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Megan Cairns of Limerick riding in a previous Pan-Mass Challenge. COURTESY PHOTO

Bookstore workshop

BY SHELLEY BURBANK

The new pop-up bookstore in Limerick, SelkiePub, hosted a July 1 workshop about writing legends and folk- and fairy-tale based stories. Presenter and bookstore owner, Jennie Bryant, led the discussion that covered favorite legends and tales and their relevance to modern writing. Bryant asked the question, “Why can’t real life be like that, so filled to the brim with flavor and meaning?” She suggests that this is what art, including writing, brings to our world, that sense of wonder, magic, drama, adventure, and even pathos.

Bryant also shared that several years ago she was actively “selling zines on a sidewalk” and selling her hand-sewn items on Etsy. She said that these endeavors could be viewed from different angles, negative or positive, failure and success, and fairy tales highlight real life dilemmas and

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Two participants at the July 1 SelkiePub bookstore workshop about using folk and fairy-tale motifs in stories hold a copy of a similar ‘zine written by store owner and workshop presenter, Jennie Bryant. The pop-up bookstore is open this summer on Main Street in Limerick and sells books by local, indie, and small-press authors as well as hosting writing workshops and author presentations.

PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK

Limerick’s Megan Cairns will participate in 2026 Pan-Mass Challenge

This Aug. 1 and 2, the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) is hosting its annual bike-a-thon across Massachusetts, and Megan Cairns from Limerick will be among the more than 6,000 cyclists and 4,000 volunteers participating in the event to raise money for cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The PMC, which raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraiser in the world, is aiming to raise more than ever this year, with a fundraising goal of \$79 million.

This year’s PMC comes at an especially critical time, with federal research support shrinking, grant approval rates reaching

historic lows, and cancer cases continuing to rise. For the 20th consecutive year, 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar will go directly to Dana-Farber, one of the nation’s top three hospitals for cancer research and care.

“The theme for this year’s PMC, which is ‘now, more than ever,’ underscores the paramount importance of every single dollar raised in fueling the search for a cure,” said Billy Starr, founder and chairman of the PMC. “We are endlessly grateful to every rider, volunteer, donor, and sponsor who makes the PMC possible. Because of their training miles, long hours of volunteering, generous

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Taking stock, finding answers

York County gov’t gets it done

York County government is taking the concept of antiquated out of old – forging ahead with initiatives to meet today’s demands while keeping an eye on lessons from its 390-year history.

Over the last several years, the county government – the oldest in Maine, dating to 1636 – has been examining needs and ways to make life better for its diverse population of 220,000-plus residents – providing a regional approach in several endeavors.

And while there has been news about fiscal woes in some Maine counties – as York County experienced 20 years ago but has long since recovered – the objective is the same across Maine: to improve the lives of residents.

It’s about being proactive, thinking regionally, and getting the job done. That is exactly what happened in 2021 during the coronavirus pandemic, when the county government and its highly competent York County Emergency Management Agency stepped up to organize and operate a county-wide pandemic response. YCE-

MA provided mobile vaccine clinics and a centralized vaccine center that administered 100,000 coronavirus vaccines.

And the proactivity didn’t stop there. York County Commission Chair Richard Dutremble noted the five-member board took forward-thinking, bold steps when they voted to put about three quarters of the county government’s \$40 million allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act toward three projects: A 58-bed residential substance recovery center is scheduled for completion later this year or in early 2027, providing sorely needed services, including observation beds, detox, and various levels of residential care. A centralized training center for first responders – law enforcement, corrections, EMS, firefighters and dispatchers – went online early this year and recently celebrated the graduation of 17 new EMTs and 27 new firefighters. A dredge helped repair devastating coastal erosion in late February and early March. Mindful of

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NEW EVERY THURSDAY!
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

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

ASHS YARD SALE The Acton Shapleigh Historical Society (ASHS) will be holding a yard sale in conjunction with the Shapleigh Garden Tour on Saturday, July 11. The yard sale will be held at the Mousam Lake Pavilion from 9 a.m. to noon, 25 Back Road, Shapleigh. This will be an indoor and outdoor event weather permitting and there are items for sale which include dishes, camping equipment, puzzles, holiday decor, old hurricane lamps, antique bottles, books, etc. Proceeds will go to the restoration of the Mousam Lake Pavilion. For a peek at items for the yard sale go to: <https://www.facebook.com/actonshapleigh.org>.

Join us for a **DINO DANCE PARTY IN THE LIBRARY!** Drop in on Saturday, July 11 at

11 a.m. for dino-themed snacks, crafts, and a dinosaur stomp in the children's area. Costumes and cameras encouraged, and there might even be a visit from a T. Rex! FMI 499-7114. 10 John Street, Lyman.

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

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

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF MILTON BRADLEY at Waterboro Public Library Monday, July 13 at 10 a.m. The Life and Times of Milton Bradley: A deep (and

fun!) dive into the man behind the games, his New England roots, and how he revolutionized the way we play and learn. Presented by University of Maine Business Reference Librarian and Patent & Trademark Resource Center Representative, John Hutchinson. FMI call 247-3363 or email librarian@waterborolibrary.org. Located at 187 Main St., East Waterboro.

CORNISH REPUBLICANS will be meeting at the Cornish Town Hall on Tuesday July 14 at 6:30 p.m. The town hall is located at 17 Maple Street in Cornish. FMI E-mail: Info.CornishRepublicans@proton.me.

LOON PROGRAM On Tuesday, July 14 the Acton Public Library will be presenting a program on Loons and how to be a good steward for the welfare of our beautiful lake inhabitants. Come to the Loon presentation given by the Loon Preservation Committee on Tuesday, July 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Acton Town Hall, 35 H Rd., and sponsored by the Acton Public Library.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (A.I.) at Waterboro Public Library Wednesday, July 15 at 1:30 p.m. Located at 187 Main St., East Waterboro. Join philosopher Jonathan Beever and literacy/writing scholar Laurie A. Pinkert for a discussion about the evolving AI landscape and its implications for everyday individuals.

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!

ONGOING EVENTS

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

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.

WRITERS GROUP: All levels and genres are welcome for readings and friendly discussions. From 2 to 4 p.m. on second and fourth Fridays of every month at the Limerick Public Library, Washington Street, Limerick.

ALFRED VILLAGE MUSEUM current museum display is Alfred Minutemen — 250 years. Museum open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 2 to 4 p.m. through September. Any questions contact Bruce Tucker, Alfred Historical Committee, 324-5441.

WEDNESDAY STORY HOUR The Acton Public Library holds Story Hour every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. Come meet other caregivers while your children make new friends. The Acton Public Library is located at 35 H Road, Acton.

CHESS MATES at Limerick Public Library, 55 Washington Street, Limerick. Play chess with old or new friends 2nd Wed each month at 6 p.m. **DROP-IN LEGO BUILD** every Tuesday at 3 p.m. and Sat. at 10 a.m. FMI-793-8975 or limericklibrary.org. Enjoy building a creation with our LEGO collection.

WRITING GROUP opened to all levels and genres. Meetings first and third Fridays of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hollis Center Library, 14 Little Falls Road. Call 929-6817 FMI.

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

ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL every Wednesday night at the Line School, 818 Water Street, West Newfield, from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Questions? contact Dan McAllister at 247-8857.

NEWFIELD MUSIC JAMBOREE Town Hall, 23 So. Effingham Road, 1st Saturday of the month May-October. Summer hours 6 to 8:30 p.m. Free, open to public. Spectators welcome. All family friendly music. FMI call 468-1491.

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

RED HAT LADIES Women 50+ Enjoy Comradery, Card Games, Meals Out, Bowling, Mini Golf, Movies etc. Tuesday Card Games at 12:30 p.m.: Pay Me & Scat. Bring a snack to share. We take turns meeting at member's homes; you are not obligated to offer your home. FMI Diane Dunn 207-229-6135.

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

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

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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 11), Arundel. For more information email jjstearns@sacoriver.net.

SANFORD TOPS The Sanford Chapter 0113 meets every Wednesday night at 5:45 p.m. at the New Beginnings Church (bottom floor), 181 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.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL THRIFT SHOP Open Wednesdays 12:30-2:30 p.m. at St. James Hall, Biddeford (use South Street entrance). Monies raised help those in need in York County. FMI Bob 229 2551.

WATERBORO CONCERTS IN THE PARK kicks off Friday JULY 17 with THE MASTER-STROKE QUEEN EXPERIENCE at Friendship Park, 255 Old Alfred Road in Waterboro from 7-9 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and/or blanket. Concerts are free to the public. The Maine Community Bank Snack Shack will be open with bagged snacks, candy, pizza, water, soft beverages and the official ice cream of Waterboro Concerts: Shaker Pond Ice Cream! JULY 24 – VYNTYGE SKYNYRD JULY 31 – NORTHERN CROSS AUGUST 7 – COUNTRY ROADS Visit waterborconcerts.com for more info.

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BAKED BEAN SUPPER Saturday, July 11 at 4:30 p.m. Living Waters Church fellowship hall, help raise money for our “church stove fund” by joining us for a delicious baked bean supper with all the fixings. Suggested donation: \$12, Family \$20, Children \$6. FMI - Donna Aikins (207) 329-0753.

BEAN SUPPER Massabesic Lions monthly dine-in or take-out the 2nd Saturday of the month (next on July 11), 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Regional Medical Center, 813 Main St. Waterboro. Adults \$10. Children 5 to 12 are \$7, kids 4 and under are free. Kidney and pea beans, chop suey, ham, hot dogs, coleslaw, “our homemade” biscuits and a variety of desserts.

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 4:30-6 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

The **CORNER CUPBOARD** which offers personal care, paper, cleaning, household, and baby items to anyone in need, is open the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Sanford UU Church, 5 Lebanon St., 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 call 977-0228.

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WORKSHOP
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experiences in a way that allows us to fully engage with them.

Bryant’s 19-page ‘zine entitled, “Everyday Epic: Folk and Fairytale” also explores this artistic space and includes art and writing on that theme. A ‘zine is a do-it-yourself independent publication, usually with a small circulation, and centered around a topic of interest to the creator(s).

Fairy tales, she claims, are one way of telling a story about life with more vibrant colors and perspective. She also talked about various themes, building blocks, and motifs and had workshop participants brainstorm some ideas for their own fairy tales, modern takes, and/or magical realism.

“What I enjoyed the most was getting to talk about some of my favorite musings with people who were also excited about them and got where I was coming from and how I think we all inspired each other. I loved hearing their story ideas,” said Jennie when asked about her favorite part of the workshop.

SelkiePub will be offering more workshops, as well as opportunities to participate in role-playing games in the Rainy Day Games space in the second room. New workshops and author presentations will be held as long as there are enough participants signed up. Follow them on social media for upcoming events.

COLLEGE NOTABLES

Kyle Mogavero, of Hollis Center, graduated from the University of Tampa. Mogavero received a Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship BS.

Waterboro resident, Brayden Peck-Parker, Bennington College class of 2026, co-authored a research article examining geographic and socio-economic impacts of health as part of the requirement for Bachelors degree.

The name of the article is: *Vulnerability and Poverty Risk Under Drought and COVID-19 in the American Southwest: A Reexamination of SDG1*. You can read it here: <https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/18/5/2267>.

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Nomination Papers Available

Nomination papers are available beginning June 23, 2026 for the following elected seats:
One (1) – Budget Committee, 1-year term

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

For more information, contact the Clerk’s Office
11 South Waterboro Rd Lyman, ME 04002
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Note: The Select Board of the Town of Lyman give notice that they have ordered, pursuant to 30-A M.R.S § 2525(4)(E), that a shortened nomination process be used to fill one (1) vacancy on the Budget Committee

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The Neal Dow & the Maine Temperance Movement

Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society invites the public to explore the deep cultural, social, and political roots of the temperance movement in Maine. Join them on Wednesday, July 15, at 6 pm at their headquarters, 122 Emery Mills Road in Shapleigh, with special guest speaker Patricia Violette-Adams, Executive Director of the Sanford-Springvale Historical Society.

Tracey Levasseur, President of the Acton Shapleigh Historical Society, states that “Patricia dives into the life and legacy of Neal Dow, called the Father of Prohibition, while also touching on the rise of temperance, the Women’s Christian Temperance Union, Benjamin Rush’s thoughts on the effects of spirituous liquors on the body, the enforcement of prohibition, and of course, the Maine Law of 1851.

Long recognized as the domestic epicenter and birthplace of the “dry” movement, Maine pioneered sweeping anti-alcohol legislation decades before the United States enacted national Prohibition via the 18th Amendment.

The movement’s profound impact on local and national history remains a vital point of study, shedding light on early American activism and its complicated political intersections.”

This program is free and open to

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

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

Shapleigh Republicans

The Shapleigh Republicans will be having a booth at Shapleigh Community Days on July 25. They have had a generous donation of a \$100 gift card to Irving Gas that they will be raffling off. Raffle tickets will be \$5 each or \$10 for three. They will also have small wooden stick American flags to pass out for your donation. They are honored to have Marc Boisse who is running for Maine Legislative District 141 in attendance and also Kimberly Pomerleau who is running for Senate District 22. They are asking other Republican candidates to join them as well. Watch for updates on the Facebook page Shapleigh Republicans.

Their goal is to endorse and promote Republican candidates who will be on the Nov. 3 ballot. They hope to see everyone at Shapleigh Commons at the corner of Route 11 and Back Road on July 25.

YORK COUNTY

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other needs, Commissioners also used ARPA funds to invest in a teen center in Biddeford, in a supportive housing project in Kittery and more – providing additional services to York County residents.

And while York County Commissioners could not have foreseen the 2020 pandemic and 2021 ARPA windfall back in 2011 when they hired York County Manager Greg Zinser, even then, the board was looking to shake off the notion that counties in Maine are an obscure, dusty form of government.

“One thing they said was they wanted to be more proactive, more progressive, not in the political sense but thinking ahead to what we can do,” said Zinser.

Zinser was hired as York County was emerging from a period of fiscal difficulties.

Dutremble, who will retire on Dec. 31 after more than 20 years as county commissioner, and who worked as a comptroller for 30 years, spoke about York County’s fiscal strength at the beginning of 2026. “I want to reiterate to our taxpayers that our county government is in the best shape it’s been in 20 years,” Dutremble said, noting policies put in place following the 2006 discovery of a deficit have assured the county’s fiscal health.

As to proactivity, a somewhat recent example came as a result of an unexpected situation that jeopardized a food source that serves about 3,000 people a month. About a year ago, a large regional food pantry based in Alfred operated by a private non-profit agency was about to close its doors.

York County Commissioners

were familiar with the pantry – the county had provided the pantry building on Swett’s Bridge Road in Alfred to the nonprofit rent-free for several years. Commissioners appropriated funds so the pantry service would continue. There was no gap in service for the pantry that now operates under the county’s nonprofit First County Foundation, Inc. – in fact, the hours have expanded a bit as the need continues.

“We are prioritizing tackling hunger. We’re trying to make sure no one in York County is going hungry,” said Commissioner Justin Chenette. Noting other advances, like the recent coastal projects designed to rebuild storm-ravaged dunes, the substance recovery center and the up-and-running first responder training center, Chenette said York County has demonstrated its ability to respond to the ever-changing needs of constituents.

“I think we’re setting the bar pretty high,” said Chenette.

Andre Cushing, president of the Maine County Commission Association and Chair of Penobscot County Commissioners puts it like this:

“I often look across our 16 counties and see a landscape of more than 450 municipalities, each striving to provide essential services,” he said. “But the modern reality is clear: we are stronger together. County government is the natural bridge to a more efficient Maine. We are ready to be the partner that Maine towns deserve, ensuring every resident receives high-quality service, regardless of their zip code.”

Cushing pointed to regional 911 dispatching, a unified jail booking system he said results in savings to municipalities, and to other initiatives: Cumberland County government, for example, provides regional assessing to six municipalities and general assistance administration to nine.

“True efficiency happens when counties are empowered to lead,” he said.

There are other examples. Commissioner Richard Clark is York County’s representative to the regional Chief Elected Officers board of Coastal County Workforce, Inc., which uses federal funds for development, training, and employment services across six of Maine’s coastal counties: York, Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Waldo, and Knox. About 75 percent of the 31,455 people trained in professions from healthcare to welding, construction, retail and IT, have reached employment, said director Antoinette Mancusi. “Our role includes policy and budgeting to strengthen and improve work opportunities for youth and those with barriers to training and employment,” said Clark of the CEO board. That means training – but it can also mean providing support for other matters – including help getting to work in the form of bus tickets or gas vouchers.

Dutremble pointed out that costs for services and initiatives spread out over York County’s 29 municipalities lessens the tab for property taxpayers.

Typically, York County government taxes comprise about 2 to 5 percent of a property owner’s tax bill.

“Counties can offer you more and it costs you less in the long run,” Dutremble said.

Zinser agreed.

“County government is a regional government that has a large amount of capacity and ability,” Zinser said. “While we are concentrating on multiple initiatives and resilience, counties can play a larger role in such issues as homelessness.... there needs to be more thought and concentration on leveraging the abilities and power of county government that municipalities alone cannot accomplish. Regional problems require regional solutions. York County is willing to be part of the solution.”

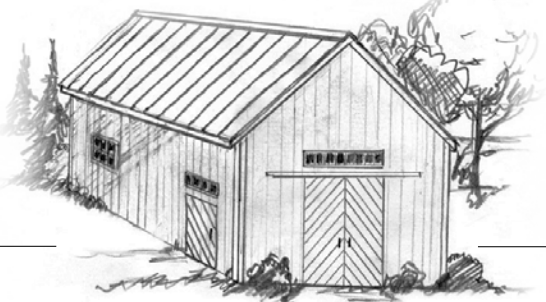
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Animal Welfare Society will host its 7th annual Woofstock Festival on Saturday, July 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the AWS grounds, 46 Holland Road, in Kennebunk. The free, family- and dog-friendly event is held rain or shine and draws thousands of attendees and their pups each year. A \$5 donation per person is suggested to support AWS’ mission.

“Woofstock is really a celebration of this community and everyone in it who cares about animals,” said Heidi Marston, Executive Director of Animal Welfare Society. “Every food truck, every beer poured, every dog on that agility course supports our mission of helping pets and their families thrive together.”

Woofstock offers something for everyone and every pup:

- Food & drink: More than a dozen food trucks and carts, from seafood and burgers to sweets and coffee
- Beer Garden: 4-ounce tastings from over a dozen local breweries and craft beverages (\$10 for three tickets); proceeds go directly toward pet veterinary care at AWS
- Live entertainment throughout the afternoon
- Youth tent: Crafts, games, temporary tattoos, face painting and a bounce house
- Dog agility course: Indoor, air-conditioned, staffed by certified AWS trainers, open to pups of all experience levels



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- Maker, craft and vendor booths, including local pet services and veterinary professionals
- Giveaways throughout the festival grounds

Admission and parking are free. To ease congestion on Holland Road, dog-friendly shuttle buses, sponsored by Kennebunk Savings, will run continuously between the festival and two satellite parking lots:

- Kennebunk Elementary School, 177 Alewife Park Road, Kennebunk
- Middle School of the Kennebunks, 60 Thompson Road, Kennebunk

Limited on-site parking is available for attendees with disability plates or placards.

For more information about the Woofstock, including a complete



list of participating vendors, visit animalwelfaresociety.org/woofstock.

Animal Welfare Society (AWS) exists to serve as the safety net for pets through adoptions, affordable services and resources, so pets and their families stay together and thrive. Based in Kennebunk, Maine, AWS is a four-star charity as ranked by Charity Navigator and holds a Platinum Seal of Transparency from Candid (formerly GuideStar). In 2025, AWS supported 15,827 pets through its Stay@Home program, found homes for 1,253 animals through its Adoption Center, engaged 454 volunteers who contributed more than 10,600 hours of service and worked with 348 foster families to care for 865 pets.



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Mustangs roll over Five-Town in opener

Massabesic Little League’s (MLL) district four softball champions opened the five-team double elimination state tournament with hot bats. They scored four runs in the top of the first, four more in the second and they finished with an eight-run third to close out a quick 16-0 pounding of Five-Town in Westbrook on Monday, July 6.

The four runs in the first all came after two outs. Two walks opened the door to the rally and Norah Palminteri delivered with a single to right field that made it 2-0. Reese Duplisea doubled home Palminteri and Claire Stevens made it 4-0 with a triple. Stevens drove in another run in the eight-run third. Cylee-Rae Graham kept it going in the second inning with a two-run single for a 6-0 lead and Sadie Marcotte followed with a double to make it 7-0. Graham needed just 43 pitches to cover the three innings. She fanned seven, allowed two hits and walked none.

The undefeated (5-0) Mustangs will face 7-1 Gorham on July 9 at 6 p.m. The Rams opened the tournament with an 8-0 win over Machias. The state championship game is scheduled for July 11 at noon. All games are being played in Westbrook.

– By Mike DeAngelis
Sports Writer



The Massabesic Little League Majors All-Star team beat Five-Town 16-0 on July 6. They face Gorham on July 9. COURTESY PHOTOS

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Robert H. Butler

Robert "Bob" Butler, of Shapleigh, passed away on July 4, 2026, leaving behind a lifetime of laughter, stories, and cherished memories with those who knew him best.



Born in Robert H. Butler Sanford, Bob grew up on Mount Hope, where his sense of humor and love for life began to take shape early on. Known to many simply as "Bob," he was a natural jokester from the start—always ready with a punchline. His jokes ranged from lighthearted fun for young ears to a bit more mischievous humor for adults, but no matter the audience, he had a way of bringing smiles and laughter wherever he went.

Bob proudly served his country in the National Guard and the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1958. He later dedicated 35 years of hard work to Falls Agway before retiring, leaving behind not only a legacy of commitment but

also many lasting friendships.

Outside of work, Bob found joy in life's simple pleasures. He loved old movies, listening to Johnny Cash, and riding his motorcycle. One of his favorite places was Ragged Lake in northern Maine, where he spent countless hours fishing, exploring back roads, and searching for wildlife. He also enjoyed hunting and occasional target practice, embracing the outdoors whenever he could.

On Aug. 12, 1961, Bob married the love of his life, Constance. Together they shared many meaningful adventures, traveling, exploring, and laughing side by side. Their bond was filled with joy and companionship.

Bob was predeceased by his beloved wife, Constance; his daughter, Sue Doyle; and his sister, Beverly. He is survived by his siblings, Bruce Butler and Brenda Butler; and his children, Gary Hamm (Nancy), Candy Real, Kevin Ham (Darlene), Kim LaPoint (Bob), Kerrie White (Brian), and Sherri Andrews (William). He also leaves behind many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will carry forward his stories and spirit.

Bob's presence brought warmth and humor into every room, and there was always

laughter when he was around. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends but fondly remembered for the joy he brought into their lives.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, July 24, 2026 at 1 p.m. at Forest Grove Cemetery in Lebanon. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in the fall.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Homecare and Hospice of Somersworth for their compassionate care, as well as MaineHealth in Biddeford for their support and dedication.

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

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

Michael Paul Boucher

It is with a heavy heart to announce that Michael Paul Boucher, of Waterboro, passed away on Sunday July 5, 2026.

Mike was what we think of when we hear about good old-fashioned values and always doing the right thing no matter what. He lived his life for those around him and with the warmth and kindness that only he could give. If you needed a listening ear or advice that made you feel comfort and love, he was your man. Mike could make the heaviest days feel lighter with words and a smile that were like a healing balm to your heart.

Mike was born in 1952 in Biddeford to Raymond and Madeline Boucher. He proudly served his country very early in life. His siblings Roger, Richard, David and Leslie brought him more joy and memories than he could ever have hoped for. His sister-in-laws Joanne and Jocelyne became mere



Michael Paul Boucher

sisters to him. He loved everyone with his entire heart. Mike's nieces Crystal and Diane were adored by him. Michael's love story began and will forever continue with his wife Theresa. Through life's trials and tribulations they always found a way. Mike's children Michael and Mindy gave him a love even he was in awe of. Being a Dad was what he was born for. The man who makes sure you're okay, the man who very literally would give his last dollar to anyone who needed it. Mike welcomed his daughter-in-law Megan into his heart and you could see the love and pride he had for her just by his smile. Mike's heart shined even more when he wel-

comed his Pumpkin Ally into this world. She was his healing balm, and her brother Theodore stole what was left of that giant heart of his. Mike's eyes danced when he talked about Ally and Theo.

Mike retired from Pratt and Whitney several years ago and started a breakfast club with his dearest friends George, Richard, Dwight, Roger and Pep. These guys kept him laughing and gave him camaraderie and memories galore.

Michael will be missed by these beautiful souls and so many more.

Arrangements are in the care of Dennett, Craig and Pate Funeral Home, Buxton.

PAN-MASS CHALLENGE

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To donate, visit: <https://profile.pmc.org/MC0723>.

There is still time to participate in this year's Pan-Mass Challenge. Folks interested in getting involved can learn more and register at PMC.org.

ABOUT THE PAN-MASS CHALLENGE: *The Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) is a bike-a-thon that today raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraising event in the world. Founded in 1980 by Billy Starr - who remains the event's founder & chairman, an annual cyclist, and a fundraiser - the PMC has raised \$1.125 billion for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund. As Dana-Farber's single largest contributor, the organization generates 67 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue. 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar goes directly to fueling cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber. In addition to its two-day bike-a-thon across Massachusetts, the PMC is powered by further "spokes in the wheel," with initiatives including the PMC Winter Cycle, an indoor spin event; PMC Unpaved, a gravel bike ride; and PMC Kids Rides, mini bike-a-thons for children ages 2 to 15. The PMC attracts riders and volunteers from 47 states and 12 countries and over 300,000 individual donors. Across events, the PMC has successfully melded support from committed cyclists, volunteers, corporate sponsors, and individual donors, all of whom are essential to the PMC's goal and model: to attain maximum fundraising efficiency while increasing its annual gift. The PMC's aspiration is to provide Dana-Farber's doctors and researchers with the necessary resources to discover cures for all cancers. For more information, visit www.pmc.org.*

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TOWN OF BUXTON

Sealed Bid Requests

ROADSIDE MOWING SERVICES

The Town of Buxton is soliciting bids for roadside mowing of approximately 120 miles of road. This is a two-year (2) contract covering mowing periods of July & August 2026 and 2027. Bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Roadside Mowing Bid."

HOT BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT IN PLACE

The Town of Buxton is soliciting sealed bids for hot bituminous material to be delivered starting in July 2026 through June 30, 2027. Bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Paving Bid."

CRACK SEALING FOR TOWN ROADS

The Town of Buxton is soliciting sealed bids for the crack sealing of Town roads to be delivered starting in July 2026, through June 30th, 2027. Bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Crack Sealing Bid."

SEALED BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:

Board of Selectmen, Town of Buxton, 185 Portland Road, Buxton, ME 04093.

The deadline for bid submissions is

Wednesday, July 15th, 2026 at 12:00 PM.

THE TOWN OF BUXTON RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

You can obtain bid sheets & specs at Buxton Town Hall or by email: kkimball@buxton.me.us

For more information, contact Kevin Kimball, Public Works Director, at 207-229-8574.

HEALTHCARE

Maine Cancer Foundation

receives \$25,000 WEX Hilary Rapkin Community Impact Grant

Maine Cancer Foundation (MCF) has been awarded \$25,000 through the WEX Hilary Rapkin Community Impact Grant, a philanthropic initiative funded and administered by WEX that recognizes nonprofit organizations making a meaningful difference in Southern Maine.

The grant is named in honor of Hilary Rapkin, a WEX leader who served the company for over three decades, and a champion for Maine-based non-profits. In honor of her contributions to the community, the award supports organizations whose work aligns with the WEX commitment to champion positive change in the world and open possibilities for others.

"We are honored to receive the WEX Hilary Rapkin Community Impact Grant," said Ray Ruby, Executive Director of MCF. "This generous investment will help get closer to our fundraising goal for TRI for a Cure so that we can continue our work to address Maine's cancer burden and ensure that more people across our state have access to the prevention, screening, and support services they need. We are deeply grateful to WEX for its longstanding partnership and commitment to improving the health of Maine communities."

WEX, a global leader in intelligent payment solutions based in Portland, Maine, has supported MCF as presenting sponsor of TRI for a Cure, Maine's largest cancer fundraising event, for the past 15 years. Since 2008, TRI for a Cure participants, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters have raised more than \$26 million to support MCF's mission.

"WEX is honored to recognize the Maine Cancer Foundation as the recipient of the Hilary Rapkin Community Impact Grant. Supporting organizations that strengthen our communities reflects the WEX core value 'Be a Positive Force,'" said Sandy Kuohn, Chief People Officer at WEX. "Through its commitment to improving the health and well-being of Maine citizens, the Maine Cancer Foundation exemplifies the spirit of service and lasting impact this award celebrates."

For 50 years, MCF has worked alongside healthcare providers, community organizations, researchers, advocates, and donors to create a healthier future for Maine. This award will help further that work and ensure resources reach the people and communities that need them most.

The 19th annual TRI for a Cure event takes place at Southern Maine Community College on July 12. Opening ceremonies begin at 7:30 a.m. As of July 7, 2026, the event has raised \$1.8 million of its \$2.1 million goal. Help support TRI by donating online at www.triforcure.org.

Maine Cancer Foundation leads a statewide effort to reduce the impact of cancer in Maine. We invest in the most promising and effective programs that advance cancer prevention, increase screening, and improve access to care for all Maine people.

For more information, please visit www.mainecancer.org

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