

MESARD 2011 SEARCH REPORT

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SUMMARY:

Call outs: 26 Searches deployed on: 23
Hours in response: 1699 Miles in response: 22887

ALL SEARCHES ARE IN MAINE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Searches				1	3	1	2	4	2	4	3	3
Callouts	1			1	4	1	3	4	2	4	3	3

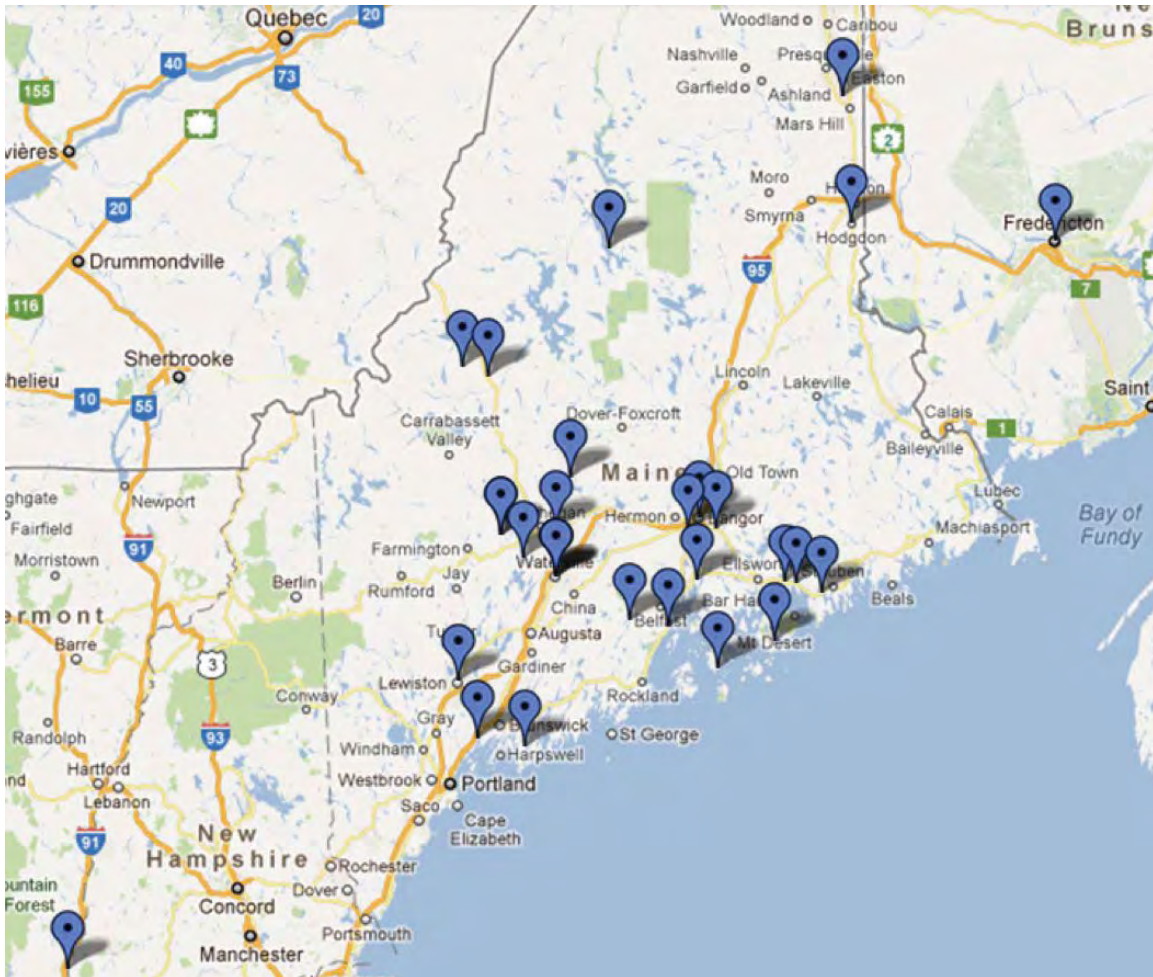
Day of week	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
Searches	3	3	3	3	3	6	2
Callouts	4	3	4	4	3	6	2

Time of Day	0600-0900	0900-1200	1200-1500	1500-1800	1800-2100	2100-2400	2400-0300	0300-0600	Pre - Planned
Searches	1	2	5	1	4		2	1	7
Callouts	1	2	5	3	5		2	1	7

Subject types	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Searches				B	S,D, (CC)	D	H,F, C	D,W, H	(CC) (CC) (CC)	G,H, S,S	(CC), S, LE	S,LE, LE
Callouts	R			B	S,G, D, (CC)	D	H,F, C	D.W. H	(CC) (CC) (CC)	G,H, S,S	(CC), S,LE	S,LE, LE

Suicide/despondent, Rnaway, Wanderer, Dementia, Hiker, Child, Cold Case, Autistic, Hiker, G hunter, M homicide, Boater, Fisherman, LE Law Enforcement support

SEARCH LOCATIONS 2011



DATE: 24 JAN 11 LOCATION: **Stonington**
CALL OUT TIME: 1800
VICTIM: 7 year old male, family dispute
OUTCOME: Subject found alive but cold by neighbors
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Irene Morey, Troy Morey
FIELDER MEMBERS: none
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 2/8

DATE: 8 APR 11 LOCATION: **Phippsburg**
CALL OUT TIME: 1113
VICTIM: 43 year old male, missing fisherman. Boat found doing circles near Popham. MESARD deployed two teams that worked from Marine Patrol boats in Kennebec River, a second search effort was planned but subject was found the day before.
OUTCOME: Subject found by beach walker on Sewell Beach (west of mouth of Kennebec).
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Debbie Palman, Michele Fleury
FIELDDED MEMBERS: Debbie Palman, Michele Fleury
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 15/372
SEE ARTICLE IN APPENDIX

DATE: 2 MAY 11 LOCATION: **Smithfield**
CALL OUT TIME: 1900
VICTIM: 86 year old male missing from home
OUTCOME: Subject found deceased by aircraft, key evidence found by Deb Palman and her K9 partner.
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Deb Palman, David Hudson, Paul Magoon, Cindy Atwood, Nancy Troubh, Roger David, Jim Bridge
FIELDDED MEMBERS: Deb Palman, David Hudson, Paul Magoon, Cindy Atwood, Nancy Troubh, Roger David, Jim Bridge
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 112/929
SEE ARTICLE IN APPENDIX

DATE: 11 MAY 11 LOCATION: **Searsmont**
CALL OUT TIME: 2000
VICTIM: 69 year old male, cofounder of another Maine SAR unit reported missing after not returning from turkey hunting. One dog team called out but not deployed.
OUTCOME: Subject found deceased of natural causes by Maine Warden Service.
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Jay Holweger
FIELDDED MEMBERS: none
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 2/35
SEE ARTICLE IN APPENDIX

DATE: 26 MAY 11 LOCATION: **Harmony**

CALL OUT TIME: 0506

VICTIM: 85 year old female reportedly with mild dementia had wandered from home.

OUTCOME: Subject found alive by Maine Warden aircraft after spending two nights and a day in the woods. Subject was transported to hospital for observation.

RESPONDING MEMBERS: Jim Bridge, Paul Magoon, Troy Morey, Jay Holweger, Cindy Atwood, Nancy Troubh

FIELDDED MEMBERS: Paul Magoon

VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 28/526

SEE ARTICLE IN APPENDIX

DATE: 26 MAY 11 LOCATION: **Northport**

CALL OUT TIME: Preplanned

VICTIM: Provided Human Remains Detection (HRD) to law enforcement on homicide case.

OUTCOME: Ongoing Criminal Investigation

RESPONDING MEMBERS: Deb Palman, Leslie Howe

FIELDDED MEMBERS: Deb Palman, Leslie Howe

VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 17/280

SEE ARTICLE IN APPENDIX

DATE: 27 JUN 11 LOCATION: **Starks**

CALL OUT TIME: 0030

VICTIM: 83 year old male with dementia reported missing by family.

OUTCOME: Subject found by neighbor who reported to dog team. **Roger David, Spencer Fuller, and David Hudson rendered assistance until local medical personal arrived.** Subject was brought out by ATV to ambulance and taken to hospital for observation.

RESPONDING MEMBERS: Jay Holweger, Deb Palman, Leslie Howe, Spencer Fuller, Roger David, Paul Magoon, Dave Hudson, Jim Bridge

FIELDDED MEMBERS: Jay Holweger, Deb Palman, Leslie Howe, Spencer Fuller, Roger David, Paul Magoon, Dave Hudson, Jim Bridge

VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 101/1647

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DATE: 2 JUL 11 LOCATION: **Hancock**

CALL OUT TIME: 0026

VICTIM: 12 and 15 year old females had gone for hike the previous afternoon and became lost.

OUTCOME: Subjects found the next morning by a Warden Service K-9 team. When the girls realized they were lost they elected to stay in place, build a shelter and tried to start a fire. One girl had lost her shoes so they needed help to walk out.

RESPONDING MEMBERS: Jay Holweger, Deb Palman, Leslie Howe, Kelly Pontbriand, Jim Bridge, Paul Magoon

FIELDDED MEMBERS: Jay Holweger, Deb Palman, Leslie Howe, Kelly Pontbriand, Jim Bridge, Paul Magoon

VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 51/689

SEE ARTICLE IN APPENDIX

DATE: 23 JUL 11 LOCATION: **Westfield**

CALL OUT TIME: 1820 HRS

VICTIM: 69 year old male, fisherman who did not come home after a day of fishing.

OUTCOME: Subject got turned around and spent night in woods under an evergreen tree. When the sun came up he got his bearings and walked out to a road and got a ride home.

RESPONDING MEMBERS: Jay Holweger, Jim Bridge, Deb Palman, Roger David, Paul Magoon, Spencer Fuller, Kelly Pontbriand.

FIELDDED MEMBERS: Jay Holweger, Jim Bridge, Deb Palman,

VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 86/2174

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DATE: 28 JUL 11 LOCATION: **Verona Island**

CALL OUT TIME: 1758 HRS

VICTIM: 3 year old child wandered off possibly with family dog.

OUTCOME: Child was found before any MESARD teams arrived.

RESPONDING MEMBERS: Jim Bridge, Chip Wadsworth

FIELDDED MEMBERS: NONE, canceled in route

VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 3/82

DATE: 4-5 AUG 11 LOCATION: **Hampden**

CALL OUT TIME: 1230 HRS

VICTIM: 65 year old female with dementia

OUTCOME: Subject found drowned in Penobscot River near the Hampden-Bangor town line.

RESPONDING MEMBERS: Jim Bridge, Deb Palman, Spencer Fuller, Leslie Howe, Kelly Pontbriand, Sarah Robinson, Paul Magoon, Beth Swartz

FIELDDED MEMBERS: Jim Bridge, Deb Palman, Spencer Fuller, Leslie Howe,

Kelly Pontbriand, Sarah Robinson, Paul Magoon, Beth Swartz

VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 97/1453

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DATE: 9-10 AUG 11 LOCATION: **Chesuncook Lake**
CALL OUT TIME: 1430
VICTIM: 72 year old male, mushroom picking and did not return home.
OUTCOME: Subject spent 2 nights in woods. Spencer Fuller and K-9 Moxie tracked him for 4 hours the second night, locating footprints in a woods road. Responding to the area of the footprints at dawn, the **subject was found wet and cold by Warden Paul Farrington and K9 partner Koda.**
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Jim Bridge, Nancy Troubh, Leslie Howe, Deb Palman, Spencer Fuller, Paul Magoon
FIELDDED MEMBERS: Leslie Howe, Deb Palman, Spencer Fuller, Paul Magoon
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 121/1658
SEE ARTICLE IN APPENDIX

DATE: 10 AUG 11 LOCATION: **Holden**
CALL OUT TIME: 1430 HRS
VICTIM: 74 Year old male with medical problems
OUTCOME: Subject found by **Warden Norm Lewis and his K9 partner Clyde.**
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Deb Palman
FIELDDED MEMBERS: Deb Palman
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 2/10
SEE ARTICLE IN APPENDIX

DATE: 16 AUG 11 LOCATION: **South West Harbor**
CALL OUT TIME: Preplanned search
VICTIM: 62 year old autistic male. Missing since late SEP 2010.
OUTCOME: **Clothes and remains found by MESARD teams which were later identified to be subject's.**
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Jim Bridge, Deb Palman, Leslie Howe, Spencer Fuller, Chip Wadsworth, Kelly Pontbriand, Roger David
FIELDDED MEMBERS: Jim Bridge, Deb Palman, Leslie Howe, Spencer Fuller, Chip Wadsworth, Kelly Pontbriand, Roger David
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 82/1194
SEE ARTICLE IN APPENDIX

DATE: 9-11 SEP 11 LOCATION: **Fredricton, Canada**
CALL OUT TIME: Preplanned
VICTIM: Jim Vanderfluit, 50, went missing along the Nashwaak River at his home in Marysville on Oct. 8, 2009 and presumed drowned.
OUTCOME: Searched at the request of the family and in coordination with local police. **Specific area of multiple dog interest passed to authorities.**
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Deb Palman, Leslie Howe, Spencer Fuller, Michele Fleury
FIELDDED MEMBERS: Deb Palman, Leslie Howe, Spencer Fuller, Michele Fleury
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 208/1308

DATE: 24 SEP 11 LOCATION: **Brattleboro, VT**
CALL OUT TIME: Preplanned
VICTIM: 17 year old male
OUTCOME: Subject not found nor any evidence found
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Deb Palman, Spencer Fuller
FIELDDED MEMBERS: Deb Palman, Spencer Fuller
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 24/640
SEE ARTICLE IN APPENDIX

DATE: 2 OCT 11 LOCATION: **Hodgdon**
CALL OUT TIME: 0700 HRS
VICTIM: 22 year old male hunter did not return after hunting
OUTCOME: Subject found by Warden Michelle Merrifield, **MESARD members Paul Magoon and Jim Bridge responded to render medical assistance.**
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Jim Bridge, Leslie Howe, Kelly Pontbriand, Paul Magoon, Jay Holweger, Troy Morey, Irene Morey, Spencer Fuller
FIELDDED MEMBERS: Jim Bridge and Paul Magoon met Warden Merrifield to provide medical assistance for subject.
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 90/2345
SEE ARTICLE IN APPENDIX

DATE: 4 OCT 11 LOCATION: **Sullivan**

CALL OUT TIME: 0430 HRS

VICTIM: 65 year old male hiker

OUTCOME: Subject lost trail and spent night in woods. In morning navigated out on his own with GPS.

RESPONDING MEMBERS: Leslie Howe, Kelly Pontbriand, Jennifer Fisk, Jay Holweger

FIELDLED MEMBERS: Leslie Howe, Kelly Pontbriand, Jennifer Fisk, Jay Holweger

VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 14/320

SEE ARTICLE IN APPENDIX

DATE: 15 OCT 11 LOCATION: **Bangor city forest**

CALL OUT TIME: 0300 HRS

VICTIM: 45 year old female

OUTCOME: **Subject found BY MESARD K9 team Jennifer Fisk AND K9 partner Fran, medical care provided by Jim Bridge until paramedic and ambulance arrived.**

RESPONDING MEMBERS: Jim Bridge, Kelly Pontbriand, Jay Holweger, Jennifer Fisk, Irene Morey, Troy Morey, Leslie Howe

FIELDLED MEMBERS: Jim Bridge, Kelly Pontbriand, Jay Holweger, Jennifer Fisk, Irene Morey, Troy Morey, Leslie Howe

VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 46/795

SEE ARTICLE IN APPENDIX

DATE: 31 OCT 11 LOCATION: **West Forks**

CALL OUT TIME: 1400 HRS 30 OCT

VICTIM: 50 year old female potential suicide

OUTCOME: Subject found deceased by Roger Guay from Merrill Investigations and his K9 partner.

RESPONDING MEMBERS: Jim Bridge, Spencer Fuller, Michele Fleury, Jay Holweger, Leslie Howe, Dan Pelletier, Paul Magoon

FIELDER MEMBERS: Jim Bridge, Spencer Fuller, Michele Fleury, Jay Holweger, Leslie Howe, Dan Pelletier, Paul Magoon
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 215/1634

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DATE: 11 NOV 11 LOCATION: **Enchanted Pond**

CALL OUT TIME: 2230 HRS 10 NOV

VICTIM: 52 year old male, potential suicide.

OUTCOME: Subject found deceased by Maine Warden Service

RESPONDING MEMBERS: Spencer Fuller

FIELDER MEMBERS: Spencer Fuller

VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 18/275

DATE: 13 NOV 11 LOCATION: **Lewiston**

CALL OUT TIME: Preplanned

VICTIM: 22 year old female, potential homicide victim

OUTCOME: Results closed as LES (Law Enforcement Sensitive)

RESPONDING MEMBERS: Jay Holweger, Deb Palman, Roger David, Spencer Fuller, Troy Morey, Cindy Atwood, Michele Fleury, Irene Morey, Dan Pelletier, Leslie Howe, Kelly Pontbriand, Chip Wadsworth, Sarah Robinson, Jennifer Fisk

FIELDER MEMBERS: Jay Holweger, Deb Palman, Roger David, Spencer Fuller, Troy Morey, Cindy Atwood, Michele Fleury, Irene Morey, Dan Pelletier, Leslie Howe, Kelly Pontbriand, Chip Wadsworth, Sarah Robinson, Jennifer Fisk

VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 175/1951

SEE ARTICLE IN APPENDIX

DATE: 20 NOV LOCATION: **South Freeport**

CALL OUT TIME: 1345

VICTIM: Support to South Freeport Police in following a track from a recent robbery. Teams scented off evidence in store and followed tracks. One suspect's trail lead directly to a house a few blocks away.

OUTCOME: Ongoing Criminal Investigation

RESPONDING MEMBERS: Spencer Fuller, Dave Hudson

FIELDER MEMBERS: Spencer Fuller, Dave Hudson

VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 2/9

DATE: 10 DEC 11 LOCATION: **Gouldsboro**
CALL OUT TIME: 1900 9 DEC 11
VICTIM: 57 year old male, potential suicide
OUTCOME: Subject located deceased in early January by Maine Marine
Patrol aircraft.
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Kelly Pontbriand, Leslie Howe
FIELDDED MEMBERS: Kelly Pontbriand, Leslie Howe
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 17/47
SEE ARTICLE IN APPENDIX

DATE: 21 & 28 DEC LOCATION: **Waterville**
CALL OUT TIME: Preplanned
VICTIM: 20 month old female who disappeared
OUTCOME: Ongoing Criminal Investigation
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Jim Bridge, Spencer Fuller, Kelly Pontbriand,
Michele Fleury, Sean Hall, Jay Holweger, Paul Magoon, Jennifer Fisk,
Dave Hudson, Leslie Howe, Deb Palman
FIELDDED MEMBERS: Jim Bridge, Spencer Fuller, Kelly Pontbriand,
Michele Fleury, Sean Hall, Jay Holweger, Paul Magoon, Jennifer Fisk,
Dave Hudson, Leslie Howe, Deb Palman
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 174/2507

MESARD 2011 DEMONSTRATION REPORT

SUMMARY:

Hours in demonstrations: 193 Miles for demonstrations: 2414
Numbers of people presented to: 846

DATE: 26 JAN 11 LOCATION: Falmouth
speaking or demonstration: Both
ORGANIZATION: Windham Preschool
NUMBER ATTENDING: 100
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Nancy Troubh
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 3/16

DATE: 15 FEB 11 LOCATION: Brunswick, ME
speaking or demonstration: Both
ORGANIZATION: Thornton Oaks Retirement Community
NUMBER ATTENDING: 54
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Nancy Troubh, Jim Bridge
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 9.5/53

DATE: 17 FEB 11 LOCATION: Hulls Cove
speaking or demonstration: Both
ORGANIZATION: Connors School
NUMBER ATTENDING: 15
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Sean Hall
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 1/10

DATE: 11-13 MAR LOCATION: Orono
speaking or demonstration: Both
ORGANIZATION: Sportsmen's Show
NUMBER ATTENDING: 500
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Jay Holweger, Debbie Palman, Dan Pelletier,
Irene Morey, Kelly Pontbriand, Sean Hall, Troy Morey, Leslie Howe,
Paul Magoon, Dave Hudson, Sarah Robinson, Chip Wadsworth, Jennifer
Fisk
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 141/1828

DATE: 10 JUN 11 LOCATION: Waldoboro
speaking or demonstration: Both
ORGANIZATION: Medomic Middle School
NUMBER ATTENDING: 19
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Dave Hudson, Jim Bridge
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 12/96

DATE: 16 JUL 11 LOCATION: Corinth
speaking or demonstration: Both
ORGANIZATION: 4H Club
NUMBER ATTENDING: 24
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Jennifer Fisk, Dan Pelletier
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 8/175

DATE: 23 JUL 11 LOCATION: Eddington
speaking or demonstration: Both
ORGANIZATION: Eddington Bicentennial
NUMBER ATTENDING: 30
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Debbie Palman
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 2/36

DATE: 5 OCT 11 LOCATION: Thomaston
speaking or demonstration: Both
ORGANIZATION: Thomaston 5th grade
NUMBER ATTENDING: 47
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Dave Hudson, Jim Bridge
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 10.5/115

DATE: 8 DEC 11 LOCATION: Searsport
speaking or demonstration: Both
ORGANIZATION: Searsport Elementary School
NUMBER ATTENDING: 9
RESPONDING MEMBERS: Jay Holweger
VOLUNTEER HOURS/MILES: 2/20

**** Appendix to search report ****

PHIPPSBURG –

Body found on beach thought to be Lemont



Richard "Dick" Lemont

By Seth Koenig, Times Record Staff

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PHIPPSBURG — The Maine Marine Patrol tentatively identified a body discovered Thursday morning on Sewall Beach as Richard "Dick" Lemont, a longtime Phippsburg community leader and fisherman who went missing on April 7. Sgt. Rene Cloutier of the Maine Marine Patrol on Thursday confirmed that the service recovered a body on Sewall Beach, and said authorities have "tentatively identified" the remains as

Lemont. Cloutier said a person walking on the beach discovered the body at around 10 a.m. Thursday, and the body was subsequently transported to the State Medical Examiner's Office in Augusta. Lemont, 43, was last seen setting off into the Kennebec River in his aluminum skiff from his hometown of Phippsburg around noontime on April 7. About an hour later, the shallow boat was found circling unattended near Perkins Ledge. His disappearance triggered a multi-agency search of the river and its environs by water, air and land. Led by the U.S. Coast Guard and involving other agencies as well as local fishermen and boaters who knew Lemont, the search stretched into the night.

A Coast Guard cutter patrolled the river waters throughout the night, using sonar in an attempt to locate Lemont. Capt. James McPherson, commander of the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Northern New England, called the search off just after noon on Friday, April 8, nearly 24 hours after Lemont was believed to have fallen into the 40-degree water. Cloutier told The Times Record the discovery of the body has not provided any immediate clues about specifically what happened to Lemont on April 7. "At this point, all indications just point to a tragic accident," Cloutier said. "We may know more after the medical examiner's office makes its determination." Lemont served as chairman of the Phippsburg Shellfish Committee for 20 years, and was lauded by Police Chief John Skroski and others for spearheading efforts to fight river pollution and, by extension, keep area clam flats open. He also served on the town's Harbor Commission. Described as an active hunter and fisherman, Lemont was active with the Phippsburg Sportsmen's Association and was credited with being instrumental in organizing the town's annual ice fishing derbies. skoenig@Timesrecord.com

SMITHFIELD –

Smithfield man found dead after daylong search Chopper pilot spots body in swamp

By Doug Harlow धारlow@mainetoday.com Staff Writer

SMITHFIELD — The body of a Smithfield man who had been missing for a day was found Tuesday afternoon in woods about a half-mile from his East Pond Road home.



[click image to enlarge](#)

Game warden Terry Hughes speaks with Joanne Bealeau outside the home of her neighbor Phillip Golding as a massive search was under way for Golding on Tuesday. Wardens later found his body a half-mile away in the woods.

Staff photo by David Leaming



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The Franklin Search and Rescue team from Kingfield listen to instructions by Barry London before entering the woods near the East Pond Road in Smithfield on Tuesday to search for Phillip Golding, whose body was found later.

Staff photo by David Leaming

Phillip Golding, who would have turned 87 on Tuesday, was last seen by a neighbor about 8:30 a.m. Monday. The Maine Warden Service, dozens of

other trained rescue personnel, and volunteers combed the swampy woods all night Monday and Tuesday morning. The body was spotted from a helicopter about 12:45 p.m., according to Lt. Kevin Adam, state search-and-rescue coordinator for the Maine Warden Service.

An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause and the time of death, Adam said. Foul play is not suspected, he added.

"The Maine Forest Service spotted something; they called us and we sent in a couple of game wardens and we found the body of Phillip, deceased," Adam said outside the command center at the Smithfield fire station. "His death was in time with when he went missing. I don't think there's anything unusual."

Ranger Pilot John Knight was flying the helicopter based in Old Town and he was assisted by Ranger Shane Nichols of Caratunk, according to Lt. Jeffrey Currier of the Maine Forest Service, Department of Conservation.

Adam said the woods off Quaker Lane and unpaved Thomas Lane, where the body was found, are swampy, with grown alders and fallen trees typical of Maine woods. He said the body would not have been easily seen from the ground.

Golding was taking medication for "typical old age" symptoms, such as blood pressure and heart, but did not exhibit any signs of dementia, Adam said.

During the height of the search there were 19 game wardens, state troopers with tracking dogs, three searchers on horseback, 20 members of the Smithfield Fire Department and 32 certified searchers who were called in by the warden service. An additional 29 civilian volunteers signed up to assist.

"This is a normal response for a search of this kind, where you have an individual who shouldn't be missing, and is," Adam said.

Smithfield neighbors of the Golding family, including 19-year-old Mackenzie Smith and Michelle Coxen-Glover, a retired registered nurse, were among the many people who signed up as volunteer searchers.

"I would want someone to volunteer if my family member was missing, so here I am," Coxen-Glover said.

Smith echoed that feeling.

"I just feel really bad for the family," she said. "I just know if that was my family, I would want as many people helping as they could."

The search for Golding began Monday during the day and stretched into the night as aircraft and a helicopter crew used infrared sensors that can detect body heat.

The Kennebec County Emergency Management Agency set up a communications center for wardens to coordinate the search from the Smithfield fire station. Somerset County Emergency Management crews were training Tuesday in southern Maine and were unavailable, he said.

Search and rescue squads were on scene from Franklin and Waldo counties as was a Community Emergency Response Team from Somerset County.

Many of the search personnel used GPS devices to guide them through the thick woods. Adam said the warden service relies on what he called professional searchers when there is a missing person.

"They are certified through the Maine Association of Search and Rescue and we use them extensively on searches because they know how to navigate by GPS," Adam said. "They're trained in crime scene preservation; they're trained to look for clues, so we know that we can give them an assignment and they go off and do it. We don't have to worry about them."

SEARSMONT



SEARSMONT, Maine — A longtime Belfast Area High School teacher was found dead in the woods near his home Wednesday night after he failed to return from turkey hunting.

Harvey King, 69, of Searsmont apparently died of natural causes, according to a friend who was helping to look for him.

King, a dedicated teacher and outdoorsman, had taught history for 30 years at the high school before retiring about seven years ago. He also helped found [Waldo County Search and Rescue](#) in 1985 and continued to be an active assistant director of the group, said Director Gary Drinkwater.

When King didn't show up at his girlfriend's home Wednesday in Lincolnville for dinner as they had planned, she grew worried and began calling his friends and then the Waldo County Sheriff's Department. That's when the search for him began in earnest, Drinkwater said, with a crew from the Sheriff's Department, Maine game wardens and a tracking dog all participating.

Fifteen of King's 20 search and rescue team members ultimately helped look for their missing friend. His car was found parked a

couple of miles away from his house on Moody Mountain Road.

“We do this all the time, but when it’s one of your own team, you get pretty anxious,” Drinkwater said. “Obviously, something was wrong.”

Officials found King’s body late Wednesday night not far from his vehicle. Drinkwater said that crews were at the scene until 3 a.m. Thursday while police tried to determine whether King had died of natural causes. That appeared to be the case, although Drinkwater did not yet know exactly what caused King’s death.

He also loved helping others and co-founded the search and rescue group after a small plane crashed in Waldo County 25 years ago.

Last year, King was with the group when it assisted in the [search for a lost hiker on Mount Katahdin](#). They climbed on rocky terrain up to the tree line at 4,000 feet, Drinkwater said.

HARMONY

85-year-old Harmony woman found after night-long search



Photo courtesy of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
An 85-year-old Harmony woman who was reported missing late Wednesday

night by a relative was found this morning about a quarter-mile from her home. Idyllene Warren, 85, was last in contact with her family member on Tuesday from her Brown Road home in Harmony. The relative told game wardens she did not hear from her loved one on Wednesday, became concerned, went to her home and found that she wasn't there. The Maine Warden Service was called about 11 p.m., and initiated a ground search with four game wardens, including a K-9 team, and an air search using the FLIR system, an infrared unit that can detect humans. Harmony Fire and Ambulance also responded.



Photo courtesy of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

An 85-year-old Harmony woman who was reported missing late Wednesday night by a relative was found this morning about a quarter-mile from her home. Idyllene Warren, 85, was last in contact with her family member on Tuesday from her Brown Road home in Harmony.



Photo courtesy of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

An 85-year-old Harmony woman who was reported missing late Wednesday night by a relative was found this morning about a quarter-mile from her home in

this rocky hedgerow. Idyllene Warren, 85, was last in contact with her family member on Tuesday from her Brown Road home in Harmony. The relative told game wardens she did not hear from her loved one on Wednesday, became concerned, went to her home and found that she wasn't there. The Maine Warden Service was called about 11 p.m., and initiated a ground search with four game wardens, including a K-9 team, and an air search using the FLIR system, an infrared unit that can detect humans. Harmony Fire and Ambulance also responded. Today, the Maine Forest Service and Maine Search and Rescue Dogs were en route to assist in the search. MWS Chief Pilot Charlie Later located Mrs. Warren lying on a rocky hedgerow at approximately 7:55 a.m. today. She was transported to Redington-Fairview General Hospital in Skowhegan for evaluation.

HARMONY, Maine — An 85-year-old local woman was found in a wooded area about a quarter-mile from her home Thursday morning after an all-night search.

Chief Pilot Charlie Later of the Maine Warden Service spotted Idyllene Warren at about 7:55 a.m. lying on a rocky hedgerow not far from her Brown Road home. She was taken to Redington-Fairview General Hospital in Skowhegan for evaluation. Warren was listed in fair condition on Thursday evening, according to a nursing supervisor.

A relative who last had contact with Warren on Tuesday reported her missing late Wednesday night, according to a press release from the warden service.

The relative told game wardens she did not hear from Warren on Wednesday, became concerned, went to her home and found that she wasn't there.

The warden service was called about 11 p.m., and initiated a ground search with four game wardens, including a K-9 team, and an air search using the FLIR system, an infrared unit that can detect humans. Harmony Fire and Ambulance also responded. On Thursday, the Maine Forest Service and Maine Search and Rescue Dogs were en route to assist in the search when Warren was found.

“During a search and rescue, we depend on our resources to help bring someone home, from trained and certified personnel on the ground to

pilots in the air,” Lt. Kevin Adam of the Maine Warden Service said in a statement issued Thursday. “Once again, our plane assets are an invaluable tool in a search. Our pilots also have keen eyes. Pilot Later was able to locate and identify a small object in a wooded environment while flying at over 100 miles per hour. Those are not easy tasks to perform.”

NORTHPORT –

September 24

Police continue to search for clues in Elena Lozada's death

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Police returned Friday to Northport as part of the ongoing investigation into 24-year-old Elena Lozada's death. The remains of the Portland resident were found in April in the woods off Route 52. Lt. Gary Rogers of the Portland Police Department said Maine State Police were searching the area for any more evidence they may have missed when Lozada's remains were found. Rogers said Portland police continue to work with state officials on this case. Lozada disappeared in July 2010. It wasn't until February when 36-year-old Saco resident Nathaniel Pete Mincher came forward with information regarding her disappearance and death. No charges have been made in this case.

STARKS –

STARKS, Maine (NEWS CENTER) -- It was quite a scene as the all terrain vehicle emerged from the woods with 83-year-old Robert Hooker sitting in the front seat. Hooker wandered off late Sunday afternoon, sparking a massive search in the woods around the home where he lives with his daughter in law. Rescuers were confident they'd locate him from the start. While there is tough terrain in the area, the weather was near perfect for Hooker's survival through the night. Just before Noon he was spotted about a mile from his home near a bog. As he emerged from the woods there were tears of joy from family members and hugs for the searchers. As neighbor Charlie Strople drove Hooker out of the woods to safety he was asked how Hooker appeared. "Wet, cold, but he's alert and knows what's going on. That's the good part", he responded. Wardens say situations like this are not all that uncommon. This was the third search for an elderly person in Somerset County since May.



HANCOCK



Hancock, Maine (NEWS CENTER) - Two girls who wound up lost in the woods overnight have been found safe and sound.

Selena Alley and her cousin Amanda were found bug-bitten but otherwise fine along Kilkenny Stream in the town of Hancock.

A search was started during the night after the Maine Warden Service received a call around midnight after the two girls had gone for a walk in the woods around 5:00 pm and had not come back.

Amanda who's 15 years old and Selena who is 12 had planned on taking a walk to a local spot in the woods near their residence when they became lost on a local trail. Ten Game Wardens along with Hancock County Sheriff's

Deputies and Maine State Police all responded.

Once daylight arrived game wardens and one of their K-9 dogs, Koda, located the girls. The girls were found about 3000 feet to the west of their home. The Warden Service commended the young girls for practicing survival techniques; once they realized they were lost they stopped and made a shelter and tried to start a camp fire using their eyeglasses and two sticks.

WESTFIELD –

Sheriff's department, wardens searching for missing Westfield man

By Julia Bayly, Special to the BDN

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Lloyd Jandreau

WESTFIELD, Maine — More than 30 members of the [Aroostook](#) County Sheriff's Department, Maine State Warden Service and Mars Hill Fire Department are searching for a missing Westfield man. Lloyd Jandreau, 69, was reported missing at 10:30 a.m. after telling employees at the Southern Acres Care Facility, where he is a resident, he was going fishing. Jandreau was last seen on Tweedie Road in Westfield around 10:30 a.m. According to Aroostook County Deputy Sheriff Mike Montpetit, Jandreau, who has a form of dementia, has a history of telling staff he is going fishing at a small brook near the facility. According to a release from the Aroostook County Sheriff's Department, Jandreau was wearing a dark colored T-shirt, blue jeans and carrying a fishing pole when he was reported missing. Jandreau is described as 5-foot-11-inches tall, weighing 168 pounds with gray hair and brown eyes. He also wears glasses and has hearing aids in both ears. The release states Jandreau has family in the Portage area and that he may be trying to get to them. Montpetit said that on Friday Jandreau had indicated he wanted to leave the resident facility. As of Saturday evening the search included several police and warden K-9 units and a command unit had

HAMPDEN –

HAMPDEN, Maine — The [search for a woman](#) missing from the Avalon Village retirement community off Main Road continued Thursday as boats and search dogs were called in to assist.

Searchers are looking for Judy Kellogg Markowsky, 65, who suffers from dementia, Edie Smith, director of information for the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, said Thursday afternoon.

“They are still out in the field searching,” she said of the game wardens, some with search dogs, Hampden police officers and others who are scouring the shoreline and river for Markowsky.

The Department of Marine Resources brought in a boat and an airplane Thursday to search the Penobscot River, Smith said, but the inclement weather was hampering efforts from the air. “They are doing both a woods search ... and they’re looking in the river as well,” Smith said. The Hampden Police Department and the [Maine State Police](#) launched the search at about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday after relatives of Markowsky, who is a weekly bird columnist for the Bangor Daily News, reported her missing. Avalon Village employees assisted by checking the nearby walking trails, Hampden police Officer William Miller said Wednesday. Markowsky served as director of the Maine Audubon Society’s Fields Pond Nature Center in Holden for 14 years, between 1997 and 2009. Earlier this year, Maine Audubon honored Markowsky, who was the first Maine Audubon staff member in the Bangor area and was instrumental in the construction of the Fields Pond Audubon Center in Holden, the group’s website states. “She is quite well known in the Audubon Society,” Smith said. Avalon Village sits between the Edythe L. Dyer Community Library and Main Road and is very near the Penobscot. Hampden Police Chief Joe Rogers and his officers began searching the area again early Thursday and were joined by two game warden search dogs and their handlers, as well as [Maine Warden Service](#) Sgt. Ralph Hosford. Markowsky’s family members last heard from her about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday by email, Miller said, adding that when the relatives visited her home on Wednesday evening she was nowhere to be found. She left a note behind and her car was in her driveway, Miller said. “We don’t know anything more today,” Rogers said Thursday morning. BDN writer Dawn Gagnon contributed to this report.

FREDRICTON, CANADA –

Theresa Flanagan can still remember her brother's laughing, smiling face. "He was a likeable guy," she said. He was a fixer-upper, always finding something new to work on at his home in Marysville on the Nashwaak River. Two years ago, he had reshingled his roof and built a sun room. "He was always a hard worker." But the happy memories of Flanagan's brother are tarnished on the days she and her family drive from Moncton to Fredericton to search for his missing body. Jim Vanderfluit, 50, went missing along the Nashwaak River at his home in Marysville on Oct. 8, 2009. Vanderfluit had gone to the water's edge to bring his kayak up for the winter, but he never came back. After police, a search-and-rescue team and volunteer kayakers spent part of three days looking for him, the family continued its own search every weekend after he went missing, until about mid-December just before the first snow. Almost two years later, Vanderfluit is still missing. "It's been a long year and a half," Theresa Flanagan said in a phone interview from her home in Irishtown, her voice quivering. "It just seems like if you don't search or if we don't get him, it's like he's forgotten." That's why the Flanagans have called on Maine Search and Rescue Dogs, a non-profit, volunteer-based organization that has dogs trained in water search and human remains detection. The organization will be conducting a search for Vanderfluit on Sept. 9-11. The family first contacted Maine Search and Rescue Dogs last year, but it was too late in the season for it to start searching. "It's like it was just yesterday ... You know, you get a phone call that he went in the river and that's it. "I know it's not going to make a difference if we find him now, but it's just sometimes you wonder, is he in the water? Is he on the side of the water? "What really happened? Because we really don't know what happened. It's just one day he's there, the next day he's gone." When people first began looking in early October 2009,

they only found the lock and keys Vanderfluit used to secure his kayak to his dock. After the search resumed a week or so later, they found a kayak a few kilometres from Vanderfluit's dock. It was lodged in about a foot into the sand. A few days before Vanderfluit went missing, it had rained a lot and raised the water level to about seven feet. The family hopes Maine Search and Rescue Dogs will build upon the searches made by the family, because the dogs will be able to eliminate all areas where Vanderfluit wouldn't be. And while she plans on being with the dog team during its search in a couple of weeks, she hopes this will be the last time she and her family will have to endure another search for their beloved Jim. "It just seems like a never-ending thing. You're always wondering, did I do enough? Should I do more? "Now you're kind of almost wondering what is left." Theresa Flanagan and her family are accepting donations from the public to help cover expenses for Maine Search and Rescue Dogs to travel to New Brunswick. She said she wants people to know that an organization like this exists. "So hopefully we'll find him. It's just a shame that it's taken so long."

HAMPDEN

Search under way for despondent Hampden woman

By Dawn Gagnon, BDN Staff

HAMPDEN, Maine — Personnel from the Hampden Police Department and the Maine State Police launched a search Wednesday night for an elderly resident of Avalon Village, a retirement community located off U.S. Route 1A. The search began shortly after 7:30 p.m., when relatives of an elderly woman residing at Avalon Village reported her missing, Hampden police Officer William Miller said late Wednesday night. It was suspended around 10 p.m. and will

resume Thursday morning. Miller said the woman's family members last heard from her about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday night by email. She could not be found when they visited her home on Wednesday evening, he said. The woman left a note behind and her car was in her driveway, Miller said, adding that another reason for concern was that she has known medical problems. Also assisting in the search were Avalon Village employees, who checked out nearby walking trails, Miller said.

Body of well-known Hampden naturalist found in river



[John Clarke Russ](#) | BDN

A hearse is parked at the bottom of a boat ramp on the Penobscot River near the Hampden-Bangor line as Maine wardens and local

police confer after a body was recovered from the river Friday afternoon, August 5, 2011. The two-day search for Judy Markowsky concluded with somber news Friday when her body was found in the river.

By [Nok-Noi Ricker](#), BDN Staff



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Judy Kellogg Markowsky

HAMPDEN, Maine — The body of well-known local naturalist Judy Kellogg Markowsky, 65, who [went missing](#) from the Avalon Village retirement community earlier this week, was found Friday afternoon in the Penobscot River.

“A body has been recovered and it will be going to Augusta for an autopsy,” Hampden police Sgt. Dan Stewart said.

Markowsky’s body was found by a recreational boater near Winterport, about 3½ miles downstream from her home, Edie Smith, director of information for the [Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife](#), said in a press release.

Dozens of searchers scoured the banks of the Penobscot River this week for Markowsky, who last was heard from on Tuesday. Others searched by boat and plane.

Volunteer groups Dirigo Search and Rescue, Maine Search and Rescue Dogs and Down East Emergency Medicine Institute assisted game wardens, the Hampden Police Department and Maine Marine Patrol. The local Salvation Army supplied food and water for those involved.

BDN writer Dawn Gagnon contributed to this report.

CHESUNCOOK LAKE –

Cape Neddick man found after becoming lost for two nights in Chesuncook



Photo courtesy of Maine Warden Service

Frank Wallace, 72, of Cape Neddick, after being found by the Maine Warden Service after being lost for two days near Chesuncook Lake in

Piscataquis County.

By Diana Bowley, BDN Staff

TOWNSHIP 3 RANGE 12, Maine — A Cape Neddick man who spent two nights in the woods after becoming lost in the Chesuncook Lake region was overjoyed when wardens found him early Wednesday, one of his rescuers said.

“We got really lucky today,” said Warden Paul Farrington, who along with his black Labrador, Koda, found Frank Wallace, 72, at about 8 a.m. on the Kore Ping Road.

Farrington said Wednesday that the way the wind was blowing with his and Koda’s direction of travel, no dog likely would have picked up Wallace’s scent. Instead, Wallace heard a bell on Koda’s collar and he started yelling and Koda went to him.

“We had only been in the woods 20-30 minutes,” Farrington said. “You never think you’re going to find someone that quick. It was the luck of the draw because I was given a good area to search.”

Soaking wet, cold and covered with mosquito bites, Wallace was very pleased to see Koda, who received a pat, and Farrington, who received a hug. “He was overjoyed to be found,” Farrington recalled. “I’m awful glad to see you,” he quoted Wallace as saying.

Before becoming lost, Wallace was last seen Monday afternoon at his remote camp on the north shore of Chesuncook Lake. His friend Duain Wolfe, who was staying in a camp nearby, became worried and contacted the Maine State Police when he could not locate Wallace.

While the camps are accessible only by water, Farrington said he was able to drive his truck on a woods road to about a mile from the search area and left from there on foot.

Wallace told Farrington that he went to look for mushrooms on a couple of trails he was familiar with, but became lost when he detoured around some blow-downs. Dressed in a T-shirt, jeans and shoes, he said he huddled during the night and covered himself with grass and brush to keep warm. He told wardens that his first night in the woods wasn’t too bad, but on the second night the mosquitoes attacked him. He said he had worn a hat when he left camp, but lost it during the ordeal.

“Once he became lost, he stayed on local woods roads and at one point [lay] in the four-way intersection of two roads for several hours before moving again,” Warden Lt. Kevin Adam said in a press release. “He did go off the roads several times in the woods looking for familiar places.”

“I think it was pretty fortunate he was located when he was because he was absolutely soaked, he was shivering and the onset of hypothermia was setting in,” Farrington said. The warden said he had Wallace remove his T-shirt and he gave him a flannel shirt and jacket to put on. He then led Wallace to a spot where Farrington could pick him up in his truck. Once inside the truck, Farrington said he gave Wallace a warm cup of coffee and a doughnut and then took him to Millinocket Regional Hospital, where he was treated and later released.

Farrington, who has been with the warden service for about 15 years and has participated in many searches over the years, including four in the past week, said many searches do not have such a good outcome. It is always on a warden’s mind that the longer a person is missing, the chances of survival decreases, he noted.

Adam said knowing how to stay safe in such a situation is crucial. “There are some tips for safety when you are lost,” he said. “Always tell someone where you are going and when you will be back. If you do become lost, find an open space and stay there where you can be spotted by an aircraft.”

Assisting the warden service during the search were the Maine Forest Service, which searched from the air in two helicopters, Maine Search and Rescue Dogs, the Maine Association of Search and Rescue, Maine State Police and The Salvation Army.

HOLDEN –

Maine Warden Service locates missing Holden man

By Dawn Gagnon, Special to the BDN

HOLDEN, Maine — The Maine Warden Service said late Wednesday afternoon that it located an elderly Holden man who was reported missing from his home earlier in the day and apparently had not been there since Tuesday night.

The search for 75-year-old Eugene Loughlin began shortly after his daughter reported him missing about 11:30 a.m., Holden police Sgt. Eugene Fizell said Wednesday afternoon. Although the man could not be found, the back door of his Wiswell Road home had been left open, Fizell said. Further investigation indicated that Loughlin had not been inside the house since Tuesday evening.

Fizell said Holden police called in the Maine Warden Service's K-9 tracking unit because Loughlin had known medical issues and because his home was located near a wooded area as well as Fields Pond and local tote roads.

Sgt. Alan Gillis of the Maine Warden Service responded along with two warden service K-9 units and one Maine Search and Rescue Dog searcher, who were all returning from a previous search in the area, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife spokeswoman Edie Smith said in a news release issued late Wednesday afternoon.

Warden K-9 team leader Norm Lewis and his dog, Clyde, located Loughlin about 1:30 p.m. in the woods behind his residence, Smith said.

Fizell said Loughlin, who was found about 300 feet into the woods, was wet and muddy.

“He was generally in good spirits,” Fizell said. “He confirmed that he had been out all night and said that it had rained.”

Fizell said that Loughlin appeared to have suffered mild hypothermia. He was taken to Eastern Maine Medical Center. No further information on his medical condition was available Wednesday night.

Warden Lt. Kevin Adam said Loughlin was the second person to be found alive Wednesday by the Maine Warden Service K-9 team and Incident Command Team in less than six hours.

The first search ended about 8 a.m., when a Warden Service K-9 team found Frank Wallace, 72, of Cape Neddick on the Kore Ping Road in Township 3 Range 12 near Chesuncook Lake.

Wallace had been missing for nearly two days. He had last been seen on Monday afternoon after telling a friend he was going to pick mushroom, Smith said in a news release about that incident.

Adams said both searches were serious because of the age of the people, weather conditions and the amount of time they were exposed to cool damp conditions.

“Great training programs, teamwork and experience by the volunteers, other law enforcement agencies and Maine Game Wardens on these searches proved invaluable in saving lives today,” Adams said.

SOUTH WEST HARBOR –

Remains found on MDI 'likely' those of missing man

Bill Trotter | BDN

By Bill Trotter, BDN Staff

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Bill Trotter | BDN

A pail of sunflowers sit Friday in a chair that Pete Peterson used to like to sit in at the Southwest Harbor Public Library.



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Officials from several public safety agencies are in Southwest Harbor today, Friday, Sept. 16, searching the Ocean's End development for more clues about the identity of human remains that were found on the property on Aug. 25.



Courtesy of Southwest Harbor Police Department

Pete Peterson sits in an image provided by the Southwest Harbor Police Department in September 2010.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR, Maine — According to Maine State Police, remains found Aug. 25 at a subdivision on Mount Desert Island are “likely” those of resident Pete Peterson, who has been missing for nearly a year.

Police issued a statement Friday afternoon after more than 40 searchers with multiple agencies spent part of the day in the woods and fields of the Village at Ocean’s End housing development.

Without specifically indicating what police found, Maine Department of Public Safety spokesman Stephen McCausland said in a release that searchers were looking Friday for additional remains or items connected with Peterson and that some items were found.

“The medical examiners have not determined how Peterson died, although foul play is not suspected,” McCausland wrote in the release.

Assisting the Maine state medical examiner’s office in the search were officers with Maine State Police, Maine Warden Service, Marine Patrol, Southwest Harbor police and Acadia National Park, among other search and rescue agencies.

Lt. Chris Coleman of Maine State Police, who helped coordinate the search efforts Friday, said five cadaver dogs were on scene to assist police and investigators — three from Maine Search and Rescue, and one each from the Maine Warden Service and Maine State Police. Mount Desert Island Search and Rescue also assisted in the search, he said.

After the Aug. 25 search, “we wanted to come out and do a more thorough search, and that is what today is,” Coleman said mid-afternoon.

Peterson, who was developmentally disabled, went [missing in late September 2010](#) and though several search efforts were undertaken over the past year, there was no indication of what may have happened to him, until now. Last weekend, [a remembrance event](#) for Peterson was held in Southwest Harbor so people could share memories and other reminders of the missing man.

Privately, local people have said they believed Peterson was dead, even if

his remains had not been found and identified. Some have said they hoped the remains found last month at Ocean's End would be confirmed to be his so that the many people in Southwest Harbor who knew him and helped take care of him could find some closure.

Staff working Friday afternoon at the Southwest Harbor Public Library, where Peterson was a frequent patron and volunteer, declined to comment on the news. In an alcove of the library, someone had placed a pail of sunflowers in a chair where Peterson, who had poor eyesight, liked to sit. Over the past year, the library staff has placed various objects in the alcove to remind them of Peterson.

On Friday afternoon, a small electric light that the library staff turns on at night in his honor and a magnifying glass sat on the windowsill, while taped to the window behind the chair was a photo of Peterson.

"Our friend is missing," the message on the photo said. "Keep hope alive."

BRATTELBORO, VT

BRATTLEBORO, **Vermont** - With hopes of enticing someone to come forward with information, family and friends of **Marble Arvidson**, a missing 17-year-old from West Brattleboro, Vt., have put up \$1,000 reward. **Arvidson** was last seen on Aug. 27, about 12 hours before **Tropical Storm Irene** caused **flooding** across much of southern Vermont. Since then, several volunteer searches have turned up no clues as to the teen's whereabouts.

"We will be conducting large-scale ground searches in the woods and hiking trails of West Brattleboro," friends said in a statement on FindMarble.org.

"We welcome anyone 18 or older to come and help us in our efforts to find Marble."



HODGDON –

Wardens come to aid of lost Houlton hunter

By Diana Bowley, BDN Staff

Posted Oct. 02, 2011, at 3:41 p.m.

HODGDON, Maine — A 22-year-old Houlton hunter who was reported missing by his family when he failed to return to his truck late Saturday was located Sunday in a bog in Hodgdon.

Wardens and other searchers were working Sunday afternoon to rescue T.J. Quint Jr. from the “very spongy, difficult area of a bog,” according to Edie Smith of the [Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife](#). Quint appeared to be unharmed, was drinking water and was talking with wardens from across the bog, she said in a press release.

Quint had left his home at 5 a.m. Saturday to go bird hunting. When

he failed to return to his truck after dark, his relatives notified the Maine Warden Service.

Warden service K-9 teams searched through Saturday night but failed to find Quint. On Sunday, replacement K-9 teams were on the ground along with other game wardens, members of the Border Patrol and the [Maine Forest Service](#), Hodgdon firefighters, Maine Search and Rescue dogs and local volunteers. A Border Patrol pilot assisted from the air.

On Sunday morning, Quint was located in a bog near South Townline Road in Hodgdon by Game Warden Michelle Merrifield and her K-9. Quint lost his way on Saturday in a large area of farmland with several all-terrain vehicle trails, wardens at the scene told Smith. “He got turned around and was unable to find his way out,” they said.

Hiker reported missing in Hancock County turns up wet but safe

By [Kevin Miller](#), BDN Staff

SORRENTO, Maine — A Pennsylvania man spent an unplanned night in the cool, wet woods of Hancock County before crossing paths Tuesday morning with a contingent of the large search party preparing to look for the missing hiker.

A game warden said Tuesday that the man made the right decision by staying put in the woods Monday night rather than risk getting lost or injured while attempting to hike back to his car in the dark.

James Comerford, 65, of Oreland, Pa., apparently hiked farther or longer than planned in the public reserve land around Black Mountain and Donnell Pond north of Sullivan and found himself unable to reach his car by nightfall, according to Sgt. Alan Gillis of the

Maine Warden Service.

Comerford had no cellphone reception and his wife — staying in nearby Sorrento — reported him missing around 7 p.m. Monday.

Three game wardens and a state police trooper searched for the man Monday night after finding his car near a trailhead. By Tuesday morning, more than a dozen game wardens and about a dozen volunteer search and rescue personnel were preparing to continue the search when wardens encountered Comerford leaving in his car. He was chilly and wet but uninjured after spending the night under a tree, Gillis said.

“He was just farther into the woods than he anticipated and he didn’t want to be traveling after dark in that terrain because it can be very treacherous ... especially when wet,” Gillis said.

Gillis said obviously it would have been preferable that Comerford reached his car before dark, thereby avoiding an intensive search and rescue mission. But he said the warden service recommends people lost or delayed in the woods stay in one place rather than risk making the situation worse for themselves and rescuers by wandering in the dark.

“He did exactly the correct thing,” Gillis said. “When he realized he could not get out before dark, he sat down and stayed put.”

BANGOR CITY FOREST =

Amherst woman lost all night in Bangor City Forest



Searcher provides on scene medical support to subject.

By Nok-Not Ricker, BDN Staff Posted Oct. 15, 2011, at 2:59 p.m.

BANGOR, Maine — A woman from Amherst ended up spending the night in the woods of the Bangor City Forest after she lost her way in Friday night's rainstorm, Sgt. Ralph Hosford of the Maine Warden Service said Saturday.

"She spent the night. She got caught in the storm," the sergeant said of Deborah Roche, 45.

Roche was located at around 7:15 a.m. Saturday by a tracking dog and handler Jen Fiske of Maine Search and Rescue Dogs.

“She was responsive, but not doing well,” Hosford said. “She was suffering from severe hypothermia. It wasn’t that cold, but it was wet. It was a miserable wet.”

Roche was taken to Eastern Maine Medical Center and is expected to make a full recovery, he said.

Police began looking for Roche after she didn’t show up for work in Bangor on Friday. Officers located her vehicle in the Bangor City Forest parking lot on Kittridge Road as the sun was setting, but she was nowhere to be found, Hosford said.

“There are oodles of trails that go in every direction,” he said.

Search dogs from Bangor police and Penobscot County Sheriff’s Department arrived to look for Roche but encountered several obstacles, including the heavy, cold rain, dark skies and several run-ins with porcupines, Hosford said.

Bangor’s mobile command post was set up at the end of Kittridge Road Friday night, and local firefighters joined in the search with game wardens.

Word quickly spread to several volunteer search groups that help was needed, which brought out Maine Search and Rescue, Unity College Search and Rescue, Dirigo Search and Rescue, Down East Emergency Medicine Institute and Maine Search and Rescue Dogs, Hosford said.

“It was the dog’s first find,” he said. “It was a pretty proud moment.”

Roche, who had rolled herself up into a ball in an attempt to stay warm, was found on one of the City Forest’s many trails, Hosford said.

“It’s always good to to bring someone home,” he said.

WEST FORKS –

Body of woman missing since Sunday found in West Forks

By [Alex Barber](#), BDN Staff

WEST FORKS, Maine — A tracker found the body of a woman who had been missing since Sunday, Maine Department of Public Safety spokesman Stephen McCausland said Thursday.

Donna Gail Bulmer, 52, was found by a trained tracker with a dog on Thursday afternoon. The tracker, who wasn't identified by McCausland, was hired by the Bulmer's family after the Maine Warden Service ended its three-day search on Wednesday.

McCausland said Bulmer was found off a snowmobile trail about three-quarters of a mile away from her home.

“There's no indication that anyone else was involved in the death,” said McCausland.

“She went into the woods by her own volition,” said Edith Smith, spokeswoman for the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The warden service was called to assist state investigators.

“She had been despondent and had wandered off into the woods and that's what sparked the wardens searching for her earlier in the week,” said McCausland.

Smith said the warden service began searching for Bulmer on Monday.

“We had a plane in the air. We had the dogs out,” said Smith.

McCausland said the body was taken to a local funeral home and was to be examined by a representative from the state medical examiner’s office. There was not a listed cause of death yet and McCausland said he didn’t expect a cause to be known on Thursday.

Bulmer had been a selectman and the tax assessor for West Forks.

Smith said Bulmer lived in Weeks Mills and also had a residence in West Forks.

LEWISTON –

Warden service conducts massive search for Lewiston woman’s body

Posted Nov. 13, 2011, at 5:25 p.m.



Photo from Backpage.com

Christiana Fesmire

LEWISTON, Maine — The Maine Warden Service coordinated a search Sunday for the body of a Lewiston woman [who is missing and presumed dead](#).

According to a press release from the Maine Department of Public Safety, 60 volunteer searchers aided by 18 tracking dogs searched woods, fields and swampy areas in Lewiston, Auburn, Lisbon and Mechanic Falls on Sunday for any sign of 22-year-old Christiana Fesmire. Twenty locations in Androscoggin County were searched before sundown but nothing was found, according to Stephen McCausland, spokesman for the Maine Department of Public Safety.

Buddy Robinson, 30, of Lewiston [is charged with murder](#) in connection with the case.

The search also included more than two dozen members of the warden service and Maine State Police, McCausland said.

McCausland said the search was the largest organized search in Lewiston since 1995, when dozens of searchers spent days looking for Scott Croteau, a missing Lewiston High School student. His body was found after 10 days. He had committed suicide.

GOULDSBORO –

Police, family looking for Hancock County man missing since Saturday

By Kevin Miller, BDN Staff

Posted Dec. 07, 2011, at 3:44 p.m.



Wayne Hodgkins

Hancock County police agencies are asking for the public's help locating a Sullivan man who has been missing since last Saturday. Wayne Hodgkins, 57, was last seen at around 8 p.m. Saturday night at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Ellsworth. Hodgkins' landlord became concerned and contacted police when he didn't return to his home for several days, according to Hodgkins' daughter, Missy Butac. Hodgkins has brown hair, brown eyes, stands 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs approximately 140 pounds. According to the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Hodgkins may be driving a red 2001 Ford Ranger with a Maine license plate of 5960SK. Butac said her father is an active man who frequently digs for clams and worms in the area and

isn't prone to disappearing, so his family is very concerned. She is urging anyone who may have seen or heard from Hodgkins since Saturday to contact the police. Information on Hodgkins is also being posted on the [Ellsworth Police Department's Facebook page](#). Anyone with information on Hodgkins should call the Hancock County Sheriff's Office at (207) 667-7575.

Medical Examiner ID's Body Found on Shore of Stave Island

Written by Jacqueline Weaver

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 12:45 pm

GOULDSBORO — A body recovered on the shore of Stave Island has been identified as that of Wayne Hodgkins, 57, of Sullivan, the state Medical Examiner's office said Jan. 10.

The cause of death was a gunshot wound to the head and the death was ruled a suicide, according to Tara Harrington, a spokesman at the Medical Examiner's office in Augusta.

The Marine Patrol recovered the body last week on the northwest corner of Stave Island in Frenchman Bay.

Hodgkins was last seen Dec. 3 at a dance at the VFW Hall in Ellsworth.

Marine Patrol Sgt. Alan Talbot Talbot said Pilot Steve Ingram was flying over the area about 11 a.m. Jan. 4 to monitor closed scallop areas.

"Because we had a missing person, Steve continues to check that area whenever he flies in that direction," Talbot said. "He spotted what he believed to be a body in the tide line of the beach."

Talbot said the Marine Patrol and the Hancock County Sheriff's Department helped recover the body.

Marine Patrol officers during an aerial search on Dec. 9 spotted Hodgkins' red Ford Ranger on a side road off Route 186.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department and Marine Patrol officers assisted by the Maine Warden Service, the Gouldsboro Police Department and volunteers with the Maine Search and Rescue and their dogs conducted an extensive search of the area over several days on land, water and in the air.

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Search for missing toddler continues

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WATERVILLE — A 20-month-old girl remained missing late Sunday as police said at an afternoon press conference that they continue to investigate and interview family members.



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Staff photo by David Leaming **COMMAND:** Waterville Fire Chief Dave LaFountain, center, direct firefighters before an extensive search Sunday for missing 20-month-old Ayla Reynolds near her home on Violette Avenue

in Waterville.

Ayla Reynolds, wearing a soft cast from a broken arm, was last seen sleeping in her bed about 10 p.m. Friday. Her father reported her missing Saturday at 8:51 a.m. when he said he found an empty bed. The child lives at 29 Violette Ave., off Cool Street.

Police today identified the parents as Justin DiPietro and Trista Reynolds.

Ayla's grandfather, Ronald Reynolds of Portland, said Sunday he and other family members feel helpless as police search for the young girl.

"It's just so hard for me to sit back and not do anything," Ronald Reynolds said. "I'm crawling out of my skin right now. She's the apple of my eye."

He said he hasn't been able to eat or sleep since police came to his home with the news Saturday.

"She is so friendly, loveable, smart," he said. "I don't know where she is. I don't know if she's in a car, if she's in a gutter somewhere.... I want my granddaughter found. I want her home safe."

About 12:30 p.m. today, the Maine State Police, a game warden, a tracking dog and city police entered the house at 29 Violette Ave. to conduct a search. Police searched the neighborhood for her all day Saturday, too.

She was last seen wearing green one-piece pajamas with polka dots and the words "Daddy's Princess" on them. She is 2 feet, 9 inches tall and weighs approximately 30 pounds.

Her left arm is in a sling and soft splint. She has short thin blond hair.

Waterville Deputy Police Chief Charles Rumsey said police conducted extensive interviews and believe there is nothing suspicious about the broken arm, which he said was suffered in an accident several weeks ago.

Massey said it's possible the toddler let herself out of the house and simply walked away and that is part of the investigation. It's also possible the child was abducted, police said.