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BUY THE BOOK
with Destany Stevens
By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Hiram author, Destany Stevens, has just published her second book, *Perfect Reflection*, a collection of poetry which she describes as, “a perfectly imperfect reflection of mental health.” There is a content note at the beginning of the book, which explains the origin of the collection, and states, “These poems are not

meant to provide answers, but to document moments of awareness and the process of learning to advocate for oneself.” There is also a Reader Advisory, which ends with, “Readers are encouraged to engage with the collection at their own pace and with care.” This is her debut poetry collection.

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Local watercolors on display

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

A show of about 60 watercolors of historic landmarks of Baldwin, Cornish, Hiram, Porter and Parsonsfield will be taking place at Pike Hall in Cornish on Friday, Aug. 21 and Saturday, Aug. 22. The paintings were all created and donated to the local historical societies by two local artists and friends, Mary Burnell and Mary Cobb, both of Baldwin.

Cobb’s name is a familiar one in the Sacopec area - she taught 5th grade in the Sacopec district for 30 years! Maybe you had her as a teacher? Did you know she was also an artist? “I’ve done art all my life,” Cobb said. “I’ve done everything. You name it, I’ve done it.” Cobb majored in Art Education at the University of Southern Maine. But when she graduated, she couldn’t get a job. She went back to school for another year for elementary

education. Her artwork is all over town: The SAD55 Superintendent’s Office, the Hiram Post Office, the Hiram Library, the Bank in Kezar Falls, etc.

Mary Burnell went to the New England School of Art where she studied Interior design, then Montserrat College of

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Mary Cobb, left and Mary Burnell, right, at an art show in front of their Baldwin watercolors, which will be featured at this weekend’s show in Cornish. The top painting is of the Pierce Place, by Mary Cobb. The bottom painting is of the Burnell Ladies in front of the Burnell Tavern, by Mary Burnell. COURTESY PHOTO

Sanford Mainers win NECBL Championship at Goodall Park

The Sanford Mainers won their third New England Collegiate Baseball League crown on Wednesday night, Aug. 12, beating the Danbury Westerners 12-5 at Goodall Park.

After the Westerners pulled off a furious five-run comeback to walk it off in Game 2 of the se-

ries, the Mainers faced a win-or-go-home Game 3 in front of their home crowd. It was a last-ditch effort to bring home the championship.

The Westies jumped in front early on Sanford starter Andrew Middleton. First baseman Kyle Garbowski doubled to start off

the game, right fielder Aidan Stern was hit by a pitch, and after the runners advanced a base on a sac-bunt, third baseman Ronan Donohue drove both of them in on a two-out RBI single to make it 2-0 Westerners.

In the second, Sanford would quickly erase the deficit. With

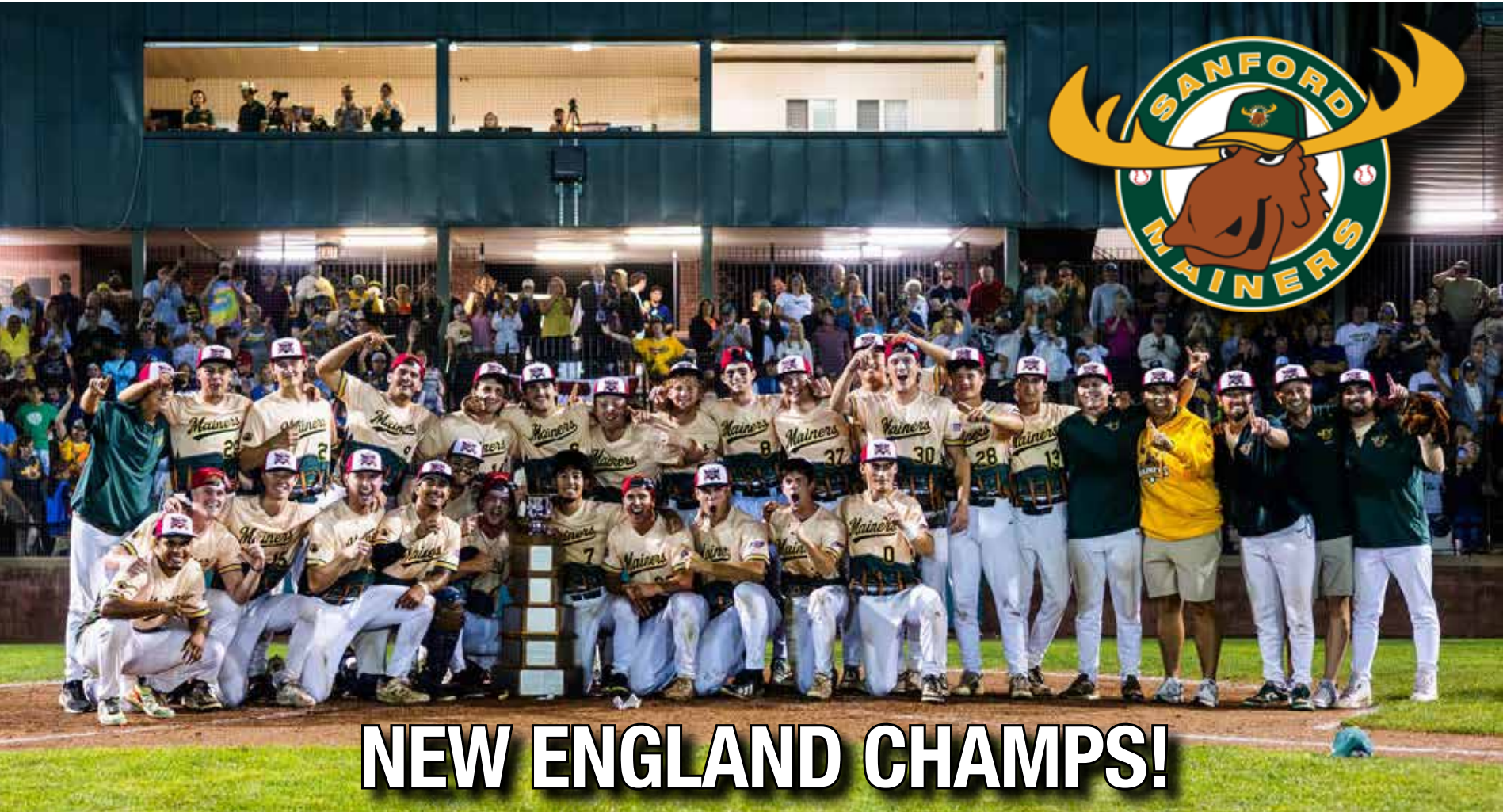
two men on, designated hitter Will Cowan showed bunt, only to pull it back and rip an RBI single to left, scoring his St. John’s teammate, Jack Tate. First baseman Steven Kraus’s RBI ground-out would tie it, scoring Nater Wachter, and the Mainers would take the lead on a wild pitch, as

Cowan touched home to make it 3-2 Moose.

Sanford stretched the lead on another wild pitch in the fourth, as Antonio Morales came sprinting to the plate to make it 4-2.

The gritty Westerners were not done, however. In the top

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NEW ENGLAND CHAMPS!

The Sanford Mainers became the 2026 New England Collegiate Baseball League Champions on Aug. 12 at Goodall Park, defeating Danbury 12-5. PHOTO BY BRADY CORSON

Community CALENDAR

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

COMING EVENTS

ART SHOW of watercolors painted by Mary Cobb and Mary Burnell of historic landmarks/icons of Baldwin, Cornish, Hiram, Parsonsfield, 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 bee-keeping suit. FMI call the library at 499-7114.

SACOPEE COMMUNITY FORUM is hosting candidates at Pike Hall, 17 Maple Street Cornish. Saturday, Aug. 19: Rick Bennett, Independent candidate for Governor. Monday, Aug. 31: Senate District 22 candidate Nate Burnett (D), and House District 138 candidates Jon Kinney (R) and Oliver McAvoy (D). Doors open at 6 p.m. and the events start at 6:30 p.m.

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 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, Sept. 1 at the Hollis Community Center, 34 Town Farm Road at 6 p.m. Meeting from 6-7 p.m. All registered Republicans welcome. FMI email Hollisrepublicansme@gmail.com.

3-D ARCHERY Saturday, Sept. 5 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Buxton Hollis Rod & Gun Club, 81 Plains Road, Hollis. Open to the Public. Archery equipment available for use. Adults \$10, Kids 12 & under \$5. Contact Lou Provost at 538-6891 for more information. or email: archery@buxtonhollisrodgunclub.org.



La Petite Mystique is the producer and curator behind The Maine Stage: Burlesque, Drag & Flow at Mayo Street Arts in Portland

Mayo Street Arts will present The Maine Stage: **BURLESQUE, DRAG & FLOW** in Portland on Friday, Sept. 4 and Saturday, Sept. 5 at 7:30 p.m. The 4th annual Maine Stage Weekender features some of the best burlesque, drag, and flow that Maine has to offer, curated by La Petite Mystique. Also two days of classes where community members share their skills with the general public. Classes showcase a variety of skills from movement to marketing. Tickets

are \$22 in advance and \$25 at the door. Pay-what-you-can options are available. Visit www.mayostreetarts.org for tickets.

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

MAHJONG every Wednesday 10 a.m. to noon at the Acton Public Library, 35 H Road. Please bring a set if you have one. Open to new and experienced players.

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

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. at the Parsons Memorial Library, 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.

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

LET'S EAT!

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.

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.

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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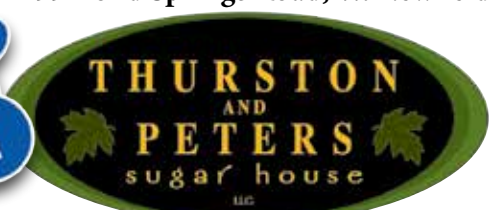
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ACTON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Join Acton Public Library and AWWA as they host Maine’s Amphibian & Reptile Biologist, Kevin Ryan presenting “Between Land and Water” on Tuesday, August 25 from 5pm-7pm. Sandwiches provided. Please register in advance through the link on their website www.actonpublib.lib.me.us or <https://tinyurl.com/awwaherps>.

Looking for a Pen Pal? They can set you up with one through their Library to Library Pen Pal Club from around the country. You will be matched up with someone of a similar age. Correspondence is done through the library so no personal address is required.

StoryHour will begin on Friday, Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. Save the date for their Bean Supper fall fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 4:30 p.m. The library is located at 35 H Road, adjacent to the town hall. Call 636-2781 for info.

SPRINGVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Springvale Public Library is looking for donations for their annual book fair and fall festival. They are now accepting any donations of jewelry. You can drop off donations that you would like to make at the library’s front desk, 443 Main Street, Springvale. All proceeds help to support the library and the community.

– By Joanne Bargioni

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York County forum airs transportation highlights and challenges

When you’re older or have disabilities, getting to a medical appointment, to the market, the library, community center or elsewhere – places where you need to be or want to be – happens in a couple of ways:

Those who are able and have an available vehicle drive there.

For those who don’t have access to a vehicle, can’t drive or don’t any longer, transportation can be a bit more challenging; sometimes, family can help but in some instances, there is no family nearby to pitch in.

Fortunately, several York County communities offer a lifeline of volunteer transportation programs for medical visits and essential errands, alongside established regional transit systems. York County Community Action Corporation, based in Sanford and connects to various locations in the city and beyond, including some coastal locales, and BSOOB, which connects Biddeford, Saco and Old Orchard Beach to each other and destinations further afield.

On a recent evening, more than two dozen transportation providers, municipal leaders, and advocates gathered at the York County Government building in Alfred. The goal: exchange information, explore ways to broaden services, and discuss how legislative policy and associated funding support can better connect residents from their

doorsteps to their destinations.

The inaugural York County Transportation and Mobility Forum was founded and organized by York County Commissioner Justin Chenette, with the help of various stakeholders like YCCAC, BSOOB, representatives from area Age-Friendly communities and others devoted to transportation issues.

“My goal with this forum is to make it an annual check-in on the important progress made in each of our communities and to discuss specific action steps we can work on year-round to advance public transit,” said Chenette. “We find so much good work happening, but sometimes we don’t know what each other are working on. Getting everyone in this room gives us that. We can now have a foundation for shared progress going forward.”

According to data from the University of Maine Center on Aging’s Lifelong Maine initiative, seven volunteer transportation programs in York County serve 16 of its 29 municipalities, with most fully active. Lyman, among the seven, is eyeing a fall start-up, under its community Age-Friendly initiative. Another program, based in York, is transitioning to management by York Community Service Association after the founder of the program retired.

The good news is that those agencies together deploy 110 vol-



York County Commissioner Justin Chenette and Age-Friendly Saco Director Jean Saunders talk transportation policy at a forum on Aug. 13. Chenette, who organized the event, said the forum will be an annual event. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEDIA

unteer drivers, support 958 registered riders, and provide 6,062 rides annually.

The demand is growing rapidly. Saco’s Age-Friendly program, established in 2015, launched a transportation program in 2022, providing 300 rides that year, said director Jean Saunders. In 2025, the agency provided 1,400 rides.

Age Friendly Saco utilizes two transportation programs: rides for medical appointments and a door-to-door van shuttle service three days a week for shopping, library,

the community center, rides to the polls on Election Day, and more.

“Most of our volunteers are retirees; they get a sense of purpose,” driving folks to their appointments, said Saunders.

Advocates say sustaining the momentum has its challenges. A poll by Lifelong Maine showed the biggest obstacle cited by the York County programs is the need for more volunteers drivers.

“We really need drivers,” said Judy Unsworth of Age-Friendly Biddeford.

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CITY OF SANFORD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Sanford Planning Board will hold public hearing(s) & receive written & oral comments at its Wednesday, September 2, 2026 meeting, starting at 6:30pm, on the following project(s):

• **NEW BUSINESS: FILE #2026-26-ZC - Michael Kuna - Gatehouse Rd. (R18A-74A-4)** Application from Michael Kuna for a Zoning Text Amendment to allow 2002 NAICS Code 493190 in the Airport Development (AD) Zone. The subject property is owned by Watson/NH, LLC and located at Gatehouse Road, Sanford, Maine 04073 (R18A-74A-4).

The hearings will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 919 Main Street, Sanford, and via remote video and teleconference. Testimony may be provided in person, via mail or email, or via Zoom. Meeting information, including how to connect via Zoom, is provided at www.sanford-maine.org. Questions or written comments should be directed to the Planning Office at 324-9150 or planning@sanfordmaine.org.

Contact me with any state related questions.

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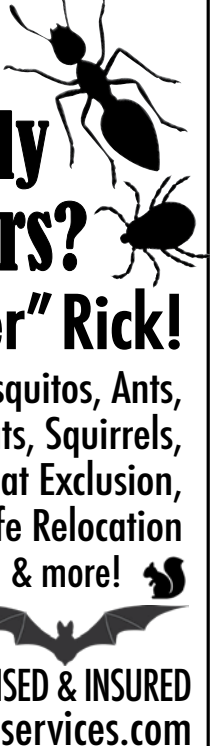
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SPORTS

SANFORD MAINERS

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of the fifth, shortstop Gavin Donohue hit a grounder to third, reaching on a throwing error and scoring Ryan Martin. Then, Middleton threw a wild pitch to plate Garbowski, making it a one-run contest. Ryan Preisano would tie it, hitting a line-drive double that tightroped the left-field line. Donohue scored, and Game 3 was knotted up at 5-5.

Sanford immediately snatched the lead right back. With runners on second and third, catcher Brennan Staublely singled to drive in Will Cowan. However, the Westerners stranded Steven Kraus at third with the Mainers on the verge of adding

another, keeping it at just a 6-5 lead.

Then, rain began to fall in Sanford, and Danbury had quite a challenge dealing with it defensively in the seventh inning. With the bases loaded and nobody out, Staublely hit a grounder to Preisano at second that looked like a could-be double-play. Preisano went to tag Kraus, who was running from first to second, but Kraus knocked the ball out of his glove and into center field. Cowan and Jack Tate both came in to score. Danbury tried to gun Kraus out as he ran for third, but the throw sailed wide and was a dead ball, allowing Kraus to score and Staublely to advance to third. An improbable bases-clearing ground ball to second put the Moose up 9-6.

Later in the inning, Jake Harring singled to score Staublely and

Antonio Morales. Harring finishes his season with an 11-game hit streak. The Salve Regina product would score later on a wild pitch, making it 12-5 Mainers.

On the pitching side of things, Sanford got five innings out of Andrew Middleton, setting the stage for Southern Maine lefty Gabe Gifford. With a depleted bullpen, the Moose needed efficiency from the southpaw, and he delivered. Gifford threw the final four innings, his longest outing of the season.

Gifford threw a perfect bottom of the ninth, striking out Aidan Stern to secure a 12-5 title-clinching victory.

“Speechless. I love this organization more than anything, and six years trying to get to this point, it’s all worth it now,” said manager Nic Lops. “It feels like the weight of the world is off my

shoulders. We brought a championship back to Sanford, Maine.”

The Mainers are now three-time NECBL champions, capping off a dream summer that included the best start since 2003, the All-Star Game hosted at Goodall Park, a North Division title, and now a league championship.

The “Summer of Sanford” is now complete.

The Mainers are now three-time league champions, taking home the title in 2004 and 2008 and now 2026! For more information on the Sanford Mainers, visit www.sanfordmainers.com, facebook.com/sanfordmainers or on Twitter and Instagram at [@sanford_mainers](https://twitter.com/sanford_mainers).

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

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LETTER

In response

I take issue with Rep. Mastraccio’s info letter saying she is working to make Maine more affordable! She is not! She and her progressive Democrat colleagues have been in complete control for 8 years.

Since their rule over conservatives everything increased. Taxes, big government spending, drug handouts and homelessness, gas and food.

She and her Augusta power base have always pointed fingers at Trump and Maines conservatives as the problem. But it’s clearly untrue.

She and her democrat friends have ruled. They forced increased electric costs on everybody, to subsidize green energy policy. We are paying the cost of creating a business before it even produced electricity.

Imagine, if I wanted to start a company repairing holes in boats, and asked DIFW to tax boat owners to pay to build my repair shop. That’s ludicrous!

So is us paying for wind and solar before it produces a product.

Worse; Millions of tax dollars to hand out needles now littering Maine, everywhere. All while giving alternate drugs and Narcan to users.

And, being in complete control when illegal foreign pot growers invaded every county in Maine. Also, ludicrous!

Every wage earner is paying increased taxes on income while struggling to keep a family housed and a car on the road. Elders are getting sucker punched by everyday taxes you helped create and ever rising property taxes.

No need for me to squawk about Maine’s bottom of the barrel education, even though education is 70 percent of our tax bill.

Lastly, the \$300 relief checks are because Mills and your Democrat friends overtaxed waged earners. Taxes don’t affect wealthy because they can begrudgingly afford to pay them. It hurts us every day!

Don’t pour water down our backs and say it raining.

Representative Mastraccio, you and the democrat-controlled legislature have made Maine easy for wealthy to leave, and hard for us to live in who cannot afford to leave. You helped make Maine unaffordable!

Change will happen in November when common sense returns.

Vote like your state depends on it. Because without common sense voters turning out, life will never be better for wage earners and elders.

– Edmund Stubbs
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BUY THE BOOK

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How did this book come about?

Over the last year, maybe since November, I’ve been struggling with mental health. I had a lot self doubt, suicidal ideation. Earlier this year, I was diagnosed with Bipolar 2 disorder. There are highs and lows, and then a crash. The crashes last a long time. I found solace in writing poetry. My writing is about dealing with mental health, being the parent of a toddler, and a partner, trying to hold things together. It’s all kind of summed up in the poem, “rickety stick”... Constantly stuck. Between the two - never with either. Off-kilter. I am holding it all up - etc. I decided to put it together in a collection.

Are the poems in chronological order?

No, they are in a different order. Emotions are not linear, but cyclical. Emotions ebb and flow, like the disorder I have. The poems go back a few years. I have been struggling for a long time, and poetry has been my creative outlet.

What do you hope readers learn or feel from this book?

I knew I needed help, and I found a therapist through the Sacopee Valley Health Center, through my health care provider. I just wanted to get it out there.

Perfect Reflection



COURTESY IMAGE

The poems are mixed. Some are biographical. It is a piece of art. I just wanted to let people know they are not alone. There is a piece of yourself still remaining. There is hope.

What is your writing process?

Journaling. I write in a journal roughly every day, sometimes a couple of times a day, sometimes not at all. It depends how busy I am. It’s all about timing. I usually write until I can’t write anymore, or until I get pulled away. Usually I write at night, for about 10-15 minutes. I have three different Journals: One for mental health, another for creative writing, and another is a “prompt” journal. I like using Rupi Kaur’s Bare Bones writing prompts card decks. Each card

has a simple prompt to write on, and takes about 10 minutes. Afterwards, I ask myself, “Am I done? Do I move on? Or do I work on a project? Sometimes, I go straight to a project. Sometimes there’s something from TV or whatever that clings to me, sparks an idea and I have to write it down.

Speaking of projects, what are you currently working on?

I have three big projects right now – a speculative horror fiction, a romantic comedy and a feminist poetry collection. The speculative horror started as a short story that I have expanded. The rom com, I am five chapters in. We’ll see where it goes. The feminist poetry collection is based on a hinge poem. It’s about taking the power back. I like to describe it as something like, “silky sheets on silk pajamas.”

How do you know when you’re done?

I just get a feeling. With *Perfect Reflection*, the poem “Ajar,” which ends the collection, is a hinge poem. It offers a sliver of light. There’s hope there.

On the back cover, Stevens said, “For anyone who has ever felt overwhelmed, unseen, exhausted, or in the process of finding their way back to themselves, *Perfect Reflection* is a mirror held gently to the human experience.” The book cover reflects this, with

an illustration of a woman holding a cracked mirror.

You used a different artist for the book cover?

Yes, I decided I wanted to try and give another local artist the opportunity. The artist is a close friend of mine, aeriuna. I discussed what I wanted and we worked together to find a cover design I liked.

What are your future goals?

I’d like to publish one book a year if I can – we’ll see where it takes me!

You can find *Perfect Reflection* at all major retailers, including Books-a-Million in South Portland, where you may even find a signed copy on the shelf! You can also find it on Amazon - It is available for \$13.99 on both websites. It is also available Kindle Unlimited.

Stevens is a 2013 graduate of Sacopee Valley High School and recently earned her Bachelor’s Degree in English Literature through the University of Phoenix. Her first book, a children’s book, *Goodnight, Wiggles*, was released in January of 2025 and she is currently working on another children’s book, *Burnt Toast* and a sequel to her first book, titled *Good Morning, Giggles*. To learn more about Stevens and her writing, visit her website, DestanyStevens.com.



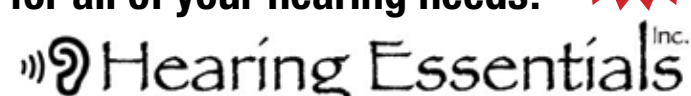
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Parsons Memorial Library will receive bids for the replacement of existing ceiling pendant light fixtures' lightbulbs with energy-efficient LED bulbs at the building located at 27 Saco Road, Alfred, Maine until Monday, August 31, 2026 at 5:00 pm. All 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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Obituaries

Eileen Flaherty Lee

Eileen Flaherty Lee, 66, of East Waterboro, passed away peacefully at home on Aug. 11, 2026, after a journey with cancer.

She was born Nov. 24, 1959, in Chesterton, Indiana, to Paul Patrick and Eileen McGlynn Flaherty. Eileen attended elementary school at St. Patrick's. She was a member of Chesterton High School class of 1978, and graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington. She began her career as a speech therapist at TradeWinds working with people with special needs.

In 1989, Eileen married Gregory Lee and moved to Maine. She began working as a speech therapist at Sacopee Valley Schools. Eileen left this position to raise her children. This was one of Eileen's favorite periods of her life. She lovingly referred to this timeframe



Eileen Flaherty Lee

as her "12-year maternity leave." Once her children started elementary school, she returned to work at Sacopee Valley Schools. She spent many years volunteering with Special Olympics Maine. Eileen enjoyed spending time with family and friends, flower gardening, reading, and traveling. One of her unique hobbies was collecting sea glass during annual summer vacations to Prince Edward Island. Her loved ones will especially miss her quick wit, sense of humor, and amazing story-telling abilities. Eileen is survived by Greg, her husband of 36 years, and their three children, Alanna (Albin Werweiss) of Gardiner, Marjorie (Ethan) Nobert, and their daughter, Ella, of West Newfield, and Andrew (Isabelle) of Winthrop. Eileen is also survived by her

brothers and sisters, Molly Haas of Anchorage, Alaska, James Flaherty of the Philippines, Mary Katherine Hamilton of Chesterton, Paul (Janet) Flaherty of Encino, California, and Marjorie (Thomas) Potter of Chesterton. She is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Eileen is preceded in death by her parents, brother Dan Flaherty, sister-in-law Judy Flaherty, brother Roy Flaherty, brother-in-law Michael Haas, and nephew James McGlynn Haas. There will be a Celebration of Life held in honor of Eileen by family and friends announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Special Olympics Maine at www.somaine.org. Dennett, Craig & Pate Funeral Home, Buxton are entrusted with her services.

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Two ATV fatalities reported – neither wearing a helmet

A North Berwick man died in an ATV crash in Piscataquis county on Aug. 15. At approximately 2 p.m., Bruce Kennedy, age 20 of North Berwick, was operating an ATV with a friend who was on a separate ATV in a remote area of Piscataquis county near Wadleigh Pond when he failed to negotiate a curve in the road, lost control of the ATV he was driving and crashed. Kennedy passed away at the scene due to the injuries sustained in the crash. The initial investigation indicates speed was a factor in the crash. Kennedy was not wearing a helmet. The Maine Warden Service is also investigating a fatal ATV

crash that involved two fifteen-year-old males riding in a side-by-side ATV in Fort Fairfield on the evening of Aug. 16. At approximately 7:45 p.m., the two fifteen-year-olds were riding in a 2026 CF Moto Z Force side-by-side in a field behind 9 Old East Road in Fort Fairfield. The 15-year-old who was driving the side-by-side ATV turned hard to the left while accelerating, causing the front of the machine to lift and skid before rolling over and coming to rest. The 15-year-old passenger passed away at the scene due to injuries sustained in the crash. The operator was transported to Cary Medical Center in Caribou with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver and passenger were not wearing helmets or using seatbelts.

NOTICES

NOTICE OF SITE WALK

The Newfield Planning Board will hold a site walk on Wednesday September 2nd at 6:00pm for a Conditional Use Permit Application submitted by Tyler Gilbert for 120 Bond Spring Rd, West Newfield, ME. SITE WALK WILL BE HELD AT THE SITE (120 Bond Spring Rd, Map 22/Lot 008-2) This site walk is open to the public and members of the community are invited and encouraged to attend.

Town of Lyman

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NOTICE OF SELECT BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Select Board is scheduled to hold a Public Hearing on September 8th, 2026 at the Lyman Town Hall regarding the consideration and discontinuance of Peach Orchard Road, also known as School House Road. The regular Select Board meeting will immediately follow the Public Hearing. For information contact the Town Manager's Office townmanager@lyman-me.gov Tel. (207)-247-0642

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ART SHOW

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Art in Beverly, Massachusetts. “My Mom had a Children’s Theatre,” Burnell said. “I did a lot of costume and set design.” She once worked at Willowbrook, painting the panels on the carousel, “bringing them back to life.”

The two ladies met through the Regional Artisans League in Cornish, where they both took watercolor lessons from James Elliott. “We learned the same things together, and painted on location together,” said Burnell. “Now we paint every Friday morning,” she said. “Mary has a permanent set up here [at Burnell’s home].” They paint from 8:30 a.m. to noon. “We paint outside, mostly,” Burnell said. “We paint and talk about our past together. We toss ideas back and forth.” She added, “We’re a lot like sisters. We agree and disagree a lot.”

“She and I are great together,” said Cobb. “We push each other, critique each other.”

“Painting is very therapeutic,” said Burnell. “Cheaper than a psychiatrist!”

“We’ve painted together for about 45 years,” Cobb added.

According to both ladies, one day, about 6 years ago Cobb said, the two attended an event at the Baldwin Historical Society. Burnell turned to Cobb and said, “Maybe we should paint some of our local landmarks and do a show for them.” So they did! And they just kept going. Next, they did Hiram, then Porter and

Parsonsfield, and they just finished Cornish.

Burnell was walking with her neighbor, Cal, who sometimes joins the two working on other projects, and Cal said, “Maybe you should do a show in Cornish since your finishing up in Cornish this year?” So the two ladies went to Pike Hall, looked it over and decided, “Let’s do an Art show!” Cobb said that they have matted and framed all of the paintings themselves. Burnell said her husband bought stands and put them together to help them display their work. Cobb’s husband got some easels.

“We are very excited to have the show,” said Burnell. “Our job is to be there to talk to the people. We don’t need to know the history. Other people from the Historical Societies will be there to answer questions.” She added that one of the places she painted in Hiram was a place where they made pickles, but it was supposed to be cranberries. “There’s so much history involved.”

Cobb said that sometimes they use old photographs of buildings to paint. “I did six paintings of sites in Cornish,” she said, “and only one of them is left [still standing today].”

Both women are “well into our 70s,” and felt as this is the 250th anniversary of our country, doing this work and this show was perfect timing. “Art is important,” said Burnell. She explained that she once had a teacher that told her, ‘Your art is going to help you through your whole life.’ “It’s true!” she said.

Cobb added, “This artwork will carry us through our whole lives. It’s addictive.”

“We’re just thrilled,” said Cobb. “We’ve loved every minute of it. It’s so fun!”

“I’m 76 years old,” said Burnell. “I want to be alive and enjoy life!”

“It’s awesome to leave something behind that we’re proud of,” Cobb added.

There are 12 paintings of Cornish, and the Cornish Historical Society hopes to be able to make prints for those that want them. Folks will be able to order them, and the cost will depend on the size. “We might make cards,” said Sandra Howe, President of the Cornish Historical Society, “and we are using the images in our 2027 calendar!”

The Hiram Historical Society has hung their paintings in the show on the walls of the Great Ossipee Museum in the past, according to their President, Sally Williams.

Sharon Thomas, President of the Baldwin Historical Society encourages the community to come out “and show them our appreciation for their beautiful work.” Remember, all of these paintings, almost 60 in total, have been donated to the different historical societies in the region.

The art show will be open Friday, Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pike Hall located at 17 Maple Street in Cornish. This event is free and open to the public.

TRANSPORTATION

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Other challenges include rider awareness of the programs, coordinator burnout, a lack of money to reimburse drivers and funding.

None of them reimburse volunteers for mileage – something advocates say they would rectify if there was available funding. “Reimbursement should be standard,” said Lifelong Maine director Patricia Oh. She noted Lifelong Maine provides the Age-Friendly programs free background checks for volunteer drivers, excess liability insurance, ride-scheduling and tracking ride software, and grants.

State Rep. Lynn Copeland attended the session to gain a comprehensive look at existing services and identify where state-level policy could help. Meanwhile, Zoey Miller of the Moving Maine Network – a statewide coalition advancing transportation equity – noted the organization stands ready to help communities by providing support through grant writing assistance and the like.

York County Community Action Corporation Transportation Director Tom Reinauer gave an overview of other transportation services providing transit options: BSOOB operates primarily fixed routes in the three communities and into Scarborough, South Portland and Portland; a seasonal trolley service and more; YCCAC offers routes within Sanford, Sanford/Wells, Biddeford/Saco and a demand-response bus and volunteer driver program in the county. COAST, primarily a seacoast New Hampshire transit system, operates a fixed route between Berwick and the NH communities of Somersworth and Rochester, and another from Kittery to Portsmouth, NH.

Reinauer noted the Amtrak Downeaster stops at stations in Wells, Saco and seasonally in Old Orchard Beach, and that Greyhound stops at the Wells Transportation Center.

Even with robust routes, labor shortages persist. BSOOB Executive Director John Savage noted that recruiting and retaining commercially licensed drivers remains an ongoing challenge.

With strong turnout and clear community needs, organizers confirmed the York County Transportation and Mobility Forum will become an annual event, said Chenette.

“Going forward, we will continue engaging stakeholders on next steps, including sharing resources, funding opportunities, and ways to advocate for broader policy changes to enhance our local volunteer driver programs,” Chenette said. “York County Government can be the glue to bring everyone together, and I fully expect our leadership with this forum will continue next year and beyond. Having reliable transportation options is a matter of independence, dignity, and quality of life.”

– By Tammy Wells,
York County government media

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