

U.S. Senator Susan Collins visits York County

Collins says she will likely vote for write-in candidate

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SANFORD — Sen. Susan Collins has already said publicly that she won't support her fellow Republican and presidential nominee Donald Trump in the November election. But she hasn't said who she will support.

It probably won't be Hillary Clinton. On Tuesday, Collins said she will very likely write in

a candidate for president on Nov. 8, but will more thoroughly examine the Libertarian ticket.

"I'm looking at the two former governors," said Collins, referring to the Libertarian ticket composed of former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson and former Massachusetts Gov. William "Bill" Weld. Both were

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Cancer Care Center celebrates 10 years of healing



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Sen. Susan Collins congratulates cancer survivor Linda Nadeau of Wells Monday at the Cancer Care Center of York County in Sanford. Nadeau, who works in Sanford, took treatments at the center, which is marking its 10th anniversary this year.

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SANFORD — Six years ago, Linda Nadeau of Wells had her first colonoscopy. She awoke to her daughter crying beside her, and a grim diagnosis — Stage 3 colorectal cancer.

Fast-forward to this past April. After many rounds of radiation and chemotherapy, followed by surgery and more treatment, she has been told she is now cancer-free.

Nadeau told her story Monday afternoon at the Cancer Care Center of York

County, which is marking its 10th anniversary. She received treatment at the center, which allowed her to continue to work at Sanford Institution for Savings.

"I'd leave my desk at noon, come here and be back within an hour," she said. "It meant some normalcy in my life when the rest of my world was falling apart."

CCCCYC Director Karen Pierce-Stewart said the center, which offers state-of-the-art radiation treatment

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LIZ GOTTHELF/Journal Tribune

Picture perfect private island off Biddeford coast

Basket Island, as seen from Hills Beach in Biddeford Monday afternoon. The private island has a handful of seasonal homes, and is assessable by a sandbar at low tide by foot or four-wheel vehicle.

November vote on new Young School likely

Residents still divided on issue

By **LIZ GOTTHELF**
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SACO — Residents will likely vote on Nov. 8 whether to spend \$21.5 million to build a new Young School and make improvements to Gov. Fairfield School.

But it will probably not be a landslide either way.

The subject of whether to build a new Young School has been heavily debated the past few years. A public hearing Monday night on a proposed referendum question was well attended, but only a handful of people spoke out on the matter.

Located at the corner of Tasker and North streets, Young School is a modular building constructed in 2004 when the city tore down the previous Young School due to mold infestation. The current school was built as a short-term replacement, and many school officials say it has outlived its life expectancy.

On Feb. 3, the school board gave initial approval for a referendum question that asks residents to vote on the construction of a new Young School and make improvements to Gov. Fairfield School, located at 75 Beach St. The proposal was moved forward to the City Council for final approval before going to the Nov. 8 ballot for a citywide vote.

The City Council gave its initial approval with a unanimous vote in July, and will likely give its final approval on Sept. 6.

Under the proposal, the

new Young School would accommodate about 370 pre-kindergarten through second-grade pupils, while the renovated Fairfield School would support 330 pre-kindergarten through second-grade pupils. Saco does not currently have pre-kindergarten classes.

Those who spoke up for the construction projects on Monday said Young School wasn't sufficiently meeting the needs of students.

"It's time for us to invest in our future," said Young School parent Christina Shea.

She said staff have had to creatively use the space at Young School, holding occupational therapy sessions in hallways and indoor recess on snowy or rainy days in classrooms.

Those who spoke against the construction projects asked city officials to wait.

"What I am suggesting is, go very slow with this," said resident Donald Sandos.

Sandos said the city needed to consider that it may also be funding other construction projects in the future, such as a new public works building.

He also said with new construction in north Saco, there may be a future boom in population, and a new school built in the next couple of years might not be big enough as the student population grows.

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UNE, YCCC sign transfer partnership agreement

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BIDDEFORD — The University of New England and York County Community College on Monday signed a partnership that will allow students seeking bachelor's degrees to easily transfer their credits to the university upon graduating from YCCC.

The "2 + 2 Transfer," as the partnership is known,

signed by both UNE President Danielle Ripich and YCCC President Barbara Finkelstein on Monday, will allow students who have received associate's degrees in certain disciplines from YCCC to enter into 21 programs at UNE as full-fledged junior undergraduate students.

Those students will then be eligible to receive their degrees within two years

of study.

Jeanne Hey, dean of UNE's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said the partnership will allow YCCC students who want to transfer to UNE to select their community courses in order to transfer easily.

"York County Community College students can always come to UNE, but with this they'll be able to transfer with

the full knowledge of what classes to take at community college," Hey said.

Hey said many community college students intend to earn associate degrees before transferring to four-year institutions, but are often unsure what courses they've taken will count toward their four-year

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Celebrating preservation: Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge turns 50

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WELLS — Preservation of the country's natural habitat has a long history.

In 1869, Congress designated Alaskan islands as

a national reservation to protect seals. Three years later, Yellowstone National Park was created by an act of Congress, and there have been numerous federal actions since to protect the

nation's wildlife and natural habitats.

The early 20th century marks the beginning of the national wildlife refuge system, through which federally-owned land is set aside to protect migratory birds, other wildlife and plants.

In 1966, the refuge system was formally established. That was the same year the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge was created.

To celebrate its 50-year anniversary, the refuge will hold a family-friendly open house from 10 to

noon Friday at its Wells headquarters, located off Route 9. Activities include guided walks on the Carson Trail, face painting, trivia, arts and crafts, demonstrations and more.

The purpose of the open house "is to connect with our community and thank them for 50 years of support," said Kate O'Brien, a wildlife biologist with the refuge.

The refuge, which is charged with conserving endangered plants and

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Maine again sues feds for Superfund cleanup costs

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BANGOR — Maine is again suing the federal government to finish recovering the millions of dollars it'll take to clean up hazardous waste at oil storage facilities.

In a lawsuit filed Aug. 9 in U.S. District Court in Bangor, Democratic Attorney General Janet Mills

estimates it could cost Maine more than \$10 million to clean up decades-old pollution at former Portland-Bangor Waste Oil Co. sites in Casco and Ellsworth.

The lawsuit seeks \$413,433 and claims Department of Defense mili-

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City officials, representatives from local food pantries, retailers and community organizers gather at Suger in downtown Biddeford to display a \$22,500 check that will go to support local farmers and food pantries in the area. The money was raised through the third annual Biddeford Ball, which was held on June 18, the total donations from which were announced last week. Pictured, from left, are: front row, Ryan Fecteau, representative for Good Shepherd Food Bank; Kevin Sutherland, Saco city administrator; Gloria Fox, Lisa Strycharz, Jade Deshaies, Hannah Brown and Mariah Foss of Angelrox; and Roxi Suger and Julian Schlaver, owners of Angelrox and Suger and organizers of the Biddeford Ball; back row, Delilah Poupore, director of Heart of Biddeford; Biddeford Mayor Alan Casavant; and Robert Biggs, director of Saco Main Street.

Biddeford Ball gives hunger aid \$22,000 boost

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BIDDEFORD
— Organizers of June's Biddeford Ball have announced that the third annual fundraiser raised more than \$22,000 to support local farmers and food banks.

Four hundred guests dressed in shades of black and tan came together at Saco Mills Building 4 to raise \$22,500 for Good Shepherd Food Bank's Mainers Feeding Mainers Harvest for Hope program in conjunction with Stone Soup and other Biddeford and Saco food pantries.

Stone Soup in Biddeford, the Saco Food Pantry and Good Shepherd Food Bank each received \$5,000. Friends of Community Action, In-a-Pinch, Bon Appetite, Seeds of Hope and the Saco Meal Program received donations of \$1,500 each.

Harvest for Hope, sponsored by Good Shepherd, will use the money to order fresh produce from local farms, which it will then distribute to hunger centers in Biddeford and Saco at the end of the growing season.

"I've always had a burning desire to make philanthropy and charity one of my core missions. That has always been a component," Roxi Suger, one of the event's organizers, said in June. "We need to have an event where we can come together, raise money for good causes and celebrate life."

Suger, along with her husband Julian Schlaver, co-owns the Biddeford-based women's clothing brand Angelrox, which spearheads the Biddeford Ball.

Several local businesses donated food, drink and

clothing accessories to the event, including Banded Horn, Barreled Souls Brewing, Thai ME, Biscuits & Co. and Round Turn Distilling. L.L. Bean donated boots for the event's fashion show, and Portland-based Sea Bags donated their signature handbags.

This year's ball featured a "Black and Tan" theme, which Suger said was a celebration of Maine heritage and a further celebration of Biddeford's mill history.

"It's a celebration of Maine heritage, Maine makers and both our past in industry and our future in industry," Suger said in June. "We wanted to go with something that was more characteristic of Maine and Biddeford and just our heritage and what everybody can really wrap their arms around and get down to."

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as well as chemotherapy and an array of adjunct services, conducts 10,000 procedures a year – 100,000 over the 10 years since it opened.

Ground was broken in 2004 as a collaboration between the former Goodall Hospital, Southern Maine Medical Center and Maine Medical Center. The facility, the only one of its kind in York County, opened in 2006.

Following a merger between Goodall Hospital and Southern Maine Medical Center into Southern Maine Health Care, the collaboration continues.

To help mark the 10th anniversary, U.S. Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, toured the center on Monday afternoon. While there, she learned from Dr. Philip Villiotte about a new state-of-the-art linear accelerator that offers precise radiation treatment, resulting in fewer side effects and better results.

For Lee Goldsmith of Acton, the center is a 20-

mile drive for treatment rather than a lengthier trek to Portland or Scarborough. A prostate cancer patient, Goldsmith said he is looking forward to Wednesday, when he will have completed his 44 radiation treatments.

Radiation is given five days a week. Goldsmith, who is retired, said he usually arrives about 8 a.m. and departs by 8:45 a.m.

"Everyone here is top shelf," he said.

Nadeau agreed.

"They think about your whole inner soul," she said.

Pierce-Stewart told Collins that the center also offers services such as nutrition counseling, massage, reiki, meditation and more. A sun safety program offered to schools in York and Cumberland counties has just earned a "best practice" designation from the Commission on Cancer, and Pierce-Stewart said hair stylists across York County have been trained to look for signs of skin cancer.

"We're proud of what this center has done," said board Chairman Bob Hardison.

a \$14 million settlement with non-federal actors who disposed at the company's Plymouth site, including paper companies and municipalities. And in 2007, the state started a bond program to help groups that disposed at the company's four sites pay response costs.

Another CCCYC board member, Arline Fortier, knows what having cancer is like – she's a 13-year survivor of breast cancer. But when she was diagnosed, the facility did not exist.

Fortier said at that time, there were no local services, with the exception of two doctors at Goodall Hospital. She underwent 18 months of chemotherapy and a clinical trial for Herceptin.

"I'm lucky to be alive," she said.

Collins noted the extensive renovations to the facility, the new equipment – the linear accelerator is the newest anywhere – the staff, and the benefit of treatment close to home.

"Linda (Nadeau) said it best," said Collins. "When you're battling cancer, you need normalcy in your life, and that is what this center accomplishes."

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Maine's Attorney General's office said the 2010 settlement did not include the federal government, and that the lawsuit seeks a settlement to finish recovering costs.

A Department of Defense spokesman said the agency does not generally comment on pending litigation.

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wildlife, will also showcase its work. Projects include restoration and conservation of the piping plover population, which breed on area beaches and are on the state endangered species list; monitoring least terns, which are on the federal endangered species list; participating in the New England Cottontail Regional Initiative; and monitoring native bats.

The Rachel Carson refuge is one of 560 refuges in the country, and one of four in the state. It is located along 50 miles of coastline in York and Cumberland counties, with 11 divisions between Kittery and Cape Elizabeth, according to the refuge website.

Besides the land already contained within its borders, the refuge hopes to acquire additional parcels, but only from willing sellers. When complete, the refuge will contain about 14,600 acres.

The refuge was established to protect salt marshes and estuaries for migratory birds. The major habitats on the acreage include forested upland, barrier beach/dune, coastal meadows, tidal salt march and rocky coast.

Much of the land is designated for the protection of wildlife and habitat. However, there are also several trails that are open to

walkers and hikers, O'Brien said.

The refuge system "is not just about wildlife," she said. "It's also about the American public."

When the refuge was founded, it was known as the Coastal Maine National Wildlife Refuge, and contained 16 acres. It was renamed after Carson in 1970, and is one of only three refuges named after women, said refuge intern Kimberly Snyder.

From 1930-52, Carson worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (the federal agency that the refuge system is under), first as a biologist and later as an editor. Through her work, she dealt with "ground-breaking" research, Snyder said.

While still working for the government, she wrote "The Sea Around Us." Published in 1951, it was on The New York Times' best-seller list for 81 weeks. The book was written in a way that was accessible to the general public.

The success of that book allowed Carson to resign from the USFWS and focus on her writing. In 1962, two years before her death, "Silent Spring" was published. A watershed moment for environmentalism, it made the public aware of the harm that pesticides and other toxic substances had on the environment.

"That book took the world by storm," Snyder said. "Most environmentalists see it as the starting point of the modern environmental movement."

In the years following Carson's work, public pressure caused the government to take action. The Wilderness Act was passed in 1964, the Clean Water Act was significantly expanded in 1972, and the Endangered Species Act was passed in 1973.

Because of the importance of her work and influence, in 1969, an article about Carson by Ann Cottrell Free in This Week magazine suggested that a fitting way to memorialize Carson and recognize her legacy was to name a refuge after her.

"The secretary of the interior received over 2,000 letters within two weeks in support of this idea," Snyder said. "On Oct. 28, 1969, this refuge was chosen" to be named for Rachel Carson, which took place the following year.

For more information on the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge open house, taking place Friday from 10 to noon at the refuge headquarters in Wells, visit the events section of the refuge Facebook page.

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degrees. Students often find they have to repeat courses after transferring.

But, Hey said, UNE has worked with YCCC to map specific programs by matching courses appropriate for each area of study at the university.

"(The transfer is) not completely different. It's just more accessible, transparent and user-friendly," Hey said.

The program follows the format of similar partnerships formed between UNE and several other Maine Community College System institutions, including Southern Maine Community College in South Portland, Washington County Community College in Calais and Central Maine Community College in Auburn.

Finkelstein, said the idea to partner with UNE came while she and Ripich had lunch together about nine months ago.

"We chatted about how we should be doing some more partnerships and how there's a great advantage to both institutions to have these partnerships in place," Finkelstein said. "I thought we'd have maybe one or two, but instead we have 17 that are in the works."

These include 17 bachelor of science programs within the biological sciences, business, education, marine science and neuroscience; and bachelor of arts degrees in English, history, liberal studies, political science and applied social and cultural studies. Those programs are housed in the

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The remaining four articulations will let students transfer into the university's College of Health Professions to pursue degrees in dental hygiene, public health, applied exercise science and health, wellness and occupational studies.

The partnership will let students have both the experience of a university while enjoying the convenience and cost savings of community college.

"It really saves (students) on the total cost of their undergraduate education," Finkelstein said.

This new agreement is just one of many already in place at YCCC, which enrolled more than 1,700 students last fall.

The college already has various articulation partnerships with Husson University, Southern New Hampshire University, Saint Joseph's College of Maine and the University of Maine at Fort Kent, among many other institutions.

"We're looking for partners both in the public and private, higher-education sectors," Finkelstein said, saying the college is continually expanding its partnerships with four-year colleges and universities in the state.

On Thursday, Finkelstein will travel to SMCC to sign a formal articulation agreement with Glenn Cummings, current president of the University of Southern Maine. That agreement, though more general than that signed with UNE on Monday, represents a growing expansion

of YCCC programming.

In June, the college broke ground on a new 18,000-square-foot facility that in addition to offices will house eight classrooms, a learning lab, student common rooms and a 140-seat auditorium and lecture hall.

It's a much-needed addition, given the current facilities at YCCC were built in 1995 and intended to only accommodate about 1,100 students.

Work on that project is being completed at an estimated cost of \$8.4 million, 40 percent of which was paid for by the state. It is expected to be completed by fall 2017.

Finkelstein said the articulation with UNE became effective once the agreement was signed Monday, meaning any YCCC graduates who currently hold associate degrees – including those who only just received their diplomas in May – are eligible for the partnership if they are allotted a space among UNE's more than 2,200 undergraduate students.

"Were trying to create opportunities for students in many, many different areas and both the University of New England and York County Community College is focused on student success," Finkelstein said. "So I think that the ultimate reason we're pursuing these articulations is we want to see our students as successful and, whatever pathway we can carve, so much the better."

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tary bases disposed at the sites, which stored waste in tanks that state investigations show leaked contaminants like lead into the ground, contaminating nearby groundwater.

In 2010, Maine reached

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