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Recruit Matthew Ryan is now York County Sheriff's Office Deputy Ryan, who took the oath of office on Aug. 5.

York County welcomes two new deputies

York County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) recruits Matthew Ryan and Lucas Labbe were sworn in by York County Manager Greg Zinser and presented their credentials by York County Sheriff William L. King Jr., in ceremonies on Wednesday, Aug. 5.

And now they are deputies. "We really hit the jackpot with these two," said King.

Ryan, 25, and Labbe, 41, were hired as recruits at York County Sheriff's Office earlier this summer – the first in more than a decade.

In taking the oath, the men each swore to support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Maine, and to faithfully discharge the duties of Deputy Sheriff.

Typically, the agency has

hired trained, experienced officers from other agencies who are looking for a change. But King and others within the agency saw a spark in Labbe and Ryan – genuine interest and the personality required to do the job.

"To be a deputy is a little different than a municipal police officer," King explained to the friends, family and other deputies gathered to wish the new deputies well. He noted that in towns and cities, when back-up is needed, "help is 15 seconds away," but in rural policing, it may be 15 minutes or more.

"Deputies are required to have a lot of public relations

skills, deescalation skills, and a lot of confidence in themselves," the sheriff said.

Labbe and Ryan have been riding along with seasoned deputies, learning policy and procedures and undergoing other training until they depart later this month for an 18-week residential law enforcement program at Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro.

Ryan who earned a degree in business, had no prior law enforcement experience, King said, and had worked in the hospitality industry – where one encounters people from all walks of life.

"We really hit the jackpot with these two."

—WILLIAM L. KING, JR.
York County Sheriff

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Recruit Lucas Labbe is now York County Sheriff's Office Deputy Labbe, who took the oath of office on Aug. 5. PHOTOS BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEDIA



The Lake Arrowhead PALZ (Patrollers of Arrowhead's Latorial Zone) paddling group has been busy identifying and removing invasive Brittle Naiad (Najas Minor) from Lake Arrowhead this summer. In conjunction with the Lake Arrowhead's DASH Boat team, the paddlers have been surveying, identifying plants, and removing this aggressively growing invasive which has also been found in neighboring lakes, including Sokokis Lake. If you are interested in joining the PALZ group, and helping in this important work, contact the Lake Arrowhead Community office at 247-5239.

Pictured from left, Su Cartisano, Patricia Brace, Mark Benson and Dina Benson.

PHOTO BY MARK CARTISANO

FROM THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

Give Deer Spy a try

Do you enjoy watching deer? Do you want to help Maine's biologists better understand the white-tailed deer population? Volunteers are needed and everyone can participate.

Outdoor recreation and natural resources are at the heart of Maine's identity. Many of our favorite memories are made outdoors—whether it's a hike through the woods, a drive down a country road, or a quiet evening spent watching wildlife. Responsible wildlife management helps preserve these opportunities for future generations, and you can play a part in that effort.

Deer Spy is a community science project that invites wildlife watchers of all ages to contribute to white-tailed deer management in Maine. You don't need to be a biologist to participate, you just need to enjoy observing deer and sharing what you see.

From Aug. 1 through Sept. 30, we're asking Mainers to report sightings of white-tailed deer anywhere in the state. Whether you're watching deer visit your backyard or spotting wildlife



during your next outdoor adventure, your observations can provide valuable information for Maine's deer biologists.

When reporting a sighting, simply tell us:

- the location of your observation
- the date and time
- the number of does (adult females without antlers)
- the number of bucks (deer with antlers)
- the number of fawns (young deer born this year)

Every observation helps our biologists better understand Maine's white-tailed deer population, including reproduction rates and population trends across the state. The more observations we receive, the better we can fine-tune management decisions and help maintain a healthy, sustainable deer herd.

For more information, including how to submit your data, visit www.maine.gov/ifw/fish-wildlife/wildlife/species-information/mammals/maine-deer-spy.



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COMING EVENTS

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND PICK-A-PRIZE RAFFLE, with lots of different prizes Saturday, Aug. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the South Effingham Church, 1560 Province Lake Road (Route 153). Proceeds to benefit the South Effingham West Parsonsfield Citizens Organization, which maintains the historic building. FMI call Patty at 603-539-7518.

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.

YORK COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB MONTHLY MEETING Aug. 17 at the Seacoast Republican Headquarters, 99 York St. (Rte 1), Kennebunk. Doors open 6 p.m. GOTV project 6:30-8 p.m. All Republican women welcome. Candidates wishing to address the members email info.ycgopwomen@gmail.com or call 468-2395.

LEARN A NEW PAINTING TECHNIQUE at this month's Adult Craft Night at the Lyman Community Library, 10 John Street, Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. Supplies provided, free to the public. FMI contact the library at 499-7114.

ART SHOW of watercolors painted by Mary Cobb and Mary Burnell of historic landmarks/icons of Baldwin, Cornish, Hiram, Par-

sonsfield, and Porter to be held at Pike Hall, 17 Maple Street, Cornish Aug. 21 and 22. The show is open Friday, Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Baldwin Historical Society's **ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC** Saturday, Aug. 29 at 5 p.m. at the Chadbourne Homestead. We will supply the dogs and burgers. Please bring along your delicious salads and desserts.

HOLLIS CENTER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK, BAKE AND CRAFT SALE at Hollis Center Church, 388 Hollis Rd Hollis ME Saturday, Sept. 12. Interested crafters email Heidi at helynch2@gmail.com.

ONGOING EVENTS

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NEWFIELD, 64 Elm Street in Newfield will be open every Tuesday in August from 10 a.m. to noon and then again from 5 to 6 p.m. for visitors.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

BEAN SUPPER Aug. 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Matthew's Knights of Columbus, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick. Menu: two types of beans, hot dogs, sliced ham, coleslaw, casseroles, bread, drinks & dessert. Adults \$12; Children 6-12 are \$6; Children 5 & under are free; Families pay \$30.

DELICIOUS HADDOCK SUPPER BUFFET Saturday,

Aug. 29 at 5 p.m. at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$12 Adult, \$5 Child, \$24 Family. We will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating.

BEAN SUPPER Saturday, Sept. 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Historical Society of Newfield building, 64 Elm Street, Newfield.

BEAN SUPPER at St. Thomas School, 69 North Avenue in Sanford. Saturday, Sept. 5 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$12 per adult, \$8 for children 6-12, and children under 6 free. FMI call Ray at 324-7589.

The Acton-Shapleigh Lion's Club **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Saturday of every month (Next on Sept. 5). \$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 Sept. 12), 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.

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‘Stuff the Bus’ backpack distribution Aug. 22

On Saturday, Aug. 22, Stuff the Bus Maine will hold its annual school supplies distribution event at Curtis Lake Church in Sanford. No pre-registration is required, but visitors are asked to arrive at their designated time.

Go to check-in with a separate index card for each child. On the top of the index card, put your name. Underneath your name, print the first and last name of your child and what grade they will be attending in the fall. Please have a separate card completed for each of your children before you arrive. This will help the line move much more efficiently.

Children with last names starting with A through G arrive at 10:30 a.m. Children with last

names starting with N through S arrive at 9 a.m. Children with last names starting with H through M arrive at 10 a.m. Children with last names starting with T through Z arrive at 11 a.m.

The only exception is if there are children in one family with multiple last names. In that case, refer to the last name of your youngest school aged child to determine your arrival time.

If you arrive without your child, please come at 11:30 a.m. with an index card filled out for each of your children, and one of our volunteers will fill a backpack for you.

Do not arrive before your designated arrival time, as this extends wait times for everyone.

This event will run while the supplies last.

This event is intended to get kids excited and prepared to go back to school. Stuff the Bus Maine has a strict zero tolerance policy regarding disrespect toward volunteers at this event. We make every effort to move families through in a timely manner.

The Stuff the Bus Maine program in Sanford and Springvale provides over 1,000 free, fully stocked backpacks and school supplies to local low-income and at-risk students, plus free classroom supplies for local teachers. It operates under Strategies for a Stronger Sanford.

For more information visit www.stuffthebusmaine.org.

Working to make Maine more affordable

As of July 29, all of the laws we passed over the two-year term have gone into effect. This session, my colleagues and I prioritized policies that will help make Maine more affordable, and we took some significant steps in the right direction.

I supported a measure that will provide \$300 relief checks for the Mainers who need it most in the face of rising costs. These checks can make a difference in

jobs that are in high-demand right now.

Additionally, we passed a measure that will help clear the Child Care Affordability Program waitlist, which will allow hardworking families to afford childcare. Childcare is getting more expensive and hard to find, and no parent should have to choose between working or taking care of their children. By getting families off the



by
Rep. Ann-Marie
Mastraccio

affording groceries or keeping the lights on at the end of the month. If you are single and making less than \$50,000 per year, a head of household making less than \$75,000 per year, or a couple filing jointly making less than \$100,000, you will be receiving a check in the mail.

For those of you who are about to, or have recently graduated from high school, I encourage you to take a look at the variety of free community college options we have throughout the state. We wanted to make higher education as attainable as possible, which is why my colleagues and I voted to make community college free, permanently. Community college programs teach young people real life skills and trades that will help fill gaps in our workforce, strengthening our local economy and filling

waitlist, we are allowing more parents to stay in the workforce and strengthen our local economy. It will also give our kids a stronger headstart.

The cost of living is continuing to rise, and while the laws we passed will not solve the national affordability crisis, I hope that these measures will provide some relief to help more working families make ends meet. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (207) 287-1430 or Anne-Marie. Mastraccio@legislature.maine.gov.

Rep. Mastraccio is serving her sixth non-consecutive term in the Maine House of Representatives. She is the House chair of the Government Oversight Committee and serves on the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee.

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SPORTS

Mainers begin NECBL Championship Series Sunday night vs. Danbury

The Sanford Mainers have made it back to the NECBL Championship for the second time in three years. The best-of-three series begins Sunday night at Goodall Park, with first pitch at 6:30 p.m. The Mainers hit the road for Game 2 tomorrow in Connecticut, and would return for Game 3 (if necessary) on Tuesday, which would also be a 6:30 p.m. start.

The Moose take on the Danbury Westerners, who defeated the Mystic Schooners in a deciding Game 3 on Saturday. Sanford went 2-0 against Danbury in the



regular season.

To come see the action, tickets are \$7 for general admission, and \$5 for seniors and children 12-and-under. If you can't make it to Goodall Park, all games are streaming on ESPN+.

— By Cole Purvis
Sanford Mainers' Director of
Broadcasting & Media

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DEPUTIES

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He took an interest in the Citizen Police Academies the sheriff's office held in the spring of 2025 and 2026 – so much so he attended both.

"Ryan listened," at those academies, the sheriff said, "and we encouraged him to apply to be a deputy."

King described Labbe as "a rock star."

"We all knew him because he was the football coach at Massabesic High School – to get 11 young men to go in the same direction is astounding," said King, illustrating Labbe's leadership.

A U.S. Army veteran, Labbe served in Iraq in 2004 and later joined the Maine Army Nation-

al Guard, where he continues to serve. He taught sociology, civics and government at Massabesic High School and previously worked in case management and shelter management. He holds a master's degree in leadership studies.

Now, both men are pursuing their dreams.

"It's incredible, it's an honor," to be sworn in and being presented with his credentials, said Ryan.

"It's really awesome, prideful," said Labbe. "I hope I can do right by everybody, and crush it at the Academy."

"It's a great day," said King.

— By Tammy Wells,
York County government media

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LETTER

Views on legacy

I was at a recent work event, tabling with a colleague in her early twenties and our intern, who was getting ready to head back for her junior year of college.

For the first time, I really felt my age.

Not in a bad way. I genuinely enjoyed both of them. I was interested in what they had to say and loved being around their energy. But I found myself struggling to relate to them in the way I might have with someone closer to my own age. I stood there wondering what we should talk about.

And then I realized something: I was completely comfortable with the pauses. The silences. The space between our ages. But it was noticeable.

I have always loved birthdays—mine and those of my dear friends. I love celebrating them, but I also love using them as an opportunity to reflect, set intentions, and think about where we are and where we want to go. One of my best girlfriends and I have a tradition of celebrating our birthdays together, all month long, in small and special ways.

Lately, birthdays, aging, and legacy have been frequent topics of conversation among my

friends and have been on my mind quite a bit.

Then I heard something on a podcast that stopped me in my tracks.

Oprah was talking about a conversation she had with Maya Angelou about legacy. Oprah had asked what she thought her legacy would be, and Maya Angelou’s response was essentially this:

“You have no idea what your legacy will be. Your legacy is what you do every day. Your legacy is every life you’ve touched, every person whose life was either moved or not. It’s every person you’ve harmed or helped.”

Yes! This! I thought.

I actually skipped the podcast back to the beginning of that portion and listened to it again. Then I quickly wrote it down.

It made me think about another quote I had heard recently:

“Build the thing your community needs, even if the internet will never see it.”

Yes! This, too!

Both of these ideas reminded me how important the small things are.

I think we sometimes forget that our small, daily actions have the power to change our lives—and the lives of the people around us. There are things some of us do every single day that no one will ever see. They won’t get posted. They won’t get likes or comments. There won’t be a photograph or an announcement or anyone there to applaud us. And yet, they matter.

They become part of who we are. They become part of the lives we touch. And, ultimately, they become part of our legacy.

Legacy doesn’t have to be something grandiose. It can be a small act of kindness.

It can be asking the young person working at the grocery store what they are most looking forward to this year—and simply listening to their answer.

It can be holding the door for the person walking behind you and looking them in the eye to share a simple hello.

It can be showing up in your community and offering your time and energy to something you believe in simply because you know it might make someone else’s life a little better.

It can be checking on a friend. Encouraging someone who is struggling. Making space for someone who needs to be heard. Teaching something you know. Creating something that might help someone else.

Whatever it is, it doesn’t have to be grand. In fact, maybe the most meaningful things rarely are.

Because when we do those small things consistently, with intention and heartfelt energy, they become something much bigger than any one moment.

They become the way we live. They become the lives we’ve touched.

And perhaps, without even realizing it, they become our legacy.

– By Reegan Hebert
Dayton

POEM

Observing a tree
I see,
Evoking curiosity,
Why would He,
Full of majesty,
Care for me?

The plant was beautiful!
Its branches with green
were full.

It was wonderful!
I stood there like a fool,
Realizing I am cruel.
God is quite merciful!

He is the epitome of
grace,
For He came to this place
And cleansed my
sinful face.
For He closed my
wretched case.
My sin forever erased.
His love, for my life,
shall be the base.

God gave it all.
Like leaves, my chains fall!
I see the tree as it stands,
My soul to praise God
it demands!

– By Keren Pierce
Springvale

Author talk with
Bruce McMillan

The Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society (ASHS) will host a special free presentation by acclaimed Maine author, photographer, and artist Bruce McMillan on Saturday, Aug. 15, at 1:30 p.m. at their headquarters, 122 Emery Mills Road in Shapleigh.

According to Tracey Levasseur, President of the ASHS, during the interactive talk, McMillan, who’s written dozens of children’s books including *The Remarkable Runaway Riderless Tricycle*, “will share insights into his creative process, demonstrating how the people, landscapes, and unique character of Shapleigh and surrounding Maine towns served as the primary inspiration for his work. Attendees will discover how local places and familiar hometown faces were woven directly into his award-winning books, photography projects, and fine art paintings.

He takes ‘keep it local’ to a different level,” says Levasseur. “Bruce McMillan has a rare ability to create entertaining and informative works utilizing local people and places. They are thrilled to offer their neighbors a chance to see our community through his artistic lens.”

A brief Q&A session will follow the main presentation, giving attendees an opportunity to speak directly with the author.

– By Joanne Bargioni



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Parsons Memorial Library will receive bids for repair/replacement of the HVAC system as per the recommendations from the HVAC Retro-Commissioning report completed July 2026 of the building located at 27 Saco Road, Alfred, Maine until Monday, August 31, 2026 at 5:00 pm. All bids will be reviewed by the Library Board of Trustees at the September 2026 Trustees meeting and a recommendation of service will be presented to the Town of Alfred Board of Selectmen. Completion of work to be done as soon as possible. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids received.

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NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID

Parsons Memorial Library will receive bids for the replacement of existing ceiling pendant light fixtures' lightbulbs with energy-efficient LED bulbs at the building located at 27 Saco Road, Alfred, Maine until Monday, August 31, 2026 at 5:00 pm. All bids will be reviewed by the Library Board of Trustees at the September 2026 Trustees meeting and a recommendation of service will be presented to the Town of Alfred Board of Selectmen. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids received.

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TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

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1. Concrete Slab-on-grade installation
2. Electrical upgrades
3. Stationary compactors, chute fabrication and installation, and service agreement

Proposals are due by 4pm on August 14th at the Shapleigh Town Hall.

For more information please view the bid specifications at:
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Obituaries

Nancy Small

Nancy Small, 96, formerly of Shapleigh, passed peacefully under hospice care at Avita of Wells on July 13, 2026.

Nancy was born in Huntington, Long Island, N.Y. on April 19, 1930 to Dorothy and (Dutch) Morris Rechtweg. She met and married Ronald Small when she was just 19 years old. They resided on Long Island, N.Y., in Alfred, Maine before purchasing land on Square Pond in Shapleigh. There they built a cabin that later turned into a year-round home. Nancy and Ron raised their five children, Stephen, Cindi, Thomas, Andrew, and Amy.

Volunteer and service work were important to Nancy. She served as an election clerk for 40 years; she served on the rescue squad for 37 years, was on the budget and capital improvement committees. Nancy and Ron served on the local planning committee as well. Nancy was an avid reader and an expert knitter.

Nancy was predeceased by her parents; and sisters Susan and Jane; and husband, Ron.

She leaves behind her grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces, and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, Aug. 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center in Shapleigh, hosted by her son, Tom Small.



Nancy Small

Richard “Dick” E. Bineau

Richard “Dick” E. Bineau, age 82, of North Waterboro, passed away on Aug. 5, 2026.

He was born in Biddeford on May 1, 1944, a son of the late Ernest and Pauline (Martel) Bineau and proudly served in the U.S. Army.



Richard “Dick” E. Bineau

Dick worked at Saco Defense as a supervisor for over 20 years, was a carpenter, and owned an auto body shop in Biddeford.

He enjoyed snowmobiling, driving his convertible Mustang, riding his trike motorcycle, and camping with his wife.

He is predeceased by a son Richard Bineau.

Dick is survived by his beloved wife Maxine (Mooers) Bineau; children Michelle Valiere and Michael Bineau; siblings Raynald, Lori, David, and Ernie; three grandchildren Lilianna Bineau, Christian Warner, and Ayden Arnold; a step granddaughter Monique Greenleaf; and three step great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 12 to 1 p.m., followed by a 1 p.m. memorial service at the South Limington Free Baptist Church, 3 Moody Road, Limington with Pastor Will Rankin officiating.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service, 125 Sokokis Trail, East Waterboro, www.mainefuneral.com

Andrew L. White

Andrew (Andy) Leonard White, 69, of Wells died peacefully on July 30, 2026, at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover, New Hampshire.



Andrew L. White

Andy was born on May 17, 1957, in Sanford, the son of Hector and Marguerite (Champagne) White. He attended local schools and started his career at the local woolen mill. Andy worked at Lavalley Lumber for many years, and most recently, he worked in Materials Management at Maine-Health Biddeford Campus. He loved his jobs and especially his coworkers.

Andy enjoyed cycling, fishing, music, playing guitar, good food and coffee, laughing with his friends and family, reminiscing about the old days, and was a member of the Southern Maine Coast Cycling Club. He loved all people and creatures and got so much joy from being around those he loved. Andy was a soft-spoken man, gentle and kind, and he will be remembered for his infectious smile, positive outlook, and appreciation of the simple things in life. Everyone who ever met Andy always said the same thing, “God, what a nice guy!”

Andy is survived by his children, Jennifer White and Andrew White; mother Marguerite Sladen; siblings Anthony (Kirsten) White, William (Terri) White, Matthew (Kathie) White, Angela (Barry) Elliott, and Rebecca (Tim) Gaillard; grandson Andrew; several nieces and nephews; and many, many friends.

Memorial visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 14 at Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green in Alfred (47 Oak St). Because of Andy’s love and dedication to music, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the Biddeford Youth Arts Scholarship Fund: [\[tofbiddeford.org/byasf\]\(http://tofbiddeford.org/byasf\).](http://ar-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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

Elizabeth Champion

Elizabeth Harriet (Kellett) Champion, 88, of Waterboro, died peacefully on Aug. 5, 2026, at Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough.



Elizabeth Champion

Betty was born on Jan. 16, 1938, in Sanford to Lawrence and Violet (Dobson) Kellett. She graduated from Sanford High School in 1956 and moved to suburban Philadelphia, where she worked as a Service Representative for Bell Telephone of Penn. She met and married Joseph Walker, and together they had a son, Scott. Betty and Joe would divorce after a few years. Betty took a job in telephone shopping at Sears, where she met and married John Champion. They purchased Small’s General Store in East Waterboro, which also was the Post Office. Betty became the Postmaster at the East Waterboro Post Office for 30 years.

Betty was an avid stamp collector and volunteered on the Ben Franklin Stamp Club. She would

visit area schools and talk about stamp collecting with students. This would be instrumental in her being celebrated as Postmaster of the Year. Service to her community continued when the Lioness Club was chartered as a project of the Massabesic Lions Club. Betty would serve as president, and under her direction, the club would start the Waterboro Library’s traveling bookmobile. When women were welcomed into the Lions Club, Betty jumped on the bandwagon. Some of her favorite projects were the plant sale, 50+ Luncheon, bean suppers, and all aspects of Bingo! Betty was a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband of 54+ years, John, and her brother, Raymond Kellett, Jr. She is survived by her son, Scott Walker, and Betty’s companion, Lionel Belanger.

Memorial services will be held at 11 am on Thursday, Aug. 13, at Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green in Alfred (47 Oak St). Visitation will be held from 10 am until service time. Inurnment will follow at 1 p.m. at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Massabesic Lions Club.

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