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## Locals reliving history

### *Celebrating the midnight ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes*

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Most of us are familiar with the first line of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's famous poem, "Listen my children and you shall hear, of the midnight ride of Paul Revere." But did you know it continues, saying, "on the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-Five..." the date of that famous ride, on the evening of April 18, 1775. This year marks the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's ride, and many places around the country celebrated in various ways, in part, due to the efforts of Two Lights for Tomorrow, a nationwide initiative to kick off the celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States. Two Lights, referring to the two lanterns lit and displayed in the belfry of the old North Church, referenced in another line from the poem, "One if by land, two if by sea." Here in the Sacopee Valley area were two different celebrations.

On Friday, April 17, eleven JROTC cadets and a teacher performed in a reenactment of Paul Revere and William Dawes' ride from Boston to Lexington for the Middle and High Schools outside of Sacopee Valley High School.

Major Daniel Bartlett of Sacopee Valley High School's JROTC had received an email from the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission, encouraging participation in Two Lights for Tomorrow events and began planning an event at the school. "It started small, reading something over the announcements, then reading the poem," he said, "then escalated to someone playing Paul Revere riding a horse." Major Bartlett wrote a script, using information provided from Two Lights for Tomorrow along with some research from the Paul Revere House in Boston.

Senior Chandise Wells served as the Master of Ceremonies, explaining the history of the ride. "On the evening of April 18, 1775, Dr. Joseph Warren summoned Paul Revere and gave him the task of riding to Lexington, Massachu-



A descendent of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 12-year old Lillian Wadsworth lighting one of "two lights" at the Kezar Falls Library on April 18 during an event celebrating the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's Midnight Ride. Longfellow's grandfather Peleg Wadsworth was Lillian's 7th great grandfather.

PHOTO BY HILLARY DEGRASSE

setts, with the news that the British soldiers stationed in Boston were about to march into the countryside northwest of the town. According to Warren, these troops planned to arrest Samuel Adams and John Hancock, two leaders in the Sons of Liberty, who were staying at a house in Lexington. It was thought that they would then continue on to the town of Concord, to capture or destroy military stores – gunpowder, ammunition, and several cannon – that had been stockpiled there." In case Revere was unable to make it to Lexington, two lanterns were lit in the tower of Christ Church in Boston, now known as the Old North Church as a signal

indicating that the British troops, the "regulars," would travel "by sea" across the Charles River to Cambridge, rather than march "by land" out of Boston.

Two lights were lit/shone from the art room window by two cadets, on the third floor of the High School, where they could be seen by those outside. "Revere borrowed a horse from John Larkin, a Charlestown Merchant and a patriot sympathizer." Extended Learning Opportunities Coordinator Elizabeth Sanborn, dressed as Paul Revere, mounted her horse, Kennebec Rejoice, and rode her around the school shouting, "the regulars are coming, the regulars



Members of the Acton Shapleigh Lion's Club at a recent fundraiser.

Front row, from left, Judy Kelley (Secretary), Eileen Mageary, Joan Dyer, Kalima Dyer, "Dot" Brown (Treasurer) and Becky Barnett.

Back row, from left, Allan White, Rick Kelley (Vice-President), James Nason (in back), Richard Nason (President), Colleen Harris, Dave Dyer, Kinleigh Tinette and Kendall Vincent.

PHOTO BY BILL MAGEARY

## New location for monthly breakfast

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

The Acton Shapleigh Lions Club (ASLC) has moved its monthly Pancake Breakfast to its new location at the Shapleigh Community Center, 24 Back Road adjacent to the Shapleigh Town Hall. This will be the first fundraiser held at the new Center which opened on April 5.

The ASLC has been serving a fundraising breakfast for more than 15 years. The breakfast had previously been held at the Acton Town Hall, but since the construction of the Shapleigh Community Center was started, the club had considered moving its Pancake

Breakfast to this new facility when it became available. New ASLC Pancake Breakfast signs are now being used.

The pancake breakfast includes sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk, coffee and tea. The price for breakfast is still only \$7 and has not changed.

The Club also takes part in a fundraising turkey dinner that will also be held at the new Community Center in Shapleigh. Bill Mageary, club member, said "All the members come together seamlessly during fundraisers and events" which makes for a very successful event.

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are coming!" Cadet Wells continued the story of both Revere and Dawes and explained, "The next morning, as the British reached Lexington Green, the British Army was faced with approximately 200-300 American militiamen. Moments later, someone opened fire – starting the American Revolution with the 'Shot heard around the world.'"

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At right: Elizabeth Sanborn as Paul Revere on her horse, Kennebec Rejoice at Sacopee Valley High School on April 17.

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# Community CALENDAR

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## COMING EVENTS

**GARDENING WORKSHOP** at the Sanford Community Garden on Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m. The public is invited to attend an organic gardening workshop along with our community gardeners. Topics to be covered include soil preparation, early garden care and the use of floating row cover for the control of insects will be demonstrated by Master Gardeners volunteers Lora Gurwala and Bud Johnston. The Sanford Community Garden, an activity of the Mousam Way Land Trust, is located on Blanchard Road just under a mile from its intersection with Hanson Ridge Road.

Cornish Historical Society **ANNUAL DUCK DERBY FUNDRAISER** a fun family event with great prizes! Buy your duckie tickets at Cornish Hardware, the Inkwell or Lily's Fine Flowers. Rain or

shine, Saturday, April 26. Race starts at 11 a.m. sharp! FMI 625-3095 or 625-3177.

Hollis **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION** Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Hollis Sports Complex, 14 Lower Tarbox Road, Hollis. From 9 to 10 a.m. is trash clean up, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is nature stations, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. is Raptors, Reptiles & Mammals, 2 to 3 p.m. is live music by Thomas Charles Clukey. Sponsored by the Hollis Conservation Committee and the Sports Complex Committee in celebration of being stewards of nature.

The **ANNUAL MEETING OF BALDWIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY** is Saturday, April 26 at 5 p.m. at Brown Memorial Library. Potluck supper and the election of officers after the meal. You may also renew your membership at this time. The program for the evening will be a LIVE studio news

broadcast of the 1920 Baldwin newspaper headlines.

**HOLLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY SPRING BONANZA!** Books, Crafters, Vendors and Bake Sale. Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 388 Hollis Road, Hollis.

Parsonsfield Seminary is holding a **YARD, BOOK, AND BAKE SALE** at 504 North Road, Parsonsfield. (Route 160) May 3 (rain date May 4) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**MSAD55 ART SHOW** celebrating the K-12 student artists of Sacopee Valley. Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds, 291 South Hiram Road, Hiram. Hundreds of artworks on display for one day only plus live art demonstrations. Rain or shine. Free admission and free parking.

**BUXTON WRITERS' LIBRARY PRESENTATION** Thursday, May 15 at 5

p.m. at Buxton Town Hall, 185 Portland Road, Buxton. Melody ML Norris, Author, Designer & Photo Preservationist Presents The Fine Art of Creating Attention Grabbing Book Covers. Sue Cassidy, Author, discusses her journey to publishing a children's book: Ladybugs and Ellie Go Camping. "Campfire Tales and Trails" A kids guide to reading and activities in the great outdoors. Light Refreshments. The event is free. FMI: Lorraine Lindstedt lindcabin@gmail.com.

## LET'S EAT!

**DELICIOUS HADDOCK SUPPER BUFFET** Saturday, April 26 at 5 p.m. at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family. We will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not

want to come inside for seating.

Hiram Community Center's **ROAST BEEF SUPPERS** start again for another season on Saturday, May 3 at 5 p.m. (doors open at 4:45). Same low price of \$15 for adults and \$12 for kids 12 and under. Homemade pies! Visit with friends and make new ones! If you haven't tried it, now is a good time at 14 Historical Ridge (off Main Street, Route 117).

The Arundel Historical Society will be hosting a **BAKED BEAN AND PASTA SUPPER** on Saturday, May 3 at the M.L. Day School Gym from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at 600 Limerick Road, Arundel. There will be two kinds of baked beans, Mac-n-cheese, American Chop Suey, hot dogs, coleslaw, cornbread/rolls and brown bread, drinks and coffee and homemade desserts. Takeout is available. Suggested donations are Adults-\$10, Kids 6-10 yrs \$5, Children 5 and under Free. There will be historical displays, membership info and merchandise available. Our annual raffle calendar will be available. This is to benefit the Arundel Historical Society and all are welcome.

The Acton-Shapleigh Lion's Club **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Saturday of every month. \$7 includes pancakes (plain or blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausages, toast, orange juice, beans, and coffee, tea, and milk. **NEW LOCATION:** The breakfast is from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the new Shapleigh Community Center at 24 Back Road, Shapleigh.

**BEAN SUPPER** Massabesic Lions monthly dine-in or take-out the 2nd Saturday of the month, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Regional Medical Center, 813 Main St. Waterboro. Adults \$10. Children 5 to 12 are \$7, kids 4 and under are free. Kidney and pea beans, chop suey, ham, hot dogs, coleslaw, "our homemade" biscuits and a variety of desserts.

**MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR FOR OLDER ADULTS** with Massabesic Adult and Community Education. Every third Tuesday of the month, 1 to 2 p.m. at Massabesic Lions Club, 813 Main Street, Waterboro.

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**THE CORNER CUPBOARD** which offers personal care, paper, cleaning, household, and baby items to anyone in need, is open the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Sanford UU Church, 5 Lebanon St., Sanford, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please bring your own bag.

**ONGOING EVENTS**

**ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL** every Wednesday night at the Line School in Limerick from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Questions? contact Dan McAllister at 247-8857.

**NEWFIELD MUSIC JAMBOREE** Town Hall, So. Effingham Road, 1st Saturday of the month May-October. Summer hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Free, open to public. Spectators welcome. All family friendly music. FMI call 468-1491.

**CRIBBAGE CLUB** Wednesdays, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Lyman Community Library. All ages, all skill levels. FMI: 207-499-7114.

**TODDLER STORY TIME** at Kezar Falls Circulating Library, 2 Federal Road, Kezar Falls, Wednesdays at 11 a.m. What to expect: A story with a short activity and a bit of music time. Geared toward ages 1-3 but all ages and abilities welcome. Open Tue. 2:30-7 p.m., Wed. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thu. 2:30-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

**BUXTON TOPS** The Buxton Chapter (0175) of the non-profit group Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Support Group meets every Thursday morning at 8:45am for weigh-in and meeting at Buxton Center Baptist Church (back door entrance), 938 Long Plains Rd., Buxton. FMI call Christy at 329-1020.

**LIMERICK TOPS** The Limerick Chapter 208 meets every Thursday at 4 p.m. at St Matthew Catholic Church at 19 Dora Lane (off Route 11) Limerick. Call Kathy Harriman at 727-3729 with questions.

**SANFORD TOPS** The Sanford Chapter 0113 meets every Wednesday night at 5:45pm at the New Beginnings Church (bottom floor), 181 Grammar Road, Sanford. For more info call Linda Rose at 206-6234.

**TOPS SANFORD 0207** at the Willard School 668 Main St. Weigh in from 9-9:45 a.m. on Fridays with the meeting to follow. For more info call Valerie Fecteau at 324-4808 or Julie Berry at 247-5211.

# Lake Arrowhead Community's annual Clean Up Day April 26

## Fun, food and local connections

The Lake Arrowhead Community invites residents to come together for the Annual Community Clean Up Day on April 26, a community-wide effort to help beautify and care for the spaces we all share.

Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at Clubhouse 2, located at 206 Old Portland Road, North Waterboro, to collect litter, clear trails, and restore key areas across the neighborhood. Bags and gloves will be provided, and all ages are welcome to join in.

But the day doesn't end there! After the clean up, everyone is invited to gather for an afternoon of games, food, and raffle prizes to celebrate our collective efforts.

Participants will also have the

opportunity to connect with:

- The LAC Garden Club for hands-on gardening tips and advice on local planting.

- PALZ (Patrollers of Arrowhead's Littoral Zone) to learn about invasive lake plants and how we can help preserve our lake's ecosystem.

"This day is all about coming together—not just to clean up, but to connect with neighbors, learn something new, and celebrate our incredible community," said Spike Ross-Corbett, chair of the Recreation Committee.

For more information or to volunteer, contact [info@lacc.org](mailto:info@lacc.org) OR visit [lacinc.org](http://lacinc.org). Free T-shirts will be given to the first 50 volunteers!

Register Today



YOU CAN ALSO CALL 207-247-5239 OR EMAIL [INFO@LACC.ORG](mailto:INFO@LACC.ORG)

## Spring Fever Fest Plant Sale at Kennebunk school May 17

The New School welcomes spring's arrival with the Spring Fever Fest Plant Sale, to be held on Saturday, May 17. Students have been lovingly tending organic veggie, flower and herb seedlings in the school's greenhouse - these as well as a number of native plants and seeds will be for sale at great prices. It's going to be fun for the whole family with live music, lawn games and free crafts for kids.

Local experts will host workshops including the secret to making your own kombucha, mak-

ing a bee hotel for the traveling pollinators in your garden, and how to transform a water-wasting lawn into a garden. More to be announced soon.

The student-built brick oven will be cranking out delicious pizza and Kennebunk's own Treat Truck will be providing the sweet delight you'll need after perusing the plants.

Drop in between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at The New School, 38 York Street, Kennebunk, ME 04043. Admission is free with the excep-

tion of some workshops which have a small materials fee.

To register for workshops visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ycd7duwt>.

To learn more or register for workshops visit [www.thenew-schoolmaine.org](http://www.thenew-schoolmaine.org) or contact The New School at [thenewschool@tnsk.org](mailto:thenewschool@tnsk.org) or (207) 985-3745.

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**TOWN OF WATERBORO PLANNING BOARD**  
**Notice of Public Hearing**

The Town of Waterboro Planning Board will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall on **Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Town of Waterboro Public Works Building located at 100 Bennett Hill Road, Tax Map 8 Lot 047.

A copy of the application is available at the town offices or at [www.waterboro-me.gov](http://www.waterboro-me.gov).


**TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING, THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE:**

- Send in a letter to the Town of Waterboro Planning Board – 24 Townhouse Rd, E. Waterboro, 04030
- E-mail [achute@waterboromaine.gov](mailto:achute@waterboromaine.gov) with a letter

Please contact the Department with any questions at [achute@waterboromaine.gov](mailto:achute@waterboromaine.gov) or 207-247-6166 ext. 121.

**DATE: Wednesday, May 7, 2025**  
**TIME: Public Hearing 6:00PM**  
**Location: 24 Townhouse Road, W. Waterboro**  
– *Rebekah Higgins, Chairman*

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**Waterboro Public Library**

*The Friends of the Waterboro Public Library would like to thank the individuals and businesses that donated to our 13th Annual Silent Auction! THANK YOU to all those listed below and the many others who chose to remain anonymous. THANK YOU to all the auction bidders who generated \$3,400 for the Community Room!*

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# ACTON/SHAPLEIGH



Grammy Rose Dog Rescue and Sanctuary on Route 109 in Acton recently celebrated their 1,000th adoption when Rita went home. Grammy Rose has an on-campus ice cream shop and mini golf course that help fund their work. For more info visit [www.grammyrose.org](http://www.grammyrose.org). COURTESY PHOTO

## LIONS' BREAKFAST

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The Club has taken part in many fundraisers, including scholarships for Acton and Shapleigh, Thanksgiving food distribution, food pantries, fuel assistance, Camp Sunshine, Make-a-wish, as well as others. All monies collected goes back to the communities. The ASLC will respond to a special request for assistance, for example, a fire in either Acton or Shapleigh or an event that has caused catastrophic injuries.

The Lion's Club is always looking for new members. They hope that since the Newfield and Sanford Lion's Clubs have closed that some of their members will consider joining the ASLC. It is not a large time commitment but will make a great impact on your local community. Meetings are held at the Shapleigh Library, 607 Shapleigh Corner Road on the 4th Monday of every month at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

## Historical Society hosting art exhibit

The Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society will host an art exhibit on Saturday, May 3, at its headquarters, 122 Emery Mills Road, Shapleigh from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This exhibit features original works by local artist Maria Micheliche. Born in Texas, Micheliche's family moved to Maine in 1972. A self-taught artist, at 13 years old she entered a painting in the Acton Fair and has entered artwork every year since, winning many placements including Best in Show.

Acrylic, watercolors, pen and ink, charcoal, and pencil are her media of choice. She can create moody landscapes, realistic animals, and fantasy scenes that can be very detailed or impressionistic. Her subjects are as diverse as the media she works with. In addition to painting, she also makes jewelry, quilts, and handbags, just to list a few of her other talents.

Come browse through the collection and meet the artist. This event is free and open to the public. There is ample parking at ASHS headquarters.

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[news@waterboro-reporter.com](mailto:news@waterboro-reporter.com)

**TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH**  
 The Shapleigh Planning Board will be holding a **PUBLIC HEARING** on: **Tuesday, May 13, 2025** at **6:30 p.m.** for the following:  
**Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance §105-3.F(1) Basic Requirements & §105-60.1(H) Private Ways**  
**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.**  
*Ann Harris, Chairman*  
 Shapleigh Planning Board

**TOWN OF ACTON REQUEST FOR BIDS**  
 The Town of Acton is currently accepting bids for a new Ambulance. To review the specs or view the complete bid package, visit [www.actonmaine.org](http://www.actonmaine.org) or contact the Town Administrator at [jroux@actonmaine.org](mailto:jroux@actonmaine.org).

**TOWN OF LYMAN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
 11 SOUTH WATERBORO ROAD, LYMAN MAINE 04002  
 207-247-0648 [www.lyman-me.gov](http://www.lyman-me.gov)  
 The PLANNING BOARD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, **May 7, 2025, at 5:30 PM** at Lyman Town Hall, 11 South Waterboro Road.  
 This PUBLIC HEARING is to allow public comments regarding the application of **Danielle Marquardt, 135 Shore Road**, for a Best Practical Location on a deck rebuild in the shoreland. Copies of the application and plans can be viewed on the town website or in the Code Office during regular business hours.  
*Kelly J. Demers, Chair*

**TOWN OF ACTON NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**  
 The TOWN OF ACTON ZONING BOARD will hold a meeting **Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 5:30pm** to be followed by a PUBLIC HEARING for a variance appeal by **Live Free Land Development, LLC** regarding Tax Map 252-001 for a 4 lot sub-division.  
**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.**  
 This Hearing will be held in person at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road.

**TOWN OF LYMAN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
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 207-247-0648 [www.lyman-me.gov](http://www.lyman-me.gov)  
 The PLANNING BOARD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, **May 7, 2025, at 5:30 PM** at Lyman Town Hall, 11 South Waterboro Road.  
 This PUBLIC HEARING is to allow public comments regarding the application of **Patrick Gagnon, 54 Wilderness Way**, to open a State Vehicle Inspection Station. Copies of the application and plans can be viewed on the town website or in the Code Office during regular business hours.  
*Kelly J. Demers, Chair*

**TOWN OF ACTON PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
 The TOWN OF ACTON will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at the Acton Town Hall on **Wednesday, May 7th, 2025, at 6:00pm** to discuss the following referendum question:  
**To see if the Town will vote to continue with the York County Sheriff Contract, in conjunction with the Town of Shapleigh, and to raise and appropriate \$115,000 for Acton's share of the contract Deputy costs and new Deputy vehicle purchase.**  
 Said question will be voted on by SECRET BALLOT on **June 10th, 2025.**  
 The public is encouraged to attend.  
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**MIDNIGHT RIDE**

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To end the ceremony, the flag was raised and two students sang the National Anthem. Then, two cadets read Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, "Paul Revere's Ride." To close the ceremony, Wells reminded those in attendance of the Two Lights for Tomorrow initiative, "a uniting call to action for our fellow citizens, no matter where they are, to commemorate and remind ourselves that our history is about working together for a promising future."

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On Friday, April 18, the night of Paul Revere's ride, Sylvia Wilson of the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society gave a presentation on Paul Revere at the Kezar Falls Library. The Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society also received the email from the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission regarding the Two Lights for Tomorrow initiative. "For some reason, it just spoke to me," said Wilson, "at a time when we seem so divided." Wilson started thinking about the poem, and contacted the library to collaborate.

"Who was Paul Revere?" Wilson began. She explained that he was the son of Apollus Rivoire, a French Huguenot immigrant and Deborah Hichborn, daughter of a local artisan. Apollus changed his name to Revere some time after immigrating. While he was known as a silversmith, a trade he learned from his father, he was "a trusted express rider for the Sons of Liberty," according to Wilson. And while he became known as the rider to Lexington and Concord, he was not the only one! William Dawes also rode to Lexington via a different route (actually, the long way around!). From Lexington, they were joined by Dr. Samuel Prescott, who is the only one who made it to Concord! Their cry, the notification of the approach of the British, was "a cry of defiance, not of fear," said Wilson.

Revere himself wrote about this famous ride three different times, first in a report in 1775 for the Massachusetts Provincial Congress, a second time as a revision of the first report with spelling and grammatical corrections, and a third time in 1798 for the Massachusetts Historical Society. Wilson and audience members did some dramatic readings of excerpts from these writings. Revere ran into some trouble later in his life. This history was written by Bernard Cornwell in his book, *The Fort*,

and was featured on an episode of NPR's "All Things Considered." It was really the poem by Portland native Henry Wadsworth Longfellow that made Revere famous. Wilson played a professional reading of the poem, "Paul Revere's Ride," and showed pictures from the book, *Paul Revere's Ride*, the Landlord's Edition, which she had purchased from the Maine Historical Society, and donated to the library after the presentation.

Longfellow wrote the poem in 1860, on the eve of the Civil War, and saw it as a "call to active citizenship" this time "for the cause of anti-slavery." How did Longfellow get the idea to write a poem about an event that had happened almost 100 years earlier?

Wilson offered a couple of suggestions. In the 1830s, Longfellow had taken a walk in Boston with his friend, George Sumner, visiting the Copp's Hill Burial Ground and the Old North Church. Charles Dickens visited Longfellow in 1842, and may have also done the same.

While Longfellow is known as a Portland native, a professor at Bowdoin College and Harvard College, living the remainder of his life in Cambridge, Massachusetts, he spent his childhood summers here in Hiram! His grandfather, Peleg Wadsworth, was a General in the American Revolution. "Henry had probably heard stories from his grandfather!" Wilson said. In the audience was even a descendant of Longfellow, 12-year old Lillian Wadsworth. Peleg was her 7th great grandfather.

"Longfellow's purpose in writing the poem," concluded Wilson, "was to show that one man can make a difference." Paul Revere, and the other riders, were the first

to alarm the countryside, but others continued the cry to let others know – each of us should do our part. To conclude the presentation, answering the call of the Two Lights for Tomorrow initiative to come together and form a more perfect union, Wilson invited the children in the audience to light the lanterns in the windows of the library. Lillian Wadsworth was one of the children (See related photo on front page).

"I really enjoyed the event," said Lillian. "I thought it was interesting to learn some of the real history and mystery about Paul Revere's ride." She added, "I really like Henry Wadsworth Longfellow because he began writing poetry when he was a kid, just like me! He was published at the age of 11, and I also had a poem published when I was 11. I like that he came to Hiram when he was a boy and loved it as much as I do!"

"Being direct descendants of Revolutionary War General Peleg Wadsworth makes the 250th Anniversary of Paul Revere's ride very meaningful to our family because of our lineage," said Nathan Wadsworth, Lillian's father and Maine State Representative from Hiram. "Growing up in Maine, many of us learned Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, 'The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere,' which illustrated such a significant event in the founding of our great nation."

The 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's Ride is a precursor to many events to come, leading up to the 250th birthday of the United States, on July 4, 2026, with the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

For more information about Two Lights for Tomorrow, visit



Kezar Falls Librarian Hillary DeGrasse, left, and Sylvia Wilson of the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society each holding books significant to the story and history of Paul Revere. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

<https://america250.org/event/two-lights-for-tomorrow-5/>

For America250 events around Maine, visit <https://www.maine.gov/sos/america250me/events>

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FROM THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

# Game Warden Ethan Buuck honored as Warden of the Year, Game Warden Justin Fowlie honored as Supervisor of the Year

Game Warden Investigator Ethan Buuck of Division B in Sidney was honored by his peers as the Maine Game Warden of the Year for 2024. Game Warden Ser-

geant Justin Fowlie of the midcoast region was honored as supervisor of the year, and retired game warden sergeant Dennis McIntosh was honored as Legendary Game War-

den of the Year. The awards were presented at the Maine Warden Service 145th anniversary awards banquet on March 21.

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Commissioner Judy Camuso was the featured speaker for the annual awards ceremony, and she discussed the notable accomplishments of the Warden Service and the Department from the past year, as well as the significance of the Maine Warden Service marking 145 years as the oldest conservation law enforcement agency in the country.

“Much has changed since game wardens first patrolled the state 145 years ago, yet one thing remains constant through the breadth of those years, and that is the Maine Warden Service’s unwavering commitment to protect Maine’s natural resources and its people” said Camuso. “I look in front of me, and can gratefully state, some things, however, have not changed. The uniform and equipment may be different, but it is what is inside of those in uniform that has remained constant, and that is what is paramount.”

The awards ceremony gives special recognition to game wardens for exceptional performance during 2024. Awards are given for the Maine Game Warden of the Year, Game Warden Supervisor of the Year, the Legendary Game Warden of the Year, as well as awards for conduct above the normal line of duty, outstanding work that merits special attention, and recognizes individuals and groups who assisted the Maine Warden Service.

Achievements that were recognized included incidents where

lives were saved, and other awards highlighted the conservation of Maine’s fish and wildlife resources in ways deserving of special recognition. The following were recipients of this year’s annual awards.

after working with a local warden to obtain a search warrant. He also played a key role in resolving a hunting incident in Liberty, where he successfully obtained confessions regarding the shooter who was a convicted felon, and issued multiple summonses. Throughout the 2024 hunting season, he assisted in various criminal hunting investigations with multiple game wardens, lending his expertise which assisted in obtaining search warrants and seizing evidence.

Ethan also worked diligently on a case involving a company that was illegally registering vehicles through a pathway they created to falsely register vehicles through the State of Maine. Ethan uncovered the fraud operation and was able to put an end to it. In 2023, Ethan worked on a fatal ATV crash, conducting a thorough investigation of the crash which led to multiple charges.

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## Game Warden of the Year – Investigator Ethan Buuck

Investigator Ethan Buuck consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication and teamwork since he became a game warden, and that has continued that as a warden investigator. Ethan is well known for his willingness to assist others with complex cases and his work ethic, experience, and communication skills have made him an outstanding investigator, while balancing his role with the Coast Guard, Dive Team, and family commitments.

In 2024, he worked on several notable cases, including the seizure of a silver fox in Waldoboro



Game Warden of the Year Ethan Buuck, left, and Game Warden Colonel Dan Scott. COURTESY PHOTO

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Ethan has been instrumental in training new game wardens in boat operations, utilizing his extensive Coast Guard experience for five different warden schools. He also is an invaluable member of the Warden Service Dive Team, applying his leadership and skills in recovery operations, bringing closure to families who have lost a loved one.

Outside of work, Ethan enjoys spending time with family, wood-working, and coaching his boys in football and hockey, and still finds time to lace up his skates with his family. Ethan always is a team player and is invaluable with his methodical approach and thought process while investigating cases. His calm demeanor and willingness to work with everyone are among the many reasons he was named the 2024 Warden of the year.

**Outstanding Supervisor of the Year—Sergeant Justin Fowlie**

Sergeant Justin Fowlie has shown exceptional leadership and dedication in his role as a sergeant. He seamlessly manages his section and his wildlife conflict agents in order to provide the best service to the public while maximizing time to protect Maine's natural resources. Fowlie also fosters strong inter-agency relationships, organizing joint operations with Maine Marine Patrol and Border Patrol to create a pos-



Game Warden Supervisor of the Year Justin Fowlie, at left, and Colonel Dan Scott. COURTESY PHOTO

itive, team-oriented environment, and to build lasting relationships with other officers. He supports his team with personal gestures, such as thoughtful holiday gifts, handwritten letters, and even covering shifts on Christmas Eve so other families can be together. He leads by example in the field with his calm demeanor and is able to defuse escalating situations. He works with his team and leads by example, setting the up to succeed with organizing aircraft details, and volunteering to be in the plane.

Justin has contributed to various Maine Warden Service teams, including the Critical Incident Stress Management Team, the Honor Guard, and the Evidence

Response Team. During his long-standing career with the Maine Warden Service, he has been a cadre and curriculum developer at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. He is dedicated to personal growth for him and his staff, and since becoming a game warden, has graduated with his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Biblical Studies.

Justin is respected by colleagues and senior leaders, and he is praised for his leadership, work ethic, and commitment to his team and community. His balance of career and family life highlights his strong character. For his exceptional service, Sergeant Justin Fowlie is the 2024 Outstanding Supervisor of the Year.

**2025 Legendary Game Warden – Retired Sergeant Dennis McIntosh**

Dennis McIntosh, a retired Maine Game Warden, is the 2025 Legendary Game Warden due to his outstanding career. Dennis served in the U.S. Air Force before pursuing a degree in Conservation Law Enforcement at Unity College, and joined the Maine Warden Service in 1974. He began his career in the Chamberlain Lake District and later transferred to Embden, where he became known for his relentless pursuit of poachers. In Chamberlain Lake, Dennis often worked with other game wardens on the Canadian Moose hunt, focusing on illegal

hunters who crossed the border in order to take an illegal moose. In Embden, he quickly became well known for his relentless pursuit of night hunters, and his dogged persistence of following up on tips and leads.

Dennis served as a dive recovery team member for 15 years, bringing closure to many families by recovering loved ones who had drowned. In 1986, he transferred to the Gray District, where he mentored younger wardens, instilling strong work ethic, dedication, and pride in the service. As a supervisor, Dennis led by example, working side by side with his team and remaining committed to catching intentional violators.

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Legendary Maine Game Warden Dennis McIntosh, center, being congratulated by Lt. Aaron Cross and his wife Carmen. COURTESY PHOTO



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Promoted to Sergeant in 1996, Dennis continued to exemplify the values of the Maine Warden Service until his retirement in 2001. He is remembered for his unwavering dedication to the resource, the Warden Service, and his colleagues. His legacy of mentorship, work ethic, bravery, and love for his work makes him a deserving candidate for the 2025 Legendary Game Warden award.

**K9 Awards**

K9 Conservation case of the year for Tyler Harhart for his work with K9 Tex in Limerick in charging a man with illegal hunting over bait, unlawful possession of a deer and illegal transportation of a deer.

K9 Search and Rescue Case of the Year for Chad Robertson and K9 Storm for their work in tracking and finding two missing children in Phillips, ages 2 and 3, who had wandered down their driveway and then off the road and out of sight.

**Meritorious Service Awards**

Game Warden Eric Rudolph and Game Warden Chief Pilot Chris Hilton for their work in the rescue of four missing 12-year-old children in December who had walked out onto the ice on Graham Lake in Ellsworth and had broken through and were rescued by Rudolph and Hilton with help from the Ellsworth police department and fire department.

**Exemplary Service Awards**

Game Sergeant Harry Wiegman and Game Warden Investigator Josh Smith of Warden Service Division A in Gray for their meticulous and relentless work regarding a missing Windham man, who due to the work of Wiegman and Smith, his remains were found in New Hampshire and another man being charged with murder.

Game Warden Troy Dauphinee of the Guilford District for his tireless work in apprehending an impaired snowmobile driver.

an Marquis, Game Warden Investigator Seth Powers, and Game Wardens James Gushee, Nick Raymond, Kayle Hamilton, Preston Pomerleau and Kale O'Leary of the Ashland Division for their part in a year's long illegal bear trapping operation.

Game Warden Paul Mason of the Brownville District for his work in apprehending a poacher who was killing bear illegally on land he was not allowed to hunt on.

Game Warden Sergeant Josh Beal and Game Warden Joe McBrine of the Machias Section for apprehending a moose poacher who illegally killed a moose out of season.

Game Warden Chris Carney of the Biddeford District for his help in rendering care in fatal car crash.

Game Wardens Chad Robertson, Marc D'Elia and Isaiah Dyer of central Maine for their part in apprehending an illegal poaching group that resulted in over 30 summonses for illegally hunting and theft.

Game Wardens Tyler Leach, Warden Brandon Sperrey, Warden Joshua Lugdon, Warden Kevin

Richards, Warden Charles Brown, Warden Sergeant Andy Glidden, and Investigator Seth Powers for their work regarding an illegal and unethical bear hunting operation.

Game Warden Melinda Rugg of the Rumford District for her exemplary work in her district, protecting Maine's natural resources, including issuing multiple summonses for OUI's and illegal fishing, hunting and trapping violations.

Game Warden Timothy Coombs of the Lovell District for his work in creating the Maine Warden Service Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Team, which has become invaluable for search and rescue cases.

Game Warden Hunter Howard of the Waterville District for his work patrolling a very busy district, and his work as a Warden Training Officer and recreational safety instructor in a section where four of the six warden sections were vacant.

Game Warden Mark Hutcherson of the Clayton Lake District for his help in the rescue of two snowmobilers who had gone through

the ice on Churchill Lake.

Game Warden John Carter of the Deer Isle District for his work in apprehending three men for fishing commercially on waters closed to the commercial taking of baitfish, as well as other successful investigations for illegal baiting, and over the limit cases on alewives.

Game Warden Nick Johnson of the Winslow District for his work as a warden training officer, drug recognition expert, operation game thief liaison, and as the primary investigator of a bear case where a man illegally killed two bears, and other cases involving multiple illegal deer killings.

Game Warden Johnathan Parker of the Milford District for his work in the rescue of two elderly man who had gone missing after they went for a December drive on the Stud Mill Road.

Game Warden Matthew Tenan of the Cherryfield District for his work during the year including the fall hunting season where he caught two night hunters with six illegally killed deer that resulted in 19 summonses.



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**Mastraccio bill to improve child safety passes unanimously through committee**

Rep. Anne-Marie Mastraccio, D-Sanford, sponsored LD 1150 to improve child safety in Maine. The bill would require that a person who knowingly shelters a missing or runaway child for more than 24 hours without the consent of the missing child's parent or guardian must provide information regarding the child's location and



by  
**Rep. Ann-Marie Mastraccio**

condition to a law enforcement officer if contacted and asked about the child. A person who violates this provision would be subject to a civil penalty up to \$250.

"The teenage years can be trying for parents and teens, and it is not uncommon for children to leave

home after a fight. If your child chooses to run away and ends up at someone else's home, those adults are under no obligation to confirm that fact," said Mastraccio. "Sometimes all the parent or guardian needs to know is that their child is safe. This bill will do that without requiring the juvenile to return home, and it would ensure that their safety and location can be confirmed without creating an atmosphere where the juvenile is treated like a criminal."

LD 1150 was heard before the Legislature's Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee in the Maine Legislature, where it received a unanimous vote of support from committee members earlier this month.

The bill will come before the full House and Senate for further votes in the coming weeks.

*Rep. Mastraccio is serving her*

*sixth non-consecutive term in the Maine House of Representatives, where she serves the communities of Sanford and Springvale. She is the House chair of the Government Oversight Committee, and she also serves on the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee.*

**York County EMA to host Open House**

York County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) invites the public to visit the agency's Open House on Saturday, April 26. The event, free of charge, offers a chance to learn more about emergency management services available to York County and how individuals can prepare for disasters. There will also be demos from York County EMA Special Teams, interactive activities, and fun extras like raffles, games, facepainting and food.

"Many people don't know that they have an emergency management agency in their county," said Art Cleaves, Director of York County Emergency Management Agency. "We are hoping folks in and around York County will stop by and learn more about what we do and how we can help before, during, and after emergencies."

The Open House, located at the York County Government Building, 149 Jordan Springs Road, Alfred, ME 04002, will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held rain or shine and parking is available onsite.

"We are really excited about this event," said Megan Arsenault, Deputy Director of York County Emergency Management Agency and the event's organizer. "We want to make emergency preparedness interesting, accessible, and fun and hopefully, this event will be a step to make that happen!"

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Obituaries

**John Babcock**

John Babcock, 85, of Alfred, died peacefully on April 4, 2025, at Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough.



John Babcock

John was born in Sanford on Feb. 28, 1940, to Ernest and Eva Babcock. He started to work at a very young age to become self-sufficient. His love of music and entertaining other people was an enjoyment to him. John could sing, play the guitar and harmonica, and put smiles on everyone's faces. John was a talented builder and took pride in being a homeowner—especially his yard. He also enjoyed his walks, dogs, and bowling.

John is survived by his wife of 44 years, Marilyn, and children John Babcock Jr., Terri Babcock, and Timmy Babcock. He is also survived by his step-children Cynthia Phillips, David Heald, Stacey Ducharme, Richard Heald, and his partner Tracie Tankevich, along with many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

No services are planned for John. To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, visit [www.bibbersautumnngreen.com](http://www.bibbersautumnngreen.com).

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**Richard Wyman Turcotte**

Richard Wyman Turcotte, resident of East Waterboro, passed away at his home on April 10, 2025. He was 86 years of age.



Richard Wyman Turcotte

Richard was born in Lisbon Falls on June 18, 1938, the son of Alphonse and Sarah (White) Turcotte. The family moved to South Portland when Richard was five, he attended South Portland grade schools, and graduated from South Portland High School in 1956. He attended Portland Junior College and then the University of Maine,

graduating with a degree in Business Administration. He furthered his education by taking courses in cost accounting as well as credit and collection. During his time at school he served as the president of the jazz club and international relations club and hosted a 12-week radio show called "Jazz and Chatter from the University of Maine." During and after school he played trumpet and guitar. He participated in intramural basketball and track, and he was a member of the university golf team.

Richard spent several years with each of the following companies: General Electric Corporation as credit and collections manager, Maine Cement Products as assistant credit manager, MC-CAD Federal Credit Union as the originator and president of that company's first credit union, Borg Warner Acceptance Corporation as branch manager, and Bath Trustworthy Hardware as that company's founder and president. After selling the store in 1983, he spent the balance of his career as a field agent and advisor for the Maine Department of Labor. Upon his death, he worked as a part-time associate of Datarite of Maine / Payroll Matters in Saco, ME.

Richard was a member of Demoley, the Knights of Columbus, the Lions Club, Credit International, Maine State Employees Union, and several retirees' organizations.

Richard enjoyed playing golf, fishing, hunting, boating, and had an avid interest in aviation. He further enjoyed watching his sons play baseball, play football, and wrestle. He loved to watch his two grandsons race stock cars and play baseball, and he loved to spend time with his two younger grandchildren.

Richard was predeceased by parents, Alphonse and Sarah Turcotte.

He is survived by his long-time partner and confidant, Lucille R. Bousquet; his sons, Scott R. Turcotte of Buxton, and Keith R. Turcotte and his wife, Ashley Turcotte, of Saco; his daughter, Susan A. Ricker and her husband, George Ricker, of Tamworth, NH; and his grandchildren, Aaron Ricker and Alex Ricker of Tamworth, NH, and Adriana Turcotte and Garrett Turcotte of Saco.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Maine Asthma Research Fund at <https://www.lung.org/me>, or to Hospice of Southern Maine, 390 US-1, Scarborough, ME 04074.

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**Robert "Bob" L. Leland**

Robert "Bob" L. Leland, 78, of Limerick, died peacefully in his sleep on April 9, 2025, at home.



Robert 'Bob' L. Leland

Bob was born in Sanford on Dec. 30, 1946, to George and Flossie (Grafam) Leland. He graduated from Sanford High School in 1965. Bob retired as a supervisor at Caterpillar in Scarborough. He enjoyed fishing, camping, campfires, canoeing at Scott's Cove for 20 years, and Legos. Bob served with both the Waterboro and Limerick town Rescues and was a Past President of the Waterboro Lions Club.

Bob is survived by his wife of 57 years, Joyce, sons Scott of Limerick and David (Karen) of Max Meadows, Virginia, sister-in-law Debbie Leland of McGregor, Texas, and his beloved dog Nanouk. His grandchildren, Garet, Brandon, Faith, and Aedin, also survive.

Bob was preceded in death by

his parents, brother Richard Leland, and son Brian.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, at Highland Cemetery in Limerick.

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**Jean Frederick Hart**

Jean F. Hart passed away peacefully on April 20, 2025, at the age



Jean Frederick Hart

of 96. Born in Portland, on Dec. 3, 1928, Jean was the youngest of eight children of George and Della Frederick. She graduated from Scarborough High School in 1948, the same year she married Ira Hart. Together, they built a home on Westwood Avenue in Scarborough, where she lived independently for the rest of her life.

Jean was predeceased by her parents, her husband Ira, and all seven of her siblings—brothers Walter, Willard, Richard, George Jr., Philip, and Donald, and sister Pauline. She is survived by her sons Richard Hart and wife Betsy

of Windham, and John Hart and wife Nancy of Buxton; her grandchildren Jennifer Filieo, Gretchen Catlin, Janyl Hart, and Patrick Hart; and four great-grandchildren.

Throughout her life, Jean worked part-time at Hillson's Market, in the Scarborough High School cafeteria and library, and later at the Scarborough Public Library. Before Ira's passing, they enjoyed camping adventures at Scott's Campground in Alfred and spending several winter weeks in Fort Myers, Florida.

Jean will be remembered for her fierce independence, strong work ethic, and her no-nonsense way of telling it like it was. Well into her 90s, she could be found mowing her lawn or shoveling a path down the driveway to make sure her morning newspaper was never buried in the snow.

When asked about the secret to her longevity, Jean would say, "Well, I'm not 100 yet!" She often said she simply lived each day and prayed a lot, though those who knew her best might add that her determined "I can do it!" attitude, and perhaps a daily dose of chocolate, played a big role too.

Jean's honesty, strength, and steady presence will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



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