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Annual staff awards recognize great work

An elderly man with dementia wandered into a garage and climbed to the second story, where the only “floor” was planks placed across the support beams. It was unclear whether he intended to harm himself or if he was merely confused, investigators said. He wielded a shovel and threatened to strike York County Sheriff Deputy Levi Johnson. When the man was distracted, Johnson was able to safely bring him to the ground floor.

In another situation, Sgt. Mathieu Nadeau and Deputy Duane Fay saved the life of a young woman who was threatening suicide – she was preparing to jump from a second story window when the two longtime law enforcement officers intervened.

Now-retired Deputy Jason Solomon was responding to a disturbance when he noticed a vehicle on the roadside and the driver slumped in the seat. He stopped, thinking it might be related. The man had about two dozen stab wounds, and was driving himself to the hospital when he felt faint. Without Solomon’s intervention, the man would have perished, said

Sheriff William L. King Jr.

Those situations – for which lifesaving awards were given – were among many accounts of how members of the York County Sheriff’s Office Police Services, Corrections Division and Civil Process divisions did the hard work – and were recognized for it on Friday, March 6 at the YCSO Annual Awards Ceremony.

“Preparing for these events is a humbling experience because I learn of, or am reminded of the great work we do on a regular basis,” said King. “Having these ceremonies is my greatest pleasure as the sheriff.”

There were commendations, meritorious awards, the Mat Baker Awards, a promotion, a graduation recognition for members of the Citizens Police Academy, a nod to outgoing and incoming members of the York County Jail Board of Visitors, a shout out to community members, recognition of retirees, and officers and deputy of the year.

Johnson received a commendation in addition to a lifesaving award and is the York County Sheriff’s Office Deputy of the



Levi Johnson, a 12-year veteran of York County Sheriffs Office, was named Deputy of the Year during annual award ceremonies March 6. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEDIA

Year for 2025 – King noted Johnson’s sustained superior performance over his 12 year career, crime solving abilities, investigative skills, and the calming effect he brings to any situation.

“You never lose your composure,” King said as he made the award.

Ellis Mattison was named Corrections Officer of the Year. “He

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Maple Sunday

MARCH 22

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The 43rd annual Maine Maple Sunday is March 22. Always the fourth Sunday in March, maple producers celebrate statewide by opening their sugarhouses to the public for tours, samples and other activities involving maple syrup, like popular pancake breakfasts. While some make it a weekend-long event, others open their shops for the entire month of March, and even all year long, selling a variety of maple syrup products like maple candy, maple butter, maple cotton candy, maple whoopie pies and of course, plenty of pure Maine maple syrup.

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Local musician kicks off ‘Across Maine Project’ in Limerick

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Local classical electric guitarist John Secunde attended a concert in Falmouth last year, where the musicians commented, “We’re bringing classical music to Maine.” But when Secunde looked at the list of venues where this group was bringing their music, he saw all coastal towns, like Cape Elizabeth, Bath, Rockland. He thought, “That’s not the Maine I grew up in.”

Secunde considered his role as a classical musician. Lots of classical music exists in conservatories, orchestras – isolated places. “This music is not limited to this, but that’s where it exists.” He then came to the conclusion, “I should be out in the community.” And that is how his “Across Maine Project” began. His goal? “To play in every municipality in Maine, all 482

cities, towns and plantations.” He added, “I like music a lot, and I like to share that enthusiasm with others.”

His first venue was the Limerick Public Library, where he played Saturday, March 7. “This is also Maine,” he told his audience. “I love Maine so much, and I love music. What better place to share my music than such a community space as a library, in the town I grew up in.”

Secunde attended the State University of New York (SUNY) Fredonia and the Longy School of Music in Boston, earning degrees in Music Composition. He explained, “There’s not a huge body of music for classical electric guitar.”

His concert consisted of 3 of his own compositions and 4 pieces from other composers. The first piece, Momentary Atlas, opened



John Secunde playing guitar at the Limerick library on March 7. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

the concert. The second was a piece called, “Mouth” by Cassie Wieland. Secunde explained that it is from a series of compositions she wrote about body parts, “‘Eyelid’ is another” in which the

pieces “reflect some aspect of that body part.” The piece used various sounds and techniques possible on electric guitar. One could hear sounds that a mouth could be making. The third piece was by

Olivia Kieffer titled, “The Smallest becomes the tallest” from a larger piece called “A Singing Planet,” in which Secunde used both hands to play the guitar, not

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COMING EVENTS

LYMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING Tuesday, March 17 at 6 p.m. at the Arion Lodge (Masons) at 442 Goodwins Mills Road, Lyman.

BIRDING IN SPECTACULAR NEW ZEALAND - with Peggy Page, presented by York County Audubon at the Wells Reserve and also via Zoom, Tuesday, March 17 at 7 p.m. Join Peggy Page as she presents the spectacular birds and landscapes of New Zealand. For complete information, visit yorkcountyaudubon.org.

Newfield Recreation will be hosting a **CRAFT FAIR** at the Line Elementary School gymnasium, 818 Water St., West Newfield on March 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is also the weekend for the Maine Maple Festival. This will be Newfield Recreation's very first craft fair.

REVOLUTION Q&A WITH HISTORIAN DR. ALAN TAYLOR Monday, March 30, Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society (ASHS) and a consortium of York County Historical organizations will be co-hosting award-winning historian and author, Dr. Alan Taylor, for a discussion on the American Revolution and its Maine connections. This program is free and will be held on Zoom. ASHS invite the public to watch the Zoom program at the Shapleigh Community Center starting at 6:30 p.m. For more info, and for the link to join the program at home, visit www.actonshapleigh.org.

"THE LAYSAN ALBATROSS WITH HOB OSTERLUND" presented by York County Audubon via Zoom only, **DATE CHANGED** to Tuesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. Everything about the Laysan Albatross is superlative: they fly unbelievable distances, live

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longer than any other wild bird and are iconically devoted to their chicks. They spend about 90 percent of their lives airborne and most of that time is solitary. For more information and to register for this free program: yorkcountyaudubon.org.

LET'S EAT!

HADDOCK DINNERS Fridays, March 13, 20 and 27 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the St. Thomas School cafeteria on 69 North Avenue in Sanford. Baked haddock, vegetables, mashed potato, bread, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, dessert and beverage. \$15 each and \$10 for children under 12. FMI contact Ray at 324-7589.

Saint Matthew's Church, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick will be hosting a **ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER** at the church hall on Saturday, March 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be corned beef and cabbage with all the fixings. There will also be a silent auction. Cost for the dinner is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children and the cost for a family is \$35.

ST PATTY'S DAY DINNER March 14 from 4:30-6 p.m. \$14 per person. This includes Corned Beef, Potato, Carrots, Turnip, Cabbage, Rolls and Apple Crisp. Please join us at Sanford First Baptist Church, 905 Main St. Use the Kimball Street entrance. This is a Fundraiser for Operation Christmas Child. To reserve your dinner, call 324-5456.

BEAN SUPPER Massabesic Lions monthly dine-in or take-out the 2nd Saturday of the month (next



on March 14), 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.

The Acton-Shapleigh Lion's Club **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Saturday of every month (Next April 4). \$7 includes pancakes (plain or blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausages, toast, orange juice, beans, and coffee, tea, and milk. The breakfast will be served from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Shapleigh Community Center at 24 Back Road, Shapleigh, next door to the Shapleigh Town Hall.

COMMUNITY CUP Tuesdays 9 to 10 a.m. Free coffee, donuts and conversation at Southern Maine Agency on Aging at 21 Bradeen Street, Springvale.

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. Bring your own bag.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ at Southern Maine Agency on Aging, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 21 Bradeen Street, Springvale (Use the entrance on Bodwell Ct.) and the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at Mayflower Place, 27 Mayflower Drive, Sanford. Call 396-6500. Suggested donation \$8.

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ONGOING EVENTS

STAY; MAN TO MAN PEER SUPPORT GROUP Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 114 East Shore Drive (The Kita Center campus) in Acton. Stay; For Life facilitates a men's peer support group for men to talk about issues on their minds. Discussions are low-key, non judgemental and peer led. FMI: www.stayforlife.org.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets every Friday evening, 7 p.m. at the Waterboro Town Hall, West parking lot entrance. All are welcome.

SHAPLEIGH CRAFT GROUP is held every second Wednesday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Shapleigh Community Center, 24 Back Road. All crafters are welcome whether you knit, crochet rug hook, embroider, etc. you are welcome at this group. You can bring some of your projects for a show and tell if you wish.

ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL every Wednesday night at the Line School, 818 Water Street, West Newfield, from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Questions? contact Dan McAllister at 247-8857.

NEWFIELD MUSIC JAMBOREE Town Hall, 23 So. Effingham Road, 1st Saturday of the month May-October. Winter hours 1 to 3:30 p.m. Free, open to public. Spectators welcome. All family friendly music. FMI call 468-1491.

WRITING GROUP opened to all levels and genres. Meetings first and third Fridays of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hollis Center Library, 14 Little Falls Road. Call 929-6817 FMI.

FANTASTIC FIBER ARTS Consider getting your needles out and joining our Fiber Arts Group. From 10-12 p.m. on Saturdays, we'll open up our Reading Room to folks who want to gather 'round the table and knit or crochet or do other fiber arts. We recently received a marvelous donation to our yarn pantry and also have needles and more to share. Don't know how? We've got people who can help you get started. The Parsons Memorial Library is located at 27 Saco Road, Alfred.

WEDNESDAY STORY HOUR The Acton Public Library holds Story Hour every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. Come meet other caregivers while your children make new friends. The Acton Public Library is located at 35 H Road, Acton

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

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

LYMAN TOPS meets every Thursday night at 5 p.m. at Beacon of Hope Community Church, 1298 Alfred Road, (Route 111), Arundel. For more information email jjstearns@sacoreriver.net.

SANFORD TOPS The Sanford Chapter 0113 meets every Wednesday night at 5:45 p.m. 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 Judie Berry at 247-5211.

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BRIEFS

Benedict Arnold's March to Quebec

The Sanford/Springvale Historical Society is hosting this event to commemorate Benedict Arnold's March to Quebec 250 years ago on March 15.

This lecture is part of a lecture series of the Sanford /Springvale Historical Society. It will be presented by Tom Desjardins. Learn about the history of Benedict Arnold, who is branded a traitor and was one of the colonies' most valuable leaders.

The colonial soldiers boarded a ship in Massachusetts bound for the Maine wilderness. Under Arnold's command, they marched and paddled 200 miles through the impenetrable wilderness of Maine and Quebec to seize British held Quebec City.

The event will take place on Sunday, March 15 and the doors will open at 2:15 p.m. The event starts at 3 p.m. at the Sanford/Springvale Historical Museum, 505 Main St. in Springvale. This is a free event, but donations are always welcome. Signing up in advance is not required but helps them prepare for the number of attendees. For questions, call 207-490-1028 or email info@sanford-history.org.

Breakfast at the museum

The Alfred Shaker Museum, 118 Shaker Hill Road, Alfred will be holding a Maine Maple Sunday Pancake breakfast on March 22 at 9:00 am. The menu includes 3 pancakes, 2 sausages, beans and hotdog with choice of coffee, tea or hot chocolate. The kids' portions are slightly smaller. The adults are \$12 and kids under 12 are only \$5.

Becoming a Docent at the Alfred Shaker Museum

Have you ever considered becoming a docent for the Alfred Shaker Village Museum. A docent is a trained volunteer or guide who leads tours at museums and other historic sites.

Erin Maloney, President of the Alfred Shaker Museum will present an informational talk on Thursday, March 19 from 6 to 7 PM at the Massabesic adult education, 84 West Rd. in Waterboro for those interested.

Newfield Recreation holds Easter egg hunt

Newfield Recreation will hold its annual Easter egg hunt on April 4 from 10 to 11 a.m. The egg hunt starts at 10:30. Be there for some egg-citing fun.

There will also be picture opportunities with the Easter bunny, crafts to take home and raffle baskets. This event will be held at Line Elementary School, 818 Water St. in West Newfield.

Doll and book tea party at the library

The Springvale Library will present a Doll and Book Tea Party on March 25 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for children aged 5 to 12. They can bring their favorite doll to tea and learn about Hitty, a wonderful doll from the past and see Madeline, Stuart Little, Alice in Wonderland and many other dolls of their favorite book characters. Listen to Sheila, read about a special doll named Dahlia and enjoy a craft and lightly refreshments. The library is located at 443 Main Street, Springvale.

- By Joanne Bargioni

California Sheriff's office serves search warrant at Waterboro Main Street residence in connection with ongoing investigation

The Marin County Sheriff's Office from California confirms that investigators recently served a search warrant at a residence in Waterboro in connection with an ongoing investigation being conducted by the Marin County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division.

Detectives from the Marin County Sheriff's Office traveled to Maine to carry out an investigative search warrant at a residence and were assisted by members of the York County Sheriff's Office as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Boston Field Office.

Because the investigation re-

mains active and ongoing, and to protect the integrity of the investigative process, the Marin County Sheriff's Office is unable to provide additional details currently. No arrests have been made.

Media inquiries regarding this investigation should be directed to the Marin County Sheriff's Office.

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Bite-Sized History is Back at Parsons Memorial Library

Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence

Bruce Tucker knows a thing or two about local history and he's coming back to Parsons Memorial Library this month for another exciting round of Bite-Sized History, this time celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The popular Lunch and Learn series begins March 23 with Alfred Minutemen, continues on March 30 with Alfred's Revolutionary Soldiers, and wraps up on April 6 with Shaker Soldiers. Tucker said his hope for the series is simple.

"I just want to illuminate the Revolutionary Soldiers and the part that Alfred had in it," he said. "It was a brand new frontier community, but there was a lot of support for the Revolutionary cause. They were supporters of the Revolution."

Tucker said he wants to highlight the differences between the Alfred of 2026 versus the Alfred of 1776.

"I don't know if people realize that or understood what the condition of the community was," Tucker said. "It was very much a frontier community at the time."

For this installation of Bite-Sized History, Tucker divided his material into three different sections.

"The first is Alfred Minutemen, the guys that marched in April of 1775 in response to Lexington and Concord," Tucker said. "They were commanded by a local Alfred guy who commanded the whole company. It was based here, but Alfred was part of Sanford, so Sanford got credit for all of them."

The two communities were so connected that in 1775/76, two of the three Sanford selectmen were from Alfred. Tucker said what made Alfred so popular was that it started as a logging community.

"They were harvesting royal masts, so the Mast Road basically followed Route 4. They had the mast ponds down in Portsmouth and came right down Route 4," Tucker said.

After France lost the war, Nathaniel Conant arrived from Wenhams, Massachusetts, and with partners from Kennebunk, started a big sawmill that on Kennebunk Road.

"So, almost simultaneously, you had the mast industry shooting through Alfred and the sawmill going on," Tucker said. "It was almost like it was an industrial site."

Then came Maj. Morgan Lewis, who lived, according to Tucker, down on the Middle Branch where 202 crosses Middle Branch. He was a prominent citizen with a gristmill and a lot of cleared acreage.

"I think he was the second biggest grain producer in town. I think he had like 60 bushels he was raising," Tucker said.

He also organized a Minute-man Company. When the battles at Lexington and Concord occurred, a rider came up from Wells. They had heard from a ship from Kennebunk that had heard from a ship from Newburyport that the British had marched on Lexington and Concord. The 38 men in the company from Alfred included 17 Alfred men, two from Waterboro, and the rest from Sanford. They were informed on April 20, 1775, that it was time to go.

"They marched on the 21st and marched a day-and-a-half south and then were told, 'It's all over,'" Tucker said. "By the time the Alfred company heard about the battles, the British were already safely back in Boston. That's how communication was in those days. You didn't know."

So, the men came back and almost immediately organized another company. This one had 57 men in it, 23 from Alfred. Tucker said they marched down to Boston and were put to work digging trenches and continued their hazardous military service.

"They were at the Battle of Bunker Hill, but in the fog of war they were sent a couple different places, so they never actually got into the fight," Tucker said. "By the time they figured out where they were supposed to go, they met the rest of the Army coming back down the back side of Bunker Hill in full retreat."

Then there are the Shaker Soldiers.

"The first Shaker missionaries got to Maine in 1783, after the war," Tucker said. "So those guys had served in regiments from their hometowns, wherever they came from."

They had come to Maine to be part of the Shaker community and recuperate from their experiences. Tucker noted that in Alfred's Village Cemetery, there are roughly half a dozen Revolutionary veterans buried there. But in the Shaker Cemetery, there are over a dozen.

"Per square foot, there are probably more revolutionary veterans buried up there than there are in anywhere else in York County," Tucker said. "And you wonder how that affected them."

Economic conditions were so bad when they got back here after the war, I'm sure that working communally was very attractive to them. Working toward a common goal was also very attractive."

It was a time of religious turmoil and upheaval in Alfred, with people of many faiths passing through the frontier – Quakers, the Baptists, the Free Will Baptists, even preachers with a little bit of a cult following.

"For a while, citizens in Alfred formed their own folk religion called The Merry Dancers, which was real extreme, ecstatic dancing. They used to march around Shaker Pond all night long," Tucker said. "[Another group was] having Congregational services in a barn behind their country store. The Merry Dancers would go flying in there and disrupt the services. They had to take them out and tie them to trees."

Tucker said it's a phenomenon that still goes on, though not so much these days.

"But in the 19th century and prior to that, there were all kind of manifestations of religious ecstasy. Some would whirl, others would hop, and the Shakers would shake," Tucker said. "That's part of how they got their name."

Tucker said he looks forward to Bite-Sized History because he knows there are folks in town who want to know the history of Alfred, be it Minutemen, Revolutionary veterans, or Shaker Soldiers.

"They are probably more likely to come to something at the library as opposed to going over to the museum," Tucker said. "It engages more people. People ask me all the time, 'When are you going to talk at the library?'"

Bite-Sized History, a Parsons Memorial Lunch and Learn series, begins March 23 and runs weekly through April 6. All events are from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and attendees are invited to bring a bag lunch. PML will provide hot and cold beverages and dessert. For more information visit parsons-memoriallibrary.com and look for our Events tab.

– By Kat Szmít

TOWN OF BUXTON

Winter Road Sand

JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2028

The Town of Buxton is soliciting bids for a three-year contract for winter road sand. Bid Sheet & Specs are available at Buxton Town Office or on our website at: www.buxton.me.us. Bids must be in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Bid/Winter Road Sand". **All Bids must be received no later than 4:00 pm, Wednesday March 25, 2026 at the Buxton Town Office, 185 Portland Road Buxton, ME 04093.**

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. For more information, contact Kevin Kimball, Public Works Director at (207) 929-4400 ext. 1181.

TOWN OF ALFRED NOTICE

Nomination Papers are available for the following positions to be elected on **June 9, 2026**:

- One (1) Selectmen, Assessor & Overseer (3-year term)
- One (1) Director, RSU #57 (3-year term)
- One (1) Alfred Water District Trustee (3-year term)

Nomination papers may be obtained from the Town Clerk during regular business hours and must be returned to the Town Clerk, 16 Saco Road, Alfred, Maine 04002 **NO LATER THAN 4:30PM ON THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026.**

Contact Sarah Hewitt, Town Clerk, with any questions. **207-324-5872 x204 • Shewitt@alfredme.gov**
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NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination papers for the June 9, 2026, Municipal Election are available now for the following positions:

- One – Select Board Member, 3-year term**
- One – School Board Member, 3-year term**

Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours and must be returned by: **FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026, AT 12 NOON.**

(Signature requirements: Minimum of 25 and no more than 100 qualified signatures of registered voters in the Town of Dayton)

If you need additional information, please contact: **Jennifer Thibeau, Town Clerk at 207-499-3031**

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SPORTS

NEW ENGLAND WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Massabesic's Evan Boulard is Maine's first co-ed New England Champion since 2018 (Winslow's Ryan Fredette), and Massabesic High School's first since 1977 (Bob Eon). PHOTO BY JASON GENDRON



The Massabesic girls team took first place at the New England Wrestling Championships March 7 and 8. COURTESY IMAGE

Boulard the best at 132

Massabesic junior Evan Boulard completed the wrestling trifecta at the 2026 New England Wrestling Championships held March 7 and 8 in Providence, Rhode Island. Wrestling at 132 lbs. he was first at the Class A regionals on Feb. 7 at Noble High School. One week later in Augusta, he secured his third consecutive state championship. Then, on March 8, Boulard completed the trifecta and secured the biggest win of all with a standout performance.

Boulard, who yielded just three points over his four bouts, opened the tourney with a bye for the round of 32. He closed the match against Jordan Lally from East Greenwich at 3:36 after an early takedown that led to a 9-0 advantage. Derek Marcolini, who was next and took third place overall, proved a tougher foe, but Boulard won a 4-1 decision over the Milton, Massachusetts native that sent him to the semifinals. Fifth place finisher Apollo Bellini from Ponaganset had a similar result to Marcolini, a 4-1 loss. Boulard was dominant in the finals against Scituate, Rhode Island's Robert Newton. The first period was tight and scoreless until Boulard grabbed three points with a takedown with 17 seconds left in the period. Along the way to his 10-1 major decision win, he added two more takedowns plus an escape.

performance at the New England Wrestling Championships held March 7 & 8 in Providence, Rhode Island. The Mustang senior, wrestling at 145 began her tournament with perhaps her toughest contest, but she got by with a 4-3 win over eventual third place finisher Josephina Piel from New Milford, CT. Grunhuvd took care of Hailey Isham from Mt. Abraham in the semifinals quickly: a pin in 40 seconds. Gabriella Kiely from Stratford, like Isham, heard the tap of the mat and Grunhuvd closed her high school wrestling career with back-to-back New England Championship titles. She won last year at 138.

Neveah Grunhuvd, runner-up at 138

Neveah Grunhuvd, wrestling at 138, won her first three bouts in convincing fashion, pinning each foe. In the round of 16 she topped Ania Konieczna from Sharon. She beat Daphen Nyan from Davies Technical Academy next and followed with a win in the semifinals over Keira Lynch. Framingham's Adriana DeGroat handed the Mustang senior her one loss, leaving her the runner-up. Grunhuvd won the N.E. Championship title last year wrestling at 132.

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Massabesic's Remington Grunhuvd finished fifth wrestling at 106 at the New England's. He opened the event with a quick pin of Alex Gemma in the round of 16 and he followed with a 2-0 win over Maximillian Shvartsman. Sam Floody, the ultimate winner, secured a narrow 3-1 decision over the Mustang junior. Grunhuvd next lost to Xavier's Josh Perez, who finished with the bronze, but Grunhuvd bounced back with a pin of Matt Boucher to secure the fifth spot on the podium.

Massabesic girls back-to-back champions

The Massabesic girls wrestling team won the team competition for the second year in-a-row at the New England Wrestling Championships, with 52 points, thanks to a win and a second-place finish.

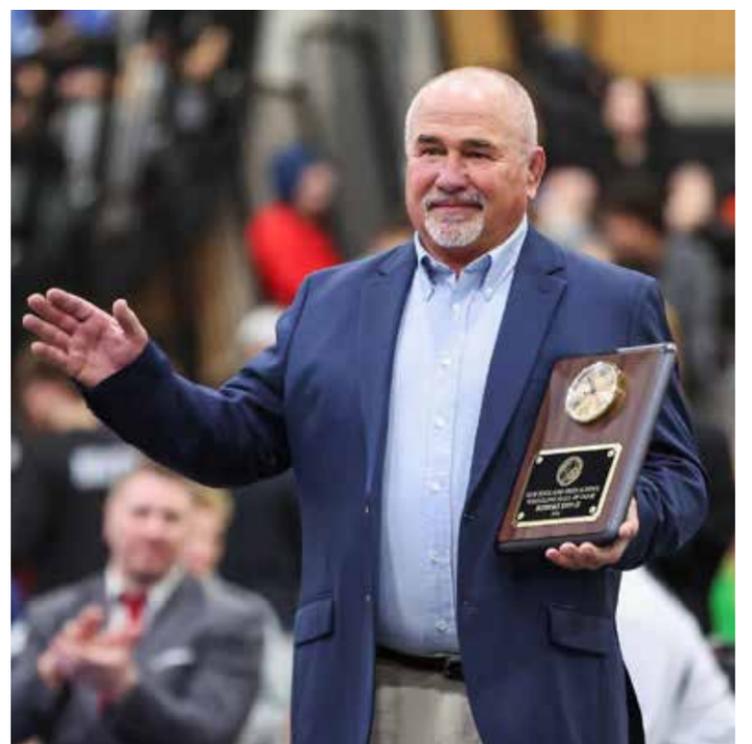
Noble's Delaney Frost finished 3rd wrestling at 126, Hannah Perro finished 6th wrestling at 100 and Brady Ouellette took 6th wrestling at 165.

Grunhuvd repeats as N.E. Champion

Sophie Grunhuvd brought gold back to Massabesic with a dominant

Bonny Eagle's Kylan Berry finished in 6th place wrestling at 113.
- By Mike DeAngelis
Sports writer

Eon inducted into Hall of Fame



Robert Eon II was inducted into the New England High School Wrestling Hall of Fame on Sunday, March 8 at the New England Wrestling Championships. PHOTO BY JASON GENDRON

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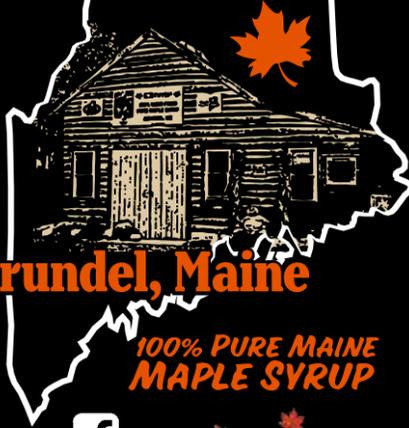
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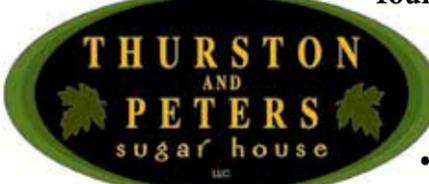
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YCSO AWARDS

(Continued from page 1)

is a true leader in the jail,” said King, “He Issues many safety bulletins, stays current in corrections issues, and keeps the staff abreast of any changes.”

Natalia Morneau is Reserve Corrections Officer of the Year, recognized as a subject matter expert on video arraignment, and assists with assuring inmates attend required court appearances.

Sgt. Kyle Kassa received a meritorious award for solving series of incidents where firearms were at homes and properties in Lebanon and Acton from a moving vehicle. In one case, a homeowner found 24 bullet holes in the siding on his home. In another, a bullet entered a bedroom where an infant was sleeping. The child was not injured.

Kassa, Chief Deputy Jeremy Forbes, Detective Steven Broy, Deputy Evan Sousa, Groundskeeper Luke O’Brien and Administrative Clerk Jenny Miller all received commendations.

Sgt. Matheu Nadeau received a meritorious award for sustained superior performance by ensuring all deputies are current with their trainings and are notified of any changes in law, said King.

Brian Maddox, who retired a couple of years ago after a 40-year career at York County Jail was recognized for his service. “From the old jail on route 111 to our current facility, he was there mentoring younger corrections officers,” said King. “He spent his career keeping his colleagues and inmates safe – he continues that role,” noting Maddox’s work as a judicial marshal at York Judicial Center in Biddeford.

David Francoeur, who recently retired after 28 years at York County Emergency Management Agency was recognized by the sheriff’s office. EMA and the sheriff’s office often work closely together- and King noted Francoeur remains a volunteer with EMA.

Deputy Shawn Sanborn was recognized for his 20 years of service and what will be a brief retirement – Sanborn will return to YCSO in a new county program that allows retired individuals to continue working – a plus for both the retiree and the agency – which King said will benefit from having an experienced deputy aboard.

Travis Jones has been a deputy for 25 years and is now sporting a new rank – sergeant. Jones has been an informal leader in the patrol division, filling roles of officer in charge, field training officer, and as an acting sergeant.

Others marking significant years of service were, from the patrol division Kyle Kassa, 20 years; Troy Chenard, Duane Fay and Darren Cyr, 15 years; and Cody Frazier and Paul Mitchell, each with 10 years. At York County Jail, Lieut. Cindy Sanborn is marking 25 years, Adam Boynton

10 years and John Nardelli, five years.

There were three recipients of the Mat Baker Award. Baker was Chief Deputy from 2006 until his passing in 2012. The recipients are Corrections Officer Keith Merrifield, David Pratt and Stacy Thistlewood who throughout the year make an extraordinary effort toward the success of York County Sheriff’s Office.

The Sheriff’s Office noted the work of Bob Kirton of Shapleigh Rescue in assisting his town and others. As well as his duties as a clergyman, Chaplain Kirton wears many hats: Rescue Driver, EMT, and more, including a situation in Acton, where he assisted deputies after a local man passed away. The man’s widow had dementia, and no family nearby. Kirton stayed until family members could arrive.

Former deputy James Webber worked for several police departments and York County Sheriff’s Office. He was injured on the job many years ago and did not return, and was belatedly recognized for his work.

Outgoing York County Jail Board of Visitors members Janet Drew, Sarah Johnson, Pastor David Corbett and Cheryl Dearborn Mills were thanked for their service, as was Susan Wiswell, who volunteered to stay on with incoming BOV members Kenneth Blow, Gary Prolman, Nicole Butler, Deborah Hamilton, Charlyce Goodwin and Matthew Baron. Drew and Johnson will continue as advisory members.

Jessica Peck-Lindsey sang The National Anthem, accompanied by Civil Deputy Rosario Cordolio on trumpet. Aurelia Lindsey led the Pledge of Allegiance, while Chaplain Trent Boyd gave the invocation.

– By Tammy Wells, York County government media



Travis Jones, a 25 year veteran of York County Sheriff's Office, was promoted to sergeant and is seen here in ceremonies March 6, as his wife Beth affixes his badge. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEDIA



Ellis Mattison was named York County Jail Corrections Officer of the year in ceremonies March 6. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEDIA



Natalia Morneau was named Reserve Corrections Officer of the Year in ceremonies March 6. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEDIA



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Rank-choiced voting unconstitutional

The Maine Legislature, under current democratic majority rule, voted in favor of expanded ranked-choice voting (RCV) one month ago, via L.D. 1666, to void and circumvent the Constitution's "plurality" requirement.

So, how come this happened and why did this happen? Why did the democratic majority do all of this? They've re-introduced legislation to expand ranked-choice voting, when it was previously ruled as being totally unconstitutional by the Law Court.

all. Our elections and election system integrity all matter and should matter to ALL Mainers.

Also, per the Maine Constitution, in Article IV. Part Second, Senate, Section 5, states as follows: "The Senate shall, on said first Wednesday of December, biennially determine who is elected by a plurality of votes to be Senator in each district."

Why does any of this matter? Our elections are supposed to be totally based on plurality; mean-

ing: the number of votes cast for a candidate who receives more than any other but does not receive an absolute majority. So, RCV is unconstitutional still, albeit the Legislature is trying to circumvent that.

Therefore, we need to get back on track with election integrity and constitutionally held elections, period.

Subsequently, if expanded RCV does happen, it will add further confusion and additional complications to this year's election and to all candidate's campaigns, no matter which political party it is. Who really wants that? Anyone? Now is not the time for any further confusion or complications with ranked-choice voting (RCV).

- David Hall
Cornish

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Obituaries

Sandra "Sandy" L. (Palmer) Severance

Sandra "Sandy" L. (Palmer) Severance, 77, of Hollis passed away in her sleep early Sunday morning on March 8, 2026. She was at her home with her family by her side.



Sandra "Sandy" L. was born on Palmer Severance March 21, 1949 in Portland to Clinton Charles "Pete" Palmer and Shirley Geneva (Cousins) Palmer. At that time, they lived in a camp at the intersection of River Road and the Haley Road. In 1950 they moved to what is now 467 Hollis Road, next door to Pete's parents.

Sandy graduated from Bonny Eagle High School in 1967. Shortly after, she went to work for Union Mutual Insurance Company located in down town Portland. She relocated to outer Congress Street when the company built the new building next to the Maine Turnpike.

In December of 1969 she met Ben and in June of 1970 they were married. They traveled extensively, around the New England area. They rented briefly in Standish and Portland. Next, they purchased a mobile home and moved it to the Nichols Trailer Park in Hollis. In June of 1972 they purchased a piece of land from Joseph (Joe) Young. This is now 444 Cape Road and this where they built their family home. While building their new home, Sandy became pregnant with their first daughter, Jennifer. In 1974, Sandy got done at Union Mutual to raise her newborn daughter and continue to help with the house build. Two and a half years later they were blessed with their second daughter Carrie.

Over their fifty-six years of

marriage, she and her husband Ben built a home with no mortgage, started and ran two successful businesses, raised a family and continued to travel. They volunteered at Hollis Elementary School doing craft projects in each and every class room (along with their other dedicated volunteers) and have lived a very rewarding life together. Sandy was a friend, a business partner and above all a kind caring and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. It brought her great joy to be watching a television show or movie and see some of the places they had visited together. Sandy also enjoyed playing cards with the grandkids and having tea parties.

Through most her adult life she struggled with the reality of living with the cruel side effects of rheumatoid arthritis. In the beginning it robbed her joints of their ability to do routine tasks. Sandy never complained she just found ways to adapt to her unfortunate circumstances. She had two knees replaced and one hip. The next blow was the loss of use of her middle, ring and pinky fingers on each hand, surgery was not able to correct the problem so she learned to work with what she had. In late 2025, Sandy began to lose her eyesight. She was advised that this was also a side effect of her rheumatoid arthritis. While trying to treat this latest setback, she started having serious medical issues with other organs, which ultimately led to her passing.

Sandy was predeceased by her parents, Pete and Shirley Palmer and a grandson, Jeffrey Davis.

Sandy is survived by her husband Irving Benjamin (Ben) Severance, daughter Jennifer Markham, her husband Shawn and their daughters Samantha and Morgan. She is also survived by her daughter Carrie Davis and her son's Jesse, Jameson and Jackson.

If you knew Sandy at all you may have heard her, say, "For the first part of my life, I was known as Pete's daughter, and the rest of my life I was known as Ben's

wife." While that may have been somewhat true, she was much more comfortable in a behind the scenes role rather than standing at a podium and addressing the world. Sandy was the person who supported those around her with gentle persuasion; nothing loud, nothing intimidating, just kind and loving encouragement.

From granddaughter's Sam and Morgan:

We grew up playing outside with our cousin while Grammy watched us through the kitchen window. Digging our holes to China or playing with our bunnies. Grammy was always there. Before we were old enough for school our Grammy watched us and read to us, and when we started going to school, we would start and end each day with Grammy and Papa.

Grammy and Papa's house is a place full of love, laughter and memories. When we were little, we would sleep over, snuggled up in our pink cots while Grammy read us bedtime stories. Our favorite books were Harold and The Purple Crayon and Cinderella. When we got off the bus, Grammy would always ask "what'd you do today?", followed by snacks. One of our favorites to share with her and Papa were cucumber and miracle whip sandwiches, or ritz with peanut butter and fluff. After having a snack, we would quickly run outside or to the shop.

She'd watch us ride our bikes around. She looked at the bugs and rocks we collected, even when we grew up. Parents may say, you'll always be our baby, but never have we felt more like a baby than in the arms of our Grammy.

For my, (Sam's) 20th birthday Grammy got me the latest edition of Harold and The Purple Crayon, along with a hand written note. She read it to me like she did when I was little and we both cried. I will treasure that book, note and especially that moment with her forever. She wrote, "Who knew I would still be reading to you" - Love Grammy

Today, you told us you were proud of us. We hope when you look down from heaven, we can continue to make you proud. We love you Grammy.

Our family would like to thank the staff at Beacon Hospice for the assistance they gave Sandy in her final weeks and especially Jodi, Wanda and Karen for the compassion and kindness they showed the rest of our family as well. This would have been much more difficult for us without them.

As per Sandy's request there will be no public funeral service. In the Spring, she will be laid to

rest at Bear Hill Cemetery in Hollis beside her parents.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hollis Lion's, 876 Hollis Road, Hollis, Maine 04042.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service, Buxton, www.mainefuneral.com.

Carroll L. Cyr

Carroll L. Cyr, age 87, of Waterboro, passed away peacefully, on March 5, 2026, at his home from natural causes.



Carroll L. Cyr

He was born in Forest City, Maine on August 3, 1938, a son of the late Leon and Irene Cyr.

He served in the Marines after turning 18 and received his GED from Biddeford High School later in life. Carroll married the love of his life Deborah Cyr on July 6, 1988, and they resided together in Lyman until her passing in 2015.

Carroll worked many jobs throughout his life including truck driving, running a pool hall, and most recently flagging for construction jobs. In his youth, he spent his free time playing poker, pool, and hunting. In his later years you could find him enjoying time with his family and watching westerns on the television.

He is predeceased by his mother, father, sister, and wife.

Four children survive Carroll: Leo Cyr of Portland, Sherry Desrosiers of Kennebunk, Heather Cyr of California, Cynthia Bean and her husband Kirk Bean of Waterboro; six grandsons- Zachary, Bricyn, Keith, Kadyne, Kyler, and Lucius. Two step grandchildren Kaleb and Kaelani. As well as countless others he "adopted" along the way especially Alex who held a special place in his heart.

Per Carroll's request there will be no viewing or gathering. In the spring, a private family ceremony will be held as he is laid to rest beside his cherished wife.

Online condolence messages can be submitted at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service - East Waterboro, website, www.mainefuneral.com.

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just one to strum and one to hold the strings in a chord.

The fourth piece was another of Secunde's original pieces, titled, "Find me planting," inspired by a quote from the French poet and philosopher, Michel de Montaigne, Secunde explained. He read the quote from Montaigne's book, Essays, to the audience, "I want us to be doing things, prolonging life's duties as much as we can. I want death to find me planting my cabbages, neither worrying about it, nor the unfinished gardening."

His next 2 pieces were the oldest compositions, from the 1970s, by a composer named Julius Eastman. Secunde explained that Eastman wrote in a time of minimalism, and his music was not widely accepted by the classical community at the time. Eastman died in poverty. His music was reintroduced in the 2000s, and "This is the first time his music is heard in Limerick, Maine!" Secunde played the pieces, titled "Buddha" and "Joy Boy", together, flowing from one to the other. The music was lively, with lots of energy and cool sounds. Secunde played and recorded several sections, creating and adding layers as he played.

His final piece, "Always Imaginary" was another of his original compositions, based on the writing of William Burroughs, who said, "even on a desert he would continue to write 'for company,' describing it as a way to create an imaginary world in which he would like to live." In this piece, Secunde thought about melodies, and what are the words? In it, he also used some recording and layering. You can listen to this piece on his website: <https://johnsecunde.com/list-of-works>

The audience thoroughly enjoyed his presentation, and many asked questions afterwards. If you would like to learn more about Secunde, and invite him to your municipality/community, go to his website, <https://johnsecunde.com/>

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FROM YORK COUNTY AUDUBON

Birding in Spectacular New Zealand with Peggy Page

York County Audubon invites the community to a special program at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, when Brunswick resident Peggy Page will share her experiences in “the Land of the Long White Cloud.”

Adrift in the vastness of the southern ocean, spectacular New Zealand shelters some of the rarest and most endangered birds on earth. They are also some of the most unique. Like the elusive kiwis and playful kea, eighty of its birds are found nowhere else on the planet. Brunswick birder Peggy Page toured the main islands as well as the remote Chatham Islands in search of New Zealand’s birds. Join her as she shares stories and photos of the breathtaking islands the Maori call Aetearoa, the Land of the Long White Cloud. You’ll meet fascinating birds of both land and sea, and learn how New Zealanders are working hard to preserve the last remaining – and critically small – populations of native birds.

For Peggy, there are few joys in life more precious than discovering new birds. She has enjoyed meeting the birds – and the people – of every continent except Antarctica and every state in the Union. She especially loves seabirds and desert birding. Peggy is a member of the board of the



White-capped Albatross. PHOTO BY PEGGY PAGE

Merrymeeting chapter of Maine Audubon, chair of its camp scholarship committee and coordinator of the Freeport-Brunswick Christmas Count. Peggy is also a member of the board of the Pejepscoct History Center and a docent at the Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain museum in Brunswick.

This program will be presented at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17 in the Mather Auditorium at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm. It will be free and open to all ages, and no registration is required for attending the program in person. It will also be live-streamed via Zoom. To view it via Zoom, you’ll need to register in advance. To do so, visit www.yorkcountyaudubon.org. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The Laysan Albatross with Hob Osterlund

York County Audubon invites the community to a special free Zoom program at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31.

Everything about the Laysan Albatross is superlative: they fly unbelievable distances, live longer than any other wild bird and are iconically devoted to their chicks. They spend about 90 percent of their lives airborne and most of that time is solitary. They are extraordinary wayfinders and are, in the words of one seabird biologist, “Corvid bright.” Since all species of albatross nest on remote islands, however, it can be difficult to see them in person. The Hawaiian Island of Kaua’i is an exception to that rule and is the only place in the world where albatross nest within a good-sized community of humans. Laysans likely nested there for millions of years but disappeared when people arrived about a thousand years ago. In the 1970s a few birds, likely from Midway Atoll, began visiting Kaua’i again. In 1979 the first chick fledged from its shores in perhaps a millennium. Since then the population has grown and has given observers a chance to learn more about the brief amount of time they spend on terra firma. Join us for a lively, entertaining and in-depth look at their lives, their strengths and their perils.



Hob Osterlund will speak on March 31 about the Laysan Albatross. COURTESY PHOTO

Hob Osterlund is the Safina Center Conservationist in Residence, the founder of Kauai Albatross Network (KAN), the author of Holy Mōli: Albatross and Other Ancestors, the producer of a short documentary called “Kalamā’s Journey,” and a bird guide on Kaua’i. An advanced-practice nurse, Hob spent her career in the acute hospital setting. During those years, she was the Principal Investigator for the Comedy in Chemotherapy (COMIC) Study. She also performed a comedy

character “Ivy Push, RN” for national audiences. She now devotes herself full time to the well-being of Hawaii’s native birds, with a special focus on the Laysan albatross.

This program will be presented by Zoom only. To view it, you’ll need to register in advance. To do so, go to www.yorkcountyaudubon.org. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. We hope you can join us!

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