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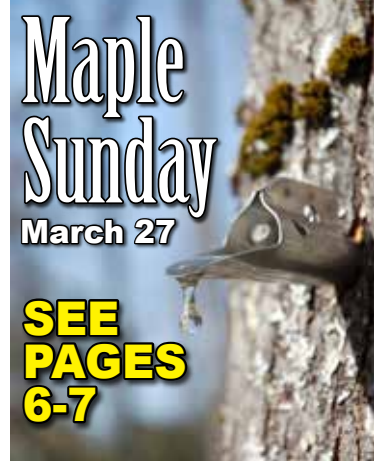
Baker creates works of art

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Joanne Nichols has been baking for about 40 years. She first baked when she was about 12. Her mother was a professional artist, but was also a good baker. And her Great Aunt was a great baker. Certainly these women influenced her. Nichols grew up in Rye, New Hampshire, and worked as an accountant for 15 years, but “I always played with it [baking],” she said, “nothing decorative, but I entered competitions, with 4-H,
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Joanne Nichols, of Limerick, owner of Chatterbox Bakery, pictured with some of her wedding cakes at a recent Bridal Show, although her specialty is gingerbread houses. COURTESY PHOTO



‘Maine Maple Sunday’ recognized by U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The United States Senate has unanimously passed a resolution designating March 27, 2022 as “Maine Maple Sunday.” The resolution, which was authored and introduced by the two Maine Senators, Susan Collins and Angus King recognizes the importance of Maine maple syrup production to the state’s communities, economy, and culture.

“Maine is proud to be the one of the country’s largest maple syrup producers – and the home to the best tasting syrup in the world! For generations, Maine people have come together with friends and family each spring to tap trees, boil sap, and make this delicious product,” said Senators Collins and King. “Maine Maple Sunday celebrates this long tradition, highlights the excellence of the maple industry, and recognizes the contributions of the small-maple businesses across our state. We’re glad the Senate unanimously understood the importance of this uniquely-Maine day and has given it the national recognition it deserves.”

“Maine Maple Producers have worked hard for the last 39 years to make Maine Maple Sunday the

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Back row, from left, Jacob Lanoue, Brayden Peck-Parker, Joey St. Laurent, Dave Wade, (Troop 320 Scout Master), Ed Cormier, Tom Morin, Amy Hubley-Morin. Front row, from left William Morin, Jessica Peck-Lindsey and Kory Card. Scouts and scout parents not pictured, but who helped on this project are Gavin Angel, Kaden Rodriguez, Israel Rodriguez, Evan Cormier and Assistant Scout Master Jed Cobb. COURTESY PHOTO BY ADRIEN JEAN.



Brayden Peck-Parker and Joey St. Laurent pairing up to carry a picnic table. COURTESY PHOTO

Eagle Scout project will benefit many

Trudging through a quarter mile of snowy trails in the Waterboro Land Trust, a group of 11 scouts from Shapleigh Troop 320 and scout parents hand-delivered 4 newly built picnic tables to benefit hikers and ATV enthusiasts at Bartlett Pond on Bennett Hill Road in Waterboro. Eagle Scout candidate and Waterboro resident, Brayden Peck-Parker, led the group on Sunday, March 13. Earning the rank of Eagle requires many years of dedication by the scout and support of troop leaders and parents.

Eagle Scout is the culmination of a scout’s many years of learning life skills, demonstrating Scout Spirit and leadership. Brayden wanted his Eagle Scout project to give back to his community while combining his love

of the trails. He spoke with Todd Abbott, President of the Ossipee Mountain ATV Association back in October and together, they came up with the idea of building picnic tables for hikers and ATV riders to enjoy the view at Bartlett

Pond while out on the trails.

Thanks to a generous donation of lumber from Hammond Lumber, and the dedication of fellow scouts in Troop 320, Brayden’s Eagle Scout project is complete for all to enjoy!

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Community CALENDAR

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COMING EVENTS

BINGO at Buxton Town Hall, March 24 at 6 p.m. Come try your luck, and if you get a BINGO you choose a prize from the prize vault. Bingo nights are free to adults and seniors. Bring your own dauber or purchase one for \$3. Visit www.buxtonrec.com for more info.

ALFRED REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING Thursday, March 24 in the Auditorium on the second floor of the Alfred Town Hall, 16 Saco Road. Guest speakers will be Roger Hicks, Candidate for York County Sheriff, and Rep. Heidi Sampson, Maine State Representative for District 21. All York County Republicans are welcome. FMI contact Chair Glenn Dochtermann at gdoc111@gmail.com.

BAKED BEAN SUPPER Crossroads United Methodist Church will be starting their monthly Baked Bean Suppers on March 26, and continue each month through October. Inside seating, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., The menu is: two types

of beans, hot dogs, ham, chop suey, coleslaw, mac & cheese, brown bread muffins, rolls, brownies and ice cream, coffee, tea and water. Donations: \$8 adults, children 6-12 \$3, ages 5 and under are free.

BLUEGRASS CONCERT Southern Rail welcomes spring with their exuberant blend of upbeat bluegrass and riveting vocals at the acclaimed Sanford Springvale Historical Museum on Saturday, April 23 at 7 p.m. Doors open 6:45 p.m. at 505 Main St., Sanford. Tickets are \$15 (free for under 18). Available at the door or by reservation. Tickets and info: 324-2797 or www.Sanfordhistory.org. Masks and proof of vaccination required. This promises to be another packed house, featuring lush harmonies, irrepressible good humor, and sparkling banjo, guitar, mandolin and bass. Southern Rail will be celebrating the recent induction of guitarist Jim Muller and bassist Sharon Horovitch into the S. New England Bluegrass Hall of Fame.

EGG DECORATING EVENT AT SHAPLEIGH LIBRARY Shapleigh Community Library is holding an Easter Egg Decorating Challenge. Stop by the library at 607 Shapleigh Corner Road between now and April 2 to pick up a white plastic egg to take home and decorate. The eggs can be dyed, colored, painted, etc. When completed, bring the egg back to the library by April 7 to put on display. Prizes will be awarded on April 9.

"MAMMA MIA" The Sanford High School Theater Club will perform the musical "Mamma Mia!" on April 1 and 2 at 6:30 p.m., and April 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 with additional discounts given for students and seniors. Visit www.sanfordpac.org to purchase tickets.

ONGOING EVENTS

Massabesic Lions monthly dine-in or take-out **BEAN SUPPER** the 2nd Saturday of every month, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Regional Medical Center building, 813 Main Street, Waterboro. Adults \$8. Children 5 to 12 \$5, 4 and under No Charge. Kidney and Pea Beans, Chop Suey, Ham, Hot Dogs, Cole-slaw, "Our Homemade" Biscuits, variety of yummy Desserts.

The Acton- Shapleigh Lion's Club **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Saturday 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. All are welcome.

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

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YOUTH CORPS HIRING ASYCC Acton Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corp is now hiring students to be Courtesy Boat Inspectors & Erosion Control Crew members. Apply on-line at: programdirector@asycc.com. Questions call Dave at 651-2604



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WORLD NEWS

Maine man and his family safe after fleeing eastern Ukraine

Now living in Croatia, Brian Milakovsky, his wife and young daughter yearn to return to Ukraine

By KATE COUGH
of *The Maine Monitor*

After working for years to help those rebuilding their lives after war, a Maine man, his wife and infant daughter now face some of the same hurdles after fleeing their home in eastern Ukraine in advance of the Russian invasion.

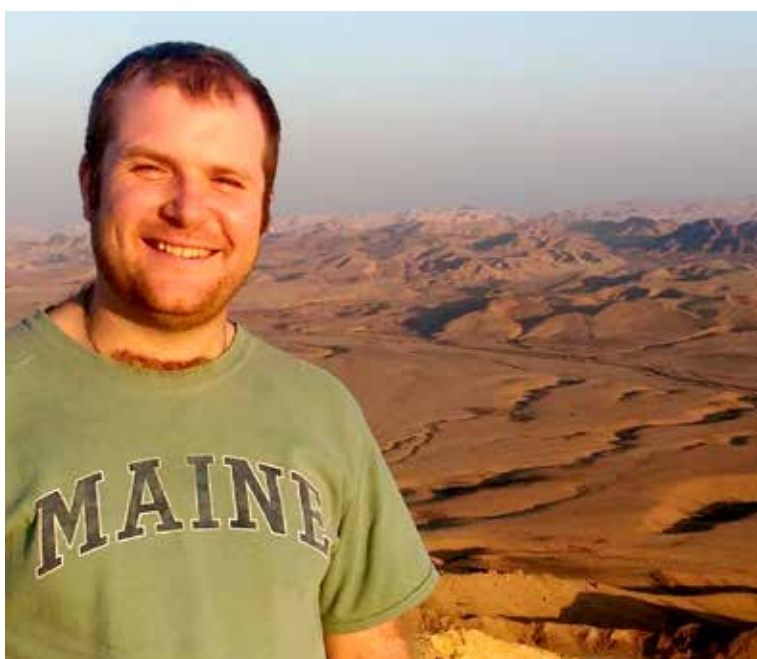
“I understand that people do this. And you know, we’re doing it with a lot more resources than many people have,” said Brian Milakovsky. “But it’s a very strange experience.”

Milakovsky was born in the midcoast town of Somerville and graduated from Cony High in Augusta, then the University of Maine with a degree in forest ecology. He moved to Russia in 2009 to work with the World Wide Fund for Nature. He spent several years in the country’s far east, working with timber companies, but left after Russia backed separatist revolts in the Crimea and the Donbas region of Ukraine in 2014.

“I couldn’t buy into exactly the way that they saw the world and especially Ukraine,” said Milakovsky, who has family ties to Belarus and the Czech Republic. “And I kind of got nudged out of Russia by various security services ... It wasn’t, like, full-blown repression. But they started investigating me and I realized it was time to go.”

He eventually settled in Severodonetsk, an industrial city of 100,000 in the Luhansk region of eastern Ukraine, near the Russian border. A factory town that sprung up after the construction of a chemical fertilizer plant in the 1930s, the city became the administrative capital of the region after the official capital, Luhansk, was taken over by Russian-backed separatists in 2014.

Milakovsky and his wife, Anna Kharitonova, who works at the Norwegian Refugee Council, married in 2020 and bought an apartment in the city last winter in a 1930s-era building, with what he described as “high ceilings and a beautiful view.” Milakovsky spent hours wandering the nearby for-



Brian Milakovsky is a Maine native who has been living in Russia and the Ukraine since 2009. COURTESY PHOTO

ests and rich grassland steppes, the hallmarks of the area.

The couple lived in their apartment, furnishing it and fixing it up, for just three months before leaving, thinking the move would be for a few weeks or months, at most.

“We don’t know if it’s been destroyed,” said Milakovsky. Two apartments owned by his in-laws have been hit.

The couple decided to leave their home several weeks before the war began in late February, reluctantly heeding warnings from the U.S. State Department that the conflict would escalate. Packing their 3½-month-old daughter, a dog, some clothes and heirlooms, the family drove west, first to Kyiv, where they assumed they would be safe from fighting in eastern Ukraine.

“We started moving west farther away from (Severodonetsk) because a lot of people thought that if war broke out with Russia again, it would be concentrated in the existing war zone,” said Milakovsky.

Like many Ukrainians used to flare-ups of violence in Crimea and the Donbas, Milakovsky was skeptical that Russia would ever attempt to take Kyiv or mount a full-scale invasion.

“None of us believed it would happen,” said Milakovsky. “We thought that there was some weird political dynamic going on in the U.S., to be honest. I really regret that now, and I am happy that we took the warning seriously.”

As the pronouncements became increasingly dire, they packed again and drove to the city of Lviv, about 37 miles from

the Polish border. On Feb. 24, as the Russian military conducted airstrikes on military targets and air-raid sirens began to sound, the family drove to the border.

Their decision to leave early meant they were able to gather many heirlooms and keepsakes that others were not, said Milakovsky, adding that they are fortunate to have somewhat mobile jobs (his wife is on a year-long maternity leave). They did leave their dog in Lviv at a doggy daycare because they didn’t know she would be allowed through the crossing without certain documents.

Front of the line

Although the lines at border crossings stretched for miles even in the first days of the invasion, the family was pulled to the front by a Polish priest who saw Milakovsky bouncing his young daughter on his hip.

He said, “You don’t have to stand in line with a baby. You can go to the front, which we didn’t know,” Milakovsky remembers. “If he hadn’t done that, I think we might have been stuck in Ukraine for a time. Because after that it was, you know, days and days in line and people were waiting, you know, three, four days and we don’t know how we would have done that with a newborn.”

His wife’s parents also fled in the first weeks of the invasion, as did a number of other relatives. But many of the couple’s friends and acquaintances stayed or are trapped, including in the besieged city of Mariupol in the southeast, which has been heavily targeted by Russia.

“Cell phone coverage is out,”

said Milakovsky. “Only part of the city has electricity. There’s a lot of humanitarian aid at one particular center but people in one part of the city can’t get to it.”

The couple are temporarily living in Croatia, where they are attempting to settle back into a routine and figure out what comes next. Returning to Ukraine is their first choice, but there’s no way to tell whether or when that will be possible, or what they will even return to.

“I have a lot of resources and possibilities that, you know, a typical Ukrainian refugee doesn’t have,” said Milakovsky, especially as an American citizen, adding that he is an ex-pat, not a refugee. “My wife is a refugee.”

Even with their resources and connections, said Milakovsky, the experience has been “extremely disorienting. We’re watching our city be destroyed on our smartphones. My wife saw a video of the street she grew up on yesterday and said she can barely recognize it. We don’t know what’s happened to our home, which we loved. It was kind of a labor of love.”

Still, he was grateful they left before his daughter had to experience the war.

“We’re so glad we got her out before she had to experience any of what a lot of babies are experiencing in Ukraine right now,” said Milakovsky. “She might have heard an air-raid siren on the day we were leaving, but she won’t remember it.”

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**TOWN OF ALFRED
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**For: County of York, 149 Jordan Springs Road
Alfred, Maine 04002 – (Tax Map 3, Lot 52)**

**Public Hearing: Monday, April 4, 2022, at 6:30 pm
at Alfred Town Hall**

A Land Use Permit Application has been submitted by the County of York for renovations at 149 Jordan Springs Road, Alfred; Tax Map 3, Lot 52. The applicant proposes to renovate existing storage space to create office space appropriate for social distancing.

The complete application is available for review at Alfred Town Hall. If you would like an electronic copy of the application packet, please email lizdudgeon@alfredme.net.

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ACTON

Volunteers needed

The Town of Acton is in need of volunteers. The openings are for a recreational committee member, Zoning Board of Appeals, alternate members, Capital Improvement Committee members, and a Planning Board Alternate member. Please contact the town administrator if you are interested in serving or would like more information, jroux@actonmaine.org or telephone 636-3131 ext 401.

Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society

The Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society will be holding a meeting on Monday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. at their headquarters, 122 Emery Mills Rd. This will be the first meeting of the season, and they have planned many events for this year.

Community yard sale

Acton is hosting a Community Yard Sale on March 27 at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Street, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The yard sale will benefit Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Come meet Mr. Drew and his animals

Acton Public Library is hosting a visit from Mr. Drew and His Animals Too! on Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m. The library says this is "a truly unique educational show using featuring animals he has rescued and rehabilitated. Mr. Drew brings a hands-on experience." This event is fast-paced, funny, and appropriate for all ages from 2 – 102! The library is located at 35 H Street.

Easter Egg Hunt at Nature Preserve

After two years without an Egg Hunt, the Acton Community will be having an Egg Hunt on the Mary Grant Nature Preserve

Property on Saturday, April 16, at 1:00 pm. There will be three separate trails for safety, comfort, and challenge. The Bunny Trail is for ages 0-2 years old, Hoppy Trail for 3 to 6-year-olds, and the Speedy Trail for 7 years and older. For more information on this event, contact Terry Minihan at tminihan@gmail.com.

SHAPLEIGH

Joanne Bargioni

joannebargioni@gmail.com

Easter Bunny sightings

The Annual Easter Bunny Hop will be held on Saturday, April 9, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Shapleigh Commons. Children can hop through the Commons to enjoy special Easter surprises and a craft table. Families have an opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny and have their photos taken. This event is sponsored by the Shapleigh Recreation Committee. For more information, you can email shapleighrecreation@gmail.com or telephone the Town Hall at 636-2843 ext. 0.

CORRECTION: In the Mar. 10 issue of the *Reporter* under an article titled 'Shapleigh Republicans Hold Caucus,' the name of the delegate to the 2022 GOP Convention should have read Clinton Wesley Phinney, Jr.

BUSINESS NEWS

Maine Tourism Career Center launches

A coalition of six associations is proud to announce that it has opened an online tourism career center. The coalition includes the Maine Tourism Association, HospitalityMaine, Retail Association of Maine, Maine Summer Camps, Maine Campground Owners Association, and Maine State Golf Association. The Maine Tourism Career Center, which can be found at www.mainetourismjobs.com, will be a central resource for Maine's tourism-related jobs.

The Maine Tourism Career Center will include full-time and seasonal job listings for employers to advertise their positions. Job seekers can upload their resumes, search for job opportunities, connect directly with employers, and sign up to receive weekly job alerts from their field of interest. A career coach is available to assist with writing a resume. Job seekers can also find information on career pathways within all segments of the tourism industry, as well as access interview, resume, and networking tips. There is no cost to the job seeker to utilize these services. Businesses that are members of any of the coalition associations can utilize the Career Center at a discounted price.

"This is a true online Career Center and is so much more than the traditional job board we tend to think of," said Tony Cameron, CEO of the Maine Tourism Association. "The key to our success is the partnership with these other great organizations. With everyone's buy-in, we can offer tourism job seekers a single site where they can learn about all of the great career opportunities in Maine, as well as understand all of the career pathways available to those who work in tourism."

Kathryn Ference, Director of Workforce Development for the Maine Tourism Association stated, "The Career Center coalition will promote all of the unique, exciting, and varied career opportunities in our state's tourism industry to job seekers in and out of state. While there likely won't be a shortage of Maine employers posting job openings, the challenge is getting a strong pool of job seekers interested in working in Maine to populate the resume bank. To address this challenge there will be a social media campaign in and out of state to drive people to the virtual Career Center. Also, the Career Center will be presented to high school and college students in Maine."

"We are thrilled to be a part of MTA's innovative on-line career center. Retail is one of Maine's largest private employment sectors, employing more than 80,000 people. The career center will be a beneficial conduit in connecting businesses with qualified candidates searching for employment in the many career paths that exist in the retail field," stated Mari O'Neil, Director of the Maine Business Education Partnership, the workforce development arm of the Retail Association of Maine.

Kathy Dyer, Executive Director of the Maine Campground Owners Association, said "Having an on-line tourism career center specific to the needs of both the employer and employee can't come soon enough – the perfect tool for campground owners and others to find staff for the coming tourism season. And the site is extremely user friendly. The Maine Campground Owners Association is pleased to be part of the coalition."

"A new site dedicated to hospitality jobs in Maine could be the missing link in the hospitality hiring chain. It's one crucial step in solving the chronic labor shortage this sector sustains year after year," said Matt Lewis, CEO of HospitalityMaine. "Connecting outstanding candidates to our world-class hospitality businesses is a great new resource for our members."

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 15, 2022 with a minimum of 25, but no more than 100 signatures of registered Acton voters.

(1) Board of Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor 3-year term - (David Winchell Jr.'s term is expiring)

(1) School Committee Member 3-year term - (Amanda Cobb's term is expiring)

(1) Road Commissioner, District 1 3-year term (William Langley's term is expiring)

The Election of Officers will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

Questions regarding nomination papers should be directed to the Town Clerk at 636-3131, ext 401 or jroux@actonmaine.org

Town of Acton Take Notice

The Town of Acton will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 6:00pm** at the Acton Elementary School for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2022-2023 School Budget. School Budget will be voted on by Secret Referendum Ballot on **Tuesday, April 26, 2022** at the Acton Town Hall, at which time the polls will be open from 8:00am - 8:00pm. Copies of the proposed budget will be available on Friday, March 18th at either the School or Town Hall.

Questions regarding the budget should be directed to Superintendent Ross at 636-2100.

Town of Acton JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Acton is currently accepting applications for a **Transfer Station Superintendent and Maintenance Person**. This combined position will cover all responsibilities at the Transfer Station and miscellaneous Handyman services, such as cleaning, minor construction/building work, and general building maintenance as needed. The chosen candidate will have a minimum of 3 years of supervisory experience, strong people skills, the ability to multi-task and work well independently. The Town of Acton's Transfer Station has a budget of approximately \$300,000, the Superintendent will be responsible for the creation and managing of this budget with Selectmen oversight, therefore attention to detail is a must. This will be a salary position of 35 hours per week with a yearly pay range of \$36,000-\$40,000 depending on experience.

The Town of Acton currently offers health insurance, earned paid time off, paid holidays and a longevity bonus.

Interested candidates should send their resumes to the Town of Acton, Attn: Town Administrator, 35 H Road Acton Maine 04001. Position shall remain open until filled. The Town of Acton is an EOE and reserves the right to reject any and all applications.

Town of Acton JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Acton is currently accepting resumes for the position of a Recreational Director. This position is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Rec. Program, including but not limited to basketball, baseball, cheering, soccer, swimming, and the Christmas tree lighting etc. Specifically the Director will work closely with the Town's appointed Recreational Committee and will be responsible for the scheduling of games, assignment of teams, coach selections, use and maintenance of fields, purchasing, and overseeing and preparing of the approved budget. This is a flat stipend position that is expected to be approximately 15-20 hours per week and reports to the Board of Selectmen. The chosen candidate will have strong people skills, communication skills, the ability to pass a background check.

Persons interested in this position should contact the Town Administrator for more information or can submit a resumé to: Town of Acton, Attn: Rec. Director, 35 H Road Acton, ME 04001 or jroux@actonmaine.org.

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BAKERY

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Girl Scouts, etc.” She took some courses through Wilton, at a satellite location in Durham, New Hampshire, and decided to go into baking full-time.

She bought a restaurant and called it Culinary Indulgence. Her partner was a chef from Johnson and Wales. She sold that, and in the mid-90s opened the first Chatterbox, The Chatterbox Café. The name, and the logo, is “based on my grand-daughter,” she said. “She has red hair and a big mouth.” She laughed, and explained first that the logo is a cartoon image of her granddaughter, and she is now at Keene State College studying business. There were several other Chatterbox locations as Nichols moved, but currently, Chatterbox Bakery is located in her home in Limerick, where she has lived and worked for the last two years. “We decided not to rent a facility, but create a fully licensed kitchen here,” she said.

Nichols has always baked wedding cakes, but her specialty is gingerbread houses. Most people tend to think of gingerbread houses around the holidays, and while she does plenty of gingerbread houses during that time, Nichols gingerbread houses aren’t your regular gingerbread houses. Nichols gingerbread houses are true works of art. “I specialize in replicas of people’s homes and historic places,” she said. I first



A gingerbread replica of the Perkins House B&B in Cornish created by Joanne Nichols in 2021. COURTESY PHOTO



Joanne Nichols creates custom gingerbread replica homes at Chatterbox Bakery. COURTESY PHOTO

heard of Nichols from Facebook, where I saw a picture of the gingerbread house replica of The Perkins House B&B in Cornish (pictured to the right). “I’m self-taught,” Nichols explained. “I just decided to do it.” Then Victoria Magazine asked her to make one, a brick colonial. She has also done a replica of The Wedding Cake House in Kennebunk, and has

entered contests, such as the one at Strawberry Banke Museum. “I enjoy doing it,” she said, “it’s my favorite. I enjoy the complexity, the fine work.”

Every gingerbread house is different, Nichols said. Though she has made a gingerbread house for a client in Georgia who sent her pictures, “I prefer to go on-site,” she explained, “finding out what materials were used to build it, what the windows look like, the specifications.” She often takes measurements, as she likes to make the gingerbread houses to scale. “I’ve always been fascinated with design,” she said. Once she has the measurements, she makes a template to scale. Then she makes the batter, cuts out the templates and puts them on before baking. “I do a little something every day,” she said. “I like to work on a project until it’s finished.” A specialty gingerbread house can take 20-30 hours or more, though

the Wedding Cake House took about 200 hours!

“There are a lot of handmade details on the replicas,” she explained. “There’s a lot of specialty work,” she said. “Some people want their dog in the scene, or other unique details. It’s more personal than wholesale.” Nichols loves to “light” the gingerbread houses, lighting them inside, and often as a result, one can smell the gingerbread and spices while it’s lit. And while “everything is edible,” people can preserve these gingerbread houses in a box and enjoy them for years to come (“as long as they don’t store them in the attic”).

While gingerbread houses are her specialty, that is not all that Nichols does. The bakery keeps her busy from September to July. “I do cupcake and cookie bouquets for Valentine’s, Shamrocks, 4-leaf clovers and Leprechauns for St. Patrick’s Day, Rabbits, bas-

kets with a lot of different things, and specialty cookies for Easter, and lots of other things for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and the 4th of July. “Then there’s a lull until Pumpkin Season,” she said. She does Haunted Houses, Ghoulish Cookies for Halloween, Turkeys for Thanksgiving, and of course, gingerbread houses... and she continues to make wedding cakes year-round.

Chatterbox Bakery is located in Limerick, and has been operating throughout the pandemic. News of her work has traveled via word of mouth, and the internet. “People have been finding us quicker,” Nichols said. If you would like to learn more about Chatterbox Bakery, check out her website, www.chatterboxbakery.com. You can order her specialty products online, or if you want to chat about any of them, give her a call at 752-2335.

**TOWN OF HOLLIS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

There will be a Public Hearing held in person and on Zoom, **Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 7PM at the Hollis Community Building, 35 Town Farm Road, Hollis, ME 04042.** The Select Board are inviting public questions and comments regarding the formulation of proposed articles and ordinance changes for the Hollis Annual Town Meeting.

A required public hearing will be held on **May 18, 2022** to review all secret ballot warrant articles. The Annual Hollis Town Meeting will be held on **June 14, 2022.** The Zoom link and additional information will be available on our website at www.hollismaine.org.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF LYMAN**

NOMINATION PAPERS for the June 14, 2022 Municipal Election are available for the following positions:

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- (2) Budget Committee Members - 3 year term
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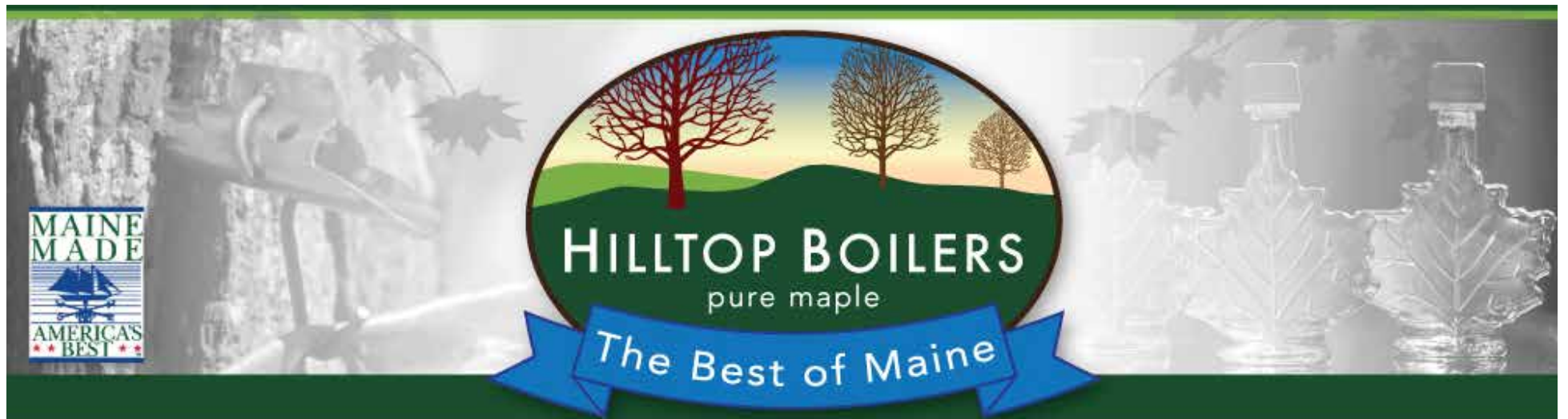
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The Waterboro Public Library is holding its 11th Annual Spring Silent Auction from May 1-31 and is currently seeking donations to raise funds to complete a permanent StoryWalk® location at Friendship Park. Last year we purchased a portable StoryWalk® and raised \$2,500 towards the cost of a permanent installation but we still need to raise approximately \$4,000 to complete it. Help us reach our goal! Donations will be accepted through April 15. Call 247-3363 or email librarian@waterborolibrary.org for more information. The Waterboro Public Library is located at 187 Main St., East Waterboro.

Tax installments due

The due date for the second property tax installment is Friday, April 15. Waterboro residents may pay in person, by mail (post mark date applied) or online by cash, check or card. If you use a debit or credit card to make a payment, there is a 2.5% surcharge on the transaction. If you have questions call town hall at 247-6166 EXT: 116 or e-mail taxcollector@waterboro-me.gov.

New head of DPW

Jason Champion is the new Director of Public Works for the Town of Waterboro.



Jason Champion COURTESY PHOTO

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FROM THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY

Highly pathogenic avian influenza case in York County

Maine animal health officials respond to avian influenza

Current Situation

• USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratories confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in samples taken from two small flocks of non-commercial backyard birds (non-poultry); one in Lincoln County, confirmed Saturday, March 12, and one in York County, Monday, March 14.

• Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) placed the properties under quarantine, and humane depopulation efforts have been completed.

• DACF has implemented additional safety measures, including monitoring properties with domestic flocks within a 10 km radius and notifying bird owners of the importance of proactive safety measures to help prevent disease.

• The risk for HPAI remains high, and backyard flock and commercial operators are advised to keep birds indoors to prevent the spread of this disease.

Other recent HPAI confirmations in Maine: Confirmed cases of the H5N1 strain of HPAI were detected in non-commercial backyard birds (non-poultry) on Saturday, February 19, and on Wednesday, February 23. Both cases were confirmed in Knox County, Maine. All confirmed cases will be listed on the APHIS website.

Common Questions

Q: How long do we have to keep our birds inside?

A: As long as the disease transmission risk is high. Please refer-

ence the Maine DACF Animal Health website for up-to-date information.

Q: What are the signs of HPAI in birds?

A: Sudden death without clinical signs; Lack of energy and appetite; Decreased egg production or soft-shelled or misshapen eggs; Swelling of the head, comb, eyelid, wattles, and hocks; Purple discoloration of wattles, comb, and legs; Nasal discharge, coughing, and sneezing; Incoordination; or Diarrhea. Learn more.

Q: How do I protect my flock from HPAI?

A: The best approach is to practice good biosecurity – this means keeping your birds separate from sources of disease, such as infected wild birds and their environment.

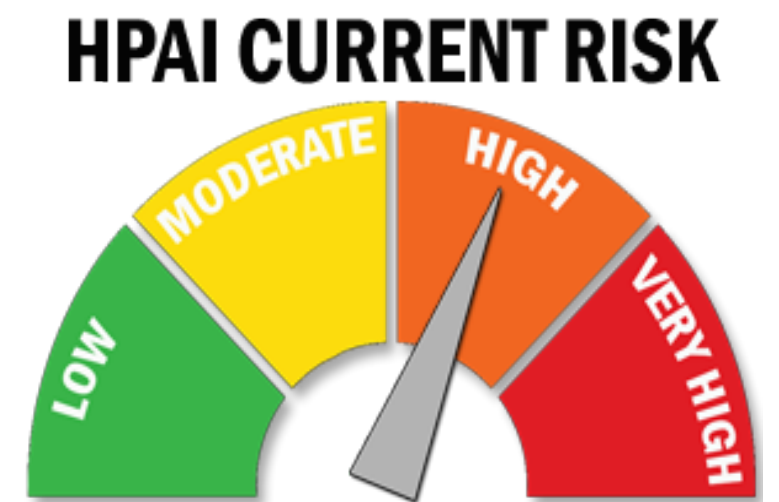
Q: What should I do if I have sick birds or large mortality in my flock?

A: Report sick birds or unusual bird deaths to State/Federal officials, either through your state veterinarian or through USDA's toll-free number at 1-866-536-7593.

Q: Can people contract AI?

A: No cases of this particular strain of the avian influenza virus have been detected in humans in the United States. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, recent detections of this strain of influenza in birds in Maine and several other states present a low risk to the public.

Q: Does HPAI present a food safety risk?



A: No, poultry and eggs are safe to eat when handled and cooked properly.

Q: Is compensation offered to impacted flock owners?

A: Yes. Refer to the USDA APHIS website (PDF) to learn what is covered and how the process works.

Additional resources

According to the USDA, all bird owners, whether commercial producers or backyard enthusiasts, should:

- Practice protective security measures to help prevent disease
- Prevent contact between their birds and wild birds, and
- Report sick birds or unusual bird deaths to State/Federal officials, either through your state veterinarian or through USDA's toll-free number at 1-866-536-7593.

For backyard and commercial poultry producers:

- USDA has many resources available for commercial poultry producers and backyard bird owners through its Defend the Flock campaign.
- Information about this campaign and links to toolkits containing biosecurity checklists, videos, and more, are available.
- Additional information and resources about HPAI and foreign animal disease preparedness are available.

DACF's Animal Health team is also working closely with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC). Though this strain of avian influenza has not been detected in humans in the United States, Maine CDC is monitoring the health and wellbeing of Animal Health staff and flock owners who were exposed out of an abundance of caution. Signs and symptoms of bird flu infections in people can include fever (temperature of 100F or greater) or feeling feverish, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, fatigue, headaches, eye redness (or conjunctivitis), and difficulty breathing. Other possible symptoms are diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting. As with seasonal flu, some people are at high risk of getting very sick from bird flu infections, including pregnant women, people with weakened immune systems, and people 65 and older. The U.S. CDC provides information on avian flu transmission at this link. The Maine CDC's Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory is prepared to process samples and quickly provide results for anyone potentially exposed to the virus.

For the most updated information visit the Maine Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry online at <https://www.maine.gov/dacf>.

TOWN OF WATERBORO

WATERBORO PLANNING BOARD

Notice of Public Hearing

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Time: Public Hearing 6:30PM

Location: 24 Townhouse Road, E. Waterboro

The Waterboro Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on an application from Mark Patterson of 27 Hancock Lane, Inc. for a proposed 10 Unit Self Storage Unit. The applicant requests approval for the facility located at Sokokis Trail and Clarks Bridge Road in North Waterboro.

To participate in the Public Hearing, the following options are available:

- Send in a letter to the Town of Waterboro Planning Board – 24 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro, 04030
- E-mail ceosec@waterboro-me.gov with a letter or to receive information on how to participate via phone or video via Zoom.
- Attend in person at 24 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro
- Call Town of Waterboro during the Public Hearing at 207-247-6166 ext. 106

Please contact the Department with any questions at ceosec@waterboro-me.gov or 207-247-6166 ext. 121.

Waterboro Water District

P.O. Box 245, North Waterboro, ME 04061

PUBLIC HEARING

The Waterboro Water District Board of Trustees have scheduled a Public Hearing for **Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office at 24 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro.**

The board are seeking comments regarding a \$400,000 loan application. The 40-year term loan will fund a project to replace the District's primary 12" well at the Straw Mill Pump Station. Replacement is necessary due to a significant reduction trend in the well's daily production capacity and limiting the District's ability to meet peak demands.

Individuals with any questions are welcome to contact Superintendent John Vacari at (207) 651-9751.

The Hoarder's Widow

The Hoarder's Widow is a book about loving, hoarding, submitting, and grieving. It is serialized weekly in chapter form. Read, learn, enjoy.

CHAPTER ELEVEN Yea or nay on counseling, Part 2

I trained for three years to be a Nouthetic counselor, a course I took at church. "Hey, I'll learn to fix my problems and I can, for sure, learn to fix Bob's," I cheerfully and completely believed. In the course, I studied the Bible, read the grueling textbooks, attended all meetings, and went for extra sessions to review. However, to have this counseling work for a couple, i.e., Bob and me, all involved must do at least some of the work. There are worksheets, books, required Bible study, and prayer to ponder together as a couple. Bob had no interest in counseling or self-improvement. Did I waste my time?

I gave up on Christian counselors and had two "secular" counselors, both Ph.Ds. I told them, "Bob is a hoarder. He won't keep his word. The house is not finished. He does not want to hire any help. His stuff is still cluttering the house and in the way of the renovation. He is as mean as a provoked rattlesnake, hollering and growling, so angry, bubbles of foam gather in the corners of his mouth," I explained.

Both counselors said the same thing. "Hoarders are almost impossible to work with. We can help with

strategies for completing the house but hoarders are not easily if ever, changed." How discouraging to hear but I knew from trying with Bob about every idea I read or conjured up, they were right. I was hoping for a miracle, a magical transformation. There is no magic if a person is a hoarder and does not want to change. Bob is frankly not embarrassed by the looks of his home, truck, yard, duct-taped boots and Dickies, or worn-out swimsuit. The Ph.D. counselors did teach me to be kinder and encouraged me to speak softly but not let Bob get away with being mean. I did try.

"Let Bob be Bob," was one of the brilliant counseling mantras I was taught. I wrote it on a card, hung it in my bathroom closet, and read it daily. How in the world could I do that? I wanted only a few things; to live a "normal life" and have a few "normal friends", throw away trash and have it stay in the can, put the car in the garage, sit on a clean toilet seat, have the sump hole completely covered so I wouldn't be afraid of falling in every time I did the laundry, go out for gigantic fried seafood platters frequently and eat most of the fried clams, live in a clean, orderly home, of colonial style, of course, that was finished.

Remember, Chapter 8, "The Last Holler" and Bob's dishwashing?

Dishes were done and it was only about 5:45 p.m. I said to Bob, "Would you like to go for a ride or to visit Mark, see how he's doing?" I felt peaceful when getting away from this house where many projects were half done and I felt responsible for them all. Bob didn't answer. I repeated my question.

"No!" he said loudly. I persisted. "Just a little ride, please," I begged in my sweetest voice.

"No!" he hollered, even louder than usual. "I don't feel well. I have a headache."

Having been married to Bob for twelve years, I realized he used "not feeling well" as an excuse to avoid doing lots of things he didn't want to do. Had I believed him, I hope I would have put my arm around his shoulder and said tenderly, "Is there anything I can do for you? Some acetaminophen? Let me put the dishes away." However, I didn't believe him, shuttering inside because of the extra loud holler and saying nothing.

Almost instantaneously this thought came to me, the same thought I'd had several times in the past two months, "Bob, God will not put up with this harsh, unkind treatment of me much longer." God knew I could not take much more. What did that mean?

Bob headed to bed. He set out the supplies he needed for his morning routine of shaving, combing his hair, and brushing his teeth. He placed each piece needed on a dry but used paper towel. It always amazed me how orderly each piece was placed, rigidly in line, the ends of the handles in an even row as if he was about to create a millimeter-sized metal part on his Bridgeport lathe. While Bob's whole world was in chaos, this tiny area was perfectly set up.

I never once watched Bob shave or brush his teeth and only a few times in twelve years did I see him naked. With my first husband, we shared even the bathtub water. Bob and I never bonded. Hoarding and a sinful wife make for a bad connection. I was hopeless and sorrowful. Can you relate?"

- Author Carol E. Niles lives in Dayton
cephil@securespeed.us

LETTERS

Let's get this done!

The American people, including Maine people, experienced a very challenging, difficult and tumultuous two years from the recent COVID-19 pandemic. We, the People, have inherent natural and unalienable rights, including right to work, earn a living, among others. However, our rights were compromised, interfered with, trampled upon and usurped by this administration. This is unacceptable. Many issues were experienced by those losing their jobs, becoming unemployed/ under-employed and contending with broken, user-unfriendly bureaucratic systems. This includes Dept. of Labor's failing unemployment system and call center. Additionally, many people experienced locked-down accounts with more problems getting weekly claims done with a deficient, user-unfriendly call center. Thousands were unable to get weekly claims done and were stiffed out of anticipated weekly benefits. Also, many businesses went through many difficulties. Some businesses failed and went out of business, including in York County.

Much must be done to overhaul and reform state government, including the Depts. of Labor (DoL), and Health and Human Services (DHHS). Both depts. were behind the curve in fixing their problems, with lackluster responsiveness to claimants and job seekers. Additionally, ME DHHS offices remain open, yet, Maine CareerCenters still remain locked-down and closed, except via advance appointment. Why? Does this make any sense? It seems very non-sensible. The "emergency" ended last year, yet

Maine's people need better jobs, better pay, etc. The current administration, its bureaucrat's "public policy" and the ME Legislature, all missed the mark, were negligent for lack of timely responsiveness to "red-tape" problems and trouble-shooting multiple issues and matters. Consequently, the ME Legislature, and this administration, including ME DoL and DHHS, all deserve and get failing grades for poor, lackluster customer services and poor responsiveness with user-unfriendly systems. Why do our lawmakers and all leaders continue to do very little about all of this, including ongoing misfeasance, etc.? Why must taxpayers pay for curtailed programs, etc.? More "chirping crickets" from Augusta.

Going forward, it is imperative that the Maine Legislature fully investigate, review and fix all issues and programs, and remedy all problems. This includes the Legislature's Labor and Housing Committee, among other legislative committees. Also, it is imperative that all CareerCenters must fully re-open back to more "normalcy," to pre-pandemic levels. Let's get this done and make it so.

- David Hall
Cornish

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EMPLOYMENT

TOWN OF WATERBORO

Public Works Department JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Waterboro Public Works Department is seeking applications for a full time 40 hour per week employee with the following qualifications:

This individual must have a minimum of a Class B driver's license (Class A preferred) with a clean driving record. Applicant must be willing to undergo random drug and alcohol testing and be able to lift up to 75 lbs.

The applicant must be qualified to operate a chain saw, as well as a light loader, and a back hoe operator and be able to perform multiple manual tasks including shoveling, raking, cutting and chipping brush, road patching, as well as minimal asphalt paving and building/property maintenance. Mechanical skills are a must as this job will require operating mowing and brush chipping equipment that requires constant maintenance.

The applicant must be available to work extra hours as weather events or local emergencies dictate all year long during evenings, weekends and weekdays under sometimes stressful conditions. Winter work may require snow removal/sanding 24 hours per day 7 days per week as needed.

This job will require multitasking as the applicant will be required to work part-time at the transfer station and part-time at other duties as required by the Public Works Department.

Rate of pay will be determined by the applicant's qualifications. Health insurance and retirement contributions are included. Application forms are available at waterboro-me.gov under forms and documents. Please submit a separate cover letter and completed application form to the Administrative Assistant at waterboro@waterboro-me.gov or mail to 24 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro, ME 04030. All applications will be reviewed as received. The position will remain open until filled.

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH HELP WANTED

The Town of Shapleigh is currently seeking a part-time **PARKS DIRECTOR** to organize and direct the development and maintenance of the **Recreational Sports Fields.**

All interested candidates should submit a resume no later than **TUESDAY APRIL 12, 2022.**

Please call Matt the Town Administrator with any questions @ 636-2843 ext: 0

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OUT Maine's new project will improve Maine's health and behavioral health care for transgender youth

The Maine Health Access Foundation has funded a two-year project to improve the health and behavioral care provided to Maine's transgender youth. In partnership with the Maine chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), OUT Maine will build resources designed specifically for health and mental health providers and provide trainings to improve the care provided to transgender youth.

During the first year of the pandemic, OUT Maine convened a transgender youth health action team, also with support from the Maine Health Access Foundation. The trans youth, aged 16-25, identified key gaps in services and resources that would help providers, youth and families to provide and obtain better support. To help hone the effort, Maine AAP conducted a survey of medical providers last spring. The responding practitioners endorsed the list of recommended resources and set

the stage for this two-year project. An educational campaign is a key component of the project, and will include a video and podcast of transgender youth experiences and recommended ways to improve health and mental health services.

"We are very excited about this partnership and the potential impact of the work on Maine's services for our transgender youth," notes Jeanne Dooley, MSW, Executive Director of OUT Maine. "The project will be led by Aiden Campbell, MSW, whose own experience with transitioning in Maine brings invaluable expertise to this initiative."

OUT Maine has an ambitious goal: to create more welcoming and affirming communities for Maine's diverse queer youth in all of their intersectional identities by changing the very systems that serve them. For more information, visit www.outmaine.org.



Pride Flags hang at Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. From left to right, top to bottom: Pansexual, Bisexual, two original designs by Maine LGBTQ+ teens, Philly Pride and Transgender flags.

Sen. Angus King on passing of Madeleine Albright

U.S. Senator Angus King (I-Maine) released the following statement on the passing of former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright:

"Madeleine Albright was a brilliant, forceful advocate for democracy; a ferocious defender of human rights; a trailblazer for women throughout the nation and across the globe; a daughter of Eastern Europe who followed her family's perilous path to freedom and went on to become the architect of America's post-Cold War foreign policy. Above all, she was a lifelong student of history, drawing on humanity's past successes and failures in an effort to build

a better future for all. Losing a titan like Secretary Albright would hurt, no matter when it came – but losing her at this perilous moment stings beyond what we could have imagined. As both a skilled diplomat and a champion of the NATO alliance, Secretary Albright's incisive insights will be sorely missed in the weeks ahead.

"Last month, Secretary Albright once again demonstrated her deep understanding of global affairs in an op-ed warning Putin of the dangers of his invasion, published the day before Russian troops crossed Ukraine's borders. Drawing on her personal experiences with Putin and valuable

historical context, she wrote: 'Instead of paving Russia's path to greatness, invading Ukraine would ensure Mr. Putin's infamy by leaving his country diplomatically isolated, economically crippled and strategically vulnerable in the face of a stronger, more united Western alliance.' One month later, every word has proven to be true. Coming from anyone else, you'd be impressed by such prescient predictions before a single shot was fired. For Secretary Albright, it was par for the course.

"The world has lost a legend, and I'm saddened to have lost a friend. Madeleine was incredibly dear to both Mary and I, and we



will cherish that friendship for the rest of our lives. She taught me so much about our history, and helped me think in new ways about both our present challenges and our fu-

ture opportunities. I will miss my friend immensely, and try my best every day to live up to the example she leaves behind."

Obituaries

Diane Marie Glidden

Diane Marie Glidden, age 68, passed away on March 16, 2022, at her home in Limerick after a long and courageous battle with liver disease.



Diane Marie Glidden

She was born in Saco on May 27, 1953, a daughter of late Kenneth Sr. and Doris (Sargent) Woodbrey.

Diane attended George E. Jack School and Bonny Eagle and received her GED in 1984.

She met the love of her life in 1984, Justin, and they were married on Sept. 10, 1988. They built their dream home together in January of 1989 in Limerick, where they lived happily together.

Diane started working as a teenager at various shoe factories

and did this for over 30 years. She also worked at Perkins Propane, Texas Instruments, and Dunkin as a baker until fully retiring.

Diane enjoyed spending time at the beach as well as shopping with her mother and two sisters, and spending time with her beloved family. She was very fond of animals and had a deep love for her Shih Tzu named Bella.

She is predeceased by her infant sister, her Mother-In-Law – Avis Glidden.

She is survived by her beloved husband – Justin E. Glidden; her children – Jimmy Ramsdell and his wife Holly of Acton; Susan M. Lawrence and her husband Stephen of Hollis; Gina Escalderon and her husband Jeff of Waverly, TN; Sabrina Sawyer and her husband DJ of Cloverville, SC; Justin F. Glidden and his wife Heather of Limerick; eight grandchildren – Scott, Sarah, Tyler, Jesse, Aliyah, Abby, Jessica, and Megan; and 5 great grandchildren; two sisters Judy Provencher and husband Robert of Waterboro; Dottie Provencher of Waterboro; two brothers Kenneth

Woodbrey Jr. and wife Beverly of Cornish; Barry Woodbrey and wife Cathy of Fryeburg.

Visiting hours will be held on Saturday, March 26 from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by a funeral service at the Poitras, Neal, & York Funeral home, 71 Maple Street Cornish. There will be a small reception after the service at the Greenleaf Masonic Lodge, 142 Maple Street, Cornish.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Animal Welfare Society, P.O. Box 43, West Kennebunk, Maine 04094

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