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South Sanford roundabout clean-up

Not every Saturday is warm and inviting. Some are cool and rainy. That is how it was on April 26 when Rotary Club volunteers got together at 7 a.m. to clean-up the South Sanford Roundabout.

With Sanford Police Officer Chantel Allen providing safe crossing, volunteers armed with trash pickers and trash bags attacked the first Roundabout clean-up day of the year. Drink cups, plastic covers, food wrappers, and the dreaded cigarette butts were all subject to pick up and disposal.

With permission, gathered trash was properly disposed of at the Sanford Sanitation Department. Bob Myott, President of the Sanford Rotary Club, along with Lawrence Furbish, Keith Patterson, and Bridget Salantri completed the clean-up in record time. An appreciative resident brought hot cups of coffee and the fixings to go with it for relief as the clean-up crew was finishing up.

Even better was the discovery of white sedge, carex... in bloom throughout the Roundabout. Sweet fern, low bush blueberries, and little bluestem all abound and provide evidence of a native habitat that supports the many pollinators and other beneficial insects of our area.

So when driving around the Roundabout, take care and appreciate the work that a few do to help with the upkeep of our community – and throw away your trash (including cigarette butts) at home.

The next clean-up date is scheduled for Saturday, May 31, starting at 7 a.m., leaving from the Lil General's parking lot.

– By Bridget Salantri



From left, Bob Myott, President of the Sanford Rotary Club, Keith Patterson and Lawrence Furbish cleaning up the Sanford roundabout on April 26. PHOTO BY BRIDGET SALANTRI

Committee begins county budget review

The York County Budget Committee begins their review of the proposed \$28.4 million county budget on May 7. The sessions commence at 6 p.m. in the commissioner's meeting room of the government office building at 149 Jordan Springs Road, Alfred, and the public is welcome.

Committee members will review a budget that takes into consideration increasing personnel and utility costs, some new expenses that come with the expected 2026 startup of the training and recovery centers, and shifts in how the tax burden is spread as a result of increases in municipal valuations as set by the state – up countywide by nearly \$7 billion from the prior year.

The proposed budget is up by about 13 percent. York County Commissioners approved the budget in a 3-1 vote on April 9. The budget committee, made up of public and elected municipal officials from the five County Commissioner districts chosen at an annual caucus, will review the spending plan, schedule a public hearing and then take a vote.

If approved as presented, it will mean tax increases in all of the 29 York County municipalities, who in turn pass the county portion on to property owners. Municipal tax bills show a breakdown of the amount it costs taxpayers for municipal operations, schools – and their community's portion of the county tax.

For the current fiscal year that began July 1, 2024, and ends June 30, the county tax had increased by 7.38 percent. A sampling of municipal tax bills for that year showed the county tax in Wells was 5.42 percent of the total; in Waterboro, 2.61 percent; Old Orchard Beach, 3 percent; Limerick, 3.2 percent and so on.

Commissioners April 9 heard the proposed jail, sheriff's police services budget, and probate and facilities budgets as part of their review, and are keeping a close eye on the amount the state's board of corrections investment

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Educating the community



Lake Arrowhead's Annual Community Clean-Up event for Earth day was a resounding success, despite the rain. About 45 participants showed up to receive their t-shirts, bags and gloves to pick up trash in and around our community on April 26. Two truckloads of trash were delivered to the Transfer Station after the event. PALZ (the Patrollers of Arrowhead's Littoral Zone) had an information booth about the lake and its aquatic plants and the Garden Club offered a seed planting project for kids. There were also coloring and bird feeder projects on hand, an indoor cornhole tournament, a raffle and pizza. Pictured above are PALZ team members talking about aquatic plants with residents. PHOTO BY DALE SCHULTZ

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Community CALENDAR

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COMING EVENTS

MAY 1 — BARN RESTORATION SHOWCASE Presented by Victor Wright, May 1 at the Waterboro Grange Hall, 31 West Road. The first program of the season for the Waterborough Historical Society. Join us for a visual overview of the impressive restoration work recently completed on the foundation of the historic Taylor/Frey/Leavitt barn. This significant preservation effort was made possible through a grant

secured by Helen Taylor, a dedicated preservationist and direct descendant of the Taylor family. Victor will share before-and-after photographs, detail the restoration process, and highlight the challenges and successes involved in preserving this important piece of Waterboro's history.

JANE'S WALK THROUGH KEZAR FALLS Saturday, May 3 at 2:30. Led by long-time resident, Jean Stanley. Meet in front of the Stanley Building. Parking available across the

street next to the Post Office.

HOLLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY SPRING BONANZA! Books, Crafters, Vendors and Bake Sale. Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 388 Hollis Road, Hollis.

Parsonsfield Seminary is holding a **YARD, BOOK, AND BAKE SALE** at 504 North Road, Parsonsfield. (Route 160) May 3 (rain date May 4) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MSAD55 ART SHOW celebrating the K-12 student artists of Sacopee Valley. Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds, 291 South Hiram Road, Hiram. Hundreds of artworks on display for one day only plus live art demonstrations. Rain or shine. Free admission and free parking.

BUXTON WRITERS' LIBRARY PRESENTATION Thursday, May 15 at 5 p.m. at Buxton Town Hall, 185 Portland Road, Buxton. Melody ML Norris, Author, Designer & Photo Preservationist Presents The Fine Art of Creating Attention Grabbing Book Covers. Sue Cassidy, Author, discusses her journey to publishing a children's book: Ladybugs and Ellie Go Camping. "Campfire Tales and Trails" A kids guide to reading and activities in the great outdoors. Light Refreshments. The event is free. FMI: Lorraine Lindstedt lindcabin@gmail.com.

SPRING FEVER FEST PLANT SALE Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The New School, 38 York Street, Kennebunk. Organic veggie, flower and herb seedlings, native plants and seeds will be for sale at great prices. Fun for the whole family with live music, lawn games and free crafts for kids. Local experts will host workshops. Student-built brick oven will be cranking out delicious pizza and Kennebunk's own Treat Truck will be providing

the sweet delight you'll need after perusing the plants.

ANNUAL PLANT, BAKE AND GREEN ELEPHANT SALE Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Buxton, Tory Hill Meetinghouse. Plants, plants, plants...annuals, perennials, herbs and more. Baked goods of all kinds and a green elephant table with a variety of used pots, garden tools, lawnmowers, spreaders, etc. Also, this year we are offering a variety of general lawn sale items as well. And don't forget to save room for one of our famous hot dogs and a beverage. Located at the junction of Routes 112 and 202, look for the signs, this is a rain or shine event!

CHOCOLATE SUNDAY The Friends of Parsonsfield Seminary presents its 16h annual Chocolate Sunday. Enjoy chocolate covered fruit, cakes, pies, ice cream sundaes and more. Served buffet style on Sunday, May 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. \$14 per person, \$5 for 10 and under. Route 160 (504 North Road). Non-profit, tax exempt organization. FMI call (207) 625-8360 or (603) 539-5233.

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LET'S EAT!

Hiram Community Center's **ROAST BEEF SUPPERS** start again for another season on Saturday, May 3 at 5 p.m. (doors open at 4:45). Same low price of \$15 for adults and \$12 for kids 12 and under. Home-made pies! Visit with friends and make new ones! If you haven't tried it, now is a good time at 14 Historical Ridge (off Main Street, Route 117).

The Arundel Historical Society will be hosting a **BAKED BEAN AND PASTA SUPPER** on Saturday, May 3 at the M.L. Day School Gym from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at 600 Limerick Road, Arundel. There will be two kinds of baked beans, Mac-n-cheese, American Chop Suey, hot dogs, coleslaw, cornbread/rolls and brown bread, drinks and coffee and homemade desserts. Takeout is available. Suggested donations are Adults-\$10, Kids 6-10 yrs \$5, Children 5 and under Free. There will be historical displays, membership info and merchandise available. Our annual raffle calendar will be available. This is to benefit the Arundel Historical Society.

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. **NEW LOCATION:** The breakfast is from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the new Shapleigh Community Center at 24 Back Road, Shapleigh.

BEAN SUPPER Massabesic Lions monthly dine-in or take-out the 2nd Saturday of the month, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Regional Medical Center, 813 Main St. Waterboro. Adults \$10. Children 5 to 12 are \$7, kids 4 and under are free. Kidney and pea beans, chop suey, ham, hot dogs, coleslaw, “our homemade” biscuits and a variety of desserts.

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

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

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

PERENNIAL, BAKED GOODS, & YARD SALE Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cressey Road Christian Church, 81 Cressey Road, Gorham. FMI: lindcabin@gamil.com.

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YORK COUNTY



York County Judge of Probate Scott Houde and Register of Probate Carol Lovejoy present the department’s budget to York County Commissioners and staff at a recent meeting. Seated, from the left, are Finance Director Lori Lemieux, County Manager Greg Zinser, and two commissioners – Richard Clarke and Robert Andrews. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

BUDGET COMMITTEE
(Continued from page 1)

fund will contribute to operations at Maine’s 15 county jails, including their own. The jail portion of the 2026 York County Budget is proposed at \$14.7 million, up by about 9 percent from the current fiscal year. The budget includes the provision that the investment fund will contribute \$2.4 million – but that isn’t a given, said York County Manager Greg Zinser. The same amount was budgeted from the investment fund in the current year, but came in less, then later tempered by \$255,000 in supplemental state funding.

“There is a chance \$2.4 million is too much (to include) and that is something you need to be aware of,” Zinser told commissioners. He said the county jails are likely to know where they stand with regard to the investment fund by mid-July or early August. The new fiscal year begins July 1.

He noted the state contributes \$120,000 to the required Medically Assisted Treatment program for jail residents, which costs

about \$680,000.

York County Jail Administrator Lori Marks told commissioners many jail expenses have been reduced significantly, because historically, spending was less than had been previously budgeted. She also noted there are increases for uniforms, and equipment like radios and duty belts – items that have increased in price and also in the amount purchased, due to increased hiring to fill vacancies. She noted costs for inmate items like paper towels, toothpaste, toilet paper and deodorant are up. Marks noted a 33 percent reduction in the amount budgeted for technical expenses, offsetting increases in other areas.

Overall, York County Jail’s census is 185-190 inmates daily, she estimated.

Zinser told commissioners this will be the first year of a new contract with corrections staff. The county is also in talks with two other unions.

Marks was named jail administrator in November and had served as interim for several months prior to her selection.

“I’m very impressed with the work you’re doing,” Zinser said at the budget session.

“I have to say it’s about as reasonable as you can get, thank you for this,” said Commissioner Donna Ring of the jail budget.

In the Registry of Probate, the Probate Judge’s schedule is proposed to increase from 11 days per month to 12.

In response to an inquiry, Register of Probate Carol Lovejoy said court scheduling was going well, but noted there are increases in requests for emergency guardianships.

The York County Sheriff’s Office budget was proposed at \$4.4 million, up 18 percent from the current year. York County Sheriff William L. King noted increases in uniforms and safety equipment – the protective vests that have expired and will cost \$60,000 to replace – and there are increases for employee training and development.

Ring questioned the need for seven new cruisers – part of an annual rotation the department established several years ago. She said there were seven cruisers unassigned as of April 9, and that she couldn’t support the 7 vehicle purchase.

Revenue other than what is created by taxes to the municipalities is seeing some improvement, though overall, the county’s ability to create revenues streams is limited, Zinser noted. Revenue aside from municipal assessments, along with \$250,000 from reserves, is projected to offset about \$3.9 million of the \$28.4 million proposed county budget. Of the total expected revenues, about \$2.5 million comes from the Registry of Deeds and \$500,000 from the Registry of Probate, with the remainder from investments and from other county departments.

Commissioners reviewed budgets for other departments April 2. – By Tammy Wells, Media Specialist for York County Government

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Shapleigh remembers
Shawn Cavanaugh

On Saturday, April 26, friends and relatives of Shawn Cavanaugh gathered at the Shapleigh Community Center to join in a "Celebration of the life" of Shawn Cavanaugh. Cavanaugh was a Selectman in the town of Shapleigh at the time of his death on Jan. 18, 2025, while he was recovering from injuries caused by an accident.

Cavanaugh began working for the Kennebunk Police Department in 1986. He also worked on cars, trucks, and boats and he eventually opened his own business repairing boats. He was a true jack-of-all-trades and a master mechanic with the ability to bring motors to life. He was an avid mechanic, and this was reflected



Awards received by Shawn Cavanaugh on display at the Shapleigh Community Center during his Celebration of Life on April 26. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

in his work with boats where he built and raced Hydroplanes with his son Jack. He enjoyed fishing, go-kart racing, and boat racing and received many trophies and awards. Cavanaugh was elected as Selectman for the town of Shapleigh in 2023. He is survived by his wife Jo-Ann, his son Jack, and his two sisters, Paulajeanne Cavanaugh, and Colette Clark and her husband James, as well as many nieces and nephews.

At the remembrance, one person after another stood up to recall a poignant memory of Cavanaugh and how he influenced their lives. Some had gone to school with him, others he met later in his life, and all remembered him as a man who would do anything to help people. Tom Small, Selectman said that "this building (the Community Center) is Shawn." Cavanaugh was deeply involved in the creation of the Community Center with his wife Jo-Ann the architect of the building along with the building committee.

As Charles Darwin once said, "If you need to know the measure of a man, simply count his friends." If counted in friends he was a remarkable man indeed.



Shawn Cavanaugh.
COURTESY PHOTO

**TOWN OF ACTON
REQUEST FOR BIDS**

The Town of Acton is currently accepting bids for a new Ambulance. To review the specs or view the complete bid package, visit www.actonmaine.org or contact the Town Administrator at jroux@actonmaine.org.

**TOWN OF ACTON
NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING**

The TOWN OF ACTON ZONING BOARD will hold a meeting **Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 5:30pm** to be followed by a PUBLIC HEARING for a variance appeal by **Live Free Land Development, LLC** regarding Tax Map 252-001 for a 4 lot sub-division.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

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

**TOWN OF ACTON
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The TOWN OF ACTON will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at the Acton Town Hall on **Wednesday, May 7th, 2025, at 6:00pm** to discuss the following referendum question:

To see if the Town will vote to continue with the York County Sheriff Contract, in conjunction with the Town of Shapleigh, and to raise and appropriate \$115,000 for Acton's share of the contract Deputy costs and new Deputy vehicle purchase.

Said question will be voted on by SECRET BALLOT on **June 10th, 2025.**

The public is encouraged to attend.

ACTON TOWN HALL, 35 H ROAD, ACTON, ME 04001

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding a **PUBLIC HEARING on: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** for the following:

**Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance
§105-3.F(1) Basic Requirements & §105-60.1(H) Private Ways**

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

Ann Harris, Chairman
Shapleigh Planning Board

**TOWN OF WATERBORO
PLANNING BOARD
Notice of Public Hearing**

The Town of Waterboro Planning Board will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall on **Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Town of Waterboro Public Works Building located at 100 Bennett Hill Road, Tax Map 8 Lot 047.

A copy of the application is available at the town offices or at www.waterboro-me.gov.

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

- Send in a letter to the Town of Waterboro Planning Board – 24 Townhouse Rd, E. Waterboro, 04030
- E-mail achute@waterboromaine.gov with a letter

Please contact the Department with any questions at achute@waterboromaine.gov or 207-247-6166 ext. 121.

**DATE: Wednesday, May 7, 2025
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– Rebekah Higgins, Chairman

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SPORTS

BASEBALL

Scots take two

Caleb Racicot pitched a shut-out on opening day for varsity baseball to help lift Bonny Eagle to a 2-0 win at Westbrook on Friday, April 25. The Scots got a pair of unearned runs in the fifth. They managed just two hits in the contest. Racicot, who struck out 12, retired the last nine batters to close out the win. Bonny Eagle topped Windham 11-1 on Tuesday, April 29 to move their record to 2-0. The Scots scored twice in the first, four times in the fourth and five times in the sixth. Lucas Klehn, Gavin Saucier (W, 5IP. ER. 5K) and Canaan Wood each had two RBI.

Spartans split

Sanford edged host Gorham 2-1 on opening day despite being outhit 10-1. Brady Adams pitched the first five inning for the Spartans. He gave up seven hits and an earned run. Caden Gendron pitched the final two innings for Sanford whose batters struck out 16 times. The Rams struck out once. Scarborough scored seven times in the first to pace a 13-1 blowout of Sanford on Tuesday, April 19.

SOFTBALL

Scots start 2-1

Bonny Eagle scored four times in the first and four times in the second to help lift them to a 12-2 win over visiting South Portland on Monday, April 28. The Scots had eight players score at least one run. Bella Hanson got the win, pitching six innings. She gave up one earned run and struck out six. The Scots won their opener 8-4 at Westbrook on Wednesday, April 23. In that game, Bonny Eagle broke a 3-3 tie with three runs in the fourth and two more in the fifth. Leah Storey had three hits and drove in four and Reese Bryant had three hits and scored twice. Hanson went the distance for the win. She gave up seven hits and an earned run. Powerhouse Windham handed Bonny Eagle their lone loss, 10-0, on Friday, April 25.

Mustangs split first two

Massabesic scored seven times in the third inning to help them cruise to an 11-6 win over visiting Marshwood on opening day, Friday, April 25. The Hawks scored three times in the top of the first to grab a quick lead, but the Mustangs chipped away with a run in the bottom half. Emelia Theriault drove in what was the eventual winning run with a two-out two-run double that made the score 8-3. Theriault drove in four on the day. Ella Gerrish had three hits and scored twice. Felicia Proctor got the complete game win on the mound. Gorham scored four times in the second inning to help pace a 5-3 win over Massabesic on Monday, April 28.

– By Mike DeAngelis

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

North Waterboro artist heading to the Arctic Circle

Local performance artist and citizen scientist Patricia Brace has been accepted into The Arctic Circle Residency program for spring 2025. The two-week collaborative artist- and scientist-led project takes place aboard a schooner sailing vessel, through the Svalbard Archipelago and Arctic Ocean. The annual residency draws from a multidisciplinary collective of scientists, artists, architects, educators and activists that encourages cross-pollination of ideas and experiences. Participants engage with each other in research and fieldwork, creating opportunities for shared involvement and discourse about the central environmental issues of our time.

Brace, an artist, citizen scientist, educator, and activist is ideally suited for this expedition and opportunity. She is currently teaching at Maine College of Art and is an active member of PALZ (Patrollers of Arrowhead's Littoral Zone), Lake Arrowhead's invasive plant patrol team. Her exhibits which feature aquatic species, include Women and Water, In Search of the Miraculous and Summer Pour.

Brace is running a raffle of Daylight drawings (made between Waterboro and Svalbard, Norway) to help pay the expenses of this self-funded expedition. If you are

interested in supporting her valuable work, you can buy tickets at <https://www.patriciabrace.com/raffle>.

For more information on the Arctic Circle program, you can visit <https://theartcticcircle.org>.

— By Debbie Broderick

Image credit: Patricia Brace, digital rendering of upcoming residency and performance, Svalbard, Norway, 2025



New Adult Day Program in Springvale!



SMAA's Adult Day Programs are geared toward older adults with Alzheimer's and other dementias. For more information or to schedule a tour of our Biddeford or Springvale locations, contact us at **207.396.6508** or ngarrity@smaaa.org.



Saco River Theatre

Percussion Discussion Afrika May 9

Percussion Discussion Afrika is a Ugandan folk-fusion group founded in 1997 by Ugandas legendary percussionist Herman Ssewanyana, who is also a founding member of Ugandas oldest band Afrigo. Percussion Discussion Afrika was started with a vision of introducing a new identity and sound on the music scene, because most of Ugandas music had been highly influenced by Congolese soukous.

Shortly after inception, the group quickly gained popularity first in the capital then around the country as their music took over the airwaves.

Playing Friday, May 9 at 7:30 and 9 p.m. at the Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Buxton. All performances are pay-what-you-can: Suggested price \$25. Visit www.sacorivetheatre.org for tickets. The 2025 Season Passes are now available.

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BUSINESS

Free classes and individual coaching for career building, entrepreneurship, and financial education

New Ventures Maine will offer free online workshops and classes in May that are designed to help people in Maine gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to build a career, start a business, and manage money.

The full class schedule is accessible at bit.ly/NVMEClasses. Here is a partial list of single- and multi-session workshops:

create a savings plan. Join us for any or all three workshops. May 1: Budgeting Basics; May 8: Let's Talk About Credit; May 15: Build Your Savings

MY MONEY WORKS: Tuesdays, May 13-June 10 (5 sessions), 6-7 a.m. Online. Gain the skills and confidence you need to stretch your money, pay your bills, reduce debt, save, plan for retirement, and set personal financial goals with a plan to achieve greater financial stability.

To learn more, visit newventuresmaine.org or call 621-3440.

New Ventures Maine (NVME) provides classes and individual coaching in planning careers, starting businesses, and managing money. A statewide education and economic development program of the University of Maine at Augusta, University of Maine System, NVME helps Maine people succeed in the changing economy and achieve economic security for themselves and their families. For more information visit newventuresmaine.org.

Building Careers

MAKING CAREER CHOICES: Tuesday, May 6, 6-7 p.m. Online. Ready for a career change but don't know where to start? This one-hour workshop will point you in the right direction. We will cover what to consider when making a career choice and resources to help you succeed.

MY NEXT CAREER MOVE: Wednesdays, May 7-28 (4 sessions), 12-1:30 p.m. Online. In four weekly Zoom sessions of lively activities and discussion, you will assess your own skills, interests, and experiences to figure out what career options might be best and create an action plan that will help you achieve success.

Starting Businesses

EXPLORING SELF-EMPLOYMENT: Thursday, May 8, 6-7 p.m. Online. This one-hour workshop covers the pros and cons of owning your own business, the steps needed for start-up, the major elements of a business plan, and the many resources available to help you succeed. (Also offered May 20)

BUILD YOUR BUSINESS WEBSITE: Sign up anytime; complete by June 30. Online. This class provides business owners with tools to create a professional website that meets your business's needs.

Managing Money

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FROM THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY

Fund to address PFAS contamination

Maine Awards \$3 Million for Research to Support Farmers Impacted by PFAS

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) announced this week that the PFAS Fund has awarded \$3 million to researchers to conduct studies that will help commercial farmers make informed decisions about utilizing agricultural property impacted by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

PFAS chemicals from the application of municipal sludge and other sources have impacted 90 Maine farms to varying degrees. Until the practice was banned in Maine in 2022, sludge, or biosolids from wastewater treatment plants was used as a low-cost, abundant fertilizer on certain farms. Some of these biosolids contained PFAS, a class of widely used synthetic chemicals known for their ability to repel oil, grease, water, and heat. PFAS compounds are highly resistant to breaking down and can cycle through soil, water, plants, animals, and humans once released into the environment. Health effects linked to PFAS exposure include decreased vaccine response, increased cholesterol levels, reduced infant and fetal growth, heightened risk of kidney and testicular cancers, and pregnancy complications such as hypertension and pre-eclampsia.

“Maine has been a national leader in addressing the impacts of PFAS on our food supply, establishing a range of technical and financial assistance programs to help commercial farms continue operating successfully while protecting public health,” said DACF Commissioner Amanda Beal. “These research grants will build on that work and deepen our understanding of how PFAS move through agricultural systems and identify better ways for farms to manage and minimize risks.”

The PFAS Fund received 22 grant applications requesting over \$9 million. The application selection process was highly competitive. Each proposal was evaluated by a team of peer reviewers drawn from academia, State and Federal agencies, and the private sector.

The seven projects supported by the PFAS Fund include research on detection in soil and other media, uptake by animals and plants, and remediation from soil.

Full project descriptions are available at <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ag/pfas/pfas-fund-research.shtml>.

- **Caleb Goossen, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association** Fractional Loading and Occurrence of Airborne Transfer of PFAS (FLOAT) – \$213,505
- Researching how PFAS-contaminated soil particles become airborne during tillage, informing strategies to minimize environmental and human exposure.
- **Ling Li, University of Maine** Effects of Biochar Aging, Application Ratio, and Low-Cost Modification on Reducing PFAS Uptake by Vegetables – \$467,240
- Exploring the use of biochar to reduce PFAS bioaccumulation in crops, offering practical solutions for farmers managing contaminated soils.
- **Ellen Mallory, University of Maine** Evaluating Precursor Transformation Contributions to Plant PFOS Uptake and Bioaccumulation – \$499,995
- Investigating how precursor compounds influence PFOS uptake by forage crops, with implications for food safety and animal health.
- **Sharmila M. Mukhopadhyay, University of Maine** Rapid Detection and Monitoring of PFAS in Water and Solids – \$496,432
- Developing portable, farmer-friendly sensors for fast, affordable PFAS testing directly on farms.
- **Glenda Pereira Parente, University of Maine** Evaluating PFAS Bioaccumulation and Depuration in Dairy Sheep and Lambs – \$499,989
- Modeling PFAS movement in livestock to guide mitigation strategies and protect the food supply.
- **Elsie Sunderland, Harvard University** Understanding and Managing the Transfer of Diverse PFAS in Biosolids-Impacted Soils to Poultry and Eggs – \$500,000
- Studying PFAS transfer pathways to chickens and eggs and testing practical farm interventions to minimize contamination.
- **Xiaoxiao Zhao, University of Maine** Energy-efficient PFAS Immobilization and Degradation in Soil Using Non-thermal Plasma Electrodes – \$284,869
- Pioneering a sustainable, low-energy technology for breaking down PFAS in soil without harming soil health.

“Together, these research projects will provide new information and develop innovative technologies to help farmers in Maine and across the nation make informed decisions about how to manage PFAS in agricultural settings,” said PFAS Fund Director Beth Valentine. “With each new discovery, we are better able to surmount the challenges posed by PFAS.”

The \$60 million PFAS Fund was established by Governor Mills with bipartisan legislative support to provide impacted farmers with financial assistance, purchase contaminated farmland from willing sellers, accelerate research to help inform on-farm management decisions, and support health-related initiatives.

Further information about DACF’s PFAS Fund and PFAS Response Program can be found online at <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ag/pfas/index.shtml>. Because of the technical and financial support provided by DACF, the vast majority of PFAS-impacted farms have been able to adjust their operations and continue to farm safely.



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Secretary of State’s statement on court order to pause portion of election administration executive order
March 25 executive risks disenfranchising many Maine voters

A federal judge in Washington, D.C. paused a key section of a March 25 executive order “Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections” which threatened to disenfranchise many eligible voters, including here in Maine. Today’s court order in *League of Women Voters et. al. v. Trump et. al.* temporarily paused the section of the order compelling the independent, bipartisan Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to add a requirement for applicants to show documented proof of citizenship before registering to vote. Secretary Shenna Bellows serves on the Standards Board of the EAC and is currently attending the annual meeting of the Standards Board.

“Everyone agrees that only citizens should vote in federal elections. The executive order is an unworkable and unconstitutional attempt to limit voting rights. Many people do not have a passport or access to other documentation proving citizenship. The result of this executive order would be to make it harder for Maine women, military and overseas voters, and rural citizens to vote. Only Congress and the states can change the election laws, and we are glad to see the court uphold that today. Executive orders cannot change federal voter registration law or Maine election law. That power and authority lies with the legislative branch. I will work with my colleagues in Maine and around the country to protect the rights of Maine voters and the security of our elections.”

Secretary Bellows chairs the Election Infrastructure – Information Sharing and Analysis Center, a federal/state/local/tribal election security and cybersecurity partnership of election officials recently defunded by the Department of Homeland Security.

Volunteer Maine responds to federal move to terminate AmeriCorps grants

Volunteer Maine, the state commission for community service, received notification from the AmeriCorps federal agency late last week regarding the termination of all federal AmeriCorps grant programs under its administration. This unexpected action impacts over 100 communities across Maine and jeopardizes vital service efforts already underway. Volunteer Maine is deeply concerned by the abrupt nature of this termination notice, which impacts eight commission-supported AmeriCorps programs, an estimated \$2.5 million in annual program funding, and puts at risk the service of more than 120 AmeriCorps members. These members—many of who committed to 1,700 hours of public service—will now only be able to complete approximately 30% of their intended service. These programs span all 16 Maine counties, addressing challenges such as chronic disease prevention, workforce development, conservation efforts, educational enrichment, and community resilience. More than 100 Maine communities benefit from these programs annually, with over 1,000 local residents engaged as volunteers alongside AmeriCorps members. Volunteer Maine remains steadfast in its mission to promote service and volunteerism throughout the state and is actively coordinating with the Office of the Attorney General, which has joined a multi-state lawsuit filed yesterday in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. This legal challenge, brought by a coalition of 23 states and the District of Columbia, aims to reverse the terminations and safeguard ongoing community service efforts. “AmeriCorps programs are important contributors to Maine’s civic infrastructure,” says Chair of the Board of Commissioners of Volunteer Maine, Luke Shorty. “This disruption threatens the ability of communities to address urgent needs and undermines the promise we made to those who answered the call to serve.” Volunteer Maine remains committed to transparency, advocacy, and the uninterrupted support of our grantees and AmeriCorps members. “We are coordinating closely with national partners, legislative allies, and stakeholders to seek a rapid and just resolution,” says Volunteer Maine’s Executive Director, Brittany Gleixner-Hayat. “We are committed to upholding the integrity of our programs, supporting affected service members, and serving the people of Maine.”

FROM THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE



It is currently Spring turkey hunting season through May 31. COURTESY PHOTO

Spring hunting season – be aware and stay safe

Maine has a spring wild turkey season from April 28 – May 31, and held a youth day on April 26. Whether you are a hunter or a user of Parks and/or Public Lands open to hunting, you should be aware there may be hunters on the landscape looking to harvest wild turkeys during that timeframe. For more information on Maine’s hunting seasons, laws, and rules, visit <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/hunting-trapping/hunting/laws-rules/index.html>.

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Interested candidates should submit resumé, cover letter, and references to the Town of Hollis, Select Board Office, 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis, ME 04042 or e-mail adminsecretary@hollismaine.org. Resumés will be accepted until the position is filled.

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Denise Deloris Foglio-Higgins

Denise Deloris Foglio-Higgins, age 59, of Waterboro, passed away unexpectedly on April 22, 2025.

She was born on Feb. 19, 1966, daughter of Douglas C. Foglio, Sr. and the late JoAnne Tuttle Foglio.



Denise Deloris Foglio-Higgins

Denise graduated from Massabesic High School in 1984. Her outgoing, social personality led her to be successful in various occupations throughout her lifetime. She was most proud of owning her own cleaning business and truly enjoyed getting to know her clients, many of which quickly became friends.

Denise, often referred to as “Neese”, enjoyed taking long walks, sunbathing with a good book by her pool, camping, riding motorcycles and most of all spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Having five brothers not only taught her to be strong, it also taught her how to care for others and how to find joy and humor, even in the most unlikely situations. She was beautiful inside and out, fun loving and full of mischief.

She will be forever remembered, loved and greatly missed by all.

Denise is predeceased by her mother JoAnne Foglio, her daughter Jennifer Rodgers, and former husband Scott Higgins.

Denise is survived by her partner Brent Woodsome; son Jacob (Jack) Higgins; stepchildren Josie Higgins, Kelly Flagler and her husband Stephen; her father, Douglas C. Foglio, Sr.; her brothers, Douglas Foglio, Jr. and his wife Suzanne, Dwayne Foglio and his wife Heather, Dale Foglio and his wife Stephanie, Darren Foglio, and Anthony Foglio and his wife Katelyn; her grandchildren Skyler and Faith Higgins, and Hazen Rodgers; and many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, May 1 from 5-8 p.m. at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service Chapel, 125 Sokokis Trail (Rt. 5), East Waterboro. A graveside service will be held on Friday, May 2 at 10 a.m. at Pine Grove (South) Cemetery, West Road, South Waterboro.

Family and Friends are welcome to gather at the Grange Hall at 31 West Rd, Waterboro for a reception following the burial.

Jody L. Nadeau

Jody L. Nadeau, 55, of Limerick passed away peacefully on April 25 surrounded by loved ones at Southern Maine Medical Center after a long battle with COPD.



Jody L. Nadeau

He was born Nov. 20, 1969, to Dorothy Gilpatrick-Watson and Lee Nadeau. He worked for LMC Light Iron for over 20 years. Welding was his true passion, he was so dedicated that he’d go in on his days off to work. In his free time Jody enjoyed being outdoors, bonfires, music and PBR.

Jody is survived by three daughters Samantha Harrop, Elizabeth Nadeau, Chloe Nadeau, and grandchildren. His long-term partner Deborah Dandreo and her children John Dandreo, Jason Dandreo, Donna Dandreo, Joseph Dandreo, Dean McDonough, and nephew Casey Green. His siblings Edmond Nadeau and wife Kendra, Julie Abbott and long-term partner Dan, Lori Racicot and husband Joe, Amanda Watson, Elise Watson, and nieces and nephews.

He recently reconnected with his good friend Dan and was looking forward to meeting up in May and going to his first NASCAR race. He was a hardworking, God loving man who will be loved and missed by many.

A Celebration of Life will be held on May 3 at 4 p.m. at the old Town Hall, 11 Main Street, in Limerick.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Poitras Funeral Homes, www.mainefuneral.com.

Elizabeth Hughes Jagger

Elizabeth Hughes Jagger, of Shapleigh, passed away peacefully on April 16, 2025, following a courageous four-year struggle with ALS, remembered for a life marked by love, service, and unwavering devotion to family, faith, and community.



Elizabeth Hughes Jagger

Born on Nov. 23, 1948, in Glynneath, South Wales, Great Britain, Elizabeth was the beloved daughter of the late John and Edna (Evans) Hughes. She grew up surrounded by the values of faith and service, which shaped the remarkable life she led.

Her early years were devoted to Church and Girl Guides (similar to the Girl Scouts), where she

earned the highest achievement of “Queen’s Guide,” the equivalent of Eagle Scout in the United States. Elizabeth was also awarded the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh’s Award, recognizing exceptional character and service. She received this honor from Prince Philip at Buckingham Palace.

Elizabeth attended Hendon College, part of the University of London, and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in 1971.

While visiting relatives in Springvale, in 1969, Elizabeth met Richard “Dick” Jagger. Their bond was instant, and though she returned to her studies and Dick resumed his work as a Merchant Mariner, fate brought them back together when his ship docked in England months later. They were engaged that Christmas and married in July 1971, beginning 53 beautiful years of marriage.

Elizabeth and Dick raised two sons, Aaron (1974–2023) and Robert (born 1977). Even while managing the challenges of Dick’s long deployments at sea, Elizabeth was the steadfast pillar of her family. She volunteered extensively with the First Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School, shared her deep faith with children and families, and most memorably, sang in the church choir with a beautiful voice that uplifted others for many years, until ALS eventually silenced it. Her grace, strength, and spirit, however, never faded. Elizabeth also gave generously of her time to the Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts of America. In recognition of her outstanding contributions, she was awarded the “Silver Beaver,” the BSA’s highest adult honor. Her dedication to Scouting inspired both of her sons to become Eagle Scouts.

In her later years, Elizabeth split her time between Florida and Mousam Lake in Shapleigh, Maine, where she spent summers creating cherished memories with her grandchildren. She taught them how to swim, canoe, and kayak, picked wild blueberries, and tended to her gardens—growing flowers, herbs, and much to Richard’s chagrin, an abundance of zucchini every summer. She proudly brought her grandson, Benjamin, to the Cub Scout Day Camp that she had founded years before. In the fall, she shared her creativity

and love of church with her granddaughters, Rose and Ruth, making Christmas wreaths together for the church craft fair, an annual tradition filled with laughter, pine-sapsticky hands, and joy.

Elizabeth is survived by her loving husband, Richard Jagger; her sister, Anne VanMechelen, and nieces Victoria and Hannah of Great Britain; her son, Robert Jagger, and his wife, Corinne, of Saco, Maine; and her treasured grandchildren: Rose and Ruth Jagger of Saco and Benjamin Jagger of Orlando, Florida. She was predeceased by her parents, John and Edna Hughes, and her beloved son, Aaron Jagger.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, at the First Baptist Church of Springvale. Private burial of the cremated remains will be at Oakdale Cemetery in Sanford.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor Elizabeth’s memory are invited to make a donation supporting ALS research to the ALS Association (www.als.org) or Compassionate Care ALS (www.ccals.org) in her name.

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Oscar “Phil” “Gram” Philip Audet

Oscar “Phil” “Gram” Philip Audet 80, of East Baldwin, passed away at home on April 18, 2025, resulting from high mileage.

He was born in Portland on July 1, 1944, to Louis and Cecile (Raymond) Audet.

Phil started working long before graduating from high school in 1963. His first job was at Hilltop Supermarket, followed by Breggy’s Market and Oil Company. After a very short stint at SD Warren he was presented with an opportunity to go into business for himself. He jumped at the chance and opened Phil’s Pizza on Main Street in Westbrook in 1966. When



Oscar ‘Phil’ ‘Gram’ Audet

you went into his shop not only could you get great food, Phil would always put on a good show. He moved from Main St. to the old Carrs Shoe Shop on Bridge St. after a fire caused significant smoke damage to his business (currently Frog and Turtle). In that location he expanded his menu to include much more than pizza and sandwiches. Phil prided himself on contributing to the community. Even ran for Mayor at one point. Not being afraid of a new challenge, he rehabilitated and re-opened Rivermeadow Golf Course after it had been closed for several years. Throughout the years Phil bought and sold many properties as well as cars. He saw a dollar sign on everything. He moved to a store in Sebago then onto Acres of Wildlife where he became a fixture. Phil could light up any space with his smile.

Anyone who knew Phil will have to admit he’s hard to forget, an original to the core. Many people are forever grateful for him and have been blessed by his generosity.

He’s survived by his sister Rose Weglinski, of Ellsworth, brother Louis, of Skowhegan. His children with previous wife, Peggy Farrington, Karen Audet of Buxton, Philip Audet and partner Marie Dismore, Julie Sabasteanski and partner Dana Mains Jr., Jeffrey Audet and wife Cathryn. Phil is also survived by many grandchildren, and great grandchildren. So many nieces and nephews and those whom he captured hearts along the way.

Late in his life he was blessed to help take care of Emma whom he had slowed down enough to enjoy the magic of youth.

At Phil’s request there will be no services, but please remember him with a smile as he always had one to pass along.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the trust fund being set up for Emma to Edward Jones with Emma’s name in memo to 15 Carll Rd. Buxton, ME 04093.

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Shapleigh Post Office*

STANDISH

Standish Quickstop

WATERBORO

38 West Pub & Grille
Cornerstone Country Market
Dunkin Donuts
Hannaford
JD's Liquor & Redemption
Lakeside Market
Merrill's Country Store
The Milkroom
North Waterboro Post Office*
Plummer's ACE Hardware
Waterboro Market & Cafe
Waterboro Public Library
Waterboro Post Office*
Waterboro Town Hall
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