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## Town meetings

### Oakland

Town meeting, Tues., May 4, 6:30 p.m.  
at Messalonskee High School  
Performing Arts Center

### Fairfield

Town meeting, Mon., May 10, 7 p.m.  
at Williamson Center

### Vassalboro

Town meeting, Mon., June 7, 6:30 p.m.  
Elementary School  
Municipal elections, Tues., June 8, 8  
a.m. - 8 p.m., town office

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## Miranda brothers claim first places at international meet

Logan Miranda, and younger brother Spencer, claimed first place in traditional forms and open forms, respectively, during the Ocean State Grand Nationals International Martial Arts Competition held April 9-10, in Warwick, Rhode Island.

Logan also took second place in weapons, second place in fighting, fourth place in open forms, and fourth place with the Back Row Demo Team.

Spencer also took second place in fighting, and fourth place with the Back Row Demo Team. Other demo team members that finished fourth were Abby King, Sydney Gagne, Sydney Crogan, Keith Crogan, Matt Clark, Jake Lapierre, Chance Whittemore and Autumn Clifford.

Other individual winners included Abby King, second in fighting; Sydney Crogan, third place in fighting, Jake Lapierre, third place in both forms and fighting, and Juliann Lapierre, fourth in fighting.

Huard's Sport Karate team brothers, Logan Miranda, 13, left, and Spencer Miranda, 10, both of Winslow, captured first places in forms at the Ocean State Grand Nationals held in Warwick, Rhode Island, on April 9-10. The competition included competitors from all over the United States and beyond.

Photo by Mark Huard/Central Maine Photography

## Chocolate, gelato and camaraderie

by Bonnie N. Davis

Stopping by Maynard's Chocolates at 10 Water Street in Waterville, brings shoppers a joy similar to a child's visit to Willy Wonka's factory.

Located in the old shirt factory, Maynard's was the first shop moving into the newly refurbished Hathaway Creative Center.

The brainchild of Wanda Theobald, of Winslow, the store reflects her lifelong love of making homemade chocolates for her friends and large family. Wanda's business partners are husband, Charlie, and brother, Jeff Young. Maynard was the siblings' father.

"He passed away in 1973. He was in the Navy during World War II - he was the cook, but he never made chocolate," said Wanda. "He used to make lazy bread - bread with no kneading. He'd put the dough in a pan, and we'd make little hills. He'd make it when my mother went away. We didn't name this after him because he was a great cook, but to honor him."

Their logo is a ship's wheel, with a picture of Maynard.

Growing up in a family with 12 kids, Jeff is the youngest boy. "I have two younger sisters," he said, "and Wanda's the baby."

Jeff, a chocolatier from Bar Harbor, graduated from culinary school. Before finishing his education, he started making ice cream working one night a week for a store.

"It went from one night a week to eight nights a week," he said, laughing. Soon, he started making chocolate. "I'm big on qual-

ity - if it's not the way it's supposed to be, it's got to go. Life is a lot faster now, so some places find different ways to do things - buy ingredients and dip. We make everything from scratch here."

Lobster Ice Cream in Bar Harbor, Jeff said, "We wanted a change and it exploded. We'd get calls from Canada and all over the country - Good Morning America, Fox and Friends, The Wall Street Journal and Paul Harvey. We'll be serving it here before too long."

Fire Chief of the per diem force at the Winslow Fire Department, Charlie adds his own unique twist to the business. From Long Island, where he also served as a fire chief, Charlie's New York wit blends well with that of his wife and brother-in-law. He believes customer service and giving back to the community are essential to a happy, rounded life.

"I love working with people," he said. "We're going to get back to the old way of doing things. Being a fireman, you've got to love community service."

As customers drift into the cheerful store, the partners and staff greet each one as an old friend. Tenants living in the Hathaway apartments even show up in pajamas!

Maynard's selection of candies and collectable tin boxes create fantastic gifts in an accessible location, with plenty of parking.

Visit Waterville's new chocolate factory Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 660-6093 or visit [www.maynardschocolates.com](http://www.maynardschocolates.com) for special orders, catering requests or group visits.

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Ava Allen picks out her Dora Explorer collectable Tin Box Purse, with the help of Tamara Capp at Maynard's. Photo by Bonnie N. Davis

Needhams, Maine's traditional candy made from local potatoes and milk, are one of the local favorites. These delectable treats fly off the shelf.

"We buy everything we can local," Wanda said, "and we'll have organic chocolate soon."

Filled with a great selection of milk and 72 percent dark chocolates, the store offers coffee, bagels, yogurt, beverages, light lunch options as well as homemade gelato and ice cream. Lovely tables in the lobby serve as an elegant place to enjoy a snack.

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