary of State Shenna Bellows
- Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon
- New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver
- Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Read
- Rhode Island Secretary of State Gregg Amore
- Washington Secretary of State Steve Hobbs

“That we even have to ask for written assurances that the federal government won't deploy armed agents to the polls is a sad and frightening sign of the times we're in,” said Secretary Bellows. “The Constitution and laws could not be more clear that armed federal agents are prohibited in polling places, but then it would also not be the first unlawful attempt by the administration to interfere with the states' rights and ability to administer elections.”

TOWN OF ACTON Public Notice

NOMINATION PAPERS for the June 9, 2026, Municipal Election are now available in the Acton Town Clerk's office for the following seats:

- Two (2) Selectmen, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor for a three-year term each (Daniel Norwood & Edward Walsh's terms are expiring)

- Two (2) School Committee Members for a three-year term each (Judith Shain & Jeanette Bearse's terms are expiring)

- One (1) School Committee for one-year term (Theresa Minihan, elected in 2024 for a 3-year term, resigned in December of 2025, Andrew Johnson was appointed until June 2026 per State Statute, open seat is for the remainder of original term)

Nomination Papers are due back to the Acton Town Hall, **no later than Friday April 10, 2026.** NO FAXES OR EMAILS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Questions should be directed to the Town Clerk's Office at 636-3131, ext. 401 or jroux@actonmaine.org.

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SANFORD

Aries Clean Technologies public forum April 2



Aries Clean Technologies is proposing a \$180 million, 400-ton-per-day biosolids gasification facility in Sanford, at the industrial park on Cyro Road, to convert sewage sludge into energy while destroying PFAS. COURTESY IMAGE

After attending the community information event hosted by Aries Clean Technology on Wednesday, Feb. 25, City leadership recognized that the venue was not adequately sized to accommodate the level of attendance and did not allow participants to fully move through the stations, ask questions, or obtain the information they were seeking about the proposed project.

Following that event, the City met with Aries to discuss hosting an additional forum that would provide residents with a more structured opportunity to learn about the project and allow them to ask questions in a space that can accommodate all interested residents. As a result, Aries will host a Public Forum at the Sanford Performing Arts Center on Thursday,

April 2, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The event will begin with informational presentations focused on topics most closely aligned with the concerns raised by residents. This will be followed by a question-and-answer session during which attendees will have the opportunity to ask specific questions of the panel of presenters, which will include Aries executives and outside experts.

We appreciate our community's willingness to learn about and engage in discussions regarding this project and hope that residents who attended the initial community event will join us on April 2. For those unable to attend, the event will be live streamed and a recording of the forum will be posted afterward.

TOWN OF ALFRED NOTICE

Nomination Papers are available for the following positions to be elected on **June 9, 2026**:

- One (1) Selectmen, Assessor & Overseer (3-year term)
- One (1) Director, RSU #57 (3-year term)
- One (1) Alfred Water District Trustee (3-year term)

Nomination papers may be obtained from the Town Clerk during regular business hours and must be returned to the Town Clerk, 16 Saco Road, Alfred, Maine 04002 **NO LATER THAN 4:30PM ON THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026.**

Contact Sarah Hewitt, Town Clerk, with any questions.
207-324-5872 x204 • Shewitt@alfredme.gov
PO Box 850, 16 Saco Road, Alfred, ME 04002

TOWN OF WATERBORO

Notice of Public Hearing

The Waterboro Town Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall on **Tuesday, March 31, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** at the Waterboro Town Hall, 24 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro, to receive public comment regarding the FY2027 Municipal Budget.

All Public Hearings are aired on the local cable station SRC-TV Channel 5 or 1302 and live-streamed on the Town's website. Questions and comments may be voiced during the hearing or emailed up to the day before the public hearing to lloewe@waterboromaine.gov.

SHAPLEIGH

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later than 45 days from commitment and to fix a rate of 7% to be charged on taxes and tax liens, unpaid after said due date and set the interest rate at 7% on abated taxes pursuant to 36 MRSA section 506-8." A resident asked for a motion to decrease the 7% interest rate to 2% as this was consistent with the federal inflation rate objective. He felt that an interest rate of 7% on people who could not pay their taxes was too much of a hardship for them. A vote was taken, and there were 16 votes that agreed with the 2% interest rate and 29 no votes. The motion was carried as a written at 7%.

Article 14 stated "to see that the town will vote to compensate the Selectboard." It was suggested to pay the select board members each \$11,908. A resident motioned to lower that to \$10,000. He felt that was enough compensation for the Selectman. He stated that Sanford only pays their select board/city counselors \$5,000. A vote was taken and the voters agreed with Article 14 to pay the Selectman \$11,908 and the motion failed and the article passed as written.

Article 22 had some discussion that concerned the town raising and appropriating \$100,000 to the Fire Truck Reserve Fund for the eventual purchase of a

new fire truck. Fire Chief Steve Guillemette stated that they were in need of the fire truck and that they needed to order a new truck at least two years in advance. So far they've raised \$394,000 for the fire truck. Chief Guillemette explained that they can't apply for grants because the town does not have a comprehensive plan. A Comprehensive Plan was written, but it had failed at the state level, so they were not able to get any money through the state for grants. He also stated that if you wanted to make a private donation for the firetruck, you could contact the Chief to discuss this. After the discussion ensued, the article passed.

Article 28 "to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for the new Public Safety Building Reserve Fund. The fund already has \$42,000 but more is needed in anticipation of a new Public Safety Building. Selectman Cote said "It is very important to work on reserve accounts. It's a smart move to put some money aside so you don't need to borrow any money." The Article passed.

The next discussion was held on article 45, which was to see "if the town would vote to raise and appropriate \$12,494 for agencies for the coming year. Care Unlimited, Day One, Shapleigh First Baptist Church food pantry, and the York County Communi-

ty Action Corporation all had an increase in funds this year. These were all needed. The Selectboard said it was important to help agencies for people in need at this time. The article passed.

Article 61 was to see "if the town would vote to raise and appropriate \$49,000 dollars for the comprehensive plan." This money would be used according to Selectman Small for a grant writer in order to comply with the requirements of the state. They do a Comprehensive Plan every 10 years, but the last Comprehensive Plan written by the town was not accepted by the state. "This is a huge undertaking for anyone" said Selectman Small and "we need to get this approved to receive grants from the state." The article passed.

Michelle Rumney, Town Administrator, then spoke of the need for volunteers in the community. She spoke of the Recreation Committee that was in need of more volunteer members in order for it to be functional. At the moment, with only two members, a quorum cannot be reached, and decisions cannot be made regarding the recreation committee. Please consider joining this very worthy group so that the children will have recreational and sports activities available to them.

Following the town meeting, Kayla Moulton, Town Clerk, swore in the newly elected officials (see related photo on Page 1).

ACTON/SHAPLEIGH

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Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society co-hosts Revolution Q&A with historian Dr. Alan Taylor

On Monday, March 30, Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society (ASHS) and a consortium of York County Historical organizations will be hosting award-winning historian and author, Dr. Alan Taylor, for a discussion on the American Revolution and its Maine connections. This program is free and will be held on Zoom. ASHS invite the public to watch the Zoom program at the Shapleigh Community Center starting at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Taylor is the author of eleven books, with numerous awards, including two Pulitzer Prizes. After teaching collegiate courses in American colonial and Revolutionary history for forty years, he retired as the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Chair at the University of Virginia. Most recently, he was a featured historian on the documentary The American Revolution by Ken Burns.

To commemorate America's 250th anniversary, museums and historical societies across York County have joined together to explore the American Revolutionary experience. The upcoming discussion with Dr. Alan Taylor is just the beginning of a range of programs being offered by individual societies across southern Maine. And for more information on this program, and more fascinating events you can expect, please visit the website for your local society or museum in York County.

A native of Portland, Maine, a graduate of Colby College (1977), Alan Taylor received his doctorate in American History from Brandeis University in 1986. After a postdoctoral fellowship at the Institute of Early American History and Culture (Williamsburg, Virginia) 1985-1987, he taught at Boston University, 1987-1994; the University of California at Davis, 1994-2014; and the University of Virginia, where he held the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Chair, 2014-2024. In 2016-2021 he served as the Harmsworth Professor at Queens College, Oxford University.

Taylor has published eleven books, including William Cooper's Town, which won the Bancroft, Beveridge, and Pulitzer Prizes. The Internal Enemy won the Pulitzer Prize for American history and the Merle Curti Prize for Social History (OAH). American Colonies won the 2001 Gold Medal for Non-Fiction from the Commonwealth Club of California. The Divided Ground won the 2007 Society for Historians of the Early Republic book prize and the 2004-7 Society of the Cincinnati triennial book prize. The Civil War of 1812 won the Empire State History Prize and was a finalist for the George Washington Prize. In 2022, American Republics: A Continental History of the United States, 1783-1850 won the New-York Historical Society's annual Barbara and David Zalaznick Book Prize in American History.

For more information, and for the link to join the program if you prefer to watch at home, visit www.actonshapleigh.org.

Established in 1964, the Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society has been actively preserving the history of these two towns. The vast majority of donations are from families who lived and/or continue to live in this area. Many of these families were some of the original homesteaders. The goal is to preserve the items currently housed, as well as provide a safe and secure home for all future items. Dedicated members organize and categorize these items, assist and educate the public as well as provide fresh ideas for the direction of the Society. For more information visit www.actonshapleigh.org.

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Dayton Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing regarding the following proposal during the Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, which begins at 6:30 P.M. and will be held at the Dayton Town Hall, 33 Clarks Mills Road.

I. IVANOV COMMERCIAL USE BUILDING - Vitaly Ivanov has submitted a Conditional Use Permit Application for a 60' x 120' 4-unit commercial use building with associated parking and fenced in/gated area for towing. Uses proposed include motor vehicle sales, Auto Repair, Auto junkyard, and Contractor business uses. The property is located off New County Road. The property is currently owned by Cornerstone Investment Fund, LLC and is within the Commercial Industrial District. Tax Map 1, Lot 2-1

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NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination papers for the June 9, 2026, Municipal Election are available now for the following positions:

One – Select Board Member, 3-year term
One – School Board Member, 3-year term

Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours and must be returned by: **FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026, AT 12 NOON.** (Signature requirements: Minimum of 25 and no more than 100 qualified signatures of registered voters in the Town of Dayton)

If you need additional information, please contact: Jennifer Thibeau, Town Clerk at 207-499-3031

POLICE ACADEMY

(Continued from page 1)

and investigations were her favorite parts of the program.

"I've always been intrigued," said Anthony Legueux. "It was interesting."

Topics for the free program included police patrol operations and tactics, communications, fingerprinting, jail operations, crime scene processing, political implications, investigations, community policing, constitutional law, use of force, K9 utilization, and special response team operations. In all, it was a 27 hour program plus a required ride-along. Those applying agree to a background check.

"Everyone is interested in the K-9 part because dogs are cool, but I think students got the most out of the use of force class, reviewing case law on the subject and (now) understand how law-enforcement officers are judged when using force - it can be eye-opening," said Cummer.

Graduates included Ilene Kanoff, John Burrows, Karen Furrow, Roycean Weyand, Katarina Champlin, Danny brown, Anthony Lagueux, Andrew Lehmann, Elaine Guillemette, Thomas Collins, Matt Ryan, Robert Dyer,



A popular topic at the YCSO Citizen Police Academy is the use of K9s in all manner of investigations. Above, Deputy Cody Frazier and K9 Rebel take a turn around the drill hall. COURTESY PHOTO

Joshia Jacques, Henry Monday, Tyler Smith and Sarah Newick.

Dyer said the academy was time well spent. "This is in a class by itself," he said.

- By Tammy Wells, York County government media

Concert to benefit Ridlon Schoolhouse

Rockin' for Ridlon Schoolhouse is an eclectic concert to raise funds to reconstruct the Ridlon Schoolhouse at the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds to be used as an educational resource for all. The concert is Saturday night, April 11, from 6-8 p.m. at the Hiram Arts Center, 8 Hancock Avenue, Hiram. Refreshments will be available and there is a suggested donation of \$20.



Formerly situated on Rt. 160 (see related photo), this post and beam schoolhouse will be reconstructed on the Ossipee Valley Fair Grounds. HHS will be calling for volunteers to help with rebuilding when the time comes.

Expert post & beam carpenter/joiners leading the reconstruction are Scott Campbell, Maine Mountain Post & Beam, Fryeburg, and Cliff Whitney, Hand Cut Granite, Hiram. Other volunteers are ready to go once funds are in hand.

Donations to the cause can be made at <https://www.hiramhistoricalsociety.org> or by check to Hiram Historical Society, PO Box 101, Hiram, ME 04041.

Maine Musicians will play a variety of instruments in a variety of styles - something for everyone, all ages. Musicians are, in order of appearance: Carlton Ming, silky voice on piano (jazz and modern); Pedro Pereira, guitar; Stephen Tremblay, guitar; the newly formed Archie's Band (Lori Conway, Paul Matthieu, Bill Lenfest, Clay Neidlinger). Neidlinger, organizer of the concert for Hiram Historical Society, has written a unique song for the event.

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Newfield singer on tap

Julia Bryant, of Newfield, grew up on the farm, Hilltop Boilers, during sugaring season, working in the woods, tending the store, and often stepping up to the microphone bringing joy through music.

Now at just 16 years old, Bryant has shared her gift of music at school events, at church, and at Hilltop Boilers — and she will be performing again during the Maple Event Days on Saturdays March 21 and 28.

Her voice is warm, heartfelt, and full of joy — the perfect soundtrack to a day at the farm. Come listen, smile, and celebrate maple season at Hilltop Boilers, at 159 Elm Street in Newfield.



Newfield's Julia Bryant will be singing live at Hilltop Boilers on March 21 and 28, performing multiple shows throughout the day.

COURTESY PHOTO

Maple Sunday

MARCH 22



Members of the Southern Maine Maple Sugar Makers Association with Gov. Janet Mills.

Members of Maine's maple community recently gathered in Augusta for a special tradition — tapping the sugar maple tree on the lawn of the Blaine House. This annual event marks the official start of maple season in Maine and celebrates the deep history and proud tradition of maple sugaring in our state.

During the ceremony, the Governor officially proclaimed March

21–22, 2026 as Maine Maple Sunday Weekend, inviting the public to visit the more than 100 sugarhouses across Maine that will be opening their doors to share the sweet tradition of pure Maine maple syrup.

It's a chance to tour sugarhouses, see how maple syrup is made, enjoy delicious maple treats, and support the hardworking producers who keep this treasured tradition alive.

Each sugarhouse offers its own unique experience and hours — some are open for Maine Maple Sunday only, others for the full weekend or multiple weekends. Be sure to check individual sugarhouse websites and social media pages before you go.

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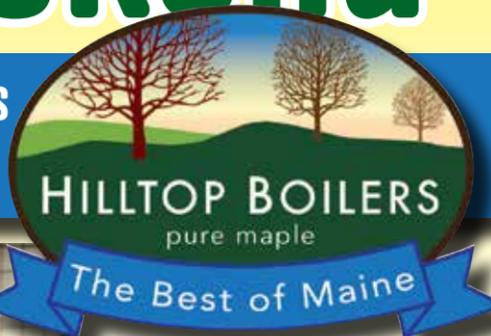
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FROM THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY:

eEnrollment for Maine Senior FarmShare Program participants starts April 1

Farm-fresh Maine-grown produce is available to older adults enrolled in the program

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's (DACF) Maine Senior FarmShare Program (MSFP) will soon begin enrolling participants for the 2026 season. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Maine Senior FarmShare Program, which has helped connect older adults with fresh Maine-grown food while supporting local farms across the state.

Due to USDA compliance requirements, MSFP will implement an eEnrollment system on the MSFP website starting on April 1.

Potential participants will complete an application on the MSFP website rather than enrolling through MSFP participating farmers. This application includes

a menu that lists farms by county, so they can select the farm they would like to enroll with in MSFP. Participants can choose a farm in any county, regardless of where they live. Applicants will receive immediate email notification indicating whether they are eligible or ineligible.

Participants who do not have access to an email or a computer are encouraged to identify a proxy with a computer and email address who can enroll on their behalf. A proxy can be a relative, friend, neighbor, or caseworker. A proxy may also pick up farm shares on a senior's behalf. The Proxy Form is on the MSFP website. Waivers may be granted on an individual, case-by-case basis for participants who are unable to identify a proxy

to assist them with enrollment.

The new eEnrollment system applies to participants who sign up to receive farm shares directly from farms. It does not apply to participants who enroll to use farm shares at farmers' markets. In-person farmers' market enrollment starts during the first week of June at farmers' markets designated by the Maine Federation of Farmers' Markets to participate in MSFP.

Through MSFP, Maine farmers provide fresh, unprocessed, locally grown produce directly to eligible older adults. Each participant receives a \$50 share during the growing season. All produce is grown in Maine and may include fruits, vegetables, culinary herbs, and unprocessed honey.

Participants must be Maine residents 60 years or older, 55 years or older for Native Americans, or 18 years or older for disabled adults living in a housing facility that offers congregate dining and that is primarily occupied by older adults. The income eligibility guidelines are listed on the DACF MSFP website. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis as funds remain available.

The MFSP helps address food insecurity experienced by Maine's older adults. The fresh Maine-grown produce can help participants nurture and sustain themselves with everything from berries, apples, and potatoes to herbs, honey, and more! Every farm and farmers' market offers something different.

MSFP is a program of Maine DACF. The Maine DACF receives a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to fund the MSFP. For more information about MSFP, visit the DACF website or contact MSFP by email at seniorfarmshare.agr@maine.gov or by phone at (207) 287-3491.

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New Maine Conservation Corps partnerships create direct pathways to registered apprenticeships

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's (DACF) Maine Conservation Corps (MCC) today announced two new pre-apprenticeship partnerships with the Association of General Contractors (AGC) Maine and the Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA). These new partnerships link hands-on conservation service directly to registered apprenticeships in construction and water utilities, addressing workforce shortages, strengthening critical infrastructure, and helping young people build long-term careers in Maine.

"Maine Conservation Corps

members are already doing meaningful, hands-on work for our communities, and these partnerships help ensure that experience translates directly into in-demand careers," said DACF Commissioner Amanda Beal. "By connecting conservation service with registered apprenticeships, we're strengthening Maine's workforce, supporting critical infrastructure like water systems and construction, and helping young people see a future for themselves right here in Maine."

Each year, MCC welcomes approximately 100 AmeriCorps members into service for Maine's communities. Before starting their

projects, members receive extensive training across a range of skills that prepare them for success both on the job and in the workforce. MCC members gain training and practical experience in Chainsaw Safety, Wilderness First Aid, OSHA-10, Griphoist and Rigging, and other valuable skills and certifications. At the end of each season, MCC members also participate in a "Life After AmeriCorps" workshop focused on interview techniques, résumé and cover letter development, and job search preparation.

Adding pre-apprenticeship programs to the MCC model is a

logical next step. MCC members who participate in the MRWA pre-apprenticeship program will have the benefit of direct entry into Water Operator and Wastewater Operator Registered Apprenticeship programs. Members who pursue the AGC pathway will be positioned to enter Registered Apprenticeship programs in Carpentry, Lead Logging Equipment Operator, Arborist, and All Laborer occupations.

"The construction industry in Maine needs people with the skills learned through service in the Maine Conservation Corps. We are excited to support MCC mem-

bers as they begin their careers in construction through this partnership," said Kelly Flagg, Executive Director of AGC Maine. "This partnership makes sense for Maine."

Maine Conservation Corps is an AmeriCorps program administered through Maine's Bureau of Parks and Lands, providing participants with training, service opportunities, and education benefits while completing conservation and community projects across the state.

MRWA is a member-based organization created in 1979 to provide technical assistance and training to small water and wastewater utilities and to advocate for members at the local, state, and federal levels.

AGC is a member-driven organization with the mission to advance and support Maine's construction industry by promoting the highest standards of craftsmanship, safety, and sustainability while empowering its members through advocacy, education, and collaborative partnerships.

The Maine Apprenticeship Program supports Registered Apprenticeship and related pathways to help develop the skilled workforce that Maine needs.



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BUSINESS NEWS



J.A. Tree & Landscaping Co. joins chamber

The Sanford-Springvale Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate J.A. Tree & Landscaping Company joining the Chamber. The Sanford-based company specializes in tree removal and pruning, landscape installation, landscape rehabilitation, mulching, planting, hardscapes, and spring & fall clean-ups.

Joshua Allaire has owned the company since 2016. After taking a break to pursue other interests, Allaire has begun taking on clients again. Allaire grew up around a family-run excavation business. From a young age he knew he was destined to open and operate his own business. Allaire takes pride in shopping locally for supplies and supporting community events. For more information visit: www.southernmainlandscaping.biz.

Represented at ribbon cutting ceremony are, from left, Sean Dumont (Edward Jones); Karen Staples (American Legion Post #19); Cari Quater, Chamber President; Joahua Allaire (Owner); Andy Austin (Seacoast Oldies); Daisy; Rebecca Lapierre (Town Square Realty); Stephanie Wilkins (Altrusa of Sanford-Springvale). PHOTO COURTESY OF SANFORD-SPRINGVALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Obituaries

Sharon Mae Allen

Sharon Mae Allen, age 80, of Lyman, passed away peacefully on March 10, 2026, after a battle with dementia.



Sharon Mae Allen

She was born in Marsardis on Dec. 11, 1945, to Donald and Lillian Levesque. They moved to Saco and she attended Thornton Academy, where she met her husband, Jim. They were then married on November 25th, 1966.

Her work life included Jackson's Corner Store, and working in the school lunchroom, where she loved being around her colleagues and students. She made a lifelong impact on students, and often they would recognize her in the community many years later to let her know how much they appreciated her kindness.

Sharon's life was filled with love from her family, friends and her high school sweetheart of 66 years, Jim. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, quilting and gardening, outings with girlfriends, but most of all being surrounded by her children, and grandchildren. Sharon was a constant presence at family events with a smile and open arms to all who arrived.

She is predeceased by her daughter, Cheryl Cessario.

Sharon is survived by her husband, James Allen Jr.; her children, Benjamin Allen, Thomas Allen, and James Allen, III, his wife Melissa, and her Son-in-Law: Jeffrey Cessario. Six Grandchildren: Nicholas Cessario, his wife Bobbie, Andrew Cessario, Benjamin Allen, Thomas Allen, James Allen IV, and Avery Allen. Four Great Grandchildren: Sofie, Deakon, Tucker and Finn Cessario.

Visiting hours were Tuesday, March 17 at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service Chapel, 125 Sokokis Trail (Rt. 5) in East Waterboro. Online condolences can be submitted at www.maineFuneral.com.

George Francis Wood

George Francis Wood, of Newfield, passed away on March 12, 2026.

Some people live carefully planned lives. George Francis Wood preferred adventure—and usually found it.

George was born Nov. 22, 1935, in Northampton to Lodia Lavalley Wood and Berkley Ellis Wood. He grew up alongside his siblings—older sister Beverly, older brother John, and younger brother Bobby—all of whom predeceased him.

From an early age, George was the kind of person who followed curiosity wherever it led.

And it led him far.

In the 1960s, while sitting in a bar near San Francisco, a stranger suggested he should go to law school and even handed him \$100 toward the idea. George took the advice. Soon after, he moved to Maine with his first wife and enrolled at the University of Maine School of Law. Before that, he had studied history at Saint Anselm College and completed a brief stint in the military that allowed him to travel.

George went on to become a prominent criminal defense attorney in southern Maine, known for his sharp mind, independence, and sometimes unconventional courtroom style. Yet the courtroom was only one chapter in a much larger story.

He was an avid adventurer who loved photography, stamp collecting, fossil hunting, woodworking, and travel. In the 1960s he climbed Mount Rainier and later made multiple trips down the Colorado River while exploring the depths of the Grand Canyon. He also traveled to Alaska to witness the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

George ran marathons, chopped wood with enthusiasm, and built lean-tos on his property simply to enjoy sleeping outdoors. At one point, he even purchased a school bus and renovated it so his family could travel together.

His adventurous spirit occasionally came with a bit of mischief. Once, while cutting branches high in a tree, George accidentally sawed through the very limb he was sitting on—an

incident that became a favorite family story. Years later, he quietly arrived late to his daughter's wedding in Jamaica, wandering in from the beach in the middle of the night before anyone even realized he had made it to the island.

George loved sharing his adventures through slide shows for family, friends, and residents of nursing homes, bringing distant mountains and rivers to those who might not otherwise see them. He also enjoyed organizing large family camping trips and thought nothing of celebrating birthdays or Thanksgiving on top of a mountain—with a turkey.

Later in life, George stepped away from practicing law and spent about five years volunteering in national parks across the United States with his wife, Sheila. Eventually they settled in Newfield, where George spent the rest of his life surrounded by his wife, their dogs, and the outdoors he loved.

George married Sheila Beal in 1995. Together they shared a life filled with travel, adventure, and family.

He leaves behind a large and loving family: his wife Sheila; children Craig Wood and wife Liane, Cori Guenther and spouse Jason, Karma Casey and spouse Kevin, and Jessica Wood and wife Ashley; grandchildren Benjamin, Finley, Ashley, Mason, Peyton, Oliver, and Josephine; stepchild-

dren Wayne and wife Laurie, Darlene Tutino and wife Lynn, and Dominick Tutino and wife Karen, along with their son Dominick; granddaughter Jade, daughter of Sheila's late son Steven; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

George was known for marching to the beat of his own drum. Anyone who met him quickly realized he was a unique character, often greeting the world with dancing, mischievous blue eyes and a deep love for life and the outdoors.

Reaching 90 years old had long been one of George's personal goals. On March 12, 2026, just months after reaching that milestone, he passed away peacefully with his daughters Jessica and Karma by his side.

The true measure of George's life is not simply in the years he lived, but in the mountains climbed, rivers traveled, forests explored, and the adventures he shared with those he loved.

And if you ever find yourself standing on a mountaintop, beside a rushing river, or under a wide open sky, take a moment to smile—because that's exactly where he would want you to be.

A celebration of George's life, including a memorial hike in the outdoors he loved so much, will be held this summer. Details will be shared with family and friends at a later date.

Maine author, Jack Montgomery at Waterboro library

Jack Montgomery, a talented photographer, and author of *From the Holocaust to Maine: Testimonies of the Survivors* will be speaking at the Waterboro Public Library on Tuesday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m.

The origins of his book began more than 30 years ago when Jack was photographing and listening to the stories of Holocaust survivors who were rebuilding their lives in Maine. Many of these remarkable people were founders of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine. Jack's portraits are now housed in a permanent collection at the Michael Klahr Center in Augusta and at the Maine Jewish Museum in Portland. The increase of antisemitism throughout the world, including the United States and even Maine, is a cause for concern. Please join us to hear Jack's moving accounts of those who experienced it firsthand and survived. Jack's book is now available to borrow from the library.

The Waterboro Public Library is located at 187 Main St., East Waterboro, Maine. Programs are held in the Community Room downstairs. For more information, call 247-3363 or email librarian@waterborolibrary.org All programs are free and open to the public.





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Sanford High School Theater Company presents Disney's 'Newsies'

The Sanford High School Theater Company is proud to present Disney's Newsies, a high-energy musical inspired by the true story of the 1899 New York City newsboys strike. Packed with explosive choreography, memorable songs, and a powerful message about standing up for what's right, Newsies promises to be one of the most exciting productions of the season at Sanford Performing Arts Center.

Set in turn-of-the-century New York, Newsies follows Jack Kelly and a group of young newspaper sellers who rally against unfair working conditions, ultimately forming a movement that captures the attention of the entire city. With a driving score that includes favorites like "Seize the Day," "Santa Fe," and "King of New York," the show celebrates resilience, friendship, and the strength of collective action.

"Newsies is big, bold, and incredibly demanding, and our students are meeting that moment," said Brett Williams, director of the production. "The energy, the movement, and the storytelling all come together in a way that's powerful and inspiring."

The cast features a talented group of Sanford High School students bringing these iconic characters to life, supported by a dedicated student crew working behind the scenes on set, lighting, sound, and costumes.



Jack Van Gievson as Jack Kelly sings "Santa Fe," imagining a future far from New York.



Morgan Bailey as Katherine Plumber performs "Watch What Happens," presenting the story that amplifies the Newsies' fight for justice.



The Newsies take a stand during "Seize the Day," launching their strike against unfair conditions and the newspaper publishers. PHOTOS BY BRETT WILLIAMS

Public Performances are scheduled for Friday, March 27 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 28 at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m. at the Sanford Performing

Arts Center, 100 Alumni Boulevard, Sanford.

Online ticketing is available 24/7 at SanfordPAC.org. The SPAC ticket office is open for in-person

sales Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon, and one hour before every performance.

"We're proud to provide our students with the opportunity to

take on a show of this scale," Williams added. "Newsies is about young people finding their voice, and that couldn't be more fitting for a high school production."

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