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Waban residents, from left, Kathy Perreault, Paul Sicotte and Mary Ellen Fenderson smile Sunday as Sanford-based Waban marked its 50th anniversary of working with adults and children with developmental disabilities.

Waban celebrates 50th anniversary

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SANFORD — On a Sunday filled with memories, family and progress, the Waban Project held an open house to mark its 50th anniversary and celebrate its past and encouraging future.

Waban residents, employees and family members began filling the parking lot at the Wormwood Banquet and Conference Center on the Waban campus at 2 p.m.

Outside, guests explored the TREE Center, Waban's year-round experiential learning program with a

focus on environmental education, took part in tours of the Waban Campus and hiked portions of Waban's 2½ miles of handicap-accessible trails.

Scott Tarbox, a floor installer from Sanford, watched as his autistic daughter Molly, 8, played on the TREE Center's playground. Molly isn't enrolled at Waban; she goes to the Morrison Center in Wells. But Scott says he can see her in one of Waban's adult programs when she gets older.

"They really have amazing adult programs," Tarbox

said. "I've been in many of their homes and facilities, and they're all nice and very clean."

Inside the Wormwood were displays showing snippets of Waban's past and its transformation through the years. Historical objects, including mugs, pins and photos dating to the '60s, stood as reminders of the decades-long effort and vision that got the institution where it is now.

Waban has undoubtedly made a lasting impression on both local and state officials. "Sanford is a working-

class town, and people have their own struggles, but they never forget about Waban and supporting it," said Bonnie Lesley, a recruiting specialist for Waban. She cited the fact that Waban employs over 500 people around York County as one reason for the strong support.

Alex Pelczar, a spokeswoman for Maine Republican U.S. Senator Susan Collins, said in a letter written by Collins that the

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University of New England students Melissa Rocha, left, and Emma Garcau, right, help clean up the area around Clifford Park on Saturday with Catherine Glynn, chair of Friends of Clifford Park. Hundreds of UNE students participated in the annual UNE Day of Service in Biddeford and Saco.

UNE students embark on second annual Day of Service

By RYDER SCHUMACHER
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BIDDEFORD — Sleepy yet enthusiastic students of the University of New England sat contentedly in the Campus Center Saturday as UNE President Danielle Ripich delivered a send-off speech during the morning of the second annual UNE Day of Service.

The president was delighted at the dedication shown by the student turnout. "Nothing shows (dedication) to me more than you all lined up at 10 minutes 'til 8 with a line all the way up to the volleyball courts to get into the Campus Center," Ripich said. "We have two great cities here who support us, and we are going to support them here today."

During the Day of Service, UNE students take

part in community service in the cities of Saco and Biddeford. Services included cleanup of trails, beaches and parks; painting school buildings; repairing houses; installing smoke alarms; and helping elderly citizens with various tasks.

Registration began at 8:30 a.m. An hour later, bleachers around the Campus Center gymnasium were filled with over 450 students. By 9:45 a.m., after speeches by Saco Mayor Ronald Michaud, Biddeford Mayor Alan Casavant and Ripich, undergraduates, UNE faculty and staff were in groups and bound for their destination.

"This sets off the tone for the year of engaging in service," said Samuel McReynolds, chair of the Department of Society, Culture and Languages. "We have been developing

an ethos of service here in a lot of ways through our citizenship and service learning, and our students have signed up to do it."

At Mechanics Park, located across from the entrance to North Dam Mill, freshmen Caitlyn Nye and Tammi Compagna, both 18, chiseled away rust from a fence. Their job was to repaint the fence overlooking the banks of the Saco River.

Nye, a New Jersey native, and Compagna, of Ware, New Hampshire, said neither were very well informed about the area.

"It's cool for us going into the community doing this sort of stuff, because you're new to the area and the community, so getting out there and helping definitely connects you to it," said Compagna, as other students scraped away at the

rusty fence.

Nye said the volunteer work could help strengthen Biddeford's developing downtown.

"Our thinking is if we make the area nicer, it will bring in more people," Nye said.

Not far from Mechanics Park, other students took part in a cleanup of Clifford Park, off Pool Street in Biddeford. Melissa Rocha, 18, of New Jersey, and Emma Garcau, 18, of upstate New York, admit that freshmen are often required to take part in the day off service, but added that even if they were upperclassmen, it wouldn't have changed much.

"I would still be doing this even if I wasn't a freshman," said Garcau.

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Seasoned politicians vie for Senate District 33

By ALAN BENNETT
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SANFORD — Two experienced politicians are squaring off in the race for Senate District 33, as Andrea Boland, a small business owner and former state representative, takes on incumbent Republican David Woodsome on Nov. 8.

Senate District 33 includes Cornish, Limerick, Newfield, Parsonsfield, Sanford, Shapleigh and Waterboro.

Woodsome, 70, who lives in North Waterboro, was elected in 2014. He has served as chair of the Senate Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, and is a former two-term Waterboro Selectman, having served one year as chairman.

A high school teacher of 35 years, Woodsome holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Maine, and is a three-term president of the Teacher's Association. He also served two years as Selectman Liaison for the Waterboro 20-year Comprehensive Plan.

Boland, 69, a widow with two adult children, is the owner of a nutritional supplement manufacturing company, and has an extensive career in state and local politics. She holds a bachelor's degree from Elmira College.

She spent eight years in the state Legislature repre-

senting Sanford, where she lives, and four years on the Sanford Personnel Board. She also served

four years on the York County Budget Committee, and has worked in consulting in Boston.

Woodsome said he hopes to retain his Senate seat because he wants to bridge the gap between political parties, which he touted in his platform two years ago.

"I was fed up with Washington-style politics, which I feared were heading for Maine, including entrenched partisanship," Woodsome said. "This is still a problem on a national and state level, and I am committed to continuing my efforts to make inroads. To do that, I need the continued support and confidence of the voters."

Boland said she is challenging Woodsome to bring political power into the hands of Maine people and out of the hands of special interest groups.

"I am running to be a voice for courage, commitment, vision, urgency and leadership in the Maine Senate, and to defend average Maine people against those powerful special interests who would promote their own profits above the public good," she said.

Boland also said she wants to continue promot-



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Moulton, Hymanson vie for House District 4 seat

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SANFORD — Republican Bradley Moulton, who previously served as a state legislator, will challenge incumbent Democrat Patricia Hymanson for House District 4 on Nov. 8.

Distict 4 includes parts of Sanford, Wells and York, and all of Ogunquit.

Hymanson lives in York, and is a graduate of Yale University and New York Medical School. A neurologist, she closed her medical

practice two years ago. Married, she has three adult children. Moulton lives in the Cape Neddick district of York. He has degrees in social work from Eastern College in St. David's, Pennsylvania, and in law and city and regional plan-



Hymanson

ning from Catholic University in the District of Columbia. He practices law in Ogunquit. Married, he has three children and two grandchildren. He served as a state Representative from 2004 to 2006, and again from 2010 to 2012.



Moulton

Hymanson said the most pressing issues facing the district are the opiate crisis, keeping property taxes down, developing high-paying jobs, enticing young people to move into the state, elderly care services, and constant improvement in education, public health, health care, transportation and the environment.

"South Sanford residents have been hard hit by rising property taxes," said Hymanson. "I voted to bring more funding from the

state to fund schools (and) increase the homestead exemption, and avoided voting for unfunded mandates. All regions wrestle with ways to fairly and appropriately treat the elderly, disabled, poor, mentally ill, addicted and criminal."

She said property taxes depend on many local factors, but state sharing of revenues, education funding, tax breaks and respecting

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ing government transparency, and accountability and affordability in health care.

Woodsome said his top priorities include expanding education and educational funding to encourage Maine's students to stay in the state following graduation. Additionally, he called for increased technology and trade education to build Maine's skilled workforce.

"For a strong future, we need more Maine graduates to build their lives here – too many must leave the state to find good jobs," he said. "I'm particularly proud of Sanford and York County Community College for their work to make this a reality, and want to bring these same opportunities to more rural areas. This is both an educational and an economic issue with far-reaching implications."

To achieve more opportunities for Maine students, Woodsome said, bipartisanship is needed to reach consensus on education funding mechanisms. The issue is of particular concern, as Mainers will also vote in November whether

to add a 3 percent tax on individual taxable income over \$200,000 to support the state's "essential programs and services" via education funding.

Boland also listed education among her concerns, saying the state needs "vibrant education that excites both students and teachers."

Her top priority, however, is the integrity of Maine's electric power grid, which she says could be at risk of a long-term blackout due to increased solar activity. She said the grid could suffer from electromagnetic pulses or geomagnetic storms that would severely impair the state's electric and internet systems.

"Tested, low-cost protections are available, and must be installed as soon as possible, because Maine is particularly vulnerable to severe solar storms," Boland said.

Boland said if elected, she would address poverty and low-cost housing needs, seek lower health care costs, impose fair business regulations for small businesses, and promote natural resource preservation.

She noted her experience in the Legislature and abil-

ity to relate to her district's people as reasons she should be elected.

"I have stood against corporate greed and manipulation of legislation as in individual legislator and as a member of the Government Oversight Committee, and am not afraid to stand up again and again," she said. "I know what it is to have a small business, deal with catastrophic illness and death of my spouse, and raising my children alone."

Woodsome said his common sense and ability to reach across the aisle will keep him in his seat. He also noted his opponent's inability to have a bill gain traction in the Legislature.

"My greatest assets are common sense and my ability to work with people from all political backgrounds," he said. "(Boland's) singular focus on a threat that has just a 1 percent chance of occurring (a long-term blackout) neglects the real and daily challenges we face as a state – the economy, jobs, education, health care (and) drug abuse."

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institution had come a long way from when it opened in 1966.

"The transformation that your organization has experienced since then from a small summer camp to one of the largest employers of York County is truly remarkable," Pelczar read. "I am pleased to join the entire community in applauding this outstanding milestone."

The event also included an award of Official Expression of Sentiment from the state Legislature presented by state Representatives Patricia Hymanson and Anne-Marie Mastraccio, and a pre-recorded video address from Independent Maine U.S. Senator Angus King, who congratulated the organization on 50 years of success.

Mary Ellen Fenderson, 52, Paul Sicotte, 69, and Kathy Perreault, 62, posed laughing as they had their photos taken outside the conference center. Each has been involved in Waban since they were children, and continue to thrive independently under the organi-

zation's guidance today.

Mary Ellen's mother, Evelyn Fenderson, said Mary Ellen attended the first summer camp in 1966, when she was 2 years old, and has stuck with the program for the entirety of Waban's existence.

"I always say she's under the Waban umbrella," Fenderson said. "They've done really, really great with her."

Many of Waban's core members, including Mary Ellen, were honored during the closing address by Waban Executive Director Neil Meltzer. Those honored received complimentary Waban apparel and a Waban tote bag.

During his address, Meltzer identified the decade-by-decade efforts of people who helped develop Waban into an institution of several adult and children's programs.

"I think the early founders started with a summer camp, and they found that (the camp) wasn't going to be efficient enough; it needed services through the year," Meltzer said. "Today, our services span from early childhood services all the up through to the end of life. Our youngest resident

is 19, our oldest is 92, so it really is the full lifespan of an individual."

Meltzer added that the organization is planning an expansion of its Frasier-Ford Development Center, a special purpose preschool for disabled children. He said that the building has six classrooms now, but they're all full, and more will be needed. They've started a capital campaign to build an autism therapy wing that would add four more classrooms, therapy offices and a large multi-purpose space.

In addition to children and adult services and its TREE Center, Waban also offers jobs through one of its social enterprises, a SecureRMS-nationally certified document destruction company that provides 11 jobs for people with disabilities.

Additional programs include early intervention with disabled children, community case management for adults and children, clinical services, and residential services in 25 group homes.

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McReynolds agreed. "In some cases, (students) attend for extra credit, but believe me, extra credit isn't enough to get a student out of bed early on a Saturday if they don't want to be."

On the Day of Service, UNE works aside United Way of York County to make contact with service groups that in turn inform the university about their work sites and develop a plan for the number of students required for each site.

Students choose which services they would like to participate in based on their major. Some opted for registering donors for

blood drives and scheduling appointments with the American Red Cross, others worked with the Biddeford Fire Department, learning about basic fire prevention and installing smoke alarms in people's homes.

Though most of the day's services took place around Saco and Biddeford, a few service teams ventured to other nearby towns to assist senior citizens.

Thriving In Place, a program that helps the elderly with household tasks, travels to homes in Sanford, Springvale, Alfred, North Berwick and other York County towns to help seniors rake their yards, change light bulbs and put gardens to

bed, amongst other tasks.

The day's effort was widespread, with 30 sites in all. Biddeford Mayor Alan Cassavant made clear his appreciation of the UNE community's effort in his address to the students.

"Over the years, UNE has changed so much, and an integral part of that – besides a great education students get – is the sense of community," Cassavant said. "I want you to be able to say, 'This is a cool place to live, it's my home away from home.'"

"You are all part of our community, so thank you, thank you, thank you." — *Staff Writer Ryder Schumacher can be contacted at 282-1535.*

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local control all influence what a local property owner must pay to keep the town or city working well.

"Young people like my three young adults look for young, vibrant, forward-thinking, dynamic, diverse communities," Hymanson said. "Owning a vehicle or a home are not priorities, because college loans and low-paying jobs keep their priorities elsewhere. We have to figure out a way to entice youth to stay in Maine, or we will not have a workforce. Our aging population will out-strip our state resources if we do not plan."

"Growing the workforce means re-training seniors, the disabled, veterans to take on modern jobs, as well as welcoming new Mainers from other states and from around the world."

Mouton pointed out that 35 percent of the district is not like the rest – most notably, he said, in state funding for education.

"Beyond that, Sanford is a regional service center," he said. "I received almost universal complaints regarding the \$26 per \$1,000 tax rate and reduction of services east of Route 4 as (my wife) Karen

and I have twice canvassed nearly all homes by bicycle. I spoke with over half of the homeowners who came to the door, most briefly, but many at length.

"(We need) across-the-board technical training and financial assistance for non-college-bound high school graduates, including further work to integrate such training even before high school graduation."

If re-elected, Hymanson said, she would continue to fight the opioid epidemic by supporting a combination of law enforcement, prevention and treatment.

"As a physician involved with drug- and alcohol-addicted patients for over 30 years, I have been an active part of the discussions, bill-writing, public hearings and floor debates," said Hymanson.

Mouton said he's talked to business owners in Ogunquit and the Moody area of Wells, all of whom complained about a lack of help and training.

"The Ogunquit business owners discussed the need for regular training for not only wait staff, but also housekeeping, customer relations, and more advanced training for things such as bar and maintenance work," said

Moulton.

He said others have pointed to the need for a nursing program in York County.

"Unfortunately, workforce housing and transportation are as much lacking as workers," Moulton said. "Public transportation in York County is nearly impossible. Without much assistance from the recently downsized state planning office, progress on workforce housing has suffered."

If elected, Moulton proposes to restore the state planning office.

Moulton sees a need for less dependence on outside energy sources and lower energy costs, but not at the expense of small-scale producers.

He is also an advocate for better integration of judicial traffic adjudication with motor vehicle services to address the downward spiral of people caught in what he called the existing gap between them. He said the judicial system needs work to correct low staff funding, low judicial salaries, and outdated technology.

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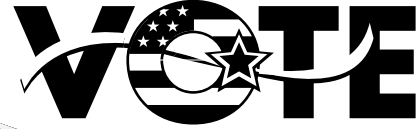
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