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Waterboro Elementary School “garbologists” suited up for a tour of the ecomaine Waste-to-Energy facility prior to the luncheon where they were presented with the eco-Excellence award in the Community Category. The fifth-graders’ research and other work with the Zero Waste Program has contributed to the reduction of waste from three dumpsters a week to two that are then sent to ecomaine’s recycling and waste-to-energy facilities in Portland. From left, Travis Poirier, Kyle Abbott, Brady Batson and Calvin Akom. COURTESY PHOTO

## School rewarded for recycling efforts

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Waterboro Elementary School’s Zero Waste Initiative and the fifth-grade “garbologists” who have studied and analyzed it have been named the winners of ecomaine’s 2018 eco-Excellence Award in the Community Category. The Zero Waste Initiative is part of the school’s overall Farm to School Program.

Recycling and composting, two streams of activity that are elements in the program, have contributed significantly enough to a reduction in the waste stream from the school that the former need for three dumpsters has been reduced to two, and according to Principal Christine Bertinet, they are considering a goal of eventually needing only one. In addition to the eco-Excellence award, Bertinet and Gifted and Talented program teacher Claire Ledue have also written a successful applica-

tion for a grant from ecomaine to support the school’s Zero Waste activities. The activities include composting or recycling everything possible in all areas of the school, and in addition, related lessons are being implemented throughout the curriculum at all grade levels. Ecomaine is the non-profit recycling and waste-to-energy operation in Portland that serves a third of the state’s population, and the eco-Excellence Awards is an annual program organized by ecomaine to recognize businesses, schools or individuals in any of ecomaine’s 73 member communities.

On March 13, Bertinet and Ledue, whose curriculum with fourth and fifth-graders has included various math, science and other activities related to the school’s Zero Waste Program, accompanied four fifth-grade garbologists who enjoyed a tour of the ecomaine facility prior

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Bonny Eagle chess team members (on the left) competing against players from Maine School of Science and Mathematics at the Maine Scholastic Chess Championship. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

## Chess team competes in state tournament

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

The Bonny Eagle Chess Team recently competed at the Maine Scholastic Chess Championship at the University of Maine in Orono, with twelve players from the middle school competing in the K-8 division, and five players playing in the High School division. Each team played four rounds against students from schools across the state.

The middle school team, ac-

ording to chess team Coach Oisín O’Searcoid, “has grown to be the largest Championship team in the State.” They finished seventh out of 14, which “we consider to be a very respectable showing,” added O’Searcoid.

Several students scored two points. Eighth-graders Ethan Freeman, Justin Wadsworth, Jace Sellick and Anthony Johnson were joined by seventh-grader Nicholas Freeman with a 2 and 2 record for the day. Eighth-grad-

er Veronica Shore was joined by seventh-grader Maia Kane and sixth-grader Jace Anastacio each winning one and tying one for a 1-2-1 record for the day. Eighth-graders Cameron Boston and Tanis Hartery with sixth-grader Kaiden Tillman each won one game, going 1 and 3. Sixth-grader Finley Whitney drew the short straw, according to O’Searcoid, as he faced stronger opponents in all of his games for

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Truly Talented Kids 2017.

COURTESY PHOTO

## Theater program focus on teens

In a time when we hear more and more stories about kids in trouble, the Schoolhouse Arts Center in Standish is endeavoring to bring focus and direction to local teens thru participation in community theater.

The Schoolhouse, a local community theater and educational organization, has occupied the old Standish High School building since 1989. Over 15 years ago, they converted a large second-floor room into a small theater space to supplement their main theater which seats almost 150. This small secondary theater was intended to accommodate smaller audiences for one-act plays, stand-up comedy shows, and kid’s plays. A small stage was built and walls and floor were painted black. It became known as the Black Box, referring to the type of venue it was expected to become. But the Black Box saw little use except as a rehearsal area when the main stage was in use.

But in 2015, a few of Schoolhouse’s teen-aged performers re-discovered the Black Box and decided that it would be a perfect forum for them to develop skills, not only in performing but organiz-

ing, directing and presenting their own shows. They revived a theater club for teens known as the Black Box Teens, originally formed by Francine Morin in 2013. They converted the old Art Room into a Green Room (dressing room) for future Black Box performances and painted folding chairs black to create a more professional look in the underutilized theater space. But, this was just the beginning. Their long-term plans for the Black Box included lighting and new risers. But those plans required additional funding.

In March 2016 the Black Box Teens organized and produced their first fundraiser – a cabaret-style show called Truly Talented Kids. The show was a great success and generated more interest and support for the teen program. One by one new teenagers heard about Black Box Teens and joined the group. They began recruiting the support of adults who were impressed by their enthusiasm for the project.

In 2016 Board President Cristina McBreairty took on leadership of the teen program, as the group

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# ALFRED

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## Jail talk

During the Historical Society meeting this past Tuesday, Bruce Tucker gave a well researched history of Alfred's jails beginning with the first prison which was in York, where one at Meetinghouse Creek served as a jail for the whole Province of Maine. In the colonial period jails were not seen as a place of punishment but as holding places for those awaiting trial for their sentences to be applied. Until 1820 jails were a local responsibility.

The first American stock market crash, in 1792, meant there were many new debtors being jailed also after the "Year Without a Summer" in 1816 with its crop failures. The jails were termed "apartments" in which the jailer lived with his family, similar to an extended household until the debtor's property could be sold to erase his debt. The old log jail on the Waterboro Road appeared to be like any other colonial home - large, white and without restricting bars. It wasn't difficult to leave, if that was your goal. In 1802 Alfred became a half shire town with the need for a county jail seen as more urgent than having a courthouse. How it came about was thanks to the ingenuity of John Holmes.

The problem was overlapping deeds which had to be determined. Loyalists had left the area during the Revolution, to England or Canada, but their families wanted conflicting land claims by their families determined. John Holmes became agent for the Phillips heirs for the York

County Courts, to find a land title for a jail. In 1803 Goodwin, ( York County sheriff) Andrew Burley and Holmes designed the building. They designed a two story building with rooms in the back for the prisoners. The jailer and his family had front rooms.

In 1806 the Alfred jail was ready for prisoners but most of the prisoners were already housed in Alfred. A prison reformer described the situation as "a cheap boarding house" which meant the jail had a seasonal attraction to tramps. Also, it seems unoccupied "apartments" could be rented out to travelers, providing the jailer with fees.

By 1833 the old log jail was deemed unsafe for prisoners. A new jail was needed. Alfred by now had a courthouse and by 1831 people were no longer imprisoned for debt. Funds for a new jail were needed but there were many objections. By 1870 George Came in his journal wrote "they are putting in the foundation for a new jail in Conants field," so it was apparent a new jail was in the making.

It was completed approximately in 1873, the old jail sold to John Allen, an Alfred resident, then conveyed to Mary Whitten. The changes made in the "new" jail included a heel shop where prisoners made heels. Not just giving them a skill but helping defray the cost of running the jail.

Probably the most notorious prisoner in the 1873 jail was Louis Wagner, arrested for the double murder of two women on Smuttynose Island. He apparently had little problems escaping - the locks on the cell doors had not been working since installed. A New York reporter made a visit and was surprised to see the inmates free to wander about. Wagner was captured and eventually sent

to the state prison and executed.

When it was apparent the county jail in Alfred needed to be replaced one of the most persuasive moves by the sheriff was giving tours of the jail. When citizens had a good look at their old jail, they willingly voted for a new one.

## St. Pat's Day celebrated

Although only one person in the audience confessed to an Irish heritage, they had all gathered to celebrate the day with an Irish dinner, Irish music, a trivia quiz on Ireland and even an Irish reading. It was the annual celebration held by the Friends of Parsons Memorial Library in memory of the saint who had driven the snakes out of Ireland? Or so custom says. (Actually it is supposedly too wet in Ireland for snakes.)

Winner of the first round in the quiz was Lisa Cook; there were several winners in round two who were knowledgeable about Ireland. Beth DeWolf led the trivia quiz.

The dinner was a potluck serving of Irish dishes to the largest attendance this event has had thus far. The music was a group of Irish songs given by Almon Williams on his autoharp. The event is not a fund raiser, but a fun raiser.

## Shaker library/office progress

Friends of the Shaker Museum have a large and valuable collection of information on the Shakers and are finally seeing the renovation of the library coming to a conclusion. This is on the second floor which means a chairlift will be needed plus appropriate furniture. Shelving is being put in and a carpet installed.. The Friends of the Shakers are seeking a grant to assist in the costs of completing the room.

Marjorie Anderson, a member of the group and a professional librarian, has volunteered to be the librarian. They hope to see the work completed by next spring.

The next activity for the museum is a sale of wool material from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 7. There will be new wool from Dorr Mills and a good chance for rug braiders, rug hookers, crafters and folks who do penny rugs to stock up. Although it seems early they need to put it on their calendars because the date will be here before they know it and these are great buys. For more info, call Barbara Carlson at 651-6700.

## Master gardeners forum

Gardening time will soon be with us. A Digging Deeper Educational

Forum was held in Wells on Saturday to help York County gardeners prepare for spring. The three speakers were Stacey Scontras who does sustainable landscaping with perennials and ornamentals; Will Bonsall who told how to get the most out of your backyard vegetable garden; and Heather McCargo whose specialty is our native plants. She explained the biodiversity of our native plants and had native seeds for sale. The all day forum was held in the York County Community College and Alfred attendees felt the forum was well worth the ride down.

## Village notes

The second payment on the 2017 taxes is due before April 1.

This household has been immersed in jigsaw puzzles. They can be borrowed from the library or a neighbor who probably has a stack to pass on.

Reminder: the 2017 Festival Committee will meet in the library next Wednesday, March 28.

The next free supper at the Parish Church is Monday, March 26 from 5 to 6 p.m. The menu includes mac and cheese, chop suey and desserts.

Palm Sunday will be observed at the Parish Church this Sunday, March 25.



Members of the Bonny Eagle Chess Team, back row, from left, Andrew DeMaris (coach), Kevin Lin, Tanis Hartery, Nicholas Freeman, Zachary Brislin, Anthony Johnson, Veronica Shore, Oisín O'Searcoid (coach). Front row, from left, Finley Whiting, Maximilian Matthews, Kaiden Tillman, Cameron Boston, Maia Kane and Justin Wadsworth.

## CHESS TEAM

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1 and 4. But, O'Searcoid added, "He reports the lessons he learned from his losses will help him do better in his future games."

The high school team did not fare as well as the middle school, finishing last. "It was a bonus for us even to have a team at the high school this year," said O'Searcoid. "Our goal for this year was just to give them experience," he added. "It was an extra benefit to be able to include sixth-grader Maximilian Matthews in the high school team," he continued. "He got the opportunity to play against some very strong opponents at a competitive level, and went 1 and 3, gaining a point for the team." O'Searcoid added, "This will give him an edge

going into next year, and I know his personal goal is to gather as many points as possible as he continues to improve and prepare himself to return to high school competitive play in a few years." The high school team faced some very tough opposition, competing against Brewer, Westbrook, John Bapts and Maine School of Science and Mathematics. 10th grader Daniel Seymour also earned a point for the team, beating his opponent from John Bapst in Round 3.

O'Searcoid reported that the plan to grow the High School club at Bonny Eagle is a year ahead of schedule, "thanks to those students who pushed for it to happen." He explained, "we will have nine 8th graders return for us at the High School level next year and the four who com-

peted this year will also all be returning." They will be looking to continue their growth by bringing both a Championship Team and a Reserve Team to States next year.

"The experience for these students is immense, and they will know what to expect for next year," said O'Searcoid. "It will not be a surprise if we compete for prizes next year." O'Searcoid reported that they plan to run several closed rated tournaments throughout the year, and are in discussions with other schools to establish a Southern Maine Scholastic League for next season.

"It was an impressive showing for the conclusion of our first competitive chess season," O'Searcoid concluded, "and as expected, our students did our school proud."

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# NEWFIELD

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## School field trip season

It's time to start to think about school field trips. Time is fast approaching when kids will be looking forward to the end of the school year, and the time to take education into the field.

The 19th Century Curran Homestead Village at 70 Elm Street in Newfield has been giving field trips around the museum grounds for the past several years. The museum provides children a chance to look into the past and see the way things were done back in the 19th. Century, compared to how things are done now.

According to the director Robert Schmick, "some of the exhibits are inspired by current Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) learning objectives." Kids will have the chance to visit their grade appropriate themes, and have lunch on the lawn. A visit to the Amos Straw Country Store will be a real treat with all kinds of kid affordable items to fit their budgets.

Volunteers and interpreters will be on hand to assist students with any questions they may have about the many exhibits. Some of them are the Victorian Kitchen, with fresh, hot snacks right out of the old wood stove, the old school house; and the RMS Carpathia Marconi Radio Room and the RMS Titanic Marconi Radio Room, and much more. They will ride the 1894 restored carousel, visit the Granary, the sewing room, laundry, and use the hand cranked telephone, which are all hands-on exhibits for them.

Curran Homestead welcomes students from schools in Maine as well as New Hampshire to take part in the field trips, which will be held from May 15 through June 16. The charge is \$8 per child. The museum requires a teacher/adult chaperone for every 15 students and the adult gets in free. All other accompanying adults other than required teachers and ed tech support and/ or chaperones are \$8 dollars. Teachers must contact the museum to set up the desired dates for their school trip, by email at thecurranhomestead@gmail.com or call 205-4849.

## Classes at Curran Homestead

Make a Catapult at 19th Century Curran Homestead Village, at 70 Elm Street on Saturday, March 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The class is available for ages 11 and above. Using a design created by Leonardo Da Vinci, you will create this projectile thrower approximately 12" x 12" x 24," made of wood construction. The cost of the class is \$50, and materials are provided. Pay to register.

There is also an upcoming class to make a propane burning forge/furnace. This is an inexpensive alternative to a coal fired forge for the budding blacksmith or blade-smith. The cost is \$325, and all materials provided. Pay to register. Class is limited to 5. Call 205-4849 or 745-4426 for either class or visit curranhomestead.org.

## Happy birthday

My nephew Graham Michael Pike turns 3 on March 27; and Kathy Romprey celebrates her birthday on March 28.

## Meetings

Cub Scout Pack #329 will meet on Monday, March 26, at Line School at 818 Water Street at 6 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop #329 will meet on Monday, March 26, at Scout Hall at 7 School Street in Limerick at 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. Jim Dion is the Scoutmaster. Call Joe Iannazzo at 850-6237.

Newfield firefighters will have a work session on Tuesday, March 27, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street at 7 p.m.

Newfield Selectmen will meet on Tuesday, March 27, at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road, at 6 p.m.

Tea Time will be held on Wednesday, March 28, at the Newfield Village Library at 637 Water Street at 3 p.m.

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# Pike honored as DAR Good Citizen for MHS



From left, Deborah Bragdon, Morgan Pike, MHS Principal James Hand and Deborah Curtis. COURTESY PHOTO

Morgan Pike has been selected as the 2018 DAR Good Citizen for Massabesic High School. Morgan was presented her award by the Rebecca Emery Chapter Regent, Deborah Bragdon, in the presence of Principal James Hand and guidance counselor Deborah Curtis. The DAR Good Citizens Award was created in 1934 by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Each winner is a high school senior and is selected by both faculty and class as the senior who best exemplifies the qualities of leadership, dependability, service and patriotism in their school, home and community.

Morgan is the daughter of Wayne and Diane Pike of Shapleigh. Currently ranked in the top ten percent of her class, Morgan has been an active participant in her high school and in her community while taking honors/accelerated and advanced placement course of study through high school and in her senior year is expanding her academic studies by taking two dual enrollment courses at York Community College. Morgan is a mem-

ber of the National Honor Society and has been selected for the Maine Principal's Award winner for Massabesic High School. A three sport athlete, she participates in field hockey, basketball and lacrosse and was a member of the Massabesic High School Class A Lacrosse State Championship team in 2017. During high school, Morgan has volunteered her time at Maine

Veterans Home, Camp Sunshine, the Barbara Bush Foundation and Newton Center as well as volunteering with several youth sports teams, sharing her knowledge and love of sports with younger children in her community. Morgan plans to continue playing lacrosse after high school as she attends Endicott College in Beverly, Massachusetts in Fall 2018.



## RSU #57

# 2018-2019 BUDGET REVIEW SESSION

The Finance Committee of RSU #57 would like to invite the public to a review session of the preliminary 2018-2019 school district budget.

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## BUSINESS NEWS Animal hospital welcomes acupuncturist

The Alfred Waterboro Veterinary Hospital announces the addition of certified veterinary medical acupuncturist Tasha Wilson, DVM. Dr Wilson specializes in acupuncture, cold laser, and nutritional consultations.

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Dr. Tasha Wilson

at the animal hospital located at 1251 Main Street, Waterboro, on April 30 at 5 p.m. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a raffle the evening of the presentation. Space limited to 30 people, so RSVP to awvhdm@seurespeed.us or call 247-3100.



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### NEWFIELD

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### Pancakes and maple syrup on Sunday

A pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 25 at the Newfield Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street, featuring local maple syrup. Members of the Newfield Fire Department, Newfield Rescue Squad, and Newfield Fire Auxiliary will host their annual Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. On the menu are pancakes, bacon or sausage, orange juice and coffee. Proceeds from the "donation only" breakfast will benefit the Newfield Public Safety Building.

### COUNTRY CUPBOARD

Maple Cinnamon Sugar Donuts are the perfect recipe for Maple Syrup season in Maine...don't forget to use REAL maple syrup. The recipe is from [www.maplesyrupworld.com](http://www.maplesyrupworld.com).

#### Maple Cinnamon Sugar Donuts

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
  - 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
  - 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
  - Pinch of salt
  - 1 egg (lightly beaten)
  - 1 6 oz container of non fat organic vanilla bean yogurt
  - 1 tablespoon canola oil
  - 2 teaspoons lemon juice
  - 2 1/2 tablespoons maple syrup
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - 2 tablespoons butter (melted)
- Makes 6 donuts.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Toss the cinnamon and sugar together in a shallow dish and set aside. In a large bowl whisk together all the dry ingredients. In another bowl stir together oil, lemon juice, maple syrup, egg and yogurt.

Make a hole in the center of the dry ingredients and pour the wet ingredients into the hole. Gently fold everything together until combined. The batter will be thick.

Scoop batter into a piping bag or ziploc bag, snip a bottom corner with scissors, and squeeze out the batter evenly into a donut pan.

Bake for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool for a few moments and then flip over onto a cooling rack while still warm.

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**BLACK BOX TEENS**

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began to focus on their long-term goals. When a new lighting system was purchased for the main theater, the old lights were committed to the Black Box.

The teens' enthusiasm for their Black Box Theater became even stronger. Local director Jerry Walker was impressed with the enthusiasm and determination of the Black Box Teens and helped them design a new floor plan for the Black Box.

In January 2017 the original small stage was dismantled and lumber was re-used to construct risers. This would enable the theater to accommodate larger audiences. Eventually permanent theater seats, which the Schoolhouse has in storage, will replace the folding chairs. Throughout the project, the Black Box Teens pulled nails from old lumber, helped assemble the new risers and repainted everything black. The new layout provides more flexibility for the space and comfortably seats about 60 people.

Many of the Black Box Teens have grown up in acting classes and shows at Schoolhouse Arts Center. In addition to their work on the Black Box theater, many have taken on more challenging roles in recent main stage plays like Brighton Beach Memoirs, Beauty & the Beast, and Peter Pan. As their confidence on the stage grew, it led to a desire to learn more about directing, costuming, props, lighting and other technical aspects of theater. When the Black Box Teens are not on the stage, they are often seen at the back of the main theater running the lighting and sound systems. They help paint signs, build sets, organize props and assist with costuming for the main stage shows.

In 2018 the Black Box Teens number well over a dozen. They spent January and February planning their third annual Truly Talented Kids show. They conducted auditions and selected which acts they felt were best for the show. They organized rehearsals where more experienced members helped new teens understand how to polish their performance skills. They wrote scripts for their show narrators, Josh Macri and Reid Anderson. They choreographed dances and organized props and costumes that would be needed for their various acts. They painted signs for the show and designed and printed programs.

Truly Talented Kids will be performed on March 30 and 31 in the newly restored Black Box Theater. Board member Danny Gay recently installed theater lights in the Black Box. This will be the Black Box Teens' first time that Truly Talented Kids will be performed with the new lighting system.

The Schoolhouse Arts Center takes great pride in the Black Box Teens. But they admit that its success is mainly due to the energy and

enthusiasm of the teens themselves. "All that we did was provide them with a place where they can focus their energies and build their own dreams," says project sponsor Cristina McBreairty. "Then we just step back and watch the magic happen."

In an age when we are bombarded with stories about teens in trouble, this is a refreshing success story of kids on a mission. The Black Box Teens are a beacon of hope for all of us to believe in. Given the chance to excel and express themselves, our teen-agers are capable of wonderful things. They will always be Truly Talented Kids.

For more information about the Schoolhouse Arts Center or the Black Box Teens, please contact Cristina McBreairty or Black Box Teens' teen advisor Ashley McBreairty at blackboxteens@gmail.com.



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**OBITUARIES**

**Phillip Lawrence Johnson**

Phillip Lawrence Johnson, age 57, of North Waterboro, passed away on March 19, 2018 surrounded by family, at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House after a courageous battle with cancer.



**Phillip Lawrence Johnson**

He was born in Memphis, Tennessee on Feb. 13, 1961, a son of the late Henry and Patricia Johnson.

After graduating from Wooddale High School, Phil went on to complete his painting contractor apprenticeship. Then, traveled as a union painter for ten years.

Upon moving to Maine, he met the love of his life – Michelle.

For over 30 years, Phil was a self-employed painting contractor in Maine.

He will always be remembered for his pleasant personality and willingness to help anyone.

Phil enjoyed cooking, coin collecting, his dogs, fishing, poker, watching Alabama and Patriots football, spending time with his family and relaxing at his home in North Waterboro.

He is predeceased by his brother, father, and mother.

Phil is survived by his wife Michelle LaRoche; his three children Zachary Johnson, Kyle Johnson, and Abigail Johnson; sister Pam and husband Ricky Stark; sister Peggy and Crosby Hoff; stepfather Robert Cospier; mother and father in law Don and Louise LaRoche; brother and sister in law Gary and Nicole LaRoche; four nephews, two nieces, a great nephew and great niece.

The funeral service will be private. All arrangements are being handled by Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service Chapel, 498 Long Plains Road, Buxton. Online condolences can be submitted at [www.maineFuneral.com](http://www.maineFuneral.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Southern Maine, 180 US Route One, Scarborough, ME 04074 for their support and comfort of Phil in his final weeks.

**Donald R. Wood**

Donald R. Wood, Sr., 85, of Shapleigh died at River Ridge Center in Kennebunk on March 14, 2018 after a period of failing health.



**Donald R. Wood**

He was born in Presque Isle, son of Reuben I. and Gertrude (Day) Wood and served in the U.S.

Navy. Donald loved working with his hands and was an excellent carpenter his entire life. He enjoyed attending the mud runs in Oxford as well as the 4x4 Proving Grounds. His greatest love in life was spending time with his family. He had special relationships with each and every one of them; each holding a special place in his heart.

Donald was predeceased by his parents, brothers Carroll and William Wood, sister Bonnie Wood and son, Donald R. Wood, Jr. Surviving are his daughter, Deborah Roberts and husband Dale of Shapleigh; son Tim Smarrella of Limerick; his brother Terrence Wood of Limerick; grandchildren, Steven Brown and wife Kristy of Missouri, Whitney Newell and husband Adam of Norway, Kristofer Ryan of Rockland, Sean Malcolm Wyman and husband Sean of Waterboro, Amanda Smith and husband Ryan of Limerick, Dustin Smarrella of Limerick, Meghan and Dale Roberts of Sanford, Alicia Pulk of Sanford; 11 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews and two daughters-in-law, Kathy Smarrella of Limerick and Linda Young of York.

There will be no services at this time. Burial will be in the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale.

Donations in Memory of Donald Wood, Jr. may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital, 51 Blossom Street, Springfield, MA 02114. Arrangements are entrusted to the Johnson Funeral Home, 26 Market Street, North Berwick, ME. Condolences may be expressed at [www.JohnsonFuneralHomeME.com](http://www.JohnsonFuneralHomeME.com).

**Head Start in Sanford receives \$1 million grant**

U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King announced that the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and the Office of Head Start (OHS) has awarded the York County Community Action Corporation a total of \$1,046,496 for its Head Start and Early Head Start programs in Sanford. The funding aims to support the well-being and school preparedness of families and their children in the Sanford community.

"Head Start provides children in communities across Maine with a healthy learning environment where they can develop, grow, and succeed," Senators Collins and King said in a joint statement. "This grant funding will build an

educational foundation for children in the Sanford region and will help parents access the services they need during their child's early years."

The York County Community Action Corporation helps alleviate and solve poverty for the people of York County by assisting families and seniors within the York County community. York County Community Action Corporation helps to administer economic stability services such as Head Start, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Women with Infants and Children (WIC). In Sanford, there are three classrooms that provide services in the Head Start and Early Head Start programs, Monday through Friday.

The grant, awarded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), funds local agencies that provide Head Start services across the country. With this funding, the Head Start programs in Sanford will continue to work with community members to provide early educational and developmental resources for parents and their children. These programs offer support for children in low-income families from infancy to pre-school age. They prepare children for school, host classes with educational activities, provide health screenings, and connect families with disability and other health care services. The Early Head Start program provides support at their center locations as well as in the home.

**SCHOOL AWARD**

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to the awards lunch. Librarian Cheryl Anglin, who submitted the nomination of WES and its garbologists for the eco-Excellence award also attended.

Brady Batson, Calvin Akom, Travis Poirier and Kyle Abbott are the current garbologists, students who are researching, analyzing and making suggestions for strategies on how to continue to improve some of the school's Zero Waste activities. Asked the source of the term garbologist, Ledue shared that last year's students took an interest in a lesson called Ology Ology (the study of something). When faced with an assignment where they had to search define the different "ology" words and careers that went with them, they wanted an ology word that would represent the work they were doing to study the school's garbage with the goal of reducing it. They liked the definition of the term garbology: the study of modern culture through the analysis of what is thrown away as garbage.

The original garbologists last year were fifth-graders Jack Fournier, Benjamin Tanguay, Lo-

gan Allaire, Matthew Leterrier, Zach Labbe, Robert Avery and Clayton Durepos. At that time, some fourth-graders were engaged in math and language activities, as they devised and conducted surveys, learned interviewing, sampling, and other social science skills as well as analyzing results and writing up findings. Now, as fifth-grade garbologists themselves, their Zero Waste work is providing hands-on ways of meeting grade-level learning goals in these subject areas as well as in public speaking.

On Thursday March 15 they presented a slideshow and spoke to the rest of WES students and staff on topics that resulted from their research. They have also presented to school board members, as well as the superintendent and nutrition director. They will be distributing compost pails, donated by ecomaine, to every classroom so that the breakfast, that is eaten in classrooms, can follow the same lunch time waste-reduction routines.

In a group interview, the garbologists were asked what they have learned that has most impressed them in their work; they had a variety of responses. Brady Batson wants to promote efforts

that combat the greenhouse effect, saying, "Heat is winning, we need to recover Antarctica from melting." Calvin Akom believes, "Everyone should start a compost bin or a worm farm and grow a garden." Travis Poirier wants everyone, "To realize the hundreds of years it takes for a plastic bottle to decompose and it may harm animals in the process." Kyle Abbott says that, "If each person does their part, it will be an amazing world for the next generations."

Ledue says that part of the rest of this year's work for the garbologists will be to follow the waste stream from the wastebaskets in the school, to the dumpsters outside, to the Waterboro Transfer Station, and on to ecomaine, to see how it is recycled or burned to generate energy. The garbologists' work, as well as all of the schoolwide Zero Waste activities are, in Ledue's words, "To help students learn the answer to, 'Where does our garbage go?'" One answer to this question comes from fifth-grader Kyle Abbott, impressed by what he heard during the ecomaine tour, "If someone says something is 'throw-away,' it isn't. It never goes away, there is no 'away.'"

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