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THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022

Taxpayers must file a return to get relief check

Inflation relief checks in the amount of \$850 for Maine residents are one result of the Maine State Legislature's approval of the supplemental budget signed into law by Gov. Janet Mills on April 20. The relief payments are to help with higher-than-usual costs due to inflation. Checks will be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service to residents starting in June.

Full-time residents who file a 2021 Maine income tax return by Oct. 31, 2022 are eligible to receive the payments based on adjusted gross income. Eligible residents who have filed a 2021 Maine tax return do not need to take further action to receive a check. If two people file jointly and their tax return meets the eligibility criteria for a relief pay-
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Marci Starr will perform with her singing bowls at the Newfield Community Church on Sunday, May 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Music sessions at Newfield church

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Something new is happening at the Newfield Community Church. The church, like many others, has been closed off and on during the pandemic. But as things are opening back up, so is the church. "We have a beautiful, sacred space," said Rev. Dr. Peter Stickney, "What better way to fill it than with sound?"

The church has been known for its music over the years, with singing and fanfare during a Sunday service, with guest musicians providing special music, and a few concerts with local, as well as nationally recognized artists held in the sanctuary. These days, people seem to be looking for a connection, to the earth, to our world, and attending a church service may not be their thing. But the motto of the Newfield Community Church is, "One God, many

paths," and members invite you to "Come as you are."

Every second Sunday of the month, the church will be hosting a "Music of the Spheres" session. The first will be a Sound Bath Healing on Sunday, May 15, featuring Marci Starr and her singing bowls. Starr, known as "The Crystal Bowl Lady" said, "I am so looking forward to it, as the crystal singing bowls sound amazing in the church!" She has been in the healing arts since 1994, and has a profound ability to create a calm, healing atmosphere that helps people relax at a deep level. "Listening to the bowls, one feels an opening of the heart and the experience with dimensional expansion is beyond words," said Starr. "The feelings of comfort that touch the heart and soul reach out like a big hug." She added, "I feel honored to be able to share these sacred vibrations in our world."

"The soul always knows what to do to heal itself. The challenge is to silence the mind." - Caroline Myss

Starr and the singing bowls offer a way to silence the mind. As the Newfield Community Church says, "Come and see!" For more information about Marci Starr, email her at singingbowlsanctuary@gmail.com. The June 12 session of Music of the Spheres will be a drum circle.

Music of the Spheres will be from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Newfield Community Church, 637 Water St (Rte 11) in Newfield, next to the Town Hall. Donations at the door, pay what you can. The Newfield Community Church will also be offering a Summer Concert Series, with various musicians and music. The first will be Saturday, June 4, and the second will be Saturday, July 9, both at 7 p.m. For more information, email newfieldccme@gmail.com.

EARLY DEADLINE:
The deadline for the May 26 issue will be Thursday, May 19 at 5 p.m.

Shapleigh honors Emergency Medical Services Week

By JOANNE BARGIONI

In honor of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) week, May 15-21, the Shapleigh Board of Selectmen (BOS) presented a proclamation to the EMS Chiefs at the BOS meeting on Tuesday, May 10 at the Town Hall, in recognition of the vital public service that the EMS deliver. It was recognized by the Board that the members of the EMS teams are "ready to provide life-saving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and that access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience such an illness or injury, and the EMS system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, and others. The members of the EMS teams whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their life savings skills and it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of EMS providers by designating Emergency Medical Service week."

The proclamation was signed by the BOS Chairman William J. Mageary, Scott Cudworth and Michael J Cote.



Members of the EMS issued Proclamation of EMS week. From left, Selectman Scott Cudworth; EMA Director Darren Rogers, EMT Bob Kirton, Asst. Rescue Chief Sharon Jackson, Selectman Michael Cote, Rescue Chief Gene Streck, Selectman Chair William Mageary and Fire Chief Steve Guillemette.
PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

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Community CALENDAR

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COMING EVENTS

YORK COUNTY SHELTER PROGRAMS' BAKERY Shaker Hill Bakery, the bakery operated by York County Shelter Programs, is now open for the season every Thursday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hours will increase during the summer. All proceeds from the bakery help fund YCSP. The bakery is in need of volunteers. If interested, contact Scott Davis at 324-1137 or scottd@ycspi.org.

FACES OF FOUNDERS: HIRAM, MAINE THE MOVIE, a partnership of Hiram Historical Society and the High School TV 2 Class of SAD55, will be shown Friday May 13 at the Hiram Arts Center at 8 Hancock Ave at 6 p.m. In this production, unique in the state of Maine, the teacher/moderator presents the context of 15 founders – men, women, children – students follow in costume with photographic backgrounds and portray each settler briefly telling what it was like to live in

the nascent settlement 1774-1830, voicing opinions unbound from restraints of the book *Faces of Founders: Hiram, Maine*. Professional musicians, Hiram residents, perform Hiram music. Free to all – music and refreshments of the period. FMI Sally Williams 615-4390, gardenlit@gmail.com, or the Arts Center 625-4650.

STUDENT PLANT SALE Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Sanford Regional Technical Center, 100 Alumni Blvd., Sanford. The green house is stocked and ready to sell vegetables, herbs and flowers, as well as house plants and flowering hanging pots. Put on by the SRTC Landscaping and Horticulture program.

'CHOCOLATE SUNDAY' BUFFET Sunday, May 15 from 2-4 p.m. Route 160 North Parsonsfield at Parsonsfield Seminary (Par Sem). If you are a chocolate lover you will enjoy our "Chocolate Sunday" buffet Presented by "The Friends of ParSem" \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

AGE FRIENDLY BUXTON SPRING CLEAN UP DAY Sunday, May 15 from 9-11 a.m., rain or shine. Help our community – be part of our first annual Buxton Clean up Day! Our project will begin at 9 a.m. at the Buxton Transfer Station. If possible, bring your own trash bag: Some will be available. We will then disperse to clean our own neighborhoods, leaving the bags at curbside for the regular pickup day. Sponsored by the newly formed AARP Aging in Buxton Team. Spread the news and bring a friend! Aginginbuxton@gmail.com for details.

STORY-TIME resumes at the Hollis Center Library. Join us and meet new children's librarian Nancy Olds for a Welcome Spring story time at 10 a.m. Monday, May 16. Masks are optional. If the weather is good we will move outside. Hollis Center Public Library, 14 Little Falls Rd., Hollis Center, ME 04042. Call 929-3911 or visit <https://www.holliscenterpubliclibrary.org> for more info. Open

Monday 10am-5pm, Wednesday 2-7pm, Friday 10am-2pm, and Saturday 10am-2pm.

ALFRED REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, May 19 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Alfred Town Hall (2nd floor), 16 Saco Road. Welcome remarks by ARC Chair, Malcolm Longenecker. Guest Speaker Heidi Sampson, State Representative (House District 21, Alfred, Limerick, Newfield, Shapleigh, and Parsonsfield.) For more info email info.alfredgop@gmail.com.

SPRING BOOK AND CRAFT SALE. May 21 10am-2pm at the Hollis Center Church, 388 Hollis Rd. Contact Heidi Lynch for rental space, information at helynch2@gmail.com. Sponsored by Hollis Center Library.

LYMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING The next meeting of the Lyman Historical Society will be Tuesday, May 17 at 6 p.m. at the Community Library, 10 John St., Lyman. The trustees will meet at 5:30.

UMAINE EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE Saturday, May 21 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. The plant sale will take place outside the University of Maine Extension office in Springvale located at 15 Oak St. University of Maine Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteers will be on hand to help you select plants that best meet your needs and answer your questions. Selections include native and pollinator plants, organic vegetable and herb seedlings, annuals and perennials. This year will highlight native trees and shrubs. Learn about Maine Master Gardener Volunteer projects, including Maine Harvest for Hunger, Kids Can Grow, Pollinator-Friendly Garden Certification and more!

FREE COMMUNITY PLANT EXCHANGE Saturday, May 21, (rain date May 28) from 9 a.m. until 12 noon in the parking lot of the Sanford Elks Club and the Trafton Senior Center located at 13 & 19 Elm Street in Sanford. Plant Drop off from 9-10:30 a.m. The exchange starts at 10:30 with first arrivals having the first choice. All plants must go before noon! Bring your extra plant divisions, seeds, seedlings, cuttings, and house plants. Exotic invasive plants in the State of Maine will not be accepted. For more info call Bridget at 267-261-2122.

FREE COMMUNITY DRIVE THRU DINNER at the Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church, 503 Goodwins Mills Road (Route 35) in Lyman. The May 21 from 4:30-6 p.m. menu will be American Chop Suey, green beans, rolls and cupcakes. The June 18 from 4:30-6 p.m. menu will be a cookout with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and macaroni salad.

ANNUAL PLANT, BAKE AND GREEN ELEPHANT SALE Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Buxton and Tory Hill Meetinghouse. Lots of 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. 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 Rte 112/Rte 202, look for the signs, this is a rain or shine event!

BOOK SALE Library Book and Pie Sale 8 a.m. -1 p.m. on May 21 at the Bonney Memorial Library, Cornish, 40 Main St. Lots of children's books, cookbooks, gardening, mysteries, hard-cover, soft-cover. Homemade Pies \$15, Books by donation. Across the street from church sale.

FREE BEGINNERS FISHING CLASS at the Northern York County Rod and Gun Club, Lewis Hill Road, Newfield on May 21 from 9a.m.-noon. Learn things like knot tying, different types of lures, casting safety and pointers, safe fish handling (for the angler and the fish). Each attendant will receive a fish identification card, a book of fresh water species and a fishing lure.

PINE TREE STATE COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION is holding a special awards show May 22 at Skips lounge in Buxton at 1 p.m. An afternoon of great entertainment, dancing, great food, cash bar and presentation of several awards. Entertainment by Garry and friends band, Maine Ole' Opry members (Joe Smyth who is also Sawyer Brown drummer, Dennis Moro, Peter Allen, Deedee Record Allen and Bobby Le. Guest appearances also by Dennis Buzzell, Chris Floyd, Kathy and Buzz Vanadestine and Brian Plato. Admission at door is \$10 and advance tickets \$8. For advance tickets call Joan 490-1232, Dennis 418-8390 or Bobby 572-8620. Advance tickets can be held at door.

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Sanford-Springvale Historical Society
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Portland Piano Trio



Tracey Jasas-Hardel, violin
Wayne Smith, cello
Anastasia Antonacos, piano

Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. 505 Main St., Springvale, Maine

Admission is \$15.00 for ages 18 and older. Children are admitted at no charge.

The Museum is handicapped-accessible and air-conditioned.

This concert is made possible by grants from Stephen and Cristi Eastman, Lawrence Furbish and Barbara Sutcliffe, Joseph Hanslip, Kennebunk Savings Bank, Law Offices of Charles Nickerson, Nasson College Alumni Association, Bonnie and Albert Pollard, and Partners Bank

Saco River Theatre

APRIL VERCH & CODY WALTERS bring virtuosic fiddle, dance, banjo & song from the Ottawa Valley and the Hills of Appalachia to Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Rd., Bar Mills, on May 26 at 7:30 p.m. Husband and wife duo April Verch & Cody Walters is a true partnership of kindred musical spirits. Combining their unique backgrounds from Verch's native Ottawa Valley and Walters' heartland roots in Kansas, their music showcases creativity and versatility, celebrating tradition with virtuosic fiddle, dance, banjo, and song. Call 929-6473 for tickets.

ANNUAL YARD SALE The East Parsonsfield Meeting House will be having their annual yard sale fundraiser on May 28 at 3 Hill View Ave. in Limerick (Across from the Limerick Supermarket) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



SANFORD BIKE FEST Are you looking for a safe place to ride a bike? Join us at Sanford Bike Fest on Saturday June 4 (rain date June 5) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A seven-mile route will be closed to car traffic. Ride starts at the YMCA proceeds to downtown then to Sanford High School and returns. A bike jam will be held at YMCA skatepark. Pack 355 will hold a bike rodeo for young riders at #1 Pond. Backpack Program and local restaurants will provide drink and refreshments.

VENDORS WANTED The Tory Hill Meetinghouse is celebrating its bicentennial along with the Town of Buxton 250th anniversary during community days this summer, on Aug. 6, by hosting the opportunity for vendors to set up on the church lawn and offer up attic treasures (yard sale items) and/or crafts. The day will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. offering a 10'x10' space for \$30. Bring your own table/chairs. For more info call Carolyn at 229-4960.

THE CORNER CUPBOARD NON-FOOD ESSENTIAL ITEM PANTRY Open the 3rd Saturday of each month 10am-noon at Sanford UU Church, 5 Lebanon St. Sanford. Personal care products- shampoo, soap, lotion, razors, deodorant, shaving cream. Paper goods- paper towels, bathroom tissue, tissue. Cleaning supplies- dishwashing liquid, all purpose cleaner, laundry detergent, sponges. Other household items- batteries, light bulbs. Baby needs- diapers, wipes, wash, shampoo, lotion.

ONGOING EVENTS

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Tuesdays, May 3-June 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Hope Memorial Chapel, 480 Elm Street, Biddford. For more info regarding this free workshop, email Deanne at: celebrant@hopememorial.com.

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.

Buxton Centre Baptist Church, 938 Long Plains Road, Buxton, weekly **SOUPER SENIORS SOCIAL**. Gather for conversation, cribbage, puzzles, and other games, every Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a free lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Adults of all ages are welcome.

KNOW SOMEONE IN PRISON OR JAIL? "Individuals don't go to prison alone, their families go also." Rose's Room is a support group for family and friends of incarcerated loved ones, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and equally respected! Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in Sanford/Springvale location, Bishop Cote Hall, 10 Payne Street, Springvale (Facebook at "Rose's Room").

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 247-7789.

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TAX RELIEF CHECKS

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ment, both individuals will receive an \$850 relief check, for total relief of \$1,700.

Seniors receiving social security and others who do not typically file tax returns will need to file a 2021 Maine tax return to receive a check.

According to the state's website, an estimated 858,000 Maine people will receive these payments.

Even though the 2021 Maine individual income tax filing deadline has passed, people will still be able to file after that date to claim their \$850 relief checks.

Those eligible must not be claimed as a dependent, and must have a Federal adjusted gross income (FAGI) of less than:

- \$100,000 if filing single or if married and filing separately;
- \$150,000 if filing as head of household;
- \$200,000 for couples filing jointly.

These payments are meant to help in navigating rising costs due to global inflation and supply-chain impacts, and other global economic disruptions driven by the pandemic. The payments are a one-time infusion into Maine families and will position Maine's economy for continued post-pandemic prosperity.

In order to get these funds into Mainers' hands as quickly as possible, the first round of relief checks will be mailed in June and will be delivered on a rolling basis through

the end of the year as returns are received.

Relief checks will be mailed via U.S. Postal Service to the address provided on your 2021 Maine individual income tax return, and will be redirected to any forwarding addresses filed with the U.S. Postal Service.

For more information about updating mailing addresses and/or lost or stolen payments, contact Maine Revenue Services at (207) 624-9924.

The Mills Administration is encouraging Maine people to carefully examine their eligibility for up to \$1,400 in additional tax relief available per person this filing season, thanks to laws already enacted by Governor Mills and the Legislature specifically aimed at supporting low- and middle-income Maine families. Learn more about the Homestead Exemption Program, and consider claiming the State Property Tax Fairness Credit, the Maine Earned Income Tax Credit, and the Sales Tax Fairness Credit.

Answers to questions regarding how and when Maine residents will begin receiving the relief checks can be found at www.maine.gov/governor/mills/relief-checks.

For assistance in identifying free tax help, Maine taxpayers may visit www.cashmaine.org, call 2-1-1, or visit 211maine.org.

CASH Maine is a statewide collaboration of nine coalitions, comprised of 50 non- and for-profit partners, working together to help empower Maine individuals and families to achieve long-term financial stability.

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THIS RIDE WILL STOP AT THE SOUTHERN MAINE VETERAN'S CEMETERY

UMaine Extension Master Gardener Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 21

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Plant Sale in York County will be held on Saturday, May 21 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. The plant sale will take place outside the University of Maine Extension office in Springvale located at 15 Oak Street.

University of Maine Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteers will be on hand to help you select plants that best meet your needs and answer your questions. Selections include native and pollinator plants, organic vegetable and herb seedlings, annuals and perennials. This year will highlight native trees and shrubs. Learn about Maine Master Gardener Volunteer projects, including Maine Harvest for Hunger, Kids Can Grow, Pollinator-Friendly Garden Certification and more!

Proceeds from the Plant Sale benefit York County Master Gardener Volunteer Projects in communities across York County. Programs include native plant demonstration gardens, the Garden Angel Program, Maine Harvest for Hunger initiatives, school gardens, and more; all which rely on Master Gardeners' expertise and volunteer

time.

For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, or contact Frank Wertheim by calling 207-324-2814 or frank.wertheim@maine.edu

ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF MAINE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION:

As a trusted resource for over 100 years, University of Maine Cooperative Extension has supported UMaine's land and sea grant public education role by conducting community-driven, research-based programs in every Maine county. UMaine Extension helps support, sustain and grow the food-based economy. It is the only entity in our state that touches every aspect of the Maine Food System, where policy, research, production, processing, commerce, nutrition, and food security and safety are integral and interrelated. UMaine Extension also conducts the most successful out-of-school youth educational program in Maine through 4-H.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE:

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's land grant, sea grant and space

grant university. It is located on Marsh Island in the homeland of the Penobscot Nation. As Maine's flagship public university, UMaine has a statewide mission of teaching, research and economic development, and community service. UMaine is the state's only public research university and among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast. It attracts students from all 50 states and more than 70 countries. UMaine currently enrolls 11,561 undergraduate and graduate students who have opportunities to participate in groundbreaking research with world-class scholars. UMaine offers more than 100 degree programs through which students can earn master's, doctoral or professional science master's degrees, as well as graduate certificates. The university promotes environmental stewardship, with substantial efforts campus wide to conserve energy, recycle and adhere to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.

SANFORD

Shoreline Explorer seasonal trolley service will not be operating this summer

As with many other transit providers and businesses nationwide, YCCAC's Transportation Program has been impacted by the current labor shortage relative to the hiring of qualified CDL drivers, which has resulted some reduction of services in recent months.

With regard to the 2022 Shoreline Explorer season, it is with great disappointment that we must inform our sponsors, supporters and riders that YCCAC has made the very difficult decision to suspend services for the season. We hope that you understand that this decision is not made lightly as we know it may impose a burden on some. However, without enough drivers to operate the vehicles, we simply cannot provide an efficient and effective service.

The suspended services include the BLUE 4 and 4b trolleys that operate between Wells and Kennebunk's Lower Village and the PURPLE Line shuttle which operates between Perkins Cove and York Short Sands Beach.

The ORANGE Line service that runs between Sanford and Wells, 7 days/week, will continue to operate with an added stop at Wells Beach for the summer season. We are hopeful we will be able to also increase the frequency of service on the ORANGE Line for the summer.

Again, we apologize for the inconvenience this service disruption may cause.

We wish you all a successful summer and look forward to seeing you again next season.

— York County Community Action Corp. (YCCAC)

TOWN OF ALFRED PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, May 16, 2022, 6:30pm
at Alfred Parish Church, 8 Kennebunk Road, Alfred

A public hearing will be held to address the Town of Alfred Select Board's proposed ordinance "to repeal and amend various provisions of the Code of the Town of Alfred to prohibit the acceptance of subdivision and private roads as town ways."

The proposed ordinance in its entirety is available for review at the Town Clerk's Office in the Alfred Town Hall during regular business hours. The proposed ordinance in its entirety is also available online: https://www.alfredme.gov/board_and_committees/planning_board/public_hearings.php

Alfred Planning Board

TOWN OF ALFRED ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, May 23, 2022, 6:00pm
at Alfred Town Hall, 16 Saco Road, Alfred

For: Ingrid Claesson and Edward Sabatini
12 Olde Farnham Road, Alfred – Tax Map 5, lot 61

An Application for a Variance Appeal has been submitted by the aforementioned applicants for a relaxed set back variance at 12 Olde Farnham Road, Map 5, Lot 61. The applicant proposes to tear down and rebuild the lower barn and construct a connecting, covered manure bay at this location.

The complete application is available for review at the Alfred Town Hall. If you would like an electronic copy of the application packet, please email Liz at lizdudgeon@alfredme.net. For more information, contact Code Enforcement Officer Jim Allaire at (207) 324-5872, extension 206.

RESIDENTS OF SHAPLEIGH PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town Hall will be CLOSED SATURDAY, May 28th MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Have a safe and happy holiday weekend!

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Town of Acton Public Notice

The Town of Acton Select Board is currently seeking bids for bituminous paving materials for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.

Please visit the Town's website at www.actonmaine.org to view the entire R.F.P.

Town of Acton Public Notice

The Acton Planning Board has scheduled a **SITE WALK for Thursday May 19th, 2022 at 5pm** for Jonathan Kenyon, 1505 Foxes Ridge Road, Map 260, Lot 005

CONDITIONAL USE FOR AUTO REPAIR SHOP

For more detailed location, please contact the Land Use Secretary. For more information, please call 636-3497 ext. 410.

Town of Acton Maine - 35 H Road, Acton Maine 04001

TOWN OF WATERBORO CANDIDATES NIGHT

Monday, May 16, 2022 @ 6:30 PM
Waterboro Town Hall Annex



Join us to hear from and ask questions of the candidates running in Town of Waterboro June elections for the following positions:

- Board of Selectmen (2 positions open)
- RSU57 School Board (1 position open)
- Water District (1 position open)

NOTE: This event will be held in the Selectmen's meeting room at 24 Townhouse Road in East Waterboro

The event will be televised on Cable TV Chan 5 or 1302 and will also be Live Streamed on our website www.Waterboro-me.gov

TOWN OF WATERBORO

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Waterboro Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, May 17, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** to receive public comment regarding the proposed 2023 fiscal year budget.

All Public Hearings are aired on the local cable station SRC-TV Channel 5 or 1302 and live streamed on the Town's website. Questions and comments may be emailed up to the day before the meeting to the Administrative Assistant at waterboro@waterboro-me.gov and will be addressed during the meeting.

Waterboro Board of Selectmen

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY



The passage of LD 1756 will allow The Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands to convey a Public Land parcel on a remote stretch of Wassataquoik Stream to Baxter State Park. COURTESY PHOTO

LEGISLATIVE RECAP

Thanks to our friends and supporters!

With the legislative session now wrapped up, the Bureau is pleased to report several notable successes related to State Parks, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Ecological Reserves, and Baxter State Park:

The Supplemental Budget established 18 seasonal (26-week) Assistant Park Ranger positions. With State Parks setting attendance records the last two years, these positions will be vital in managing both people and natural resources at our treasured State Parks.

The Supplemental Budget also created a Planning and Research Associate I position to assist with the administration and oversight of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The LWCF has funded more than 800 state and municipal recreation sites across the state, and it is more popular than ever.

The passage of LD 736 enables the Bureau to designate additional areas as Maine Ecological Reserves. BPL currently manages nearly 100,000 acres of Ecological Reserves at iconic places including the Bigelow Reserve, Mahoosucs, Nahmakanta, Deboullie, and Cutler Coast. Ecological Reserves conserve old forests, safeguard biodiversity, serve as benchmarks for research, and capture and store significant volumes of carbon.

The passage of LD 1756 allows the Bureau convey Public Land on East Turner Mountain to Baxter State Park. The East Turner land, which abuts Wassataquoik Stream, is currently held in 'common/undivided' status with a private landowner just northeast of Baxter State Park. The parcel is now nearly inaccessible because of its remote location between Baxter State Park and the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, and Baxter is in a much better position to manage this parcel.

Huge thanks to legislators and conservation advocates for your assistance with these laudable accomplishments!

- Andy Cutko, Director, Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands

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Hollis Center Church*

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EARLY DEADLINE:
The deadline for the May 26 issue will be Thursday, May 19 at 5 p.m.

ARTS

Ogunquit art museum gifted Winslow Homer drawing

The Ogunquit Museum of American Art (OMAA) has received a gift of a drawing by Winslow Homer, Untitled, referred to as "The Rescue Party." This is the first drawing by the artist to enter the collection at OMAA. The work was donated by longtime supporters Helen and Michael Horn.

"I always loved collecting old things, things with a history, an attractive patina, or some age to them etc.," said Helen Horn. "This Homer drawing had been in my family for several generations (for about 70 years). It was obvious that the Ogunquit Museum of American Art would make the perfect home for a drawing of the seacoast by an early Maine artist. My husband and I could not think of a more fitting institution for it."

The small but dramatic drawing shows three groups of men in heavy weather gear approaching rescue boats. Working along a rocky beach, they leave footprints in the wet sand. Beyond them choppy surf breaks, and in the distance, beneath an ominous sky rendered in heavy strokes, a masted ship lies stranded at a perilous angle. Their high boots,

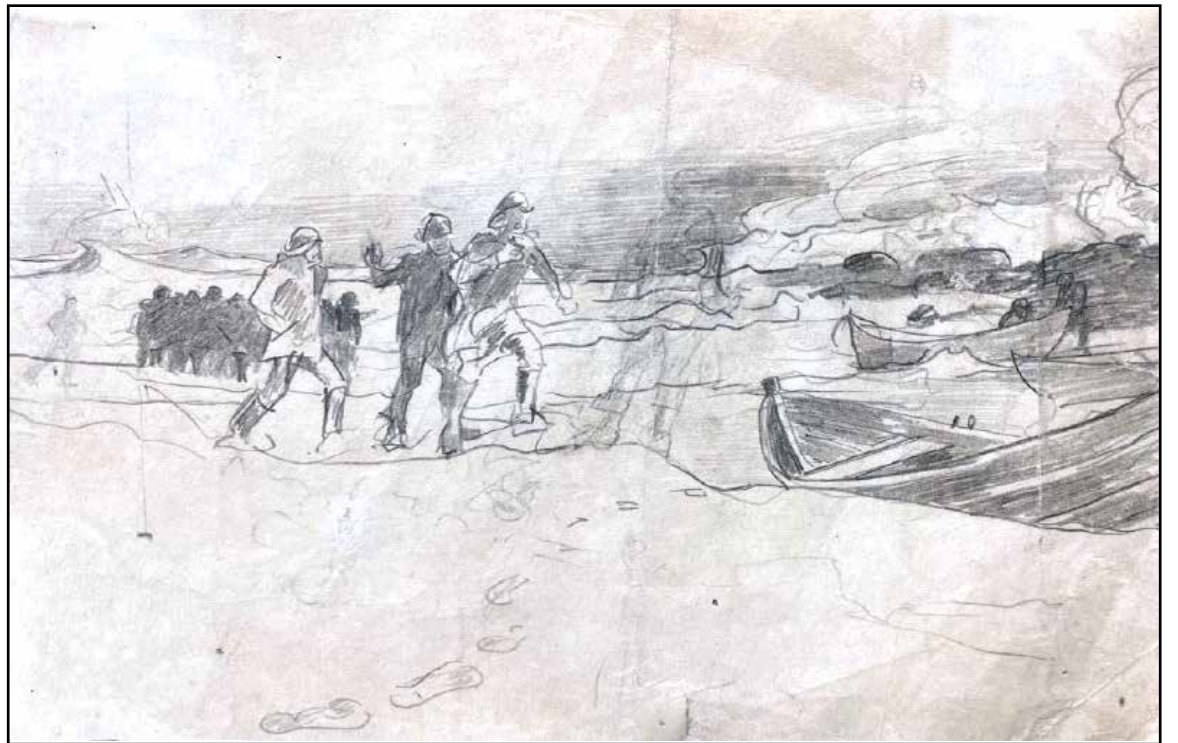
Sou'wester hats and slickers suggest the U.S. Life-Saving Service, the predecessor to the Coast Guard, which was a frequent subject in Homer's work.

Retaining the uneven edges of a page cut from a sketchbook, ghostly images of erased figures, and slashes of pencil directing the flow of the action, this work provides valuable insight on Homer's creative process as he reworks the scene to infuse the composition with the desired mood.

"This gift from the Horn family is monumental for the Museum as it experiences a growth stage," said Amanda Lahikainen, PhD, Executive Director of Ogunquit Museum of American Art. "We are honored that the Horns consider the Museum the right home for this work, and we are excited to share Homer's drawing with visitors this summer."

The Rescue Party made its debut at the Ogunquit Museum of American Art when it opened for the season on Sunday, May 1.

The museum is open May 1 through Oct. 31. For more information visit the museum online at www.ogunquitmuseum.org.



"The Rescue Party" Donated by Longtime Museum Supporters Helen and Michael Horn
Image credit: Winslow Homer (1836 - 1910), Untitled, c. 1890s, graphite on paper, 5 1/4 x 8 1/4 inches, Gift of Helen and Michael Horn, 2022. COURTESY IMAGE

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ment, OMAA today houses a permanent collection of paintings, sculpture, drawings, prints, and photographs from the late 1800s to the present. The museum showcases American art by mounting seasonal modern and contempo-

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SOFTBALL

Bulldogs top Mustangs

Emily Antrim went the distance, fanning seven and giving up zero earned runs, but visiting Portland (6-2) managed to pull out a 5-3 win in varsity girls' softball on Monday, May 9.

The Bulldogs got single runs in the first, sixth and seventh. They picked up two more runs in the fifth on one of Massabesic's three errors. Antrim, for her part, was again amazing. She gave up two hits in both the fifth and seventh and made pitches to wiggle out of trouble, but Portland benefited from the Mustangs' mistakes. The Bulldogs did make Antrim work. She faced 32 hitters and threw a season high 122 pitches, 89 for strikes. She walked just two. Over her last two starts: 13IP, 0ER, 9H, 2BB, 23K. The Mustangs record stands at 4-2.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Lady mustangs stay perfect

Massabesic's varsity girls' lacrosse team pushed their record to 5-0 after wins over York and Windham. The visiting Mustangs handed the Wildcats (5-1) their first loss on the season, 14-11, back on Friday, May 6 and they managed a win over the Eagles (3-3) at home on Tuesday, May 10 by an 8-5 count.

TRACK & FIELD

Bonny Eagle

The lady Scots turned in some fine performances at the annual Scarborough Relays, held Friday, May 6. Bonny Eagle was again excellent in the relay events, winning the 4x400, 4x800 and 4x1600 events. Grace Quinn chipped in with a win in the 300-hurdles in 51.56 and the Scots dominated the 1600, taking the top five spots. Delaney Hesler finished first in that event with a 5:16.62. Addy Thibodeau was second, Hannah Stevens was third, Kallie Warner fourth and Gwen Catalano was fifth. Hesler and Stevens are seniors. The Scots finished eighth overall with 11 schools participating. The York County Championships are scheduled for May 21-22 at Noble with Southwesterns May 27 in Falmouth.

Sanford

Sanford's men had multiple trips to the podium at a three team track and field event held Tuesday, May 3 at Fitzpatrick Stadium with Portland and Bonny Eagle. There was no cliffhanger in the field events, with the Spartans led by Tucker Walker who won twice. He launched the shot put over 37' and his discus throw topped 111, nearly 10' past runner-up and teammate Caleb Cole, who joined Walker as the only two in the over 100' club. Nick Farrington fired the javelin over 136', grabbing first over Bulldog Sam Esposito. Walker and another Spartan, Evan Tate, tied for third. Mason Van Giesen won the pole vault, clearing 10'. Tyler Lebeuf had the best time in the 100-hurdles with a 19.59 and he was runner-up in the 300-hurdles. Issac Colon was third in the 1600-race walk and Buswell Carter was second in the long jump.

— By Michael DeAngelis
Sports Editor

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Obituaries

Anthony "Tony" Arnold Grant

Anthony "Tony" Arnold Grant, of Limington passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, May 8, 2022 at the age of 58. Tony was born on July 16, 1963 to his mother, Lorette Grant and his late father, Arnold Grant. Tony grew up in Waterboro Maine and after graduating Massabesic High School went to college for computer science, but ultimately decided to start a career as a carpenter. He became a general contractor and took great pride in the work he accomplished as the owner of Grant Builders.



Anthony "Tony" Arnold Grant

Tony loved to be outdoors during all of Maine's seasons; enjoying activities such as hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, snowmo-

biling, riding his motorcycle and playing his guitar. He took joy in bringing his family and friends together to join him in these activities. He was notorious for making people laugh and was a great friend to many. Unfortunately, Tony battled with many health complications, but put up a commendable fight for the years to come.

Tony is survived by his children; Chelsea Grant, Haley Grant, Aiden Grant, and Sari Grant. His mother, Lorette Grant and his siblings; Michelle Nelson, Shane Grant, Shawn Grant, and Mark Grant.

Online condolences can be submitted at www.maineFuneral.com. There will be no service at this time, as a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date; to be determined. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Kidney Fund at www.kidneyfund.org.

Edward M. Cook

Edward Michael Cook, 86, a longtime resident of Shapleigh, passed away after a period of failing health on May 6, 2022. He was known by his family and friends as Mike.



Edward M. Cook

Mike was born Sept. 22, 1935, to Edward Philip and Julia (Horrigan) Cook.

Mike attended Alfred Elementary School and graduated from Sanford High School in 1953. He attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute and the University of Maine. Mike served in the US Army in Korea, as well as an instructor at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, from 1958 - 1960.

In 1962 he met his future wife, Else-Maria Loeffler, marrying Sept. 12, 1964, sharing his life with her for 57 years.

Mike worked at Pioneer Plastics, the Portsmouth Shipyard, and then at American Cyanamid Company/Cyro Industries in the engi-

neering department for 32 years, retiring in 1993.

Mike spent many years volunteering in the Shapleigh Fire Department as a firefighter and then Chief. As Chief, he formed the Shapleigh Rescue Squad in 1980, encouraging all towns people to help the squad.

Mike's great love was his Shapleigh farm and all things to do with it. He had a great interest in Hudson cars and belonged to the Hudson Essex Terraplane Club for many years. In this club, he attended meets and hosted meets at his farm each fall. Mike also loved John Deere tractors, and attended many New York State 2-cylinder expos in Canandaigua, New York.

Mike is survived by his wife Else, his brother John Cook and wife Lisa; niece Emily Cook, nephews Jeffrey and Mark Loeffler and wife Megan; niece Cheryl Denis and husband Jay; as well as many grand-nieces, grand-nephews, and great-grand-nephews.

Mike was predeceased by his parents, sister Geraldine, and nephew Andrew Paul Loeffler.

We will all remember Mike for his wonderful wit, stories and jokes throughout the years, and his unbelievable talent with anything mechanical.

Special thanks to all the people from Southern Maine Hospice Program, and his family for all their help these past few months.

Family and friends are invited to call on Thursday, May 12 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred. We ask those in attendance to please wear a mask.

A Graveside Service with military honors will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 13 at Evergreen Cemetery in Alfred, followed by an outdoor reception back at the funeral home.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com.

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Flowers are welcomed and donations in his memory may be made to the Animal Welfare Society, P.O. Box 43, West Kennebunk, ME 04094.

Arrangements are in the care of Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green, 47 Oak St., Alfred.

Deborah Joan Thornton

Deborah Joan Thornton, 67, of Alfred, passed peacefully with her family by her side on May 6, 2022.



Deborah Joan Thornton

Deborah was born in Sanford on May 25, 1954, the daughter of Dorance and Margaret (Horton) Drown.

She was a 1972 graduate of Massabesic High School and went to the University of Maine in Farmington and received her master's degree in early childhood/special education. She taught at private schools and at St. Elizabeth's in Portland.

Deborah did not even come to her own baby shower given by her sister, Maureen - she was giving birth to her first child, Meghan! But that did not stop her from being an active mom to Meghan and her son Thomas. She was an active high school booster member throughout her children's years playing sports and you could hear her cheering them on from across the field. Deb was everyone's adopted mom - she brought goodies and anything else she could put in

her handbag, "just in case" anyone on the team needed something.

Deborah's family gave her the most joy and contentment in life. She was Grammy to her grandchildren and loved to spoil them. She loved family gatherings and looked forward to spending summers at their camp in Lincoln on Little Narrow Lake.

We will miss her deeply and will continue to hold her love and sweet memories in our hearts. Be at peace Mom.

She is lovingly survived by her daughter Meghan Eaton and husband Harold; son Thomas Drown Thornton; the father of her children Forest P. Thornton; two grandchildren: Haley Jayne Eaton and Parker Joseph Eaton; and two sisters: Marjorie Pease and Maureen Joy.

She was predeceased by her parents; brother Richard Drown and niece Marjorie Taylor.

Please join the family on Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred.

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With her love of children, please consider donating to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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CHAPTER 18 Bob's villages, Part 2

Feb. 2, 2015, To Bob's dear friends at the Thursday Morning Bible Study and Eating Fest,

It's now been twenty days since you ate your last fabulous breakfast of Pastor Charlie's blueberry pancakes, Mark's pulled pork mixed with baked beans, and studied the Bible with your buddy, Bob. A day later, you were at the hospital, standing sadly by Bob's side in his last few hours. I'm sure Bob knew his bosom buddies were praying, shedding a tear or two, and trying to figure out ways to help. You

were more than friends. You were a major part of Bob's life: Bible study breakfast companions, laughing partners, chainsaw chums, Wood-Miser dreamers, and Christian brothers. Bob loved you. You loved him back. Gathering with you guys each Thursday morning, where you ate the strangest concoctions possible, was the perfect place for Bob to be at his best. He reveled in the engineering, machinery, and giant pumpkin growing problems you wanted him to research and solve. Bob preened with joy at these requests as he was always full of knowledge and couldn't wait to share.

Wednesday nights before the Thursday Bible Study, Bob would get everything prepared to be there early. His green Stanley Thermost stood by the door like a soldier going on duty, his clothes were all duct-taped, and his big black King James Only Bible rested on the kitchen table, ready for study and

research. Bob had his routine with Mark. He helped set up the table, checked on the coffee, oversaw the cooking, and bragged about his latest finds, free or at Marden's. You all listened, laughed, and congratulated him. You enhanced his life! I am grateful he had years of Thursday mornings with you where he was accepted, no matter what the cellar, garage, or yard looked like.

I left a box of goodies for you. Over the years, Bob bought extra Bibles and hundreds of pairs of gloves. Those gloves littered his clothes closet, truck, shop, and cellar, like Momma Mice on a reproductive mission! Bob couldn't stand to have his hands cold. Frostbite got him in the 1960s when working on his broken-down Volkswagen Bug. I hope you will take any of the Bibles and more of the gloves. That would be a gift to Bob and me. He would have wanted his treasures to go to those he treasured the most, all of you! - Carol Niles

January 30, 2015, Dear Church Family,

Thank you for many things--prayers, phone calls, food, work, ideas, and love!! You are my true family, my Christian family. Bob's loss is devastating and will always be for me. Now I have a new place to start. It's God's plan for me. With God, there is only one gear and that is forward. With continued prayer and fellowship, my brothers and sisters, I will overcome this grief and be useful to the Kingdom--my goal for however many years I have left. Bob was here seventy-two years. He was a man that will be hard to forget. Please don't. He loved you all. - Carol Niles

Bob's Friend, Natalie

For thirty-plus years, Natalie, Bob's neighbor, lived diagonally across the road from him. When I met Bob, Natalie was struggling with memory loss and confusion. In Sunday School, Bob asked for

prayer for her and him. He did not know what to do about all the mischief and confusing things she was getting into and causing. For my job, I had taken several workshops on aging. I had articles to loan him and semi-professional advice to share. We started talking between Sunday School, after church, and at coffee hour. Bob began inviting me along when he visited Natalie. I would bring flowers from my garden or my special, decorated, Martha-style, sugar cookies for her and Bob. He was impressed. He liked cookies. Natalie was probably the reason Bob and I got to know each other. Little did Bob know my lurking intentions, my desperate desire for another husband. There were not many single men in churches who met my simple but difficult qualifications: Christian and useful. Bob had potential!

Next week read about Bob's exciting adventures with his friend, Natalie. I'd love to hear your responses.

- Author Carol E. Niles lives in Dayton

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Bill signed into law to bring broadband connectivity to rural communities

On Friday, April 15, Gov. Janet Mills signed into law a bill from Sen. Eloise Vitelli, D-Arrowsic. LD 1894, "An Act To Support Municipal Broadband Infrastructure through Incentives and Competition," will help expand reliable, high-speed internet access to more underserved Maine communities.

"This new law will make it easier for communities like my town of Arrowsic to bring internet to residents who have so far been left behind," said Sen. Vitelli. "Small, rural towns often need to look for creative solutions to bring reliable, high-speed internet to their community, and this makes more resources available to

them. It's so important that every Mainer be able to access the internet, and I'm grateful to my colleagues in the Legislature and to Gov. Mills for opening the door to increase connectivity across the state."

LD 1894 will make more resources available to consumer-owned public utilities that want to bring connectivity to underserved residents and businesses. The bill makes changes to the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund by allowing the Fund to provide matching funds to municipalities that are seeking grants from other sources that require fund matching, as many federal and other grants do. Municipalities that are awarded this funding must provide connectivity to any underserved community anchor institution in the project area, like libraries or town offices, so that residents without in-

ternet connectivity at home may still access it nearby.

The new law will also require consumer-owned public utilities seeking to expand into the provision of broadband services to register with the Public Utilities Commission. Finally, it directs the ConnectMaine Authority, the Public Utilities Commission and the Office of the Public Advocate to work together to develop standard charter provisions that water districts may use to develop legislation that would authorize them to operate or provide broadband.

"This bill helps small, rural towns make informed choices about building out internet capacity, either by paying these cable companies to extend their lines to make it more accessible to residents in underserved areas, or by investing in new town-wide fiber systems," said Rep. Alli-

son Hepler, D-Woolwich. "Because each community's needs are different, this bill allows for flexibility. One size does not fit all. For this to happen, small towns need access to resources. This bill provides some avenues for that, including match funding, which would be a huge benefit."

"Having quality broadband means access to remote work and learning opportunities, access to health care via telehealth, and increased economic opportunities for current and future businesses," said Rockland Mayor Ed Glaser on behalf of the Maine Mayors' Coalition in testimony supporting LD 1894. "Too many communities have limited or no choices for broadband. Opening these funds to create new networks would provide residents and local businesses with alternatives that will spur additional competition while expanding access."

LD 1894 will go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns sine die.

NOTICES

TOWN OF LIMERICK 55 Washington Street, Limerick, ME 04048

Paving Bid Request Business Park Road, Limerick, ME

The Town of Limerick, Maine is accepting bids to provide paving and related services for the Business Park Road located off Burnham Road. The new paving shall start at the existing paving on the Burnham Road end and continue through to Doles Ridge Road.

As per the approved plans, the roadway shall consist of two 12' travel lanes with 4' paved shoulders, for a total paved width of 32' all to be contained within a 60' right of way. The roadway shall consist of a 3" hot asphalt mix wearing surface with a 6" aggregate base and a 18" minimum aggregate sub base.

Prospective Bidders are encouraged to visit the site to examine the current condition of the base and determine what is needed to meet the required standard.

All bids shall be returned to the Town of Limerick, sealed and clearly marked "Business Park Rd Paving Bid" No later than 5:00 PM on Monday May 23, 2022.

The Town of Limerick Board of Selectpersons at their discretion reserves the right to award or reject any bid and negotiate with any Bidder.

Any questions should be Directed by email to selectboardadmin@limerickme.org

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NOTICES

TOWN OF HOLLIS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7 p.m.

*at the Hollis Community Building,
35 Town Farm Road, Hollis ME 04042*

You are invited to attend in person, watch the live stream or attend by Zoom the Public Hearing being held on the **Hollis Annual Town Meeting Warrant for June 14, 2022 Fiscal year 2022-2023** Secret Ballot Warrant Articles and Proposed Ordinances; Hollis Non-Lapsing Reserve Accounts, Requirements for Approval of Purchases Over \$10,000, Municipal Fire and Emergency Medical Service Ordinance, Disposal of Town Owned Property Not Real Estate, proposed amendment to the Emergency Medical Subscription Program Ordinance, and proposed Amendments to the Hollis Zoning Ordinance, 5.5.2 Clustered subdivisions, adding Section 6.26 Rapid Entry Provisions, 7.4.2 Application Fees, adding 6.27 Lighting, adding 6.24 Entrance permits and Section 4 Use of Planning Board Fees.

The warrant and ordinances will be available in May for your review at the Hollis Town Hall or the Hollis website at www.hollismaine.org.

The Annual Town Meeting being held on June 14, 2022 and will be all by secret ballot voting at the Hollis Community Building, 35 Town Farm Road, Hollis, Maine.

Hollis Annual Town Meeting will open at 6:45 am to act on article one to elect a moderator. Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. The Registrar of Voters will be available at the voting polls. Absentee Ballots will be available in May. You may request your own absentee ballot in person, by calling 929-8552 ext. 18. or online at www.maine.gov, <https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>

You may also request an Accessible Absentee Ballot at www.maine.gov

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS NOTICE

The Registrar of Voters office will be open to register voters prior to the election during regular business hours; T, Th, Friday 9-4 pm and Wednesdays 11 am- 7 pm. The Registrar will be available at the polls to correct any errors, correct a name or address on the voting list and to accept registrations of eligible persons and accept new enrollments. To register to vote please bring proof of your identification and Hollis residency. A person who is not registered to vote may not vote in any election. A voter who is not enrolled in a political party may not vote in a primary election.

Posted by the Hollis Town Clerk 4/21/2022

HEALTH BRIEFS

MMC is recognized with an 'A' for safety

Maine Medical Center (MMC) has received an 'A' Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade for Spring 2022. This is the fourth consecutive 6-month grading period in which MMC has earned the highest possible grade from the independent quality evaluator.

The Leapfrog Group assigns an 'A,' 'B,' 'C,' 'D,' or 'F' grade to general hospitals across the country based on over thirty national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

"Maine Medical Center is proud to be a place where patients have come to expect high quality, patient-centered care," said MMC President Jeff Sanders. "I cannot say enough about the professionalism and dedication our care team displays day in and day that puts safety first, and we're glad to see that effort reflected in this safety score."

Leapfrog's hospital ratings program is based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harms to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, and grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

"As our health care system continues to feel the strain of the pandemic, I thank the workforce and leadership of Maine Medical Center for sustained commitment to patient safety, day in and day out," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "An 'A' Safety Grade is an outstanding achievement, and one that is not possible without a 24/7 effort by the entire health care workforce to protect patients from harm. This community should be proud."

Visit hospitalsafetygrade.org to learn more about Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades.

MaineHealth to open food pantry in former Greyhound station

The project is supported in part by a generous \$100,000 donation by former Maine Speaker of the House and U.S. Senate candidate Sara Gideon

MaineHealth announced today it is opening a food pantry, in partnership with Good Shepherd Food Bank, in the former Greyhound bus station at 950 Congress St.

This new community service supports MaineHealth's vision of "working together so our communities are the healthiest in America" by promoting consistent access to food that will support health. The Portland pantry will be MaineHealth's third; the first two were opened at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington and Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway in 2021.

"Health and hunger are closely connected, and we know our communities alone can't fill the needs associated with food insecurity," said Dora Anne Mills, MaineHealth's chief health improvement officer. "Our Community Health Needs Assessments have identified food insecurity as the number one priority amongst social determinants of health. The food pantries are a part of our services as a health care organization, and a natural part of our continuum of care. We also believe it is necessary for us to

collaborate with community partners to support and supplement existing work."

Food insecurity makes a person more likely to develop a chronic disease and makes it harder to manage disease. Not being able to access healthy and nutritious food, or any food at all, can lead to disease complications, missing doses of important medication, and needing to be hospitalized. All of these factors make health care more expensive.

MaineHealth bought the bus station in 2020, and has secured city permits to renovate the building for use as a food pantry. The work is being supported through a \$200,000 investment by MaineHealth, coming in part through funds set aside by MaineHealth's Board of Trustees to honor long-term former CEO Bill Caron. A generous \$100,000 donation from former Maine Speaker of the House and U.S. Senate candidate Sara Gideon is also funding this project.

"Every Mainer deserves access to healthy, nutritious food and only by working collaboratively can we make that a reality. This gift will provide immediate

and significant support to an innovative partnership between MaineHealth and Good Shepherd Food Bank to help end hunger in Maine and drive down the costs of health care," said Gideon. "I'm proud to support the direct community work happening to address food insecurity and ultimately, the health and well-being of our state."

Renovation work is expected to begin on the building next month, and MaineHealth plans to open the pantry by early fall.

The Portland pantry will initially serve MaineHealth patients, with the goal of expanding to serve the entire community as appropriate, offering healthy fresh, frozen and shelf-stable food in a convenient, trustworthy and stigma-free environment.

According to the USDA and Feeding America, as of 2021, 13.5 percent of Maine's population, or nearly 182,000 Mainers, were food insecure, meaning they lacked access to enough nutritious food to live a healthy life. Maine ranked 19th worst in the nation and 2nd in New England in terms of household food insecurity. Maine ranked 5th worst in

the nation in terms of very low household food security (chronic hunger) and 1st in New England. One in five Maine children does not know where their next meal is coming from, and approximately 17,200 Mainers aged 65 and older lived in food-insecure households.

"The mission of Good Shepherd Food Bank is to improve access to nutritious food to people in need," said Kristen Mile, president of Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine. "A hospital-based food pantry has a special focus on addressing the nutritional needs of their patients and is often better positioned to provide wrap-around services such as access to healthcare, safe and reliable transportation, and housing assistance through partnerships with community-based organizations and other hospital programming. The Food Bank is looking forward to helping MaineHealth meet the need with this new location."

By addressing social determinants of health, like food insecurity, MaineHealth more fully addresses the health needs of our community.

NEWS FROM COLLEGE

Lyman student presents at Lasell University's Annual Symposium

Lasell's Connected Learning Symposium celebrated its 20th year of student scholarship and research with original presentations from more than 200 participants.

Chataranny Chap of Lyman presented the latest issue of *Tarnished Magazine*, a student publication that is devoted to building creative community, expanding opportunities for practical/educational experiences in the graphic arts, and offering a venue for student work. *Tarnished* is dedicated to discovering beauty through the arts in unexpected places.

Lasell University is in Newton, Massachusetts.

Shapleigh student named to President's List at Bob Jones University

SaRenna Carr, a Sophomore Interior Architecture and Design major from Shapleigh, was among over 620 Bob Jones University students named to the Spring 2022 President's List.

The President's List recognizes students who earn a 3.75 or higher grade point average for the semester. Bob Jones University is in Greenville, South Carolina.

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