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They kept the flame going for Special Olympics

ACTON-SHAPLEIGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS: **Ralph Farnham & the Battle of Bunker Hill**

By JOANNE BARGIONI

With this year's celebration of America's 250th anniversary, the Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society (ASHS) is excited to present Ralph Farnham and the Battle of Bunker Hill on Wednesday, June 17, at 6 p.m. at their headquarters, at 122 Emery Mills Road, Shapleigh. ASHS member Todd Treadwell will talk about our most famous Revolutionary War veteran, Ralph Farnham, who lived to be 104 years old and claimed to be the last surviving member of the Battle of Bunker Hill. Treadwell will also explain the battle and its importance in nation's struggle for independence. On display will be some Farnham family artifacts.

This program is free and open to the public and doors will be open at 5:30 p.m. There is plenty of parking and building access is handicapped accessible. Light refreshments will be available. Contact info@actonshapleigh.org if you have questions.

Established in 1964, the Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society has been actively preserving the history of these two towns. The vast majority of donations are from families who lived and/or continue to live in this area. Many of these families were some of the original homesteaders. Their goal is to preserve the items they currently house, as well as provide a safe and secure home for all future items. Dedicated members organize and categorize these items, assist and educate the public as well as provide fresh ideas for the direction of the Society. For more information visit www.actonshapleigh.org.

If you were in the right place at the right time on June 3, you might have seen the passing of the Special Olympics torch, called The Flame of Hope, from a Kennebunkport Police officer to a York County Sheriff's Office Deputy at the Arundel town line on Route 1.

Then, the deputies, some family members and a couple of Maine State Police officers ran the 4.2 mile trek together to the Biddeford city line, where officers there received the torch and continued on to pass the flame to Saco officers, and so on.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is a tradition that began 45 years ago in Wichita, Kansas and took off across the country. In Maine, the torch run begins in York County and makes its way to Orono, where the Maine Special Olympics Summer Games took place June 5-7.

More than 2,200 athletes and coaches from every county were to participate in the weekend full of competition, celebration, and community, organizers said.

Athletes from 7 to over 70 years old competed in sports like bocce and track & field, while the



Megan Lawrence and Andrew Dumond look on while Drew Bunick, all of Kennebunkport Police, passes the torch to York County Sheriff's Office Recruit Matt Ryan during the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Maine Special Olympics on June 3. Looking on is YCSO Deputy Matthew Cummer.

PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEDIA

Young Athletes Festival offered children ages 2 to 7 a chance to participate in developmentally appropriate, inclusive play and fitness activities.

York County Chief Deputy

Jeremy Forbes began participating in the torch run in 2021 – during covid – and while there was no formal run that pandemic year, each police agency chose a route and ran it on their own.

Forbes said this year was extra special. York County Sheriff's Office Recruit Matthew Ryan received the torch from the Kennebunkport Police Department to

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Lesley Ortiz, President of the Elder Grey Meeting House Board of Trustees, stands beside the organ during the open house on June 6. The Annual Pilgrimage Service will be held on Aug. 2.

PHOTO BY SHEILA NUGENT

Inside the Elder Grey Meeting House

By SHEILA NUGENT

Curiosity brought me to the open house at the Elder Grey Meeting House last Saturday, June 6. At the event, board members, many of whom were descendants of early parishioners, shared their pride and knowledge of this local historical gem.

In 1806 the church was built at Little Ossipee Pond in North Waterborough where Elder James Grey served as pastor for many years. In 1832 the church was moved by oxen to its current location on Chadbourne Ridge Road due to the pastor's aging and needing to live nearby.

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Community CALENDAR

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COMING EVENTS

WOMEN IN MUSIC: THE REMARKABLE JOURNEY Chamber Music Concert by Ensemble Ad Libitum: Antole Wieck (violin) and Marina Minkin (piano), Sunday, June 14 at 1 p.m. Admission is free. Donations gratefully accepted. Refreshments available. Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church, 5 Lebanon Street, Sanford.

'AN EXPERIMENT IN BIRDING' York County Audubon presents a special program at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16. Authors Stacey Huth and Noah Gibb will present an entertaining program about their incredible record-setting Maine Big Year, held in the Mather Auditorium at the Wells Reserve and also live-streamed via Zoom. The entrance to the parking area is off Skinner Mill Road in Wells. The event is free and open to all ages, and no registration is required for attending in person. To attend via Zoom visit www.yorkcountyaudubon.org.

CORNISH REPUBLICANS MEETING Tuesday June 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cornish Town Hall, 17 Maple Street in Cornish.

LIKE FATHER LIKE SONS: MAINE FAMILY IN THE REVOLUTION A program by Linda Snow McLoon at Buxton/Hollis Historical Society 100 Main Street, Route 4A, Buxton held on Tuesday, June 16 at 7 p.m. Upon hearing of the outbreak of fighting between col-

onists and British regulars at Lexington and Concord in 1775, Silas Burbank immediately joined a militia group heading for Boston, taking along his two young sons to serve as a fifer and a drummer. Please join us for this fascinating, illustrated story of the Burbanks' service during the American Revolution; their capture by the British, dinner with General Washington, and their role in the traitor, Benedict Arnold's, defection. Donations gratefully accepted.

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 yorkcountyaudubon.org.

CELEBRATION OF AMERICAS 250TH BIRTHDAY Saturday, June 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Newfield Historical Society Building at 64 Elm St. in Newfield. Bike parade, face painting, water balloon toss and more for the whole family. Food, family and fun!

YARD SALE, CRAFT FAIR, FLEA MARKET Saturday, June 20 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. outdoors on the lawn of the Massabesic Lions Club, 813 Main Street, Waterboro. \$20 per space, call 415-1844 to reserve a spot! Proceeds support local scholarships and community projects.

FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW Join us on the Lyman Community Library lawn on Sunday, June 21, 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.

The **SOUTHERN MAINE AGENCY ON AGING** is a local nonprofit that provides resources, services, and information to adults 60 and older, including Meals on Wheels, Medicare Counseling, Adult Day Programs, and Financial Planning. They'll be at the Lyman Community Library on Tuesday, June 23 at 6 p.m. to tell you more about what they have to offer. 10 John Street, Lyman.

R.B. HALL DAY FREE COMMUNITY BAND FESTIVAL, Saturday, June 27, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Westbrook Community Center, 426 Bridge St., Westbrook. Join us for the Annual R.B. Hall day Band festival honoring Maine's own "March King" Robert Browne Hall. FREE family-friendly music festival featuring 13 Of Maine community bands playing a variety of music through the day. Hosted by The Westbrook City Band. Food trucks will be on site. Bring your lawn chairs. FMI: Patsy Leavitt, Treasurer Westbrook City Band. EM: patsyleavitt55@gmail.com.

PIE AND CRAFT SALE on Saturday, July 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to benefit the South Effingham West Parsonsfield Citizens Organization, a non-profit which maintains the historical community and church building. Held outside, next to Ye Olde Sale Shoppe at 1543 Province Lake Road (Rte 153 S) in South Effingham, just next to the border with Parsonsfield. Interested crafters and vendors can call 603-539-7910 (Bill Taylor) for more info.

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.

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. 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.

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.

LET'S EAT!

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.

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.

DELICIOUS HADDOCK SUPPER BUFFET Saturday, June 27 at 5 p.m. at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$12 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family. 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 July 4). \$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.

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

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

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York County budget approved in unanimous vote



The York County Budget Committee has unanimously approved the York County government \$31.2 million spending plan for the fiscal year that begins July 1. The committee, from the left, includes Lisa Pratt of Kennebunk, Glenn Dochtermann, Alfred; Chair Marc Lessard, Biddeford; Vice Chair Susan Wiswell, Kittery; Thomas Small, Shapleigh; Jonathan Martell, Sanford; Lisa Chase, Berwick; James Smith, Wells, and Thomas Hooper, Dayton. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEDIA

Following a June 3 public hearing that drew little comment, the York County Budget Committee unanimously voted to transmit the \$31.2 million budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1 to York County Commissioners, thus approving the spending plan.

While the overall budget is up by slightly more than 9 percent, 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 coming from departmental revenues, investment earnings, rental income, and reserves.

York County Manager Greg Zinser told the budget committee that the spending plan accounts for all wages, benefits and costs associated with each department and for building operation expenses for the new York County Regional Training Center and the

York County Recovery Center – construction costs were paid with federal funds, grants and county funds.

York County Commissioners are expected to ratify the budget at an upcoming meeting.

Here is a sampling of county tax assessments to the municipalities, according to the most recent calculations:

The town of York, which is assessed at more than \$8 billion by the state, will pay \$3.39 million in county tax, up \$168,273 from the current year.

Kennebunk, assessed at \$5 billion, will pay \$2 million in county tax, up by \$101,152.

Biddeford, assessed at \$4.5 billion by the state, will pay \$2.1 million, up by \$285,343 in the current year.

South Berwick, assessed at more than \$1 billion, will pay \$537,798 in county tax, up by \$37,202.

Parsonsfield, assessed at more than \$405 million, will pay \$151,606, up by \$21,392.

Old Orchard Beach, assessed by the state at more than \$3 billion, will pay \$1.46 million in county tax, up by \$179,328.

Lebanon, assessed at \$1.2 billion, will pay \$488,107 in county tax, up by \$78,714.

For detailed information on the budget, go to: www.york-countymaine.gov/finance.

During the public hearing, Dayton Select Board member Chris Belanger noted the county budget committee had held its first meeting April 29, and that the Dayton select board was required to sign the warrants for their own budget for the coming year by May 4.

"What, if anything, can we do in the future to move things up so the process starts earlier for the counties so the towns can manage their budgets?" Belanger asked.

Budget Committee member Jonathan Martell said Sanford had a similar issue.

Zinser said the budget committee process is driven by state statute, but noted he communicates regularly with town and city managers and could give an estimate earlier in April.

"I'll reach out next year," he said. "I generally have an idea where we were headed in early April and that's when (the budget proposal) goes to county commissioners."

Martell motioned that the budget be transmitted to county commissioners, and was seconded by vice chair Susan Wiswell.

Budget committee Chair Marc Lessard thanked the membership for their work.

"I know it takes a lot out of your schedule," he said. "This year was less about actual (dollars) but making the process smoother next year and what to look out for."

"I congratulate you on your efficiency and appreciate the effort you put in," Commissioner Richard Clark told the budget board. "Thank you for all the time and effort you put in. It is appreciated."

– By Tammy Wells, York County government media

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York County Sheriff's Office, some of their family members and friends who made the 4.2 mile run from the Arundel Town Line to Biddeford city line last week in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Maine included Calley Forbes, MSP Trooper Kyle Forbes, York County Chief Deputy Jeremy Forbes, Deputy Levi Johnson, Chelsey Johnson, Det. Steven Broy, Recruit Matt Ryan, MSP Cpl. Travis Doughty and Deputy Matthew Cummer. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEDIA

TORCH RUN

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begin the sheriff's office leg of the run and had the honor of carrying it to the Biddeford city line. Forbes said Ryan was recently hired and is expected to attend the Maine Criminal Justice Academy beginning in August.

This year, Forbes welcomed his daughter Calley and son MSP Trooper Kyle Forbes to the torch run. Calley, he said, recently took

up running and completed Boston Marathon, as did his wife, Heather.

"Family members will often join officers on the torch run - this year Deputy Levi Johnson's wife and three children ran the 4.2 miles with us," Forbes said.

MSP Cpl. Travis Doughty and Forbes' son Kyle represented MSP Southern Maine Field Division in the event - state police often join deputies in the run, he said.

Deputy Matthew Cummer

was in high school in 2012 when he first ran the Law Enforcement Torch Run after his father, Kittery Police Sgt. Brian Cummer introduced him to the York County games. He's been a fan of Special Olympics since then and this spring also took part in the Law Enforcement Torch Run Super Plunge, where officers ran into the ocean in March once every hour for 24 hours.

This year, Cummer's torch run job was to help organize and start the several "legs" of the run from Kittery to Scarborough -

as well as run the Arundel leg.

As the runners made their way up Route 1, Deputy Shawn Sanborn and Capt. Colton Sweeney served as safety escorts.

Forbes said it is an honor to participate in the event.

"It gives us an opportunity to step away from the often stressful part of our job to help raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics," said Forbes. "It is a great team-building event that we all look forward to each year."

- By Tammy Wells, York County government media

SHAPLEIGH

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Community volunteers needed

The planning for Shapleigh Community Days 2026 is well under way with the event scheduled for Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25 on the Shapleigh Commons. The committee has been at work since February getting things organized. The Friday night concert, featuring the southern Maine, folk/rock band, b-side, has been scheduled. Wildlife Encounters, a petting zoo, pony rides and the bouncy house have been booked. Vendors are securing their shaded spots on the Commons.

What Shapleigh Community Day needs now is some volunteers to help Saturday during the fair. They could use help at concessions (two or three-hour shifts), children's area (facepainting, anyone?) and early morning help with parking and vendor set up.

If you would like to be a part of this community building celebration, join them at their next meeting on Thursday, June 18 at 5 p.m. at Shapleigh Town Hall, 22 Back Road, or contact Nancy Hodgdon (njhodgdon@gmail.com) or Penny Mills (penny_1967@yahoo.com.)

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The property in question is only a mobile home and must be removed from the current dwelling within 60 days of purchase. Any questions pertaining to the requirements and property please contact Shelby St. Louis or William Hall at 207-929-5191.

Tax maps and other public information concerning the property may be reviewed at the Town Office at 185 Portland Road, Buxton, Maine during its normal business hours, which are 8:30 - 4:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 11:30 - 7:30 on Wednesday. A full bid specification package may be obtained from the Buxton Municipal Office or by calling 929-5191 or on the Town's website www.buxton.me.us.

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Casco Bay Wind Symphony July 2

Celebrate America with the Casco Bay Wind Symphony in concert at the Sanford Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 2.

Kick off your Independence Day festivities with a star-spangled night of music, pride, and patriotism! The Casco Bay Wind Symphony brings its full symphonic power to the Sanford Performing Arts Center for an inspiring tribute to the American spirit. This all-American program features stirring marches, beloved classics, and rousing favorites that will have you tapping your toes and swelling with pride. From Sousa's bold brass to heartfelt musical salutes honoring our nation's heroes, this is the soundtrack of America—performed with the passion and precision that has made Casco Bay Maine's premier wind ensemble.

Wave your flag, hum along and join us for a musical celebration that's perfect for the whole family. Tickets are \$10-\$18, with discounts for subscribers, students, seniors and military veterans. For information, visit sanfordpac.org or call the box office at (207) 206-1126, or visit in person Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon.

Casco Bay Wind Symphony brings a rousing all-American program of patriotic favorites, stirring marches, and timeless classics in a star-spangled tribute to the American spirit.

The venue is located at Sanford High School, 100 Alumni Boulevard, Sanford.



The Casco Bay Wind Symphony will play at the Sanford Performing Arts Center on Thursday, July 2. COURTESY PHOTO

'Cirque Alice' tickets on sale June 12

Step into magical 'Wonderland' as Cirque Alice reimagines Lewis Carroll's classic adventures with breathtaking twists and astonishing, gravity-defying feats.

Starring the greatest acrobatic performers from around the globe, this magnificent spectacle features stunning performances by mesmerizing aerialists, mind-bending contortionists, exquisite puppetry, dancers, and special guest musical and comedic artists — set against an enthralling soundtrack of newly arranged contemporary renditions of some of the world's favorite classical hits.

From the creators of the globally acclaimed productions The Illusionists, Circus 1903, and Le Noir, Cirque Alice promises to be one of the most spectacular theatrical events ever to grace a Portland stage.

The event is Sunday, Jan. 10, 2027 at the Merrill Auditorium, 20 Myrtle Street, Portland, ME 04101. The run time is approximately 2 hours, including an intermission and all ages are welcome. Tickets go on sale to the public on Friday, June 12 at 10 a.m. Purchase tickets online at porttix.com or in person at the PortTIX Box Office, 20 Myrtle Street, Portland.

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Maine Public will provide live television and online broadcasting for the game on July 18. Maine Public will have the official broadcast rights and sponsorship inventory for the annual all-star football game, expanding visibility for one of the state's most celebrated traditions while increasing awareness and fundraising efforts for Shriners Children's.

The partnership will feature a full television broadcast along with live streaming coverage, allowing audiences both in Maine and across the country to tune in. The enhanced production will include an on-location pregame show, in-depth interviews with coaches and players, and additional storytelling elements designed to highlight the athletes and the mission behind the game.

"This is a tremendous partnership for our efforts to raise awareness and funds for Shriners Children's," said Joe Hersom, president of the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic. "We are so proud of the accomplishments of the participants in the game and want to showcase their talents and effort on the field, but also in their charitable fundraising. Maine Public is going to be a great partner for us to provide statewide coverage, plus expand our reach and secure more sponsorship opportunities because of their long-standing reputation for broadcasting Maine high school sports. We're really excited to put together a tremendous product and broadcast that will leave a lasting legacy for everyone involved."



Maine Public, which has a long-standing tradition of broadcasting high school sports across the state, will bring its experienced production team and expanded capabilities to the event, including new broadcast enhancements and digital distribution. On-air talent for the broadcast will include Rob Kennedy providing the play-by-play along with color commentator Rob Munzing and field reporter Jack Webb.

"This partnership with the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic is a great opportunity for Maine Public to continue our coverage of high school sports in Maine as one of the longest standing traditions in the state. We are looking forward to the broadcast and highlighting the participants for all their achievements," said Cory Morrissey, Marketing Lead at Maine Public.

The Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic is one of Maine's premier high school football events, bringing together top graduating seniors from across the state. Each year, the game raises thousands of dollars for Shriners Children's. Players, cheerleaders and coaches raise funds by reaching out to family, friends and businesses to support the game and raise money for a great cause. Last year, the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic donated \$125,000 to the two hospitals in Boston and Springfield, Massachusetts. To learn more, visit MaineShrineLobsterBowl.com.



Massabesic Varsity Boys Lacrosse seniors, from left, Conner Smigelski, Wyatt McCoy and Jon Sirois. COURTESY PHOTO

Coach's wrap-up

In my fourth season as head coach, we made a lot of strides towards where we would like to be. We had a lot of notable performances, lead in points by senior midfielder Conner Smigelski with

45 (35G, 10A), followed by senior attackmen Wyatt McCoy with 28 (18G, 10A), and sophomore attackmen Sully Frenette 22 (18G, 4A) Sully did so while shooting 50 percent on the season. Senior attackmen Jon Sirois (17p) and junior midfielder Bennett Guilbeault (19p) also made a huge impact on the offense end.

The defense was led by ju-

nior defenseman Cooper Smith averaging 1.5 forced turnovers per game and junior goalie Luke Boissoneault. Luke was one of the top 15 preseason players to watch and he did not disappoint. Posting a save percentage of 56 on the year while having 11.71 saves per game.

The Mustangs relied heavily on youngsters and newcomers to anchor the varsity squad this year including but not limited to sophomore's Sully Frenette and Kristopher Clapp, freshmen Hunter Cormier, Braiden Waterman, Isaac Best, Brent Day, Harley McClean and many more.

Our squad finished the season 5-9 on Tuesday, June 2 with a 15-6 loss to Marshwood High School. However, we had some notable wins over schools like Cheverus and Erskine Academy. We are looking forward to getting to work this summer with our summer 6's league and continuing to build heading into next season.

— By Blake Foglio
Massabesic Varsity Boys
Lacrosse Coach

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SPORTS

TRACK & FIELD

BASEBALL CLASS A BASEBALL PLAYOFFS Spartans slam Rams

Sanford ushered in the Class A playoffs with an 11-2 win over Kennebunk on Tuesday, June 9 at Goodall Park. The victory was the hosts seventh straight. A four-run bottom of the first followed by a four-run second set the tone. Two walks, two hits and two errors led to a 4-0 lead after one inning. Brody Baron drove in a run. Brady Boissonneault (3-4) had a hit. The Rams got two back to cut the lead in half, 4-2, in the top of the second, but the Spartans made it 8-2 with another (near carbon copy of the first) four-run frame. Two walks, one hit and two errors lead to a six-run advantage. Baron had a sac fly. Boissonneault singled.

On the mound, Cayden Gendron settled in after the two-run second. He got the win pitching five innings. Both runs were unearned. Drew Vessels got the final six outs for the save. Sanford is 12-5 despite a 2-4 start.

Mustangs fall to Knights

Noble (#10) scored four times in the top of the eighth to help them upset #7 Massabesic, 5-1, at Massabesic High School on West Road in Waterboro on June 9. Parker Soule-Parent went the first seven innings for the Mustangs, striking out 10, giving up three hits and no earned runs. Wesley Turnbull was huge for the Knights. He went the distance on the mound for the win, and he chipped in with two hits and two RBI at the plate.

SOFTBALL CLASS A SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS

Tigers top Mustangs

An eight-run fifth inning helped lift host Biddeford over Massabesic 14-7 on Tuesday, June 9. The contest featured 30 hits, 19 from the Tigers, who blew open a 5-4 game with a huge bottom of the fifth. Devenney Brickett went 4-5 with a two RBI for Massabesic. Madi Roy got the win, Mariah Villandry went 5-5 for Biddeford.

— By Mike DeAngelis
Sports Writer

CLASS A TRACK & FIELD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Carbone wins Javelin

Massabesic's Siena Carbone is a state champion in the javelin throw after posting a 101-3 at the annual Class A State Track & Field Championships held Saturday, June 6 at Bangor High School. Carbone, a sophomore, was runner-up last week at the Regional Final and she was fourth as freshman at the Class A Championships last year. Her personal best is over 106, but 101-3 she turned in was enough to edge teammate Caroline Dutton's 100-11. Dutton was first last week.

Gervais wins 100, 200

Bonny Eagle's Drew Gervais blew away the field in the 100-meter dash, and he won a tight 200-meter dash to capture a pair of gold medals at the annual Class A State Track & Field Championships held Saturday, June 6 at Bangor High School. Gervais coasted to fourth place finish (11.48) in the preliminary round of the 100 where the top eight advance to the final. Ambrosio Mputu, from Portland, had the best prelim time at 11.16. The Scot junior, who won both events last week at the Regional Final, posted an 11.07 in the final, well ahead of second place Mputu's 11.23. Karl Longstreth was third with an 11.48. Gervais' 21.84 just edged South Portland's Bossay Ditanduka's 21.86 in the 200. Just four runners in the field of 29 posted a time under the 23 second mark. Gervais was runner-up in both events at last year's championships.

— By Mike DeAngelis
Sports Writer



From left, Massabesic's Caroline Dutton and Siena Carbone were the top two female javelin throwers at the Class A State Championships on June 6. Carbone beat Dutton for the Class A State Championship title. COURTESY PHOTO

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STATE NEWS

Three races are proceeding to Ranked Choice Voting tabulations

Based on initial results of the first-choice votes in the Primary Election, the Department of the Secretary of State has announced the following races will proceed to ranked choice voting tabulation after no candidate achieved a majority of first-choice votes cast:

- Governor: Democrat
- Governor: Republican
- Congressional District 2: Democrat

Additional state-level races are still to be determined. Re-counts, if any are requested, will be announced at a later date. The ranked choice tabulation process will begin this Friday, June 12 at 1 p.m. at the Maine Department of Public Safety Headquarters building located at 45 Commerce Drive in Augusta. The Department of the Secretary of State expects the tabulation process to be completed next week before the Juneteenth holiday. The ranked choice tabulation process is open to the public and media and will

also be livestreamed on the Secretary of State's YouTube page.

How Ranked Choice Voting works in Maine

In Ranked Choice Voting races, a candidate must receive more than 50 percent of the first-choice votes as counted on Election Day to win the race outright. If no candidate appears to have achieved this based on initial unofficial results reports from the municipalities, the Secretary of State's Office makes the determination to proceed with the ranked-choice voting tabulation. The votes are tabulated in rounds, with the lowest-ranked candidate eliminated in each round until there are only two candidates remaining. The candidate determined to have received the majority (more than 50 percent) of the votes in the final round is declared the winner. For more information about how ranked-choice races are tabulated, visit the RCV Resources webpage

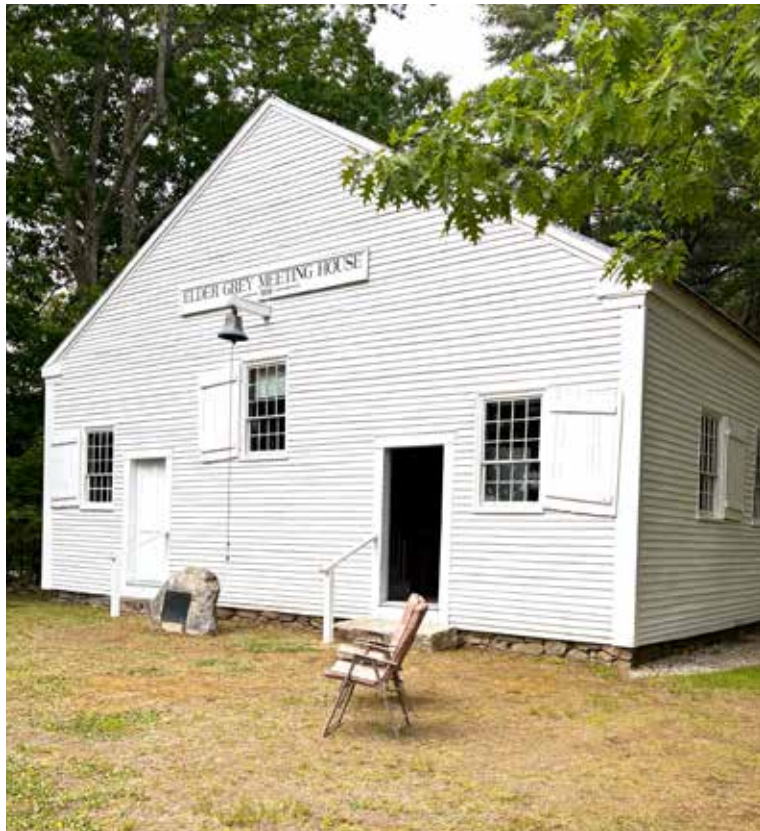
on the Secretary of State website.

Recount process: Maine statute Title 21-A, §737-A lays out a specific plan, process and any related costs for votes to be recounted. In a recount, representatives of each candidate and staff members from the Department of the Secretary of State manually review each paper ballot to determine the official vote tally:

In Ranked Choice Voting races: only a candidate who received one of the top three rankings at the end of the penultimate round of ranked-choice counting may request a recount.

In non-Ranked Choice races: any candidate other than the apparent winner who desires a recount must file with the Secretary of State a written request for a recount within five business days after the election.

Official results will be available and posted within 20 days after the election on the Election Results page.



The Elder Grey Meeting House sits on Chadbourne Ridge Road, North Waterboro. The Annual Pilgrimage Service is on Aug. 2. PHOTO BY SHEILA NUGENT

ELDER GREY

(Continued from page 1)

The Bradeen brothers donated the land for the church and the graveyard across the street, which is maintained by the Elder Grey Meeting House-Cemetery Association, made up of volunteers.

I was fortunate to get a tour of the church interior by current board president Lesley Ortiz. She described the pews with the gentle slope higher in the back, pointed out the historic pedal organ, and the doors to the pews – some labeled with family names.

The Elder Grey Meeting house was placed on the National regis-

try of historic places in 1979.

A yearly Pilgrimage Service is held every first Saturday of August. This year, the service will be held on Aug. 2 and the guest minister will be Pastor Mabel Laird from the Alfred Parish Church. This will be the 100th anniversary of the first Pilgrimage Service in 1926. The annual Business Meeting of the Elder Grey Meeting House - Cemetery Association will follow the service and the public is invited to attend.

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Obituaries

Alban "Al" Patrick Michaud Sr.

Alban "Al" Patrick Michaud Sr., age 76, of Waterboro, passed away unexpectedly at his home on May 30, 2026.

Al was born on Aug. 10, 1949, in Keegan, the son of Wallace and Jean Michaud. He carried with him throughout his life the values of hard work, loyalty, and devotion to family that defined him.

He spent 35 years working at Lavalley/Deering Lumber before retiring in 2017, where he was known as a steady, dependable presence and someone you could always count on.

Al shared 49 beautiful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Aggie. Together, they built a life centered on love, laughter, and family, raising four children: Alban Patrick Michaud Jr., Danielle Michaud, Jennifer Gerry, and Justin Michaud. His family was the pride of his life.

He was a proud and loving grandfather to Madison Footer, Conner Dube, Rylee Michaud, Alban Patrick Michaud III, Aidan Michaud, Gavin Michaud, Emily Beaulieu, Morgan Beaulieu, and Brook Beaulieu, and a great-grandfather to Abel Dube and Eloise Beaudell. Nothing brought him more joy than time spent with them.

Al was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Carl "Rey" Michaud Sr.

In addition to his wife and children, he is lovingly remembered by his sister, Gloria Rossi; his brother, Gerald Michaud; and many nieces and nephews who held a special place in his heart.

He had a deep love of music, enjoyed traveling, and found his greatest happiness in simply being with his family. Holidays were especially meaningful to him, and Thanksgiving stood above the rest—a tradition he and Aggie hosted for many years with warmth, humor, and open doors. It was fondly known as "Al & Aggieville," a place where everyone was welcome and no one left without feeling loved.

Al will be remembered for his quiet strength, his kind heart, and the unwavering love he gave to those closest to him.

A private celebration of life will be held in his honor. Online condolences can be submitted at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service, East Waterboro, website, www.maineFuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association at <https://diabetes.org>.



Alban 'Al' Patrick Michaud Sr.

Wendy Diane Van Betuw

Wendy Diane Van Betuw, age 70, of Buxton/Limington, passed away on May 26, 2026, at Maine Medical Center after a short illness.

She was born in Portland on Sept. 10, 1955, a daughter of the late Gerard and Doris "Patty" Van Betuw and grew up in Buxton.

After graduating from Bonny Eagle High School in 1973, she attended SMCC where she received her LPN degree. She later graduated from USM with a degree in sociology. She worked as an LPN, and in other health care roles, at a number of medical facilities in Greater Portland. Wendy cared deeply for her patients and was a strong advocate for them.

She loved spending time with her friends and beloved family, including playing with her niece and nephew. She loved reading, country music, road trips and had a mischievous sense of humor. She loved to care for animals, both her pets and the local birds and chipmunks.

She was a member of the Buxton United Methodist Church and served on various committees.

She is survived by her sister, Betsy Van Betuw of Portland; brother Erik Van Betuw and his wife, Justine of Redmond, Washington; Barry Kyrklund and his wife, Jan of Flowery Branch, Georgia; niece Kendra Engel and her husband Nate Cleveland, of Stoughton, Massachusetts; and nephew Westley Engel and his wife, Samantha Denham and grand-nephew Keegan of Columbia, Maryland. She is also survived by many dear friends.

Visiting Hours will be Friday, June 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service Chapel, 498 Long Plains Rd. (Rt.22) in Buxton. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 20 at 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be immediately following the service at Pine Grove Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Buxton. Online condolences can be submitted at www.maineFuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals in Windham.

John William Lambert

John William Lambert, 71, of Alfred, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on May 4, 2026.

John was born on Nov. 16, 1954, in Haverhill, Massachusetts, to Gerard and Ruth Lambert. He graduated from Groveland High School in 1972. John married Ann Harding Lambert on Sept. 13, 1986, and together they raised two wonderful children, Matthew and Kristin.

John was an avid cyclist, spending most of his young adulthood riding in local races and riding everywhere he could, including a



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cross-country ride from his parents' home in Massachusetts to California in his early 20's. John made many friends working at a local bike shop in his youth, who got him into racing and group rides in Exeter, NH.

John spent most of his life in the outdoors, always looking for the next adventure. He fell in love with a dual sport motorcycle later in life, which he rode all over New England and up to his favorite place, Newfoundland, Canada, for many trips with a local dual sport group of friends.

In his 40's, John returned to skiing, bringing his children along for lessons. He was a skilled skier who hiked Tuckerman's Ravine many times and skied down. He loved spending time in the mountains year-round. John hiked and camped on a large majority of the mountains across Maine and New Hampshire throughout his life, having many a story to tell.

John was also a fan of water sports, doing sea kayak trips with friends out to the islands around the Maine coast, often camping overnight. John handmade his own kayak and canoe, being a skilled woodworker. He was a craftsman, spending the majority of his working years building beautiful pieces for homes across Maine and New Hampshire.

John is survived by his loving wife, Annie; son Matthew and his wife Kerighan and their children Landon and Libby; daughter Kristin; brothers Roger and his wife Jeanette; and Gerard Jr. and his wife Joanne. John's beloved chocolate lab, Bella, also survives.

Memorial services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, at the Alfred Parish Church in Alfred. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in John's memory to The Nature Conservancy in Maine.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, visit www.bibbersautumnngreen.com.

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

Warren Cutter

Warren Cutter, of Limerick, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away on May 6, 2026, after a life well lived. He will be remembered for his kindness, quick sense of humor, strong work ethic, and the genuine friendships he built throughout his life.

Warren shared many happy years with his wife, Venita, with whom he built a loving family. Together they raised three children, who were a constant source of pride and joy to him. In later years, nothing brought Warren greater happiness than being a grandfather to his six cherished grandchildren. He loved each of them deeply and took every opportunity to share stories about their accomplishments and lives.

Warren had a lifelong love for the outdoors and especially enjoyed spending time on the lake and in the woods. Whether hunting, boating, fishing, or simply sitting beside a campfire surrounded by family and



friends, he was happiest when bringing people together. For the past 45 years, the family lake home served as a special gathering place where countless memories were made. What began as a dream during his teenage years fishing on the lake became a place filled with laughter, storytelling, and treasured time with loved ones.

Those who knew Warren will remember his gift for conversation and his ability to make everyone feel welcome. He never met a stranger, and his stories, humor, and larger-than-life personality left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Warren's memory will live on in the hearts of his family and friends, and he will be deeply missed by all who loved him.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Dolby, Blais & Segee Funeral Home, 35 Church Street, Westbrook, ME 04092.

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