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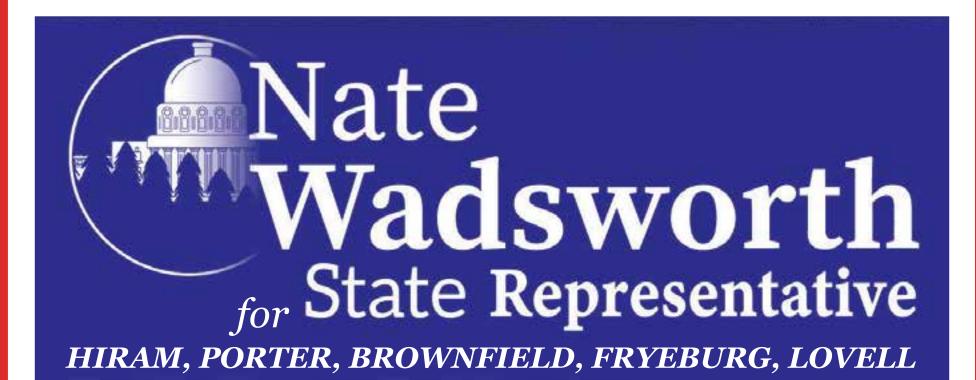
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Nate, April, Lillian & William

Nate Wadsworth is a small business owner and family man. His roots run deep as a sixth generation Oxford County resident and as a graduate of Sacopee Valley High School in Hiram.

Nate is active in the community by serving in the Maine House of Representatives from 2014-2022, serving on the Board of Sacopee Rescue, and sitting on the Board of Trustees for the Fryeburg Fair. He resides in Hiram, Maine with his wife April and their two children.

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Nate is dedicated to working for YOU. In Augusta, Nate will be:

- * A Voice for Fiscal Responsibility and **Property Tax Reform**
- **★** A **Strong Advocate** for **Maine Small Businesses**
- ★ A **Proud Supporter** of Our Local Law Enforcement, First Responders and Veterans
- ★ A **Defender** of Our **Outdoor Heritage**
- ★ A **Champion** in Pushing for **Term Limits** on Congress
- **★** A **Supporter** of **Strengthening "Career and Tech Education**" in Local High Schools

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Vote for Nate Wadsworth by requesting an absentee ballot or voting in person on November 5th!

Contact Nate at: NathanWadsworth@hotmail.com







NOTICE TO TOWN OF STANDISH RESIDENTS

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Standish Voters will Receive Ballots for the Following Election:
State of Maine - General Election and Referendum Election
and

Special Town Meeting Referendum

The Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Voting will be held in the Fire Department Vehicle Bays
at Standish Municipal Center
175 Northeast Road, Standish, Maine

ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE

Absentee Ballots

An absentee ballot can be requested by:

- Calling the Town Clerk's Office at 642-4678, 642-4713, 642-4681 or 642-8841 Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Mailing absentee ballot application request to: 175 Northeast Rd, Standish, ME 04084
- Faxing the absentee ballot application request to 642-5181
- Delivering the absentee ballot application in-person to the Town Clerk's Office
- Using the electronic absentee ballot application request found on the Standish website

Printable and electronic absentee ballot applications can be found on the Town Clerk's page at www.standish.org

Absentee applications or written requests must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2024. Absentee requests after October 31 will be by special circumstance only.

Accessible (Electronic) Absentee Ballots are available

The accessible absentee ballot is intended for voters with print disabilities, which may include vision impairment or blindness, physical dexterity limitations, learning disabilities or cognitive impairment, all of which prevent the individual from independently marking a paper ballot. For those voters with disabilities who prefer to vote absentee, an accessible electronic ballot is available for voters to complete independently at home using screen reader technology.

To request your accessible (Electronic) absentee ballot, call Mary Chapman at 642-4678

In-person Absentee Voting

In-person absentee voting will be available at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours, which are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Additional hours for in-person absentee voting:

- Wednesday, October 23, 2024 -- 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 30, 2024 -- 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Voter Registration

The Registrar of Voters for Standish holds office hours during the regular Town Clerk's Office business hours Monday – Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Additional voter registration hours:

- Wednesday, October 23, 2024 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 30, 2024 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Standish residents can register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office or by mailing in a Voter Registration Application (the application is available on the Town's web site) and provide documents that show your proof of identity and proof of residency. For questions regarding documentation regarding proof of ID and residency, call Mary Chapman at 642-4678. The last date for the Town Clerk's Office to receive a voter registration application by mail or by a 3rd party prior to the November 5, 2024 Election is Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

The Standish Town Clerks Office is located at the Standish Municipal Center, 175 Northeast Road, Standish, Maine.

What's Going On

NOTICE: What's Going On is a free column for non-profit organizations ONLY. Please keep all upcoming events or notices to 30 words or less. Coming events are printed on a space available basis & for up to 3 weeks at a time.

BALDWIN: Join the Baldwin Historical Society for a 1995 video of Winn Smith, the owner of Limington Lumber as we explore the past history of the Baldwin lumber mills. We will have some wonderful 1940'sphotos of the Gunter Mill and the history of the old water tower as well. Brown Memorial Library, Wednesday, Oct 23rd @7PM.

BALDWIN: Mainely Woods Rug Hookers meet 9-1, first & third Monday each month at the Brown Memorial Library. New members welcome. FMI, call 625-3177.

E. BALDWIN: Brown Memorial Library Hours: M 9-1, W 2-5, F 2-6, S 9-1. Story time with puppets and crafts Monday @ 10 AM Free WI/FI 24/7 Community room available for events. FMI: 787-3155

E. BALDWIN Sadly, The First Congregational Church of East Baldwin is no longer able to hold Sunday morning worship services. The <u>Food Pantry remains open</u> to anyone in need on Tuesday mornings 9:30-1030AM. FMI Tammy @ 625-7083.

W. BALDWIN United Methodist Church Sunday worship at 10:30 am. 3rd Sunday of the month is 68 Hours of Hunger Donation Day. Food items, check, or cash accepted.

BROWNFIELD Artist Group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday, from 1:00 - 3:00pm every month at the old school. Contact Cathy: andiftoday@gmail.com

BROWNFIELD Community Coffee Hour every Thursday, 9:30-11 am at Brownfield Recreation Center on Main Street. Cards, cribbage, and conversation. Free. All welcome. Sponsor: Friends of Brownfield Rec.

BROWNFIELD Historical Soc. open Tuesdays 10am-2pm & by appt. 207-935-4392, 258 Main St., Brownfield 04010.

BROWNFIELD: Public Library: Open Tues. 2-6, Weds. 10-2, Thur. 2-6, Sat. 10-2. Ongoing Book sale. 935-3003 info@brownfieldpubliclibrary.org.

info@brownfieldpubliclibrary.org. **BUXTON:** Try our delicious Haddock Supper Buffet - Saturday, October 26 - 5:00 pm at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road. Suggested donation: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family. Takeout available.

CORNISH: Need help understanding your Medicare plan. Get personalized guidance at Cornish Pike Hall the third Wednesday of every month. Contact 207-396-6524 to set up your appointment.

CORNISH Bonney Memorial Library Hrs: Mon. 10am-1pm, Tues. 9am-1pm AND 2pm-6pm; Wed. 10am-1pm, Thurs. 2-6pm, Sat. 9am-12noon. Children's Story Hour: Wed. 10am. Call for info. on using the meeting room for events. Catalog on-line: www.bonneylib.org. WiFi 24/7, 625-8083.

EFFINGHAM: Every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Love to knit or crochet or sew? Bring your favorite yarn or sewing project and enjoy company while you work. Effingham Public Library 30 Town House Road, FMI call 603-539-1537 or website at https://effingham.lib.nh.us/.

GORHAM: The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet located at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Road & Route 25. FREE clothes of all kinds and sizes to those in need. Feel free to drop by. Open 9 to 12 noon on 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month. Emergency? call 839-3111.

GORHAM: Storytime at the North Gorham Public Library! Wednesdays at 10am. 2 Standish Neck Rd. in Gorham. Hours: Mon 3-5:30pm, Wed 10-11:30am, 6-8pm, Thurs 3-5:30pm, Sat 9:30am-1pm. FMI: http://www.north-gorham.lib.me.us/ **HIRAM:** Soldiers Memorial Library hours Tues 9:30-12:30, Wed & Thurs 10:30-5, Sat 9:30-12:30. Story Hour Tues at 10, Knotty Knitters Thurs at 12:30. 625-4650.

HIRAM: Trash Can Turkey Roast, Saturday, October 19 @ 12pm, 20 Historical Ridge Road. Raffles, live music by Don Case & "Tales from the Past' with Xander Berkeley, visit the museum, BBQ by Smoke 'N Days & pies! Call 207-615-4390 or facebook FMI.

HIRAM: Free After School Club at Soldiers Memorial Library! Mineral Madness/STEM program Wednesday, Oct. 23rd 3:30-4:30. Grades 1-5 recommended.

KEZAR FALLS: Riverside Methodist Church Clothing Barn 9 Main Street, Fall & Winter Clothes/Boots are Here! 1ST & 3RD Saturdays 9:00-11:00am. FMI 625-3082

KEZAR FALLS Circ. Library, 2 Wadleigh St, Parsonsfield. 625-2424. Tue:2:30-7, Wed:10-4, Thu:2:30-5, Sat:10-12. No more fines! Laptops & printing available. View upcoming programs and online catalog: www.kezarfallslibrary.org.

KEZAR FALLS: American Legion West-Day Post 123 & Auxiliary meets the first Wednesday of each month. Supper at 6pm & meeting at 7pm. FMI, call 207-432-1919.

LIMERICK: Public Library Hours: Mon. 1-5, Tues. 9-6, Wed. 9-12 & 3-8, Fri. 1-5, Sat. 9-1.

LIMERICK: American Legion Post 55 meetings on first Tuesday of the month. Dinner at 6pm, followed by biz meeting. **LIMINGTON:** Hist. Soc. CRAFTERS WANTED (\$15/space) for Christmas Craft & Bake Sale at Limington Municipal Offices. (Rt. 11) 425 Sokokis Ave on Sat. Nov. 9, 9-2. FMI, call Patty D. @207-747-7499.

LIMINGTON: Davis Memorial Library open Mon 2-8; Tues 10-6; Thurs 10-6; Fri 2-6; Sat 10-1. Check out our monthly local collection in our display cabinet. Preschool story hour is Thurs@10:30am. Offering home delivery service for Limington residents. FMI, email: library@limingtonmaine.gov; web: davismemoriallibrary.com, 637-2422.

NEWFIELD Library Hrs: Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 1:00-4:00pm, 207-809-7014. Newfield Library Book Club, 2nd Wednesday monthly 1:00-3:00pm. Light Refreshments.

PARSONSFIELD: The 19th Annual "THE HAUNTING" at Par Sem. October 18th, 19th, 25th & 26th from 6:30pm-9pm. FMI: (603)539-5233, (207)625-8360

PORTER: GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP, RUMC, 5 School Street, every 4th Wednesday of the month from 6-7:30pm. FMI Nancy Stanley 625-8269 or Sylvia Pease 625-8712.

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BECAUSE YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Hard-working families and seniors are getting left behind. Now more than ever, we need representatives who will work for bipartisan solutions. Your vote is your voice.

YOUR BELIEFS, IDEAS AND VIEWPOINTS MUST BE REPRESENTED IN AUGUSTA.

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Democratic politicians in Augusta are bragging about tax surpluses, while Mainers are struggling to make ends meet.

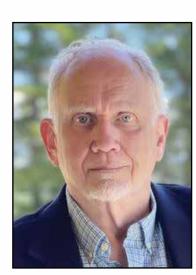
We need proven Republican conservative leaders that will work hard for all Mainers.



James Libby
Maine Senate Dist. 22
Baldwin, Naples, Sebago & Standish
Hiram & Porter
Acton; Cornish; Limerick; Limington;
Newfield; Parsonsfield & Shapleigh



Kim Pomerleau
Maine Congress Dist. 85
Standish



Mark Walker
Maine Congress Dist. 84
Baldwin, Naples, Sebago, Standish

This team will govern with ideas, not fear and will always put the people of Maine first!

- ★ Put workers first by encouraging business with high paying jobs to movew to Maine
- ***** Put small businesses first by reducing regulations and increasing access to broadband
- ★ Put Maine's legacy industries first by assisting in appeals against excessive regulations
- Put families first by reducing taxes and lowering energy costs
- **Put students first by improving and expanding educational opportunities**
- ★ Put parents first by reaffirming their rights to determine what is best for their children

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Rain Date: Saturday, October 26



10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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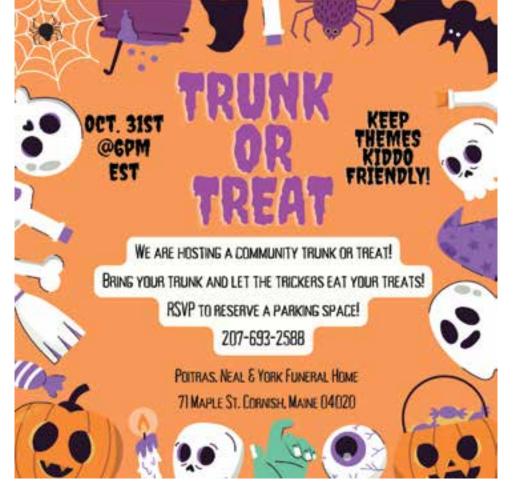
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Town of Standish REFERENDUM VOTE

Election Day: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Question 1. Shall the Town approve the charter amendments summarized below?

Summary of Amendments: The proposed charter amendments will add language to two existing sections of the Town Charter to allow an individual who resides on a parcel of land that is located in more than one of the four areas of Standish listed in Section 201 of the Town Charter to be considered a resident of each area and to seek election to the Town Council or Planning Board as a representative to any of the areas in which the individual resides, but once that selection is made, the individual is committed to that area for as long as he/she resides at that property. The purpose of the proposed amendments is to address an ambiguity that exists under the current language, which does not address this situation. The complete text of the proposed amendments is on file at the office of the Town Clerk.

The Standish Town Charter was adopted by the voters of Standish on November 4, 1986. At that time, some of the Town Council area boundary lines were laid on tracts of undeveloped land. It has been identified that development has occurred in some of these boundary areas where parcels have been created that are located in one or more of the Town Council representation areas. The purpose of this amendment is to address an ambiguity that exists under the current language, which does not address this situation.

Question 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Council to apply, on behalf of the Town, for federal financing assistance under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act ("LWCFA"), Public Law 88-578, for the construction of pickleball courts, a basketball court, accessible walking paths, and other park enhancements at Johnson field (the "Project"); to further authorize the Council to enter into the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Agreement with the State of Maine subsequent to federal approval of the Project; to see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes to include the principal amount of up to \$300,000 to finance the Project, as set forth in the Council's proposed capital projects budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, with the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details of such borrowing to be determined by the Council; and to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the proceeds of said bonds or bond anticipation notes for the foregoing projects, plus an amount necessary to refund the interest payments on any bond anticipation notes issued for said purpose and any costs of issuance of the bonds and/or bond anticipation notes.

(Fiscal Note: The Town expects to borrow up to \$300,000 but has applied for a grant in the amount of \$150,000 under the LWCFA which, if awarded, will be used to refund that portion of the costs of the Project when received. The borrowing is expected to consist of \$150,000 principal amount of short-term debt to be repaid with the grant proceeds and \$150,000 principal amount of long-term debt to be paid through other Town revenue. The total estimated debt service for the \$150,000 long-term borrowing is \$179,301.01, of which principal is \$150,000 and estimated interest at an average rate of 3.73% over 10 years is \$29,301.01.)

The proposed expenditure being requested by the Parks & Recreation Department will serve as matching funds required for a federal grant application to add 2 additional designated pickleball courts, standard basketball court, and ADA walking paths from the parking lot into the park. The scope of work for this project includes construction of a 60x60 asphalt pad with 4' fence for designated pickleball courts with installation of all nets, posts, and court lines. A new basketball court surface, 2 new hoops and painted lines. Lastly, the creation of the ADA paths that will help individuals move throughout the park. All the above-mentioned additions would enhance Johnson Field Park while also making the park accessible to everyone wishing to utilize it. The total estimated cost is estimated to be \$300,000.

Question 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes to include the principal amount of up to \$1,000,000 for the purpose of financing the construction of repairs and improvements to the culvert that crosses Strout Brook at Middle Road and the surrounding roadway, with the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details of such borrowing to be determined by the Town Council, and to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the proceeds of said bonds or bond anticipation notes for the foregoing project, plus an amount necessary to refund the interest payments on any bond anticipation notes issued for said purpose, and any costs of issuance of the bonds and/or bond anticipation notes.

(Fiscal Note: This capital expenditure will be financed from a portion of the proceeds of general obligation bonds to be issued in a total principal amount of up to \$1,000,000. Total estimated debt service is \$1,210,527.42, of which principal is \$1,000,000 and estimated interest at an average rate of 3.6%, over 10 years is \$210,527.42).

In June of 2024, the Strout Brook Culvert failed where it crosses the Middle Road. A sink hole formed in the center of Middle Road creating a substantial traffic hazard. A temporary road repair was done to make the road passable. Upon further inspection of the sink hole, it was determined that it was caused by a failing culvert and roadway material washing down stream. The inspection determined the culvert had no bottom and structural strength was weakened. Approximately 40 houses are after the culvert on Middle Road and have very limited access if the culvert completely fails.

POLLS OPEN 6:00 AM AND CLOSE AT 8:00 PM

VOTING WILL BE HELD IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE BAYS
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
175 NORTHEAST ROAD, STANDISH, MAINE

Town of Brownfield PUBLIC NOTICE

The Brownfield Select Board and the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee will host two speakers

Regarding Affordable Housing in the State of Maine at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center on Tuesday, October 22.

Erik Jorgensen from the Department of Housing and John Egan from The Genesis Fund will discuss the status of affordable housing in the State and the process for towns to pursue such housing.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

MARSHA WEEKS TRAILL ATTORNEY AT LAW

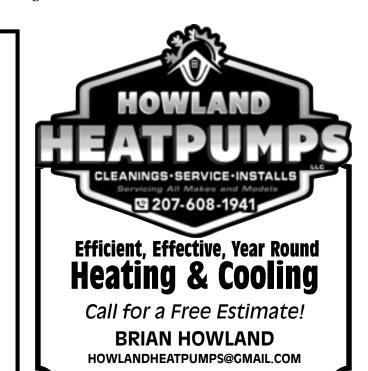
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TOWN OF LIMINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Limington Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Limington Municipal Complex 425 SOKOKIS AVENUE

Ray Marshall is seeking a Conditional Use Permit to build a campground with 27 tent sites which is located at Map R-15, Lot 24.

The address is 697 Sokokis Avenue.

A copy of the application is available at the Municipal Complex for public review.





Town of Baldwin

Zoning Board of Appeals

534 Pequawket Trail, West Baldwin, ME 04091 207-625-3581

NOTICE OF SITE WALK & PUBLIC MEETING

You are hereby notified that a **SITE WALK** will be held by the **Town of Baldwin, Zoning Board of Appeals** on **Saturday, October 26, 2024** at **10:00am** at **73 Sand Pond Road, East Baldwin** (Map14 Lot 33A).

A **PUBLIC MEETING** will be held

by the **Town of Baldwin Zoning Board of Appeals** on **Wednesday, October 30, 2024** at **6:00pm** at the **Baldwin Community Center 534 Pequawket Trail, West Baldwin**.

For consideration of completeness of application for the following:

Michael Marciello and Jennifer Marciello's application of Appeals to appeal a stop work order, notice of violation and appeal for a setback variance.

DATED: 10/07/2024

By Gary McNeil, Chair

May W. M. Must

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS



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WHEN: Saturday, October 19, 10:00 AM

(Sacopee Valey Health Center)

WHERE: Goat Hill Trail (Acton)

The Goat Hill Trail, created and maintained by the Three Rivers Land Trust, is an accessible trail 0.7 miles in length and rising 151' in elevation - The summit "offers stunning 360 degree views of nearby lakes and the Presidential Range and Mt. Washington" and provides accessible picnic tables for enjoying our annual wine and cheese party.

We'll carpool from the Sacopee Valley Health Center at 10am. (<u>Please note later start</u>). Bring sturdy footwear and libation, cheese, crackers, etc. to share.

Questions? Call/text Peter Zack @ 515-0226

Healthy Sacopee is a program of the Sacopee Valley Health Center.

TOWN OF STANDISH PUBLIC NOTICE

At the October 8, 2024, regular meeting of the Standish Town Council, Public Hearings on the following ordinance amendments were held, the ordinances were adopted and become effective as noted.

90-24 Amendments to the Standish Town Code, Chapter 263, Vehicles, and Traffic, Article I, Parking and Weight Restrictions, § 263-1, Prohibited Parking [Watson]

This amendment will establish that it will be unlawful to park any vehicle within the public way at the following location:

Either side of Newbegin Way for its entire length.

This ordinance amendment becomes effective 30 days after this publication.

91-24 Amendments to the Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use, Part 1 Zoning, Article III: District Regulations, Editor Notes in Multiple Sections [Watson]

These amendments remove the "editor notes" from the Land Use Ordinance that are incorrect, redundant, and/or misleading.

This ordinance amendment becomes effective 30 days after this publication.

113-24 Emergency Amendments to Standish Town Code, Chapter 151, General Assistance Ordinance, Adopt Updated Ordinance as provided by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services [Watson]

These amendments adopt the updated General Assistance Ordinance as provided by the Maine Department of Human Services which includes the updated ordinance to be used in the General Assistance Program.

The emergency amendments to Chapter 151, General Assistance Ordinance become effective October 1, 2024.

Complete copies of these ordinance amendments are available at the Town Clerk's Office 175 Northeast Road, Standish, Maine, or on the town's website - www.standish.org.

FMI – Contact Mary Chapman, Town Clerk - 642-4678

TOWN OF STANDISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Municipal Officers of the Town of Standish will hold the following **Public Hearings** at the **Council Chambers, Standish Municipal Center, 175 Northeast Road, Standish** at **6:00pm** on **Tuesday, November 12, 2024**, to act on the following ordinance amendments:

108-24 Amendments to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use, Section 181-7.1., Form Based Code Village Districts (FBCVD), Regarding Building Mounted Signs Above the First Floor [Watson]

These amendments will allow wall-mounted signs above the 1st floor in the Standish Corner District.

109-24 Amendments to Standish Town Code Regarding the Division of Dispatch in the Following Chapters: Chapter 3, Administration of Government, Article X, Public Safety Department §3-36 Establishment, Department Head, Enumeration of Divisions and §3-44 Establishment Division of Dispatch; Chapter 142, Fire Prevention Article I, Sprinkler Systems, §142, §142-4 Installation; Chapter 181, Land Use, Article IV, General Standards, § 181-16.1 Blasting; and Chapter 252, Streets and Sidewalks, Article III, Construction and Acceptance, §252-23 (D), Naming and Naming and Numbering of Streets and Roads [Watson]

These amendments will remove references to the Town's Division of Dispatch as the town now contracts all local dispatch responsibilities to Cumberland County.

110-24 Amendments to Standish Town Code Regarding Private Roads in the Following Chapters: Chapter 181, Land Use, Article II, Definitions, §181.3 Terms Defined, §181-14 Lots; and Chapter 252, Streets and Sidewalks, Article V, Design Standards and New Construction, §252.31 Street Classification and Design Standards [Watson]

These amendments revise how private roads are handled under the ordinance including: allowing up to 5 dwellings on a gravel road, allowing new dwellings on pre-1996 private roads without bringing said roads up to current public road standards, and establishing maintenance standards for private roads that have winter maintenance agreements with the town.

Complete copies of these ordinance amendments are available at the Town Clerk's Office 175 Northeast Road, Standish, Maine, or on the town's website - www.standish.org.

ALL INTERESTED PEOPLE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT THE HEARING.

FMI – Contact Mary Chapman, Town Clerk - 642-4678



ONLINE Meetings of AA. http://aa-intergroup.org/directory.php

SAD55 SCHOOL BOARD: The October meeting has been changed to take place on Oct. 16. Monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Superintendent's Office & are open to the public. Meetings will be held in person.

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BALDWIN - Select Board meets every Tuesday @ 6:00pm. Planning Board meets 2nd & 4th Thurs every month, 7pm at Town Office. General Assistance & Code Enforcement office hours are by appointment only. Municipal staff meetings held the first Wednesday of each month. For more info. visit the website www.baldwinmaine.org for schedule, contact info, hours & meeting minutes, or call the Town Office at 625-3581 or Select Board Office at 625-9107.

CORNISH Republicans are having a candidates Meet & Greet Thursday, September 26 at 6:00 P.M., at Cornish Town Hall/Pike Memorial Hall, at 17 Maple Street. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Meet the Republican candidates for federal and state offices, serving Cornish and CD #1, including Ron Russell, running for Congress in CD 1 and Dr. Demi Kouzounas, DMD running for US Senate. Other candidates will be attending. FMI, E-mail: republicansof-cornishme@gmail.com. *See our display ad.*

CORNISH - Planning Board Monthly Business Mtg. 1st Mon. ea. mo. 5:30pm @ Pike Hall. Workshop 3rd Mon. ea. mo. 5:30pm. Agenda items must be submitted 10 business days prior to business meeting @ planningboard@cornishme.com. Selectmen's Mtgs - every other Weds. 5pm @ Pike Hall; Workshops will take place as needed. Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector Dan Vaillancourt, hours by appointment, 653-4608. Animal Control Officer - Kristin Russell-Perkins (207)807-9071. Fairgrounds Mtg. 1st Thurs. 6:30pm @ Pike Hall, Pike Hall Committee now meets quarterly, next meeting: TBA, 9am. Four Seasons Committee meets every other Thursdayfrom 6-7pm. Website: www.cornishme.com.

LIMERICK PLANNING BOARD - Meeting Schedule: The Planning Board regular monthly meeting will be held the first and third Wed. of each month & may sometimes include a workshop after the regular meeting. Meetings will take place at the Municipal Building, 55 Washington St. and be broadcast live on Channel 5 and replayed as scheduled for Limerick. All meetings and workshops are open to the public. FMI: 207-793-2166 Option 22 and leave a voice message. Aaron Carroll-Chairman.

PARSONSFIELD PLANNING BOARD Regular Monthly meetings are on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm. (If postponed, will be moved to the first Wednesday the following month.) Applications must be submitted at least 15 days in advance to the Code Enforcement Officer. Workshops will be scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month. To see if a workshop meeting is scheduled, check the website Parsonsfield.org. FMI/Questions contact planning@parsonsfield.org or call 207-625-4558.

PARSONSFIELD - www.parsonsfield.org. 625-4558. (townclerk@parsonsfield.org)-Town Clerk's office Open Mon-Thurs. 8am-4pm (Tues. open til 6pm). Selectmen's mtgs: Every Tues. @ 4pm; Optional Selectmen's/Assessors' Workshop 2-4pm, Code Enforcement Officer/ Plumbing Inspector Jesse Winters: Tues 8-4 & Thurs 4- 6pm (call first) 207-604-4804 or by appt.. Animal Control Officer - Maine State Police-Emergency: call 911. Nonemergency, call 207-624-7076 ext.9. Be prepared to give your name & birthdate.

PORTER PLANNING BOARD- Regular monthly meetings on 3rd Wednesday each month (4th if the 3rd is a holiday), 7pm @ Porter Town Hall. Applications due by the third Tuesday of the month Appeals Board meetings posted on town website. Call Code Enforcement Officer at 256-4522 or ceo@portermaine.org for more information.

SACOPEE VALLEY: The Town of Porter is seeking Patricia Moore for Unclaimed Funds of \$13,428.85 for the sale of a 0.5-acre parcel on Roberts Lane in Porter, Maine. Proceeds must be claimed by 10/4/2024.

STANDISH PLANNING BOARD - Holds a monthly mtg the first Monday of each month (second Monday if a holiday) in Council Chambers beginning at 6pm. FMI 642-3466or jdyer@standish.org.

STANDISH TOWN COUNCIL - Regular monthly mtg 2nd Tuesday; Council Workshop 4th Tuesday, mtgs are held at the Municipal Center beginning at 6pm. FMI call Mary Chapman 642-4678 or emailmchapman@standish.org.

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PORTER Grange Meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Join us at the Grange Hall on 17 First County Road, Supper at 6pm, Meeting @ 7pm.

SACOPEE VALLEY Garden Club meets the first Monday of the month, April-December. *New members always welcome!* FMI, call 207-232-6028.

SACOPEE VALLEY: Grateful Undead: Sacopee Valley residents: PUT ON YOUR WALKING SHOES! Local people getting together to make our lives more fun, invites all older people to enjoy an hour or so of easy, but interesting, walking each Wednesday at 10 am. FMI 207-408-3829 for details.

SACOPEE VALLEY: Cancer Support Meeting located at 5 School Street, Porter (Riverside United Methodist Church), meeting fourth Friday, of the month from 1:30-3pm. FMI please contact Marianne Wyer at: souppot4@yahoo.com or 207-749-0392 FMI. This group was initiated by The Grateful Undead in collaboration with SVHC and sponsored by Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine.

SAD 55 Healthy Sacopee Hike to Goat Hill (Acton), Saturday, October 19. (See box ad for details.)

SAD 55: Riverside Food Pantry - RUMC Porter. 1st & 3rd Friday, 9:30-11am. Porter/Parsonsfield/Hiram/Cornish/Baldwin. FMI, Call: 207-400-2866.

SEBAGO: North Sebago United Methodist Church, 820 Sebago Road. Sunday Service: 10am-11am. Come join us!

SEBAGO: Food Pantry is open to Sebago residents every Monday 9:30-10:45. The Clothes Closet is open every Sat, 9am-12. Clothing is free to all Maine Residents.

STANDISH: Schoolhouse Arts Center presents *'Carrie the Musical'* based on the novel by Stephen King October 11-20. www.schoolhousearts.org

STANDISH: The Deeper Well Church welcomes visitors to our Sunday morning service at 10:00 am. Sunday School for children during Sunday morning Service. Questions, please call the church office at: 642-1016 and leave message.



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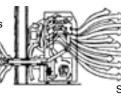
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OBITUARIES

OBITUARY

Richard Malcolm Stanton

CORNISH - Richard Malcolm Stanton, 79, passed away

peacefully on September 27, 2024, p after a brave battle with cancer. Born on March 17, 1945, in Boston, Massachusetts, to the late Reta B. Stanton-Lovering,

Richard grew up in Melrose, MA, and graduated from Melrose High School in 1964. Shortly after, he proudly enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served his country with honor.



Following his military service, Richard settled in California, where he pursued a career as a Software Developer. After many successful years in the field, he retired in 2006. In 1994, Richard made the move to Maine to be closer to family, eventually settling in Cornish in 2007 with his niece, Sara, her husband, Sam, and their family, where he resided until his passing,

Richard was known for his kindness, intellect, and unwavering support of those he loved. He enjoyed the quiet beauty of Maine and treasured the time spent with his family, leaving behind fond memories that will be cherished for generations.

He was predeceased by his mother, Reta Stanton-Lovering, in 2006; and his brother, Theodore Stanton, in

Richard is survived by his beloved sister, Priscilla Fowle, and her family of Merrimack, NH; along with many nieces, nephews, and their families

A graveside service will be held at 12:00 PM on October 19, 2024, at Dow's Corner Cemetery, Cape Road, Standish, ME. In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's memory may be made to: Barbara Bush Children's Hospital, Maine Center for Cancer Medicine, or the American Cancer Society

Richard's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude for the love and support they have received during this difficult time.

Online condolence messages can be submitted at the Poitras, Neal & York Funeral Home website, www.mainefuneral.com

Thank You

Our family would like to send a very

heartfelt thank you to our friends for

the flowers, food, visits and the

love we have received after the

passing of my son Benjie.

Thank you all so very much.

Gustie Day-Cooledge

OBITUARY

Lawrence C. Jewell

PORTER - Lawrence C. Jewell, 86, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, October 6, 2024. He was born in Porter, Maine on April 7, 1938, son of the late David and Helene (Fox)

After graduating Porter High School he attended and graduated from SMCC (formerly SMVTI). He worked in Massachusetts for a few years before moving back to Maine.



Larry was a reserve in the US Marine Corps. On June 23, 1962, he married the love of his life, Patricia who was by his side for over 62 years.

Larry is preceded by his parents; and sister, Nancy Jamerson.

He is survived by his loving wife, Patricia (Eldridge) Jewell; their children, Lincoln Jewell and wife, Shelley, and their children, Tyler and wife, Abby and son, Westen, Jacob, Beckett; Catherine and husband, Roland; and great grandchildren, Leo and Vivian, Michael Jewell and daughter, Meagan, Stephanie Jewell and children, Saylor McCooeye, Roarke McCooeye; and great grandson, Brent. He is also survived by nieces, Tanya Jamerson and husband, David Martin and daughters, Maya and Gabby, Tasha Carmean and husband, Kyle and sons, Cooper and Chace.

Larry enjoyed rebuilding old cars and was often seen in town in a 1932 Ford, one of many he rebuilt throughout his life. He enjoyed hunting, building muzzle loaders and single shot rifles, and was a life-time member of the NRA. He also enjoyed going for long car rides, traveling to various Street Rod events throughout the Midwest and the East Coast, and spending time with

A graveside service was held at the Kezar Falls Burial Ground. Online condolence messages can be submitted at the Poitras, Neal & York Funeral Home website, www.mainefuneral.com





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OBITUARY

Thomas Welch

DENMARK - Thomas Welch, 42, of Denmark, Maine, passed away unexpectedly in a

motorcycle accident September 30, 2024. Born in Bridgton on June 1,

1982, Tom lived his life with a heart full of kindness and generosity. He was always there for family and friends, ready to lend a hand or offer support whenever needed. His thoughtful, giving spirit left an impression on every-

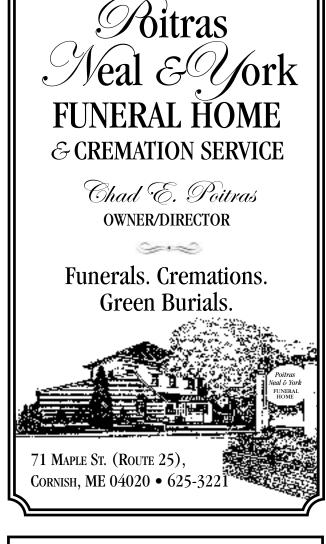


one fortunate enough to know him. Tom had an incredible mind, deeply curious about how things worked and gifted with a mechanic's intuition. While spelling was never his strong suit, he had a talent for numbers and an agile intellect that allowed him to solve problems in creative ways. He was fascinated by science fiction and loved exploring new ideas, always thinking ahead and pushing the boundaries of what could be done.

He was a man in constant motion, filled with an energy that touched everything around him. Whether swimming or working outdoors, Tom was happiest when active, thriving in the freedom of the open air and the excitement of new challenges. He was a force of nature - dynamic, unstoppable, and always on the go.

Tom is survived by his loving mother, Sunni Martin; his father, Kevan Welch; his stepmother, Jayne Condon; his sister, Kyla Brustin; and his stepsister, Melina Martin.

A celebration of Tom's life will be held on October 19. 2024, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at the Denmark Arts Center. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made to a charity of your choice, in Tom's honor. Arrangements are in the care of the Hall Funeral Home in Casco where condolences and tributes may be shared at www.hallfuneralhome.net



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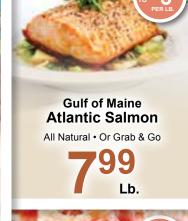




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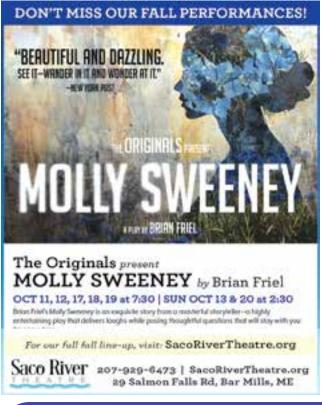
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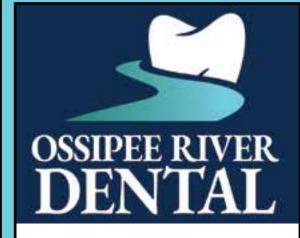
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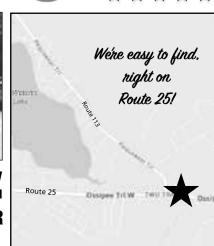






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- 13 million jobs added to the economy in last 30 months and still rising POLITIFACT, August 8, 2023 article by Louis Jacobson; WRAL News Mobile, August 22, 2023, Fact Check: Did Trump or Biden create more jobs over 30 months?
- Unemployment lowest in a half a century

Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor; White House Briefing Report, current

• Nearly **5.5 million businesses were launched** in the United States last year, making 2023 the highest year on record for new start-ups US Census Bureau, Business Formation Statistics, January 11, 2024

- The S&P 500 Index rose 24.3% in 2023, setting a new all-time high near year end.
- Inflation has halved in the last year without unemployment increasing or growth of the economy stalling

US Inflation Calculator, CoinNews Media Group Company: Current US Inflation Rates: 2000-2024

• Insulin prices capped at \$35 for Medicare patients, and Eli Lilly has pledged to do the same for non-Medicare patients

Medicare.gov website re: Insulin; Lilly.com re: Insulin

- For the first time in history, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 40,000 (May 17, 2024). Dow Jones Industrial Average, INDEX.
- On June 6th, 2024, the S&P 500 closed at a new record high of 5,354. Also, the Nasdaq Composite, weighted toward the information technology sector, also closed at a record high of 17,187.

S&P and NASDAQ Composite Closing Indexes.

 The growth of US wages has continuously exceeded the inflation rate from January 2023 to the present.

Statista Research Department, Statista.com, April 19, 2024.

• A GDP increase of 2.8%, the highest increase of business investment in two years (9%) and a 2.3% increase in consumer spending annualized accompanied softening inflation (2.6% rise in consumer prices down from 3.4%) in the second quarter of 2024.

New York Times, July 25, 2024, "US Economic Growth Accelerated, Outpacing Forecasts", by Ben Casselman.

 Wall Street Journal quarterly survey of economists concludes that the U.S. economy "has far outperformed expectations over the last year and a half...expanding at a robust clip."

> Wall Street Journal, April 14, 2024, "'Envy of the World'— U.S. Economy Expected to Keep Powering Expected to Keep Powering Higher," by Sam Goldfarb and Anthony DeBarros.

- National homicide rate declined nearly 13% in 2023, the largest drop FBI Quarterly Uniform Crime Report, March 18, 2024: Quarter 4 of 2023
- Violent crime dropped by more than 15.2% in the first quarter of 2024, murders fell 26.4%, reported rapes 25.7%, and property crime dropped **15.1%**.

"Violent Crime is Down and the US Murder Rate is Plunging, FBI Statistics Show," by Josh Campbell

and Devan Cole, citing FBI 2024 Quarterly Crime Report and Use-of-Force Data Update (June 10, 2024) Overdose drug deaths in 2023 decreased by 3% nationally and 16% in Maine, the largest rate of decline in the nation, with a 15% death reduc-

tion preliminarily recorded in Maine for the first seven months of 2024. Office of Governor Janet T. Mills, Maine.gov website, July 25, 2024.

 The national decline in drug overdose deaths of 3% in 2023 is the "first decline in such deaths since 2018."

U.S. News, HealthDay, May 15, 2024, "U.S. Drug Overdose Deaths Decline for First Time in 5 Years,"

• Illegal migrant crossings dropped more than 40% in the three weeks following unilateral action by the Administration taken in response to blocked legislation by the Republican House earlier in the year.

> The Washington Post, June 26, 2024. "Biden Border Restrictions Bring Sharp Drop in Illegal Crossings," by Nick Miroff.

 By Executive Order, the southern border with Mexico has been sealed to asylum seekers exceeding a manageable daily average. This action has been taken to make up for the Republican Congress's refusal to do the same thing by bipartisan legislation five months ago.

> The Washington Post, June 4, 2024, "Biden Announces New Asylum Cap in Bid to Deter Illegal Crossings", by Nick Miroff and Maria Sacchetti

Master Oil Trader", by Buttonwood (John O'Sullivan), Finance and Economics Dept.

- Between 2022 and July 2023, America posted a profit of \$582 million dollars by selling part of its oil reserves stockpile high at \$95 a barrel and re-buying them low at \$67 per barrel. The stockpiles were sold to ease peaking world oil prices caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and are now being replenished. The Economist, May 16th 2024, "Joe Biden.
- \$1 billion in delinquent taxes were collected in the last year, a milestone that the Treasury Department attributes to beefed-up enforcement resources. The I.R.S. targeted 1,600 taxpayers with more than \$1 million of income who owed more than \$250,000 in tax debt.

The New York Times, July 11, 2024, "IRS Crackdown on Delinquent Millionaires Yields \$1 Billion,"

by Alan Rappeport.

• From 2023-24, Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) Marketplace signups grew by 30% or 5 million people. ASPE Office of Health Policy, Issue Brief, March 22, 2024 • To encourage China to eliminate its unfair trade practices regarding technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation, tariffs have been or will be increased across strategic sectors such as steel and aluminum, semiconductors, electric vehicles, batteries, critical minerals, solar cells, ship-to-shore cranes, and medical products.

White House Fact Sheet, May 14th, 2024.

- US labor productivity grew by 2.7% in 2023, the highest growth rate since the 1990's. It is explained by a record creation of new businesses since 2020. Washington Post, May 1, 2024, "U.S. Productivity Is Popping. And It's Not Because of AI,"
- Between August 2022, when the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act became law and the end of February 2024, private companies announced and advanced 523 new clean energy projects, totaling 271,713 new jobs and over \$352 billion in investments across 47 states. Climate Power, February 28, 2024, "The State of the Clean Energy Boom," climatepower.us
- Supplemental funding for military aid to Ukraine, the Pacific Region and Israel passed in bipartisan congressional votes and was signed into legislation authorizing \$95.25 billion to assistance for US allies. Nearly 60% of those funds will go to manufacturers in the United States, and 20% to US defense operations and US-sourced humanitarian aid, thus recycling money into the domestic economy.

The Washington Post, April 25, 2024. "Eighty percent of Ukraine-Israel Bill Will Be Spent in U.S. or by U.S. Military", by Glenn Kessler

• Section 702 of the Federal Intelligence Surveillance Act was renewed in bipartisan congressional voting and signed into law at the end of March. Where terrorism, espionage or other national security threats are suspected, intelligence officers will be able to continue surveillance of foreigners abroad and of Americans with whom such foreigners communicate.

New York Times, April 21, 2024, "Government Surveillance Keeps Us Safe", by Matthew Waxman and Adam Klein

 The Affordable Connectivity Program assisted 23 million households, primarily those of military families, older citizens and minorities, including 87,000 Maine households, to afford high-speed internet between 2021 and the present. Those funds, which are used as \$30 discounts for recipients' monthly internet bills, need to be extended or will expire completely by June; however, the House Speaker, who must bring the necessary legislation to the floor, has been silent on the issue.

US Inflation Calculator, CoinNews Media Group Company: Current US Inflation Rates: 2000-2024

- The Port of Baltimore was reopened in less than three months after the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge jeopardized national supply **chains.** Federal and State agencies cooperated to efficiently achieve that engineering goal. US Dept. of Transportation, Website, June 12, 2024.
- The Federal Trade Commission banned noncompete clauses for all classes of employees, including nurses, hairdressers, computer engineers, truck drivers, corporate executives and others except for senior executives. The ban will prohibit employers from restricting approximately 30 million workers from going to work for rival companies.

New York Times, "FTC Issues Ban on Worker Noncompete Clauses", April 23, 2024, by Edward Moreno.

 Three Americans, Paul Whelan, Evan Gershkovich and Alsu Kurmasheva, have returned home after being held illegitimately in Russia under trumped-up Soviet-style charges. Twelve other individuals, similarly detained in Russia, were also returned to their home nations under the largest prisoner exchange with Russia since the Cold War.

> Washington Post, August 2, 2024, "Three Americans Freed in Large-scale Prisoner Swap with Russian are Welcomed Home, by Francis Vidal and Victoria Bisset.

 Finland and Sweden have become members of NATO in the last twelve months

UK Parliament, House of Commons Library, Research Briefing, NATO Enlargement: Sweden and Finland

 By action of the Food and Drug Administration on October 17th, 2022, Over-the-Counter hearing aids are available for purchase by the general public without the intervention of a medical specialist or a prescription.

"OTC Hearing Aids: What You Should Know", US Food & Drug Administration, May 3rd, 2023.

• New infrastructure projects following signing of the **Infrastructure** Investment and Jobs Act into law: 40,000 specific projects and awards across over 4,500 communities in all 50 states

> White House Infrastructure Award Data, November 2023; US Department of the Treasury, Infrastructure Investment in the United States, November 15, 2023

 Twelve citizen jurors in New York found Donald Trump guilty on 34 felony counts of criminally falsifying records to prevent inconvenient facts from emerging in a presidential election.

Wall Street Journal, May 30, 2024, "Donald Trump Found Guilty on All 34 Counts in New York Hush-Money Case." by Corinne Ramey and James Fanelli.

 The Biden Administration has appointed 200 federal judges in the last three years, 64% of whom are women and 62% of whom are persons of Ballotpedia.org; White House.gov, May 22, 2024.

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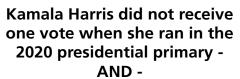
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She did not receive one vote to become the 2024 Democratic presidential nominee.

GovTrack.us ranked Harris as the MOST LIBERAL SENATOR in 2019.

Checkyourfact.com showed Harris as one of the top-10 most left-leaning Senators between 2017 and 2022

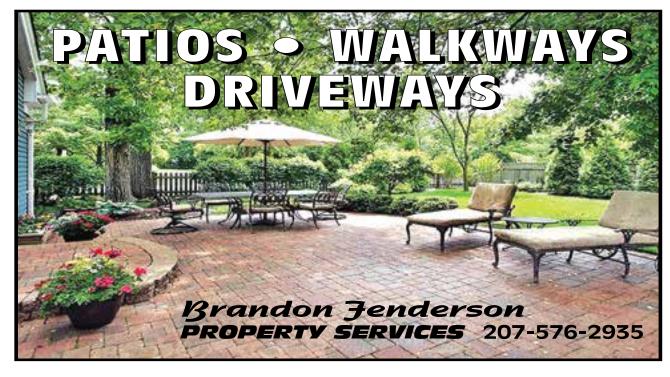
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BUXTON: 1.75 acre mobile home lot, not in park. \$600/month + sec. dep. 207-727-5708.

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Have you ever wanted to be part of a healthcare team?

Sacopee Valley Eye Care is looking for a full or part-time

OPTOMETRIC ASSISTANT

The ideal candidate will be dependable and reliably show up to work on time. They will be someone who is a quick learner. They will be someone who wants to be part of a successful practice and intends to stay for many years.

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What is the Electoral College and Why Do We Have It?

During the Constitutional Convention in 1787, America's Founders debated for months about how to elect a president with some arguing that Congress should pick one and others adamant that

this decision should be made by democratic popular vote. Both camps had valid concerns about each other's wishes. Specifically, one group feared that having Congress choose the president would result in backroom deals being struck between the legislators and those who were running for the highest office in the land. The other group had three legitimate concerns about allowing the citizens to elect the president by direct popular vote: 1) they didn't believe voters in the 18th century had the resources to be fully informed on the candidates; 2) they were concerned that undue influence from a "democratic mob" could force voters to vote a certain way; and 3) they believed that a populist president could command dangerous power.

In the end, our Founding Fathers came up with a compromise that is unique to our beloved nation – the Electoral College. Under this compromise, a certain number of electoral votes are allocated to each state based on its representation in the House and Senate. Pretty simple, right? One of the biggest advantages to using this method is that it provides a more equal voice for both small and large states in the election of the president – since every state has two Senators no matter the size of its population. If the Electoral College were abolished, presidential candidates would be incentivized to focus most of their efforts in states like Florida or Texas, leaving smaller states like lowa and Delaware left out in the cold.

In other words, without the balancing effect of the electoral college, a few densely populated urban areas across the country would be determining the outcome of a presidential election for all of us. Consequently, if the electoral college is abolished or a change is made to the way electoral votes are distributed, then the wishes of rural Americans and will effectively no longer be considered. Moreover, the desire of America's Founders to ensure the voices of all Americans and the interests of every state remain equally important would be circumvented.

Source: familyfoundation.org

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To the People in the Middle...

the Independent Thinkers...

Let's put LARGER ISSUES & at the top of the list of priorities when making your decision who to vote for.

If **Abortion** is your #1 concern...

TRUMP AGREES. The Supreme Court has ruled that this is **no longer a federal issue**, it is a STATE ISSUE. People in each state should vote accordingly.

If **Immigration** is your #1 concern...

Legal and Illegal Immigration are very different.

There is a right way and a wrong way to enter our country. ASK THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED LEGALLY, **THEY AGREE**.

If **Staying out of Wars** is your #1 concern...

Trump is the only president in recent history that has not entered our country into war.

If Safety & Security is your #1 concern...

Trump supports the Second Amendment Right to Bear Arms and has secured **endorsements** from the **National Association of Police Organizations**, **the International Union of Police Associations** and the **Fraternal Order of Police**,

As reported by the Associated Press.

DON'T TAKE MY WORD FOR ANYTHING, LOOK IT UP!

Try to see things from another's point of view...

If you normally watch CNN or MSNBC, try watching FOX or vice-versa to get another perspective. If you have the time, watch both and then do your own fact-checking.

We are voting for our President, not our Pastor. It is the most important CEO position in our country, and should not be decided on gender or race, but on ABILITY.

Gun Owners, Christians, Conservatives & Libertarians...
OUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU NOW!!!
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