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## BUSINESS NEWS



Samantha Farley, the manager of the Aroma Joe's in Alfred, was recently chosen as the manager of the year, out of 83 Aroma Joe's locations in the country. PHOTO BY CHEYENNE WHITE

## Manager of the Year

Samantha Farley, of Alfred, has been chosen as the Manager of the Year by Aroma Joe's, at a recent conference attended by Farley. She was chosen number one out of 83 Aroma Joe's locations in the country.

Farley has been working as a manager since 2017 at the Alfred Aroma Joe's location. Farley grew up in Biddeford, working many customer service jobs over the years. Farley says she loves

the Alfred community and recently moved to Alfred in 2020 from Sanford. "Our community, our customers, and our employees are amazing and why I come to work daily," said Farley. "Alfred has a sense of family, closeness, and community, more than most people realize. We have some of the kindest people," she added.

Stop by and congratulate Samantha at Aroma Joe's, located at 5 Biddeford Road in Alfred.



## A collaborative tribute

Members of the Fiber Arts Group. Front row, from left, Mary Langlois, Kate Howard and Pat Lissandrello. Second row, from left, Linda Seaman, Barbara Caputo, Kathy Harriman, Mary Dexter. Third row, from left, Nancy King, Diane Gilbert, Pat Mango, Liz Kennedy (with pillow), Paula Libby, Priscilla Tucker. Absent are Sandra Snyder and Diane Purcell. PHOTOS BY JOANNE BARGIONI

## Pillow a labor of love

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

On Wednesday, May 11, the Fiber Arts Group at Limerick's Saint Matthew's Church hosted a gathering for a dear friend Liz Kennedy.

Kennedy was a member of the Fiber Arts Group and owned a property in Shapleigh that encompassed the Washington Schoolhouse in Shapleigh Village. She and her husband Vincent sold the property to move to New Hampshire, but fondly remembered her little red schoolhouse.

The schoolhouse was built in 1866 and Kennedy had allowed her grandchildren to play in the



Washington Schoolhouse

little red schoolhouse and it held a special place in her heart. So the intrepid ladies of the Fiber Arts Group got together and decided they would make a punch needle hooked pillow of the schoolhouse for Kennedy. It was a collaboration amongst the fiber arts members. One member went to the schoolhouse and took a picture of the school, another member drew it onto paper, still another member sketched it onto the special monks cloth used in punching.

The punching is achieved with a metal needle laced with yarn that is punched into the monks cloth forming loops.

This was a labor of love and it took over a year to complete due to COVID restrictions not allowing the group to meet. Each member of the group contributed something toward the pillow. One member would take it home and do a little bit every week. Some would do the trees, some would do the roof, some would do the church bell, some would do the flag and it all came together as a group to show their friend how much she meant to them. Kennedy was invited to the meeting last Wednesday where she was presented with the pillow.

Pat Lissandrello is the instructor of the Fiber Arts Group and is a certified teacher of the Amy Oxford Rug Hooking School. Lissandrello said The Fiber Arts classes began in 2008 as a "craft based support group" and are held every week for the parishioners of Saint Matthew's Church, located at 19 Dora Lane in Limerick.

## Free virtual consultations for businesses considering energy-efficiency projects

Efficiency Maine has been providing incentives to businesses and institutions around the state to upgrade their building systems, and recently began offering free virtual consultations for businesses interested in learning more about how to get started on an en-

ergy-efficiency project. "There's never been a better time to switch from outdated oil and propane heating systems to heat pumps, as well as upgrade lighting systems to LEDs," says Rick Meinking, senior program manager for commercial initia-

tives at Efficiency Maine. "To help businesses get started, we're excited to offer customers a no cost, no obligation virtual consultation with a member of the Efficiency Maine team. We hope that these discussions will help customers define the solutions that

will reduce their business's energy use and costs."

Commercial and industrial businesses interested in assessing their needs before starting a project can sign up for a virtual consultation on the Efficiency Maine website. Businesses ready to get

started with a project can call 866-376-2463 or send an email to CIP@efficiencymaine.com.

Efficiency Maine offers a variety of incentives for businesses of all sizes. Many are already experiencing the money-saving benefits

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**JUSTIN CHENETTE**  
County Commissioner  
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# Community CALENDAR

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## COMING EVENTS

**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](mailto:helynch2@gmail.com). Sponsored by Hollis Center Library.

**BAKED BEAN SUPPER** Sanford 1st Baptist Church, 905 Main St. is having their Bean supper Saturday, May 21 from 4:30 -6 p.m. Adults \$10, under 10 is \$5. Eat in or take out. Kimball St. entrance please. Beans, Hot dogs, Cole Slaw, Chop Suey, Roll, Desert and Beverage.

**UMAINE EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE** Saturday, May 21 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon, 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.

**FREE 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, 13 & 19 Elm Street, Sanford. Plant Drop off from 9-10:30 a.m. 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. 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 type 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.

**NSF & CO. MOVIE NIGHT,** Sunday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. at 906 Main St., Suite B, Sanford. Admission \$4 includes one drink, one candy, and one popcorn. Showing adouble feature: "The Jack in the Box & Death Proof." This month we are raising money for the families that were hurt and killed in Buffalo, New York. Half of the cost of every ticket sold will go to family in Buffalo. Call us today at 850-1164 or 1-800-903-2096 ext. 1, or go online at <https://www.nsfatherhood.org>. Tickets are also being on our Clover App.

**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.

## 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.

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**MICHAEL COTE**  
FOR YORK COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**SUNDAY, MAY 22, FROM 12-3 P.M.**  
**"FRANK" MEETING WITH MIKE COTE**  
**63 Emery Mills Road (Route 109), Shapleigh**

Come on over for a meet and greet with York County Commissioner Candidate Mike Cote. Gotta Be Frank Gourmet will be on site serving up free hot dogs, chips, water and coffee.

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Saturday May 21  
10:00-2:00  
Hollis Center Church*

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**BAKED BEAN SUPPERS**  
The First Congregational Church is hosting its first inside/outside/take-out baked bean supper of the season on Saturday, May 28 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the church, 141 North St., Kennebunkport. Due to and depending on the rise in COVID cases in York County Church volunteers may announce whether inside seating is available. There will be two types of home baked beans, American Chop Suey, hot dogs, rolls, and cole slaw, topped off with a slice of homemade pie. Exact change is required: adults and children over age 12 are \$10, children under 12 are \$5. Veterans will eat free on Sat., May 28 in honor of Memorial Day. Mark your calendars for the last Saturday of each month from May to October 2022 for First Church's bean and American chop suey suppers. For questions, call Carol at 710-7060.

**FREE EDUCATIONAL PLANT WORKSHOP.** Shoreline Buffer Plants well adapted to Bauneg Beg Lake, Sunday, May 29 at 11 a.m. at the Waban Wormwood Center, 15 Oak Hill Rd, Sanford. Sean Jalbert, owner of Native Haunts Nursery in Alfred will give a presentation on plants well adapted to Bauneg Beg's sandy, acidic, drought-prone, and shaded shoreline soils. Participants may order the recommended plants at the event. Funding for this project was provided, in part, by the U. S. Environmental Agency under 319(h) of the Clean Water Act.

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY** The Arundel Historical Society will be hosting a Memorial Day Ceremony on Sunday, May 29 at 11 a.m. at the Town Fire Station on Limerick Road at the Veteran's Memorial. There will be an invocation, a reading of the honor roll, wreath laying, followed by taps. The public is invited to attend and remember our veterans. FMI-283-9699.

**BOOKS AND BAKE SALE** The Hiram Cultural Center's Annual Memorial Day Blooms, Books and Bake Sale will be held at the Arts Center at 8 Hancock, Hiram, on Monday, May 30. The famous "BBB" sale will begin at



10 a.m. and will take a short break for the town of Hiram's Memorial Day ceremony at 11 a.m. Perennial, annual, local and heirloom plants, bargain books for children and adults, and baked goods, bbq pork sandwiches and drinks will be available for sale. This one-of-a-kind sale is not to be missed!"

**THE WATERBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENT'S** History of Maine State Grange, Wednesday, June 1 at 7 p.m. the Waterboro Grange Hall, 31 West Road, Waterboro. Presenters will be Victoria Huff, first woman State Master in Maine, and Walter Boomsma, Communications Director of the Maine State Grange and author of the book *Exploring Traditions - Celebrating the Grange Way of Life*.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY YARD SALE** Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Waterboro Grange Hall, 31 West Road, Waterboro. (Donations accepted from 8-8:30 a.m.). The next society Business Meeting will be Thurs., June 23 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall.



**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 rides 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.

**PAR SEM CAR SHOW** Aug. 6 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parsonsfield Seminary, 504 North Road, Route 160 in Parsonsfield. Start the day with the a breakfast buffet 7:30-9 a.m. Stay for the bake sale, hot dogs, hamburger, sandwiches, ice cream and popcorn. Shop at the yard sale, Penny auction, book sale, T-shirts and vendors. Face painting for all ages

and a Pie walk. Buildings open all day and visit the Blazo one-room schoolhouse. Vendors space available. For more info, email: [Marytirrell@gmail.com](mailto:Marytirrell@gmail.com).

**ONGOING 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 [scotttd@ycspi.org](mailto:scotttd@ycspi.org).

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**TAYLOR/FREY/LEAVITT HOUSE MUSEUM** open 9 a.m. to noon, every Saturday, from May 28 - Oct. 15. Located at 6 Old Alfred Rd, East Waterboro. The 1850 home is on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum campus includes the 1817 Deering Schoolhouse and the 19th Century blacksmith shop where blacksmith Sam Smith is at work. The barn and ell of the house contain antique cobbler, optician and barber shops. Admission is free with donations appreciated. For more information, contact Jim Carll at 247-5878.

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**TOWN OF LYMAN - PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ABSENTEE BALLOTS** are available for the June 14th elections to be held at Lyman Town Hall, 11 South Waterboro Road. **You must be enrolled in a major party to vote in the State Primary. Deadline to change parties is May 27th.** Absentee voting ends June 9th unless special circumstances exist. Requests can be made online at: <http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl> OR in the Town Clerk's Office or by phone 247-0643. Phone request must be by the voter only.  
**ABSENTEE VOTING AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL SATURDAY, JUNE 4 FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM**  
**VOTER REGISTRATION HOURS**  
Wednesdays May 25th and June 1st from 12 to 5 pm and regular business hours June 6th through June 10th to update the voting list and register new voters. *Please bring ID and proof of residency with you.*  
**Annual Town Meeting follows on June 16th at 6:00 p.m. at Lyman Elementary School, 39 School House Road.**

**Got Business News?**  
Special events? Accolades?  
Changes to your business?  
New hours or location?  
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### Rod and Gun Club Fishing Derby

The Springvale Fish and Game Club is hosting a Fishing Derby on Sunday, June 5, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Roberts Pond in Alfred Gore. All junior fishermen (and girls) are invited to attend, bringing their fishing poles (and bait).

There will be nice prizes for the best fishermen.

### Clean Up Day

Alfred Parrish Church members and friends will be cleaning

the church grounds this Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. Those interested in helping are asked to come with rakes and if interested in using leaves for mulch, come with burlap bags or trucks.

### Meal To Go

The Meal to Go on May 22 at Alfred Parish Church will include American Chop Suey, salad, a roll and desert. To reserve a meal call the church at 324-3841, leave a message with the number of meals needed and your phone number. Someone will call back to confirm. Pick up time is between 2 and 3:30 p.m. Cookies or brownies are needed. If able to help with this call 329-5316. Food donations on those days for the Food Pantry may be left with Eric Ducharme who will be at APC with his truck to deliver to the Food Pantry.

### Church meetings

There will be church meetings on June 6 at 4:30 p.m. for the deacons, at 5:30 p.m. for the trustees, and at 6:30 p.m. for the church council, all in Conant Chapel.

Volunteers to help Sharon Bergeron organize the Church Yard Sale are asked to let her know. Things to include in the sale are already collecting in the Conant Chapel basement. The date for the sale has yet to be determined.

### College Scholarships

Those interested in a Pilgrim Lodge or a College Scholarship need to fill out an application and mail it to Julie

Nugent at danajulie@sacoriver.net or mail it to her at Julie Nugent, 108 Pheasant Run Road, East Waterboro, Maine. Copies of the application will be in the Hobbs Room of Conant Chapel. They can be filled out and placed in the Scholarship mailbox.

The college scholarship is due before June 30 and awarded in December. The Pilgrim Lodge application is due before May 15 so the money can be given to Pilgrim Lodge in time for campers. If for some reason it is unable to open this summer the applications will be set aside. Those with questions need to contact Julie Nugent.

## Free self-paced and interactive online workshops for June

New Ventures Maine has announced tuition-free online workshops and classes for June, including self-paced and interactive online workshops that are designed to help people in Maine gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to start a business, build a career, and manage money.

The full class schedule with offerings for June 2022 and beyond is accessible at [bit.ly/NVMEClasses](http://bit.ly/NVMEClasses).

**GROW YOUR BUSINESS ONLINE:** Gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to create a compelling web presence and website for your small business. Made possible by Empower by GoDaddy in partnership with New Ventures Maine. Enroll anytime. Work at your own pace. Complete by August 31.

**MY NEXT CAREER MOVE:** Assess your skills, interests, and experiences and relate them to career options. Identify high-growth job fields, explore education and training options. Strengthen your resume for a targeted job search. Enroll by July 1. Work at your own pace. Complete by Aug. 31.

**MY MONEY WORKS:** Wednesdays, June 1-29, 10-11 a.m. Gain the skills and confidence you need to stretch your money, pay your bills, reduce debt, find money for savings, plan for retirement, and set personal financial goals with a plan to achieve greater financial stability.

**MANAGING YOUR MONEY:** Thursdays, June 2-16, 10-11 a.m. Learn to budget, repair your credit, and create a savings plan. Join us for one, two, or all three workshops. June 2: Budgeting Basics; June 9: Let's Talk About Credit; June 16: Build Your Savings.

**BUILDING CONFIDENCE:** Thursdays, June 2-16, 6:30-8 p.m. Whether you are navigating recent changes, looking for a job, starting a business, or simply want to be more confident, join this class to assess your confidence and learn concrete tools to help you build your confidence and keep it strong.

**JOB SEARCH WORKSHOPS:** Mondays, June 6-20, 10-11 a.m. Ready for a new job or a career change? Join us for one, two, or all three of these workshops. June 6: Job Search Strategies; June 13: Resume Strategies; June 20: Interview Strategies.

**MAKING CAREER CHOICES:** Tuesday, June 7, 10-11 a.m. Ready for a career change but don't know where to start? This 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. (Also offered Thursday, June 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m.)

**INTRODUCTION TO SELF-EMPLOYMENT:** Wednesday, June 1, 6-7 p.m. Is self-employment the right choice for you? The class covers the pros and cons of owning your own business, steps needed for start-up, major elements of a business plan, and resources to help you succeed.

**GROW YOUR BUSINESS ONLINE - KEEP MY CUSTOMERS:** Wednesday, June 22, 6-7:30 p.m. Create an exceptional online sales and service experience in this website development workshop. Learn how to protect your website, your customers and your brand.

To sign up for any of the above classes, visit [bit.ly/NVMEClasses](http://bit.ly/NVMEClasses) or call toll-free in Maine: 800-442-2092.

## Town of Acton Annual Town Meeting

The Town of Acton Annual Town Meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 18, 2022, beginning at 9 a.m.** at the Acton Elementary School, 700 Milton Mills Road.

Copies of the Warrant can be viewed online at [www.actonmaine.org](http://www.actonmaine.org) or picked up in the Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

## TOWN OF ALFRED INFORMATIONAL MEETING on the 2022/2023 Warrant

The Alfred Board of Selectmen will be holding an informational meeting on **Wednesday, May 25, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Conant Chapel.** The informational meeting is to review the 2022/2023 fiscal year warrant. The proposed 2022-2023 fiscal year warrant will be available on Monday, May 23, 2022 at the Alfred Town Hall and on the Town's website.

*Board of Selectmen, Town of Alfred*

## Town of Acton State of Maine Election Information

A State of Maine Primary and Town of Acton Local Municipal Election will be held on **Tuesday, June 14, 2022.** Polls will be open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road. Absentee ballots are now available in the Town Clerk's Office. Deadline to vote absentee, unless the voter meets special circumstances, as defined by the Secretary of State's Office is the close of business **Thursday, June 9, 2022.** Sample ballots can be found online at [www.actonmaine.org](http://www.actonmaine.org) or viewed in the Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

## TOWN OF ALFRED ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE JUNE 14, 2022

**State Of Maine Primary Election, Municipal Election of Officers, Alfred Water District Trustees, RSU#57 Budget Referendum, RSU#57 SRRF Referendum**

**The last day to change Party Enrollment for the June Primary Election is May 27th.**

Registered voters or immediate family members may request an absentee ballot in person, in writing, or by phone. **The last day to obtain an Absentee Ballot is Thursday June 9, 2022,** unless the voter qualifies for "Special Circumstances."

### POLLS WILL BE OPEN:

June 14, 2022 from 8:00AM-8:00PM  
at Conant Chapel, 8 Kennebunk Road, Alfred ME.

### THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS WILL BE AVAILABLE:

Mon. & Wed. 8:15AM-4:30PM; Tues. 12:15-6:45PM;  
Thurs 8:15AM-2:30PM to register voters.

*Please bring a photo I.D. and proof of residency.*

### TOWN CLERK OFFICE:

PO Box 850, 16 Saco Road, Alfred, ME 04002  
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## Town of Shapleigh ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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BUSINESS NEWS



Partners Bank's Sandy Mower was selected to designate the Employee Donation Program contribution for this month. Mower chose A Place to Start to be the recipient of the \$1,000 donation.

**Partners Bank donates \$1,000 to 'A Place to Start'**

Partners Bank will donate \$1,000 to A Place to Start for its May 2022 Employee Donation Program contribution, as designated by Sandy Mower, Part Time Loan Servicing Associate.

A Place to Start offers support to families with a loved one diagnosed with dementia through personal consultations as well as mentorship, navigation, and fostering community. "In our experience, dementia is an ever-changing dis-

ease affecting you, your loved one and your family," they say. "There are always new issues, situations and emotional support needs that arise. We want to help take some of the stress of the unknown away!"

When Mower learned that she had the opportunity to select a nonprofit to receive a donation, her response was immediate: "I would like A Place to Start to be my recipient." The decision was personal for Mower—she and her

family are caring for a loved one with dementia, and A Place to Start has proven to be an invaluable resource for them.

"It is always a pleasure to get to know some of the organizations that our employees choose for this very special donation," said Partners Bank President and CEO Blaine Boudreau. "A Place to Start is certainly an organization that is needed to help people through a trying time in life."

Mower is the 74th Partners Bank employee to be given the honor of designating a nonprofit to receive a donation through the Partners Bank Employee Donation Program. Employees are selected monthly and at random. Partners Bank has now donated a total of \$42,500 to employee-selected nonprofits through this program.

To learn more about A Place to Start and their services, visit [aplacetostartfordementia.org](http://aplacetostartfordementia.org) or call 207-502-7238.

*Improving our understanding of ALS*

— Gov. JANET T. MILLS

Eighty-one years ago, New York Yankees first baseman and star hitter Lou Gehrig passed away with a disease that now often bears his name, a disease also called ALS.

ALS is a debilitating disease that may rob people of their physical abilities, but it doesn't rob them of their heart, their love, or their spirit.

Like many people across Maine, I have lost good friends to ALS, including George Smith. George was an avid sportsman, a Maine native, a prolific writer, a good-natured friend to all. He was the very embodiment of the character of Maine: strong but kind, independent but compassionate, smart but humble.

George Smith's decades-long advocacy on behalf of conservation contributed to the preservation and protection of forests, lakes, and streams all across our state. Things that'll now be enjoyed by many generations to come, thanks to George's work. George's love and respect for our great state is surpassed only by the love its people, including this Governor and many governors before me, had for him. His was a life so fully and so well lived, even as he fought this disease, ALS, with characteristic grit, fortitude, and courage to the very end.

We've lost others in Maine to ALS as well. Former Mayor of Portland John O'Leary and his wife Patricia Cepeda O'Leary. Joe Mayo, former clerk of the Maine State House of Representatives and former state representative from Thomaston who successfully fought for legislation to ease the suffering of other people with

ALS at the end of their lives.

We need to get a handle on this debilitating, fatal disease.

This session, I just signed a new bill in honor of George and Joe and John and Patricia and so many others, and at the request of Karin Tilberg, who lost her husband, Chris Smith, last year to ALS. This bill, LD 2007, creates a mandatory statewide registry for ALS patients and providers so we can better understand the prevalence of the disease in Maine. To collect data, environmental factors, study what happens, and why it happened, while still protecting the privacy of those who were diagnosed with the disease.

We can and must learn a lot more about the potential causes of ALS and we must better support patients living with this disease and their families and caregivers. And, with the rate of Maine veterans with ALS twice the national average, greater awareness can also help us ensure that veterans also get the benefits they may be owed.

I want to thank Senator Ned Claxton and Representative Laurie Osher for sponsoring this legislation and for securing unanimous support for the bill in the Legislature. I was proud to sign this bill into law.

It is my hope that this law will improve our understanding of this terrible disease and lead us both to a cure and to a way to prevent it altogether.

Eighty-one years after Lou Gehrig passed away with ALS, it's time. It's time we did everything we can to cure this disease.

*Originally aired as a radio address on May 13.*

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Massabesic's Emily Antrim. PHOTO BY DINA ZEMKE

# SPORTS

## SOFTBALL

### Mustangs smash Scarborough, whip Westbrook

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS  
Sports Editor

Massabesic got back-to-back homers in the first inning and Emily Antrim was again superb on the mound, helping them cruise to a 7-1 win over visiting Scarborough in varsity girls' softball on Friday, May 13.

Antrim whiffed the side in the first and Ella Donovan singled leading off for the Mustangs in the bottom of the first. Ella Barden drove the second pitch she saw over the fence in left for 2-0 lead after six just pitches. Candace Daigle hit the next pitch, the seventh, over the fence in left for a 3-0 Mustangs lead, making it back-to-back to home runs. Antrim had all the runs she'd need.

The hard-throwing righty had

at least one strikeout in every inning on her way to 13. She walked none, yielded three hits and one unearned run in the sixth when the Storm cut the lead to 4-1.

The Mustangs put the game away with a three-run bottom half of the sixth. Kate Boissonneault drove in Ava Gerrish with a groundout and Donovan had an RBI single. She later scored the seventh run on an error.

Antrim closed the game like she began it, striking out the side. The Mustangs banged out 16 hits and lifted their record to 7-2 with a 15-2 whipping of Westbrook on Monday, May 16. Barden had a double and homer and drove in five. Donovan had three hits and the Mustangs had at least one RBI from seven players. Ellie Salvatore got win, striking out six.

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# SPORTS

## BASEBALL

### Rams top Spartans

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS  
Sports Editor

Kennebunk (6-4-1) got all the runs they'd need with a two-run first while holding off Sanford late to capture a 3-1 win in varsity baseball on Tuesday, May 17 at Goodall Park.

Justin Gould pitched well in defeat for the Spartans, striking out five, walking none and giving up two earned runs. Gould had two of Sanford's three hits.

The Spartans dropped a tough 13-12 decision to host Cheverus (4-6) on May 13. They fell behind 7-0, but raced ahead 12-10 after scoring five in the fourth and seven in the fifth. The Monks tied it at 12-12 with a two-run fifth and they walked off with the win when Braeden Watson drove in the game winner in their final at-bat.

Sanford scored eight times in the fourth, helping them to an easy 12-4 win over visiting Biddeford on May 12. Justin Gould, Caden Fontaine and Ashton Smith each drove in two runs in the win.



Justin Gould delivers a pitch against the Rams.  
PHOTO BY VINH LAM



Scorer Mike Baker, front, and announcer Fred Berren work a recent game for the Spartans at Goodall Park in Sanford.  
PHOTO BY MICHAEL DEANGELIS

## TRACK & FIELD

### Massabesic hosts Noble and Cheverus

Brendan Banks topped the field by nearly two seconds, turning in a speedy 54.79 in the 400 at a three-team track & field meet with Cheverus and Noble, hosted by Massabesic on Tuesday, May 17. Cheverus' Reagan Bossong

was second with a 56.68, just three runners finished under the one minute mark. Rebecca Hanlon threw the javelin 97', nearly twenty feet past runner-up Sage Study of Noble. Mustang Rylie Wright was third. Luke Cloutier won the 3200.

— By Michael DeAngelis  
Sports Editor

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## Senator Collins' Statement on Meeting Ukraine President Zelensky

*The Senate Delegation also met with political leaders in Sweden and Finland to discuss their potential accession to NATO*

Over the past four days, U.S. Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) visited leaders in Kyiv, Ukraine; Stockholm, Sweden; and Helsinki, Finland along with Senators Mitch McConnell (R-KY), John Cornyn (R-TX), and John Barrasso (R-WY).

Following the Senate Delegation's return to Washington, Senator Collins released this statement:

"The people of Ukraine are inspiring the world by their courage and will to fight for their country in response to Putin's unprovoked and brutal invasion. On Friday, I joined three of my colleagues in traveling to Kyiv to meet with President Zelensky, who has united his country with his incredible leadership. We expressed our solidarity with the Ukrainian people and assured him of the bipartisan commitment in Congress to give the Ukrainians the military and humanitarian assistance they need to protect their people and defend their country from Russia's war of aggression.

"I am supporting legislation that provides an additional \$40 billion in aid for Ukraine. My visit reaffirmed my belief that Congress must urgently pass this legislation to support the Ukrainian people.

"The irony of this situation is that Putin's brutal invasion of Ukraine has produced exactly the opposite results of what he intended. It has strengthened European unity against Russia, as is evidenced by Sweden's and Finland's decisions to apply for membership in NATO.

"Our meetings with the Prime Ministers and parliamentarians in Stockholm and Helsinki, as well as the President of Finland, were very productive. Sweden and Finland would bring tremendous strength to NATO, including a very capable military, advanced technology, and intimate knowledge of Russia. Finland shares an 830-mile border with Russia. Both nations have been traditionally neutral, but the February 24th invasion changed everything. I strongly support their accession to this critical defensive military alliance."

In March, Senator Collins participated in a bipartisan congressional delegation visit to Poland and Germany, where she engaged with top military leaders, Ukrainian women leaders, Ukrainian refugees, German government officials, State Department personnel, and NGOs.

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# The Hoarder's Widow

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

## CHAPTER 19 Natalie, Part 2

For thirty years, Bob lived diagonally across the road from Natalie. I didn't enter into her life until she was living in an assisted living. Bob's love for Natalie and his usefulness to her were remarkable. As her health began to fail, Bob filled her pillbox and explained again and again how to use it. Then Natalie would often randomly take the medication, whichever color, blue, pink, or white struck her fancy that day, or she might decide to take the whole case at once. He split and lugged firewood to keep her home warm during the winters and the ten straight days of the big "ice storm" in 1992 when Dayton was without power all ten days. He escorted Natalie to Newick's Restaurant for dinners where she filled up on soft, buttery rolls and coffee before her main meal

and had no room for her fried clams. He mowed her lawn. He cleared her refrigerator of molded food because she did not know the difference. He brushed and cleaned up after her beloved dog, Chico. Bob put new washers in her dripping faucets. He sought the counsel of Natalie's pharmacist to try to straighten out her medications. He took her to the hospital emergency room when she needed to go. He lifted her off the floor when she fell and couldn't get up.

Natalie ended up in the hospital after one of her falls. As she lay on the gurney in the emergency room, she waved Bob over and whispered, "Oh, Bob, will you marry me. Come closer, Bob. We don't have to have sex!"

Bob, a good friend, and a gentleman pretended not to hear what she said, "Natalie, think about getting well. When you're out of here we'll go to Newick's for fried clams and those yummy rolls and coffee you like." She fell asleep with a smile on her lips and that promise on her mind.

When Natalie was able to leave the hospital, Bob's friendship was needed even more. She continued getting her medications messed up, tak-

ing all of Tuesday's meds at one time or spilling the pillbox, losing half the pills to Chico, always ready to lick them up. Natalie began letting Chico use the kitchen floor for his bathroom. Frequently she was not able to find her way home when driving. When Bob started bringing in Natalie's mail for her, he noticed several credit card bills. She had been donating to every cause coming into her mailbox, from "save the alligator" to "restore the aging clock tower". Charging all these donations was more than she could afford. "Natalie, you've got to be careful with all these donations. I'll take care of these credit cards for you," Bob said. She didn't like that at all, but it kept her out of debt.

Natalie had no close relatives with which she had a continuously good relationship. Though she had been married three times, she had no children and was often mad at her brother, sister, or nephew for an important but unknown reason. After an upset with one or another of the relatives in her will, she'd ask Bob for a ride to the lawyer's office to make some necessary changes. Bob became the intermediary between her doctors, the pharmacist, the lawyer, and Natalie's relatives. He agreed to be her Power of Attorney.

As Natalie became more impaired in her daily living skills, her doctors recommended a move to an assisted

living. Bob did the research. He found Natalie a nice new home, packed her bags and her Bible, and settled her in. This was when I first met Natalie. Things went pretty well at first but when she learned the "lay of the land" she got to taking items from other residents' rooms. She would load her new treasure into her walker and head to the office. She'd sit at the desk, take a permanent black Sharpie out of the top drawer, cross out the name on the shirt or underpants, and put "Natalie" on them. She got into trouble for that and had to be moved to a nursing home. Bob searched diligently to get quality care for his friend, Natalie.

Natalie liked her new digs, felt safe, and could eat her pie before the salad and chicken. She seemed to thrive, thinking she was living on the second floor and going to bingo every night. We went regularly to visit her, took care of her bills, bought her clothes, cleaned out her home, and put it up for sale, which was a mighty big job. Natalie was somewhat of a "finder and keeper" also. I don't think Natalie had thrown away anything for the thirty years she lived there. She had massive collections of crochet books, yarn, and hooks, stacks of paperback romance novels, racks of fine English bone china teacups, an old car, and years of clothing.

Bob had to get involved with the State of Maine to prove her resour-

es and attend meetings with social workers. We took Natalie to her sixty-fifth Hollis High School reunion, all fixed up pretty in the same pink suit she wore to our wedding where she was our guest of honor. She was Bob's "surrogate mother" in Dayton often telling him about sermons she'd heard or special verses from the Bible she was memorizing. I have many photos of Bob and Natalie together, both smiling, his big dimples deeply indented, the photos reflecting how glad he was to be her friend and how much he cared for this neighbor.

Natalie's funeral was tough for Bob. For thirty long years he had a surrogate mother living across the street, someone who baked mince-meat pies and birthday cakes for him, shared the Scriptures, and listened to his long tales of life. Natalie was someone for Bob to tend to and befriend like a good son would a beloved mother.

Again, Bob proved he was more than his stuff!

Next week, meet "Chester." Thanks for your emails and encouragement. Chapters 1-18 are available at [www.waterbororeporter.com](http://www.waterbororeporter.com) if you have missed any.

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**EFFICIENCY MAINE**

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of updated systems.

Fryeburg Academy installed two heat-pump based variable refrigerant flow (VRF) systems with heat recovery in their campus student union and is now saving more than \$900 a year.

"It's been a wonderful addition to campus," said Dave Powers, facility manager at Fryeburg Academy. "It's comfortable in the winter. Now in the summer, for the people who work year-round, they have an air-conditioned space. During this winter's cold snaps, the heat worked great. Prior to this project, I would've had all kinds of issues keeping up with the heat during this last cold spell.

"Every penny that we save on utility expenses, we can put into educating the students," said Powers. "It's really great to be able to put the money into programming and not into utilities."

Mastway Development, the developer of the mixed-use campus Stevens Commons located in Hallowell, also upgraded to energy-efficient technology with the help of Efficiency Maine. Mastway Development installed three VRF systems in the newly constructed Cleveland Hall, a student residence for the University of Maine at Augusta located in Stevens Commons.

"The new VRF systems have been a game changer for us," said Matt Morrill, chief executive officer of Mastway Development, which is currently working on the revitalization of Stevens Commons. "Switching from ineffi-

cient oil-fired steam systems to an all-in-one product that provides both heating and cooling makes a world of difference in comfort and savings. That, coupled with the Efficiency Maine rebates, have allowed us to make the numbers work on redevelopment projects that otherwise would not have been feasible. The team at Efficiency Maine was very accommodating and helped us gather early estimates that resulted in the project being completed on time and on budget."

Some of Maine's smaller businesses also are benefiting from Efficiency Maine's incentives. For instance, Wheelers Insurance in South Paris upgraded their heating system from an oil boiler to two high-efficiency heat pumps, saving approximately \$200 a year.

"We have noticed that it is more cost efficient, the rooms are more comfortable, and we're doing our part to help the environment," said Leanna Bowie, marketing manager of Wheelers Insurance. "The process of working with Efficiency Maine was super smooth. It was a matter of filling out an application and arranging for the work to be complete."

"Overall, the experience was convenient and it added value to our business," added Wheelers Insurance Chief Executive Officer Michael Newsom.

Humble Comfort Food and Spirits in Brewer worked with Efficiency Maine to upgrade the restaurant's heating, cooling, and lighting. Humble installed two

heat pumps that both heat and cool, and also upgraded from fluorescent lighting to LEDs. With the upgrades, the business has reduced energy costs by about \$200 a year.

"The restaurant is much brighter and warmer since the new lighting was installed," said restaurant owner, Meghan Black. "I remember the first day I walked past the heat pump and it blew warm air in my face. It was the best feeling in the world."

"I have definitely seen a decrease in my electricity bill since the new lights went in," Black continued. "It was a hard year at the restaurant, and the lights and the heat pump made me excited to get back to work."

**ABOUT EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST:** *The Efficiency Maine Trust (the Trust) is the administrator for programs to improve the efficiency of energy use and reduce greenhouse gases in Maine. The Trust serves all sectors and all regions of the state. Its suite of nationally recognized programs provides consumer information, discounts, rebates, loans and investments for high-efficiency, clean energy equipment and strategies to manage energy demand. The Trust is a quasi-state agency governed by a Board of Trustees with oversight from the Maine Public Utilities Commission. More information on Efficiency Maine can be found at [efficiencymaine.com](http://efficiencymaine.com).*

**Share the road during motorcycle safety awareness month**

**TIPS FOR MOTORISTS**

Because vehicle drivers control a much larger machine, it is imperative that they keep close watch for motorcyclists who may be riding nearby. Drivers may follow these tips to prevent a fatal crash with a motorcycle:

- Though a motorcycle is a small vehicle, its operator still has the same rights of the road as any other motorist. Always allow the motorcycle the full width of a lane.
- Remember, motorcycles are smaller than most vehicles and difficult to see. Their size can also cause other drivers to misjudge their speed and distance.
- Always use a turn signal when changing lanes or merging with traffic.
- If you see a motorcycle with a signal on, remember motorcycle signals are often non-canceling, and the motorcyclist could have forgotten to turn it off. Proceed with caution to allow the motorcyclists the opportunity to complete the maneuver.
- Check all mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles before changing lanes or merging with traffic, especially at intersections.
- Look, then take a second look before turning left. Many crashes with motorcycles happen when a motorist is turning left.
- Allow more following distance — 3 or 4 seconds — when following a motorcycle; this gives the motorcycle rider more time to maneuver or stop in an emergency. Motorcycle riders

may suddenly need to change speed or adjust their lane position to avoid hazards such as potholes, gravel, wet or slippery surfaces, pavement seams, railroad crossings, and grooved pavement.

- Never drive distracted or impaired.

**TIPS FOR MOTORCYCLISTS**

At the same time, motorcyclists must take extra precautions to guard against drivers who may not see them. Motorcyclists may follow these tips to prevent a crash with a vehicle:

- Wear a DOT-compliant helmet and other protective gear.
- Always complete rider education courses and ride with a current motorcycle license. In 2020, nationwide, 36% of motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes were riding without valid motorcycle licenses.
- Obey all traffic laws and be properly licensed.
- Use hand and turn signals at every lane change or turn.
- Wear brightly colored clothes and reflective tape to increase visibility.
- Ride in the middle of the lane where you will be more visible to drivers.
- Never ride distracted or impaired.

Always Share the Road with motorcyclists and vehicle drivers alike. For more information on motorcycle safety, visit [www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/motorcycles](http://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/motorcycles).



**Roger Sanborn**

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### NEWS FROM THE Office of the Public Advocate

## Legislature winds up session

The Office of the Public Advocate is committed to public service in representing Maine utility consumers in any matter that is covered by the authority of the Public Utilities Commission, as well as proceedings before state and federal agencies and courts, so that they have affordable, high quality utility services.

Having just completed my first legislative session as your Public Advocate, I can freely say the learning curve was steep, but thanks to strong staff support, we accomplished a great deal, I learned a lot about our legislative process, and am eager to continue working on your behalf. The process is a dynamic one and not for the faint of heart, but I'm now actually looking forward to next January when the Legislature returns to Augusta and I can put my newly acquired legislative experience and knowledge to work for Maine ratepayers. By working closely with the Energy, Utilities, and Technology (EUT) Committee over the past few months on a wide range of issues, I gained a new appreciation for how fortunate we are that these dedicated public servants are willing to give so much of their time and expertise by serving in the Legislature. OPA will continue to work hard to be a trusted source of information upon which legislators can rely in making their important decisions.

The Office of the Public Advocate fought hard to pass important legislation this session. The Legislature finished most of its work on April 25th and all that remains is their return to weigh in on vetoes by the Governor.

Many hours were spent on LD 1959 and after many amended versions, became, "An Act Regarding Utility Accountability and Grid Planning for Maine's Clean Energy Future." The OPA believes that the consumer protections and the blueprint to modernize Maine's grid outlined in this bill will ensure reliable service from Maine's investor-owned utilities for Maine ratepayers for many years to come.

The OPA was successful in urging the Legislature to fund LD 506, "An Act To Reduce the Tax Burden on Low-income Electricity Customers." As the price of electricity continues to rise, LD 506 removes the sales tax on high-usage, low-income electricity customers. This bill will help support low-income households, especially those who embraced the beneficial electrification initiatives put forth by the Legislature. The cost of this legislation is low, barely \$140,000, but it will relieve low-income households of at least part of their rising energy costs.

Another initiative that the OPA has already begun working on is LD 1913, "An Act To Create the Electric Ratepayer Advisory Council." The Office of the Public Advocate has the responsibility of facilitating the Council and reporting back to the Legislature in December with the Council's recommendations.

For more information or to read testimony presented by the Office of the Public Advocate, please visit our website: <https://www.maine.gov/meopa/reports-and-testimony>

— William Harwood,  
Public Advocate

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