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Massabesic Culture Club visits France

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

On Friday, Feb. 13, a group of 25 students from Massabesic High School Culture Club, accompanied by 11 teachers, parents and a grandparent, boarded the plane to head to England to begin their tour of World War II sites of England and France. For some, it was their first flight ever. For others, it was old hat. For many, it was their first trip overseas, an opportunity to experience a different country and culture.

Many slept on that overnight flight, watched movies or played games. The group landed at London Heathrow airport about 9am local time, went through passport control and customs (always an adventure) and were met by a local Tour Guide, and a tour bus. The next thing they knew, they were at the Royal Air Force Museum, where they were able to see hangars full of flying machines used

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Massabesic Culture Club students exploring Rouen, France on a recent school trip. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Threads of Hope

A community thrift store making a difference

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

Threads of Hope is more than just a thrift store – it is a community resource dedicated to making life better for everyone. With locations in Sanford (1364 Main Street), Caribou, Presque Isle, Portland, and Monticello) Threads of Hope offers a wide selection of gently used items at affordable prices. Shoppers can find men’s, women’s, and children’s clothing, shoes, furniture, books, dishes, jewelry, yarn, knitting needles, and more all priced to fit any budget. The stock changes all the time and you never know what you might find.

The mission of Threads of Hope is proudly displayed behind the checkout area: “a shopping experience everyone can feel good about. It is good for your budget, good for the planet, and good for our neighbors in need. Threads of Hope is on a mission to make life for all Mainers... look better. Hope looks good on you!”



Store manager Tracy Moore at the Sanford location of Threads of Hope. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI

This mission statement reflects the store’s commitment to sustainability, affordability, and community support.

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York County Jail earns 100 percent rating in state inspection

York County Jail has earned a 100 percent score on their recent biennial state inspection.

That means the 294-bed facility aced all 145 mandatory standards, and all 95 essential standards for 2024 and 2025.

The 100 percent rating is a first for York County Jail.

“We’ve been close, gotten scores into the 90s, but never 100 percent,” said York County Jail Administrator Major Lori Marks.

York County Sheriff William L King Jr. said Maine Department of Corrections officials emphasized how rare it is for a facility to achieve a 100 percent compliance rating.

“They were very complimentary on how well York County Jail is operated,” said King. “I am very proud of this rating. Lori and her team are dedicated professionals, and they do a remarkable job.”

The standards encompass every facet of the jail operation, from specifying clothing items issued

to inmates to control center operations, documentation of inmate counts, facility searches for contraband, medical care, use of force, food service requirements, programs, and a host of others.

“A perfect score in two years is very commendable,” said Steven French, Manager of Correctional Operations and Compliance for the Maine Department of Corrections.

The inspection program requires documentation of how each standard is achieved, followed by an intensive two-day in-person facility inspection by Maine DOC.

“The inspection encompasses every corner of the jail, from maintenance to community programs – everything in the jail,” said French. “They did very well.”

Marks, who was named interim jail administrator in May 2024 and administrator in November that year, said the process continues.

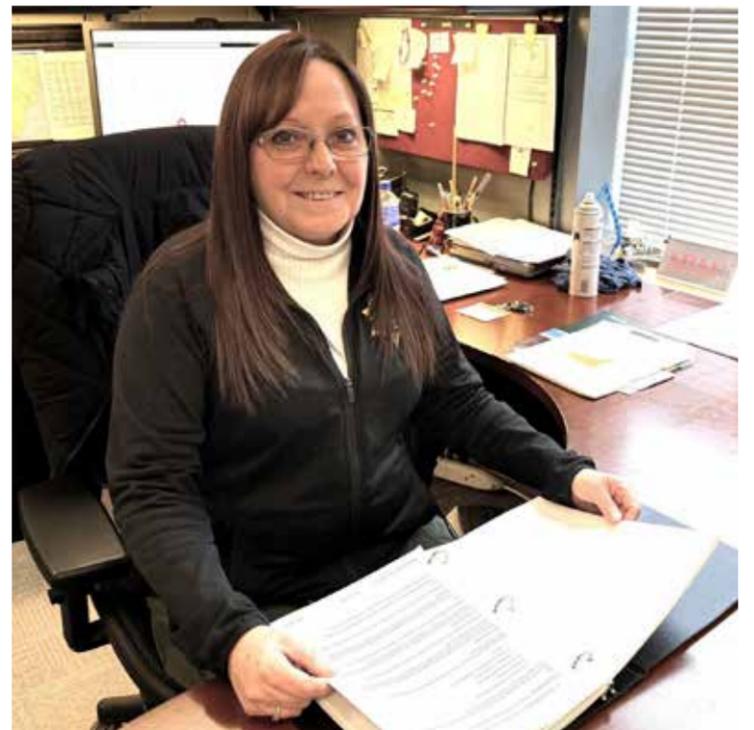
“My philosophy was to start early with the inspections,” Marks

said, noting she has already begun handing out assignments to staff leaders for the next inspection in 2027. “I personally prefer to do it ongoing, to make sure we are consistently meeting the standards throughout the year.”

Marks said she had set goals for what she wanted to accomplish in her first year. There was the biennial state inspection to prepare for, and an earlier, separate qualification for PREA compliance – a US Department of Justice program that assures a facility is doing everything possible to prevent sexual assault in jails – a standard York County Jail achieved during Marks’ time as interim administrator.

A Springvale native and Alfred resident, Marks was named national Corrections Officer of the Year by the American Jail Association in 2022. She is certified as a Jail Manager through the American Jail Association. She began her

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York County Jail Administrator Maj. Lori J. Marks reflects on the 100 percent score the jail received in its recent biennial inspection by the Maine Department of Corrections. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEDIA

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COMING EVENTS

JOHN SECUNDE SOLO ELECTRIC GUITAR PERFORMANCE Join us for a free concert performed by John Secunde on Saturday, Mar. 7 at 3 p.m. at the Limerick Public Library 55 Washington Street, Limerick.

ST. MATTHEW'S CRIBBAGE Saint Matthew's Parish, 19 Dora Lane is holding a cribbage day for all the family. The Knights of Columbus are planning this event. On Saturday, March 7 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the church hall. The Knights will provide cards, light refreshments, and mystery prizes. You just need to bring your own cribbage board.

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 con-

Community CALENDAR

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nections. 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 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 6, 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.

The Acton-Shapleigh Lion's Club **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Saturday of every month (NO BREAKFASTS IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY - next March 7). \$7 includes pan-

cakes (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.

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.

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.

WATERBORO COMMUNITY PANTRY 26 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro. Open the first Tuesday of month from 4 to 7 p.m. all other Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Donations needed!

ST. THERESE FOOD CLOSET open every Thursday from 12 to 2 p.m. at 66 North Ave., Sanford, directly behind the St Therese Church in the gray trailer.

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH FOOD PANTRY at 19 Dora Lane, in Limerick OPEN every Tuesday from 10 am to noon and the first Monday of the month from 6 pm to 7 pm. Phone 793-2244.

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 When the cool air makes you think of warm socks, fuzzy sweaters, and cozy scarves, 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.

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Massabesic Adult and Community Education

Upcoming March Classes

<p>Slow Flow Yoga</p> <p>Thursdays 3/5- 4/16 10-11 am 813 Main St, Waterboro \$56</p>	<p>Balloon Boxing</p> <p>Fridays 3/6 - 4/17, 10-11 am 813 Main St, Waterboro \$15 plus \$3 materials fee</p>
<p>Martial Arts for Families (Ages 6+)</p> <p>Thursdays 3/5-4/16, 4:30-5:30 813 Main St, Waterboro \$15</p>	<p>Paint Night - Fluorescent Rising Bird</p> <p>Thursday 3/12, 6:00-8:00 Massabesic HS East Building \$15 plus \$20 material fee</p>
<p>LEGO Robotics (Ages 9-12)</p> <p>Thursday 3/19, 4-7 pm Massabesic HS East Building \$40</p>	<p>Knitting</p> <p>Friday 3/20, 12-2 pm 24 Back Road Shapleigh \$36</p>

Call 207-247-2022 or visit massabesic.coursestorm.com to register

Contact me with any state related questions.

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REPRESENTATIVE JOHN EDER
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BRIEFS

John Henkelman Qualifies for June Democratic Primary Election

Sanford Conservationist & Maine Guide running for Sanford Legislative Seat

John Henkelman, a Registered Maine Guide and Adjunct Professor of Environmental Science, has qualified for the June primary as a Democratic candidate for Maine House District 143.

Henkelman is running to provide a fact-based voice in Augusta. His campaign focuses on reducing the high cost of living, strengthening family health and housing, and conserving Maine's natural resources.

"The people of Sanford deserve a representative who listens and acts," Henkelman said. "As a Maine Guide, my priority is ensuring clients are well-cared for. I will bring that same dedication to my neighbors in the State House."

Henkelman brings extensive scientific experience to the race. He spent over a decade as an an-



John Henkelman

alytical development scientist in the biotech industry ensuring drug safety. Now he is a Ph.D. student at the University of New Hampshire and an Adjunct Professor at the University of New England.

Active in the community, Henkelman serves on the Sanford Recreation Advisory Board and writes a column for the Sanford Springvale News. "This is the town where I was always meant to live," said Henkelman, an avid beekeeper and outdoorsman.

Since February, Henkelman has been knocking on doors to hear from residents directly. He plans to continue this grassroots outreach until Election Day to ensure he represents the real-world concerns of his neighbors, not special interests or personally profiting while in office.

For more information, to volunteer, or to contribute, visit John-ForMaine.com.

ACTON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

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.

enrollment, long-term care, estate planning, and financial planning. The event will be held at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road, Acton.

Enrichment Tuesday

Save the date for our next Enrichment Tuesday class on April 14. Carolyn Roy-Bornstein will be hosting a memoir writing workshop.

The Acton Public Library is located at 35 H Road, Acton, adjacent to the Town Hall.

- By Joanne Bargioni

Pre- and post-retirement seminar

Join us on Tuesday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. for a free seminar presented by Stephanie Greenlaw and Lisa McGinness of Bankers Life. Topics will include Medicare

STATE NEWS

OPA responds to CMP's revised rate case filing

On Feb. 17, Central Maine Power (CMP) filed a revised rate case with the Maine Public Utilities Commission (PUC). In response, the Heather Sanborn, Maine's Public Advocate, issued the following statement:

"The Office of the Public Advocate (OPA) pushed back

last year because we believed CMP's original rate request was excessive, and the PUC agreed. Now CMP is returning with a more modest proposal, which could mean lower rates for customers this July. That's good news for Maine families. OPA will closely scrutinize every part of this latest filing

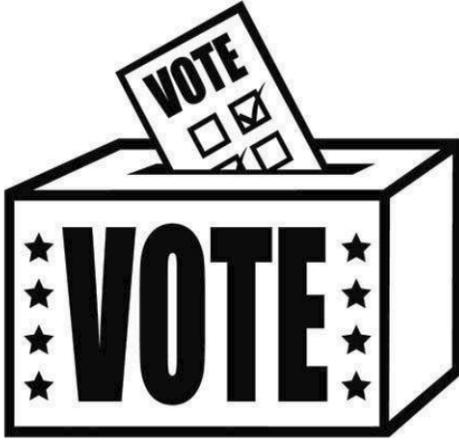
to make sure rates come down as much as possible and that CMP is only charging what's truly necessary to provide safe and reliable service."

The OPA represents the interests of Maine's utility customers and will actively participate in the PUC's review of CMP's revised proposal.

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Local students receive DAR American History awards

The Rebecca Emery Chapter of the National Society DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) awarded several local middle and high school students with certificates for their winning entries in the 2025-2026 DAR American History essay and video contests at the Brick Store Museum in Kennebunk on Feb. 7.

Chapter Regent Elizabeth Harlow, American History Committee Chair Janet Maynard, and Good Citizens Committee Chair Kathleen King awarded the recipients:

American History Essay Contest (Grades 5-8) winners Lauren Daly (7th grade, Wells Junior High School) and Sabrina Sibya (8th grade, Massabesic Middle School)

American History Video Contest winner Arianna Perloff (12th grade, Los Altos High School, CA, member of the Maine State Society, National Society Children of the American Revolution)

Good Citizens Award (Grade

12) winner Alexandra "Alex" Foy (12th grade, Kennebunk High School)

The winning chapter essays and video will be forwarded to the Maine State Organization DAR for entry in the state level competition.

The Chair of the Community Service Awards Committee, Elizabeth Harlow, also presented the **DAR Community Service Award** to the Road Rangers of Kennebunk and Wells in recognition of their sustained volunteer service, environmental stewardship, and positive impact on the community.

About the DAR: The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR or DAR) is a non-profit, non-political, volunteer women's service organization comprising 3,000 chapters and over 185,000 members. The Rebecca Emery Chapter, based in Biddeford, is a duly organized chapter of the Maine State DAR and the National DAR since 1897.



From left, Regent Elizabeth Harlow, Lauren Daly (Wells Junior High School), Sabrina Sibya (Massabesic Middle School) and Alex Foy (Kennebunk High School). COURTESY PHOTO

NOTICES

TOWN OF DAYTON

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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

TOWN OF HOLLIS PUBLIC NOTICE

Nomination Papers are available at the Hollis Town Clerk's office beginning on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 for the following:

- Two (2) Select Board, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor for three-year term, expiring in June of 2029
- One (1) Town Clerk for a three-year term expiring in June of 2029
- One (1) Road Commissioner for a two-year term expiring in June of 2028

Nomination Papers deadline for submissions is Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 4p.m. No faxes or emails are accepted. The Hollis ANNUAL TOWN MEETING will be held on June 9, 2026.

Absentee Ballot Applications will be available beginning on March 12, 2026 by calling 929-8552 ext. 27 or in person at Hollis Town Hall. Absentee Ballots will be available 30 days before the election.

- Crystal Gaudet, Hollis Town Clerk

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
PO Box 850, 16 Saco Road, Alfred, ME 04002

THREADS OF HOPE

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Threads of Hope holds special sales throughout the week: on Tuesdays, most clothing is just \$3.00. On Wednesdays seniors age 60+ enjoy a 10% discount, on Thursdays all clothing is 50% off, and on Fridays, there are flash sales.

As part of Catholic Charities, Threads of Hope serves people in need while promoting recycling and repurposing. Many customers shop there for the low prices, while others appreciate the opportunity to support sustainability.

The store is stocked by volunteers and donations are accepted Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Once donated, the items are sorted, tagged, and displayed by volunteers who play a crucial role in the store's operations. Volunteering at Threads of Hope can be physically demanding as there may be long hours of standing, but it is a rewarding way to give back to the community. The store is always looking for more volunteers, either a few hours a week or more. Those interested can contact Tracy Moore, store manager, at tmoore@cmaine.org or call 324-1081.

Threads of Hope stands as a beacon of hope, offering affordable goods, supporting those in need, and providing meaningful volunteer opportunities. Whether you are looking to shop, donate, or volunteer, Threads of Hope welcomes you to be part of their mission.

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FRANCE TRIP

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at various times in the history of the RAF, including the Spitfire and Hawker Hurricane. The next two days were spent in and around London, visiting the Churchill War Rooms, the Imperial War Museum and Bletchley Park. At Bletchley Park, students learned about the techniques used to break the German "Enigma" code and were able to participate in a code-breaking workshop. In England, the group was able to enjoy a couple of traditional English meals: Bangers and Mash, and Fish and Chips! Then the group headed to the coast to Portsmouth (England!) to visit the D-Day Museum, and view the British coastline where troops departed for France, the invasion of Normandy.

The group also crossed the English Channel, on the ferry, Guillaume de Normandie, a 6 hour journey. They arrived in the evening, and headed to their lodging for the next few days, La Ferme du Bois, an old country style farmhouse with a couple of buildings surrounding a courtyard where they felt a bit more cozy, despite the rain and chilly weather. The group enjoyed fresh, homemade croissants (regular and chocolate!) the next couple of mornings. From the farm, the group ventured to Utah Beach to see the coastline and the lay of the land, as well as to visit the Utah Beach Landing Museum. They then visited Omaha Beach and the American Cemetery in Normandy, where they watched the ceremony of the lowering of the flag.

From Normandy, the group made their way to Paris, making a stop in Rouen on the way. In Paris, the group visited the Musée de l'Armée and Les Invalides (Napoleon's tomb). They were delighted to have photo opps at The Arc de Triomphe, and of course, the iconic Eiffel Tower! An afternoon was spent at the Palace of Versailles, and the week concluded with a boat ride on the Seine River. In addition to croissants, the group enjoyed crepes, baguette sandwiches, as well as a couple of regional specialties such as Flammekeuche (a type of thin crust flat bread pizza from the Alsace region) and Boeuf Bourguignon.

Massabesic History Teacher Amanda Todd said, "We got to see a lot of places and artifacts from history class, bringing a lot of the lessons from history to life." She continued, "It humanizes the events we talk about in class,



Massabesic Culture Club students in front of a Higgins Boat at Utah Beach, in France, with the Utah Beach Landing Museum to the right. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

and now these students can fully grasp the context." She added, "I learned things I didn't know that I can now convey to students when I teach those topics later."

"Versailles was amazing," Todd said, and mentioned that she

teaches about Versailles in multiple classes. "I've always wanted to go there." Freshman Mady O'Hara said, "My favorite part of the trip was coming out from under a bridge and seeing the Eiffel Tower sparkling. It felt like a dream,

once in a lifetime experience." Todd agreed, "It was very emotional."

The next Culture Club trip is to Peru during April vacation. The Massabesic Culture Club is run by Science Teacher Katherine Carroll.

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YORK COUNTY

Free Senior Safety Fair: scam recognition, safe driving tips, and lunch!

Many would agree that those who identify as “senior citizens” are an independent, capable lot. Most seniors, with the benefit of decades of experience, are comfortable and adept at managing their lives.

But aging impacts everyone a bit differently, and seniors can be vulnerable. Driving might be a bit more of a challenge than it used to be for some folks. Silver-tongued scam artists with an eye on someone’s bank account can be very clever and deceptively engaging.

Education is key and, with that in mind, folks in the senior citizen age bracket are invited to a totally free Senior Safety Fair on March 13 to listen and learn. The event will be hosted at the brand new York County Regional Training

Center at 79 First County Way, off Route 4 and Layman Way in Alfred. (take Layman Way off Route 4, and then the first right).

York County Sheriff’s Office, TD Bank and AAA Northern New England are teaming up to offer the day of conversation, learning and fun. They will be joined by representatives of the York County Elder Abuse Task Force, Southern Maine Agency on Aging and Maine’s Elder Justice Investigator Candice Simeoni.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts. There is an opportunity for drivers to have their vehicle’s battery checked and windshield washer fluid topped off, followed by presentations (with a break in between!), lunch, some socialization and a few raf-

fles, according to York County Sheriff William L. King Jr.

“This day is focused on senior safety, but we encourage family members and caregivers to also come and participate. There will be something for everybody!” said King.

AAA Northern New England Traffic Safety Education Specialist and former longtime law enforcement officer Tom Baran will give a workshop called “Keeping the Keys.” Designed to help older adults minimize their driving risks, topics include how driving changes with age, how to safely adapt driving as we age, knowing all about the vehicle you’re driving, and more.

“Being able to run your own errands can give older adults a greater level of independence,” said Baran. “However, the physical and cognitive changes that come with aging, along with medical conditions and increased medication use, can put older drivers at greater risk when driving.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control, drivers 70 and older have a higher crash death rate per 1,000 crashes than drivers aged 35-45. The higher crash death rates among the 70-plus age group are primarily due to in-

creased vulnerability to injury in a crash.

A presentation by TD Bank is next, offering TD SAFE (Security Awareness for Everyone), a fraud-focused session to help seniors understand how scams operate and how to protect their financial assets and identity.

How prevalent are scams? Consider this: There were 608 internet fraud complaints filed by Maine people 60 and older totaling just under \$13 million in losses, according to the 2024 FBI Annual Internet Crime Report. According to the Federal Trade Commission, imposter scams and identity theft resulted in a total of \$23.9 million in fraud losses in Maine across all age groups, with the highest concentration of reports from York County.

Scams happen every day, and the perpetrators are clever and relentless. They’ll befriend you, flatter you and take your last dime.

“Fraud and scams are constantly evolving, and it is impacting our communities more than ever,” said Christopher Blackmore, Senior Manager of Customer Education at TD. “Being a victim of a scam can be embarrassing and one of the main reasons it is under reported. It all starts with education

and that’s why we developed the TD SAFE program.”

The TD team works directly with communities to provide guidance and trusted advice whether those participating are TD clients or not. “Education is one of the most powerful tools we have to help keep our communities safe,” said Kate Burns, Retail Market President, New England North/South, TD. “We’re proud to partner with the York County Sheriff’s Office, AAA Northern New England, and other community organizations to help raise awareness about fraud, identity theft, and the steps individuals and families can take to stay informed and protected.”

King said he is pleased that community partners like TD Bank, AAA Northern New England and others stepped forward.

“The York County Sheriff’s Office sees the Senior Safety Fair as an opportunity to leverage private resources for the public’s good,” said King. “These events are much more impactful when community partners are engaged.”

– By Tammy Wells,

York County government media



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career at York County Jail in 2007.

“I appreciate the work of the team that examined each of the standards and provided the documentation to show we met them,” Marks said. “Their efforts - and those of all the men and women who work here every day, is appreciated.”

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WRESTLING

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MASSABESIC

Mustangs run away with three champions

Massabesic wrestlers turned in a dominant performance, claiming the top spot in three different weight divisions at the annual New England Wrestling Qualifier (NEWQ), held Feb. 20 in Auburn.

State Champion Remington Grunhuvd, wrestling at 106, beat Memphis Cole from Dexter High



Massabesic's Remington Grunhuvd is the New England Qualifier Champion, wrestling at 106. COURTESY PHOTO

School to open his NEWQ championship run. He followed with a major decision win over James Swan. Grunhuvd claimed first place with a pin at 3:44 over Evan McMann from the Biddeford/Thornton co-op.

Evan Boulard won the 132 lb. division. The state champion won a major decision (11-0) over Cooper Blair from Edward Little. At the Class A State Championships the week before, Boulard also won a 4-0 decision over Blair in the final.

Alex Harriman won the 150 lb. weight division. He pinned Brock Gagnon from Caribou to start his event. The sophomore, and classmate to Grunhuvd, did the same to Riley Malloy from Wells High School. Harriman got a measure of revenge in his next bout. He won a 12-8 decision in the finals over Wyatt Chandler, the Noble Knight who was crowned state champion



Massabesic's Evan Boulard is the New England Qualifier Champion, wrestling at 132. COURTESY PHOTO



Massabesic's Alex Harriman is the New England Qualifier Champion, wrestling at 150. COURTESY PHOTO



Noble's Brady Ouellette is the New England Qualifier Champion, wrestling at 165. COURTESY PHOTO



Bonny Eagle's Kylan Berry is the New England Qualifier Champion, wrestling at 113. COURTESY PHOTO

the week before by virtue of a 12-4 win over the Harriman.

NOBLE Ouellette wins at 165

Four Knights qualify for N.E. Championships

Noble's Brady Ouellette was dominant at the NEWQ in Auburn on Feb. 20 with each match ending via technical fall. The state champion began with a 54 second victory over Mason St. Peter from Caribou. Sanford's Gabriel Williams fell in 79 seconds in the semifinal and Ouellette put a wrap on his title by finishing off Leighton Waite of Dirigo in 2:17.

Juniors Cam Dennis (third at 138), Ayden Decato (third at 144) and Wyatt Chandler (second at 150) will join the senior Ouellette in Providence for the New England Wrestling Championships.

BONNY EAGLE Berry wins at 113

Kylan Berry won the 113 lb. weight division at the NEWQ held, Feb. 20 in Auburn with two quick pins. After an opening round bye, the junior advanced with a win over River Brackett from Oxford Hills. Berry took first with a win over Preston Garland from Mt. Blue.

Senior Tim Brunk also qualified with a third-place finish wrestling at 190.

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The top three wrestlers from each of the 11 weight divisions qualify for the New England Wrestling Championships, scheduled for Mar. 6 in Providence, RI.

The three winners for Massabesic were the most for any team at the qualifier. Only Belfast (2) had more than a single champion.

The Knights will send the most wrestlers with four including four-time state champion Brady Ouellette (165).

— By Mike DeAngelis
Sports writer

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BUSINESS NEWS

Four new members join Sanford Chamber

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University of Maine-Saco is one of seven centers around Maine where people can take UMA courses, pursue degrees from UMA, and receive all the support they need to earn a degree close to home and on schedules that fit into their family and work lives.

Roof Restore (Portland) repairs leaks, storm damage, missing shingles, flashing issues, flat-roof ponding, and emergency fixes for residential and commercial buildings.

Legacy Construction (Portland) has over 25 years of reliable service making them a great choice for custom homes and new construction builds.

ZenBusiness (national) blends AI with human support to simplify and accelerate small business success.

Gig-Speed Internet from Xfinity coming to Newfield

Comcast started construction to connect more than 1,200 new homes and businesses in Newfield to multi-gig, symmetrical Internet from America's smartest and most reliable converged network. Xfinity brings residential Internet, mobile, entertainment, and smart home services into one simple, seamless solution – giving customers more speed, savings, and control over their connected lives.

Newfield residents will soon be able to sign up for Xfinity services – including 2 Gig Xfinity Internet – as Comcast expands its network in the area.

“We are thrilled to continue our buildout in York County to introduce Newfield residents and business owners to Xfinity and Comcast Business. We’ve been well received by consumers and business owners alike as we’ve expanded our network in southern Maine and look forward to delighting Newfield next with our suite of services,” said Carolyne Hannan, Senior Vice President of Comcast’s New England Region.

The expansion is part of Comcast’s continued investment in York County, which also includes expansions in Acton, Lebanon, Sanford and Shapleigh – bringing reliable, high-speed Internet and advanced connectivity to even more Maine communities.

Residential services

Comcast is bringing its full suite of residential Xfinity services to Newfield, including high-speed Internet, streaming, mobile, voice, and home security – delivering reliable, connected experiences at home or on the go.

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For businesses on the move, Comcast Business Mobile offers fast, dependable 5G, flexible data plans, and access to over 23 million WiFi hotspots nationwide. With features like 4K streaming, advanced spam call blocking, and twice-a-year phone upgrades, it’s a mobile solution designed to keep teams productive—wherever business takes them.

Comcast is proud to expand the availability of multi-gigabit Internet and mobile services to Sanford, Lebanon, Acton and Shapleigh, giving residents and businesses access to our full suite of Xfinity and Comcast Business offerings, including fast, smart, reliable WiFi as well as entertainment and cybersecurity solutions. Plus, local consumers will benefit from our simple Internet pricing, which includes a 5-year price guarantee, a free advanced WiFi gateway, and a line of Xfinity Mobile included for one year.

Residents can visit Xfinity.com/mytown and enter their addresses for additional details on construction timing and upcoming service availability.

To learn more about Xfinity services in person, including how to get one year of Xfinity Mobile service for free, visit the Dover, New Hampshire Xfinity Store located at 861 Central Avenue.

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POEM

Boxes

As the child grew he heard the elders say,
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 It will wrap you entirely from your head to your feet
 And then you will hear and see as we."
 "But why must I see things as you?" was his plea.
 "Why, all must have a box to live within,
 It will keep you straight, you'll avoid every sin."
 "Oh," said the child so pure and free,
 "If a box I must have, it must be made only by me.
 I'll not live in one made by you, you or you,
 If the box I must live in is yours, then I'm through,
 through with all boxes, all boxes built by men.
 I'll live in the valley, I'll live in the fen."

Aghast were the people to hear such a thing.
 To not live in their box! What could it bring?
 But off went the child to find materials to use
 to build a fine box as only the child could choose.

- by Frank Vasalle
 Lebanon

LETTERS

Four ways to protect yourself

The Federal Trade Commission's National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) runs from March to 1-7. Identity theft, fraud, and other consumer scams affect thousands of Mainers each year (7600 in 2025), and drain \$10s of millions of dollars from the Maine economy each year (\$29 million in 2025). You may even know someone locally who has been affected.

The manner and scale of these attacks has only increased with new technologies, and a more connected world. Here are four highlights from the NCPW that you can turn into actionable items to protect yourself.

1. FREE CREDIT REPORT:

One good thing to do is to make sure you have not been a victim already by running a credit report, and making sure there are no accounts you do not recognize. There is a website negotiated by the FTC with the three major credit bureau where everyone can get a free credit report each year. www.annual-creditreport.com

You can apply online, call or even write to the organization for it. One thing to note, it is important to use this source. You will find no shortage of offers online to do this service for you for free... sort of. These companies are repackaging this free government offer in exchange for your information, and it is 'free' because in their eyes, the product is you. So make sure you use the exact website.

2. DO NOT CALL REGISTRY:

Another thing you can do with the FTC resources is put yourself on the national do not call registry at www.donotcall.gov You can report spam calls there as well, but honestly that could take a lot of time. Thankfully there are systems that most cell phone carriers use that can help.

3. SPAM-BLOCKING:

Cell phone providers are generally all supplying their own version of spam protection these days. T-mobile calls it "Scam Shield," AT&T calls it "ActiveArmor," U.S. Cellular is "CallGuardian," and Verizon's is "Call Filter" (watch out the plus version charges you). You should be able to adjust your settings on your phone.

4. SIM CARD PIN/PASSWORD:

Another thing you can do with your phone is add a password for your SIM card. Let me back up a step. The little chip inside your phone that holds the information about your mobile date plan is called a SIM card. When you change phones you take the SIM card out of one and move it to another. You might see the term "e-SIM" meaning they can make the change without moving the physical chip, but the concept is the same. In Androids it is generally under 'Settings' then - 'Security, and with iPhone it is under 'Settings' - then - 'Cellular.' This can vary with older versions of the software.

These four steps are a good start to begin to protect yourself online. Some of them get a little technical, but there is help available. Good information can be found at the FTC website, and its companion registries. If any local organizations are interested in holding educational or outreach events there are materials available for that as well.

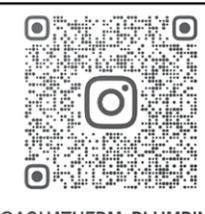
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Obituaries

Robert Francis Hatch

Robert Francis Hatch "Bob," of Wells, peacefully passed away surrounded by family on Feb. 28, 2026 at the age of 82. Bob was born on April 8, 1943 in Lynn Massachusetts to Melvin I. Hatch and Eleanor Kerry.



Robert Francis Hatch

Bob is survived by: his wife Sue Hatch; sons, Robert B. Hatch and his wife Katrina Hatch, Aar-

on L. Hatch and his wife Jennifer Hatch, Seth M. Hatch and Jeremy J. Hatch; grandchildren, Brice Hatch, Alden Hatch, Keira O'Hare and her husband Shane O'Hare, Kinsley Hatch, Gehrig Hatch, and Henry Hatch; great-grandchild, Makenna O'Hare; and many nieces and nephews who all adored him. He was preceded in death by: his older sister, Eleanor Devito; younger brothers, John Hatch and Thomas Hatch; and younger sisters, Jo-Ann Venezia and Mary Johnson.

Bob was raised in Massachusetts and graduated from Saugus High School in 1961. After graduation, Bob wanted to see the world, so he joined the United

States Air Force where he proudly served from 1961 to 1966, spending most of his service in Korea.

Bob was stationed in California when he was given a choice to either re-enlist or head home. Bob, knowing Vietnam was a major conflict, chose home. Upon returning, Bob met his future wife, Sue Rice at a fellow acquaintance's wedding and were soon married and started their family. Bob then started a long career as a Machinist at General Electric in Massachusetts where he worked loyally for 33 years. After retiring from GE, Bob and Sue moved to Waterboro, Maine where Bob worked for Napa Auto Parts for another 17 years. During this time Bob became a devoted volunteer at the Massabesic Lion's Club where he served as President and Treasurer for several years and was still committed to the Lion's at the time of his death.

Early in his family life, Bob who had a full beard, was tasked to be Santa Claus at family Christmas parties where he found a second calling. As Bob got older his beard turned naturally white and he took on the persona of a holly jolly Santa. Bob would still do family parties up till 2025 and also volunteered at the Lion's Club where he would play Santa for the Christmas tree lighting and playing Santa for the visually impaired. As Santa Bob's kindness and love for family would shine. There are not many family members or friends who haven't sat on Bob's lap and told him what they wanted for Christmas.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 6 from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Alfred Parish Church followed by a memorial service at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bob's name to the Massabesic Lions Club, 813d Main St. Waterboro, ME 04087 or Waterboro Food Pantry, 26 Townhouse Rd, East Waterboro ME 04030.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, visit www.bibbersautumnngreen.com.

Arrangements are in care of Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green 47 Oak St, Alfred, ME 04002.

Kathy P. Terhune

Kathy P. Terhune, 71, of Naples, a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother passed away Dec. 23, 2025.



She will be remembered for her intelligence, warmth, understanding, and kindness.

For 37 years, Kathy worked as a physical education teacher in SAD 61. Before having children she was a field hockey official, and after, she moved in to coaching basketball and soccer. After she retired, she enjoyed watching her granddaughter play soccer and swim. She enjoyed teaching, coaching, playing pickleball, walking, playing bridge, exercising, reading, and quilting.

Kathy was an avid quilter and was a member of the Chickadee Quilting Club. For many years she was instrumental in organizing the annual quilt show for the Chickadees. She made many beautiful and award-winning quilts and wall hangings.

Kathy is survived by her beloved husband of 48 years, Stephen Terhune; their children: Kelly and Kara. She was a proud grandmother to Mallory. She is also survived by her sister Linda and husband George, brother Chuck and wife Patrice, nephews Jonathan and wife Sarah, Jason, Chris and wife Caroline, and nieces Michelle and husband Eli, Haley and husband Ryan, and Bethany and husband Alenda.

The family extends a heartfelt thank you to all the medical professionals that cared her and to her friends that treated her with warmth, understanding, respect, and compassion over the course of this terrible disease, Alzheimer's.

A celebration of Kathy's life will be held Saturday, March 28, 2026, at 1 p.m. at the Old Saco Inn, 125 Old Saco Lane in Fryburg. Please join the family as they gather to celebrate the life of Kathy and the many ways she

touched everyone's hearts.

This will be a time to remember, reflect, share stories, and honor the love, laughter, and memories Kathy leaves behind. Rather than a formal service, this gathering is meant to feel like Kathy. Meaningful, warm, understanding, and kind. Whether you knew Kathy for years or crossed paths briefly, you are welcome to attend and be part of a celebration of life of a person that mattered.

Phillip R. Penney

Phillip R. Penney (Tractor Man), of Limington, was 78 years old when he passed on Nov. 28, 2025, at a friend's house in Limington.



Phillip R. Penney

During his lifetime he had many friends, who he loved to do things with. Whether it was traveling, camping, boating, dirt bike riding or just visiting, Phil loved being with his friends.

Phil belonged to the Antique Tractor Club of York. He had 3 or 4 tractors he showed in parades. Phil had rabbits for pets-his last rabbit was named Blackie.

In his younger years, Phil worked on the auto body of cars, and he would also paint those cars. He enjoyed helping people. His last job before retiring was at Nichols Machine in Portland.

Phil is predeceased by his parents-Russel and Alice Penney since 1998, many uncles, aunts and cousins that he lost during his lifetime. He had no children. Phil was a good person with a free spirit.

Visiting hours will be held on May 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Chad E. Poitras Funeral and Cremation Service Chapel, 498 Long Plains Road, Buxton and followed by a graveside service at Hillside Cemetery in Hollis.

NOTICES

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.

EMPLOYMENT

**TOWN OF HOLLIS
JOB OPPORTUNITY**

General Assistance Administrator

The Town of Hollis, Maine is currently hiring for the position of General Assistance Administrator. This is an hourly position, up to 10 hours weekly and reports to the Town Manager.

The General Assistance Administrator provides service (General Assistance) to applicants who are unable to meet their own basic necessities due to lack of income or resources available to them. The Administrator takes applications for assistance, provides written decisions and vouchers for assistance when applicable, keeps complete and accurate records, and maintains client confidentiality.

Direct experience in this position or directly related by field is preferred, but not required. High school diploma or equivalency and experience using a PC are required. Hourly wage is based on qualifications and experience. Job description is available on our website under "News & Announcements" at hollismaine.org.

Interested applicants should submit cover letter, resume and references via e-mail to: adminsecretary@hollismaine.org or send by mail to: Town Manager, 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis, ME 04042, no later than March 24, 2026.

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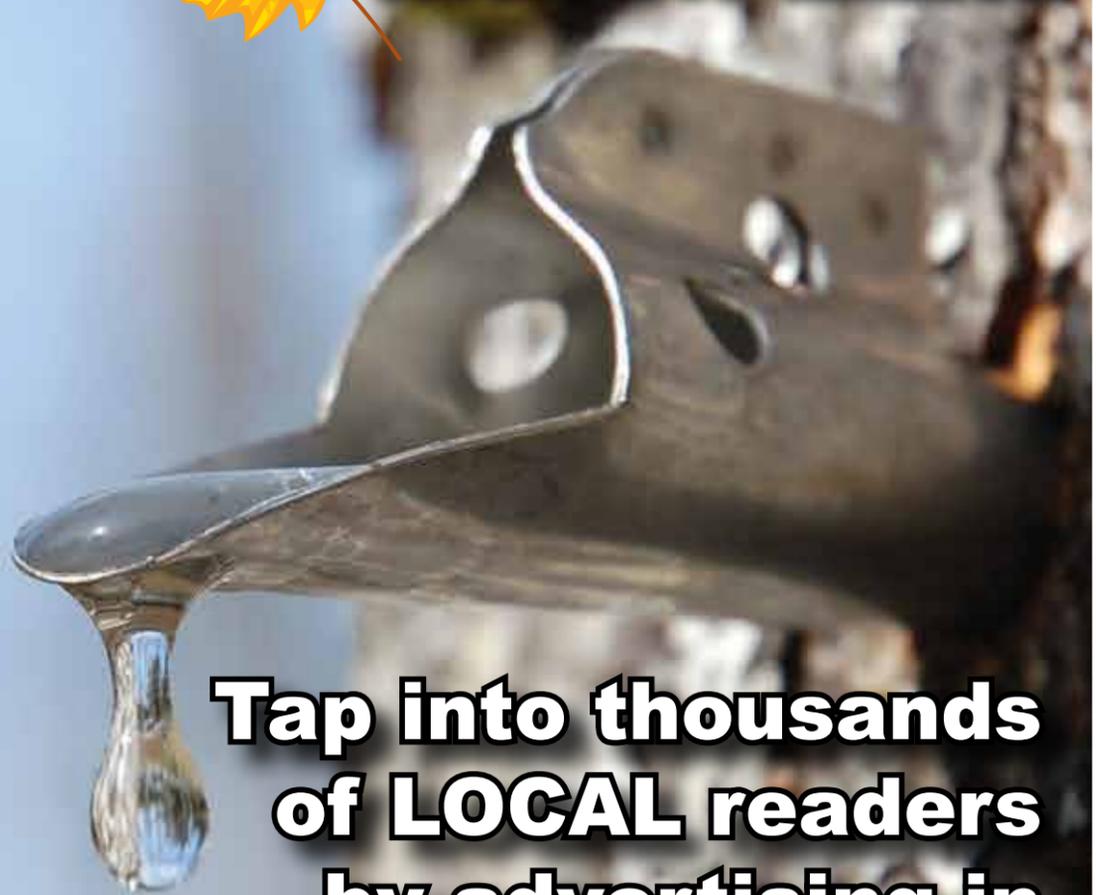
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