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SANFORD-SPRINGVALE  
 HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS



## The British & Pequawkets at Phillipstown

Sanford-Springvale Historical Society in partnership with the Sweat-Morin Homestead presents, "The British & Pequawkets at Phillipstown" on Saturday, May 30, the first event in their free summer programming. There will be two presentations – one at 10 a.m. and one at 1 p.m. with advance reservations required.

Imagine the cultural differences between the British and Indians in the early 18th-century. The French & Indian Wars presented a state of constant fear for the Colonists but there were times of peace in an otherwise vulnerable climate. Come hear the story of the Pequawket Indians and British regulars and their trading practices in truck houses (trading posts) in York County and New Hampshire. This program will help introduce participants to the cultural origins of customs and beliefs; the chronology of major events and people in Maine history; the cultural backgrounds of the peoples and groups involved in the trade; examples of cultural conflict and cooperation; how cultures differ in their use of similar environments; and how different ways of knowing and believing have influenced human history. Participants will learn about each culture in groups and then come together to role-play trading in 18th-century Southern Maine.

Sign up for free at the-british-and-pequawkets-at-phillipstown.eventbrite.com. Registration is required for this free event, as space is limited to 30 participants for each time slot. If you are unable to register on Eventbrite, call 207-490-1028 or email info@sanford-history.org.

This program is presented in partnership with the Sweat-Morin Homestead and is generously supported and sponsored by: The Harry A. Mapes Charitable Trust.

The Sweat-Morin Homestead is located at 374 School Street, Sanford. The homestead house and barn are handicapped accessible.

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The Sanford City Council. COURTESY PHOTO

## Sanford looks at data center regulations

Following recent statewide discussions on data center development, including legislation passed by the Maine Legislature and later vetoed by Governor Janet Mills, the Sanford City Council has begun a local conversation about how best to prepare for this emerging form of large-scale development.

At its most recent meeting, the City Council discussed establishing an emergency moratorium on data center development. City Manager Steven Buck emphasized

the importance of addressing public concerns while also providing clarity around existing regulations.

"When residents hear about large-scale development of this nature, concern is appropriate," Buck said. "Our role is not to dismiss those concerns, but to distinguish between what is unknown and what is already well-regulated under existing laws and permitting processes. Because this type of use is new at this scale within the state, it is reasonable to ask

whether our current framework is sufficient or should be refined."

### Existing large-scale review process

It is important to understand that large-scale developments of any kind are already subject to comprehensive local, regional, and state review. Any such project proposed in Sanford must go through a multi-layered evaluation process.

At the local level, proposals (Continued on page 4)

## York County budget public hearing June 3

York County residents can weigh in on the proposed York County budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1 at a public hearing set for 6 p.m. June 3 at the York County Government Building, 149 Jordan Springs Road in Alfred, the county seat.

The York County Budget Committee approved sending the proposed \$31.2 million spending plan to public hearing in an 8-1 vote May 6, with member Thomas Hooper dissenting.

The proposed budget is up from \$28.6 million in the current year, with increases in utility costs, insurances, wages, and expenses associated with bringing the new York County Regional Training Center online – it became operational Jan. 3 – and the upcoming debut of the York County Recovery Center in the latter part of 2026 or early 2027.

The fiscal impact to York County's 29 municipalities is about \$27.1 million, up by about \$2.5 million from the current year, with the remainder of the proposed budget coming from an array of departmental revenues, investment earnings, rental income, and reserves.

The overall proposed budget increase is pegged at 9.25 percent – about four percent less than the 13.64 percent increase approved for the current fiscal year that ends June 30.

As to utilities, here's an eye opener: York County Government's electricity costs are poised to increase by about \$550,000 in the next fiscal year, following the expiration of a multi-year, all-inclusive contract in November 2025.

"The rate essentially tripled," York County Manager Greg Zinser of utility costs at an April budget committee meeting.

Increases in wages include a cost of living adjustment pegged at four percent. Members of the sheriff's office county patrol, represented by the Fraternal Order of Police, are poised to receive increase of around 10 percent in this, the second year of a three year contract, making wages more competitive in a bid to aid in retention and attracting new deputies to fill vacancies.

Not all department budgets (Continued on page 4)



## May baskets bring support to veterans

From left, Deacon Paul Lissandrello, Elaine Roberge, Arthur Roberge and Paul Lanoue, members of The Armed Forces Outreach Group of St. Matthew's Church in Limerick, created beautiful May baskets for veterans. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

By JOANNE BARGIONI

On May 18, the Armed Forces Outreach Group of Saint Matthews Church in Limerick donated six thoughtfully prepared gift baskets to local veterans. The items included in the baskets donated were made possible through the generosity of the parishioners.

Each basket contained a variety of useful and comforting items,

including Hannaford gift cards, microwave popcorn, socks, dental floss, beef jerky, puzzles, books, snacks, cleaning supplies, baked goods, cookies, candies, paper products, tea, and juice and more.

Elaine and Arthur Roberge organized and decorated the baskets, ensuring that they were both practical and visually appealing. Once completed, Paul Lanoue delivered

the baskets to the Sanford Veterans Center. Each basket was valued at approximately \$100.

This initiative marked the first time the Armed Forces Outreach Group created May baskets for veterans, and it was considered a great success. The group hopes to continue this effort in the future as a way to support and show appreciation for those who have served.

**NEW EVERY THURSDAY!**  
 LOCAL news, events and faces from your community.



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# Community CALENDAR

Email non-profit event listings to: [news@waterbororeporter.com](mailto:news@waterbororeporter.com)

## COMING EVENTS

**YARD SALE** May 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Parsonsfield Seminary, 504 North Road, Parsonsfield.

**YARD SALE** to benefit projects of the 21 Club on Saturday May 30, 9-12 at the Riverside United Methodist Church, Porter. The 21 Club is a women's service organization in the Kezar Falls area.

**PERENNIALS AND HERBS SALE** (over 200 varieties) to benefit the Unique Maine Farms' project will be sold in 4-inch pots for \$4.50 each on Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31 from 10-3 at 515 Garland Road in West Newfield. Many new varieties in larger pots are priced

separately. Sale is held rain or shine. Cash, check, and Venmo accepted. Email: [mqdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:mqdoyle@gmail.com). Plant varieties and prices are posted on the Doyle Family Farm website at: [www.doylefamilyfarm.com](http://www.doylefamilyfarm.com).

**FRAUD & SCAM PREVENTION** According to the FBI, older Mainers reported losing over 12 million dollars to scammers in 2024. On Tuesday, June 2 at 6 p.m., Kyle Barrett from Kennebunk Savings Bank will be at the Lyman Community Library to present on Fraud & Scam Prevention. He'll give you tips on how to recognize scams, as well as information about what to do if you think you've been scammed. There will also be a Q&A at the end,

10 John Street, Lyman.

The Acton Public Library, 35 H Road is hosting a **SPRING SALE** on Books, Plants and Pies, Oh My! on Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Consider donating your divided perennials, rooted houseplants, and extra seedlings to help with their sale. Let them know if you would like to donate a pie. They are taking book donations now and plant donations starting May 29. For more information, you can call the library at 636-2781.

**WOMEN IN MUSIC: THE REMARKABLE JOURNEY** Chamber Music Concert by Ensemble Ad Libitum: Antole Wieck (violin) and Marina Minkin (piano), Sun-

day, June 14 at 1 p.m. Admission is free. Donations gratefully accepted. Refreshments available. Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church, 5 Lebanon Street, Sanford.

**FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW** Join us on the Lyman Community Library lawn on Sunday, June 15, from 8 a.m. until noon, for our third annual Father's Day car show devoted to vintage Volkswagens: Free to spectators, People's Choice trophies, Chalk Bug for kids, Photo Bus, Food, 50/50 Raffle. Proceeds to benefit the library; contact us if you're interested in showing your vehicle, by email: [librarian@lymanlibrary.org](mailto:librarian@lymanlibrary.org) or call the library at 499-7114.

**BIRDING EVENT AT WELLS RESERVE** "A Record Setting Maine Big Year - An Experiment in Birding - with Stacey Huth and Noah Gibb" is being presented by York County Audubon at the Wells Reserve (and via Zoom) Tuesday, June 16 at 7 p.m. For complete information, visit [york-countyaudubon.org](http://york-countyaudubon.org).

COMMUNITY GARDEN

**BEDS AVAILABLE** Would you like to grow vegetables or flowers but have no room or inadequate sunshine? Waterboro Community Garden has beds available for rent for Waterboro residents. Applications available at Waterboro Town Hall. Email: [garden@waterboromaine.gov](mailto:garden@waterboromaine.gov) for more information.

## ONGOING EVENTS

**WRITERS GROUP:** All levels and genres are welcome for readings and friendly discussions. From 2 to 4 p.m. on second and fourth Fridays of every month at the Limerick Public Library, Washington Street, Limerick.

**ALFRED VILLAGE MUSEUM** current museum display is Alfred Minutemen - 250 years. Museum open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 2 to 4 p.m. through September. Any questions contact Bruce Tucker, Alfred Historical Committee, 324-5441.

**WEDNESDAY STORY HOUR** The Acton Public Library holds Story Hour every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. Come meet other caregivers while your children make new friends. The Acton Public Library is located at 35 H Road, Acton.

**RED HAT LADIES** Women 50+ Enjoy Comradery, Card Games, Meals Out, Bowling, Mini Golf, Movies etc. Tuesday Card Games at 12:30 p.m.: Pay Me & Scat. Bring a snack to share. We take turns meeting at member's homes; you are not obligated to offer your home. FMI Diane Dunn 207-229-6135.

**CHESS MATES** at Limerick Public Library, 55 Washington Street, Limerick. Play chess with old or new friends 2nd Wed each month at 6 p.m. **DROP-IN LEGO BUILD** every Tuesday at 3 p.m. and Sat. at 10 a.m. FMI-793-8975 or [limericklibrary.org](http://limericklibrary.org). Enjoy building a creation with our LEGO collection.

**CRIBBAGE CLUB** Wednesdays, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Lyman Community Library. All ages, all skill levels. FMI: 207-499-7114.

**WRITING GROUP** opened to all levels and genres. Meetings first and third Fridays of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hollis Center Library, 14 Little Falls Road. Call 929-6817 FMI.

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

**ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL** every Wednesday night at the Line School, 818 Water Street, West Newfield, from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Questions? contact Dan McAllister at 247-8857.

**NEWFIELD MUSIC JAMBOREE** Town Hall, 23 So. Effingham Road, 1st Saturday of the month May-October. Summer hours 6 to 8:30 p.m. Free, open to public. Spectators welcome. All family friendly music. FMI call 468-1491.

**FANTASTIC FIBER ARTS** Joining our Fiber Arts Group from 10-12 p.m. on Saturdays, we'll open up our Reading Room to folks who want to gather 'round the table and knit or crochet or do other fiber arts. We recently received a marvelous donation to our yarn pantry and also have needles and more to share. Don't know how? We've got people who can help you get started. The Parsons Memorial Library is located at 27 Saco Road, Alfred.

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

**BUXTON TOPS** The Buxton Chapter (0175) of the non-profit group Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Support Group meets every Thursday morning at 8:45 a.m. for weigh-in and meeting at Buxton Center Baptist Church (back door entrance), 938 Long Plains Rd., Buxton. FMI Christy 329-1020.

**LIMERICK TOPS** The Limerick Chapter 208 meets every Thursday at 4 p.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church (rear entrance) at 19 Dora Lane, Limerick. Call Kathy Harriman at 727-3729 with questions.

**LYMAN TOPS** meets every Thursday night at 5 p.m. at Beacon of Hope Community Church, 1298 Alfred Road, (Route 111), Arundel. For more information email jjsteams@sacoriver.net.

**SANFORD TOPS** The Sanford Chapter 0113 meets every Wednesday night at 5:45 p.m. at the New Beginnings Church (bottom floor), 181 Grammar Road, Sanford. For more info call Linda Rose at 206-6234.

**TOPS SANFORD 0207** at the Willard School 668 Main St. Weigh in from 9-9:45 a.m. on Fridays with the meeting to follow. For more info call Gloria Richer at 284-3748.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL THRIFT SHOP** Open Wednesdays 12:30-2:30 p.m. at St. James Hall, Biddeford (use South Street entrance). Monies raised help those in need in York County. FMI Bob 229 2551.

## LET'S EAT!

**DELICIOUS HADDOCK SUPPER BUFFET** Saturday, May 30 at 5 p.m. at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation \$12 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family. We will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating.

**BAKED BEAN & CHOP SUEY SUPPERS** The First Congregational Church will be hosting its monthly baked bean & American chop suey supper on Sat., May 30 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the church, 141 North St., Kennebunkport. There will be two types of home baked beans, American chop suey, mac & cheese, hot dogs, rolls, and cole slaw, topped off with a slice of homemade pie. Adults and children age 12 and over \$12 per person, and children under 12 \$5.00 per child. Held on the last Saturday of each month from April through September.

**PUBLIC BREAKFAST** at Arundel Lodge #76 AF&AM to benefit Caring Community Cuisine, May 30, 9 a.m.-Noon at Arundel Masonic Lodge, 10 North Street, Kennebunkport. Blueberry Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon & sausage, home fries, toast & English muffins, fruit cups, coffee & juice.

**ACTON FOOD PANTRY** at 59H Road open the first Monday of

the month (next on June 1) 9:30-11 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. FMI call 977-0228.

The Acton-Shapleigh Lion's Club **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Saturday of every month (Next on June 6). \$7 includes pancakes (plain or blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausages, toast, orange juice, beans, and coffee, tea, and milk. The breakfast will be served from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Shapleigh Community Center at 24 Back Road, Shapleigh, next door to the Shapleigh Town Hall.

**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER** Public Welcome at Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church, 503 Goodwins Mills Road on Route 35. Serving 4:30-6 p.m. June 20: Cook-out, hamburgers and hot dogs, macaroni salad and baked beans, chips, rolls and cupcakes.

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

**WATERBORO COMMUNITY PANTRY** 26 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro. Open the first Tuesday of month from 4 to 7 p.m. all other Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Do-

nations needed!

**NEWFIELD FOOD CUPBOARD AND VILLAGE FRIDGE** are open and available to all 24/7/365 at the Newfield Community Church, 643 Water St. (Route 11), outside the side entrance facing the town office. Donations welcome. FYI 229-9245, newfieldcc@gmail.com.

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

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ** at Southern Maine Agency on Aging, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 21 Bradeen Street, Springvale (Use the entrance on Bodwell Ct.) and the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at Mayflower Place,

27 Mayflower Drive, Sanford. Call 396-6500. Suggested donation \$8.

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

**ST. THERESE FOOD CLOSET** open every Thursday from 12 to 2 p.m. at 66 North Ave., Sanford, directly behind the St Therese Church in the gray trailer.

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

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## BUXTON ELECTION JUNE 9, 2026 Office of the Buxton Selectman

My wife and I moved to Buxton in 1980 and raised our son here. I have been involved with the community in one way or another for the past 46 years.

I was a member of the Fire Department for 20 years, rising to the rank of Lieutenant for a short time. I drove the Rescue for 6 years and was a part time dispatcher for three years. I was a Police Officer for 33 years and started my Law Enforcement Career as a Corrections Officer with the York County Sheriff's Department in 1987. I came to Buxton in 1989 as a Constable. In 1991 we transitioned to the Police Department, and I continued my career with the town until I retired in 2019 at the rank of Corporal.

In 2019 I ran for the office of Selectman to fill an open vacancy. Since then, I have been elected for two more three-year terms. I am seeking a third term for the office of Selectman. I would like to thank the residents of Buxton for their support over the last 6 years and hope for continued support to get re-elected on June 9th.

Over the past six years, the Board of Selectmen has worked with focus and discipline to strengthen our town's financial position while keeping taxes as low as possible. Through careful planning and responsible budgeting, we have successfully eliminated the majority of our debt and built a strong financial foundation for the future. Today, the town maintains an undesignated surplus fund balance which is an important safeguard that enhances our fiscal stability and preparedness. Our remaining obligations are limited to just two final payments each on the Public Works building and the Police Department addition. Once these are completed, our town will be entirely debt-free. This progress reflects a continued commitment to sound financial management, long-term planning, and accountability to our residents.

As a future goal for the Town of Buxton, I would like to see a Public Safety Building built on a piece of town property in Buxton Center. We have a committee in place looking into the cost of this project. Of course, it would have to go to the town residents for approval before this could happen. This is just in the planning stages. If this did get approved by the residents we would see if we could get it through a grant. If we were unable to get a grant, we would have to get a bond. This is a major project.

Again, I would appreciate your support, and I hope to see you at the poles.

Sincerely, **Francis Pulsoni**

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## TOWN OF HOLLIS PUBLIC NOTICE ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

**State of Maine Primary Election, Hollis Annual Town Meeting, MSAD #6 School Board Director At-Large, MSAD #6 District Budget Validation Referendum, and MSAD #6 District Referendum – JUNE 9, 2026**

### REGISTRAR OF VOTERS HOURS:

The Registrar of Voters office will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Registrar of Voters will be available to correct any errors, correct a name or address on the voting list, and accept new enrollment. To register to vote please, bring proof of your identity and proof of Hollis residency with you. A person who is not registered to vote may not vote in any election.

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

Absentee Ballot requests are now available for the Hollis Annual Town Meeting being held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. Absentee Ballots may be requested **until June 4, 2026 at 4p.m.** by calling (207) 929-8552 ext. 27, or at the Hollis Town Clerk's Office. It is recommended to call and request your absentee ballot before May 29, 2026 to allow extra time for mailing of your ballots. **Absentee Ballots must be returned to your municipality's drop box by the close of polls at 8 p.m. on June 9, 2026.**

**ABSENTEE VOTING (early voting)** will be available at the Hollis Town Hall, 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis, ME 04042, during regular business hours.

**JUNE 9, 2026, VOTING** will be held at the Hollis Town Hall, 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis, ME 04042.

**The Hollis Annual Town Meeting** will open at 6:45 a.m. to act on article #1, to elect a moderator.

**POLLS OPEN AT 7A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8P.M.**

**Hollis Registrar of Voters (207) 929-8552 ext. 27.**

**Hollis Town Clerk, Hollis Town Hall,  
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**YORK COUNTY**

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have increases – the York County District Attorney’s Office proposed budget has decreased by an estimated \$108,000, to about \$1.97 million, due largely to the retirement of several longtime employees. As well, there were modest reductions in budgets for Registry of Probate, and in the retirement benefits, down 1.15 and 1.27 percent, respectively.

The overall spending proposal is also \$407,000 less than expected. York County Commissioners were finalizing the budget to pass on to the budget committee in early April at the same time the Maine Legislature was making spending decisions at the end of session. Those decisions included the state’s contribution to Maine’s 15 county jails under a consolidation agreement forged nearly 20 years ago. Typically, York County has received \$2.4 million in state funds annually to help operate York County Jail, but as the legislative session drew to a close, was poised to receive \$407,000 less this time around. Commissioners added \$407,000 to the budget to avert a shortfall and then days later, the Legislature found enough money to restore the funds. The county’s contribution to

operate York County Jail for the upcoming fiscal year is \$12.5 million. Near the end of the meeting, as Commission Chair Richard Dumble thanked the budget board for their work, and he asked committee members to speak to their legislators about updating the state’s contribution to jail funding.

The budget contains one new position – in the facilities department, with the new employee being brought on halfway into the fiscal year.

As to how much property owners will pay, county assessments to the municipalities – which are passed on to residents in their property tax bills – are dependent on the amount the state values each town or city.

“State valuation drives the bus, it depends on where your municipal valuation is,” Zinser said.

In the town of York, with a valuation of more than \$8 billion, the breakdown on individual property tax bills that went out in the fall of 2025 was 55.25 percent for school operations, 40.30 percent for municipal operations and 4.10 percent for the town’s contribution to York County government operations.

In Old Orchard Beach, valued by the state at more than \$3 billion, the breakdown for the same year was 41 percent for school opera-

tions, 56 percent for municipal operations, and 3 percent for county operations.

South Berwick was valued at more than \$1 billion, with property tax at 54.1 percent for schools, 43.2 percent for municipal operations, and 2.70 percent for York County government.

Biddeford, valued at more than \$4.5 billion, saw 61.55 percent of property taxes to fund school operations, 36.14 percent for the municipality, and 2.21 percent for county operations.

Parsonsfield, valued at more than \$300 million, contributed 52.78 percent of property taxes to the municipality, 44.44 percent to the school district, and 2.78 percent to the county government as outlined in property tax sent out in 2025.

Budget Committee Chair Marc Lessard thanked county commissioners, the county manager, and his fellow budget board members for their work.

“I know the opportunities for (budget) changes today are a lot less than what they used to be,” said Lessard. “That was driven a lot by what the work on this committee is, your input on different line items, making notations for future years and some policy ideas shared... (these) are extremely important to be able to give direction and insight to our folks that are managing this on a daily basis.”

– By Tammy Wells,  
York County government media

**DATA CENTERS**

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are reviewed by the City’s Planning Board and Site Plan Review committee. Projects are evaluated for traffic and access impacts, compatibility with surrounding properties, buffering and screening, stormwater management, and compliance with established performance standards, including noise. These standards are enforceable and become binding conditions of approval.

Beyond the City, projects are also reviewed by state and regional agencies with specialized expertise. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection evaluates environmental impacts, including water use, discharge, and site disturbance, through technical reviews governed by state law that result in enforceable permitting requirements.

In addition, the Maine Public Utilities Commission and ISO New England evaluate electrical grid capacity, infrastructure needs, and rate structures to ensure that large energy users do not shift costs onto existing residents and businesses.

**Strengthening the review process**

Together, these layers form a strong regulatory framework addressing electrical demand, water usage, environmental impacts, and noise. While these areas are already subject to extensive reg-

ulation and technical review, data centers present unique considerations that are not fully addressed in current local ordinances.

A temporary moratorium would allow the City time to develop clear, data center-specific standards within the zoning ordinance, address community concerns, ensure consistency, fairness, and transparency in future reviews, and prevent projects from moving forward under incomplete or outdated regulations.

“The purpose of this proposed pause is not to stop development, but to ensure the City has the right tools in place to evaluate any future proposals thoroughly, transparently, and in alignment with community expectations,” Buck said. These additions would build on the existing review process, not replace it, ensuring that Sanford remains both well-protected and well-positioned for responsible economic growth.

**Understanding the development process**

Another key point raised during the discussion was how and when development proposals become public. In most cases, businesses do not disclose plans until they are ready to formally apply, meaning the timing and extent of information shared prior to a formal application remains at the discretion of the applicant. A project becomes public only after an official application, at the local or state level, is submitted. At that point, materials are made available, and public meetings are scheduled. The local review process, including Site Plan Review and Planning Board consideration, includes public hearings and opportunities for community input for large scale projects.

As a result, while there may be speculation about potential projects, no proposal is under review unless it has been formally submitted. At this time, the City of Sanford has not received any formal proposals for a data center.

**Balancing opportunity and responsibility**

City leadership noted that Sanford’s industrial base plays a key role in supporting the local tax structure and funding municipal services. At the same time, there is a shared commitment to ensuring that any new development, especially at a large scale, is carefully evaluated and aligned with community priorities.

As Buck noted, the goal is not to limit the City’s options, but to “do it well” by making sure the right standards are in place if a proposal ever comes forward.

**What happens next?**

The City Council was expected to review a draft emergency moratorium at its May 19 City Council meeting. If adopted, the moratorium would take effect immediately and remain in place for 91 days, allowing time to develop any necessary changes to local ordinances pertaining to data center development.

Contact me with any state related questions.  
**(207) 283-5729**  
John.eder@maine.legislature.gov  
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**TOWN OF ALFRED**  
**Absentee Ballots are available for the June 9, 2026**  
**STATE OF MAINE PRIMARY ELECTION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS ALFRED WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEE RSU57 BUDGET REFERENDUM/SRRF**  
One (1) Selectmen, Assessor & Overseer – Three (3) year term  
One (1) Director of RSU#57 – Three (3) year term  
One (1) Alfred Water District Trustee – Three (3) year term  
Registered voters or immediate family members may request an absentee ballot in person, in writing, or by phone. Voters with an Ongoing Absentee Status will automatically get their ballots mailed to them.  
If you are interested in this option, please call the Town Clerk for more information, or visit [Alfredme.gov](http://Alfredme.gov).  
**The last day to obtain an Absentee Ballot is Thursday, June 4, 2026** unless the voter qualifies for “Special Circumstances.”  
**POLLS WILL BE OPEN on June 9, 2026 from 8:00AM-8:00PM upstairs in the Town Hall, 16 Saco Road, Alfred, ME.**  
**The last day to change your party affiliation is May 25th.**  
*The Registrar of Voters is available Mon-Thurs 8:15-4:30 to register voters. You may also register on the day of election. Please bring a photo I.D. and proof of residency.*  
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A 24-hour ballot drop box is located outside the main entrance to the town hall.  
A SAMPLE BALLOT can be found at: [www.waterboro-me.net/information\\_center](http://www.waterboro-me.net/information_center)  
– Kimberly Howard, Waterboro Town Clerk  
[khoward@waterboromaine.gov](mailto:khoward@waterboromaine.gov)

  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Newfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall (23 South Effingham Road)**  
For a Land Use Ordinance Amendment of Article VI District Regulations, Section 2B Permitted Uses, to add Tiny Homes.  
PLEASE NOTE: This will correct a clerical error from the 2024 Annual Town Meeting of Article 49. Tiny Homes were added to the ordinance but omitted from the Permitted Uses list.  
All meetings are open to the public and members of the community are invited and encouraged to attend

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## ACTON LIBRARY NEWS

If you are looking for a place that's both fun and enriching, the Acton Public Library, 35 H Rd. is the perfect destination. There's always something exciting happening, offering opportunities to learn new skills, meet others, and explore your creativity.

One event this year took place on May 19, a beginner card-making class that brought together creativity and community spirit. Led by the talented instructors, Sue Purkis and Jennifer Toussaint, the class welcomed beginners. Their patience and encouragement helped participants design beautiful handmade cards, proving that anyone can tap into their artistic side.

The atmosphere was lively and supportive, with plenty of laughter and shared ideas. By the end of the class, everyone walked away, not only with their own creations, but also with a sense of accomplishment and connection. It was truly a memorable experience for all who



Cards created at the card-making class at Acton Public Library. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

attended.

The library continues to host a variety of engaging activities. One popular recurring event is the weekly knitting, crochet, and sewing group. This is held every Thursday from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

With so much to offer the Acton

public library is more than just a place for books. It is a vibrant center for creativity and community. Be sure to check out the library's website [actonpublib@gmail.com](mailto:actonpublib@gmail.com) for the latest update on upcoming events and programs.

— By Joanne Bargioni

### HISTORY EVENT

(Continued from page 1)

**ABOUT SWEAT-MORIN HOMESTEAD and THE SANFORD-SPRINGVALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:**

Virginia Hurd Morin, who passed away in 2022 at the age of 99, left a significant bequest to the Mousam Way Land Trust which included the 1786 home of Reverend Moses Sweat, Sanford's first Congregational minister, the barn, outbuildings and cemetery on lower School Street in Sanford, Maine.

The Sweat-Morin Homestead was created as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and its directors developed and executed a restoration plan to return the property to its 18th century origins. The painstaking process of repairing and restoring the house, barn and five acres of the surrounding grounds began in 2023 and was managed and financed by the Homestead. The historic site officially opened to the public in July of 2025. The project's mission is to create a living history museum open to the public where visitors can see what life was like in rural Maine nearly 250 years ago — at the time of George Washington and Benjamin Franklin.

The Sanford-Springvale Historical Society provides a deeper understanding of community history in Sanford and Springvale, Maine. The museum and Goodwin House are open Thursdays from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.; Fridays from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., and Saturdays from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. For more info visit [sanfordhistory.org](http://sanfordhistory.org).

### FROM THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE



## Free fishing weekend May 30-31

School's almost out, the sun's sticking around a little longer, and Free Fishing Weekend is the perfect excuse to head outside and cast a line. On May 30 to 31, residents and nonresidents can fish Maine waters license-free all weekend long.

Whether you're introducing a kid to their first fish, heading to your favorite fishing spot with friends, or just looking for an excuse to spend a little more time outside, this is your chance to get out on the water—no license required.

No fancy setup needed. Just grab a rod, pack some snacks, and find a spot along the shore, on the dock, or out in the boat. Early mornings, sunny afternoons, one more cast before dinner—it all counts.

A quick reminder: while fishing licenses are not required for the weekend, all other fishing laws

and regulations still apply. Before you head out, be sure to check the regulations for the body of water you plan to fish—size and bag limits, and any special rules are still in effect.

So make a plan, bring some bug spray, and enjoy one of Maine's iconic summer pastimes. You never know what might bite—but a good day outside is always a keeper.

New to fishing? The *Maine Fishing Guide* is designed to take the guesswork out of planning your day on the water and covers the basics—region-by-region fisheries listings, fish identification visuals, species-specific fishing tips, advice for fishing with kids, and more—so you can focus on getting out there, enjoying the water, and making the most of your time fishing in Maine. Find the guide at: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fishing-boating/fishing/maine-fishing-guide/index.html>.

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# LIMERICK



Limerick author, Shelley Burbank (center), talked about her latest mystery novella, *Strawberry Moon Mystery*, at the Limerick Public Library on May 15. Joining her for readings and a conversation about books, writing, and publishing were Maine poet, Nylah Lyman (right) and Maine novelist, Kevin St. Jarre (left), both from Cape Elizabeth. St. Jarre previously taught at Massabesic High School. A lively Q & A followed the author conversation and readings. All three authors' books are available online and many of their books can be borrowed from the Limerick library. COURTESY PHOTO

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## FROM THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY

### eEnrollment for Maine Senior FarmShare Program participants starts June 1

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

Enrollment for the 2026 season will open on June 1, 2026.

Interested older adults may complete an online application on the MSFP website. This application includes a menu that lists farms by county, so they can select the farm they would like to enroll with in MSFP. An applicant can choose a farm in any county, regardless of where they live. Applicants will receive immediate email notification indicating whether they are eligible or ineligible.

Participants who do not have access to a computer, smartphone, tablet, or other internet-capable device are encouraged to identify a proxy with a computer and email address who can enroll on their behalf. A proxy can be a relative, friend, neighbor, or caseworker. A proxy may also be designated to pick up farm shares on a senior's behalf. Participants who do not have access to technology or need further enrollment support may contact program staff by phone at (207) 287-3491. It is important to note that an email address is NOT required to use the

online application.

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

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

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

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

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# SPORTS

## BASEBALL Spartans stop Mustangs

Sanford won its third consecutive game, beating host Massabesic 3-0 on Tuesday, May 26. Cayden Gendron got the win on the mound with seven innings of four-hit ball. For good measure, Gendron scored the winning run after he led off the second inning by getting plunked. Brady Boissonneault followed with a single that sent Gendron to third and Collin Sevigny dropped down a safety squeeze that plated the only run the Scots would need. Max Cote's RBI groundout scored Matty Hebert in the third and Drew Vessels had a hit and scored a run in the fifth. The win was the Spartans' fifth in their last six contests and moved them to 8-5 after a 2-4 start. They finish with games against Westbrook, Deering and Falmouth.



Bonny Eagle varsity softball team. PHOTO BY AME PHOTOGRAPHY

## Scots fall to Trojans

Thornton Academy scored three times in the bottom of the sixth to lift them past visiting Bonny Eagle, 5-3, on Tuesday, May 26. Colin Moran, Garrett Secord and Gavin Saucier each drove in a run for the Scots. Secord pitched well in defeat. He gave up just two hits and one earned run. The loss dropped the Scots to 7-6.

## SOFTBALL Scots slam SoPo win ninth straight

Lily Regan pitched a complete game, and Bonny Eagle got two hits from four different players to help pace an 8-1 beating of South Portland at Bonny Eagle High

School in Standish on a lovely Tuesday, May 26. The win, the Scots ninth in-a-row, moved them to a sparkling 11-2 with games remaining against Thornton Academy (14th place); Gorham (3rd place) and Westbrook (4th place). The Scots got three runs in the third to break the game open against the fifth place Red Riots.

The key hit came from Catherine Lopresti who doubled home Madison Weeks and Reese Bryant to make the score 4-0. South Portland got a run back in the top of the fourth, but Regan snuffed out a potentially bigger jam that began with the first three batters reaching base to start the inning. Her line: 7IP, 7H, ER, 2BB, 9K.

She chipped in with a pair of hits, joining Lopresti, Emily Ireland and Leah Story with two hits each. A four-run sixth inning sealed the win. Bonny Eagle beat Massabesic 5-1 on May 23 and they slammed Scarborough 13-0 the day before.

— By Mike DeAngelis  
Sports Writer

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# OPINION

## LETTERS

### Support for Phinney

I am writing today to support Wes Phinney for state representative for Sanford, Springvale, Shapleigh and Newfield.

Wes understands our outdoor heritage. He is a member of the Springvale Fish & Game Club, the oldest Fish & Game Club in Maine.

Wes is a lifelong member of the NRA and has an AQ+ rating with them. His opponent in the GOP primary refused to even respond.

The right of Mainers to hunt and be secure in our homes is too important to risk. A vote for Phinney is a vote to protect our rights and great outdoor traditions. A vote against him is a vote for indifference.

Please vote Clinton "Wes" Phinney on June 9. You can't spell Awesome without "Wes."

— Bradford Littlefield  
Sanford/Springvale

Former Sanford city councilor  
and past York County Republican  
Party Chair

### Common sense

I hope everyone had a good Memorial Day weekend as we recognized the men and women who gave their lives to protect our freedoms. The past two weeks have brought both a win and a potential loss for common sense regarding gender ideology. On the government oversight committee that I serve on, we heard a request to investigate the dangerous safety issue of a male murderer who identifies as a woman being housed in the women's dorm at the Windham Correctional Facility. This individual, who brutally killed his two parents and the family chihuahua with a knife, is exploiting Maine's misguided policies by growing his hair out and identifying as a woman while awaiting sentencing.

Currently, he resides in the prison with women whom he has repeatedly threatened and made sexual comments to. One woman, fearing for her safety, requested his removal from her dorm but was instead placed in isolation by prison officials as an apparent punishment for speaking up. Her

case is headed to court. In our recent meeting, the committee, which had a Republican majority that day, voted to investigate this serious safety concern for all the women at the facility.

As a result, we will be calling the Director of Corrections before the committee to address this matter. I will ask him how this state policy can override these women's Eighth Amendment rights by subjecting them to cruel and unusual punishment, placing them in danger from a 6'2", 300-pound killer. I also want to understand the flagrant inconsistency of the prison's policies, since we heard that there is a woman housed at the same women's facility who identifies as a man. Unfortunately, it's consistent with how this ideological battle is unfolding, allowing mentally ill men to invade women's private spaces that since ancient history been protected as female-only due to men's statistically overwhelming propensity for violence against women. Identifying as trans does not change that reality and it doesn't mean such individuals aren't still attracted to

women. I wince at calling this a win since it's only a step toward restoring sanity and recognizing biological reality.

On another front in that same ideological battle, hard-hitting Democratic Party lawyers descended on Maine this month to subvert the will of the Maine people by petitioning a judge to order a review of thousands of recently validated signatures of voters who signed the petition supporting a ballot initiative to ban boys from playing in girls' sports and changing with them in their locker rooms. The petition, which garnered eighty-thousand signatures, had already been approved for the ballot by the Secretary of State. Thousands of signatures have now been thrown out on various technicalities, and the fate of the initiative now hangs in the balance, awaiting a decision by Secretary of State Shanna Bellows. I hope it prevails, but Bellows is likely to continue her streak of silencing the democratic will of the voters of Maine. It would be an unprecedented move to toss out a ballot initiative that her own office and dozens of town clerks around Maine had already validated. It is clear that Democrats do not want a public vote on this question of keeping boys out of girls' sports and locker rooms, which is supported by the overwhelming majority of Maine voters.

— Representative John Eder,  
serving Alfred, Lyman,  
Waterboro.

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## BRIEF

### It's never too late to go back to school — MEOC helps Maine adults make it happen

*Free support helps adults return to college and reach their educational goals with confidence*

For many Mainers, the idea of returning to school can feel overwhelming, but the Maine Educational Opportunity Center (MEOC) is here to make it possible. MEOC offers free, personalized advising to adults who want to start or return to college, complete their degree, or explore career training options.

The federally funded TRIO program, hosted by the University of Maine, provides a judgment-free space for adults from all walks of life to explore what's next. "We believe education is a lifelong journey," said Karen Keim, MEOC Director. "Whether you're 25 or 55, we can help you create a plan that fits your life — not the other way around."

Participants receive one-on-one help with choosing the right college or training program, completing applications, understanding financial aid, and balancing school, work, and family.

MEOC has supported thousands of Maine adults in finding confidence, purpose, and community through education. "It's never too late," added Keim. "You don't have to do it alone, and you don't have to know all of the answers before you start. That's what we're here for." Mainers ready to explore their next step can apply online at [meoc.maine.edu](http://meoc.maine.edu) or call 1-800-281-3703 to connect with a local advisor.

**ABOUT THE MAINE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER (MEOC):** The Maine Educational Opportunity Center (MEOC) is a federally funded TRIO program hosted by the University of Maine that provides free, personalized guidance to help Maine adults explore education and career pathways. Since 1991, MEOC has empowered more than 30,000 Mainers to take the next step toward higher education, job training, and a better future. Learn more at <https://meoc.maine.edu>.

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# Girl Scouts of Maine honors four outstanding volunteers from York County with the Honor Pin

Girl Scouts of Maine (GSME) is thrilled to recognize four exceptional volunteers from York County, each receiving the esteemed Honor Pin for their unwavering dedication, leadership, and service across multiple service units. Savannah Lemay, Christina Towers, Stephanie Lewton, and Erika Luby have made significant contributions that have enriched the Girl Scout experience for countless girls and volunteers.



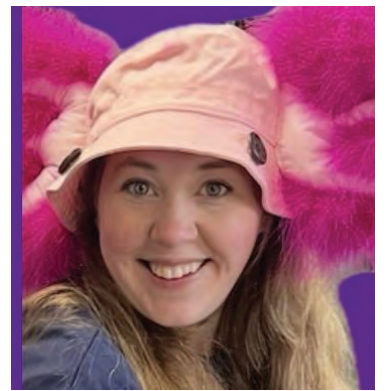
Savannah Lemay



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Savannah Lemay of Berwick is celebrated for her immediate and lasting impact across both the Bauneg Beg and Gundalow Service Units. As a troop leader and an active team member, Savannah's creativity and leadership have driven numerous successful events, including a standout Cookie Rally with record attendance. Her vision and collaborative spirit have revitalized the volunteer network, ensuring a vibrant community.

A nominator shared, "Savannah seamlessly bridges the gap between service units, fostering collaboration and elevating our local network."

Christina Towers from South Berwick is honored for her steady, organized leadership and deep

knowledge that makes complex multi-unit events possible. Her role in coordinating events like the joint World Thinking Day and Cookie Rally showcases her dedication to creating seamless and enriching experiences for girls and families. Christina is a cornerstone of knowledge and support for new leaders, strengthening the service unit community.

A nominator wrote, "Christina is the quiet engine behind our most successful regional events and our most informed leaders."

Stephanie Lewton of Somersworth, New Hampshire, receives recognition for her exceptional talent in creating impactful community partnerships and leading

thoughtful events. Her ability to integrate community resources, such as law enforcement for safety demonstrations, has transformed Girl Scout events into comprehensive experiences. Stephanie's leadership fosters a strong connection between Girl Scouts and the broader community.

A nominator noted, "Stephanie manages governance with grace while ensuring that every scout experience is memorable and engaging."

Erika Luby of Kittery is celebrated for her creative leadership and lasting impact on Girl Scouts across the Gundalow and Bauneg Beg Service Units. Known for her innovative event planning, Erika has shaped memorable experiences, like the World Thinking Day climate change sta-

tion. Her collaborative approach and passion for sharing resources make her an invaluable asset to the Girl Scout community.

Nominator Jackie Jimenez said, "Anytime I need advice or assistance, Erika is there to help brainstorm and share her ideas."

These four volunteers exemplify the spirit of Girl Scouts through

their dedication to empowering girls and fostering a strong community. Their contributions have broadened the horizons of Girl Scouts and enriched the lives of those they serve.

For more information about these honorees and the programs available at Girl Scouts of Maine, please visit [www.girlscoutsofmaine.org](http://www.girlscoutsofmaine.org).

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STATE NEWS

# Three Maine students accepted to U.S. Service Academies

Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (D-Maine) has announced that three students she nominated have been accepted to U.S. Service Academies. Wallace “Wynn” Pooler of South China will attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., while Isaiah Morgan of Cumberland Center and Cole Tomuschat of Scarborough will both attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

“Earning acceptance to a U.S. Service Academy is an extraordinary achievement and a testament to a student’s scholarship, leadership, character, and commitment to service,” said Pingree. “Wallace, Isaiah, and Cole have each demonstrated a deep sense of duty and a clear desire to serve their country. I’m incredibly proud to have nominated them and thrilled to see them accepted to the Merchant Marine Academy and Naval Academy. I know they will represent Maine well, and I wish them every success as they begin this next chapter.”

“I have long been interested in serving my country in some way and was raised in a service-oriented family, with family members having served for many generations. Both my great-grandfathers served during World War II. My grandfather served in the Navy during the Vietnam War, and my father served as a U.S. Merchant



From left, Isaiah Morgan, Cole Tomuschat, and Wallace “Wynn” Pooler. COURTESY PHOTOS

Marine Officer after graduating from Maine Maritime Academy,” Wallace wrote in his nomination request. “I now wish to continue this legacy by attending the Merchant Marine Academy.”

“Growing up with a father who has served for over 30 years, and an aunt and uncle who both attended West Point, I have learned how this community is unique.

Part of my patriotic duty is to give back to my country, following in their footsteps,” Isaiah wrote in his nomination request. “I want to be part of a service academy because it offers a unique combination of leadership development, academic rigor, and a path to a lifelong commitment to serving my country.”

“Some of my earliest memo-

ries are listening to my dad and grandpa tell stories of their service. My dad is a 20-year merchant marine, and Grandpa is a retired Master Gunnery Sergeant in the Marine Corps. They would tell of travels around the world, hardships, and victories. Even as a small boy, I knew I wanted to be like the men in my life; I wanted to serve my country and become a leader,” Cole

wrote in his nomination request. “The U.S. Service Academies are the best places in the world to sharpen my intellect, leadership skills, and sense of morality to reach my goals.”

To be considered for an appointment to a service academy, applicants must be nominated by an authorized nominating source, which includes Members of Congress.

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