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The three musicians who played at the Newfield bandstand concert on July 25, from left, Carlton Ming, Julia Bryant and Brian Wardwell. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

A trio of music at the Newfield bandstand

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Driving down Elm St in Newfield last Saturday afternoon, July 25, you may have heard some music carried on the wind. The Newfield Historical Society hosted an afternoon of “Music at the Bandstand”, a free community event featuring 3 local

musicians: Carlton Ming, Brian Wardwell and Julia Bryant.

The 3 musicians have played in various locations around town, but this was the first time the 3 of them had played together! Ming has been playing at this event for years, and said, “How long have we been doing this?” Johanne Vaters, curator

of The Newfield Historical Society and organizer of the event, explained that the Historical Society acquired the land and buildings when Willowbrook Museum closed in October 2016. “We’ve been doing concerts most years since then.”

“I’ve known Carlton for quite a long time,” said Vaters,

“I can’t remember how we met.” She continued, “I met Brian through Carlton last year.” She then added, “I’ve known Julia since she was little, coming into Willowbrook with her Mom and brother. I heard that she came in second at the Maine’s Got Talent Contest. We love getting locals

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Shapleigh honors Jim Brown: The making of Shapleigh Commons

How a sixth-grade project became a Town landmark

By JOANNE BARGIONI

This year the Shapleigh Community Days Committee honored former sixth-grade Shapleigh Memorial School teacher Jim Brown with a special tribute. Shapleigh Commons exists today because Jim Brown believed a simple class project could become something much bigger. In 1992, Brown assigned his students a community service project – an idea that would eventually transform an empty field beside Town Hall into one of Shapleigh’s most cherished public spaces.

It began when the town acquired the land adjacent to the Town Hall at 22 Back Road in 1989, but it remained untouched

for several years. When a friend suggested that Brown’s students plant a single tree there, Brown shared the idea with his son Eric, a landscape architect from New Jersey. Eric saw potential far beyond one tree. He drafted a full landscape design featuring tree-lined walkways, a pond, a gazebo, benches, an arch, and a welcoming green space that the whole town could enjoy.

Brown brought the design back to his sixth graders, who were immediately enthusiastic about making the vision real.

In the spring, 25 students from Shapleigh Memorial School visited the vacant lot to see the future park for themselves. When they arrived, they found contractor Gino Romero already excavating the pond—roughly 40 by 80 feet—a clear sign that the project was gaining momentum.

Before construction could continue, the class needed official ap-



Shapleigh Memorial School teacher Jim Brown with his sixth-grade class from 1992. Together they brought a dream of Shapleigh Commons to life. COURTESY PHOTO

proval. They met with the Selectmen, the Planning Board, and the Code Enforcement Officer, all of whom supported the project. Brown applied for permits from the Depart-

ment of Environmental Protection, and the students began fundraising to bring the design to life.

Construction soon followed. (Continued on page 3)

York County launches in-house medical, behavioral health division

There has been a big change in how medical and behavioral health is delivered at York County Jail – a system that will also carry over to the new York County Recovery Center when the facility goes online, targeted to take place early in 2027. York County Government’s new Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division began providing care at the jail on July 1.

And as the York County Commissioners and county administration contemplated the system change, they sought out those with experience in such endeavors and hired three core people to lead: Medical Director Dr. Mark Lim, Behavioral Health Director Steven Danzig and Director of Nursing Curtis Brown.

“They bring a wealth of background and experience, and the right personalities and work history to help move this forward from planning, to executing the plan, and carrying it out,” said York County Manager Greg Zinser.

At York County Jail, the change from contracted medical services companies – a system that had been in place for more than two decades – to the in-house model allows for more local oversight, said Zinser. And, he added, it makes sense to integrate the two entities into one system – while York County Recovery Center will be open to all, it is expected that some who receive care there will be people who have spent time at the jail.

“We were talking about the recovery center and always knew there would be a medical component as well as behavioral health, so the thought was, if we do this for the recovery center, why not go a bit bigger and create an integrated system,” Zinser said.

Lim holds a trio of board certifications in addiction medicine, along with board certifications in family medicine and obesity medicine, and has served as a staff physician and an addictions medicine physician in the area for 20 years. He said the integration is all part of the continuum of care, a coordinated approach to providing services to those who need them.

“In every illness there is some kind of stage the patient is at, it is the same with addiction – the continuum of care depends on the level of severity,” said Lim.

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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

York County Government is hosting an **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday July 30 in the drill hall of the York County Regional Training Center at 79 First County Way (off Route 4 and a first right off Layman Way) in Alfred. To sign up and get your preferred time slot, go to: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time?zipSponsor=04002&driveType=all>.

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 31 – NORTHERN CROSS** **AUGUST 7 – COUNTRY ROADS** Visit waterborconcerts.com.

THE PENOBSCOT EXPE-DITION - 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 Water-borough 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 Craz’e Quilting Group. Tours of the house will be given.

READ AND DRAW ALONG WITH CRANKY! Join Maine author Phuc Tran for an awesome hour of reading and drawing! Saturday, Aug. 1st at 10 a.m. at The Arts Center at 8 Hancock in Hiram Village. Phuc Tran is the author of the Cranky books, a series all about big trucks, big feelings, and big friendships! The Cranky stories are geared toward 4-8 year olds, but all are welcome for this fun and free family event. More information about the author can be found at his website, <https://www.phucskywalker.com>.

BOOK TALK WITH MAINE AUTHOR PHUC TRAN Join us for an afternoon with author, educator, classicist, and tattooer Phuc Tran, who will discuss his memoir *Sigh, Gone*. Saturday, Aug. 1st at 11 a.m. at The Arts Center at 8 Hancock in Hiram Village. This event is free to attend and is geared toward adult readers.

CALLING ALL QUILTERS! The Bar Mills Community 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 Ser-

vice, 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.

ALFRED SUMMER FAIRE Sponsored by the Alfred Parish Church & Parson’s Memorial Library Saturday, Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crafters and vendors can reserve a space for \$20 by calling 324-3841.

INTERESTED IN RAISING YOUR OWN BEES? On Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 6 p.m., Valerie Cole from Andy’s Farm & Garden will be here to talk about what to consider before buying that brand-new beekeeping suit. Call the Lyman Community Library at 499-7114 for more information.

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 children 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.

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.

WEEKLY SPECIALS

- LUNCH SPECIALS READY IN THE WARMER BY 11 AM
- DINNER SPECIALS READY IN THE WARMER BY 4 PM

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LUNCH - AMERICAN CHOP SUEY	\$8.00
BBQ RIBS WITH WHITE RICE	\$8.00
SOUP - CHILI	\$6.50
DINNER- CHICKEN KABOBS W/ STARCH	\$8.50

	TUESDAY
LUNCH - SHEPHERD’S PIE	\$9.00
DINNER-CHICKEN PARMESAN	\$8.50

	WEDNESDAY
LUNCH-BBQ TOPPED MEATLOAF DINNER SERVED W/ CORN & MASHED POTATOES	\$9.00
DINNER - BURRITO BOWL	\$8.50

	THURSDAY
LUNCH - TRADITIONAL LASAGNA & CHICKEN SPINACH ALFREDO LASAGNA	\$9.00
DINNER- COUNTRY FRIED STEAK W/ STARCH & VEG	\$8.50

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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.

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.

LET'S EAT!

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.

ROAST BEEF SUPPER, Saturday, Aug. 1. Doors open at 4:45 p.m. Roast beef and all the trimmings. Pay at the door: Adults \$20, kids 6-12 \$12, kids 5 and under are free. 14 Historical Ridge, Hiram (off Main Street, Route 117).

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 home-made" biscuits and dessert.

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 Aug. 29) 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.

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



Bruce Bryant demonstrating how to turn a log into a bowl using a lathe and hand tools, at Hilltop Boilers during their Open Farm Day celebration on Sunday, July 26. PHOTO BY SHEILA NUGENT

SHAPLEIGH COMMONS

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Students helped plant trees, move materials, and shape walkways. Work began on the 20-foot gazebo, footbridge, and benches, turning the once-empty field into a developing community space.

Brown's dedication extended far beyond the school year. For three summers, he spent Saturdays mowing the lawn, trimming hedges, and adding finishing touches to the park. His sons Eric and Ben helped keep the vision moving forward.

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.

NEWFIELD

The park's evolution:

- 1993 — The pond was completed, and that winter students enjoyed ice skating on its frozen surface.
- 1994 — On Earth Day, Brown's class planted additional trees and shrubs and created the park's fountain.
- 1996 — The final major structures, the gazebo and bridge, were completed, giving Shapleigh Commons its signature charm.

Shapleigh Commons stands today as a testament to what vision,

collaboration, and community spirit can accomplish. What began as a sixth-grade assignment grew into a lasting public space shaped by students, volunteers, and a teacher who believed in the power of local action.

A fund has been created to collect donations to plant a tree in Shapleigh Commons in honor of Jim Brown and his students throughout the years who helped in creating the park. Donations can be sent to: Shapleigh Town Hall, 22 Back Road, Shapleigh, ME 04076.

TOWN OF ACTON PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

August 12, 2026 – 6:00PM

The Board of Selectmen will be conducting a public hearing to consider the application of a liquor license renewal request for KB Restaurant Enterprises, Inc. (The Shed Restaurant / Willey's) – 1060 Route 109. The Public is Encouraged to Attend.

Questions or comments, which will be read aloud that evening, can be emailed in advance, to jroux@actonmaine.org.

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 2 Lot Subdivision located on Garland Hill Road, North Waterboro, Map 16, Lot 8.

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

Contact me with any state related questions.
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Shapleigh celebrates Community Days

By JOANNE BARGIONI

Shapleigh residents enjoyed picture-perfect weather on Saturday, July 25, as the town came together for its annual Community Days celebration. The festivities began the evening before, on Friday, July 24, with a lively free concert by B-Side on Shapleigh Commons, drawing families and neighbors out to kick off the weekend with music and community spirit.

By 9 a.m. Saturday morning, spectators lined Back Road in front of Shapleigh Commons, eagerly awaiting the start of this year's parade. The theme, "American Spirit," honored the 250th anniversary of the United States, setting a patriotic tone for the day.

The parade opened with this year's Grand Marshal, Else Cook, who was recognized for over 50 years of service with the Shapleigh 4-Leaf Clover Club.

"Since 1974, Cook has guided generations of youth, nurturing curiosity, teaching the value of community service, and encouraging participation in 4-H programs" said Nancy Hodgdon of the Community Days Committee. She went on to say "Cook exemplifies the role volunteers play in providing a consistent and positive presence in the lives of young people."

Following the Grand Marshal were members of the 4-Leaf Clover Club, marching in front of Selectmen David Lemaire, Gloria Pillsbury, and Tom Small. They were joined by classic cars, political candidates, and the always-popular tradition of candy tossed to children along the parade route. Fire trucks from Ross Corner, Shapleigh and Newfield closed out the procession with sirens and smiles.

Community Days offered a full day of activities for visitors of all ages. The Commons were bustling with vendors offering crafts, goods, and community information, breakfast and lunch concessions supporting local organizations, a silent auction benefiting the Shapleigh Community Days Scholarship Fund, displays and demonstrations from the Shapleigh Fire Department and Rescue Team, a children's area hosted by the Girl Scouts and the



This year's Spirit of America award went to the Conservation Committee. The recipients are: back row, from left, Steve Hinds and David Mann; front row, from left, Anna Desmond, Carol Boothby and Selectman Gloria Pillsbury, who presented the award at Community Days; and Elizabeth Savincki (seated).
PHOTOS BY JOANNE BARGIONI



Else Cook, Shapleigh Community Days 2026 Parade Grand Marshal, waves to spectators along the route.

4-H Clover Club, a petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, crafts, and a giant bounce house.

The variety of activities ensured that families could spend the entire day enjoying food, entertainment, and hands-on experiences.

After the parade, Selectman Gloria Pillsbury and Town Administrator Michelle Rumney presented the annual Spirit of America Award, which honors outstanding volunteer service within the community. This

year's recipient was the Shapleigh Conservation Committee, recognized for its commendable dedication to preserving local natural resources.

The award highlighted the committee's work in:

- Preserving wildlife
- Maintaining and improving walking trails
- Securing grants that benefit the town
- Hosting the Shapleigh Garden Tour, (a major success again this year).

Conservation Committee members also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the town, acknowledging their ongoing efforts to protect and enhance Shapleigh's natural beauty.

There was also a special tribute to Jim Brown, who with his sixth-grade students envisioned and created the Shapleigh Commons. (See related story on front page.)

This year's Community Days showcased everything that makes Shapleigh special – its volunteers, its traditions, its commitment to youth, and its pride in local accomplishments. From honoring decades of service to celebrating the town's natural treasures, the event brought neighbors together in a meaningful and memorable way. As the town looks ahead during America's 250th birthday year, Community Days served as a reminder of the enduring spirit that defines Shapleigh.

TOWN OF LYMAN

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For more information/ RFP Form, contact: Town Manager
townmanager@lyman-me.gov
(207)-247-0642



TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** for the following:

A Conditional Use Permit for an in-home business for Spiritual Counseling & Web Design

Property located on Shapleigh Tax Map 22, Lot 9 (94 Katos Nose)

Kristi Borst, Property Owner

The Public is invited to attend.

Ann Harris, Chairman, Shapleigh Planning Board

TOWN OF ALFRED ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF SITE WALK AND PUBLIC HEARING

FOR: Frank and Penny Ouellette
60 Autumn Lane, Alfred – Tax Map 002, Lot 056-I-3A
SITE WALK: Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6 pm
at 60 Autumn Lane

PUBLIC HEARING: Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:30 pm at Alfred Town Hall, 16 Saco Road, Alfred

An Application for Variance Appeal has been submitted by the aforementioned applicants to construct a new 900 square foot detached accessory dwelling unit. The applicant is seeking a variance from the lot size requirement.

The complete application is available for review in the Code Enforcement Office at Alfred Town Hall during regular business hours. An electronic copy is also available on the Town website, Boards & Committees, Zoning Board of Appeals, Public Hearings page.

For more information, contact Code Enforcement Officer Steve Fortier at 207-324-5872, x206, or Holly Paquette at 207-324-5872 x210.

TOWN OF ALFRED ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF SITE WALK AND PUBLIC HEARING

FOR: Tyler Buzzell, Kady Hogue
22 Harvest Circle, Alfred – Tax Map 004, Lot 001-001-002
SITE WALK: Monday, August 10, 2026 at 5:30 pm
at 22 Harvest Circle, Alfred

PUBLIC HEARING: Monday, August 10, 2026, at 7:30 pm at Alfred Town Hall, 16 Saco Road, Alfred

An Application for Variance Appeal has been submitted by the aforementioned applicants to construct a new garage. The applicant is seeking a variance from the minimum setback from road.

The complete application is available for review in the Code Enforcement Office at Alfred Town Hall during regular business hours. An electronic copy is also available on the Town website, Boards & Committees, Zoning Board of Appeals, Public Hearings page.

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BANDSTAND

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to perform.” Vaters reached out to Wardwell and the Bryants to ask Julia to perform at the event.

The three musicians met earlier in July for the first time to practice together. “Brian and Carlton jam together,” said Bryant, so they already knew each other. “But things came together very quickly,” Bryant continued. “They are both very talented.” Turns out, Wardwell and Ming met a couple of years ago through the Parsonsfield Music Project (PMP), run by Lee Darigan in Limerick. Wardwell said he met Darigan through Facebook, and through Darigan, met Ming. The PMP gets together once a week. “We’re all Blue collar musicians,” Wardwell said. “We’re all dead tired, but we work it in. I love it.” Ming agreed. “We get together just to have fun,” he said, “but it’s not often enough.” He continued, “Music is always fun, the great uniter. The world is so divided. Music is the one thing that brings us together.”

The three musicians started off the program with “Landslide” by Fleetwood Mac, with Bryant on vocals and guitar, Wardwell on guitar and Ming on keyboard.

Each musician was then given a 30 minute set. Carlton Ming was up first. He began with “It’s alright to have a good time” by Curtis Mayfield and the Impressions. Ming, originally from Bermuda, has been living in Limerick for over 60 years. His music is very bluesy/jazzy, with an island feel. He ended his set with a song called, “The Itch.” “You’ve all heard of the 7-year itch,” he said, “well, if you’re married.” ‘Nuff said. This song had a samba feel to it.

Brian Wardwell was up next. You may remember his name from years ago? Wardwell sang around the state from about age 7 to 12, and even put out an album. You may remember him singing at the Cornish Apple Festival, the Ossipee Valley Fair. Wardwell, now 31, took a break from music at some point, and worked a bunch of other jobs. He was an Ed-Tech for a while, worked in the bakery at Hannaford, at a boatyard in Brunswick, and most recently, with Woods Construction in Acton. “It’s a good team and structure,” he said. He talked about his work in the trades as he began his set, and said people often ask him about it. He told the audience, “You can’t make music without a living.”

Wardwell’s set was full of originals that he wrote. He admitted to the audience that this was the first time he had played and sung them in a live setting. While once considered more of a country singer, his current sound is more soulful/pop, almost Adam Levine-esque, with bright, clear vocals, and some falsetto “hooks.” His songs included “Trash in my pocket,” “Let me be your barista” (a catchy tune that is still playing in my head), “Ask the ancestors” and “Loneliness ledge.” “We are often in basic survival mode,” he told the audience. “This is a reminder to take care of each other while we can.” He later added, “This is a wonderful opportunity to get our community together to do great things.”

Julia Bryant played the third set. “I love this town, and I’m so grateful for this opportunity,” she began. Bryant, 16, is the daughter of Michael and Jennifer Bryant, owners of Hilltop Boilers Maple Syrup in Newfield. Bryant shared with this reporter that she took piano lessons since she was 5, but never really took an interest. She started playing guitar in 8th grade, and said she was “mainly self-taught, with help along the way.” This spring, she auditioned this spring for Maine’s Got Talent and was runner up. Since then, lots of opportunities have opened up to her. She sang the National Anthem at a Sanford Mainer’s game earlier in July, and then was able to participate in their “non-profit night,” setting up a tent, singing and playing guitar.

Bryant’s set was full of cover songs, by artists like Avery Anna, Megan Morony, Ava Liv Mabry (including a new version of an old favorite, “Take me out

LYMAN



Scholarship winner

The Lyman Historical Society welcomed to the July meeting, Devenny Brickett, the recipient of their 2026 scholarship. Pictured, from left, society President Irene Single, Devenny, her father Brik and her mother Kyle. Devenny will attend Colby-Sawyer College pursuing a career in the healthcare field.

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to the ballgame.”) She included, “I hope you dance” by Lee Ann Womack, which was her audition song for Maine’s Got Talent. She explained to the audience that she liked that song, because of the message: “if you get an opportunity, you may be scared, but you can still do it.” Another song from her Maine’s Got Talent set was “The Climb” by Mylie Cyrus. Bryant said she rearranged some of the songs to suit her voice and “make them more me.” She had a clear voice with a country sound. In the audience, someone commented, “Beautiful. Very sweet,” of her voice.

The afternoon closed with all three musicians performing together on stage, singing and play-

ing, “Take me Home, Country Roads” by John Denver. The audience was invited to sing along, which they did, enthusiastically!

During the concert, Vice President of the Newfield Historical Society, Wayne Vaters, was busy on the grill, cooking up hamburgers, and the Society sold popcorn, drinks and baked goods. There was also a 50/50 raffle, and a raffle for a \$100 gift certificate for Roadside Cycles in Shapleigh. The drawing for both raffles will be held at a later date. “The money that we raise helps with repairs to our buildings, heat, electricity, etc,” said Vaters.

The next program of the Newfield Historical Society is the bean supper on Sept. 5 from

4 to 6 p.m. For more information on the Newfield Historical Society, you can find them on Facebook at Historical Society of Newfield Maine or their website at newfieldme.org

If you’d like to hear Carlton Ming, he plays every Thursday night at the Blue Bay Seafood & Steaks in East Wakefield, New Hampshire. He’s been playing there for the last 10 years. “I could never thank them enough,” he said. For more music from Brian Wardwell, keep an eye out! Ming said, “Lee and I want to get him out there! It’s time for the young ones to come forward!” As for Bryant, you’ll find her performing Aug. 23 at the Lewiston-Auburn Balloonfest.

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“If someone comes to me with a stroke, we give them medication to lower the risk and tailored rehabilitation – we don’t just send them out with medication.” Lim noted that often in addiction care, there is a debate about whether to offer medication alone, or more. “York County plans to offer an inpatient and outpatient continuum of care,” Lim said. “People have to recognize the disease process.”

Brown has a bachelor’s degree in nursing, is a certified nurse manager and leader, and a certified mental health technician. He has served as executive director of a hospital behavioral health program, as a senior program manager in behavioral health, as a charge nurse and in other nursing positions.

Danzig has a master’s degree as a clinical social worker, and is a licensed alcohol and drug counselor. He has served as an executive director of recovery programs, as a clinical director of outpatient services, and as a counselor and therapist.

THE RECOVERY CENTER

York County Recovery Center will offer detox services, intensive outpatient programs, and several levels of residential care that include counseling and a plan forward once the residential component ends.

In York County, there were 854 non-fatal overdoses to which emergency medical personnel responded from January-May 2026, according to the Maine Drug Data Hub, a collaboration between several state departments, the Governor’s Office and the University of Maine. In all of 2025, there were 2,202 non-fatal overdoses in the county. There are no available statistics for non-fatal overdoses in cases where EMS was not involved in the response.

And while there is some good news in that there are fewer overdose deaths in Maine now than a year ago, fatal overdoses continue to happen.

Statewide, the total number of confirmed and suspected fatal overdoses for January – May was 146, 9.9 percent fewer than the total for the same period in 2025, according to the Maine Drug Data Hub. Of the total, 17 of the overdose deaths were in York County, down from 24 in the same January – May time frame in 2025.

“Fewer overdose deaths mean more Maine people have the opportunity to access treatment, recover and thrive,” said Maine Health and Human Services Commissioner Sara Gagné-Holmes at the state’s July 16 Opioid Summit. “We must continue building on this progress because every life is worth fighting for.”

Danzig pointed out that life-saving measures are more accessible now than in the past.

“Nearly every single person I encounter (in the course of my work) has used Narcan on someone they were with,” he said. “If I am facilitating a group of 1-12 people and I ask how many people have died before, at least 4-5 hands go up, and some multiple times. This is the reason for the continuum of care and the longevity of treatment.”

STAFFING

Lim, Brown and Danzig say the county has done a good job of recruiting appropriate medical personnel including many who worked for the prior contracted medical vendor, along with new hires.

Hiring continues, and currently the county is interviewing candidates for the recovery center, said Brown.

And while the two locations – jail and recovery center – operate with different licensing and policies, the goal is that employees will work back and forth between the two locations in the Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division.

Already there have been changes in the inner workings of the medical system at the jail. As an example, under the previous system, one nurse would conduct sick call, another member of the team would pass medications, and so on, Brown noted.

“Now, we have a more fluid workflow where (personnel) are assigned to a section of the jail,” said Brown. “It flows better and gives everyone the skills they need to look at the entire person, and not just one specific area.”



York County Government has launched the Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division headed by, from left, Behavioral Health Director Steven Danzig, Medical Director Dr. Mark Lim, and Director of Nursing Curtis Brown, who paused for a photo at the York County Recovery Center – currently under construction and poised to open early in 2027. The new division will provide care at the recovery center and began providing care at York County Jail on July 1.

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York County Human Resources Director and Deputy County Manager Linda Hutchins-Corliss said about 30 new medical and behavioral health employees – nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified residential medication aides, and addiction and behavioral counselors, have been hired to date. Many previously worked for the contracted jail vendor, but not all. She said the county is continuing to seek out additional employees. To see available opportunities, folks should go to: Careers | York County Maine Government.

LOOKING AHEAD

Lim said he is excited about the work and what it will bring.

“What really excites me about this opportunity is the chance to build a recovery treatment program with full continuum of care from the ground up,” said Lim. “I enjoy taking challenges like this, and it’s rewarding to be able to use my experience to help create something meaningful while working alongside a team that’s committed to the same goal. What makes it special is that I’d be doing this work in the community where I live.”

Danzig said he is looking forward to seeing people begin to get recovery.

“We have an opportunity to see the spark light up in a person’s eyes and then catch fire for the desire to continue,” Danzig said. “Witnessing someone walk through the fear of the unknown, not because they need to or someone thinks they should, but because they want to, and (they) know somewhere deep down that it will bring them to a better place in their life.”

Brown said he has always believed that one of the greatest privileges in life is the opportunity to help others.

“Whether through kindness, encouragement, or service, I find purpose in making a positive dif-

ference,” he said. “As Muhammad Ali said, ‘Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth.’ That quote reminds me that our greatest legacy isn’t what we accumulate - it’s the lives we touch.”

Planning for construction of the York County Recovery Center began in 2021. Planning for the York County Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division, which will operate the programs, evolved over time.

“Quite simply,” said Zinser, “we’re looking to provide operational excellence and we know we have the right team in place to assure that happens.”

– By Tammy Wells, York County government media



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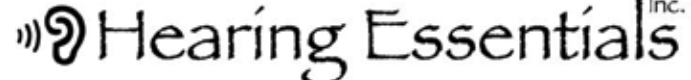
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