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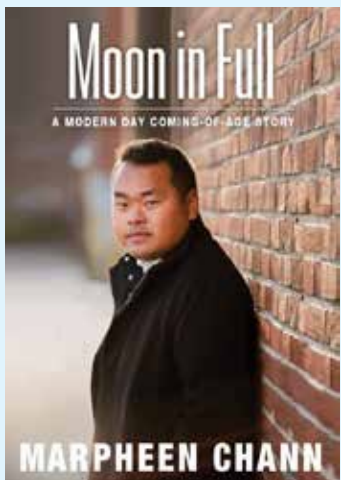
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MARPHEEN CHANN
Marpheen Chann will talk at the Parsons Memorial Library in Alfred on July 28. COURTESY IMAGE

A conversation on empathy

In a time of immense chaos and conflict, Marpheen Chann wants to have a conversation about empathy. Actually, Chann wants to have a conversation on, well, having a conversation, and he's bringing his message to Parsons Memorial Library on July 28 with a talk titled, "The Empathy Effect: How to Have Conversations That Lead to Change."

Marpheen Chann is a second-generation Asian American who came to Maine by way of California when his biological mother relocated here in the 1990s. Sadly, Chann's mother was facing her own struggles as a survivor of the Cambodian genocide known as the Khmer Rouge.

In 2000, he and his sister were placed in the Maine foster care system, where they languished until an Evangelical Christian couple adopted Marpheen and his three siblings.

It was, as he recounts in his memoir, "Moon in Full," a tumultuous childhood, fraught with confusion. Despite plunging himself into his new family life, Chann became increasingly aware that he was gay.

Given the obstacles he's faced, Chann would certainly be allowed some bitterness, which he said he muddled through in his 20s. Then he gained an important piece of awareness.

"The reason why I don't harbor bitterness anymore is because the bitterness was actually eating me from the inside out," Chann said. Chuckling, he added that he thinks of a line of Scripture in which God advises a man not to worry about the dust in the eye of someone else when he's got a plank in his own. "Constantly having to think about how they were wrong to not love me fully was just taking up so much brain space."

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Bonny Eagle wins State Championship

LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL



District 6 Bonny Eagle (shown above) beat District 4 Massabesic 7-0 on July 11, for the Major League Softball State Championship title. PHOTO BY CARLA'S CAPTURED MOMENTS

Scots head to NE Championships

BY MIKE DEANGELIS

Bonny Eagle Little League's (BELL) all-star majors softball team won the state championship in dominant fashion on Friday,

July 11 with a 7-0 beating of Massabesic Little League (MLL) in Ellsworth. The small Scots ran up a 5-0 record during the District 6 Championships and they remained perfect up North moving

their record to 8-0. BELL is now heading to Bristol, Connecticut where they'll compete in the New England Championships on Sunday, July 20.

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York County 2026 budget now in effect

Municipalities to soon receive county tax bills

York County's \$28.6 million budget for the fiscal year that began July 1 is now in effect following a unanimous July 2 vote to ratify by York County Commissioners. The York County Budget Committee voted 5-4 in favor of passage in a June vote.

The tax bill to the county's 29 municipalities comes in at \$24.6 million. The tax formula used to determine a municipality's share is based on the mil rate, which is calculated by the amount to be raised by taxation, divided by the state valuation for that municipality.

A sampling of assessments from six of the 29 municipalities shows Kennebunkport will be billed \$1.8 million, up \$309,583 from the prior year; North Berwick \$469,946, up \$29,359; Biddeford \$1.8 million, up \$113,807; Sanford \$1.1 million, up \$156,271; York \$3.2 million, up \$486,939, and Cornish, \$103,915, up \$12,883.

The county's spending plan is up 13.6 percent, or by \$3.27 million, from the prior year – based largely on increasing personnel costs, expenses associated with the expected 2026 startup of the training and recovery centers, and increases in expenses like utilities, tech licensing and jail operational costs. As well, during the budget process when it became apparent the countywide food pantry operated for many years by York County Shelter Programs would close, commissioners voted to add \$100,000 to the budget to assist in its continuation under the helm of First County Foundation. The pantry is located in space provided by the county government for many years.

The budget contains one new position – that of grounds maintenance – which used to be performed by a contractor selected through a bid process, but there been no recent interest, county officials said.

Another impact is a shifting of the tax burden among the county's towns and cities. Overall, the state valuation of the 29 municipalities together is up \$7 billion.

A sampling shows Kennebunkport's 2025 valuation was \$4.5 billion, up from \$3.8 billion

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Students at Waterboro Elementary School created a mural as part of an afterschool project sponsored by LearningWorks, a nonprofit that partners with the school, and a program which is fully funded by a federal 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. For more info visit <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/policy21stcclc.cfm>. COURTESY PHOTOS

Community CALENDAR

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

COMING EVENTS

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Every Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and cornhole boards. Enjoy live music 2025 CONCERT LINEUP: July 17 Maximum Effort with Moe's Italian Sandwiches food truck; July 24 The Dilemma; July 31 Henry Lowery; Aug. 7 Dave Gluck with Moe's Italian Sandwiches food truck; Aug. 14 North River Music; Aug. 21 Henry Lowery. Free concert and family friendly! Sponsored by Lyman Parks and Recreation.

ALFRED-WATERBORO-LYMAN REPUBLICAN COMMITTEES monthly meeting Thursday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Alfred Town Hall. Doors open at 6:15. Guest speaker will be Representative John Eder.

ANNIE AT NASSON LITTLE THEATRE July 18-27. Join

the Nasson Little Theatre for their production of Annie. Based on the popular comic strip by Harold Gray, Annie has become a worldwide phenomenon and was the winner of seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The beloved book and score by Tony Award winners, Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin, features some of the greatest musical theatre hits ever written, including "Tomorrow." Nasson Community Center and Little Theatre, Springvale, 457 Main Street, Springvale. For tickets visit <https://nassoncommunity-center.com>

MOVE TO THE MUSIC OF CARLTON MING, July 19, 2-4 p.m. at the Newfield Bandstand, courtesy of the Historical Society of Newfield, newfieldhistorical@gmail.com. Come join us! We will be selling refreshments to raise money for building repairs and heating oil.

VETERANS AND FAMILIES OF VETERANS Sunday July 20 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Fort Williams Picnic Shelter - Cape Elizabeth. Free Hot Dogs and Burgers for Veterans and Family. Veteran Service Providers Will Be Present and Available. **OPERATION CROSS CHECK** is a nonprofit focused on providing support to veterans through sports. Veteran support groups, the VA, and veteran-focused businesses will be present to discuss and consult with veterans and their families. Lawn games, wiffle ball, and comradery.

SHAPLEIGH COMMUNITY DAYS kicks off on Friday night, July 25, with a free concert. The featured band, Phoenix Rizing, will be rocking on the Commons from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring a picnic, enjoy one of our delicious pulled pork sandwiches with homemade potato salad, or

try one of the Howling Hunger food truck's great choices for dinner. Saturday, July 26's festivities start with a parade at 9 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. The parade is followed by a day of community celebration and fun on the Commons with food, music, craft vendors, a silent auction. And for the kids, a bouncy house, Wildlife Encounters, pony rides, and much more. Buy some books at the library's book sale and come check out Shapleigh's new Community Center!

DELICIOUS HADDOCK SUPPER BUFFET Saturday, July 26 at 5 p.m. at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family. We will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating.

MAINE OPEN FARM DAY WEEKEND at the Doyle Family Farm at 515 Garland Road in West Newfield on Saturday July 26 & Sunday July 27 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. In celebration of a weekend which honors Maine farms throughout the state, there will be a "A Dollar Off Every Perennial & Herb Plant Sale." Over 200 varieties of Perennials and Herbs to benefit the Unique Maine Farms' project will be sold in 4-inch pots

at the sale for \$3.50 each with the dollar discount included. New varieties in larger pots are priced separately and will also have a dollar discount. Plant varieties and prices are posted on the Doyle Family Farm website at: www.doylefamilyfarm.com.

CONCERT, BBQ & CORNHOLE Brad White Ministries will be in concert at South Waterboro Bible Chapel, located at 911 Main Street, Waterboro on July 27 at 9:30 a.m. A BBQ and a Cornhole Tournament will follow. This is a FREE event and all are welcome. FMI call 247-6293.

BOOK TALK Aug. 7 at the Grange Hall, 31 West Rd., Waterboro at 7 p.m. Author Elizabeth DeWolfe will discuss her captivating new book, *Alias Agnes: The Notorious Tale of a Golden Age Spy*. In this riveting work of historical nonfiction, DeWolfe uncovers the incredible true story of a woman who lived many lives—spy, scandal-maker, and survivor—during America's Gilded Age. Blending meticulous research with rich storytelling, she brings to light a little-known chapter of American history filled with intrigue, deception, and resilience. Books will be available for purchase at the event, and the author will be happy to sign copies.

WELLS FIRE MUSEUM is open for the summer. Hours are Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesday 12 to 3 p.m. Located at the former Wells Branch Fire Station, 1358 Branch Road, Wells. No entrance fee. Donations welcome. Antique Fire Trucks, Fire Gear, Call Alarm systems and interactive activities for children.

TODDLER STORY TIME at Kezar Falls Circulating Library, 2 Federal Road, Kezar Falls, Wednesdays at 11 a.m. What to expect: A story with a short activity and a bit of music time. Geared toward ages 1-3 but all ages and abilities welcome. Open Tue. 2:30-7 p.m., Wed. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thu. 2:30-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

SANFORD FARMERS MARKET is open for the 2025 season every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Central Park (across from City Hall). Open May to October, featuring locally grown vegetables, fresh breads, mushrooms, flowers, chicken, eggs, herbs, honey, juices, yogurt, cheeses, meats, and more!

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

ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL every Wednesday night at the Line School in Limerick from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Questions? contact Dan McAllister at 247-8857.

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

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Shapleigh library
summer program

The Shapleigh Community Library, located at 607 Shapleigh Corner Road is celebrating this summer by hosting weekly story and craft hours on Thursdays. The theme this year is “Color Our World.” Each week they will be reading a color theme story book discussing a famous artist, and then create art using a variety of materials such as paint, oil, pastels, etc. RSVP to the Library to ensure that they have enough craft materials for everyone. If you are unable to attend on Thursdays, stop by any day the library is open and bring your reading log to receive a prize.

Renaissance Fair at
Acton Fairgrounds

The Maine Renaissance Faire will be held this year for three weekends: July 19-20, July 26-27, and Aug. 2-3 at the Acton fairgrounds, Route 109 in Acton. The event includes performers, merchants, and food and drink which occurred in the fictitious town of Yorkshire, England during the Renaissance. Queen Elizabeth I will be there, and spectators are encouraged to wear their own Renaissance clothing.

COUNTY BUDGET

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in 2024; North Berwick, \$1.18 billion, up from \$1.12 billion in 2024; Biddeford, \$4.57 billion, up from \$4.34 billion in 2024; Sanford’s 2025 valuation \$2.82 billion, up from \$2.46 billion in 2024; York was valued by the state \$8.1 billion in 2025, up from \$6.98 billion in 2024, and Cornish was valued at \$261 million, up from \$232 million in 2024.

Commissioner Richard Clark said he had attended most budget committee meetings and spoke of the work of County Manager Greg Zinser, Finance Director Lori Lemieux and Administrative Assistant Kathy Dumont.

“Greg and Lori did an excellent job presenting the county’s rationale,” said Clark, “and Kathy did a good job with the minutes.”

“I was there, and I agree 100 percent,” said Commission Chair Richard Dutremble.

– By Tammy Wells, Media Specialist
for York County Government

LEGAL NOTICE

PETITION FOR A PARDON

STATE OF MAINE

Augusta, October 16, 2025

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for a Pardon for Sarah Waterman (Allard) who was convicted of the crime Violating Condition of Release (E) BIDDC-CR-2011-01871, is now pending before the Governor and a Hearing will be conducted on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 9 A.M. Please visit the following link for Hearing details: <https://www.maine.gov/corrections/pardonboard>



LAKE ARROWHEAD

Lake Arrowhead’s plant patrol team, PALZ (Patrollers of Arrowhead’s Littoral Zone) took third place in the 4th of July boat parade. The team used recycled, second hand materials, from weathered tarps, to stained green sweatshirts to discarded house paint to produce their themed “Where the Wild Weeds Are” exhibit. Team member Dina Benson created the themed artwork based on Maurice Sendak’s 1963 book *Where the Wild Things Are*, illustrating known aquatic plant species, both native and invasive, in Lake Arrowhead. Pictured from left, standing: Dale Schultz, Mark Cartisano, Dina Benson, Mark Benson, Patricia Brace and Chris Hayden. Seated, from left: Debbie Broderick and Su Cartisano. PHOTO BY DAN HOLABAUGH

Springvale Public
Library activities

Springvale Public Library, located at 443 Main Street, is holding a summer music series every Friday. The library has put together an amazing lineup of new artists and a few old favorites. Bring a lunch and enjoy an hour of music at noon every Friday on the patio.

On Tuesday, July 22, the library will be holding a Blue Bot challenge. Blue Bots are small floor robots. You can learn coding skills and basic programming concepts and watch your Blue Bot make it to the end of a map. The Blue Bots were donated to the library from the Sanford-Springvale

Rotary Club. This is a program for ages 5 to 12.

On Wednesday, July 23 at 5 p.m. the library will be holding a program called Discovering New England Stone Walls with Kevin Gardner, author of the book *Granite Kiss*. Gardner will explain how New England acquired stone walls, the ways that they and other dry stone structures were built, and how the styles emerged and changed over time, and their significance on the New England landscape. Along the way, Gardner occupies himself by building a miniature wall on the desktop using small stones.

On Friday, July 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., there’s a new pro-

gram called Music After Hours. It is a fun concert complete with wine and beer to wind down on Friday night. Find new friends or bring some with you. This month’s concert is performed by musician Ryan Geary.

Knit Lits, a knitting program meets every Tuesday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Williams Reading Room. All fiber artists are welcome.

The library has a newly formed

cribbage group that meets every Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Williams Reading Room. You can watch, play, and learn the game of cribbage. If you have a board feel free to bring it along.

Donations for the September Book Fair are gratefully being accepted along with any gently used jewelry. Books should be in sellable condition and they are unable to take textbooks, dictionaries, or encyclopedias.

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Sanford Police Officer Jonathan Cotton & K9 Officer Maximus.
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K9 Maximus joins
Officer Cotton at
Sanford P.D.

Meet Officer Cotton & K9 Maximus: Maximus, a one-year-old Belgian Malinois, has officially joined the Sanford Police Department as its newest K9 officer and the first in over 15 years. He and his handler, Officer Jonathan Cotton, recently completed an intensive 14-week training program together.

Maximus is now a Certified Patrol Dog, trained in building and article searches, tracking, apprehension, obedience, and agility. Every step of the way, Officer Cotton was right beside him, building a strong partnership and preparing to serve the community as a team.

Their training journey isn't over yet. Next fall, the pair will continue their education at Drug Detection School to further expand Maximus's skill set and enhance his ability to serve the Sanford community.

For Officer Cotton, becoming a K9 handler has been a longtime dream. From the moment he entered law enforcement, he knew he wanted to one day be part of a K9 unit, and now, that goal has become a reality.

This was all made possible through a \$32,000 grant awarded to the Police Department from the Stanton K9 Foundation.

– City of Sanford

Valido named new
SRCC (Dispatch)
Director

Darcy Valido has worked within the Sanford Regional Communications Center (SRCC) for the past 16 years. She served seven of those years as Dispatch Supervisor and in 2022 became the Deputy Director of the department.

As Deputy Director over the past three years, Ms. Valido has been instrumental in improving the morale of the Center in managing the Staff from the perspective of an experienced dispatcher. She completed an overhaul of the fire run cards and the successful coordination of a uniform dispatch system across departments. She also played a key role on the York County Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Selection Committee, helping to usher in a new, county-wide CAD system that will enhance efficiency and ensure compliance across all York County dispatch centers.



Darcy Valido.
COURTESY PHOTO

Darcy is also known for her leadership beyond SRCC, having served as the team leader for York County's Tactical Dispatch Team and as a member of the County EMA Incident Management Team. Her extensive experience and forward-thinking approach have earned her multiple awards, including the Silent Hero Award, Supervisor of the Year, Assistant Director of the Year, and numerous accolades from partner agencies.

Sanford Police National Night Out

The Sanford Police Department is teaming up with the Sanford Mainers for this year's National Night Out celebration on Monday, July 28 at Goodall Park for a fun-filled evening of community connection, family-friendly activities, and a free Sanford Mainers baseball game!

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SPORTS

LITTLE LEAGUE

(Continued from page 1)

The mini-Mustangs (9-3) were red hot too, entering states, and they opened with an 8-1 win over Medomak and followed with a 7-1 win over Machias.

BELL opened the state tournament with a 14-0 bombing of Hampden/Glenburn which sent them into the semi-final against MLL, the District 4 Champions. Jasmine Peters was dominant on the mound for Bonny Eagle in a 7-1 win on Thursday, July 10. Peters gave up three hits to MLL who had racked up 54 runs in their previous eight games. Baylee Pouliot drove in three runs and Brylee Goriss drove in two as the small-Scots got all the runs they'd need in a three-run first.

Massabesic, now in the loser's bracket, faced off against Machias (again) on Friday, July 11 for the right to face Bonny Eagle again.

The mini-Mustangs delivered a 7-1 win behind a two-run first and a five-run second, but the bats went quiet later in the day when Peters shut them out 7-0 in the final. In that game, Bonny Eagle (8-0) once again scored three times in the top of the first. Speedy Julia Peters opened with a triple, and she scored on a dropped third strike that put Liberty Atkinson on first base. Jasmine Peters helped her own cause with a single, moving Atkinson to second. Pouliot moved both runners into scoring position with a productive out before a strike out gave Massabesic a chance to escape with just the lone run given up. Madilynn Riesbeck smacked the second triple of the inning, this one plating two runs for what was an insurmountable 3-0 lead. Peters, who retired 14 of

the first 15 she faced, gave up one hit, walked two and fanned 15. Julia Peters tripled in Stella Evans, who drew a one-out walk, for a 4-0 Bonny Eagle lead in the third and the small-Scots added three more in the sixth. Proud coach Leanne Pouliot, who has coached many of the players on the team since tee-ball, said her charges "eat, sleep and breathe the game, it's their team not mine."

The small-Scots will play Rhode Island on Sunday, July 20 at 8 p.m. on ESPN+ in game two of the New England Regional Championships.

Road to Bristol not too bumpy for Bonny Eagle

Bonny Eagle's state champion majors' softball team has compiled an 8-0 record that earned them a District 6 championship banner and a State Championship banner, that last of which allows them to represent Maine in Bristol, Connecticut at the annual New England Championships beginning July 20.

BELL outscored opponents 69-4 in their eight wins:

- Gorham/Cape 14-1
- Windham 7-0
- Sacopee/Brownfield 10-0
- Cumberland/N. Yarmouth 1-0
- Cumberland/N. Yarmouth 9-2
- District 6 Championship
- Hampden/Glenburn 14-0
- Massabesic 7-1
- Massabesic 7-0
- State Championship

SOCCER



Waterboro's Audrey O'Meara and her team from the Seacoast United Soccer Club (SUSC), representing Maine at Nationals made it through to the finals where they lost in a close match, 1-0, against a team representing North Carolina. Audrey's younger brother Andrew's SUSC team is going to the National Tournament in Orlando, FL on July 22. COURTESY PHOTOS



17 year old Waterboro resident, Audrey O'Meara and her team from SUSC won big at Nationals in Blaine, Minnesota

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Instead, Chann began focusing on humanity. On people. And what he found is changing him.

“Understanding how hard it is to just be human, and then add on all the layers - rural, black, brown, gay, it provides a lot of safeguards for me to not just jump to conclusions about people,” Chann said. “If you’re not cognizant of your own issues and shortcomings, and they’re not aware of their own issues, it’s just the blind leading the blind.”

In his 20s, Chann used to believe that politics would change the world.

“But if you think about it, it’s really people who change the world,” he said. “Our politics have gotten really nasty. I think it’s important to realize that we need to practice empathy. I think empathy is something that, for the working poor, the working class, and the middle class, everyday human beings, that’s our super power.”

So, too, is creating a vibrant community.

“Everyone likes to say, ‘America’s a melting pot.’ You can be a pretty boring melting pot that’s bland,” Chann said. “Or you can be a melting pot that is full of spices, flavors, different textures. When you have a culture that’s just intent on ‘this is the way it is, this is the way life should be’ you create a recipe for bland and boring, and in the worst case scenario, bigotry.”

Chann said that right now, far too much time is spent on finding fault with others. Even standing

up for what’s important can become complex.

“In some ways it becomes less about calling someone out for their behavior, which has its own complexities and becomes a tool of dehumanization,” Chann said. “I think whether people are left or right, there’s a level of panic that sets in that then causes people to dehumanize others. People aren’t the problem, per se. But they are the solution.”

And that solution, Chann believes, must involve empathy. Chann hopes that attendees of the July 28 event come away with a clearer picture of how complex human beings are and of the importance of meeting them with empathy.

“I think that once you get to the core of a lot of people, once you get past the hateful rhetoric, you find that people are hurting,” Chann said. “Getting clarity on people’s complexity actually helps you navigate conversations and relationships better.”

It can help to remember that we’re all superheroes with a valuable tool, Chann said.

“We need to practice empathy and wield it as a superpower against the cruelty that’s coming about,” he said. “It really helps you move through the world a lot easier if you’re more empathetic.”

Marpheen Chann will speak on “The Empathy Effect: How to Have Conversations That Lead to Change” on Monday, July 28 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Parsons Memorial Library, 27 Saco Road in Alfred.

– By Kat Szmít

BUSINESS NEWS



Chamber welcomes ‘The Advisory’ to Sanford

An open house and ribbon cutting ceremony was recently held at 860 Main Street in Sanford for The Advisory, a financial advisory firm focusing on retirement planning. The Advisory strives to build a strong, long-term retirement relationship with their clients while keeping the planning process simple. Sanford is the new branch office location for retirement & financial planning. Pictured from left are The Advisory team Jeremy Spencer, Nikki Patel, Oskar Matero, Neil Hull and Amanda Smith followed by The Advisory Founder & CEO, Flora Hull cutting the ribbon. To the right are Chamber President Rick Stanley, Sean Dumont (Edward Jones Investments), Tiffany Moreau (Exit Oceanside Realty), and Chamber Chair Rebecca Lapierre (Town Square Realty). COURTESY PHOTO

Obituaries

Waldo Gilbert Emmons

Waldo Gilbert Emmons, age 92 of Lyman, also known as “Wally,” “Henry,” “Dad,” or “Pop,” passed away on June 26, 2025, in Sanford.

He was born on July 13, 1932, a son of the late Gilbert and Maxine (Dunn) Emmons.

He drove truck/tractor trailer all his life. In the late 70’s and 80’s he drove all over the USA. His cousin David Dunn was his best bud; he taught him how to drive tractor/trailer and the two of them spent many hours together on the road. He finished his career with the US postal service working out of the main Portland office driving tractor trailer to the airport for delivery and pickup of mail. He never looked back, he loved retirement and the ability to enjoy his family

Waldo will always be remembered for his love of any kind of music, dancing, hunting and fishing, practical jokes, tell a good joke, board games and card games, snowmobiling, camping in Boothbay Harbor and spending time at his camp in Casco on the river.



Waldo Gilbert Emmons

He truly enjoyed going with Phil Patch in Phil’s corvette many times to car shows. They would leave with the top down looking like two kids off to an adventure.

He played basketball (point guard) and baseball (pitcher) in high school and played golf. He was right-handed yet did everything else left-handed and has grandsons with similar traits.

He was a big kid at heart and always took us sledding, skating, swimming and played ball with anyone in the neighborhood.

He got a moose and a bear in the Greenville area. He was very proud of his moose horns that hung above the fireplace.

Waldo was a man of faith and was affiliated with the East Waterboro Free Baptist Church and Good Shepherds Cove Church in Arundel.

He is predeceased by a daughter Joyce Elaine Emmons who passed of early birth complications; sisters Beverly Meserve and Shirley Garri-

gan; brother Richard Emmons; and great grandson Jordan Lambert

He is survived by his beloved wife of 72+ years of marriage June Meserve Emmons; six children Gail Lambert and her husband Dennis Jordan, Bonnie Thibault and her husband Tom, Cathy Pingree and her partner Mike Smith, Melody Stacey and her husband Stephan, and Greg Emmons; nine grandchildren Don, Joyce, Thomas, Hilary, Heath, Lindsey, Nick, Aaron, Sarah; seventeen great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren

Visitation was held on July 11 followed by a service at the Hollis Center Church, 388 Hollis Road, Hollis. Burial will be held amongst family at South Buxton Cemetery.

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