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Robotics team qualifies for world championship

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

The Bonny Eagle Robotics Team, BERT 133, competed at the FIRST District New England Championship at the University of New Hampshire the weekend of April 6-8 and qualified to compete in the FIRST World Championship in St. Louis.

Being part of the robotics team is much more than just building a robot. FIRST means "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology," and was founded in 1989 by inventor Dean Kamen with the vision to "transform our culture by creating a world where science and technology are celebrated and where young people dream of becoming science and technology leaders."

The FIRST Robotics Competition has been called a "Sport for the Mind." It combines science and technology with sports competition. The challenge is to work together as a team in order to raise funds, then to design, build, and program an industrial sized robot, and finally, to use the robot to play a field game. Each team member has their own role, whether as designer, programmer, machinist, or involved in assembly and electronics, fundraising or spirit. All

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The Bonny Eagle robotics team's robot in action.

COURTESY PHOTO

York County Community Action hires new Deputy Director

York County Community Action Corporation has announced the hiring of Carter Friend to serve as Deputy Director. Friend's responsibilities will include working in partnership with the Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer, providing leadership and management to ensure that YC-



Massabesic softball players and coaches recently returned from a week-long trip to Spring Training in Orlando, Florida at the Walt Disney World's ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, an excursion that had been planned since late in 2016. The training included practices at ESPN's huge field complex, a speed and agility clinic with former Olympic sprinter and coach Brooks Johnson, as well as ten games against teams from Connecticut, Vermont and Maine. Sixteen members of the softball program attended, as did many of their family members. Front row, from left, Janelle Sperdakos, Kate Shubert, Bella Lucier, Sarah Howe, Sara Woodward, Grace Tutt and Emily Davison. Back row, from left, Head coach Kevin Tutt, Cayleigh Morris, Hannah Mooers, Lacey Bean, Alyvia Cormier, Ashley Collin, Kaitlyn Shaw, Sydney Sawtelle, Sophia LaFrance, Zoey DeAngelis and assistant coach Tom Cormier.

PHOTO BY DEB CORMIER

Asian Taste reopens with open house

BY BRIGIT McCALLUM
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Much to the delight of its many fans, Waterboro's Asian Taste Restaurant hosted an Open House from 3 to 8:30 p.m. this past Monday, and reopened with regular hours on Tuesday. Crowds filled and re-filled the interior and spilled out into the parking lot on Monday, as owner David Ma and his cook staff delivered containers of food to celebrate both Ma's joy at being in business and open once again, and to give thanks for the patience of those who had waited over six weeks to taste their favorite dishes. Face creased in a big smile, Ma exclaimed, "So many people so happy we are open again! So many people happy to see us and to be here!"

Asked how many people he thought had come to the Open House, Ma laughed and said, "I don't know, too busy in the kitchen!" Food production stopped in late February after an odor alerted owners of Plummer's Hardware next door, and staff in Asian Taste, and then local and state public safety authorities to the fact that there was a rodent infestation in the walls of the two

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Crowds filled the seats and spilled over outside when the Asian Taste Restaurant reopened its doors with an open house on Monday, April 17. Patrons enjoyed food from the completely renovated restaurant and kitchen after a six-week hiatus during which the interior was completely cleaned and rebuilt following closure due to a rodent infestation. Owner David Ma welcomed all who came, and is happy to announce the resumption of regular hours, seven days a week at the South Waterboro restaurant.

PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM



Carter Friend

serve as the organization's chief administrator in the Executive Director's absence

Friend brings more than twenty-five years' management and leadership experience to YCCAC. He has held leadership positions with the John T. Gorham Foundation, United Way of Greater

Portland, and Legal Services for the Elderly. He received his Bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College, and earned his law degree from Boston College Law School. Prior to moving into the non-profit sector, Friend spent six years as an attorney at Verrill Dana.

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Students of the month



The following students were the Massabesic Middle School Students of the Month for March: Phoebe Morley, Dylan Jones, Noah Lord, Lennon Elliot, Trey Ferguson, Jack St. Laurent, Jorja Bugbee, Taylor LeClair, Rowan Boulard, Ryleigh Baker, Nethaneal Green, Xavier LaRose, Owen Lowell, Cody Charette, Katrina Dean, Tristan Allender, Joey St. Laurent, Maria LePage, Zoe McGee and Georgia Le Blanc.

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Asian Taste Restaurant



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Master gardeners meet

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It was the annual meeting of the York County Master Gardeners Association and the auditorium at Laudholm Farm in Wells was full. Members had already breakfasted; Master Gardeners are also very good cooks, so an amazing array of foods filled the long tables on one side of the room waiting for lunch.

After Allan Amioka's and Frank Wertheim's video presentation of the 2016 activities of the Master Gardeners, which included everything from the annual plant sale to gleaning vegetables at area farms, it was time for awards. Frank Wertheim, Extension Educator, who was master of ceremonies, read the list of recipients.

Thyme awards were given to volunteers reporting more than 100 hours in 2016. Jolene Sta-ruch reported 102.5 hrs; Eileen Kelly, 113.5 hrs; Priscilla McGuire, 168.5 hrs.

Golden Trowel Awards are given to those volunteers who go above and beyond what is expected. Recipients were Cleo Smith, Carl Walz, Marcia Tibbetts, Stan Shapleigh, Cate Fitzgerald-Rice, Nancy Dennett, Garrett Bent and Sue Ford.

The Gerard Labbe Award for "Rookie of the Year" was presented to Patsy Wagner, class of 2016, and Priscilla McGuire was recognized as the Master Gardener of the Year.

The Frank Award, a "Corny" cob thumb drive, was given to Ron Vincent in thanks for his many workshops for the general

public, including adult ed, libraries and garden clubs.

The members had selected their volunteer projects for the coming year, which were then reviewed by the project leaders.

The raffle of garden related items raised \$313 for York County Shelter Programs.

Speaker for the event was Lucinda Brockway, co-author of "Gardens of the New Republic" who had brought copies of her book. She spoke on the Newburyport, Mass. gardens on the High Street, the area of Newburyport famous for its beautiful mansions and equally beautiful gardens. She was involved in their restoration and explained how to get the perspective to do the same at one's own home. The book is lavishly illustrated with photographs of the High Street homes and gardens before and after restoration.



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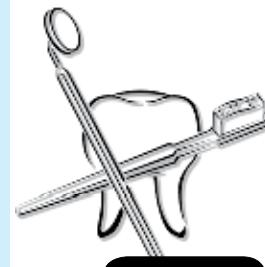
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WATERBORO

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Waterboro Welcomes new assessor

Shirley Bartlett of Scarborough has been hired as the new Town Assessor for Waterboro and will start in early May. Bartlett brings more than eight years of assessing experience in eleven small towns, including Madison, to her duties in Waterboro. She also brings experience with financial consulting, property management and business financial and operational management.

Assessor hours at town hall will be Tuesdays from 11 to 7 and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bartlett can be reached at 247-6166, ext. 111.

Minecraft night at Waterboro library

The Waterboro Library will host its spring Minecraft Night on Friday, April 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the library, located at 187 Main Street, East Waterboro. Participants ages 18 years or younger are invited to this free event.

ASIAN TASTE

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businesses. While Plummers reopened recently, it was only last week that Ma received the prized Certificate of Use from local and state inspectors that gave the go-ahead to open once again.

In addition to a completely gutted and rebuilt interior and gleaming kitchen, cheery Chinese patterned red and white walls in the entry and festive lanterns providing the interior lighting now

Participants must have their own WiFi capable device (iPhone, Android or Windows smartphone, iPad, Android or Windows tablet, Windows Laptop or MacBook or Kindle Fire), the device's charging cord and Minecraft pre-loaded on the device. The library will have power strips available to charge devices. Some Kindle Fires, especially older ones, have experienced connectivity issues with the library's WiFi system. Participants need to make sure that to have the device's latest operating system preloaded before coming to the event. For more information, contact the library at 247-3363 or librarian@waterborolibrary.org.

Library book and bake sale

The Friends of the WPL Spring Book and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, April 29 from 9 to 2 in the WPL Downstairs Meeting Room. There will be books for adults, teens and children, so come and purchase some Spring reading. Donations of baked goods are welcome. For more info call 247-3363 or email librarian@waterborolibrary.org.

greet customers. Friend of Asian Taste, Sherri Alcock had a hand in the redecorating, and, while she said Monday was intense, she was behind the bar on Tuesday as patrons again filled the booths and stools, looking for their favorite dishes.

Asian Taste is open seven days a week, 11 to 9, 11 to 10 on Fridays and Saturdays at Brookside Plaza on Rte. 202 in South Waterboro, telephone number is 247-8822.

TOWN OF WATERBORO

PLANNING BOARD Site Walk and Public Hearing Notice

The Planning Board of the Town of Waterboro will hold a site walk at 1029 Main Street on **May 3, 2017 at 6pm**. This site walk will be for consideration of the commercial project proposed for the property on tax map 18 lot 6.

The Planning Board of the Town of Waterboro will then meet at **7pm on May 3, 2017**, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room in the town hall for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing regarding the proposed commercial project.

The commercial project, Village Plaza, located at 1029 Main Street, Waterboro, also known as Tax Map 18 Lot 6, consists of a 3 – 4 phase Office/Retail complex on 9+- acres in the Village Zone.

The public will be given an opportunity to be heard prior to the consideration of the above commercial project by the Planning Board Officers. The project can be reviewed at the town hall with the Administrative Assistant for the Code/Planning Offices or at www.waterboro-me.gov.

Dwayne Prescott

Chair, Waterboro Planning Board

Kids clean up for Earth Day



Kids from Lil Moose Home Childcare in North Waterboro picked up trash along the roads in Lake Arrowhead Community on April 19 to celebrate Earth Day. COURTESY PHOTO

"The care was amazing!"

"The team in Sanford's Emergency Department was great when our son, Bennie, was diagnosed with pneumonia. We even received a followup call the next day at home from Dr. (Andrew) Powell. The care was amazing!"

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Members of the Bonny Eagle Robotics Team, from left, sophomore Nate Gagnon, sophomore Logan Matthews, advisor John DiRenzo, junior Carly Meserve, freshman Tanner Meserve, and freshman Chloe Falkner. The team recently qualified for the world championship. COURTESY PHOTO

ROBOTICS TEAM

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of this is done within a very tight and intense time frame.

The "build" period is 42 days and the team works every day from about 6:30-8:30 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the weekends. Wednesday night meetings are mandatory – that is when the team plans out the work for the week. At midnight on the last day, the robot must be "bagged" as a finished product and it cannot be touched until closer to competition time. Teams have six hours to un-bag it in two-hour allotments, testing it, and trying it on the practice field.

On the field, the robots have to perform specific tasks, and points are awarded for completion of those tasks. But the robots do not perform all of these tasks alone. Part of the competition is about alliances, and working together not only as individual teams, but as alliances. Alliances are three teams together, who then compete against three other teams of another alliance. They must learn to work together to complete the tasks and earn points for their teams. The first round of alliances are chosen at random, by algorithm. "You never know who will be on your alliance," said Amber Lindberg,

a Jr at BEHS, and a "driver" of the robot. The Driver is in control of the primary mechanism of the robot, controlling its motion forward and back, left to right. One of the most exciting parts of the competition for Lindberg is "seeing everyone else's ideas."

Logan Matthews, a sophomore, has been part of the team "since I was a week old." His grandfather used to be a part of the team, a mentor. "I fell in love with it," he said. "I love helping people out." Junior Carly Meserve became involved after a Club Fair at school. "I saw the robot driving around and just had to be a part of it." Meserve's father is an electrical engineer, and she and her brother Tanner, a freshman, had been to an engineering expo with their dad. "It was SO Cool!" said Tanner, "it was something I had to get involved in."

Team Captain Christopher Hascall, a junior, is in charge of Community Outreach. "Our mission is to spread FIRST," he said, "to encourage STEM and to show that it can be exciting and fun!"

At the district competition, Hascall himself was a finalist and won a Deans List Scholarship Award. Mentor Terri DiRenzo was also nominated as a finalist for the Woodie Flowers Award, recognizing mentors who "lead,

inspire and empower those around them by using excellent communication skills." Husband John DiRenzo has been an advisor to the group for 20 years. "I began as a parent who helped out," said DiRenzo, "and ended up taking over the group in 2001." DiRenzo is a full-time engineer.

BERT 133 has been working toward qualifying for the World Championship since February. Unfortunately, the team needed to raise \$21,700 to pay for travel, lodging, and registration costs for St. Louis, and the turn over time was very quick. The World Championship itself will take place April 27-30, but on April 10, sadly, the team had to announce that they simply did not have the funds.

The Bonny Eagle Robotics Team (BERT) 133 would like to thank everyone who has supported them throughout the year. "We truly appreciate everyone who has gotten us to where we are and everything that has been done for us... We have been truly blessed."

In order to build the robot and compete in all the qualifying competitions including the World Competition, the team needs to raise about \$58,000 per year. If you would like to help BERT 133 compete in future competitions, donations can be sent to Bonny Eagle High School, Attn: Bonny Eagle Robotics Team, 700 Saco Rd., Standish, ME 04084. If you would like to see more pictures from this year's competitions, check out their Facebook page.

For more information about FIRST visit www.firstinspires.org.

ALFRED

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Boyle at New Century Club

Fred Boyle is known for his genealogies of local villages and families, including both Alfred and Sanford and Springvale families. During the meeting at the New Century Club this past week, he stated he felt the "History of Waterboro" would be the last book he would write. But then he changed his mind, realizing how much there were the associations between the two villages, Waterboro and Alfred. He went back to the 1790's material, checking public records, deeds and probate records. He found that the Kennebunkport town line once extended to Lyman. He found that neighborhoods were created by key people who knew each other before moving to another village.

He found that the French and Indian Wars had quite an impact on the whole of York County.

Checking early church records revealed that the Second Parish became Kennebunk village, that many early settlers of Lyman were Revolutionary pensioners. To illustrate how really poor they were, Stephen Andrews income for one year was \$14, and he was \$60 in debt. His wife was subject to fits and his daughter had been unable to work for 15 years. If a pensioner died his wife might have to wait several years for any compensation.

He stated many of the old records were lost. But he learned that Coxhall became Lyman in 1803.

He embarked on doing his own family's genealogy, checking vital records, ancestry.com, military records, the Springvale Library (which has many old records), cemetery records, and church records.

The May 8 meeting of the New Century Club will be in the Shaker Museum with Jim Boyle speaking on "Malaga Island".

Shaker museum

The Sid Emery Forum which is sponsored by the Friends of the Shaker Museum and the Sanford/Springvale Historical Society will host three authors and a musician this season. The May 21 speaker will be Mary Quinn Doyle of West Newfield who will speak on her efforts to write about Maine farms. On June 11, John Secunde, who is working on a degree in music, who speak about an early Maine composer.

John Goff, an architectural historian, will be the speaker on October 1 and on October 15 author Don Deignan will speak about his uncle who died in Hawaii after Pearl Harbor.

The talks are free to the public courtesy of the Shaker Museum and Sanford/Springvale Historical Society. Each talk is given on a Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at the Shaker Museum.

Elementary school

Spring family day will be May 9, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Alfred Day at the Seadogs will be May 5.

Is your child missing clothes, hats, jackets, ski pants, mittens or gloves? Or shoes? There is a long table in the hall at Alfred Elementary School holding all these items. Parents are invited to check it out.

Town hall

Nomination papers are available from the town clerk for the position as an Alfred Water District Trustee. The resident must reside in a household for which water is provided. The papers must be returned to the town clerk's office by 2:30 p.m. on Monday, May 1.

LYMAN

Fiber Arts Night

Now that spring is finally here, are you feeling antsy? Feel like being social after all of those long, dark nights? Lyman Community Library's Fiber Arts Night is the perfect answer.

Grab whatever project you're working on—the group is called Fiber Arts Night, but we're open to papercrafts and other handicrafts as well—and swing on down on any Wednesday night from 5:30 p.m. until we close at 8 p.m. All ages and skill levels are always welcome, as are snacks.

For more information about this or any other programs, call the library at 499-7114, find them on Facebook, or visit their website at www.lymanlibrary.org.

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SPORTS

New track open to public

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The new Massabesic Athletic Complex outdoor track is now open for the spring season. This is the first occurrence of what RSU 57 Business Manager Colin Walsh hopes will become one of the local annual signs of spring, when the track opens for sports team as well as public use. As promised last fall, the track will be available for public walking and running. Walsh says he wondered if the annual sweeping of outdoor athletic facilities that happens each April would actually happen on time this year, after the winter's heavy snowfall. But the recent warm and even record-breaking days took care of that, and the bright red surface of the track looks very inviting.

For those desiring to try out the track for themselves, Athletic Director Brendan Scully says the stadium will be busy weekdays after school for practices and events until dark. Walking will be allowed during the school day and on the weekends. The public is encouraged to check the

schedule on the athletics website for weekend game schedules at <https://sites.google.com/a/rsu57.org/massabesic-athletics>.

Access to the track is through the two spectator gates that are open at either end of the stadium that are typically used for football. There is a gate centrally located between the home side bleachers that will be open for public access. The main traffic gate behind the stadium will be closed and locked, other than during events so parking should be at the satellite lots along the bus garage road. There will be no parking in the bus garage parking lot during the week.

Given the investment in the track, there are rules for its proper use to prolong its life. Scully is waiting for installation of signs with these expectations listed. The signs will be located at both access gates to inform the public. District officials are asking that no wheels be used on the track; this includes roller blades, skateboards, bikes, strollers etc. No drinks other than water are allowed inside the fence to the track and turf. The public is also asked not to enter or use the



The newly renovated track at Massabesic High School is open for the season.

PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

high jump and pole vault pits. The concern is that they are attractive places for kids to play but can be dangerous.

Walsh is pleased that the care given by the contractor, the consultant who oversaw the project and local maintenance crews has the facility in fine shape for the 2017 outdoor sports seasons. The track had testing done when it was completed last fall, and other than

the signs setting forth directions for the proper use and care of the complex, it is complete. The track, like all other district facilities, such as the bleachers, seating in auditoriums and other district venues where people gather, will undergo an annual testing and any required preventive maintenance, for the safety of all involved as well as to protect the investment made by the district.

Scully says the district is excited to share this facility with the public and they look forward to seeing people using it. He adds that the track itself is very user-friendly for those with any foot or joint issues. And Walsh's hope is that, once local people experience their own use of the track, they will look forward to its opening, along with spring flowers, as a sure sign of spring.

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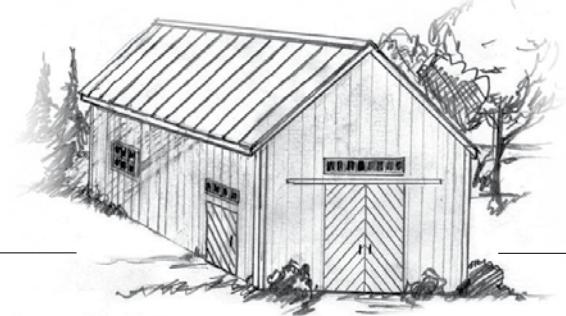
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Essay contest winner Sara Bouley with her father James, brother Samuel and mother Char.

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Essay contest winner

BY ALLISON WILLIAMS
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An eighth grade student at Massabesic Middle School has won the student essay contest sponsored annually by the Friends of the Alfred Shaker Museum (FASM). It is her second consecutive win in the contest.

The winner is Sarah Bouley of East Waterboro with her essay titled "How the Shakers Earned a Living in Alfred." She will receive a \$100 prize and a collectible from FASM. Her essay will become a part of the museum's archive.

She will read her essay in an award ceremony at the museum on the opening day of the new summer season, on May 13 at 2 p.m. The museum will be open at 1 p.m. that day at no charge. A memorial to the late Shaker Sis-

ter Frances Carr of the Sabbath-day Lake Shaker community, who died in January, will follow the award ceremony. Refreshments will be served.

The judges for the essay contest were Elizabeth DeWolfe, Harland Eastman and Al Carlson.

The museum will introduce the new season's exhibit, titled "Donations a Museum Make", that same day. New donations to the museum, which recently established a dedicated fund for acquisitions given the high prices commanded by Shaker items on antiquity markets, will be displayed.

The museum also is undertaking an exterior paint job this season funded by a grant from the Davis Family Foundation. Work will begin as weather permits and will be performed by Greg Knight of Alfred.



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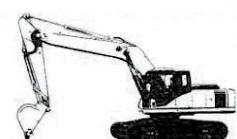
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OBITUARIES

Anna Jean Ribble

Anna J. Ribble, 74, a beloved Wife, Mother, Grammy and Great Grandmother, passed away surrounded by her family and faithful pets on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at her home in West Newfield.



**Anna Jean
Ribble**

Anna was born on Feb. 6, 1943 in Charleston, West Virginia the daughter of Robert and Betty (Harris) Burke. Following high school graduation, Anna worked as a bookkeeper and she took care of the books for her loving husband, Gary, for his flooring business for many years. They moved to Maine from Columbus, Ohio – what a change it was for the kids! They arrived before the Blizzard of '78. They soon grew to love our great state and marveled at its beauty and even loved living in the country. Anna had a special gift of seeing the beauty in everything and everyone around her.

Anna's true calling was to be a mother. She believed in raising her children to have open hearts and open minds and to stand for what they believed in. Her warm and loving home was instilled with the values of honesty, kindness and compassion. Anna was quick to love and slow to judge others. She attended the Hollis Baptist Church for many years. Anna kept the doors open to her home for family and visitors. She made her famous chili; potato and macaroni salads to not only nourish their bodies, but listened intently to what was going on in their lives. She had a vast and beautiful variety of plants and greenery year round in her home. She could bring any plant to full bloom and her orchids were absolutely lovely. The kids called her, "The Plant Whisperer." Anna could literally bring plants back from Plant Heaven, proving this once with an abandoned Christmas cactus that had been sitting in a basement for over 6 years. Not only did she bring it back to life,

but the cactus thrived so beautifully with 3 different colors! It continues to bloom Year Round to this day! Anna had a way of performing miracles in life in so many different ways. People were naturally drawn to her kind and generous heart and her amazing smile that lit up the room like rays of sunshine.

Anna adored animals, both wild and domesticated. Not a day went by in her life that did not start with feeding her beautiful wild birds that visited her daily to grab a snack or two. Anna even had a custom 3 story birdhouse condominium built by her husband Gary that was attached to her home directly outside her kitchen window. She cared for all wildlife that she had come to visit and didn't hesitate to chase the hawks off that would come and bother her turkeys on occasion. Anna was also blessed to have her adoring pet family inside of her beautiful home. Her loyal and loving Golden Retriever Blue could be found right by her side at all times no matter what she was doing! Her African Grey Keita and Blue Crowned Conure Buddy would imitate her voice and her singing; even when she sang off key. They absolutely adored her and will miss her dearly.

Anna loved spending time with her wonderful and loving husband Gary; enjoying many adventurous and memorable times with him doing the things they loved together. They did everything from major canoe trips to riding snowmobiles through the Back Hills and into Canada. She rode motorcycles and off road ATV's with the best of them! They were absolutely devoted to one another every moment of their life together and enjoyed the simple pleasures that life has to offer.

Anna was a remarkable woman whose faith shone through in everything she did and believed in. She taught her family to perform acts of kindness, practice encouragement and to stay true to themselves. She will be dearly missed and her memory will be forever treasured by her family and close friends. Anna is now at peace and

is protected under the wings of her Lord.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Gary P. Ribble; her four children, Ronald E. Sidebotham and wife Cottie Sidebotham; Lori L. Graves; Julie E. Neal and Robert Burke; her very special grandchildren, Anna J. Martel; Dakota L. Neal & fiancé Tyler F. Richardson; Reta A. Lyman; Heather L. and Jill E. Sidebotham; Michael R. Walker; Samuel C. Burke, her two great-grandchildren, Brayden J. Sidebotham and Saige E. Richardson; her Mother and Father In Law, Jane and Guy Ribble and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, Robert and Betty Burke and two sisters, Patty Sue Sines and Peggy Massie.

A green graveside service was held on April 2 at the Cedar Brook Burial Grounds, 175 Boothby Rd., in Limington.

Her loving son Ron said it best when he said, "You couldn't be anything but yourself around her, she just had a way of bringing that out in you." She was a rare and beautiful soul and was blessed to have had such wonderful people in her life. She loved with all that she had in her and she will be forever loved, honored and remembered lovingly by all that knew her.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to Operation Ray of Light, 909 Main St., Sanford, ME 04073 or to the Animal Welfare Society, P.O. Box 43, West Kennebunk, ME 04904.

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NEWS FROM THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

Horse owners: Now is the time to vaccinate horses

Maine State Veterinary officials would like to remind horse owners that now is the time to vaccinate horses to ensure protection from Rabies and mosquito-borne diseases such as Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV). Vaccinating horses annually against rabies, EEE and WNV is the best way to protect them from these dangerous diseases, which can cause neurologic symptoms and commonly lead to death in unvaccinated animals.

Officials caution against complacency, even though there were no cases of rabies, EEE or WNV in Maine horses last year. Annual vaccination is safe, effective and essential to maintain protection against these potentially deadly infections.

Horse owners can also minimize the chances of their horses interacting with the wildlife species that commonly transmit the rabies virus, such as raccoons and

skunks, by cleaning up potential food sources for these animals such as trash, grain and food left out for barn cats.

Horse owners should reduce mosquito breeding sites by eliminating sources of standing water such as unused buckets and tires. Owners should also consider keeping horses inside stalls during times of high mosquito activity – between dusk and dawn – which will help reduce their exposure to mosquito bites.

Owners whose horses are showing signs of these diseases, which can include stumbling, circling, head pressing, depression or apprehension, weakness of legs, partial paralysis, inability to stand, muscle twitching or death, are urged to contact their veterinarian immediately. Suspicion of rabies, EEE or WNV infection in horses should be reported to the Maine State Veterinarian's office immediately at 287-7615.

YCCAC DIRECTOR

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An engaged member of the community, Friend has served on the Cumberland County Advisory Committee of the Maine Community Foundation, the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation Board of Directors, and the Portland Public Schools Superintendent Search Committee. He lives with his family in Portland.

York County Community Action Corporation (YCCAC) is a private non-profit organization

serving York County residents since 1966. The mission of the agency is to "alleviate the effects of poverty, attack its underlying causes, and to promote the dignity and self-sufficiency of the people of York County, Maine." YCCAC programs include WIC, Head Start and Early Head Start, Economic Opportunity, Energy Services, Weatherization, Transportation, Community Outreach, and Nason Health Care.

For more information, please contact Brad Bohon, Community Relations Director, at 408-5625

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