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Water ski showtime!

Sanford is home to the Maine Attraction Water Ski Show Team, and you can catch them in action with free, family-friendly shows every Thursday in July on Number One Pond, located on William Oscar Emery Drive, Sanford.

From soaring jumps and stacked pyramids to precision skiing, this is professional-level entertainment happening right here in our community. These weekly events also typically feature food trucks, so you can purchase dinner or a tasty treat while you watch the free water show.

Grab your lawn chairs and head to Number One Pond July 23 – the last show of the season is July 30. Pre-show starts at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 6:30 p.m.

For more information about the water ski show team visit maineattractionwaterski.com.



The Maine Attraction Water Ski Show Team will perform July 23 and 30 on Number One Pond in Sanford. COURTESY PHOTO

Take part in Alfred's fair

Alfred Festival Days might not be happening this year, but there's a new fair in town – the Alfred Summer Faire, coming Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and you can take part.

"Alfred's been doing this for a very, very long time, and the Alfred Parish Church has been involved even before the town was," said W. Eric Ducharme, a Deacon at the church. "It's also one of the church's major fundraisers."

With the Alfred Festival Days' cancellation, the church combined forces with Parsons Memorial Library and are hosting the 2026 Alfred Summer Faire, a daylong event full of activities, fun, and food.

The event kicks off at 9 a.m. at the church at 8 Kennebunk Road with vendor booths, craft booths, a yard sale, and even smoothies! As the day unfolds, look for live music, a lunch item bake sale, and tours of the church sanctuary and cemetery.

But the big draw is the penny raffle. A dollar gets you 26 tickets to tuck into the buckets for individual prizes. In the past that has

included everything from a flat screen television to a brand new kayak.

"The difference between an auction and a penny raffle is that the person with the most money leaves with every item in an auction," Ducharme said. "But for a dollar, you've got just as much of a chance as someone else in the penny raffle."

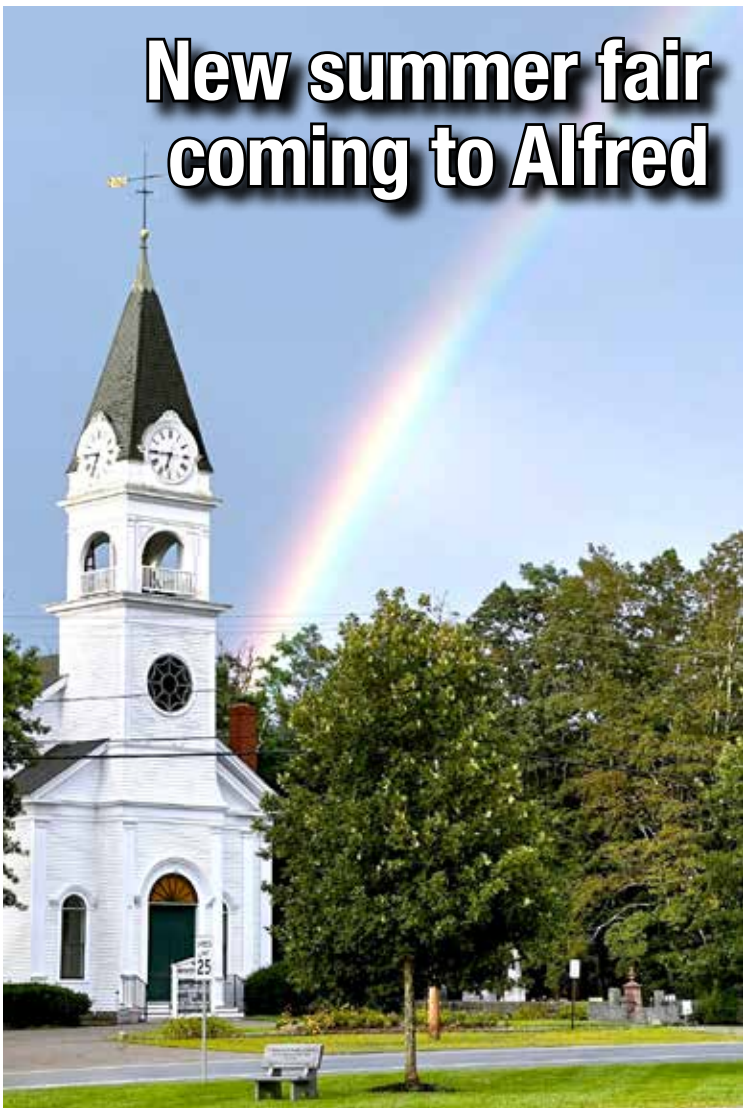
If you're a vendor looking for a spot, simply call the church at 324-3841 and they'll send you an application.

Roughly 40 parishioners keep Alfred Parish Church vibrant and active. They've kept the church operating for years, through the pandemic and even without a pastor when the pastor moved on and a new pastor had yet to be found. And they'd love to show you around during the Faire, especially inside the church sanctuary where there are six gorgeous stained glass windows, one a Tiffany. The church cemetery is historic and bears the gravesites of early founders. But it's the church community that's special.

"It's welcoming," Ducharme said. "You just feel that when you walk in."

Parsons Memorial Library is also getting in on the fun with events of their own, also taking

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Alfred Summer Faire will be held in the Alfred Village on Aug. 15. COURTESY PHOTO BY ALFRED PARISH CHURCH

SPORTS



All-Star Moose

Sanford sends ten to All-Star game

First baseman Kraus and outfielder Tate get starting nods, as the Mainers shatter franchise-record for all-star selections

This Sunday, July 26, Historic Goodall Park will host the 2026 NECBL All-Star Game and Home Run Derby, which will feature 10 players that call it their home ballpark. Sanford's laundry list of selections to the North Division squad leads the league and is the most the Mainers have ever sent to the game in their history.

First baseman Steven Kraus is one of Sanford's two starters. The Binghamton product is hitting .247 with 10 RBI in 27 games. Outfielder Jack Tate also earned the start. The St. John's slugger is hitting .276 with a .483 slugging percentage. Tate has been one of Sanford's hottest bats over the past 10 days, where he's 9-for-22 with eight RBI and four extra base hits.

The following players were selected for a reserve spot: Matt Mahoney (Northeastern, relief pitcher), Albert De La Rosa (Maine, shortstop), Nater Wachter (Connecticut, outfield), Sam Young (Richmond, closing pitcher), Andrew Middleton (Maryland, relief pitcher), Dom Tozzi (Coastal Carolina, catcher), Jake Harring (Salve Regina, second base), and Brian Connolly (Rhode Island, designated hitter).

The festivities begin Sunday, July 26 at 2:30 p.m. for the Home Run Derby presented by Eastern

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LOCAL news, events and faces from your community.



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Community CALENDAR

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

COMING EVENTS

WATERBORO CONCERTS IN THE PARK at Friendship Park, 255 Old Alfred Road in Waterboro Fridays 7-9 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and/or blanket. Concerts are free to the public. JULY 24–VYNTYGESKYNRYD JULY 31 – NORTHERN CROSS AUGUST 7 – COUNTRYROADS Visit waterborconcerts.com.

LIVE MUSIC by local performers, Jennifer Bryant, Carlton Ming and Brian Wardwell. Brought to you by the Historical Society of Newfield on Saturday, July 25 at 4 p.m. at the Elm Street Bandstand in Newfield.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY OUTDOOR MARKET Saturday, July 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Buxton Centre Baptist Church, 938 Long Plains Road, Buxton. Crafters, artists, vendors and quality second hand items, awesome raffles and bake table. Hope to see you there!

DOLLAR OFF EVERY PERENNIAL, NATIVE PLANT, AND HERB SALE for the Maine Open Farm Day Weekend Saturday, July 25 & Sunday July 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Doyle Family Farm at 515 Garland Road in West Newfield, Maine. Many unique used gardening, farming, and Maine cookbooks will also be sold. Information posted on "Doyle Family Farm in West Newfield, Maine"

Facebook Page.

FREE GOSPEL CONCERT – Brad White First Baptist Church of Shapleigh invites the community to a free gospel concert featuring singer Brad White on Thursday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m. The concert will be held at First Baptist Church of Shapleigh, 600 Shapleigh Corner Road, Shapleigh. A love offering will be received. Everyone is welcome.

WOMEN OF '76 Explore the untold stories of courage and conviction from FIVE remarkable WOMEN who witnessed and shaped the American Revolution. Denmark Historical Society at the Denmark Arts Center, 50 W Main Street, Denmark, Thursday, July 30 at 7 p.m. Donations at the door.

THE PENOBSCOT EXPEDITION - A Revolutionary War Naval Disaster. Join us to learn about this historic event at the Kezar Falls Library, 2 Federal Road, Kezar Falls, Friday, July 31 at 6:30 p.m.

ARTISAN'S DAY Waterborough Historical Society will sponsor an Artisan's Day on Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 6 Old Alfred Road, Waterboro. Fun for the whole family. Demonstrations of skills from the past as well as other activities. There will be a quilt show in the barn sponsored by Sew Craze Quilting Group. Tours of the house will be given.

CALLING ALL QUILTERS! The Bar Mills Commu-

nity Church located at 13 Hermit Thrush Drive in Buxton Maine is hosting their biennial quilt show on Saturday, Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be vendors at the quilt show and a raffle. Admission is \$5 and lunch is available for \$15. For more information or if you would like to display your quilts, call 929-5555.

COMMUNITY DAYS Tory Hill Meetinghouse is celebrating community days on Aug. 1. This lawn event will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. The church is offering a huge lawn sale table, a location with baked goods and raffle baskets and as usual a hot dog luncheon! The remainder of the lawn will offer vendor tables including a wide variety of crafts and the Dorcas Society will offer a large raffle table. The day begins with a road race, Cars and Coffee at 8 a.m. at the Brewster House and a town parade at 11 a.m. The day ends at Salmon Falls Country Club/River Tap & Grill with a performance by the Mallett Brothers Band at 6 p.m.

ELDER GREY MEETING HOUSE 100TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE SERVICE Sunday, Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. at the historic Elder Grey Meeting House, 346 Chadbourne Ridge Road ,North Waterboro. This is the 100th anniversary of the first Pilgrimage Service, which began in 1926. Guest minister is Pastor Mabel Laird of the Alfred Parish Church, Organist Marina Minkin from the Sanford

UU Church, and Special Music will be provided by Tom Osborne on guitar. Following the service, the annual Business Meeting of the Elder Grey Meeting House - Cemetery Association will commence. All are invited to attend. For more info visit www.eldergrey.org.

CHURCH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE Friends of Old Corner Church will be holding an open house at Old Corner Church on Aug. 8 from 12 to 4 p.m. Come walk through this 1804 church where the first settlement was started in Waterboro. This church is located at the Corner of Federal Street and West Road in Waterboro.

ONGOING EVENTS

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.

ACTON SEED LIBRARY Acton Public Library has its own seed catalogue. If you would like to donate some seeds or pick them up, you can stop by the Acton library at 35 H Rd.

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 chil-

dren make new friends. The Acton Public Library is located at 35 H Road, Acton.

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.

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.

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.

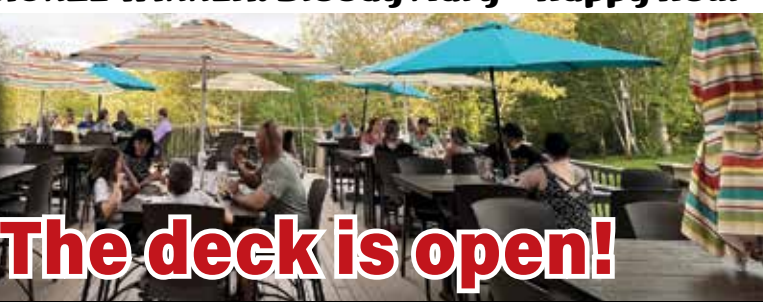
ARTISTS OPEN STUDIO on Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. **UKULELE PRACTICE** on Mondays in June and July from 1-2 p.m. **SUMMER READING PROGRAM** is open to all ages and begins June 22 and runs to Aug. 15. The Parsons Memorial Library is located at 27 Saco Road, Alfred.

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. Take turns meeting at member's homes; you are not obligated to offer your home. FMI Diane Dunn 229-6135.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

SANFORD TOPS Chapter 0113 meets every Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. at the Crossroads Church at 15 Grammar

Road, Sanford. For more info call Linda Rose at 206-6234.

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

LET'S EAT!

DELICIOUS HADDOCK SUPPER BUFFET Saturday, July 25 at 5 p.m. at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$12 Adult, \$5 Child, \$24 Family. Takeout containers available.

BAKED BEAN & CHOP SUEY SUPPERS The First Congregational Church monthly baked bean & American chop suey supper the last Saturday of each month from April to September (next on July 25) from 4:30 to 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 Aug. 1). \$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 Aug. 8), 4 to 6 p.m. at the Lions Regional Medical Center, 813 Main St. Waterboro. Adults \$15. Children 6 to 12 are \$8, kids 5 and under are free. Pint of chop suey for \$8. Kidney and navy beans, chop suey, ham slices, red hot dogs, coleslaw, "our homemade" biscuits and dessert.

COFFEE HOUR every Wednesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Hiram Arts Center, 8 Hancock Avenue, Hiram. Come for coffee,

conversation, companionship, and community.

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

COMMUNITY CAFÉ at Southern Maine Agency on Aging, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 21 Bradeen Street, Springvale (Use the entrance on Bodwell Ct.) and the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at Mayflower Place, 27 Mayflower Drive, Sanford. Call 396-6500. Suggested donation \$8.

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

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

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.

ACTON FOOD PANTRY at 59H Road open the first Monday of the month (next on July 6) 9:30-11 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. FMI 977-0228.

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Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society to hold yard sale at Community Days

Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society is holding a benefit yard sale and open house during Shapleigh Community Days on Saturday, July 25 at Mousam Lake Pavilion, 25 Back Road, across from Shapleigh Community Center.

Tracey Levasseur, President of ASHS states there is a vast array of household items, books, electronics, camp gear furniture, and more that have been gathered for this event. They are bargain-priced to move and we'll accept reasonable offers.

And while you're in the Pavilion feel free to take a self-guided tour. Historical Society members will be available to answer questions.

On the Pavilion's second floor is an exhibit of Acton and Shapleigh veterans curated by member Todd Treadwell. Todd has researched many of our local veterans and is gathering information on current veterans.

The yard sale and open house start at 9am and run until 2:30pm. Proceeds from the yard sale and donations that day will go toward the restoration of the Mousam Lake Pavilion.

The Pavilion, formerly the Grange Hall, was purchased by Mousam Lake Grange in 1923 and moved from its original site in Alfred, Maine to where it stands today. Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society purchased the



The yard sale on July 25 will be at the Mousam Lake Pavilion across the street from the Shapleigh Town Hall. COURTESY PHOTO

building in 2016 with the goal of restoring this historic building to its former glory. This restoration includes setting the building back from the road on a cement foundation, a monumental project that can be done but only with the dedication of the historical society and donations.

If you have questions about the Pavilion and the restoration project or would like to help in any way, contact the historical society at info@actonshapleigh.org.

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 live 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, and provide fresh ideas for the direction of the Society.

For more information visit www.actonshapleigh.org.

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BUSINESS NEWS

New Ventures Maine announces free summer workshops and classes

New Ventures Maine has announced free online workshops and classes throughout the remainder of the summer. Classes are designed to help people in Maine start a business, build their career, and manage their money. The full class schedule is accessible online at newventuresmaine.org/classes.

Upcoming classes include NVME's comprehensive business planning class.

VENTURING FORTH: BUSINESS PLANNING FOR ENTREPRENEURS

Tuesdays from Sept. 1 to Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. online. Venturing Forth is a 60-hour course in business planning covering these topics in depth: the customer, competition, marketing, record keeping, taxes, financing, legal aspects, and more. At the end of the class, participants will have a complete



Venturing Forth class. COURTESY PHOTO

business plan. An application and individual interview and attendance at the orientation are required for acceptance into the class. The application deadline is Friday, Aug. 14 at noon. To learn more, visit newventuresmaine.org.

Additional classes related to money management and career building will also be offered, including:

MY MONEY WORKS

Tuesdays, Aug. 18 – Sept. 15 (5 sessions), 6 to 7 p.m. online.

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BUILDING CONFIDENCE

Tuesdays, Aug. 11, 18 & 25, (3 sessions), 12 to 1 p.m. online.

Whether you are navigating recent changes, looking for a

job, starting a business, or simply want to be more confident, join this class to assess your confidence and learn concrete tools to help build your confidence and keep it strong.

For more information and to register, visit newventuresmaine.org/classes or call toll-free in Maine: 800-442-2092.

NVME also offers free individual coaching. Visit the Find a Coach section of our website for more information.

NEW VENTURES MAINE is a statewide education and economic development program administered through UMA/University of Maine System. The mission of NVME is to help Maine people succeed in the changing economy and achieve economic security for themselves and their families. NVME achieves its mission by providing training and individual coaching in planning careers, starting businesses, managing money and building assets.

ALFRED FAIR

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place Aug. 15. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., stop by for a book sale, a coloring contest for all ages, a sing-along with the Ukulele Explorers, and a special presentation by Shawn Jalbert of Native Haunts on Larval Host Plants beginning at 10:15 a.m.

There will also be free Build-a-Kit crafts from the Home Depot courtesy of the Alfred Conservation Commission, information booths, activities, and be sure to do a final check-in of your Summer Reading to make sure you get all your raffle tickets in for the Grand Prize drawing on Aug. 18.

For more information about the Alfred Summer Faire and how you can get involved, visit the church website at alfredparishchurch.org or parsonsmemoriallibrary.com.

– by Kat Szmít

TOWN OF LYMAN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

11 SOUTH WATERBORO ROAD, LYMAN MAINE 04002
207-247-0648 www.lyman-me.gov

The Planning Board will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, August 5, 2026**, at 6:00 PM at Lyman Town Hall, 11 South Waterboro Road. This **Public Hearing** is to allow public comments regarding the site plan review application of **Craig Larochelle of Larochelle Sheds, 1354 Alfred Road Map 12 Lot 013-1**. The hearing will address a change of use to create a medical Marijuana Dispensary in the existing business building. Hours of operation will remain the same, 8am-4pm Monday through Thursday, 8am-1:30pm Friday, 8am-12pm Saturday and closed on Sunday. Copies of the application and plans can be viewed in the Code Office during regular business hours.

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TOWN OF WATERBORO
PLANNING BOARD
Notice of Public Hearing

The Town of Waterboro Planning Board will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall on **Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Site Plan Review for an Automotive Repair Business located at **545 Main Street, Map 4 Lot 31**.

A copy of the application is available at the town offices or at www.waterboro-me.gov.

To participate in the Public Hearing, the following options are available:

- Send in a letter to the Town of Waterboro Planning Board – 24 Townhouse Rd, E. Waterboro, 04030
- E-mail achute@waterboromaine.gov with a letter

Please contact the Department with any questions at achute@waterboromaine.gov or 207-247-6166 ext. 121.

DATE: Wednesday, August 19, 2026
TIME: Public Hearing 6:00PM
LOCATION: 24 Townhouse Road, W. Waterboro

– Rebekah Higgins, Chairman

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LYMAN



On July 4, the Lyman Historical Society celebrated with an open house at the newly renovated Baptist Church. Pictured from left, Judy Morin of Gather Wellness, with Sue Hammond and Evelyn Lord from the Lyman Historical Society. COURTESY PHOTO

What’s happening at the Lyman Community Library?

Adult Book Club

Our Adult Book Club is open to readers of all ages, though the books and discussions are likely to appeal most to adults and older teens. We read a mix of widely varying genres, subjects, and authors. On the fourth Tuesday of the month, we meet at 6 p.m. to discuss a specific title; on most other Tuesdays at 6 p.m., we meet to check in about whatever else we’re reading, watching, or listening to. No sign-ups are necessary, and we always welcome new members.

Cribbage Club

Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. are all about cribbage at the library—swing on in to challenge Amber, Gina, or another library patron! All skill levels welcome.

Fiber Arts Club

Our Fiber Arts Club meets every Friday at 1 p.m. to chat, trade tips, share inspiration, and work on our various ongoing projects (knitting, crocheting, felting, spinning, etc.). Assorted levels of expertise, and drop-ins are welcome!

Kids’ Crafts

Join Miss Gina for weekly projects on Wednesdays at 3pm! Geared 5-up, but open to patrons of all ages. Younger participants will need more adult guidance.

Baby Storytime

Babies from birth to 18 months (pre-walkers) and their caregivers will enjoy songs, rhymes, and stories, followed by open playtime. Runs Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

A 30-minute program featuring themed stories, fingerplays, and songs to be enjoyed by parents, caregivers, and preschool-aged children. Followed by a small, related craft. Runs Fridays at 10 a.m.

Build-It!

Drop in between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. every Saturday for family build-it time! Lego Duplo blocks and Mega Blocks will be available for an open play time in the children’s area. Children and their caregivers can use the library’s blocks to build and create together (Lego Duplo blocks provided, leave yours at home!).

Super Saturday

Drop in between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on the last Saturday of the month for family build-it time plus Little Explorers! Lego Duplo blocks and Mega Blocks will be available for an open play time in the children’s area with a selection of sensory activities and crafts set up in the library. Caregiver supervision of small children is required.

Little Explorers

A program for preschoolers featuring various stations set up with a selection of sensory activities and crafts. Periodically runs during the Preschool Storytime slot.

The Lyman Community Library is located at 10 John Street in Lyman. They are open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12 to 8 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the library at 499-7114.

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On Saturday, July 25 from 10 to 11 a.m. Colonial reenactors Sara and Bob Donovan will model and explain colonial attire for men and women, piece by piece, and from head to toe at the Sweat-Morin Homestead, located at 374 School Street, Sanford. The homestead house and barn are handicapped accessible and regular homestead tours will also be available until 2 p.m.

Admittance to this event is FREE to the public, although donations are always welcomed. Signing up in advance is not required but does help us prepare for the number of attendees. (Sign up at <https://colonial-clothing-demonstration.eventbrite.com>.)

For questions, call 207-490-1028 or email info@sanfordhistory.org.

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



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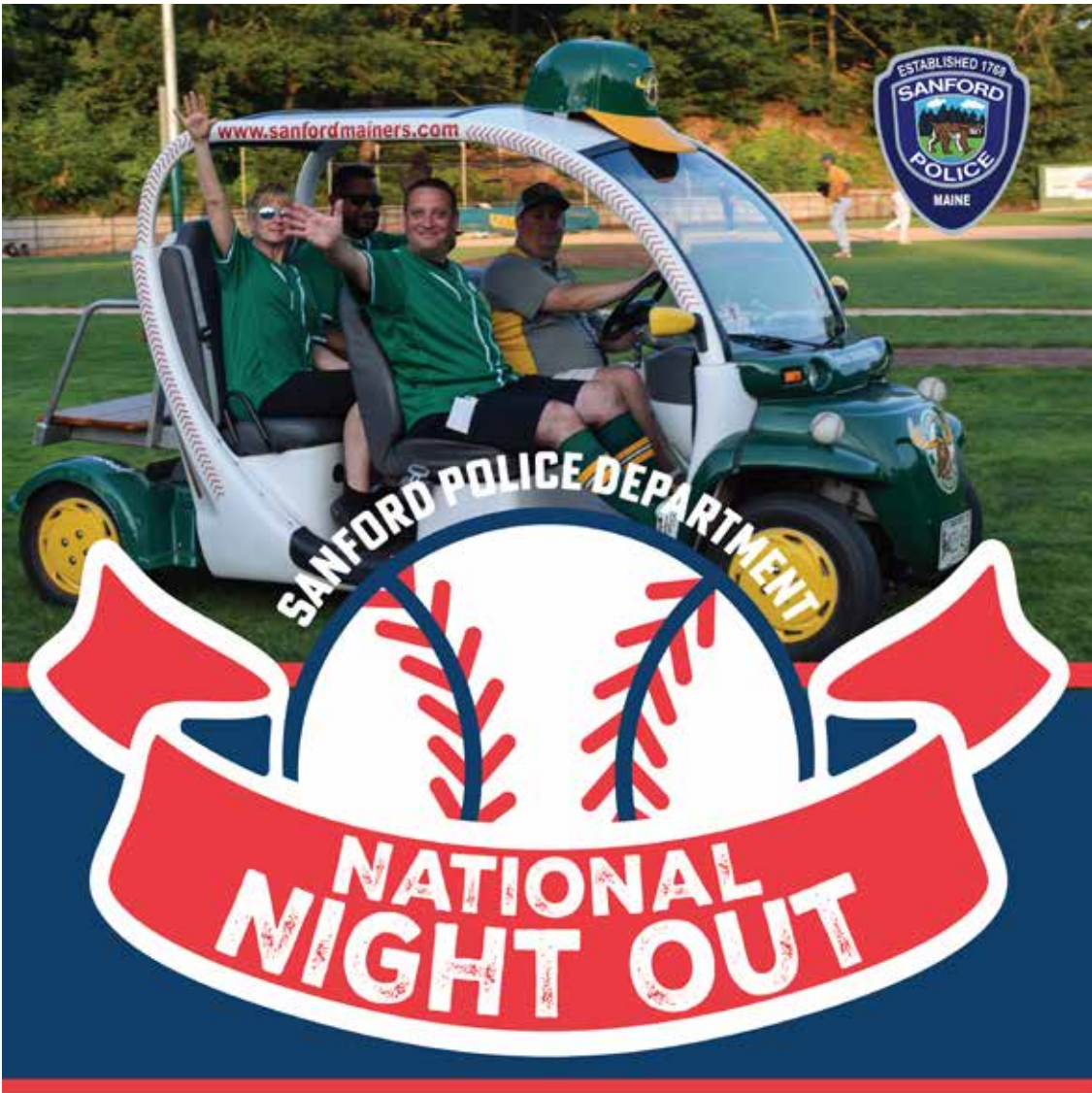
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Propane & Oil, which is streaming on NECBL+, followed by the All-Star Game at 5 p.m. on ESPN+.

Fans interested in attending the event are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance through ezEvent, the NECBL All-Star Game's Official Ticketing Partner, by visiting sanfordmainers.com/asgtickets. Tickets are just

\$10 for general admission, while fans ages five and younger receive free admission.

About the Sanford Mainers:
Sanford Mainers Baseball is Southern Maine's premier collegiate summer baseball experience and a member of the New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL). Founded in 2001 and playing its first season in 2002, the Sanford Mainers are a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to player development and community engagement. The Mainers are two-time NECBL champions (2004, 2008). For more information, visit sanfordmainers.com.



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Full details, trail maps, and downloadable passports will appear in our News section of our website (<https://fsht.org/news/>) on Friday, July 17th. Trail maps are also posted at the trailheads and paper passports available at local town halls and libraries.

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FROM THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY

Explore Maine Agriculture during the 37th annual Maine Open Farm Day

More than 80 farms across 15 counties invite visitors to discover the people, products, and places that make Maine agriculture unique

From Aroostook County’s vast cropland to Downeast diversified farms, Midcoast fiber, floral, and livestock farms, Southern Maine orchards, produce, and tree farms, and the rolling fields and livestock farms of the Kennebec Valley and Maine Highlands, Maine’s agricultural community is opening its gates for the 37th Annual Maine Open Farm Day on Sunday, July 26. Some farms are only open Saturday, and some are open Saturday and Sunday. The typical hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hours may vary by farm.

This free, family-friendly, rain-or-shine tradition invites visitors to step onto working farms, meet the people who grow Maine’s food, flowers, and fiber, and experience agriculture firsthand.

Hosted by Real Maine, the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry’s official branding and promotional program, Maine Open Farm Day showcases the people, products, and places that make Maine agriculture unique while connecting visitors with authentic farm experiences across the state.

This year, more than 80 farms representing 15 Maine counties and all eight of the state’s tourism regions will welcome visi-

tors. Whether you’re planning a trip close to home or exploring a new part of Maine, the event offers countless opportunities to connect with local farmers while discovering the diversity of Maine agriculture. Visitors can use an interactive statewide map to build their own itinerary and explore farms by region, and tour farms at their own pace.

Every participating farm offers a unique experience. Visitors will enjoy:

- Guided farm tours
- Meet-and-greets with farmers and farm animals
- Pop-up markets featuring agricultural businesses and Maine products.
- Pick-your-own fruits and vegetables
- Tastings of Maine-grown products
- Farm stores featuring fresh, locally produced foods, flowers, and fiber
- Educational activities for children and adults

The participating farms represent the diversity of Maine agriculture, including dairy farms, orchards, berry farms, vegetable growers, maple producers, wineries, creameries, flower farms, alpaca and fiber operations, live-

stock farms, greenhouses, nurseries, and agritourism destinations stretching from York County to Aroostook County.

Tips for a safe and enjoyable visit

Before heading out, visitors are encouraged to explore the interactive map and individual farm listings to plan their day. Each farm sets its own hours and activities, so checking farm pages before traveling is recommended. Don’t forget to bring a cooler and reusable tote to take home fresh produce, meats, cheeses, baked goods, maple syrup, flowers, and other Maine-grown products. Out of respect for working farms and for the safety of livestock, your pet, and fellow visitors, please leave pets at home.

Complete event information, participating farms, the interactive statewide map, visitor tips, and activity listings are available on [RealMaine.com](#).

When your visit is complete, we encourage everyone to complete the Open Farm Day Visitor Survey and share feedback to help farms plan future events.



REAL MAINE

ABOUT MAINE OPEN FARM DAY: Started by Maine farmers and agricultural supporters in 1989, Maine Open Farm Day has become the state’s longest-running agricultural open house. Held annually on the fourth Sunday in July, the event honors Maine agriculture by connecting residents and visitors with the farms that produce food, fiber, and other agricultural products year-round. Visit [www.realmaine.com](#) for more info.

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Residents can visit Xfinity.com and businesses should visit ComcastBusiness.com to see if their address is eligible for service. Comcast’s most recent completion in Acton and Shapleigh is part of the company’s investment in Maine’s York County, which also includes expansions to Newfield, Sanford, and Lebanon.

“Comcast is proud to complete this project and bring multi-gigabit Internet and mobile services to thousands of residents and businesses in Acton and Shapleigh, connecting them to the power of our network - including fast, smart, reliable WiFi and a full suite of Xfinity and Comcast Business solutions,” said Carolyn Hannan, Senior Vice President of Comcast’s New England Region. “With simple, everyday pricing that features a 5-year price guarantee, a free advanced WiFi gateway, and one line of Xfinity Mobile included for one year, customers will experience exceptional value and performance.”

Xfinity brings full suite of residential services to Acton and Shapleigh

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For businesses on the move, Comcast Business Mobile offers fast, dependable 5G, flexible data plans, and access to over 23 million WiFi hotspots nationwide. With features like 4K streaming, advanced spam call blocking, and twice-a-year phone upgrades, it’s a mobile solution designed to keep teams productive – wherever business takes them.

What it means for the Acton and Shapleigh communities

Comcast’s commitment to communities goes beyond building the network and aims to increase economic mobility for the local community and its residents. That’s why Comcast created Internet Essentials, a broadband adoption program that offers eligible households low-cost, high-speed Internet and affordable computers.

SANFORD/SPRINGVALE

City recognizes Botting for 25 years of service

After 25 years of dedicated service, Bill Botting is retiring from the City of Sanford, concluding a distinguished career as the City’s Information Systems Director.

Throughout his tenure, Botting played a critical role in advancing and maintaining the technological systems that support city operations and services. As Information Systems Director, he guided the City through decades of technological change, ensuring that staff, departments, and residents benefited from reliable, secure, and effective information systems. His expertise, leadership, and forward-thinking approach helped modernize city operations and improve the connectivity and delivery of municipal services throughout the City of Sanford. As well as other Town’s public safety agencies and the York County Sheriff’s Department’s patrol, detectives and corrections divisions that are served by our Sanford Regional Communications Center.

Botting was known not only for his technical knowledge but also for his willingness to assist others, solve complex problems, and provide steady leadership. His dedication and professionalism earned the respect of colleagues throughout the organization, and he became a trusted resource for employees and department leaders alike.

Over the course of 25 years, Botting’s contributions have left a lasting impact on the City of Sanford. One of his great strengths is working to find the best balance



Bill Botting is retiring after 25 years with the City of Sanford. COURTESY PHOTO

of needs verses costs. The systems, processes, and improvements he helped implement will continue to benefit the organization for years to come.

Maine AFL-CIO endorses slate of candidates for Sanford and Springvale House Districts

Candidates Rebecca Andrews (House District 141) and John Henkelman (House District 143) announced that they have received the full endorsement of the Maine AFL-CIO for their campaigns to represent the people of Sanford and Springvale in the 133rd Maine Legislature.

The Maine AFL-CIO, representing over 40,000 working Mainers across the state, grants endorsements to candidates who demonstrate a steadfast commitment to supporting working

families, protecting union rights, advocating for fair wages, and addressing the rising cost of living.

With this unified slate of endorsements, working people in Sanford and Springvale have strong champions in all three local House districts.

“I am deeply honored to earn the trust and endorsement of the Maine AFL-CIO,” said Rebecca Andrews, candidate for House District 141. “Working families are the backbone of our community. In Augusta, I will fight to protect workplace safety, secure fair wages, and ensure every worker in Sanford, Springvale, Shapleigh, and Newfield has the opportunity to thrive.”

“The labor movement built Maine’s middle class, and it is a privilege to stand with the working people of the Maine AFL-CIO,” said John Henkelman, candidate for House District 143. “In the 133rd Legislature, I will work tirelessly to champion policies that put working people first, strengthen our local workforce, and keep Sanford affordable for families.”

The Maine AFL-CIO endorsement process involves a comprehensive evaluation of candidate questionnaires, voting records, and interviews regarding labor, economic, and workplace policy matters.

The general election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026.

ABOUT THE CANDIDATES

Rebecca Andrews is running for Maine House District 141, serving parts of Sanford, Springvale, Shapleigh, and Newfield. Learn more at rebecca4maine.com.

John Henkelman is running for Maine House District 143, serving South Sanford and parts of downtown. Learn more at JohnForMaine.com.

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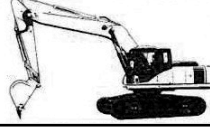
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Requirements: Strong communication and customer service skills, basic computer proficiency, and a passion for community engagement. Must be available to work flexible hours during library operating shifts (including Saturdays).

To Apply: Please submit a resumé and brief cover letter or go to the Town’s website (under tax information & miscellaneous) download the job application - submit to Library Director Roycean Weyand at rweyand@alfredme.gov, or drop them off in person at the library (27 Saco Rd, Alfred, ME). Deadline to apply: Friday, July 24, 2026

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Qualifications: Computer skills, ability to work in an occasionally fast-paced environment. Communications and public relations skills along with prior municipal experience is a plus.

Compensation is commensurate with experience. Vacation, insurance included and retirement benefits are available.

Interested candidates please submit resumé, cover letter, and references to the Town of Hollis, Attn: Town Manager, 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis, ME 04042 or e-mail townmanager@hollismaine.org. Resumés will be accepted until the position is filled.

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Obituaries



Norma A. (Cunningham) Brown
Norma A. (Cunningham) Brown, 90, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, in Sanford. She was born in Newton, Massachusetts, on Aug. 13, 1935, and is the daughter of the late Atwood and Aggie (Sabeen) Cunningham. She grew up in Brighton, Massachusetts, and graduated from Brighton High School Class of 1953. In 1959, she married Carlton N. Brown. They were married for fifty-six wonderful years. Together, they raised their two children in Arlington, Massachusetts. Upon Carl's retirement in 1993, she moved from Arlington, Massachusetts, to York Beach, where she had spent most of her summer weekends since 1959. She spent several years enjoying winters in Madeira Beach, Florida, and summers in York Beach, where her family members were neighbors.

Norma had many hobbies. She found joy in crafting, knitting, crocheting, painting, gardening, and traveling. She was especially proud of her oil painting of the Nubble Light Lighthouse, which included the bell tower. Her most memorable traveling experience was when she and Carl went to China. More recently, her favorite pastimes were playing BINGO, adult coloring books, doing word searches, and puzzles. Counting her dimes and quarters from her BINGO winnings was always fun. Her true joy in life was her family and friends. She enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Their visits were especially important to her and much appreciated. Norma is survived by her children, Judie (Cork) Washburne and Larry (Connie) Brown; grandchildren, Chris (Jenn) Washburne, Caylee (Tucker) Brown, Jeff Brown, and Courtney Brown; great-grandchildren, Mallory Washburne, Bentley Brown, Declan Brown, Kherrington Brown, Jameson Brown, Sawyer Brown, Hudson Brown and Trevor Howe. Norma was predeceased by her parents, Atwood and Aggie Cunningham; her husband, Carlton Brown; her sister, Geraline (Cunningham) Hagar; and her grandson, Zachary Brown. Many thanks to the staff at Summer Commons, Sanford, ME, for the wonderful care she received. An additional thank you to all the people she shared her days with. She deeply appreciated each and every one of you. An hour of visitation will take place on Thursday, July 23, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green, 47 Oak Street, Alfred, ME, followed immediately by a memorial service at 12 p.m. at Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Habitat for Humanity York County or Summer Commons Activity Fund.

Carol Ann Cabana



Carol Ann Cabana

Carol A. McFarlane Cabana of Lyman passed away peacefully on Oct. 31, 2025. She was born on Aug. 7, 1942, at the Trull Hospital in Biddford, Maine to Alfred McFarlane and Dorothy Mitchell. Carol attended Portland High School and received her certificate of completion from Kennebunk High School. She married Maurice R. Cabana on Dec. 17, 1960. Carol had two daughters, Wendy L. (Cabana) Caron and Jane Knowlton. Carol worked in the manufacturing industry. Most recently were Corning Components and William Arthur. She enjoyed golfing and spending time walking the ocean beaches and spending quality time with her grandsons and great granddaughter. She was known as 'Meme' to many. Carol is predeceased by her parents and her husband Maurice.

John "Allen" Holman



John "Allen" Holman

John "Allen" Holman, age 71 of Hollis, passed away on July 19 2026, at home peacefully surrounded by family in a home filled with love. He was born on April 1, 1955, a son to the late John Holman and Bertha Nickerson. He loved spending time with his family, camping, four wheeling, beach ridge, wolves, and Fryberg fair. He is survived by: his beloved wife Linda Holman his other half and soulmate; daughters Jessica and her husband David Davis and Samantha and her husband Sean Lacerte; grandchildren Destiny Davis, her husband Casey Sperling, Ciara Lacerte, Michael Lacerte, Becky Lacerte; and his great grandson Greyson Davis Sperling. In addition, his sister-in-law Dianne her Husband Willy Marriotte, his sister-in-law Debbie and her husband Richard Benway, his brother-in-law Bob Linscott, and his fiancé Joannnie McLeese, his brothers Pete Holman, Stan Holman, and his four-legged best friend Alli. He lived a life full of joy, laughter and love always surrounded by his family. Per his wishes there will be no service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service, Buxton, www.mainefuneral.com.

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