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Acton's eldest honored with Boston Post Cane

By JOANNE BARGIONI

On Sept. 2, the Acton Board of Selectmen: Edward Walsh, Tom McGurty, David Winchell Jr., Jon Denekamp, and Daniel Norwood were pleased to present the Boston Post Cane to Mr. Earle Witherell, who is recognized as Acton's oldest living resident, at age 97. Witherell was surrounded by family and friends who gathered for this occasion.

Witherell received a replica of the Boston Post Cane, a pin, a certificate of recognition, and

the honor of joining a long tradition that celebrates longevity and community heritage.

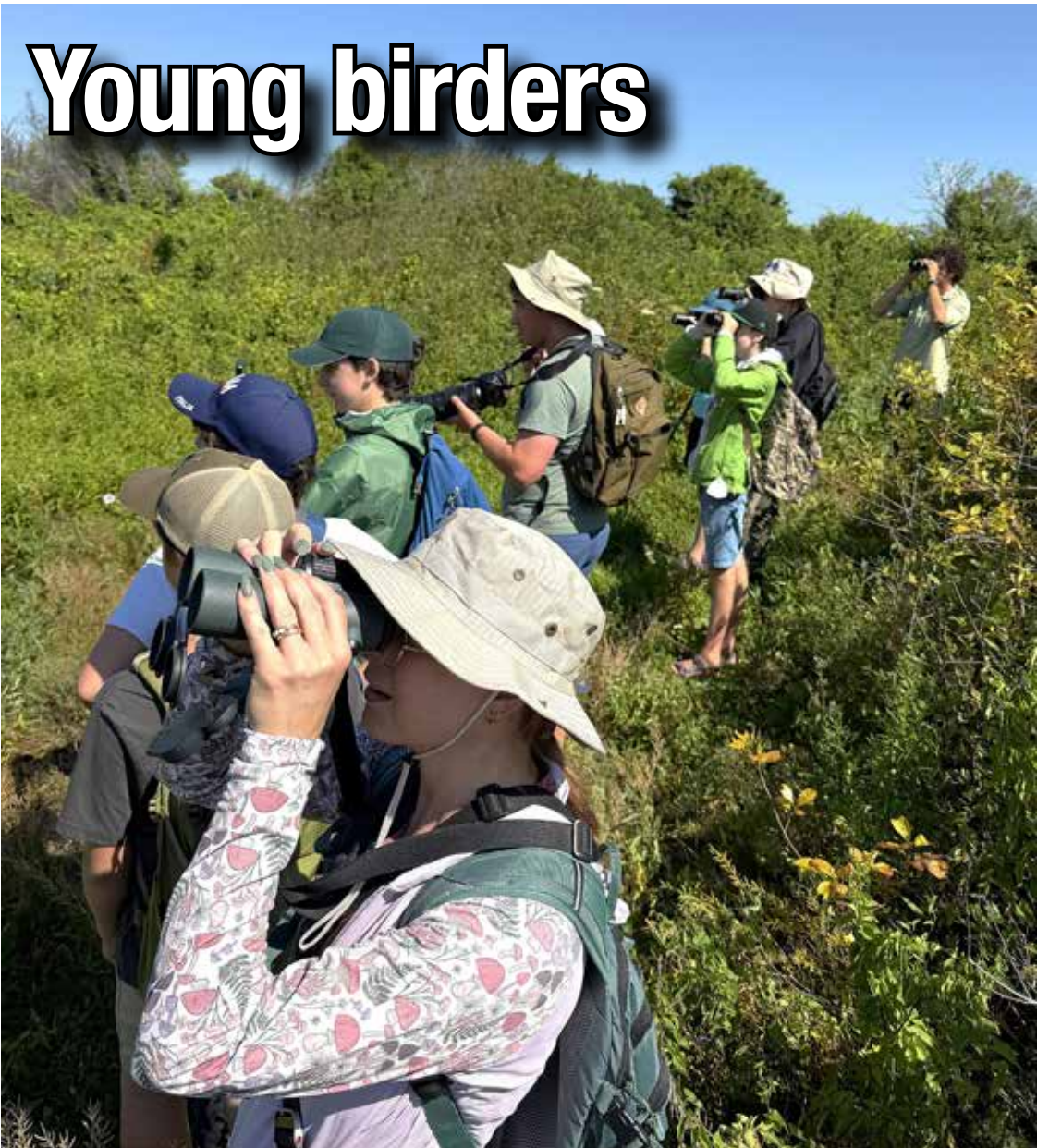
The Boston Post Cane tradition began in 1909 when the Boston Post newspaper distributed gold-headed ebony canes to hundreds of towns across New England. Each cane was intended to be held by the oldest living resident of the community originally limited just to men. In 1930 eligibility was expanded to include women, ensuring the honor reflected the contributions of all elders within each town.

Because the original canes are now more than a century old and extremely fragile, most municipalities, including Acton, preserve them in historical collections. Acton's original cane safely resides at the Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society, 122 Emery Mills Road, while recipients are presented with a carefully crafted replica to symbolize the honor.

The recognition of Mr. Earle Witherell continues Acton's commitment to honoring its senior residents and preserving local heritage.



Earle Witherell received the Boston Post Cane on Sept. 2 at Acton Town Hall for being the oldest living resident of the town. Joining Witherell, from left, are David Winchell Jr., Daniel Norwood, Peter Beck, Ed Walsh, Tom McGurty and Jon Denekamp. COURTESY PHOTO



The Maine Young Birders Club (MYBC) was established by York County Audubon in 2016, and for the last decade has been helping young Mainers build skills, increase conservation awareness, and open doors to careers in natural science. COURTESY PHOTO

YORK COUNTY AUDUBON NEWS

Maine Young Birders Club receives Environmental Stewardship award

The Maine Young Birders Club has been selected to receive a 2026 Environmental Stewardship Award from the Acadia Birding Festival. The award includes a \$1,000 donation to support the club's programs for young birders.

The Acadia Birding Festival presents its Environmental Stewardship Award to organizations that demonstrate a commitment to environmental education and stewardship. In recognizing the Maine Young Birders Club, the festival cited the organization's work creating opportunities for young people to explore nature, learn about the natural world, and understand the importance of conservation.

"We are honored to receive this recognition from the Acadia Birding Festival," said Marion Sprague of the Maine Young Birders Club. "Their continued support helps us create meaningful opportunities for young people to get outside, discover birds and nature, and connect with other young birders."

The Maine Young Birders Club offers free membership to young people ages 11-18 and provides monthly birding out-

ings, workshops, and other educational opportunities throughout the year. The \$1,000 donation will help support those programs and allow MYBC to continue making birding and nature education accessible to young people.

The 2026 award continues a valued relationship between the Acadia Birding Festival and the Maine Young Birders Club. The festival has supported MYBC in the past, and the club is grateful for its continued commitment to encouraging the next generation of birders and conservationists.

The Maine Young Birders Club provides opportunities for young people ages 11-18 to explore birds, nature, and conservation through outings, workshops, and educational programs. Membership is free, funded completely by donations. The Club was established in 2016 by York County Audubon, which is a chapter of Maine Audubon. For the last decade, MYBC has been helping young Mainers build skills, increase conservation awareness, and open doors to careers in natural science. For more information, visit www.maineyoungbirders.org.

NEW EVERY THURSDAY!
LOCAL news, events and
faces from your community.



Community CALENDAR

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

COMING EVENTS

The Sanford-Springvale Historical Museum welcomes back the **RUSSIAN-AMERICAN PIANO AND CELLO DUO**, Ilya Kazantsev and Sergey Antonov on Sunday, Sept. 20. Doors open at 2:15 p.m. Both artists were child prodigies who entered the Moscow Tchaikovsky State Conservatory before the age of 10. Event starts at 3 p.m. at the Historical Museum, 505 Main Street, Springvale. Tickets are \$20 and are required for ages 18 and up. Children are admitted at no charge. Tickets may be reserved by phone or email to be purchased at the door just prior to the event. For questions, please call 207-490-1028 or email info@sanfordhistory.org. The museum is handicapped accessible.

YORK COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

MONTHLY MEETING Monday, Sept. 21 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 contact info.ycgopwomen@gmail.com (207) 468-2395.

THE UMBILICAL BROTHERS Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Sanford Performing Arts Center, 100 Alumni Blvd, Sanford. Internationally acclaimed Australian comedy duo The Umbilical Brothers bring their hilarious mix of physical comedy, vocal sound effects and rapid-fire verbal interplay to the SPAC stage. Tickets: \$38-\$58 @ <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35877/production/1283612>.

HOW GRANDMA'S COOKING HAS CHANGED THE EVOLUTION OF THE RECIPE Sept. 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the

Limerick Congregational church hosted by the Limerick Historical Society. Light refreshments will be served.

HARVEST FAIR Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Arts Center at 8 Hancock in Hiram Village, sponsored by the The Hiram Cultural Center. This exciting event is a new twist on the Autumn Artisan Craft Fair, with the same quality of artisan wares with seasonal activities to really put you in the mood for fall. Plan to be in Hiram for lunch because the famous soups and other delicious offerings won't last all day!

WALK WITH A FORESTER on Sept. 30 at 5 p.m. at the Sid Emery Demo Forest on Brock Road in Lyman. This is your chance to learn how to manage your woodlot, learn about programs that can assist your goals to improve your forest for wildlife and birds, get in-

formation on threats to our forests from invasives, and learn a little tree ID. The walk is easy and offers a chance for you to get your questions answered. Email melissabrandt@yorkswcd.org FMI or to register.

LET'S EAT!

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER Public Welcome at the Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church, 503 Goodwins Mills Road on Route 35 from 4:30-6 p.m. SEPT. 19: American Chop Suey, Green beans, Rolls & Brownies. OCT. 17: Beans and Franks, Cole Slaw/Macaroni Salad, Rolls & Chocolate Chip Cookies. NOV. 21: Chicken/Turkey Casserole, Mashed Squash, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls & Pies.

BEAN SUPPER Acton Public Library's Fall fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Acton Congregational Church, 59 H Road, Acton. Enjoy a delicious meal that includes Hearty Beans, Mac & Cheese, Hot Dogs, Dessert, and Beverage. Adults \$10, Ages 5-17 \$5, Children under 5 are Free.

ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER First Baptist Church Sanford

is hosting its Annual Harvest Dinner Sept. 19 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at 905 Main St, Sanford. Use the Kimball Street entrance. The dinner includes Pork Loin with Cranberry glaze, Potato, Carrots, Green Beans, Butternut squash soup, Apple sauce, Rolls and Desserts. The cost is \$14 per plate. Eat in or Take out. To reserve a dinner, call 324-5456.

DELICIOUS HADDOCK SUPPER BUFFET Saturday, Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$12 Adult, \$5 Child, \$24 Family.

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 Sept. 26) from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the church, 141 North St., Kennebunkport. Two types of home baked beans, American chop suey, mac & cheese, hot dogs, rolls, and cole slaw, topped off with a slice of homemade pie. Adults and children age 12 and over \$12 per person, \$5 per child under 12.

The Acton-Shapleigh Lion's Club **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Saturday of every month (Next on Oct. 3). \$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 Oct. 10), 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.

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.

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.

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.

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US Supreme Court upholds right to vote by mail

Absentee voting by mail will continue just as it has in prior elections, announced Secretary of State Shenna Bellows this week. The US Supreme Court rejected the US Postal Service and Trump Administration’s quest to change the rules for mailed ballots. States including the State of Maine had filed a lawsuit to challenge the Trump Executive Order and US Postal Service rule that would have dramatically limited the ability of clerks to mail ballots to voters. A lower court blocked the rule on constitutional grounds, and the US Supreme Court denied the Trump Administration’s attempt to overturn the lower court.

“This is good news for voters and for democracy. Voters can rest assured that they have all of the same options for absentee voting including receiving and returning their ballot by mail that they have had in every other election,” said Secretary of State Shenna Bellows. “We know that many Mainers – particularly seniors and people with disabilities – appreciate the convenience of voting from home, and we are thrilled that our joint legal efforts with states across the country to protect the right to vote by mail have succeeded.”

Voters can request absentee ballots utilizing the Secretary of State’s online absentee ballot portal, in writing, or by calling their municipal clerk directly. Absentee voting in Maine begins Oct. 5, and voters should start receiving their ballots in the mail in the first week of October. Voters can track the status of their absentee ballot via Maine’s online absentee ballot tracking portal. Visit <https://absenteeballotrequest.sos.maine.gov> for info.

POLICE & FIRE

Fire Marshal’s Office investigating fire in Sanford

On Monday, Sept. 14, at approximately 12:35 p.m., the Sanford Fire Department responded to 13 Acorn Street in Sanford for a report of a moving truck on fire. The fire spread from the truck to the nearby residence. The Maine State Fire Marshal’s Office was called to the scene to investigate the cause and origin of the fire. Investigators determined the fire originated inside the cargo box of the moving truck. The exact cause remains under investigation; however, investigators have not ruled out the careless disposal of smoking materials. The fire extended from the moving truck to the attic of the home. The residence sustained smoke and water damage. No residents were injured. One firefighter sustained a laceration while working at the scene and was transported to a local hospital for treatment. The moving truck was operated

by DN Van Lines of Massachusetts which was in the process of moving a resident into the home at 13 Acorn Street when the fire occurred.

State police investigating motorcycle fatality in Limerick

On Monday, Sept. 14, 2026, at 7:15 p.m., a Trooper with the Southern Field Troop came upon a motorcycle crash on New Dam Road in Limerick. An unresponsive male, later identified as 36-year-old Dustan Moreau of West Newfield, was located a short distance from the motorcycle with serious injuries. Attempts were made by the Trooper to resuscitate Moreau but were unsuccessful. Moreau was pronounced deceased on scene by Limerick EMS. Moreau was not wearing a helmet, and speed appears to be a factor as Moreau failed to negotiate a corner, striking a rock wall. The crash remains under investigation.

Healthcare Access

Healthcare access is an issue that I have seen up close and personal. Moving back to Maine from California I was shocked at how much my costs rose across the board. Premiums, subscriptions, and co-pays were all higher for every type of insurance. What made matters worse was that the more expensive healthcare was less accessible. The average wait for a Primary Care Physician appointment in Maine is 3 months, and up to 6 in more rural areas of the State. Procedures can be an even longer wait. Just like Justice, healthcare delayed is healthcare denied. Here are 3 proposals to increase healthcare access in Maine, that I plan to propose if elected:



1. Consumer Protection 101: A metric for PCP availability.

Soon the open season for healthcare will open up, and the few health insurers who still serve the Maine healthcare market will advertise their plans for sale. There will be pictures of smiling faces, in new office buildings, and talk about how much this company cares about your health. There will be no mention that if you want to be one of the smiling faces in those doctors offices it will be a 3-6 month wait. And it is important because 15% of the Maine insurance market changes plans each year. Either they change jobs, move here, or maybe their circumstances change, but each time they have to find a new plan, they are back in line. The bills keep coming though. Every month of that 6 month wait for services you will have to pay a premium. This is Consumer Protection 101. Every plan in Maine should list the wait until a PCP appointment is available, so that the consumer understands what they are buying.

2. Demanding Service: Mandate that Virtual Primary Care Physician (PCP) options (telehealth) be available on every healthcare sold in Maine.

When health insurers restrict access to a PCP, they restrict access to healthcare, and they save a lot of money. No PCP, then no test, no referral, no procedure... no healthcare. Right now you have a manufactured scarcity of primary care physicians in Maine. I know this to be demonstrably true, because I have witnessed it.

My health insurer contracts with a company called Live Health to provide virtual urgent care. It saves the insurers a lot of money to skip the in-person urgent care appointments, when you can use it. That same company, Live Health offers Primary Care. My health insurer does not include it in the plan. You could solve the bulk of this scarcity with the flip of a switch.

Think about that in the context of 2026 for a second. Can you think of one other industry that is unsure if the internet works? One other instance where a company could use the internet, and does not? Enough is enough! Mandate the virtual Primary care. This again is an EASY fix, as long as we are willing to stand up to the insurance companies for our constituents. I am!

3. Breaking Monopolies: Funding Competition with a healthcare choice for large employers.

This one is going to be tougher. Right now one of the biggest problems in Maine is that there is no competition. Most counties in the State have only one or two Insurers, and only one or two health

provider networks. There is little incentive to be more efficient or lower costs without competition. We are never going to be able to constrain costs if we only have one or two providers of health services in much of the State. Think about our County where district 141 sits. Maine Health owns everything except a few small practices. A small State like Maine has little to no power if there are no other providers for the services it requires. That is just how monopolies work. We need another path.

There is an idea out of New Jersey I would like to repurpose. In NJ they have a fee that they levy on large employers (over 50+ employees), for each employee that they do not provide healthcare for. We all know of an employer who keeps most of their employees under a certain number of hours, so that they do not get benefits. You might have even experienced that if you worked hourly jobs as I have.

What happens is the employer now has a choice.

- They can pay the healthcare expense for the employee. This expense is tax deductible expense so the cost to them would be less than 80 cents on the dollar, Or
- They can save that expense and use the savings to pay the fee for each of the employees that now need Mainecare.

The State would direct those funds towards the investing into facilities that serve the Mainecare population. Think about facilities like Lincoln hospital, which serves a community, but didn't make the profit margin cut for Maine Health.

The State could choose to buy that. That may seem costly, but think about our current costs. Right now the solution is Maine pays the additional costs of higher prices, and Mainers pay the cost of lower healthcare outcomes.

In the long run cutting out the profit margins of the Insurer and the Health maintenance organization will allow better pay for doctors, more access to healthcare, and better pricing through market competition, and better health for Mainers

I will talk about the economics of Healthcare in the next article. Thank you for reading.

If you have questions please reach out.

If you would like to support my campaign:

- I could use some more \$5 clean election donations. Supporting local newspapers with these ads is not inexpensive, and some more cash for the GOTV effort at the end would be welcome.
- Yard Signs: If you would be willing to put a sign out for me, I would be grateful.

There is only so much you can get from reading. If you would like to meet me or ask me questions in person I have 3 meet the candidates nights coming up.

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A successful annual library book sale

Last weekend, Springvale Public Library held its annual book sale and fall festival. It was a beautiful fall weekend perfect for perusing through the books available outside on the lawn of the library.

Hundreds of books that were either donated or that the library needed to retire to make room for newer books were on sale at reduced prices. The books were sorted into adult fiction and non-fiction and there was a special children's section with books and puzzles. On Saturday there was live music with kids' crafts, McDougall apples, a jewelry sale, and puzzle sale.

On 9/11 the library observed a moment of silence on the patio at 9:02 a.m. to recognize those who died on that date.

Wicked Strange New England

Springvale Public Library and LB Goodall Library will be hosting an evening of Wicked

Strange New England with Jeff Belanger on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 5 p.m. This event will be held at Goodall Library, 952 Main Street, Sanford. New England is a strange place full of ghosts, monsters, aliens, and weird history that makes this region like no other. Belanger has explored the unexplained as a leading storyteller of folklore. He has been featured on hundreds of television and radio programs such as the History Channel, the Travel Channel, and PBS.

Registration is required and you can register online at lbgoodall.org or call the Goodall Library at 324-4714 or Springvale Library at springvalelibrary.org, or call 324-4624.

Historical society Hosts "Arnold's March to Quebec"

Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society continues celebrating America's 250th birthday with a special historical presentation, "Arnold's March to Quebec," on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. at their headquarters, 122 Emery Mills Road in Shapleigh.

Presented by society member Linwood Dall, the program explores one of the Revolutionary War's most grueling military endeavors and offers a firsthand look at its 1775 Bicentennial reenactment.

In September 1775, Colonel Benedict Arnold led 1,100 Continental Army troops on a secret 180-mile expedition from Cambridge, Massachusetts, through the Maine wilderness to British-held Quebec City. Intended as a 20-day river journey, flawed maps, treacherous terrain, and severe weather transformed the route into a six-week survival ordeal. Despite devastating floods, destroyed supplies, and extreme starvation, roughly 600 surviving soldiers reached the St. Lawrence River in November—marking a legendary feat of military endurance.

Speaker Linwood Dall will pair this dramatic 1775 history with personal insights from his participation in the 1975 Bicentennial reenactment organized by the Arnold Expedition Historical Society (AEHS). Attendees will gain unique perspectives on both the original 1775 trek and the modern living history event that retraced Arnold's path up the Kennebec River.

This event is free and open to the public, with plenty of parking and handicapped accessible facility. For more information or directions, visit www.actonshapleigh.org or contact info@actonshapleigh.org.

To learn more about the 1975 Bicentennial reenactment and ongoing preservation efforts, visit the Arnold Expedition Historical Society at <https://arnoldsmarch.org/>

LIMERICK

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Pumpkin spice, apple picking, and football are all things that we associate with October. Did you know that October is also Domestic Violence Awareness month and that York County has an organization that offers programs, invaluable resources, and an incredible group of individuals to help victims navigate this difficult time in their lives.

Since 1977, Caring Unlimited has been providing essential services to those impacted by domestic violence. From operating a 24-hour helpline, to assisting with transitional housing, Caring Unlimited supports thousands of individuals each year. Moreover, they partner with thousands of others to offer resources aimed at ending domestic violence, including prevention-education, training, and professional consultation. Caring Unlimited truly offers unlimited support and guidance to those in need.

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month, the GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Research Club of Limerick will dedicate its monthly meeting to learning more about Caring Unlimited.

To bring a greater understanding of all that they do, the Research Club is inviting the public to its meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m., St. Matthew's Parish Hall. Caring Unlimited's Head of Volunteer Services, will present an overview of the resources available to those individuals and their loved ones experiencing domestic violence. We will also learn more about the ways in which our community can donate to and/or support the organization. If you are unable to join us and would like to know more about the wonderful work that Caring Unlimited does, please visit their website at <https://www.caring-unlimited.org/>

If you, or someone you know living in York County, are experiencing domestic violence and would like to connect with a Caring Unlimited advocate, the 24-hour helpline is 1-800-239-7298.

— By Jennifer Moran
President, GFWC Research Club of Limerick

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TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH PUBLIC HEARING

The Shapleigh Select Board will hold a public hearing, pursuant to 22 M.R.S 4305 (1) for discussion on the Adoption of the 2026 General Assistance Ordinance with appendices, in its entirety.

A copy of the proposed ordinance can be viewed at the Shapleigh Town Hall or on the Shapleigh website at: https://www.shapleigh.net/other/public_hearings

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 7:00pm

Shapleigh Community Center
24 Back Road, Shapleigh

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TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

The Shapleigh Town Clerk/ Tax Collector's Office will be closed Thursday, September 24th and Friday, September 25th.

TOWN OF ACTON Invitation to Bid

The Town of Acton is seeking proposals for the removal of scrap metal from the Town Transfer Station, located at 1007 H Road, Acton. All bids submitted should include the dumpster, hauling and a detailed cost and revenue analysis for the Town.

Total tons for 2025/2026 FYI was 130 tons.

Detailed proposals should be returned to the Town Administrator, no later than 4:00pm on September 30, 2026. The winning contractor must have liability insurance and workers' compensation (if applicable).

SEALED PROPOSALS SHOULD BE MAILED OR HAND DELIVERED TO: Town of Acton, RE: SCRAP METAL, 35 H Road, Acton, ME 04001

Questions should be directed to Jennifer Roux at 207-636-3131, ext. 401

The Town of Acton reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.

TOWN OF WATERBORO Notice of Public Hearing

Waterboro Town Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 24 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m., to receive public comment regarding the Updated General Assistance Ordinance. This Ordinance can be viewed at the Town Hall or on our website at www.waterboro-me.net.

All Public Hearings are streamed live on Youtube accessible via the Town's website and recorded for future viewing at www.youtube.com/WaterboroMaine. Questions and comments may be submitted in person during the hearing or by email to the Administrative Assistant at lhowe@waterboromaine.gov no later than 4:00 pm the day of the hearing. Any questions, contact lhowe@waterboromaine.gov or call 207-247-6166 x101.

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Early stampede

Mustangs start 2-0 under Woodsome

Bangor suffered its second consecutive loss after falling to visiting Massabesic 22-18 in both teams' season opening contest on Sept. 4. The Rams fell to Portland in the Class A semi-final last year to start their mini skid. The Mustangs, who committed six turnovers, survived a late drive by Bangor that stalled inside the five-yard line. "Our defense is doing a really good job so far with their assignments," said new head coach and Massabesic alum (1995) Cory Woodsome. "We've played well and happy to be 2-0, but when you turn the ball over six times you've got about a 3 percent chance of winning."

Host Massabesic topped Kennebunk 26-0 on Friday, Sept. 11. The Mustangs have outgained their opponents by a 2:1 margin with 606 yards for and 295 against over the first two games. Junior Alex Harriman has led the ground attack with 48 rushes for 366 yards and three touchdowns. Dustin Maley has 122 yards on 18 rushes with two TD and quarterback Cooper Smith has two touchdown passes. Massabesic's defense has faced an aerial assault over the first two contests and fared well with 44 passes attempted but just a 34 percent completion rate against. They've given up just 78 yards on the ground through. Woodsome spent the last two years as head coach at Kingswood High School in New Hampshire.



The Massabesic Varsity Football team surrounding Coach Cory Woodsome after a recent win. PHOTO BY JASON GENDRON

Scots start 2-0

Host Bonny Eagle opened the season Sept. 4 with a 21-14 win over South Portland. The Scots got touchdowns in each of the first three quarters, and they held the Red Riots to a lone score in each half. Lukas Klehn had 120 yards rushing and two touchdowns. He added 72 yards on five pass completions. Bonny Eagle had 12 first downs to 10 for SoPo.

The Scots stomped host Noble 41-19 on Friday, Sept. 11 to move their record to 2-0. The Scots visit Massabesic on Friday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.

– By Mike Deangelis
Sports Writer

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VOLLEYBALL

Mustangs race to 3-0 start

Longtime varsity head softball coach-and now head girls' volleyball coach Kevin Tutt has his new charges in good spirits thanks to a fast start and a 3-0 record. Massabesic opened the season by losing the first two sets in Biddeford against the Tigers on Sept. 3. They rallied and claimed victory after running the next three sets. Match two at home against North Yarmouth Academy (NYA) was a near carbon copy. The Mustangs dropped the first two sets (25-22; 25-22) before rallying for the win in five (16-25; 20-25; 7-15). They settled for a more conventional win in straight sets over host Sanford on Thursday, Sept. 10.

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The trees behind Maine’s spectacular fall foliage



The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) has released its second 2026 Maine Fall Foliage Report. The report shows generally less than 10 percent color change statewide, with some areas of northern and western Maine approaching 30 percent. Leaf drop remains very low throughout Maine. Typically, northern Maine (zones 6 and 7) reaches peak conditions between the last week of September and the first week of October. Color change moves from north to south, with peak conditions for the rest of the state expected by mid-October. Coastal Maine usually experiences peak foliage from mid-to late October.

“In our first foliage report, we explained how summer and fall weather help set the stage for Maine’s foliage season. Now, let’s

introduce the stars of the show: the trees. Maples, birches and aspens have relatively shallow root systems and can respond differently to dry conditions than deeper-rooted oaks and beeches. Each species also contributes its own signature color, from the reds and oranges of maples and the yellows of birches and aspens to the deeper russet tones of oaks. Right now, the leaves are ‘falling’ into place,” said Gale Ross, DACF fall foliage spokesperson.

Fall events are picking up the pace

As more color begins to creep into Maine’s landscape, this weekend offers plenty of reasons to follow it. Pair the changing leaves with everything from flowers in lobster traps and French-Canadian comfort food to giant puppets, outdoor films and one of Maine’s most iconic agricultural gatherings.

- Put some flowers in a lobster trap. Maine Maritime Museum in Bath welcomes **Slow Flowers** on Sept. 19, when floral artists will transform the historic shipyard with installations made from locally grown flowers, native plants and sustainable materials, including arrangements incorporating old lobster traps. Stick around into the evening for the Night-bloom Masquerade, an open-air waterfront dance party complete with floral-mask making, music and local food.
- Come hungry for fries, curds

and gravy. **Maine PoutineFest** returns to Thompson’s Point in Portland on Sept. 19, bringing together Maine restaurants for a celebration of the French-Canadian favorite. Sample different takes on poutine, cast a vote for the People’s Choice award and add live music and waterfront views to the menu.

- Fall color gets a little larger than life. **Puppets in Portland** kicks off Sept.18, bringing international and local puppetry to venues across the city. On Saturday, September 19, follow the “PiP PiP” parade through Portland’s Kennedy Park neighborhood, where giant puppets and masks, stilt-walkers, drummers and plenty of color take to the streets. The opening weekend also includes outdoor performances and inventive takes on traditional puppet theater, an unexpected way to add a little art and whimsy to a fall weekend in Maine.
- Take movie night outside. Pack a blanket and a few extra layers for the **Maine Outdoor Film Festival** at the University of New England in Biddeford on Sept. 18. The free outdoor screening features a lineup of adventure and conservation films, including a Maine-made short about an 85-year-old and her crew of fearless women who dive to remove underwater garbage.
- Celebrate the season from the ground up. The **Common Ground Country Fair** returns to Unity Sept. 18-20, celebrating Maine’s organic agriculture, rural traditions and makers. Beyond the fair favorites,

look for demonstrations, talks, livestock, Maine-grown food and plenty of opportunities to learn something new about the farms and people behind Maine’s harvest season.

- Let wild food do the talking. Head to Valentine Farm in Bethel Sept. 20 for the **Homegrown Food Festival**, where this year’s programming includes “From Forest to Fork,” an introduction to identifying, harvesting and cooking with wild foods, plus demonstrations on preserving homegrown herbs and other hands-on ways to connect with Maine’s landscape.
- Follow the color (and the lumberjacks) toward Katahdin. This week, point the car toward the Katahdin Woods & Waters National Scenic Byway, an 89-mile route winding through the heart of Maine’s north woods. In Patten, step into Maine’s logging past at the Patten Lumbermen’s Museum, where you can see a rare early-1900s Lombard Steam Log Hauler, then stretch your legs on the new Lumbermen’s Trail and Storybook Lane. Continue along the byway for sweeping views of Katahdin from Ash Hill, waterfalls and the first increasingly colorful stretches of the north woods.
- Scare up some fall fun in Fort Kent. As fall color begins to make itself known across northern Maine, head to Fort Kent Sept. 18–20 for the **Scarecrow Fest Revival**. Look for creative scarecrow displays around town, a community parade, the Crow Chase 5K, live entertain-

ment and family activities, all with the St. John Valley’s emerging fall color as a backdrop.

A few tips for chasing color

- Go Early or Go a Bit Later: Popular foliage spots tend to be quieter first thing in the morning or later in the afternoon, with softer light as a bonus.
- Take a Trail Break: Break up a foliage drive with a short hike or walking trail. Even a quick trip into the woods can offer a completely different perspective on the changing canopy.
- Follow Your Appetite: Let Maine-made food inspire a detour. Bakeries, farm stands, cafés and local markets can be just as memorable as the view.
- Give Yourself More Daylight: Maine’s days are getting shorter. Start longer drives and outdoor adventures earlier so you have plenty of time to enjoy the scenery before sunset.

Foliage fans can follow the season on Maine’s official foliage website, where weekly reports are available online and by email. Capture and share fall adventures by tagging photos with #MaineFoliage on social media. Stay inspired through the Maine Fall Foliage Facebook and Instagram accounts, featuring fresh images and seasonal activities from across the state.

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LETTERS

Happy Constitution Day and Constitution week

Constitution Day is Thursday, Sept. 17. Our National (U.S.) Constitution is a critically important founding key document for this country. Also, the National (U.S.) Constitution IS “the supreme Law of the Land”. Please see the Supremacy Clause (Article VI, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution). This sets the precedence for federal laws which take precedence over those in the State Constitutions. Additionally, the U.S. Constitution was signed on September 17, 1787, by 39 delegates at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

Pursuant to the following in the U.S. Constitution: Article VI (6), Clause 2, Supremacy Clause, states the following:

“This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; ...” Therefore, our National (U.S.) Constitution supersedes all State Constitutions and all “public policy”. In addition, each respective State Constitution is also vitally important. Our public officials and all our lawmakers must all honor and abide by their respective Oaths of Office. Many of our lawmakers fell short on this. Additionally, many political leaders and representatives fell short of many expectations for the American people. In the meantime, it’s up to all of us to re-educate and enlighten ourselves on the Constitution; “the supreme Law of the Land”. Let’s all honor and use this critically important founding document for our country and also demand better government for the American people.

In closing, our political leaders, including our respective representatives and senators in the Legislature and Congress, must do much better and step it up, to improve government. This includes investigating issues and problems, and auditing and reviewing authorized expenditures for all authorized agency programs, correcting flaws, fixing all deficiencies and also fix and remedy many bureaucratic problems experienced by we taxpayers. In addition, we need to get back to pre-pandemic “normalcy.” That remains a slow work in progress. ALL government waste and fraud and taxpayer abuses must be ended once and for all. It’s time for all Americans to re-educate and also re-enlighten themselves, including with a better understanding of the National Constitution and State Constitution. If not now, when? Think about it.

– David Hall
Cornish

Support for King

My name is Jason Solomon. I retired from the York County Sheriff’s Office after 25+ years of dedicated service. After Sheriff Bill King was elected, I saw significant improvements in the office’s operations. He set clear expectations and required us to work hard to improve residents’ quality of life. He also held employees accountable—and I know because I was one of them!

We may not have seen eye to eye on every issue, but I feel he is the best candidate for this position.

Although I am an independent who generally supports Republican candidates, I believe Sheriff King is the best person to continue serving as our sheriff. Not only is the Sheriff’s Office flourishing under his guidance, but he is also very active in the community. He is a frequent speaker

at senior luncheons, Massabesic Adult Education, York County Community College, as well as Rotary and Kiwanis meetings.

I am not alone in appreciating his no-nonsense leadership. Four towns have contracted with the Sheriff’s Office for additional policing services, creating five deputy positions. I understand that Lebanon will soon have a contract deputy and that another town is discussing additional services with him. These communities would not invest in contract deputies if Sheriff King were not doing an outstanding job.

Now retired, I own Solomon Family Farm Apple Orchard, which is open to our community for pick-your-own, and I have a new appreciation for his commitment to ensuring deputies work efficiently and make the most of taxpayer dollars. As a former deputy, business owner, and taxpayer, I want Sheriff Bill King to remain in office.

Please join my family and me in reelecting him.

– Jason Solomon
(Retired Deputy, York County Sheriff’s Office)

Sheriff King’s re-election

As a volunteer member of the York County Chapter of the Maine Prison Re-Entry program, I would visit the York County jail frequently and I would meet with Sheriff King on a number of occasions.

The sheriff was always very co-operative, helpful and professional. I observed he was very well respected by both the staff and the inmates. It is a pleasure to be working with him.

It is for this reason, even though I am a MAGA conservative, I strongly support the re-election of Sheriff King, this coming November.

– Robert Carr
Sanford

Keep King in office

My name is David Lambert and I retired from the York County Sheriff’s Office after 40 years of dedicated service. My last 15 years were served under Sheriff Bill King. I found Sheriff King a dedicated professional who deeply cares for his employees.

My experience with Sheriff King is that he fosters clear and consistent communication in a high-risk environment. He encourages a healthy work-life balance despite our demanding schedules and abundant vacancies. He doesn’t avoid the jail like other sheriffs may. He frequently goes into the jail to meet with staff and to review the conditions of the jail. He speaks with the inmates and is truly concerned with providing treatment for those with addiction issues because he believes that will reduce the recidivism rate. I think his involvement in the jail contributed to our success in meeting or exceeding state guidelines – last year we received a 100% compliance rating during our biennium inspection – it is very rare to receive a perfect score from the state!

Sheriff King also recognizes and validates officer’s efforts in a profession where appreciation is rare by instituting an annual employee recognition event where families are encouraged to attend.

Under his guidance, the Sheriff’s office also began a quarterly bulletin that highlights the outstanding work of York County’s deputies and officers. When new staff are hired, Sheriff King ensures that the new staff are welcomed appropriately in person and in the bulletin.

Sheriff King makes a difficult job look easy and he is doing an outstanding job! Please join me and my family in voting to keep Sheriff Bill King in office!

– David Lambert
Saco

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COLLEGE NOTABLES

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the students listed below on being named to the Summer 2026 President’s List. The summer terms run from May to August. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President’s List.

The local students are: Seth Thibodeaux of Shapleigh, Michael Orzechowski of Alfred, Ryan Bogan-Schaub of Shapleigh, Rachel London of Hollis Center, Ellis Mattison III of Waterboro, Devon Spates of Hollis and Gregory Bourque of Alfred.



YORK COUNTY
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

York County Soil and Water Conservation District (YCSWD) is seeking local residents who would be interested in joining our volunteer Board of Supervisors.

If you live in York County and have an interest in conservation, we would like to talk with you! YCSWD is part of a national network. Maine has 16 local districts. We have a long history (over 75 years) of providing service to our community. Some of our primary areas of interest are soil erosion control, dealing with invasive species (land and water), sustainable farming and forestry practices, protecting wildlife, providing technical assistance (either individually or in groups) and strengthening our conservation community.

Board members help identify and prioritize local conservation needs, assist in the promotion of community programs, and assist in the creation of the District’s annual operating plans. Our Board oversees the work of the District as a team with our staff. Must be a York County resident.

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Obituaries

Wendy Lee Jones

My Sweetheart, Wendy Lee Jones, 78, passed away on Sept. 3, 2026, after a short but hard fought battle with illness and some years of declining health.

Wendy was born in Keene, New Hampshire on March 24, 1948, the daughter of Gilbert H Wyman and Mary Ellen (O'Connor) Wyman. She graduated from Keene High School in 1966. She had many jobs, most notably as a realtor and caregiver. She could trace her roots back to the original Wymans that settled in Colonial New England, and Keene New Hampshire that fought in the Revolutionary War. She lived in Cheshire County, New Hampshire where she had many friends until we moved to Limerick to be closer to the ocean in 2003.

Wendy loved animals, art, and history and spending time with family and friends. She loved our old house and was very interested in its and our adopted town of Limerick's history. She was an active board member of the Limerick Historical Society. She was a Civil war buff and visited Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. She enjoyed traveling all around New England and visiting natural and historic sites. She visited her ancestral home of Westmill, England.

She was a kind, caring, and loving person. She was truly beautiful. She was non-judgmental and accepting of others. She had a sense of humor and many friends.

She is predeceased by her brother Gilbert Wyman Jr. who died in childhood and survived by her brother, Bobby Wyman; sisters, Marilyn Riley and Nancy White; sons James Hollis and Nathan Andersen with his wife Jennifer; and her granddaughters Lila and Estelle Andersen; and her husband of 28 years Eyan Jones, she was the love of his life.

Wendy, I hope you are riding your horse Shadow with your young son and all of your dogs following you. I hope to someday open the door to where you are and find you there waiting for me. You are sorely missed. Losing you is almost unbearable, but I am a better person because of your love, and it encourages me to try

to be a better person to show that I was worthy of your love.

There will be a memorial service and interment at Woodlawn Cemetery on North Lincoln Street in Keene, New Hampshire at 12pm on Friday October 9th and there will be a remembrance held at the Old Congregational Church owned by the Limerick Historical Society on Main Street in Limerick, Maine on Sunday, Oct.11 at 2 p.m.

Please make donations to the Limerick (Maine) Historical Society and/or the Animal Welfare Society of Kennebunk, Maine in lieu of flowers.

Lee Ann Ouellette

Lee Ann Racine Ouellette, 69, passed away surrounded by loved ones at her home in Arundel, on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026. She was born on Jan. 7, 1957, in Reading, Massachusetts, to Harvey and Elizabeth Racine.

Lee Ann was known for her love of animals. There were wagging tails everywhere she went. Over the years, she raised countless dogs, cats, birds, horses, miniature horses, goats, bunnies, chickens, and ducks. Helping animals in need filled her heart.

She is forever loved by her husband of more than 30 years, Paul R. Ouellette; her children, Michelle, Thomas, and Heather; and her fur babies, Nina and Chloe.

A private celebration of life will be held at her home.

To honor Lee Ann, please give a helping hand to an animal in need, give your dog a scratch, kiss your cat on the head, and love your family.

Nancy D. L'Heureux

Nancy D. L'Heureux, 75, of Alfred, entered peacefully into the loving arms of her Savior on Monday, July 27, 2026, with her devoted husband by her side at the River-Ridge Center in Kennebunk following a period of declining health.

Born in Sanford on April 14, 1951, Nancy was the daughter of Leo and Rita (Parent) Bourassa. She grew up in Sanford, attended

local schools, and graduated from Sanford High School with the Class of 1969.

On a beautiful day in 1970, Nancy married the love of her life, Jerry L'Heureux, at Holy Family Parish in Sanford. Together they built a marriage rooted in faith, love, and unwavering commitment, sharing 55 wonderful years together while raising their beloved son. Their marriage was a testament to the sacred vows they exchanged before God, serving as an example of enduring love for all who knew them.

Nancy's Catholic faith was the cornerstone of her life. It guided every decision she made, shaped the way she treated others, and gave her strength through life's joys and challenges. Her relationship with God was evident not only in the words she spoke but in the countless acts of kindness, compassion, and generosity she quietly offered each day. She faithfully served her parish for many years, first through her employment in the parish office and at St. Thomas School, and through her many ministries at church. She was an active member of the Family Life Commission and faithfully served as both a lector and Eucharistic minister. Whether proclaiming God's Word, distributing Holy Communion to others, or lending a helping hand wherever she was needed, Nancy lived her faith with humility, grace, and joy.

Throughout her working life, Nancy held several positions in the insurance and banking industries before answering a calling to work for Holy Family Parish. Serving both the parish office and St. Thomas School brought together her love for her faith and her desire to serve others, and she remained there until her retirement.

Nancy had a remarkable love of learning and was an avid reader, having read more than 800 books during her lifetime. She enjoyed completing puzzles, reading and playing games on her Kindle and iPad, and treasured evenings with a good book. She delighted in playing bingo and looked forward to trips to Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun. Shopping excursions, especially those shared with her beloved mother and her dear friend Muriel, brought her great happiness.

She loved to travel and created treasured memories on trips to the White Mountains, Myrtle Beach, and Broadway, where she enjoyed attending musicals and theatrical productions. One of Nancy's greatest gifts was preserving her family's history. She lovingly maintained scrapbooks filled with

photographs, newspaper clippings, keepsakes, and memorabilia chronicling the lives of her family and extended family. She also faithfully kept detailed journals documenting the events of her own life, leaving behind an extraordinary legacy for future generations.

While Nancy enjoyed many hobbies and interests, nothing was more important to her than the people she loved. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who always placed her family first. Her grandchildren brought her immeasurable pride and joy, and she cherished every opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments and share in their lives.

Nancy possessed a rare gift for making others feel loved and remembered. She was quick to offer a phone call, send a thoughtful card, or write one of her many heartfelt letters of encouragement to anyone she believed needed comfort or reassurance. She believed deeply that God called His people to lift one another up, and she faithfully answered that call throughout her life. Her warmth, genuine interest in others, infectious smile, and wonderful sense of humor made her a friend to many. She had a way of brightening every room she entered and left an enduring impression on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Nancy's life was a beautiful reflection of Christ's love. She demonstrated that true greatness is found in serving others, loving unconditionally, and remaining steadfast in faith. Her kindness, generosity, and unwavering trust in God will continue to inspire her family and friends for generations to come. Although her presence will be deeply missed, those who loved her find comfort in knowing that her earthly journey has been completed and that she now rests in the eternal peace.

Nancy was predeceased by her sister, Jeanne Grant.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 55 years, Jerry L'Heureux of Alfred; her son, Bob L'Heureux and his wife, Heidi, of Scarborough; her cherished grandchildren, Brandon, Connor, and Grace L'Heureux, all of Scarborough; her brothers, Robert Bourassa and his wife, Claire, and James Bourassa and his wife, Joanne, all of Sanford; as well as many be-

loved nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Aug. 5 at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Holy Family Church, 66 North Avenue, Sanford. Interment followed at the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Stanley Road in Springvale.

In the words of St. Paul that Nancy lived so faithfully: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7) Her race is now complete, and she has received the crown of righteousness promised by the Lord whom she loved and served so faithfully.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider sending a contribution in Nancy's memory to St Thomas School, 69 North Avenue, Sanford, Maine 04073.

Shawn Jerry Michaud

Shawn Jerry Michaud, 36, of Limerick, died on Aug. 17, 2026, after a brief illness. Shawn had an OGT genetic mutation since he was born.

Shawn was born on Nov. 25, 1989, to Gerard and Kathleen (Burke) in Biddeford. He attended Waban's Little House, Biddeford Primary School, and graduated from Massabesic High School. Shawn participated in day programs at Creative Works in Saco. NASCAR, Ozzie, and SpongeBob were a few of his favorite things.

Shawn is survived by his parents, Jerry and Kathy Michaud, and his siblings, Raymond, Miles, Andy, Molly, and Kelly. Several aunts and uncles also survive.

A Celebration of Shawn's life was held on Sept. 5, at the Limerick Town House (11 Main St, Limerick).

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

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

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Obituaries

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Claire (Sylvain) Guillemette

Claire (Sylvain) Guillemette, aka Mémé, 82, a lifelong resident of Sanford, died peacefully on Sept. 2, at her home with her family by her side following a brief illness. Claire was born in Sanford on Nov. 18, 1943, the daughter of Raymond and Phyllis (Charron) Sylvain.



Claire (Sylvain) Guillemette

Claire and her husband met while attending St. Ignatius High School. They were married at Holy Family Church on May 2, 1964, and were blessed with four children.

In addition to raising her family, Claire worked alongside her husband operating Guillemette Flooring, which they established in 1974. Working side by side with her husband, Richard, they became a united team not only in business, but in raising their children. Over the years, she enjoyed many trips with her husband to New Orleans, Nashville, Florida, and Washington, D.C.

When Richard was stricken with Multiple Sclerosis, Claire was selflessly committed to caring for him in their home until his passing. She spent the next nine years reinventing herself with the support of her loving family.

Even though she was a working mom, Claire was always waiting to greet her children when they got off the bus. She kept an open-door policy where everyone was welcome, continuing this tradition with the generations that followed. She was deeply involved in her grandchild-

ren's and great-grandchildren's lives, regularly attending music concerts, band performances, and countless sporting events.

Claire loved working in her garden, and the fruits of her labor bloomed all summer long. A bouquet of fresh-cut flowers was a constant centerpiece on her kitchen table.

She loved to travel and was always ready for the next adventure. She was blessed to visit Scotland, France, and Belgium in Europe, as well as Alaska, California, and Colorado in the U.S. She also had the great fortune to spend her last three winters as a snowbird in Florida. Over the past nine years, she spent countless summer days on the water, whether at the lake or the beach.

Claire had a passion for sewing, a skill learned from her mother, which included making and mending clothes for her kids. She handmade quilts for her grandchildren and knitted Af-

ghans for all of her great-grandchildren. She was "Mémé" to many, including family, friends, and the countless children who attended the Creative Learning Corner Preschool.

She enjoyed spending hours listening to music while completing 1,000-piece puzzles. Her grand-dog, Tessie, was also a great source of comfort and companionship. Claire loved cooking and baking, and she will always be remembered for her famous pork pie, peanut butter fudge, and whoopie pies.

A devout Catholic, she attended daily Mass and always started her mornings with the rosary, praying daily for her children, grandchildren, and many others.

Claire will be remembered as a loving wife, proud mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to many. She was happiest when her family and friends were gathered together.

She is survived by her chil-

dren: Steven and his wife Connie of Sanford, Mark and his wife Stephanie of North Waterboro, Karen Gould and her husband Terry of Cape Coral, Florida, and Jay and his wife Karen of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts; her six grandchildren; Stephanie, Kristen, Andrew, Sarah, Jackie, and Katie four great-grandchildren; Kendrick, Clara, Gideon, and Lydia many nieces and nephews; and her dear, lifelong cousin, Linda Kilson.

A Memorial Mass was held Saturday, Sept. 12 at St. Thérèse of Lisieux Parish, Holy Family Church, 66 North Ave., Sanford. Committal prayers and burial followed at St. Ignatius Cemetery. Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green in Alfred respectfully handled arrangements.

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