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Kathleen Getchell
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Getchell appointed Assistant Principal at Sanford High

The Sanford School Department has announced the appointment of Kathleen Getchell as the new Assistant Principal of Sanford High School, effective July 1.

Getchell brings 22 years of public education experience to the role, with a strong foundation in special education and alternative programming. She has spent the bulk of her career at MSAD 6 Bonny Eagle School Department, where she has served as a Special Education Teacher since 2004.

Most recently, she has served simultaneously as Interim Director of Innovative Learning Pathways and Alternative Education Department Head at MSAD Bonny Eagle School Department, providing program leadership, overseeing daily operations, supporting staff, and coordinating services to meet the complex academic and social-emotional needs of students.

Her work in alternative education earned her statewide recognition this year when she was named a 2026 Educator of the Year by the Alternative Education Association of Maine, a professional organization dedicated to supporting and advancing alternative education programs across the state.

Getchell earned her Bachelor of Science in Special Education from the University of Maine, Farmington in 2001, and her Master of Science in Inclusionary Education from the University of New England in Biddeford in 2012. She recently completed the Assistant Principal Certificate Program at the University of Southern Maine.

"We are thrilled to welcome Kathleen to Sanford High School as our new Assistant

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Sneak peek at the Shapleigh Garden Tour

By JOANNE BARGIONI

The Shapleigh Conservation Committee's second annual Shapleigh Garden Tour will take place on Saturday, July 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. offering visitors the chance to explore eight unique gardens, meet the hosts, and gather inspiration and tips for their own gardening projects.

One of this year's hosts is Kym Lavalle, who lives at 147 Hooper Road. Approaching her home, visitors are immediately struck by the vibrant colors that fill every corner of her property. Lavalle is full of enthusiasm for her plants and built her greenhouse this past April, but her love of plants began much earlier. She grew up surrounded by her mother's plants, and when she moved into her current home, she established her own garden. Some flowers and cuttings were donated to her by friends and neighbors, and family.

Lavalle says gardening brings her peace and helps clear her mind. It is whimsical and fun, just like Lavalle. An interior painter by trade for 47 years, Lavalle brings the same creativity and attention to detail to her garden. This year



Kym Lavalle, seen here in a section of her garden, is a host on this year's Shapleigh Garden tour.

PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

marks, the first time she will be selling plants from her home and she estimates that she has more than 300 dahlia bulbs and plants. She has even become known for handing out flowers at her local

Hannaford simply because she believes flowers make people happy.

Her property features numerous beds of cut flowers and herbs. Expect to see roses, dahlias, peonies, and more! Last year, she

grew a small amount of herbs but this season her focus is once again on cut flowers, which are perfect for bouquets. She loves to make arrangements for friends,

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Major Morgan Lewis and Alfred's Minutemen

A sweating horse and rider from Wells clattered into the doorway of Morgan Lewis, a Sanford selectman and prominent citizen. On this spring day, the Wells man's errand was being repeated all over the New England country side, most riders bearing notes similar to the one handed to Lewis. The note read,

"Wells, Apr 20th, 1775 Gentlemen, I have just rec'd a Letter from Newbury which gives Information that the Regular troops march'd out of Boston the 19th Inst. in order to make an Attack on our people [...] that Engagment actually began at Lexington when 25,000 Men on our Side engaged 4000 Regulars[...] the Country to the Westward as far as York are all in arms + make no Doubt you will be ready to give Assistance to our suffering Brethern which this prest. emergency requires[...] you will notify Massabesic & Con[!] Hall. I am yr. most humb. Ser't Ebenezer Sayer"



The gravestones of Major Lewis, left, and his wife Sarah Lewis in Alfred Village Cemetery.

COURTESY PHOTO

The event that Morgan Lewis had been preparing for had finally arrived...British troops had engaged American militia in a fight at Lexington. Alfred's Minutemen- led by Morgan Lewis- were being called upon to support the American fight for independence.

Morgan Lewis' Minutemen

Lewis scrambled to gather his minuteman militia. From Shaker Hill came John Barnes, Issac Coffin and Israel Hibbard; Ephraim, Joseph and Paul Gile came from

Federal Street; millmen Thomas Kimball, Benjamin Tripp, Benjamin Lord and Jedidiah Peabody dropped their tools at Conant's Mill on Kennebunk Road; Samuel Jellison marched from Swett's mill downstream of Conant's

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



Community CALENDAR

Email non-profit event listings to: news@waterbororeporter.com

COMING EVENTS

MUSHROOMS OF MAINE a presentation on June 27 at 10:30 a.m. at the Parsons Memorial Library, by local author and illustrator Jim Dochtermann. He'll share information about foraging, growing, and enjoying mushrooms.

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. 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. Email: patsyleavitt55@gmail.com.

WITHIN THE WHALE Waterboro Public Library is bringing Within the Whale to Waterboro on

Monday, June 29 at 9 a.m. This immersive, hands-on program invites participants to step inside a life-size inflatable Humpback whale and explore its incredible anatomy from the inside out. Perfect for all ages, this experience blends science, storytelling, and discovery to spark curiosity about marine life and conservation. The program highlights how whales, oceans, and people are all connected—encouraging kids to become ocean stewards while having an unforgettable, up-close adventure. Registration is required. FMI call Waterboro Public Library at 247-3363. Note: this program is being held offsite in the cafeteria at Massabesic Middle School.

PRESENTATION ON BEES, POLLINATION AND HONEY: The Importance of Honeybees featuring Mason and Danielle Laudarowicz of Beeloved Apiary. The program happens on June 30 from 1-2 p.m. and is for children age 7-11, at The Parsons

Memorial Library, 27 Saco Road, Alfred.

CHANCE TO WIN AN E-BIKE plus helmet! Tickets are \$30 each and a Maximum of 100 tickets will be sold. The raffle closes July 3. Sponsored by Bonney Memorial Library and Local Gear of Cornish. Visit bonneylib.betterworld.org/giveaways/e-bike for information and to purchase tickets.

On Saturday, July 4, there will be an **OPEN HOUSE** at the historic Lyman Baptist Church, 1 So. Waterboro Road, Lyman. Displays of Revolutionary and Lyman town history will be available to view. This is sponsored by the Lyman Historical Society, courtesy of Judy and Steve Joyce.. Come and ring the huge steeple bell Theodore Lyman gave to the town in 1871. That's why the name was changed from Coxhall to Lyman! Join us in honoring our country's 250th birthday.

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.

PERENNIAL AND HERB SALE - Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5, rain or shine from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Doyle Family Farm at 515 Garland Road in West Newfield. Over 250 varieties of plants will be available for sale. Cash, Venmo, checks are accepted. An updated plant inventory and prices are posted on the new "Doyle Family Farm in West Newfield, Maine" Facebook page.

Join us at the Lyman Community Library on Tuesday, July 7 at 6 p.m. for a **JIGSAW PUZZLE TOURNAMENT**. Teams of 2-4 people race against the clock—and each other—to see who can finish assembling their 500-piece puzzle first. Call the library at 499-7114 to pre-register.

REPTILE PRESENTATION Our friends from the Chewonki Foundation will be at the Lyman Community Library on Friday, July 10 at 11 a.m. to give their Scales & Tails presentation, complete with live reptiles and reptilian artifacts. Call the library at 499-7114 to pre-register, 10 John Street, Lyman.

Join us for a **DINO DANCE PARTY IN THE LIBRARY!** Drop in on Saturday, July 11 at 11 a.m. for dino-themed snacks, crafts, and a dinosaur stomp in the children's area. Costumes and cameras encouraged, and there might even be a visit from a T. Rex! FMI 499-7114. 10 John Street, Lyman.

SHAPLEIGH GARDEN TOUR Join the Shapleigh Conservation Committee for the second annual Shapleigh Garden Tour on Saturday, July 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Explore eight unique gardens. Talk with your hosts and get some great ideas for your own gardens. Maps are available for purchase for \$10 at the Shapleigh Town Hall and at Springvale Hardware. Proceeds go to cover maintenance to the trailheads on the town trails.

21st ANNUAL VICTORIAN TEA at the Parsonsfield Seminary, 504 North Road, Parsonsfield, Sunday, July 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. \$30 each (pre-buy) \$5 for 12 and under. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon with Jon Hively in his impersonation of Thomas Edison. Then proceed into our elegantly historic (1832) Doe Hall to partake in a light repast of Victorian victuals. Jane Hively — Harpist will be entertaining during the tea. Many years ago Jane played the harp for Queen Elizabeth. FMI (603) 539-5233 or (207) 625-8360 or (207) 793-8825. Proceeds Benefit the Restoration Fund of Historic Site. Non-profit organization hosted by Friends of Par Sem.

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Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

at the Limerick Municipal Building, 55 Washington St.

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The annual book/DVD sale will be held in the library during regular library hours, beginning **Saturday, June 20** and continuing through **Saturday, June 30** (or until most books/DVDs are sold).

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 1-5p.m. • Tuesday: 9a.m.-6p.m.
Wednesday: 9a.m.-12p.m. & 3-8 p.m.
Friday: 1-5p.m. • Saturday: 9a.m.-1p.m.



ONGOING EVENTS

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

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.

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.

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, cro-

chet 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.

ARTISTS OPEN STUDIO on Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. **UKULELE PRACTICE** on Mondays in June and July from 1-2 p.m. **SUMMER READING PROGRAM** is open to all ages and begins June 22 and runs to Aug. 15. The Parsons Memorial Library is located at 27 Saco Road, Alfred.

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.

STAY; MAN TO MAN PEER SUPPORT GROUP Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 114 East Shore Drive (The Kita Center campus) in Acton. Stay; For Life facilitates a men's peer support group for men to talk about issues on their minds. Discussions are low-key, non judgemental and peer led. FMI: www.stayforlife.org.

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

LET'S EAT!

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.

BAKED BEAN & CHOP SUEY SUPPERS The First Congregational Church will host its monthly baked bean & American chop suey supper the last Saturday of each month from April through September (next on June 27) from 4:30-6 p.m. at the church, 141 North St., Kennebunkport. 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, \$5 per child under 12.

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.

BEAN SUPPER Massabesic Lions monthly dine-in or take-out the 2nd Saturday of the month (next on July 11), 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. 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, 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.,

COLLEGE NOTABLES

Owen Critchley of Dayton has earned a place on the President's List for the Spring 2026 semester at Dean College.

Brianna Stephenson of Waterboro received a Bachelor of Science Biology from Emmanuel College on May 9 at the College's 104th Commencement.

EMAIL NON-PROFIT MEAL LISTINGS TO:
news@waterbororeporter.com.

Sanford, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring your own bag.

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 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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	SOUP - CHILI \$6.50
TUESDAY	DINNER- SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS \$8.50
	LUNCH - SHEPHERD'S PIE \$9.00
WEDNESDAY	DINNER-CHICKEN PICCATA \$8.50
	LUNCH-BBQ TOPPED MEATLOAF DINNER SERVED W/ CORN & MASHED POTATOES \$9.00
THURSDAY	DINNER - BURRITO BOWL \$8.50
	LUNCH - TRADITIONAL LASAGNA & CHICKEN SPINACH ALFREDO \$9.00
FRIDAY	DINNER- COUNTRY FRIED STEAK \$8.50
	LUNCH - BBQ PULLED PORK SANDWICH \$6.25 MAC & CHEESE \$6.00

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MINUTEMEN

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Mill, Daniel Lary abandon his tan pits north of the village; Eliphalet Taylor dropped his cooper's tools at Linscott Mills; Stephen Hatch scrambled out of his clay pits on Hay Brook where he was making bricks; Andrew Burley making potash just over the line in Waterborough on Federal Steet. Others soldiers came from S. Sanford (the Harmons, Nathaniel Bennet, Tobias Lord, Moses Petee); from Shaws Ridge (William Tripp, the Lows); Sanford Corner and other locales.

The Minutemen lay aside their trades and marched the next day, April 21, 1775...two days after the battle at Lexington had concluded. Word reached them on their march- 30 miles from home, somewhere in New Hampshire- that the British were back in Boston and their services were not needed. They turned around and headed back to Alfred. A grateful nation later paid these minutemen for three days service marching "in response to the Lexington

alarm". The fact that they did not fight should not diminish their level of commitment, nor should it trivialize their contribution to the fight for liberty. The decision they made, to risk all for the cause of liberty, was a bold and daring one. Their public display of commitment could backfire if the whole thing fizzled and the search began for traitors. The decision to march on that April day was heady stuff, indeed.

Raising a Company

Upon the return of the Alfred company from the Lexington alarm, Lewis was left pondering his next move. With the British safely back in Boston, an army had to be raised to keep them there. Massachusetts quickly issued letters to several militia leaders, authorizing them to raise regiments. Morgan Lewis and many Sanford men enlisted in the company of Joshua Bragdon, a Wells man originally from York. Of the total company enlistment of 58, thirty four soldiers were from Sanford - twenty three of them were from present day Alfred.

Cambridge

Bragdon's company arrived in camp at Cambridge on May 24, 1775- about a month before the Battle of Bunker Hill. Morgan Lewis was named lieutenant of his company but Joshua Bragdon never assumed command of his company and Morgan Lewis commanded them as acting Captain.

From the outset, the American Army was a study in confusion. Orders from headquarters were sketchy and uncertain. Field commanders selectively followed orders and totally ignored orders from officers of other colonies. Officers often rejected orders they did not think their troops would obey. American troops and volunteers lurched about Cambridge, looking for someone- anyone- who could tell them what to do. One American general summed up the situation, "The Americans were composed in part by raw lads and old men half armed, with no practice of discipline, commanded without order, and God knows by whom."

The American Army was intent on keeping the British troops cooped up in Boston. The British were just as intent to break out.

Battle of Bunker Hill

Just before noon on June 17th, 1775 the English troops boarded open transports in Boston and rowed toward Charlestown. Lewis and his comrades were ordered to secure a nearby landing place and found themselves out of the action. Eventually finding their way to the battle, Lewis and his company advanced up the back side of Bunker Hill- but it was too late. Before they reached the top of the hill, they met most of the American army coming back down- they had run out of ammunition and were in full retreat. The Maine men joined the flood of troops off the battlefield.

After the battle, Morgan Lewis and his company were part of the 8000 troops assigned to guard Cambridge during the winter of 1775/76. On Aug. 19th, Capt. Joshua Bragdon formally resigned his commission and Lewis was promoted to captain of his company. Lewis' commission was signed by John Hancock. The company continued to serve in Cambridge until Feb. 9, 1776 when they returned their cartridge boxes to ordinance stores and marched back to Alfred.

York Street

Morgan Lewis had been born in York and had become an Alfred resident by 1771. Phillipstown land- which included Sanford and Alfred- was being sold by Phillips Heirs agent Jotham Moulton, a York neighbor of Lewis. Moulton no doubt had encouraged York residents to take up claims in the Phillipstown wilderness. Eventually, the Lewis' were joined in Alfred by many others from York seeking a new start; Paul Webber, David Bean, Amos Grandy the Traftons, the Linscotts, the Riddleys the Saywards families and others. Many settled on the western side of town, particularly near the Middle Branch River in the Deshon Hill - Brackett Hill area. So many former York settled in the Mast Road area, the neighborhood became known as York Street.

Lewis laid claim to 300 acres on the Middle Branch River and was the second largest grain farmer in Alfred in 1771. One month before the Lexington Alarm, Lewis had purchased 100 acres from Daniel Coffin on the western shore of "Mercybesick Pond" (Shaker Pond), just north of the Crooked House. Lewis installed York resident, Joel Allen, as a tenant for his Massabesic farm.

The Homefront

After Bunker Hill, Morgan Lewis was commissioned Captain of the 12th Company of the First York County Regiment. The York County regiment a local militia company which was organized on the home front to support the war effort. Morgan was responsible for raising supplies and troops to support the Northern Army still in Boston. The local militia also served as a pool of men available for service close to home or for short duration. Local men were drafted to serve as guards in Falmouth, Boothby, Bethel and Rhode Island during the Revolution. The chore of raising men and supplies for the war effort grew more burdensome as the war dragged on. Lewis scoured the

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Town of Lyman

Public Notice of Intent to File

Please take notice that the Town of Lyman, (11 South Waterboro Rd Lyman, ME 04002 (207) 247-0642) townmanager@lyman-me.gov is intending to file a Natural Resources Protection Act permit application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S. §§ 480-A thru 480-KK on or about: **July 27, 2026**

The applications is for: The beach restoration project at Bunganut Pond to stabilize the shoreline, reduce erosion, and improve the long-term sustainability of the public beach. The project includes the installation of a protective erosion control berm along the upper beach, restoration of the beach with compatible sand fill, and the reestablishment of native shrubs and trees to enhance shoreline stabilization, improve habitat, and provide natural buffering located at Bunganut Park, 224 Brock Rd Lyman, ME 04002.

A request for a public hearing must be received by the Department in writing no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the application processing period.

For Federally licensed, permitted, or funded activities in the Coastal Zone, review of this application shall also constitute the State's consistency review in accordance with the Maine Coastal Program pursuant to Section 307 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1456. (Delete if not applicable.)

The application will be filed for public inspection at the Department of Environmental Protection's office in Portland during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Lyman, Maine.

Written public comments may be sent by email to LandOnCall@maine.gov or by mail to the regional office in Portland, Augusta, Bangor, or Presque Isle where the application is filed for public inspection:

- MDEP, Southern Maine Regional Office, 312 Canco Road, Portland, Maine 04103
- MDEP, Central Maine Regional Office, 17 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333
- MDEP, Eastern Maine Regional Office, 106 Hogan Road, Bangor, Maine 04401
- MDEP, Northern Maine Regional Office, 1235 Central Drive, Presque Isle, Maine 04769

For more information on how to submit public comment with the DEP, please go to our website: <https://www.maine.gov/dep/publications/is-public.html>

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Town of Lyman

Nomination Papers Available

Nomination papers are available beginning June 23, 2026 for the following elected seats:

One (1) – Budget Committee, 1-year term

Papers are available at the Clerk's Office during regular business hours and are due back by the end of business day July 14, 2026

For more information, contact the Clerk's Office
11 South Waterboro Rd Lyman, ME 04002
(207)247-0650 or townclerk@lyman-me.gov

Note: The Select Board of the Town of Lyman give notice that they have ordered, pursuant to 30-A M.R.S § 2525(4)(E), that a shortened nomination process be used to fill one (1) vacancy on the Budget Committee



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county for beef, corn and clothing for the war effort. He was commissioned a Major in the militia on July 17, 1781, a rank he held until his death.

Wartime Frontier Poverty

As the war dragged on frontier towns found themselves stripped of all their meager assets and were short of men, livestock and hard cash. Mother Nature was not cooperating either and droughts struck growing seasons in 1778, 1780 and 1782. Severe winters occurred in 1779/1780 and 1780/1781. Corn was so scarce Massachusetts sent food to the Maine coast to fend off starvation.

Frontier towns in York County were at the end of their rope to support the war effort. Coxhall [Lyman] pleaded for relief, stating their town was "New and the People Very Pore. Providence by the Drouth Cutt off our Crops of Corn and Grain so that the more than one half of the People are out of Corn and the others all most out So that we Cannot help one another ..."

Morgan Lewis vouched for the poverty of his Massabesic neighbors "not more than one Quarter of the Inhabitants Possess [sufficient] Provisions to Last them and Their Families the Year ... Extreem Poverty Haveing Large Families and no oxen to help them Towards Cultivating..."

It took a tough man like Morgan Lewis to put the arm on destitute neighbors in those harsh times. If neighbors suspected for one minute that his personal sacrifice did not equal or exceed their own, they would not have contributed to the cause. The Lewis family suffered like the rest of the pioneers on the home front.

Lewis Domestic Matters

The signing of the Treaty of Paris in September 1783 finally brought the war's end and the good citizens of Alfred could return to their mills and farms, breathing the fresh air of a new nation. In his absence, the burden of running his household had fallen upon his wife, Sarah, and his oldest son Jeremiah, just turned 13 years. Morgan Lewis could at last lay aside his civic duties and attend to personal matters.

Morgan Lewis claimed three hundred acres on the eastern side of the Middle Branch River. There he built a grist mill. After a long and grueling war and much personal sacrifice, the Lewis family fortunes were finally looking up.

Morgan Lewis Death

Lewis did not have long to enjoy his domestic peace. In the spring of 1784, Morgan Lewis was hard at work, raising the frame of the new parish meetinghouse. The day had the makings of a fine party, as the Parish had voted to purchase 2 barrels of pork, 4 bu. of beans, 10 gals. of molasses, 10 lbs of coffee, 28 lbs. sugar and 2 barrels of rum to reward the work crew. The town handed the bill to Alfred's richest man- Nathaniel Conant. As Morgan Lewis worked on the meetinghouse roof, he surveyed the scene below

and commented that the abutting land would make a fine burying ground. Sometime during the day Lewis drove a nail into his hand, causing a puncture wound that became infected. On Nov. 17, 1784, Capt. Lewis died of blood poisoning. Struck down in the prime of life, stunned Alfredians buried him in the burial lot next to the church, reportedly the first person buried in the newly consecrated Parish burying ground.

Sarah Lewis

Dying without a will, Major Lewis's widow Sarah felt unequal to the task of administering his estate and requested her eldest son Jeremiah be the executor. Sarah Lewis signed her request with a mark, suggesting she could not write her name.

Six years after Major Lewis death, Sarah appealed to the probate court, "Since the Majors death, she has lost one of her children (John) Mrs. Lewis had large and expensive family to bring up. Her youngest child was but 6 months old when her husband died and has met with considerable losses- 1 cow, 3 sheep soon after they were appraised and prays your honor allow her bring up children and loss of cattle that died in her possession." Morgan's estate was finally settled in April 1792. Widow Sarah got 41 acres

, the western end of the barn and rights to use the threshing floor. Lewis's children received their share of the estate.

Despite receiving her widow's dower, widow Sarah's life was a difficult one. Sarah Lewis buried daughters Abigail, Dorcas and Patience in young adulthood. In most cases, the cause of death was consumption [tuberculosis].

Land Problems

The new century was not any kinder to Widow Lewis. Though Major Lewis had lived on his homestead for decades he had never received a deed for his Middle Branch property. Lewis and his neighbors had unsuccessfully petitioned the legislature several times to settle local ownership of his land. The specter was looming that the Lewis family and their neighbors would be dispossessed of their homesteads.

The courts finally determined that ownership of the Lewis land still rested with the Phillips heirs. The fact that title was held by ex-

iled Loyalists who had been banished to England could not have been lost on the Lewis family. The heirs of the last Royal Governor of Massachusetts demanded and received \$160 from the Lewis' for the land they had worked and occupied for almost 35 years. Ironically, the Lewis cash went to the very people the family had sacrificed so much to drive from the country.

Sarah Lewis' dutiful sons, Morgan and Daniel, quit claimed Sarah a life estate in the Middle Branch property the same day they settled with Hutchinson. Sarah Lewis lived another decade, dying Oct. 28, 1819 at age 79 years. She was laid to rest beside Major Lewis in the village burying ground.

Visit Alfred Village Museum to learn more about Major Morgan Lewis and Alfred's contribution to America's War of Independence. Open Wednesday & Saturday afternoon 2-4 p.m. Free admission.

- By Bruce R. Tucker
Alfred Historical Committee



TOWN OF ACTON PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen will be conducting a public hearing on **July 8th at 6pm** to consider the application of a liquor license renewal request for Iron Tails Enterprises (Iron Tails Saloon) - 559 Route 109.

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York County Government to host Red Cross Blood Drive

York County Government is joining forces with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on July 30 and is looking for folks to make the commitment to donate a pint, by reserving a time and following through on the day.

The blood drive will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 30 in the drill hall at York County Regional Training Center, 79 First County Way (take Layman Way off Route 4, First County Way is the first right) in Alfred.

To schedule your donation online, visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/>

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Why commit now, you ask?

Well, the need for blood is critical and summer can be hectic, so signing up now gets that part done.

"We want to make sure people are aware of the blood drive so they can make arrangements during this busy summer season," said Jennifer Elwell of the York County Human Resources department.

How critical is the need?

"We rely on blood donors every single day to meet patient needs, and the summer



COURTESY IMAGE FROM AMERICAN RED CROSS

months are consistently some of the most challenging for maintaining a stable blood supply," said Jennifer Costa, regional communications director for the American Red Cross. "Right now, there is an urgent need for blood donors. Scheduled donations, which account for 90 percent of all blood donations, have dropped sharply in recent weeks."

Speaking in early June, Costa said the blood supply had fallen by several thousand units in just a week, raising concerns that the decline could worsen as the summer goes on. She estimated nearly 60 percent of blood donation appointments throughout Maine remained unfilled and that any disruption in donations can add pressure to the blood supply at a time when every do-

nation is crucial.

Whole blood is the most common donation, and helps all patients, according to American Red Cross Blood Services. Donors must weigh at least 110 lbs. and can have any blood type. "Power Reds" is the preferred donation for trauma patients. Power Reds allows you to safely donate two units of red cells and receive your platelets and plasma back with some saline. The benefit to the donor is threefold: It's a smaller needle, you get to sit up, and you feel better afterwards because you get fluids returned. For Power Reds, males must be a minimum of 5'1" and 130 lbs. Females must be a minimum of 5'3" and 150 lbs. Blood types required for Power Reds are A-, B-, O- and O+.

"Be that lifeline for patients in need," Costa said.

"Blood donations save lives," noted Elwell.

- By Tammy Wells,

York County government media

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GARDEN TOUR

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neighbors, and anyone who might need a little brightness in their day. Many of her plants have been gifted by loved ones, and she describes her garden as 30 years in the making, constantly evolving as she moves plants around until they find their “happy place.”

Lavalle’s business, ‘The Green Garden Door’ is participating in the tour for the second year. She expects to have plants available for purchase, many grown from seed in her greenhouse where she estimates she has started over 10,000 plants.

She hopes to see even more visitors this year than the 160 who attended last summer, hopefully reaching 200 visitors. Supporting the Shapleigh Garden Tour she says “is important for the town” and she believes that “gardeners are always learning.” She also plans to offer classes in the future, potentially beginning this fall for both children and adults. In addition to plants, she creates beautiful bouquets and floral arrangements for proms, weddings, and other events, and is happy to work with anyone who needs something special.

You can see her garden as well as seven other beautiful gardens on the Shapleigh Garden Tour. The price is \$10 for maps and directions on how to get to these exquisite gardens growing right in Shapleigh.

Maps are available at the Shapleigh Town Hall, 22 Back Road and Springvale Hardware, 489 Main Street, Springvale.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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Principal,” said SHS Principal Tracy Gibson. “Kaity brings years of experience supporting students and leading staff, along with a deep commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive school environment. Her collaborative leadership style, dedication to student success, and ability to build strong relationships make her an outstanding addition to our Spartan team. We look forward to the positive impact she will have on our school community.”

Getchell, a Springvale resident, has ties to the local community, with both of her children attending schools in the Sanford School Department. “Being able to work in the same community where I live, and where my kids are in school, means everything,” she said. “I am hoping to have a positive impact on the community, to develop meaningful relationships with students and families, and to become a valuable resource for the students at Sanford High School.”

Getchell will succeed Mike Fallon, who is assuming a new position as the Attendance Coordinator at Sanford High School.

SANFORD



On June 10, members of the NH Air National Guard came to the Sanford Regional Technical Center (SRTC) to recognize recent Sanford High School and SRTC graduate Gavin Ericson as he signed his enlistment contract and took his oath. The ceremony took place in the SRTC welding room. During his time at SRTC, Gavin completed two programs: Welding & Metal Fabrication and Engineering & Robotics. This fall, he will attend the University of New Hampshire to study mechanical engineering while serving with the NH Air National Guard. COURTESY PHOTOS

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Obituaries

Robert Mahlon Hanson

Robert Mahlon Hanson, affectionately known as “Bob,” passed away on June 18, 2026, at the age of 88.



Robert Mahlon Hanson

A lifelong resident of Hollis, Bob spent his entire life on Pleasant Hill Road, where he became a respected member of the community and a dedicated public servant whose work touched generations of local residents.

Born on May 25, 1938, to J. Ansel and Evelyn Haley Hanson, Bob learned the value of hard work at an early age. After leaving Hollis High School, he joined his father in the family excavation business, Pleasant Hill Excavators, formerly known as J. Ansel Hanson General Contractor. In 1956, Bob began working for the Town of Hollis, embarking on a career that would span five decades.

In 1972, Bob succeeded his father as Road Commissioner for the Town of Hollis, a position he held until 2006. During his 35 years as Road Commissioner, Bob devoted himself to maintaining and improving the town’s roads and infrastructure. Through countless snowstorms, road repairs, culvert replacements, and emergency responses, he worked tirelessly to keep Hollis residents safe even after his tenure as Road Commissioner ended. He plowed his last route in January of 2025 at the age of 86 never wanting to see a road or driveway go unplowed. His best advice for driving in the snow was to “Slow down!” His dedication, reliability, and commitment to public service earned him the respect and gratitude of the community he loved.

Bob was also deeply involved in local organizations. He was a longtime member of the Hollis Center Fire Department, serving from 1970 to 1993, and was a founding member of the Southern Maine Tractor Club. He was also an active member of the Maine Antique Tractor Club, reflecting his lifelong love of tractors and machinery. He participated in many local parades and tractor pulls with his antique tractor collection bringing both joy and a competitive spirit to all who crossed his path.

Beyond his work and community service, Bob enjoyed his morning coffee in the red barn, cruising the Caribbean, spending time with family and friends, and never passed up a chance to enjoy a scoop of vanilla ice cream. He belonged to a generation defined by hard work, humility, and dedication to family and community. Those who knew him will remember his strong work ethic, practical wisdom, and willingness to help others.

Bob was predeceased by his first wife, Charlene Trynor Hanson; his second wife, Donna Bickford Hanson; his parents, J. Ansel and Evelyn Haley Hanson; and his sister, Mildred E. Hanson.

He is survived by his longtime companion, Wilena Whitten of Hollis; his son, Robert M. Hanson Jr. and partner Heather Meserve of Hollis; his daughter, Rebecca Bowley and husband Lawrence of Hol-

lis; his grandchildren, Loren Bowley Dow and husband Robert of State College, Pennsylvania, Brook Bowley of Hollis, and Robert Matthew Hanson of Gorham; his great-grandchildren, Lailah Ashton, Hanson and Russel Robert Dow (both named in honor of their great-grandfather); and his brothers, Frank, George, and Paul Hanson of Hollis and South Portland.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 26, 2026, at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 80 Pleasant Hill Road, Hollis, with a reception immediately following.

Online condolence messages can be submitted at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service website, www.maineFuneral.com

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Hollis Fire and Rescue, 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis, Maine 04042.

Interment will be held at a later date.

Bob’s legacy lives on in the roads he maintained, the community he served, and the family he cherished. His steady presence, tireless work ethic, and dedication to helping others will be remembered for generations by the town of Hollis.

Deborah Lynn Reali

Deborah Lynn Reali, age 68, of Hollis, passed away suddenly on June 21, 2026.

Born on Sept. 23, 1957, in Portland, to Donald Thompson and Evelyn Story Thompson, Deborah was a devoted wife, loving mother, and cherished friend. She graduated



Deborah Lynn Reali

from Portland High School with the Class of 1976 and carried throughout her life the compassion, kindness, and warmth that endeared her to so many.

Prior to her retirement, Deborah was employed by Pine Tree Society, where she worked in the day program for adults with disabilities. She found great fulfillment in serving others and was deeply passionate about helping those in her care. Her dedication, patience, and loving nature made a lasting impact on the lives of countless individuals and their families.

Deborah is survived by her beloved husband, Steven Reali; her daughter, Heather Cloutier, and her husband, Tim; her son, Jason Gardiner; sister, Linda Verrill and husband Mark; grandchildren: Owen Bridges; Evan Bridges; Mackenzie Cloutier; Zackery Cloutier and fiancé Olivia Shepard; Abigail Cloutier;

Rylee Cloutier; Christopher Reali; Phoenix Cloutier; and great-grandson Maverick Cloutier. She leaves behind countless treasured memories and a legacy of love that will continue to live on in the hearts of those she touched.

She was predeceased by her parents; her brother, Donald “Donnie” Thompson; and her son, Steven “Stevie” Mark Reali Jr.

Deborah’s life was defined by her compassion, resilience, and unwavering dedication to her family. She found joy in spending time with loved ones and took great pride in the relationships she nurtured throughout her life. Those who knew her will remember her gentle spirit, generous heart, and ability to bring comfort and happiness to others.

A lifelong fan of The Wizard of Oz, Deborah especially loved

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NOTICES

**TOWN OF BUXTON
Sealed Bid Requests**
ROADSIDE MOWING SERVICES
The Town of Buxton is soliciting bids for roadside
mowing of approximately 120 miles of road.
This is a two-year (2) contract covering mowing
periods of July & August 2026 and 2027.
**Bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly
marked "Roadside Mowing Bid!"**
HOT BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT IN PLACE
The Town of Buxton is soliciting sealed bids for
hot bituminous material to be delivered starting in
July 2026 through June 30, 2027. **Bids must be in
a sealed envelope clearly marked "Paving Bid!"**
CRACK SEALING FOR TOWN ROADS
The Town of Buxton is soliciting sealed bids for
the crack sealing of Town roads to be delivered
starting in July 2026, through June 30th, 2027.
**Bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly
marked "Crack Sealing Bid!"**
SEALED BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:
Board of Selectmen, Town of Buxton,
185 Portland Road, Buxton, ME 04093.
The deadline for bid submissions is
Wednesday, July 15th, 2026 at 12:00 PM.
THE TOWN OF BUXTON RESERVES THE RIGHT
TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.
You can obtain bid sheets & specs at Buxton
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For more information, contact Kevin Kimball,
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NOTICES

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding a **PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.**

for the following:

Amendment to the 3-Lot Tattle Brook Farm Subdivision – Adding (1) Additional Lot Property located on Shapleigh Tax Map 1, Lot 19 (26 Tattle Street)

James Warner, Property Owner

The Public is invited to attend.

Ann Harris, Chairman
Shapleigh Planning Board

TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding a **PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.**

for the following:

An amendment to a Conditional Use Permit to Open a Hair Salon – The Downtown Shagg Property located on Shapleigh Tax Map 18, Lot 32A (120 Emery Mills Road)

Paul Muse, Property Owner

The Public is invited to attend.

Ann Harris, Chairman
Shapleigh Planning Board

**TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH
Transfer Station Stickers
New RED, 2026 Stickers are in!**

All current green stickers will be replaced with a new Red Sticker. Stickers will be a different color each year with the year printed on it for ease of verification of validity.

STICKERS MUST BE UPDATED TO THE NEW VERSION BY THE END OF JULY 2026 TO USE THE FACILITY.

Residents and Taxpayers of Shapleigh may pick up the new Stickers at the Shapleigh Town Hall or they can be mailed, upon request, with the proper identification for those unable to get to the office during business hours.

Call 207-636-2844 ext 5 for more info.

**TOWN OF BUXTON
Notice of Tax Sale**

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Buxton, Maine is accepting bids for the purchase of the municipality's interest in a tax-acquired property. All bids must be in writing and in a sealed envelope marked "Tax sale bid" on the outside. A deposit in the form of a certified check or money order, in an amount equal to or greater than 10% of the bid price must accompany each bid. Any bid, which does not contain the proper deposit, will be rejected. The property for sale is a mobile home only, located at 90 Berry Road, described on the Town Map as: Map 6, Lot 30-Lease. No required minimum bid. The Board of Selectmen must receive all bids no later than 12:00p.m. July 1, 2026. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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.

OBITUARIES

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the phrase: "I shall take the heart. For brains do not make one happy, and happiness is the best thing in the world." The quote reflected the way she lived her life—with heart, kindness, and a focus on bringing happiness to those around her.

A celebration of Deborah's life will be held at her home, 353 Bar Mills Road, Hollis at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 27. Family and friends are invited to join in honoring and remembering a woman whose warmth, kindness, and love made a lasting difference in the lives of so many.

Though she is no longer with us, Deborah's spirit will remain forever present in the memories and hearts of those who loved her.

**Forever loved,
deeply missed, and
never forgotten.**

Mark Edward Libby

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mark Edward Libby, age 62, a devoted father, son, brother, uncle, and loyal friend, on June 10.

Born July 17, 1963, and raised in North Waterboro, Mark was a true outdoorsman whose greatest joy was found in nature. Whether fishing the ocean, casting a line into a quiet river, or spending a peaceful day on a secluded lake, he felt most at home surrounded by the beauty and quietness of the outdoors. He was also an avid hunter who cherished the solitude of the woods and the opportunity to observe wildlife in their natural habitat.



Mark Edward Libby

For five years, Mark lived in Alaska, where he developed a deep appreciation for its rugged wilderness and untamed beauty. Alaska captured his adventurous spirit and strengthened his love of the outdoors. He had a special admiration for wolves, whose strength, independence, and resilience reflected qualities he respected throughout his life. Although he returned to Maine more than ten years ago, Alaska always remained close to his heart.

Mark was known for his generous and compassionate nature. He was the kind of man who would give you the last two dollars in his pocket if he thought it would help someone in need. His kindness, humility, and willingness to help others left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Following a work-related back injury, Mark spent his later years on disability. Despite the challenges he faced, he continued to find joy in life's simple pleasures. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, trying his luck with scratch tickets, sharing stories with friends and family, and appreciating the quiet moments that brought him peace.

One of the greatest losses in Mark's life was the passing of his father in December 2022. He missed him deeply and often spoke of him, carrying that loss with him in the years that fol-

lowed. It brings comfort to those who loved him to imagine that father and son are reunited once again.

Mark is survived by his loving mother, Regina Libby; his brothers, Warren Libby and Curt Libby; his sisters, Joyce Stearns and Cindy Dumond; his beloved son, Cody Libby; and his best friend, Todd. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends who will forever cherish his memory.

Mark's legacy is one of generosity, resilience, and a deep love for the outdoors. Though he has cast his final line and walked his last trail, his spirit lives on in the quiet waters he loved to fish, the forests he loved to roam, and the countless lives he touched through his kindness and friendship.

He will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered, and forever held in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

"Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard"

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