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A family legacy of service continues in Oakland

By Mark Huard

OAKLAND - For Oakland Patrol Officer Craig Johnson, the classic police cruiser he drives is far more than a vehicle — it is a rolling tribute to family, service, and community.

The cruiser has a long and meaningful history. Originally owned by Johnson's father, a retired Oakland Chief of Police, the vehicle is a duplicate of the cruiser he drove in 1974 and has been restored with original equipment. While the cruiser has been used for patrol duties over the years, today it is reserved primarily for special occasions and exigent circumstances. To many who see it, the vehicle represents a proud piece of Oakland's law enforcement history.

Johnson's commitment to public service spans decades. He served nearly 21 years in the Maine Army National Guard and Army Reserves, retiring in 2006 as a Communications Section Sergeant. His law enforcement career began in 1988 as a reserve deputy sheriff, eventually leading him to become the full-time Chief of Police in Clinton.

After retiring from that

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When Lillie was six years old we were talking about what she wanted to be when she grew up.

She thought about it and then replied, “A boat. I want to be a big boat when I grow up.”

I was stunned and trying to not laugh when I explained why she couldn’t be a boat, ever. – *Pauline and Lillie, of Auburn.*

As a three-year-old, our grandson Isaac, who is now 21,

had spent many a summer day enjoying the beach and water at the family camp at a lake. Nana and Grampa decided to take Isaac to camp on a winter day to check it out.

We parked and walked the 100 yards to the camp. When we got there, the first thing Isaac said was, “Hey, where did all the water go?”

Of course, we knew the lake would be frozen and covered with snow, but he being young, didn’t.

– *Clint of Anson.*

New Dimensions FCU announces 2026 Future Ready Scholarship recipient Annabelle Hanscom

WATERVILLE – New Dimensions Federal Credit Union (NDFCU) is proud to announce Annabelle Hanscom of Mesalonskee High School as the recipient of the 2026 NDFCU Future Ready Scholarship.

After reviewing several impressive applications, the Scholarship Committee selected Annabelle based on her academic achievements, volunteer work, references, essay, and overall application strength.

Annabelle will receive a total scholarship award of \$5,000, distributed as \$2,500 for the Fall semester and \$2,500 for the Spring semester. She plans to attend the University of Maine at Farmington this fall to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education.

One detail that stood out to the committee — Annabelle was the only applicant to submit a video essay as part of her application, showcasing both creativity and initiative throughout the scholarship process.

“We are pleased to support students like Annabelle as she pursues her educational goals and invests in her future,” said Ryan G. Poulin, CEO. “Her accomplishments and application exceeded our expectations. In addition, her passion for helping others made her an excellent choice for this year’s scholarship recipient.”

“Today’s students are stepping into a financial world that can feel overwhelming even for adults,” said Tammy Poissonnier, Director of Marketing & Brand. “They are expected to understand saving, budgeting, credit, debt, and financial responsibility while navigating rising costs and economic uncertainty. That’s why financial education and guidance matter so deeply. As a financial institution, part of our responsibility is to help remove the ambiguity surrounding money and make financial confidence a natural part of life, not something young adults have to figure out on their own. Students like Annabelle demonstrate tremendous potential, determination, and initiative, and this year’s recipient truly stood out throughout the review process.”

NDFCU will also feature Annabelle in an upcoming website story, newsletter spotlight, and social media recognition celebrating her achievement and future goals.

For more information about New Dimensions FCU scholarships, please visit the New Dimensions FCU Scholarship page in January 2027, when the program reopens for the high school students graduating in 2027.



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MAINE CALENDAR

JUNE

June 24-27 – Monmouth Fair, 79 Academy Rd, Monmouth.

June 27 - Sidney 2nd Baptist Church Plant, Bake, Yard Sale, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., 3022 W. River Road, Sidney, FMI call 207-547-3525.

June 27 – Manchester Community Church Baked Bean and Casserole Supper, 4-5:30 p.m., 21 Readfield Road, Manchester, \$10.00 per person, FMI call 207-441-6011 or 207-242-0298.

JULY

July 11 - Wayne Strawberry Festival, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Main St., Wayne.

July 12 – Concert at Norcross Point, Lynn Deeves Trio, 2-4 p.m., Norcross Point, Bowdoin St., Winthrop, FMI call 458-5485 or www.concertsatnorcrosspoint.com.

July 26 - Winthrop Heritage Days, Norcross Park Point, 101 Bowdoin St, Winthrop.

July 19 - Concert at Norcross Point, Jim Sharkey: Irish Music, 2-4 p.m., Norcross Point, Bowdoin St., Winthrop, FMI call 458-5485 or www.concertsatnorcrosspoint.com.

July 25 - Manchester Community Church Baked Bean and Casserole Supper, 4-5:30 p.m., 21 Readfield Road, Manchester, \$10.00 per person, FMI call 207-441-6011 or 207-242-0298 .

July 26 — Leavitt Institute Class of 1963 will observe the 63rd class reunion on July 26, 2026 at the home of Dale Talbot. Come and get acquainted again with our classmates (family). It will be a great time. Contact Dale at 207-251-5788 or Marion at 207-946-5579.

July 26 - Concert at Norcross Point, Bella Ann, 2-4 p.m., Norcross Point, Bowdoin St., Winthrop, FMI call 458-5485 or www.concertsatnorcrosspoint.com.

Aug 2 - Concert at Norcross Point, Calypso

Soldiers, 2-4 p.m., Norcross Point, Bowdoin St., Winthrop, FMI call 458-5485 or www.concertsatnorcrosspoint.com.

Aug 9 – Concert at Norcross Point, The DE Experience, 2-4 p.m., Norcross Point, Bowdoin St., Winthrop, FMI call 458-5485 or www.concertsatnorcrosspoint.com.

Aug 16 - Concert at Norcross Point, LQH, 2-4 p.m., Norcross Point, Bowdoin St., Winthrop, FMI call 458-5485 or www.concertsatnorcrosspoint.com.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

WINTHROP: Winthrop Grange #209 meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, supper is at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting at 6 p.m., 549 Old Lewiston Road, Winthrop, contact information Kathy Ward 207 500-9864 or gwamme@gmail.com.

MANCHESTER: Coffee Open House at the Manchester Grange, 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 8-10 a.m, 953 Western Avenue, Manchester, FMI call Paige 617-800-4564 or manchestermaine.grange.wordpress.com.

TURNER: At Turner Public Library Stay & Play is on Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m., Story Hour is at 10:30 a.m., and Silent Book Club is from 4-6 p.m. on Thursdays.

WINTHROP: Winthrop Food Pantry, Thursday pickup 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. and 2nd & 4th Thursdays 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m., 10 Cross Rd., Winthrop, FMI call Sherie Knowlan, Director (207)377-3332 or winthropfoodpantry.org, Curb-side pick-up of shelf-stable food.

WINTHROP: Winthrop Hot Meal Kitchen, Monday - Thursday hot meal pickup 11:00 a.m., St. Francis Xavier Church, 20 Lake St., Winthrop, Contact: Steve Dodge (207)620-0488. Meal deliv-

ery to Winthrop & Wayne residents. Cooks, helpers, donations, or Hannaford Gift Cards are appreciated.

WAYNE: 30 Mile River Snowmobile Club meetings are on the first Monday of the month, meet at the Ladd Center in Wayne at 6:00 p.m., RSVP on Facebook page each month so we can have a count for pizza, salad and dessert at each meeting, sharing the cost of the pizza.

WAYNE: Tot Time at the Ladd Center is a relaxed, informal playgroup every Monday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., parents must stay with their children, and everyone is welcome, FMI call Ladd Center Director, Adam Brooks 685-4616.

LIVERMORE FALLS: Craft Circle, Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m., Treat Memorial Library, 56 Main St., Livermore Falls, bring your own project or learn along with us, craft group for all ages, FMI call 207-897-3631.

TURNER: Silent Book Auction, every Thursday from 4-6 p.m., Turner Public Library, 98 Matthews Way, Turner, (207) 225-2030.

TURNER: Story Hour, every Wednesday at 10 a.m., Turner Public Library, 98 Matthews Way, Turner, (207) 225-2030.

WAYNE: Cary Library Book Sale, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 3rd Saturday every month, Williams House, 14 Old Winthrop Road, Wayne, FMI call 685-3612 or visit our website <https://www.cary-memorial.lib.me.us>.

CORNVILLE/ATHENS: Cornville/Athens Food Cupboard is open to all residents of Cornville, Athens & Brighton, located at Cornville Town Hall, West Ridge Road, open on the 1st Saturday of each month with new hours 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., FMI please call 776-3257.

HARRISON: Men’s Breakfast, second Thursday morning 8-9 a.m., United Parish Congregational Church of Harrison and North Bridgton, 77 Main

St., Harrison, FMI call 207-583-4840 or email info@unitedparishucc.org.

LIVERMORE FALLS: Craft Circle, 5:30 p.m., Treat Memorial Library, 56 Main St., Livermore Falls, bring your own project or learn along with us, this is a craft group for all ages, FMI call (207) 897-3631.

LIVERMORE FALLS: Ernie Steward from Spruce Mountain Adult Education visit the library to help our patrons with their technology needs, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Treat Memorial Library, 56 Main St., Livermore Falls, sign up by calling (207) 897-3631.

AUGUSTA: AL-ANON meeting, Sunday evenings, 5 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 69 Winthrop Street, Augusta, both in person and on Zoom (for Zoom info please refer to maineafg.org)

WATERVILLE: Grief through the Holidays support group, Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. starting November 13th, Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area Community Center, 304 Main Street in Waterville, time-limited bereavement group, free. 873-3615 or email jroy@hvwa.org.

WATERVILLE: Downtown Waterville Farmers’ Market, every Thursday 2-6 p.m., Head of the Falls.

LIVERMORE FALLS: Story Time, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., Treat Memorial Library, 56 Main St., Livermore Falls, favorite picture books, sing-a-longs, and other activities, any questions or for more information, please call the library at 897-3631.

MONMOUTH: Friends of Cumston Public Library book sale, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. third Saturday of the month, lower level, Cumston Hall, 796 Main St., Friends of Cumston Library on Facebook.

WINTHROP: Winthrop Maine Historical Society, first Thursday of month, 6-8 p.m., Winthrop History and Heritage Center, 107 Main St., 207-395-5199, [### MAINE CALENDAR PAGE

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WATERVILLE: Family Caregiver Education and Support Group, Third Wednesday, Monthly 1 – 2:30 p.m., Spectrum Generations’ Muskie Community Center, 38 Gold Street, Waterville, to learn more, visit the front desk receptionist at the Muskie Center or call (207) 873-4745.

SABATTUS: Weekly Group Runs, every Wednesday, 6 p.m., Mixer’s parking lot, FMI, check out the Sabattus Rec Club Running Program Facebook page, or email running@sabattusrec.com.

GARDINER: Maine-ly Harmony women’s barbershop chorus rehearsals, Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Highland Avenue United Methodist Church, 31 Highland Avenue, Gardiner, women of all ages are welcome to enjoy singing with this very welcoming women’s chorus.

Food Addicts Meetings FREE - Food addicts in recovery meetings: Tues Zoom and phone, Thurs phone and Sun in person. foodaddicts.org FMI call 441-8002 or 623-1924.

WATERVILLE: Central Maine Square Dance club offering beginner lessons, every Tuesday 6:30-8:00 p.m., George Mitchell School Dutton St., Waterville, cost is \$5.00 per lesson, FMI call Bob at 447-0094.

CANCELLATIONS None listed.

POSTPONEMENTS None listed.

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Holiday FACT:

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Find the four differences between the two pictures.

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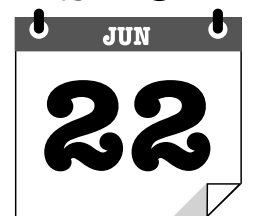


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Answers: 1. Extra fireworks burst on left 2. Missing building back right 3. Missing light on building at front right 4. Extra building on skyline

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NEW WORD

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Spanish: Pum
Italian: Scoppio
French: Bruit
German: Knall

Did You Know?

Modern fireworks use metallic salts for color and can reach temperatures 15 times hotter than boiling water.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Fireworks

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Winthrop High School Class of 2026 Scholarships Totaling \$176,830

The Stephanie Lunt Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship was awarded to: **Grace Drown**

The Ray Convery Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship was awarded to: **Keenan Libby**

The Mark L. Johnson Award was given to: **Olivia Huri and Grace Drown**

The Steve Warner Award was presented to: **Jacob Feith**

The Outstanding Male and Female Athlete of the Year as selected by the student body. This year's recipients are: **Keenan Libby and Olivia Huri**

The Coaches' Recognition Award was given to: **Emily Kempton and Christopher Presti**

Outstanding Student Athlete (boy and girl): **Abigail St. Clair and Brock Dewar**

The Bud Clough Athletic Memorial Scholarship: This year's recipient is: **Evan Bilodeau**

The Bud Clough Vocational Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Christopher Presti**

The Faculty Recognition Award was given to: **Brock Dewar**

The American Legion

Post #40 Riders Grant was awarded to: **Evan Bilodeau**

The Alfred W. Maxwell Jr. American Legion Auxiliary Unit Post #49 Scholarship was awarded to: **Abigail St. Clair**

The Germaine Auclair Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Emily Kempton**

The Sandie Belden Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Olivia Huri**

The Raymond Convery Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Emily Kempton**

The Del Bisonette Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Brady Shuman**

The Avis Adams Cadwell Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Emily Kempton & Olivia Huri**

The Thomas Calcagni Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Christopher Pesti**

The Coach Doucette Memorial Scholraship was awarded to: **Olivia Huri, Grace Drown, Keenan Libby & Connor Hachey**

The Christopher Caprara Scholarship Fund was awarded to: **Abigail St. Clair**

Chevrolet Business Scholarships were awarded to: **Joshua Ellis & Evan Bi-**

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The Ron Cross Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Aerilyn Murphy**

The Jeanette Cumber Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Sunny Ryan**

The Harry & Flora May Davis Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Madelyn Marx**

The Donna DeBlois Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Emily Kempton**

The Helen A. Griffin Scholarship was awarded to: **Joshua Ellis**

The Stanley Kanzy Memorial Scholarships were awarded to: **Sunny Ryan, Evan Bilodeau, Jacob Feith, Jackson O'Hearn, Christopher Presti, Madelyn Marx, Aerilyn Murphy, Keenan Libby, Brady Shuman & Connor Hachey**

The Philip, David & Stephen Kelley Scholarship was awarded to: **Christopher Pesti**

The Augusta Kiwanis Club Scholarship was awarded to: **Olivia Huri**

The Stephen Lincoln Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Emily Kempton, Joshua Ellis**

The MELMAC Education Foundation Tyler/Grandmaison Scholarship was awarded to: **Madelyn Marx**

The Senator George J. Mitchell Scholarship Research Institute Scholarship was awarded to: **Emily Kempton**

The Ramsdell Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Keenan Libby**

The Mountain Valley Conference Athlete Award was awarded to: **Connor Hachey**

The RLC Scholarships were awarded to: **Sunny Ryan, Aerilyn Murphy & Emily Kempton**

Elizabeth Ann (Baker) Robertson Scholarship was awarded to: **Emily Kempton**

The Charlie Rollins Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Sunny Ryan**

The Helena Bissonette Seamans Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Abigail St. Clair**

The Sam Sessler Foundation for the Arts & Sciences Scholraship was awarded to: **Aerilyn Murphy**

The St. Andrew's Episco-

pal Church Scholarship was awarded to: **Olivia Huri**

The Lee St. Hillaire Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Emily Kempton & Jacob Feith**

Lewis John Sheaffer Scholarships were awarded to: **Abigail St. Clair, Sunny Ryan & Olivia Huri**

The Gerry Steele Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Jacob Cobb**

The Marie and Donald Stone Memorial Scholarships were awarded to: **Jackson O'Hearn & Madelyn Marx**

The Walter Taylor Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Connor Hachey**

The Peter Townsend Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Evan Bilodeay & Brody Adams**

The Nellie M. Tuttle Memorial Valedictorian Scholarship was awarded to: **Abigail St. Clair**

The George F. Wilson Scholarship was awarded to: **Jacob Feith**

Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union Scholarships were awarded to: **Keenan Libby, Dylan Weymouth, Christopher Presti & Jackson O'Hearn**

The Winthrop Grange

Scholarship was awarded to: **Aerilyn Murphy**

The Winthrop Lions Club Scholarships were awarded to: **Emily Kempton, Abigail St. Clair & Dylan Weymouth**

The Winthrop School Board Student Representative Scholarship was awarded to: **Abigail St. Clair**

Winthrop Sports Boosters Scholar Athlete Scholarships were awarded to: **Evan Bilodeau & Brady Shuman**

Winthrop Sports Boosters Varsity Athlete Scholarships were awarded to: **Keenan Libby & Brody Adams**

The Sports Boosters Rambler Pride Scholarships were awarded to: **Grace Drown & Olivia Huri**

The Pamela Webb Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Sunny Ryan**

The Worthington Scholarship Foundation Scholarships were awarded to: **Aerilyn Murphy, Sunny Ryan & Emily Kempton**

The Center Quaker Meeting Earthcare Award was given to: **Ricky Phillips**

The John Philip Sousa Band Award was given to **Ricky Phillips**

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position in 2016, Johnson discovered that leaving law enforcement behind wasn't as easy as he expected. Following a brief stint in court security, he found himself drawn back to patrol work. Today, he serves as a patrol officer in his hometown of Oakland, a community he says will always hold a special place in his heart.

Adding to the signifi-

cance of the photograph is the woman seated in the cruiser beside him — his mother, Maxine Johnson. A retired emergency dispatcher from the Waterville Communications Center, Maxine played an important role in local public safety history. She is the last surviving original dispatcher who helped bring the communications center online and into operation.

Together, the Johnson family represents gen-

erations of dedication to serving central Maine. From police leadership and emergency communications to military service and patrol duty, their combined legacy has touched countless lives throughout the region.

The vintage cruiser stands as more than a piece of law enforcement history. It serves as a symbol of a family's lifelong commitment to protecting and serving the communities they call home.

STUDENT NEWS

SNHU announces Spring 2026 Dean's List

Manchester, NH – It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Spring 2026 Dean's List. The spring term runs from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Van Boardman of Oakland, Teresa Collier of Vienna, Kimberley Lowery of Readfield and Cody Hinkley-Roy of Augusta.

SNHU announces Spring 2026 President's List

Manchester, NH - It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Spring 2026 President's List. The spring term runs from January to May.

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. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Virginia Sylvain of Vassalboro, Nicole Gentz of Chelsea, John Nolin of Augusta, Hannah-Mae Breznyak Breznyak of Sidney

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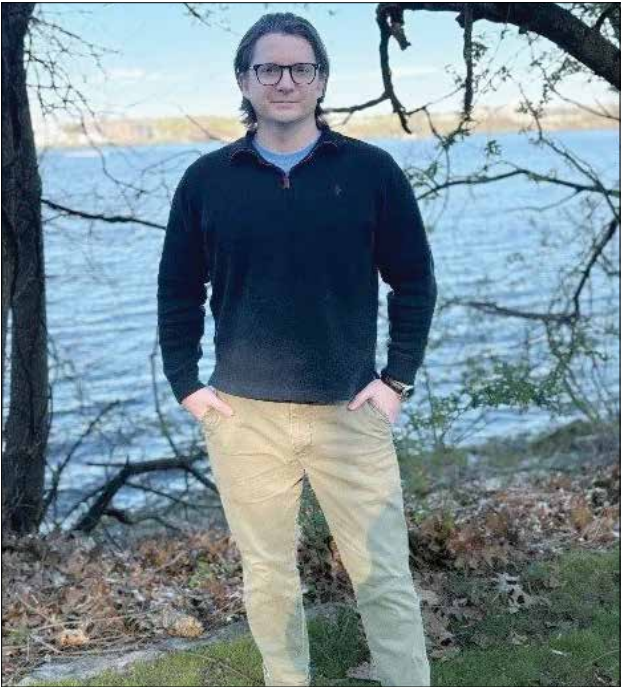
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Watershed Friends announces Daniel Griffin as New Executive Director

WINTHROP — Watershed Friends is pleased to announce the appointment of Daniel Griffin as its new Executive Director, bringing more than 15 years of nonprofit leadership experience in development, strategy, and communications to the organization’s mission of protecting the Cobbossee Watershed.

Griffin joins Watershed Friends with a lifelong commitment to nonprofit service, community partnership and mission-driven leadership. Throughout his career, he has helped strengthen community organizations and educational institutions through thoughtful fundraising, strategic communications and relationship-building. He holds a BA in Political Science and Journalism from the University of Arkansas, Executive Master of Nonprofit Administration from the University of Notre Dame and previously served as a United States Peace Corps Volunteer in Rwanda.

In his new role, Griffin will support Watershed Friends’ efforts to protect the Cobbossee Watershed and strengthen the connection between healthy waters,



Daniel Griffin

thriving communities, and future generations. He looks forward to working alongside volunteers, partners, neighbors and donors who share a deep commitment to this remarkable watershed.

“I am honored to join Watershed Friends and serve a mission that is so vital to the health of this region,” said Griffin. “The opportunity ahead is both exciting and urgent: to work

with this community to protect the watershed, strengthen its resilience and build sustainable impact for generations to come.”

Watershed Friends works to protect and preserve the Cobbossee Watershed through stewardship, community engagement and conservation efforts that support environmental health and regional quality of life.

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Dessert may be served last, but it still comes first in the hearts of many devoted foodies. Home cooks have many options to choose from when picking a dessert for a homemade meal, but sticking with a staple might be the way to go when serving lots of hungry dessert lovers.

Cheesecake is a popular dessert option that’s hard to resist. This recipe for “Cheesecake With Fresh Maine Blueberries” from Lines+Angles can satisfy a crowd and ensure your next dinner party ends on a delightful and decadent note.

Cheesecake with Fresh Maine Blueberries

Makes 12 servings

For graham cracker crust:

- 2 1/3 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter; melted
- 1/4 cup sugar

For cheese filling:

- 2 lbs. cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup unbleached all-purpose flour
- 5 large fresh eggs
- 2 cups sour cream
- 3 1/2 tablespoons milk
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon zest

For blueberry topping and glaze:

- 3 1/4 cups fresh Maine Blueberries
- 3 tablespoons apricot preserves
- 1 teaspoon water
- Granulated sugar, for sprinkling

For the graham cracker crust:

Preheat oven to 375 F. Butter the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan. Combine crust ingredients in a food processor and pulse until crumbs are just moist. Press crumb mixture firmly onto the bottom and up the sides of prepared pan. Bake until crust begins to turn golden, about 8 minutes. Remove from oven and transfer pan to a wire rack to cool. Maintain oven temperature.

For the cheese filling:

1. In a large bowl, combine cream cheese and sugar, using an electric mixer, until well blended. Beat in flour. Add eggs, one at a time, beating each one until well combined. Beat in sour cream, milk, vanilla, and lemon zest, mixing until smooth. Pour cheese filling over crust.
2. Bake cheesecake until center is just set and top is slightly puffed, about 1 hour. Turn off oven, keep oven door closed and let cheesecake stand in oven for 1 hour. Transfer cake to a cooling rack and let cool completely. Cover and refrigerate to cool further for at least 8 hours or overnight before serving.

For the blueberry topping and glaze:

1. Rinse blueberries and pat dry.
2. Put apricot preserves and water in a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat until preserves have completely melted. Strain to remove any fruit pieces or lumps. Let cool slightly.
3. Arrange blueberries on top of cheesecake. Gently brush the blueberries with the apricot glaze. Sprinkle with granulated sugar. Remove sides from springform pan. Serve.

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Decorating for America’s 250th anniversary

Metro

Each year on July 4, many Americans are in a celebratory mood as they prepare for all the fanfare involved with Independence Day festivities. But Independence Day 2026 stands to be extra special since it marks America’s 250th birthday. Towns, cities and the entire country will be planning much more extravagant July 4 celebrations in 2026.

People who want to get in on the America 250 action may want to begin thinking about how they are going to make their homes and businesses more festive.

- **Bunting and banners:** Bunting and banners are traditional patriotic decorations. They traditionally are red, white and blue and can be hung from porches, fences and railings.
- **American flags:** Many homes and businesses already display the flag, but this is the perfect opportunity to do so for those who want to exhibit their pride in America. Be sure to treat the flag with respect and review the official United States Flag Code, which mandates that the flag never touches the ground and is illuminated if flown at night. When hanging against a wall or window, the blue union must be at the top left.
- **Specialty signs:** Many municipalities are getting in on the America 250 action and will organize specialty parades and parties. People can check with local government offices to see if lawn signs will be available. If so, they can be displayed in front of homes or retail stores.
- **Tablescapes:** Themed America 250 tablecloths can be used for backyard



- parties and picnics. Centerpieces of mason jars filled with mini flags and birthday number candles spelling out 250 are another fun idea.
- **Cozy accents:** Both homeowners and store owners can incorporate cozy accents like wooden blocks or patriotic table runners that display the 1776-2026 theme. Throw pillows and blankets featuring stars and stripes tossed over an antique rocking chair on a porch or near an entryway is a great way to offer a touch of Americana.
- **Lights:** Twinkling holiday lights in red, white and blue can be hung around windows and doors, or wrapped around trees in the yard for festive appeal.

Communities may identify specific decorating goals, like entire streets featuring paper lanterns, or America 250 flags on telephone poles. Residents can participate in such plans where possible.

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There are important food safety rules to follow when enjoying summertime barbecues. One simple guideline is the “two-hour rule.” When temperatures are between 70°F and 90°F, food should not sit out for more than two hours. If temperatures rise above 90°F, limit outdoor exposure to just one hour.

It is especially important to take extra precautions when handling food during summer outings. Although the season may feel slow to start, Maine will soon be enjoying warm days in the 80s. Foods such as meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, and other perishable items require special attention as temperatures rise.

Warm outdoor conditions create the perfect environment for bacteria and other pathogens to multiply rapidly, increasing the risk of foodborne illness. Below are some helpful tips to reduce that risk and keep your summer gatherings safe:

1. Marinate Safely: Always marinate meats such as steak or chicken in the refrigerator—never at room temperature. Keep meat cold while marinating, and do not reuse marinade that has come into contact with raw meat. If you want to baste or re-marinade while grilling, use a fresh sauce.

2. Wash Hands: Thoroughly Wash your hands before, during, and after food preparation. Remove jewelry such as rings that can trap bacteria. Use warm water and antibacterial soap, scrubbing for at least 15 seconds (longer is better). Rinse and dry hands completely before handling food or utensils and wash again immediately after handling raw foods.

3. Keep Hair Secured: Tie back hair and avoid loose items that could come into contact with food during preparation.

4. Preheat the Grill: Always start with a hot grill. Preheat your grill or coal for at least 20 minutes before cooking. High heat helps reduce the risk of bacteria lingering on cooking surfaces.

5. Cook to Proper Temperatures: Use a food thermometer to ensure meats are cooked to safe internal temperatures:

- Ground beef (hamburgers): 160°F
- Steaks and roasts: 145°F (medium rare) to 160°F (medium)
- Poultry: 165°F
- Pork: 145°F (with a rest time) or 160°F depending on preference. Fish should be opaque and flake easily when done.

6. Avoid Cross-Contamination: Never use the same plate for cooked food that is used for raw meat. Always use clean plates and utensils when serving, and serve food hot to prevent bacterial growth.

7. Use Coolers Properly:

When camping or traveling, store beverages and perishable foods in separate coolers. Beverage coolers are opened more often, which reduces the internal temperature. Keep coolers packed with ice, full when possible, and out of direct sunlight. If traveling more than an hour from the grocery store, use a cooler to safely transport perishable items home.

Resources If you have questions about food safety,

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Follow the Two-Hour Rule

When food sits out at room temperature, bacteria can grow fast. Don't let it sit out too long!

70°F - 90°F

2 HOURS

Food should not sit out for more than TWO HOURS.

ABOVE 90°F

1 HOUR

Limit outdoor exposure to just ONE HOUR.

Warm weather speeds up bacteria. Handle food with care to prevent foodborne illness.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR A SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER

KEEP IT COLD
Refrigerate perishable foods promptly. Keep cold foods at 40°F or below.

COOK IT RIGHT
Cook foods to the safe internal temperature. Use a food thermometer.

CLEAN HANDS & SURFACES
Wash hands often and clean surfaces and utensils.

SEPARATE RAW & READY
Keep raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs separate from ready-to-eat foods.

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT
If food has been out too long, it's safer to toss it than risk it.

A little extra care goes a long way. Stay safe. Enjoy your summer!

contact: • U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Meat and Poultry Hotline: 1-888-674-6854 (TTY 1-800-256-7072) • Food safety information: www.foodsafety.gov

By following these simple steps, you can help ensure your summer meals are both enjoyable and safe for everyone.

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Winthrop Center Quaker Earthcare Award

WINTHROP - Winthrop Center Quaker meeting is happy to announce the first winner of its \$500 annual Earthcare award, Ricky Phillips, for his commitment to everyday practices such as recycling and organic gardening and for his community spirit. The award is given to a high school-aged student in the Winthrop Public School district who may be from a public or private school, or home-schooled. The criteria for the award include hands-on projects, advocacy or research aimed at protecting the health of the Earth, either locally or on a wider scale.

Nomination and student forms for next year's award are available at the Winthrop High School guidance office, Winthrop library or can be picked up from the Quaker

Meeting at 10 Bowdoin St. (The Congregational Church building) on a Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

The Friends meeting, in common with other Quaker meetings, feels a keen sense of concern for living in a just and healthy relationship with the rest of the Earth community, understanding that our wellbeing depends on the health of the whole ecosystem, both human and other-than-human.

Last Spring, Winthrop Quakers held an event at Norcross Point which offered time to reflect on our impact on the Earth, and to offer hope for the future. In early October and May, they offer meditative seasonal walks at the Roger Guerrette Community Trail, led by local naturalists Marc Fortin and Dave Fuller.



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ShineOnCass Foundation 2026 scholarship recipients

BELGRADE - The ShineOnCass Foundation recently presented two academic scholarships totaling \$5,000 to local seniors who make service and kindness part of their everyday life.

The 11th Annual ShineOnCass Memorial Scholarship, in memory of Cassidy Jean Charette, was presented to Emma McDowell of Belgrade. McDowell will receive a \$4,000 scholarship to High Point University, where she is majoring in Biology. The Memorial Scholarship, started by Charette's Messalonskee Class of 2016, is open to only Messalonskee High School students. Funding is dispersed annually after recipients demonstrate completion of 20 hours of service work each year.

The second annual ShineOnCass Community Scholarship, created to recognize service-focused seniors living in Winslow, Waterville, Lawrence or

Messalonskee school districts, was awarded this year to Messalonskee High School senior Elliotte Podey, of China. Podey receives a \$1,000 scholarship to the University of Michigan, where she is pursuing a career in nursing.

Both scholarships were created in honor and memory of Cassidy Charette, a longtime volunteer in the central Maine community and former Messalonskee student, who died in a hayride accident in 2014. The ShineOnCass Foundation awards over \$10,000 in local scholarships every year, supporting higher education, aspiring young violinists, youth soccer, children attending summer farm camps and other awards recognizing youth service and kindness.

To learn more about scholarship opportunities offered by the ShineOnCass Foundation, visit shineon-cass.org.



Emma McDowell



Submitted photos

Elliotte Podey



THE HEALTHY GEEZER *Fred Cicetti* STROKE - CONSTIPATION - ELDER ABUSE

Q. What are the most common symptoms of a stroke?

The most common stroke symptoms include: sudden numbness, weakness, or paralysis of the face, arm or leg — usually on one side of the body; trouble talking or understanding; sudden blurred, double or decreased vision; dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; a sudden headache with a stiff neck, facial pain, pain between the eyes, vomiting or altered consciousness; confusion, or problems with memory, spatial orientation or perception.

During a stroke, brain cells are deprived of oxygen and nutrients. They begin to die. The earlier a stroke is treated, the better

the results.

In the USA, stroke is one of the top 10 leading causes of death. It is the leading cause of adult disability.

Your doctor has many diagnostic tools for stroke. Among these are: physical exam, blood tests, carotid ultrasonography to check the carotid arteries in your neck, arteriography to view arteries in your brain, a computerized tomography (CT) scan of the neck and brain, a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the brain, among others.

Q. How bad does it have to be before you can say you're constipated?

The clinical definition of constipation is any two of the following symptoms

for at least 12 weeks (not necessarily consecutive) in the previous year: straining during bowel movements, lumpy or hard stool, sensation of obstruction or incomplete evacuation, fewer than three bowel movements per week.

Those reporting constipation most often are women and adults age 65 and over. Constipation is one of the most common gastrointestinal complaints in the United States

Common causes of constipation include insufficient intake of fiber and liquids, lack of exercise, medications, older age and abuse of laxatives.

Many seniors eat a low-fiber diet that causes constipation. Some lose interest

in eating and choose convenience foods low in fiber. Others have difficulties chewing or swallowing; this leads them to eat soft processed foods low in fiber. Aging may affect bowel regularity because a slower metabolism results in less intestinal activity and muscle tone.

Some medications can cause constipation. They include pain medications (especially narcotics), antacids that contain aluminum and calcium, blood pressure medications (calcium channel blockers), antiparkinson drugs, antispasmodics, antidepressants, iron supplements, diuretics and anti-convulsants.

Q. Are there telltale signs that an older person is being

abused?

If you're concerned an older adult might need help, these are symptoms to look for:

- Physical injury such as a bruise, cut, burn, rope mark, sprain or broken bone;
- Refusal of the caregiver to allow you to visit the older person alone.
- Indications of dehydration, malnourishment, weight loss and poor hygiene.
- Negative behavior such as agitation, withdrawal, expressions of fear or apathy.
- Unexplained changes in finances.

Recently, the U.S. Administration on Aging found that more than a half-million people over

the age of 60 are abused or neglected each year. About 90 percent of the abusers are related to the victims.

What is elder abuse? It can take a variety of forms: physical, sexual, emotional and financial. The neglect of an older person also is within the umbrella of elder abuse.

All 50 states have elder-abuse prevention laws and have set up reporting systems. Adult Protective Services (APS) agencies investigate reports of suspected elder abuse. To report on elder abuse, call the Eldercare Locator at 1-800-677-1116.

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MOVIE REVIEW *by Lucas Allen*

OBSESSION

(Focus Features-Blumhouse)

Love can make you do crazy things sometimes, especially when it involves the supernatural. Produced independently for under a million dollars, “Obsession” made a splash at last year’s Toronto International Film Festival, and now it is being released by a major distributor, along with the low-budget horror titans at Blumhouse, to an unsuspecting early summer crowd. The movie also marks the writing and directing debut of YouTube filmmaker Curry Barker, following in the wake of Markiplier’s “Iron Lung.”

Bear (Michael Johnston) is a young man hopelessly in love with his friend Nikki (Inde Navarrette) for a long while, even though he could not muster up the courage to tell her that. His buddy Ian (Cooper Tomlinson) keeps telling him not to tell her that, or else ruin their friendship and as partners in their weekly trivia night. One night, Bear buys a novelty toy called the One Wish Willow that could grant a single wish to anyone after breaking it in two. After making a wish that Nikki loves him more than anything else, she suddenly becomes his girlfriend and the two of them are now living in his house.

At first, it is a seemingly normal relationship until Nikki gradually develops an alternate personality that becomes increasingly uncontrollable. It gets worse when Bear finds out that his co-worker Sarah (Megan Lawless) may have feelings for him as well, putting him in a far more difficult dilemma. When Nikki’s

behavior starts to turn violent, he begins to regret his wish and tries to find a way to reverse it.

This movie can be described as an extreme version of a Twilight Zone episode with its own monkey paw-esque plot, like “The Man in the Bottle” or “The Chaser.” In this case, it is more about the wish of fulfillment of love and what happens when it gets slowly wrong before it gets both dangerous and twisted. When it does, it results in a shockingly bleak third act when there is simply no easy way out of it and people will die in such bloody fashion. The whole movie also becomes a reverse Fatal Attraction right down to someone’s pet receiving quite a horrific fate of its own.

The movie does create a certain sense of dread with the director using ambient-style filmmaking, and it works effectively. Light and shadows help to convey the unease of tension that surrounds the characters. By contrast, there are moments of horror and black comedy stemming from the possessed Nikki, or “Freaky Nikki” she is becoming throughout. The character goes back and forth between being a happy and perky beauty and being a spoiled and petulant child like a deranged Jekyll and Hyde.

However, it can also create a debate among audiences on how Bear is portrayed as a villainous controller or a victim of his own wish. For all we could understand, he is just so lovelorn that he never considered the consequences of what the wish has given him

until it starts to get worse for him. Still, thinking about these things makes the film more interesting to watch and talk about, especially as a cautionary tale for the real world.

One thing that will stick with you long after the end credits is Navarrette’s insanely amazing performance and how she managed to make a wicked showcase. In this current era of memorable horror characters, Freaky Nikki is certainly top tier among them and could be one of the year’s most talked about. Johnston handles the morally gray areas of his character with ease, as well as acting surprisingly realistic to the horror he has hilariously caused. There is also an appearance by funnyman Andy Richter as a music shop manager, which feels like pretty random casting when it could have been played by any character actor they could find off the street.

“Obsession” is both shockingly dark and utterly hilarious while managing to balance those different tones in entertainingly equal measure. No matter how you feel about the characters or the plot, it still stands as a majorly different kind of experience worth seeing, especially with a group of friends.

THE MOVIE’S RATING: R (for strong bloody violence, grisly images, sexual content, pervasive language, and brief graphic nudity)

THE CRITIC’S RATING: 3.5 Stars (Out of Four)

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Patience Titus Bishop- one of the first settlers of Winthrop

WINTHROP - Patience Titus, daughter of Waitstill Titus (Guernsey) and Timothy Titus, and Squier Bishop, son of Gould Bishop and Mary Pullen, were both born in Rehoboth of Bristol County Massachusetts part of the Plymouth Colony. They were married there on April 18, 1754. In the spring of 1766, the couple started their journey to Pond Town with their five children, Patience, Mary, Squier, Waitstill, and Amy. They made it to Winthrop before winter but not before Patience gave birth to Nathaniel in Hallowell on September 13, 1766!

They owned Lot 17 but sold it to Jonathan Whiting and settled on the hill near

the Metcalf Cemetery on lot 55. They built an inn where the first Winthrop town meeting was held on May 20, 1771. The Bishops were in “embarrassed circumstances, poor and in debt” but, eventually, they able to accumulate enough property to pay their debtors.

Patience persevered under difficult circumstances on several occasions for the sake of her children. On one occasion, when Rev. Mr. Eaton came to visit, he found the family had no food and was destitute. It was Patience who went to their pigeon net and obtained a competent supply. Another time the Bishops had no food and



Nathaniel Bishop and wife Judith Bishop.

there was none any closer than Lake Cobbossee, Patience asked her husband to

go and obtain food before they starved, but he was discouraged and too feeble.

He wouldn’t go, and they might as well die where they were. But Patience, not desponding, resolved to see what she could do. She proceeded to bend up some pins, procured a pole, line and bait. On returning to the house after walking up the hill from Lake Cobbossee with fish and babe in tow, she heard a rustling in a tree, and looking up, saw a raccoon. She did not want to scare him off by calling her husband. So, she took off some of her clothes and made a human likeness to sit at the base of the tree. She then hastened to the house and told her husband that “the Lord has sent us a coon; take your gun and shoot

him”. Squier responded, “He’ll be gone to Boston before I can get there”, but Patience insisted the coon would be there. They fed upon coon meat until Squier became strong enough to procure a supply of food. All six children lived into their twenties and were happily married. Squier died September 6, 1801 and Patience on April 21, 1802, after being together for 47 years.

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MAINE OUTDOORS *v. Paul Reynolds* A FISH STORY- CLIFFORD'S RECORD SALMON

“There is lesser and greater reward in the catching of salmon; one relates to the mastery of skill, but the greater lies in cherishing the fish and knowing humility in the face of its saga.” *Orri Vigfusson*

October 7, 1980, on Maine’s Sheepscot River, not far from tidal water. Portland artist and angler Howard Clifford is fly fishing the Larabee pool on the Sheepscot. He is working his hand tied nymph through the pool in hopes of the ultimate hookup: a fresh run Atlantic salmon dancing at the end of the line and all the adrenaline rushing, heart throbbing thrill that this undertaking is so famous for. And so much sought after by the most dedicated, diehard fly fishermen.

Then it happens. “Fish on,” he, or a stream side gawker, hollers for all to hear. Today, almost 56 years later, we do not know every detail that followed after his hookup. But those of us who have been fortunate enough to have been there when Atlantic salmon fishing was in its heyday, can just imagine the scene, most especially because of the sheer heft of Clifford’s catch. It was a fantasy fish in every sense of the term!

Clifford’s salmon was 43 inches long, had a 19-inch girth and tipped the scales at 28 lbs. and 1 oz. It was at the time, and is still today, a U.S. record Atlantic salmon caught in U.S waters.

There is more to this story, thanks to some stalwart spade work by Maine Marine scientist Paul Christman, who has been studying and managing the fishery of the Sheepscot River watershed most of his working life for Maine’s Department of Marine Resources (DMR). According to Christman’s sleuth work, L.L. Bean paid to have the record fish mounted by well-known



Howard Clifford’s wife, Linda Clifford, and Marine scientist Paul Christman with the U.S. record Atlantic salmon. The dog is Bohi.

taxidermist and artist, the late David Footer. Clifford agreed to let L. L. Bean display his fish for five years, and then it would be returned to Clifford.

Christman’s innate curiosity inspired him to find out more details, even when the trail got cold. He persisted, nonetheless. He knew that in the 1980s his man, Clifford, lived and painted in the Portland area when he caught the record salmon. After much inquiry,

Christman was able to eventually locate a deceased Howard Clifford from South Hampton, New York. Was this the same person whose catch in Maine made history on that crisp October day in 1980?

Not that long ago, no doubt feeling a little excited; Christman got through on the phone to a Linda Clifford in South Hampton, New York. As luck and perseverance would have it, Christman’s curiosity and detective work brought him to the end of the trail: Linda Clifford was the wife of the late Howard Clifford and, yes, she had the fish! Serendipity was in the mix. “My husband wanted the state of Maine to have the mounted fish,” she told Christman.” Your timing could not be better.”

The Marine scientist now has possession of the Clifford salmon. It needs some tweaking from a taxidermist. Christman is going to display the impressive mount for a time and then it will be donated to the Maine State Museum for all to enjoy for years to come.

Which all goes to show that when you cast your fly upon the waters, you just never know if it will be a slow day, or one of those extraordinary moments when angling history is made.

Good work, Mr. Christman!

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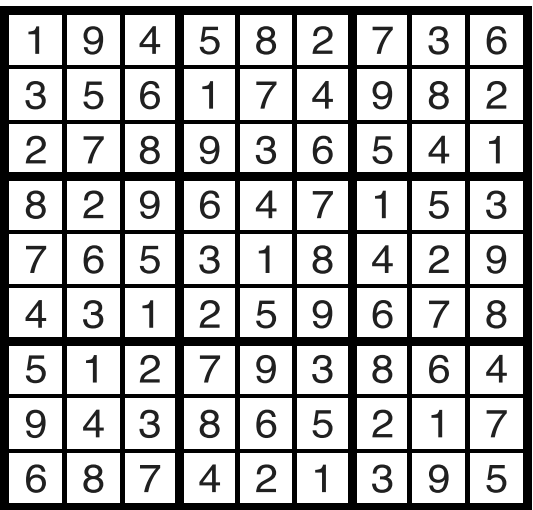
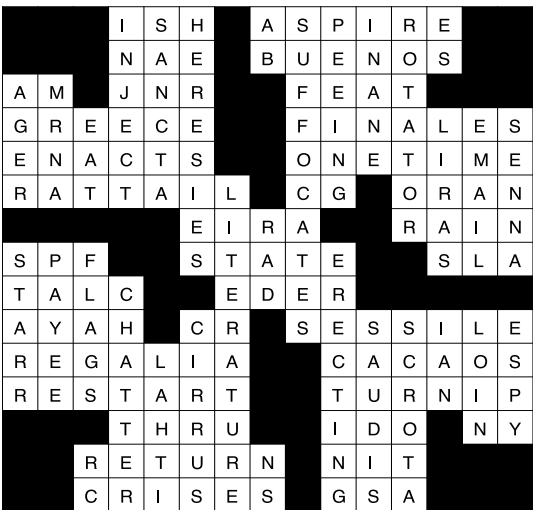
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