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## Training Center ‘largest single investment in first responders in Maine, ever’

A longtime vision became reality when the York County Regional Training Center opened its doors to its first training class Jan. 3 and on Friday, May 1, first responders, municipal officials, and others – including U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins – stopped by to mark the Grand Opening Ceremony.

Building it took just over a year. Planning it took 3-4 years. First responders have been dreaming of having such a facility for decades.

And, pointed out YCRTC director Roger Hooper, it took an international pandemic to produce the funding. Without the American Rescue Plan Act and other funding, the dream would not have become reality.

“This facility is the largest single investment in first responders in Maine, ever,” said Hooper.

And with the ability to provide consistent and up-to-date training to first responders from recruitment to retirement, it is designed to bring vast returns - in the form of safety - to every community in York County. There are training opportunities for police, corrections, firefighters,

EMS providers and dispatchers.

More than 1,500 first responders have received training in the four months it has been open.

There were bagpipers and honor guards and all disciplines of first responders on hand to mark this significant moment in York County.

Sen. Collins took a tour before the ceremony, and among the stops she made was an EMS classroom where instructor Nickie Tarbell showed her a lifelike teaching aide – a pediatric mannequin that can show signs of medical distress.

At the podium during the ceremony, Collins noted the collaboration between the training center and York County Community College. She called the training center “an outstanding example of what we can do so when we work in partnership.”

“We must ensure first responders have the facilities and equipment to train,” she said. “That is why I worked hard to secure \$3.4 million for components of this training center, including support for the construction of the facility, simulators,

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York County Commissioner Robert Andrews and EMS instructor Nickie Tarbell stand by as Sen. Susan Collins checks out the pediatric mannequin during a tour of York County Regional Training Center on Friday, May 1. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEDIA



## New Town Hall for Hollis

A new town hall celebration and ribbon cutting was held in Hollis on April 18. Also recognized was long-time local resident Rita Anderson, pictured to the right, who was presented with the Boston Post Cane. The multi-purpose space will be named in Anderson’s honor. The new Town Hall facility is located at 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis. COURTESY PHOTOS



## Birthday Cane

Rita Anderson received the Boston Post Cane on April 18, her 97th birthday, at the new Hollis Town Hall dedication. COURTESY PHOTO

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# Community CALENDAR

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## COMING EVENTS

**MOTHER'S DAY TEA** on May 9 at 2 p.m. at 31 West Road. FMI and tickets please call Roxie at 929-0176 or online at [Waterboroughhistoricalsociety.com](http://Waterboroughhistoricalsociety.com).

The Buxton Garden Club is holding its **ANNUAL PLANT SALE** on Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the parking lot of the Dennett, Craig & Pate Funeral Home at the corner of Rt 4A and Rt 202 in Buxton. There will be perennials, native plants and house plants available for sale. New this year - Fairy Garden Kits.

**BOTTLE BIRD FEEDER AT WATERBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY** Make a Bottle Bird Feeder May 12 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 187 Main St., East Waterboro, in the Community Room down-

stairs. All ages are welcome, but children must have an adult helper. Attendees will upcycle plastic bottles into bird feeders - a beneficial, simple, and small-scale form of reuse. Attendees will also learn the importance of reducing plastic waste and how plastics recycling works at ecomaine. All materials will be provided, though folks are welcome to bring their own bottles. FMI call 247-3363 or email [librarian@waterborolib.org](mailto:librarian@waterborolib.org).

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NEWFIELD ONLINE SPRING AUCTION** May 12-18. Many great items and gift certificates for many of the local businesses. View the auction now and register to participate by visiting <https://HSoN2026.auctria.events>. Your support will help with the maintenance of historic buildings and

introduce technology so that they can record their presentations and catalog artifacts for ease of access. All are welcome. FMI email: [NewfieldHistorical@gmail.com](mailto:NewfieldHistorical@gmail.com).

The **YORK COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE** will meet on Wednesday, May 13 at Alfred Town Hall, 16 Saco Road. Doors open at 6 p.m.; business meeting is from 6:30-8 p.m. The YCRC will host a panel of 3 gubernatorial candidates to answer questions. All registered Republicans welcome. FMI: [YCRCsecretary@yorkgop.org](mailto:YCRCsecretary@yorkgop.org), (508) 523-9197.

**CORNISH REPUBLICANS** will host a congressional candidates meet and greet event on Thursday, May 14 at the Cornish Town Hall (Pike Memorial Hall), 17 Maple Street (Route 25), Cornish. Come meet the Republican congressional candidates for Congress in CD 1 including Joshua Pietrowicz and Col. Ron Russell, both running for Congress in CD 1. Doors open at 6 p.m. June Primary is Tuesday, June 9.

**AUTHOR CONVERSATION** with 3 Maine authors: Shelley Burbank, Kevin St. Jarre and Nylah Lyman on Friday, May 15 at 6 p.m. at Limerick Public Library, 55 Washington St., Limerick.

**ANNUAL PLANT, BAKE, GREEN ELEPHANT SALE** Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The First Congregational Church of Buxton, Tory Hill Meetinghouse's, annual sale. Plants, annuals, perennials, herbs, baked goods of all kinds, a green elephant table with a variety of used pots, garden tools, lawnmowers, spreaders, etc. This year we are offering a variety of general lawn sale items as well. 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.

**RAILROAD SLIDESHOW** Cornish Historical Society is excited to present Doug Noble's slide show Mountain Division RR Line, Sunday May 17 at 3 p.m. at Pike Memorial Hall in Cornish. Doug first presented his program last fall to Baldwin Historical Society - it is about the route the Maine Central RR trains took from Portland to Fabian's in the White Mountains, including local stations along the way. Hiram contributed some photos of Hiram Depot as did other historical societies. If you missed it last fall, now is the time to catch it.

**AUDUBON PROGRAM** "Exploring the Life and Times of an Extraordinary Bird: the Purple Martin - with Anna Forsman" presented by York County Audubon at the Wells Reserve and via Zoom, Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. Join Anna Forsman from the Colby College faculty who studies and works to preserve the Purple Martin. For complete information, visit [york-county-audubon.org](http://york-county-audubon.org).

**LYMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING** Tuesday, May 19 at 6 p.m. at the Masons' Lodge Goodwins Mills. Join us at the Memorial Day Parade on May 25 at 1 p.m. at the Community Library grounds.

**"COME CELEBRATE FISH AND RIVERS ON WORLD FISH MIGRATION DAY"** presented by 10 different organizations at Rogers Pond in Kennebunk, Saturday, May 23 at 1 p.m. (rain date is Sunday). For complete information, visit [yorkcountyaudubon.org](http://yorkcountyaudubon.org).

**YARD SALE FUNDRAISER** The East Parsonsfield cemetery and Meetinghouse will be having their annual yard sale May 23-25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to help with the restoration of one of the oldest buildings left in East Parsonsfield. Located at 1637 North Road (Route 160) East Parsonsfield. FMI contact Debbie Harrington at 207-415-0316.

**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@waterboro-maine.gov](mailto:garden@waterboro-maine.gov) for more information.

## LET'S EAT!

**BEAN SUPPER** Massabesic Lions monthly dine-in or take-out the 2nd Saturday of the month (next on May 9), 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.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** Sat., May 16, 4 to 6 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick. Come enjoy some pasta with a variety of sauces, salad, garlic bread, drinks & dessert. Adults \$12; Children ages 6-12 are \$7; Children 5 & under are free. Families cost \$35.



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# Help keep bears wild this Spring



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Spring in Maine doesn't just wake the landscape—it rouses black bears from their winter slumber with empty stomachs and no patience.

After months in their winter dens, black bears emerge with a ravenous appetite—think hungrier than a teenager after a full day outdoors with nothing but a granola bar. Natural food is still limited in early spring, so bears are actively roaming and looking for the easiest calories they can find. Unfortunately, that can include backyards, bird feeders, grills, and trash cans.

During winter, bears enter a state of torpor, which slows their

metabolism dramatically. Their heart rate drops to just 8–21 beats per minute, and they may breathe only once every 15–45 seconds. Even in this low-energy state, they still lose significant body fat. Unlike true hibernators, bears don't eat, drink, or eliminate waste during this entire period. So when they roll out of their dens in spring, they're working to get their systems back online while urgently searching for food.

That recovery period lasts about two to three weeks, when bears are especially motivated to seek out easy meals. A few simple steps now can make a big difference in preventing unwanted vis-

its—and keeping both people and bears safe.

Simple steps to prevent unwanted encounters:

- Remove birdfeeders between April 1st and November 1st
- Rake up unused bird seed from the ground
- Keep pet food and trash inside or in fenced areas
- Clean grills thoroughly after use
- Store garbage cans in a building or enclosed by electric fence
- Take garbage cans to curb on morning of pickup
- Keep outbuilding and garage doors closed at all times and repair broken window and doors

- Keep dumpster lids and doors closed and latched
- Use bear-resistant dumpsters or garbage cans

## Early season boating safety reminders

Recent days are a not-so-subtle reminder that summer boating season is just around the corner.

But warm air doesn't mean warm water. Across Maine, water temperatures remain dangerously cold—even on the hottest spring and early summer days—and that mismatch can turn a fun outing into a life-threatening situation in minutes.

Boating safely and being prepared isn't just a recommendation, it an essential responsibility. A few simple precautions can make all the difference for you, your passengers, and everyone sharing the water. Before you launch, here are some important reminders to help ensure your adventure is fun and memorable—for all the right reasons:

- Always wear a life jacket. If you think you will have time to put it on after you are in the water, think again.
- Stay alert and be aware of others on the water.
- Operate your boat at a safe and reasonable speed for your sur-

roundings. You are responsible for your wake.

• Slow to headway speed within 200 feet of shorelines, marinas, and anchorages. "Headway speed" means the slowest speed at which it is still possible to maintain steering and control of the watercraft.

- Never drink and drive!
- Check the weather before leaving shore and carefully observe changing weather.

• Always wear an engine cutoff switch.

• Watch out for wildlife.

• Become familiar with the water body. Look at a map for depths and any potential hazards. Lake associations, Maine guides, and local wardens can be a great resource.

• Bring plenty of water to stay hydrated and wear a hat and sunscreen to avoid overexposure to the sun.

• Always tell someone where you are going, and when you will be back. Before you hit the water, view all of Maine's boating laws at [www.mefishwildlife.com/laws](http://www.mefishwildlife.com/laws).



**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER** Public Welcome at Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church, 503 Goodwins Mills Road on Route 35. Serving 4:30-6 p.m. May 16: Pork Shoulder, baked potatoes, carrots and green beans, rolls and apple or fruit crisp. June 20: Cookout, hamburgers and hot dogs, macaroni salad and baked beans, chips, rolls and cupcakes.

**17th ANNUAL CHOCOLATE SUNDAY** Hosted by the Friends of Par Sem 504 North Rd. North Parsonsfield. If you love chocolate this sweet event is for you. Sunday May, 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. \$14 ( \$5 for 10 and under). FMI call (603) 539 5233 or (207) 625 8360.

**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.

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.

**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.

## ONGOING EVENTS

**SANFORD ART WALK** outside the Springvale Library, 443 Main Street, The Sanford Art Walk takes place May through August from 4 to 7:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month (next on May 8). After enjoying the Art Walk you can relax and listen to live Music on the Patio on June 12, July 10, and Aug. 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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The **PLANNING BOARD** will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on Wednesday, **May 20, 2026, at 5:00 PM** at Lyman Town Hall, 11 South Waterboro Road.

This **Public Hearing** is to allow public comments regarding the best practical location application of **Dulong/ Peters Family Trust, 113 Shore Rd**, to turn their 3-season camp into a year-round home and relocate it on the property to be in greater compliance to Town of Lyman Ordinances. Copies of the application and plans can be viewed on the town website or in the Code Office during regular business hours.

*William Single, Chair*

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YORK COUNTY

# Habitat for Humanity York County extends application period and adds May 16 drop-in Info Session

Habitat for Humanity York County has extended the application deadline to May 22 for Phase I of its upcoming affordable homeownership development in Sanford, giving more folks living or working in York County the opportunity to apply. A drop-in info. session with a chance to meet one of the program's newest homeowners is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) at Sanford's Goodall Library.

Community members are invited to attend the upcoming information session to learn, firsthand, about the experience of partnering with Habitat for Humanity York County to build and purchase a new home. Reflecting on her family's experience, our homeownership partner and guest speaker, April said, "Seeing the pride in our four-year-old reminds us every day that this experience has changed our lives, and we will carry that gratitude with us always."

At the session, attendees will learn how Habitat's affordable homeownership model makes it possible to purchase a home with manageable monthly payments—while gaining the security and opportunity that comes with owning rather than renting.

This event is part of Habitat York County's ongoing effort to support applicants for the first two of five homes planned in the Island Avenue development. Through the program, qualified applicants can purchase a new, attractive, energy-efficient home featuring heat pumps, stainless-steel appliances, and full basements. Monthly mortgage payments are capped at 29–30% of household income and may be as low as \$1,250.

To learn more or begin an application, visit: [www.habitatyorkcounty.org/homeownership](http://www.habitatyorkcounty.org/homeownership). Applications are also available at Sanford's Goodall Library, and the Sanford Kennebunk Savings Bank Branch.



Among those taking part in the Grand Opening Ceremony of the York County Regional Training Center May 1 were York County Commissioner Richard Dutremble, York County Manager Greg Zinser, U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins, York County Regional Training Center Director Roger Hooper, York County Emergency Management Agency Deputy Director Megan Arsenault, York County Community College President Dr. Michael Fischer and York County Emergency Management Agency Director Art Cleaves. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEDIA

## TRAINING CENTER

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and other EMS, fire and law enforcement training equipment essential to the center's mission."

In all, the training center cost about \$24 million – most of which came from York County Government's allotment of ARPA funds, and from Congressionally Designated Spending.

Sarah Stanley, Senator Angus King's York County representative, read a letter from the senator, who noted the project "reflects the dedication and collaboration of many."

"This facility creates a centralized, modern space where our public safety professionals

can train together, learn together, and prepare together," said York County Manager Greg Zinser. "It strengthens our ability to recruit, to develop talent, and to retain the highly skilled individuals that our communities depend on. It also allows us to build consistency in training and operations across jurisdictions—something that benefits every town and every resident in York County."

York County Commission Chair Richard Dutremble noted that 15 years ago, the board hired Zinser and asked him to be progressive in providing more services in York County, and that happened with a recovery center called Layman Way that worked in

conjunction with the courts. Then, when ARPA funding emerged, York County Commissioners held public hearings, to determine how best to serve the municipalities now and in the future.

"I hope everyone in York County is proud of this center because it will save lives," Dutremble said.

York County Community College President Dr. Michael Fischer called the training center "a testament of vision, leadership and collaboration."

"(This center) will be transformative for the citizens of York County for years to come," said Fischer.

— By Tammy Wells, York County government media

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	MONDAY	BBQ RIBS WITH WHITE RICE \$7.50
		SOUP - CHILI \$6.50
		DINNER - STEAK ALFREDO W/ BOWTIE PASTA \$8.50
	TUESDAY	LUNCH - SHEPHERD'S PIE \$9.00
		DINNER - SPICY CHICKEN ENCHILADAS \$8.50
	WEDNESDAY	LUNCH - BBQ TOPPED MEATLOAF DINNER SERVED W/ CORN & MASHED POTATOES \$9.00
		DINNER - GENERAL TSO'S CHICKEN W/ WHITE RICE \$8.50
	THURSDAY	LUNCH - TRADITIONAL LASAGNA & CHICKEN SPINACH ALFREDO \$9.00
		DINNER - BAKED BEANS, HOT DOGS & BROWN BREAD \$8.50
	FRIDAY	LUNCH - BBQ PULLED PORK SANDWICH \$6.25
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LETTER

Think about it

This letter to the Editor concurs with the remarks and statements made in last week's Reporter, from State Representative John Eder. The Maine Legislature just adjourned "sine die," after it was in session last week for "veto day." Rep. Eder is correct on many points, including about the moratorium on AI data centers. AI has some legitimacy; however, many misuses and abuses of AI are looming. As a whole, many issues and matters were not adequately nor fully addressed. Further, many challenges, issues and problems that remain unaddressed and unresolved, lay at the feet of the democratic majority party, under House Speaker Ryan Fecteau and also by Matthea Daughtry, Senate President. These leaders of the Maine House and Maine Senate, respectively, have ignored and stone-walled far too many issues. How is this a good thing? It isn't.

Also, the work of the Government Oversight Committee must continue, with real hopes that it will be greatly improved and enhanced in the future. Far too many issues were apparently ignored or set aside by committee leaders and legislative leadership. The apparent ever-increasing rampant fraud, with waste and abuse/mis-use of taxpayer funds is not at all acceptable! The Government Oversight and other committees must do better and improve more. The work that was done on this committee is greatly appreciated.

The Legislative leaders must not continue to ignore nor stone-wall the issues, including waste, fraud and abuse of taxpayer funds. Mainers work very hard to earn a living.

Also, the apparent lack of property tax relief for Maine's Senior citizens, veterans and low-wage earners is also alarming and disturbing. It should have been addressed and dealt with, not ignored by leadership in the legislature. Concurrently, I believe we need to be lowering energy costs, including electric rates and generate more power. Subsequently, we should be lowering taxes and tax rates, not increasing them.

Also, Maine's infrastructure continues to deteriorate and fail, with our roads being some the worst in this country, all in all. We are getting further and further behind in infrastructure improvements, with alleged skimming of taxpayer funds from DoT's budgets going to other purposes. The situation must change for the better, going forward. More common sense vs. non-sensible sense is needed in the Maine Legislature.

In closing, this 132nd legislative session has not been the best nor the most beneficial to Maine taxpayers. We all work hard to earn a living, yet, our taxes keep rising with worsening accountability, and poorer services. Maine Government must improve; it needs to be audited and have programmatic reviews done.

If not now, when? Let's all ponder over this and hopefully decide to elect better political leaders state-wide.

- David Hall  
Cornish

LEBANON



Two new arrivals at the farm

Michael Roux Jr., with his newborn daughter Evelyn and Simon the calf. Evelyn was welcomed by Michael and his wife Isabelle on April 18, ten days early! Then Simon the calf, was born on Evelyn's actual due date, April 28. Evelyn is the ninth generation on the farm in Lebanon. Roux's Farm, located at 261 Chick Road in Lebanon specializes in Unpasteurized State Licensed Raw Milk, USDA Burger and Pork. COURTESY PHOTO

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SANFORD

Sanford Farmers' Market open for the season Saturdays from 8am to 12pm

Spring is in full swing, and that means the return of the Sanford Farmers' Market!

The market kicked off on Saturday, May 2 in Central Park. Stop by to welcome back your favorite local farmers and food producers, and enjoy fresh spring greens, asparagus, radishes, sourdough bread, mushrooms, baked goods, pickles, flowers, live music, and more. Shop fresh, shop local, and soak up the community vibes all season long.

The Sanford Farmers' Market is open Saturdays May through October from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Central Park, 919 Main Street (across from City Hall).

Free public parking is available within walking distance, including the School Street parking lot by the Post Office, City Hall parking lot, and street parking along School Street, Main Street, Roberts Street, and other nearby side streets.

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## SPORTS

### BASEBALL

#### Mustangs start 3-0

Parker Soule-Parent gave up two hits and Henry Marcotte drove in the winning run with a double in the sixth inning to lift Massabesic to a 2-1 win over host Noble on Tuesday, May 5.

The Mustangs opened the scoring in the fifth. Trent Tyler banged a one-out single to left before Soule-Parent walked and Emmett Carrol walked to load the bases. Judd Rand's RBI grounder made it 1-0. Soule-Parent kept the Knights off the board in the bottom half of the inning, stranding a runner at third. He fanned 11 and got the first 16 outs. Marcotte made it 2-0 Massabesic in the sixth when his two-out double plated Nolan Pomerleau who led off the inning with a two-base hit of his own. Noble got a run back in the sixth, but Rand closed out the win with a scoreless inning and two-thirds of relief.

The victory moved the Mustangs to 3-0. They Beat Kennebunk 10-4 on Wednesday, April 29. Emmett Carrol got the win, Soule-Parent drove in three.

#### Three-run fifth lifts Scots

Bonny Eagle played small ball in the fifth to help lift them to a 7-5 win over visiting Kennebunk on Tuesday, May 5. The Rams scored three times in the top of the second to go ahead, but the Scots quickly evened the score in the bottom half behind a two-run single from Jack Joyce and an RBI knock from Joe DiGiovanni. The Rams lead 5-4 when Bonny Eagle plated three runs in the bottom of the fifth to grab the lead. They had two bunt singles in the inning and were aided by an error on Kennebunk. Caleb Racicot entered with a 7-5 lead in the sixth. He left with a save and six strikeouts.

The win moved the Scots to 3-1. Bonny Eagle and Massabesic (3-0) were rained out on Saturday, May 2.

#### Spartans top TA

Host Sanford won its second game in row, topping Thornton Academy thanks to a three-run bottom of the sixth, that led to a 3-0 win, on Tuesday, May 5. Kiptyn Whitten was superb on the mound for the Spartans. He went the distance, giving up just four hits, walking two and striking out five. Sanford got the lead man on in the sixth thanks to an error. Brady Boissonneault followed with a walk. Brody Baron knocked an RBI single into center field before another error loaded the bases. With one out Matty Herbert hit a sacrifice fly to right to make it 2-0. Drew Vessels made it 3-0 with a line single to left, closing the scoring.

Sanford pounded Windham 15-1 on May 2. The two consecutive wins followed an 0-3 start for the Spartans.

### SOFTBALL

#### Mustangs even at 3-3

Massabesic followed back-to-back wins over Noble and Sanford with a 10-2 loss to powerhouse Scarborough on Monday, May 4. A six-run seventh inning sealed it for the Red Storm.

On April 29 the Mustangs beat Noble 13-5. Devenny Brickett had four RBI. Baylee Wright had two. Madison Proctor went the distance on the mound for the win.

#### Scots 3-2 after routing Rams

Bonny Eagle used an eight-run fourth inning to pound host Deering 11-0 on Monday, May 4. Nevaeh Hagerman smashed a home run to center field in the top of the first to get the Scots the early lead, 2-0. She had four RBI on the night. Lily Regan and Leah Curtis both went 3-3. Regan went the first three innings, fanning six. Bella Hanson got the final six outs, fanning five. She homered with one out in the fifth.

Bonny Eagle fell to Cheverus 6-0 on May 1. The Scots are 3-2 in the early going.

- By Mike DeAngelis  
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# SPORTS

## SOFTBALL Mustangs top Sanford 18-0

By GameChanger Media

Madison Penney drove in four runs on two hits to lead Massabesic Varsity Mustangs past Sanford 18-0 on May 1 at Sanford High School. Penney doubled in the second inning, scoring two runs, and singled in the second inning, scoring two.

The Mustangs got on the board in the top of the first inning after Audrey Schroder walked, Devenny Brickett doubled to center field, and a Sanford error led to each of them scoring.

Pelletier led things off in the circle for Mustangs. The right-handed pitcher gave up one hit and no runs over two innings, striking out one and walking none. Faith Martel started in the

circle for Sanford. The pitcher surrendered 13 hits and 18 runs (six earned) over three innings, striking out three and walking eight. Ella Gerrish threw one inning of shutout ball for Massabesic in relief. She surrendered zero hits, striking out one and walking none.

Massabesic scored 15 runs in the second inning on the way to victory and amassed 13 hits in the game. Gerrish and Brickett each collected three hits for the team. Pelletier and Penney each drove in four runs, and Schroder collected two hits in three at bats. Massabesic had patience at the plate, accumulating eight walks for the game. Xaysha Laikupu, Penney, and Tassinari led the team with two walks each. Penney stole two bases. Linda Krol led Sanford with one hit in one at bat.

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## 2026 NECBL All-Star Game tickets on sale now

The Sanford Mainers and the New England Collegiate Baseball League have announced that tickets for the 2026 NECBL All-Star Game are now available to the public.

The event, which takes place on July 26, is the first of its kind at Goodall Park in 11 years and marks a major celebration in both the 2026 NECBL season and the Sanford Mainers' 25th anniversary year.

General admission tickets are \$10 per person, and children ages five and under get in at no cost. Each ticket includes access to the full day of festivities, including the NECBL Home Run Derby presented by Eastern Propane & Oil and the 2026 NECBL All-Star Game.

Tickets are available through ezEvent, the official ticketing platform of the 2026 NECBL All-Star Game, and can also be

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### 2026 NECBL All-Star Game Event Schedule

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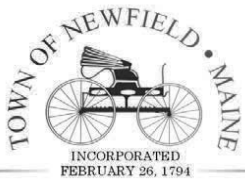


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Obituaries

**Rebecca Ann Couturier**

Rebecca Ann Couturier, of Waterboro, born Sept. 27, 1961, passed away peacefully in her loving home on April 30, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer.



Rebecca Ann Couturier

Rebecca was born to Marjorie E. (Hussey) and Adam B. Catto Sr. of Gloucester, Massachusetts. She graduated from Gloucester High School in 1979 and married Richard Couturier in 1980. In 1989, Richard and Rebecca moved to Maine, where they raised their four daughters in their cherished log home.

In her younger years, Rebecca could often be found by the water with her dear Richard or laughing with her best friend, Pat, a bonus sister and now beloved aunt to her girls. Rebecca's work ethic and perseverance made her unstoppable in every career she pursued. She dabbled in jewelry sales, real estate, nursing, management, including Verizon, but her greatest role, without question, was being a mother. Known to many as the "fun Girl Scout leader," she guided her four daughters as well as a myriad of other young girls, even leading her two youngest daughters' troop through high school at their request.

Rebecca was happiest surrounded by a full home, full plates, and the sounds of laughter. Her home was a gathering place, a safe haven, and an open door to family and friends. Countless summers and holidays filled every corner with love and unforgettable memories. And if you were lucky, you might even catch her shaking it like Shakira!

Rebecca welcomed everyone with open arms, making them feel seen, valued, and understood. She was a listening ear to many for a heartfelt conversation, where she invariably offered wise advice. She bestowed upon her daughters the significance of treating others as they wished to be treated and, more importantly, showed them exactly how to do so. She was most at peace tending her garden, grilling rain or shine, and floating "toes up" in her pool, much to her daughters' amazement. She was always ready for a camping trip, a cruise with a good Pom-tini in hand, or a sunset beach trip to body surf.

Rebecca will be remembered for her loyal and generous heart, but most of all for the love she gave as Nana Boo. It was her proudest title, her greatest joy, and her most lasting legacy. She will be deeply missed and forever loved by all who knew her.

She was predeceased by her father, Adam B. Catto Sr.; Richard Couturier; her eldest daughter, Stephanie Renee Couturier Munro; Denise Tarbox; Theresa Couturier; and her stepfather, Stephen Mann.

She is survived by her devoted mother, Marjorie E. Mann; her siblings, Mary Ellen Fifield and her husband, Lawrence; Adam B. Catto Jr. and his wife, Kristin; Edward A. Catto; and Laurie E. Chandler and her husband, Jonathan; as well as four nieces and four nephews.

She also leaves behind her loving daughters, Corrine Lynn Baldwin and her husband, Jonathan, and their sons, Mason and Dax; Melanie Theresa Laskey and her husband, Logan, and their daughters, Lorelei and Lilah; and Jocelyn Marjorie Couturier. Also surviving are Rebecca's granddaughters, Kassadie and Kylie Munro, and Kaelani Bean and their fathers, Chad Munro and Kirk Bean.

All are welcome to a Celebration of Life at 2 pm on Saturday, May 9 at Cornerstone United Methodist Church (20 Jenkins Rd, Saco, ME 04072). A private burial will be at Pine Grove South Cemetery in Waterboro at a later date.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, visit [www.bibbersautumnngreen.com](http://www.bibbersautumnngreen.com).

Arrangements are in care of Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green 47 Oak St, Alfred, ME 04002.

**Ronald Nevison**

Ronald Edward Nevison, 84, of Lebanon and previously of Springvale, passed away peacefully from the result of incurable cancer on Dec. 4, 2025, at home with his daughter who he was grateful to have the last several months as his private nurse by his side.



Ronald Nevison

He was a dedicated and loving husband and father, and a master of the earth-moving equipment that defined his life's work.

Ron was born in Sanford, and raised in Lebanon, Maine. He inherited a strong work ethic and an early fascination with heavy machinery. This interest shaped a formidable career spanning over 50 plus years as a respected heavy equipment owner/operator. He spent his career skillfully handling dozers, loaders, backhoes, and dump trucks playing a vital role in constructing the roads, foundations, and landscapes that shape our local communities.

Ron graduated from Sanford High School in 1959 and began his career driving trailer truck for Lavalley Lumber before starting his own business Nevison and Son Excavation Company. He was known

for dangerously digging with his backhoe under many of the camps at Mousam Lake in preparation of constructing foundations. He spent many winters snowplowing for the Town of Lebanon on some of the toughest hills with his iconic orange Oshkosh snowplow. A remarkable sight as the V-plow and wings stretched the entire width of the road conquering the snow with just one pass. He finished out his career by subcontracting and driving his own triaxle dump truck for Foglio Inc and Dearborn Construction in Southern Maine, and weekend jobs with Richard Levesque Paving.

His work ethic was matched only by his dedication to his family.

When the never-ending workday quieted down, Ron traded grease, dirt piles, and tools and took interest in his children's activities. Quite often at the end of the day he could be seen pulling in with a piece of equipment in hopes to catch one of his children's sports games. Ron also enjoyed classic cars, attended car shows, watching Nascar, hunting, snowmobiling, and going to breakfast on the weekends with the guys to catch up on the local happenings. As a father he taught the value of honest work, the importance of speaking up especially at the parts store - "Did you tell them who you are, did you tell them you are Ron Nevison's kid?" to make sure to get the contractor's discount, and how to fix almost anything with grit and determination.

In his most recent years of retirement, Ron enjoyed staying connected with his lifelong friends through visits or frequent phone calls. He returned to a hobby of reloading bullets in which he took pride in showing off his final product to anyone who would take interest. Despite Ron's declining health and inability to get out as much as he wished he still wanted to hear about his family's day. Daily check-ins were necessary with his children. He faithfully called his son in the morning to check out the daily activities of his campground business, discussing the weather and local news. At 7:50 pm sharp he called his daughter to find out how her work day went, complained how she needed to fix his phone again because he pushed the wrong button or two and it wasn't working right, chatted about what wild life (deer, turkeys, fox) he had seen out the window, and that his cats abandoned him to go off and sleep all day. He gave himself just enough time to talk until some of his shows started such as Gold Rush and Oak Island (he was really

hoping they would find the hidden treasure). He followed the Patriots, Connecticut Girls Basketball, Indiana Fever, and most recently Cooper Flagg. He was a proud grandpa and treasured the time he spent with his grandson including showing the art of reloading ammunition and having discussions of mutual interest such as racing, old cars and construction equipment.

Ronald is survived by his devoted and beloved wife of 56 years, Geraldine Letourneau Nevison; his son, Shane Nevison, and daughter-in-law, Sonya, alongside his cherished grandson, Cole, all residing in Lebanon, ME; his daughter, Tara Nevison of Lebanon, ME, and her partner, Kevin Drew, and his son, Kevin Jr., both of Dover, NH.

He leaves behind his adored cats, Truck and Trailer, who were a constant source of joy and comfort to him the past 15 years.

He also is survived by his extended family which includes his sister-in-law, Gayle Farnsworth, and her husband, Douglas, of Sanford, ME, together with their daughters, Shannon Bianco, also of Sanford, ME, and Suzanne Farnsworth of Arundel, ME; his brother-in-law, Joseph Edmond Letourneau, and his sons, Guy Letourneau of Raymond, ME and Jason Letourneau, who currently resides in the Netherlands. Additionally, his nephew, Douglas Nevison of Shapleigh, ME.

He is predeceased by his parents, Edward, and Barbara Howe Nevison; and brother, Richard Nevison.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 11 a.m. in Oakdale Cemetery, Sanford, immediately followed by a gathering of friends and family at Cole's Mine, 6 Brook Lane, Lebanon, ME 04027.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Ronald's memory to the Lebanon Fire Department.

**William F. Emery (Bill)**

William F. Emery (Bill) of Gray and Hollis, left this world for his eternal home on April 27, 2026. Bill was born on Aug. 5, 1937 to William S. And Leona (Johnson) Emery in Portland Maine.



William F. Emery (Bill)

Bill began his working life as a Veteran in the United States Air Force. After leaving the service

he worked various jobs including Edward's & Walker, Portland Stove Foundry, Cummings Brothers (as both truck driver and salesman), Saco Lowel, Roger's Fiber and others including Mechanical work. It wasn't until 1980 that He found his real passion when he joined the York County Sheriff's Department. Bill performed all roles of a Deputy Sheriff for 25 years and then after "Retirement" joined the Us Judicial Marshall's Service where he served an additional 10 years.

Away from work Bill had several hobbies which he enjoyed. He served as a volunteer Fire Fighter for the Town of Hollis for 10 years as well as the Hollis Animal control Officer. He loved entertaining people with his gifted singing voice at the Alfred Country music jamboree; He loved woodworking projects which he gifted and or sold to people and yet never for profit! The hobby he was best known for was being an avid collector of all things free! His motto was always "But someone can use it!"

On Aug. 9, 1957, Bill married his loving and dedicated wife Shirley (Morrison) and together they welcomed six Loving Children. Dale Emery (Carol), Julie Candow (William), Lisa Drouin (Benoit), Patricia Wilson (Steven), Cynthia Arquin (Claude), and Trevor Emery (Tricia). In addition to this they welcomed into the world 14 Grandchildren, 22 Great Grandchildren and 4 Great Great Grandchildren. One could reason that Bill took Jesus seriously when He said "Go forth and multiply!"

Following the death of his beloved wife of 65 years, Bill found Love once again when he met Virginia Randall of Gray Maine. They married on February 8, 2025. Although their time together was unfortunately short, the Love they shared together was strong enough to last a lifetime! Along with Virginia, Bill welcomed her children, William (Billy) Randall, Jeanne Randall, Deanna Randall, and their families with open arms.

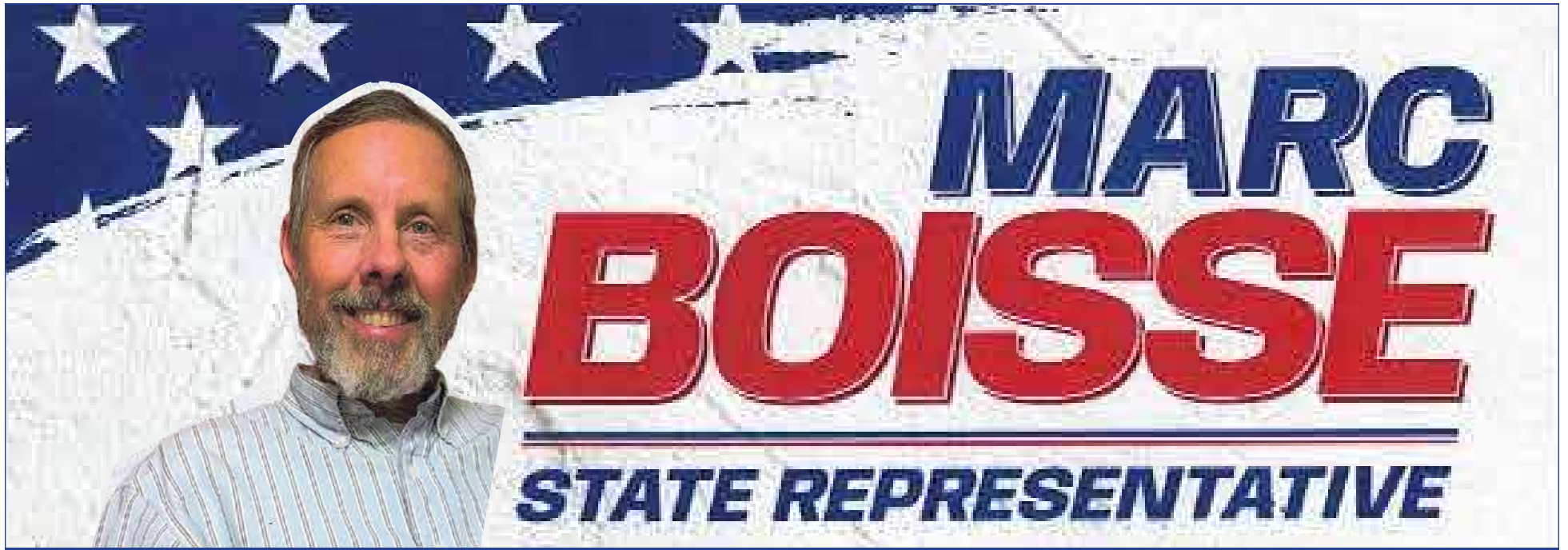
Bill was predeceased by His first wife Shirley, His sister Elizabeth (Betty) Dunbar and one special Grandson Jefferey Emery.

A celebration of life in Bills honor will be held at the Hollis Center church, 388 Hollis Road on May 23, 2026, at 10 O'clock in the morning. Committal service will follow at the Meeting House Hill Cemetery, Town Farm Road, Hollis.

In Leu of flowers, anyone wishing to donate in Bills memory are asked to consider the Hollis Center Church.

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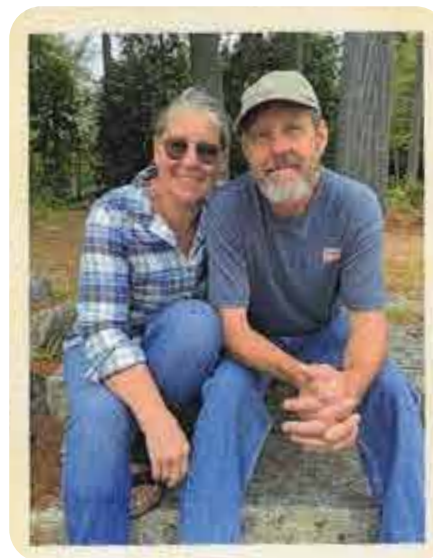
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Marc, here with his three daughters, loves coaching, being involved with his church and now grandparenting.



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