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Waterboro native is a guardian of the battlefield

Airmen in the Sentry Aircraft Maintenance Unit may not maintain interstellar star ships or have laser weapons like the heroes in "Guardians of the Galaxy." However, the Airmen maintain the E-3 Sentry, which makes them heroes to the guardians of the battlefield in the U.S. Air Force's Central Command area of responsibility.

"My duties include performing inlet and exhaust inspections," said Staff Sgt. Derek, an aerospace propulsion craftsman who is originally from Waterboro. "This includes general maintenance of the engines such as servicing oil and repairing the integrated drive generator.

"My mission it to make sure the engines are able to get the jet off the ground so it can go do what it is meant to do."

The E-3 Sentry is an airborne warning and control system

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Staff Sgt. Derek, a Waterboro native and an aerospace propulsion craftsman, performs an inlet and exhaust inspection Feb. 24 on an E-3 Sentry airborne warning and control system aircraft at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia. The Sentry Aircraft Maintenance Unit is a group of guardians who blend several special talents, ranging from radar to hydraulics, and band together to ensure the E-3 Sentry AWACS maintains its operational capability. Derek is currently deployed from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. (U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO/TECH. SGT. MARIE BROWN)

New location for thrift Store

BY SHELLEY BURBANK
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Moving from Washington Street to Main Street during a snowy week in February isn't everyone's cup of tea, but for the owners of 2nd Life Thrift Store in Limerick, the timing was fine. Cheryl and Carl Boston moved their entire thrift and consignment business a couple of blocks, officially opening in the new location on Feb. 21.

"We had some regular customers and thought we would have more visibility and more walk-ins here," said Cheryl, who said it was quite a process getting the contents of the store from one location to the other. "There were a lot of boxes and bags."

The thrift store was the natural progression for the Bostons, who had started out selling on eBay and then renting space at Union Street Antiques in Rochester, New Hampshire before deciding to open their own shop

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It's a 'Lu Wow'

From left, Chloe O'Connor, Corrin Single and Ava Gerard at the Lyman Elementary School's Lu Wow event. See page 2. COURTESY PHOTO

Maine Maple Weekend

March 21-22

The 32nd 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, all 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.

See pages 5-7 for a list of area participants and events.

Dollar General engineers address driveway issues

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Seeking to attain a driveway permit and subsequent building permit for a proposed retail store in North Waterboro, Dollar General's engineering firm, Northeast Civil Solutions, has made two significant changes to their original site plan. The proposed changes will require approval from the Maine Department of Transportation, according to engineering firm, Gorrill-Palmer Consulting Engineers, Inc., which was personally hired by Waterboro's director of public works, Doug Foglio, to examine the situation.

While the Waterboro planning board recently approved Dollar General's site plan application, Foglio refused to grant Dollar General a driveway permit, citing space and traffic issues on Chadbourne Ridge Road and lack of enough distance

from Route 5 to the entrance into the Dollar General parking lot.

Without the driveway permit, the code enforcement officer cannot grant a building permit.

Believing his refusal to grant the permit was in the best interest of public safety, and facing criticism of his position, Foglio personally, not as the director of public works, hired Tom Gorrill of Gorrill-Palmer Consulting Engineers, Inc. to examine the situation in order to put an end to the controversy. After studying the road situation and the Dollar General site plan, Gorrill agreed with Foglio's determination and submitted his opinion to Northeast Civil Solutions, Dollar General's engineering firm. It was determined that Northeast never completed the road study they performed. According to Gorrill, they never put the final numbers to the test to see if the traffic situation at

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LYMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Joy Spencer

Teacher makes a difference

When you look back on your elementary school days does a certain teacher stand out as the one who made a difference in your life?

Peter Zack is the educator who made learning come alive for Susan Richards, a fifth-grade teacher at Lyman Elementary School.

Zack began teaching in 1968 in New York City. Then, in 1974, he moved to Maine and taught at the New Country School in West Baldwin, where he worked in several capacities for 20 years. During that time, Richards was fortunate to be in his class for third, fourth and fifth grades.

Every Friday in the winter Zack took his students out on trails around the school to observe animal tracks and trails in the snow and relate the findings to nature and wildlife. In the spring Zack and his pupils discovered the beauty of nature in the Maine woods. Richards said she loved school so much she would cry when she had to miss a day.

Now Zack works for the non-profit organization MEEP (Maine Energy Education Program). He goes into classrooms all over the state to share his knowledge with students, who are usually in grades four through eight. Because he was such a positive influence in her life, Richards has invited Zack to visit her classroom for the past five years and share his ideas about science through discovery rather than reading about it in a book.

The focus on Feb. 27 was on electricity and the environment – using energy in a responsible way. Zack passed out plastic bags to

every student that held the materials needed to create a complete electrical circuit. This included zinc and copper wires in varying lengths and widths. After explaining how this is possible using an apple (the kind we eat) he gave the children time to experiment on their own and to discover and record their findings. They came up with 10 different methods, using an OHM meter to measure the most effective way. One student asked if it would hurt them and another asked if it would blow up. Zack assured them that neither would happen. The children were engaged and enthusiastic about the assignment and shared their findings with their classmates.

A discussion followed about what methods could be used to produce electricity in ways that would not negatively affect the environment. Every child was given a small turbine and had the opportunity to go up to the teacher's desk to stand in front of a fan to see how the wind turned the blades to create power. The students then went outside with solar panels and repositioned them to test the angles that produced the most energy. Back inside, Zack told the pupils that they could use solar energy to produce heat in their homes. He explained how that was possible, and told them that wind, water and the sun are everlasting sources of energy that are not pollutants of our environment like coal, gas and oil, which are nonrenewable sources.

Zack presented the same lesson to the fifth graders in Mrs. Marines class earlier in the day. All agreed that Zack is a remarkable man and an awesome educator. One of his strategies is to draw out the answers from the students rather than feed the conclusions to them. The lesson also addressed targets that the fifth graders are responsible for learning.

Lu Wow a success

Lights, camera, action: there were all three in Lyman Elementary's gymnasium Friday evening, Feb. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. in celebration of the PTC's Winter Jam. This year the theme was a "Lu Wow," and many of the children were sporting island attire decorated with colorful jewelry and leis. Students of all ages were dancing to music provided by D.J. Dave Gluck, who has been donating his time and talents to LES for a number of years.

Photographer Jerry Beaulieu was a busy man capturing the moment for anyone who could sit still long enough. Children's artwork was displayed everywhere – the gym, lunchroom halls and lobby – adding color, flair, artistic ability and interest to parents who were searching for their child's portrayal. The refreshment tables were laden with yummy and decorative donations from parents and relatives. The raffle table was a popular place for children and adults because of the variety of gifts to take a chance on. (I wonder who was the lucky person to win the generous basket of chocolate treats!) Tiki masks, shell necklaces and flower leis were a big hit on the craft table. Young and old could experience a surf board, try the limbo or demonstrate their skill with a Hula Hoop. If one could have harnessed the energy in that building, it could have lit up the islands of Hawaii!

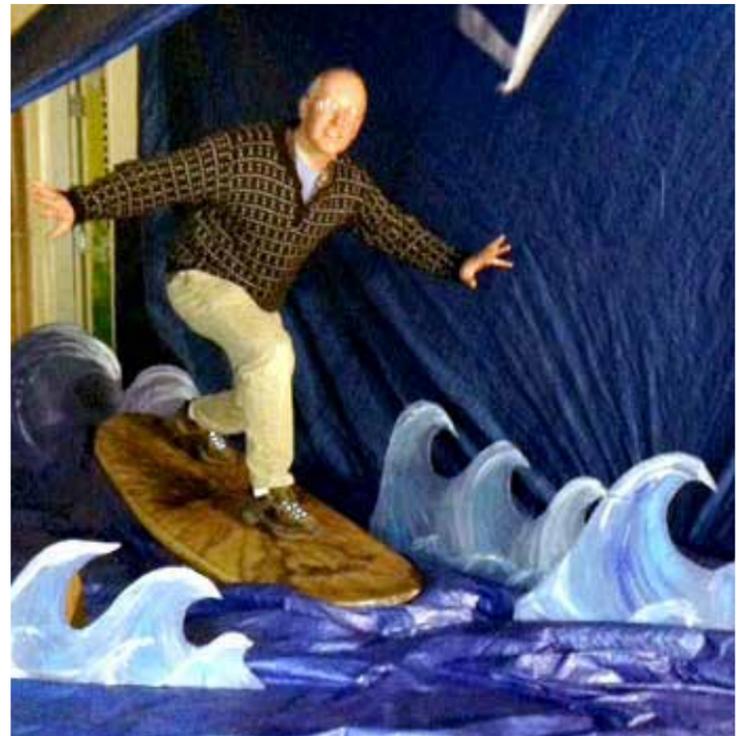
"It was a huge success," PTC President Laurie Gerard said. "I've heard nothing but compliments from many people."

P.J. day will be held on Monday, March 16, and PTC Movie Night will take place Friday, March 20.

Parent/ teacher input meetings for kindergarten through second grade and grades three to



Fifth graders enjoying their last dance at LES. Front row, from left, Hayley Gonneville, Payton Smith, Caitlyn McAllister, Bella Scott and Calley Trudeau. Back row, from left, Dylan Gilpatrick, Jonathan Daigle, Sean Wakefield and Connor Levesque. COURTESY PHOTO



Art teacher Mr. Hall rides the wave at the Lu Wow. COURTESY PHOTO

five (Exploration process) will be 5:30 – 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 and 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24.

Kindergarten registration will be 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18.



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INDICTMENTS

from York County Superior Court
JANUARY

The following area residents were charged by indictment when a grand jury rose in York County Superior Court in January:

Trina M. Tidwell, 26, of Bethany St., Sanford, Class C OUI/two priors/refusal and Class E operating without a license/condition in Old Orchard Beach.

Bryce M. Burnham, 30, Weeks Road, Parsonsfield, Class C eluding an officer and Class E operating after suspension/failure to appear in Cornish.

Richard A. Dixon Jr., 34, of Chick Road, Lebanon, Class C theft in Acton.

Christopher Fisher, 51, of Rainbow Road, Shapleigh, Class C reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon and Class D assault in Shapleigh.

Dylan J. Girard 20, River Street, Sanford, Class C receiving stolen goods and Class B receiving firearms in Limington.

Damon B. Hemenway, 31, of Fellows Road, Sanbornville, New Hampshire, Class C theft/priors in Sanford.

Harley Herman, 21, of Brook Street, Sanford, three counts of Class B burglary of a dwelling, Class C theft, Class C receiving stolen property, Class B theft and Class C theft in Waterboro.

Dirk T. Jeising, 44, River Street, Sanford, two counts of Class D ending welfare/duty of care/domestic violence in Sanford.

Michael L. Leclair, 41, of Hall Street, North Waterboro, Class C unlawful sexual contact/younger than 14 and Class D assault/domestic violence in Cornish.

William N. Mee, 28, of Sunnysdale Lane, Parsonsfield, Class C receiving stolen goods in Waterboro.

Michael D. Morse Jr., 29, Ashleigh Lane, Standish, Class C burglary in Limington.

Dakota D. O'Brien, 21, Hemlock Hollow Way, Buxton, Class C unauthorized use/priors, Class C violation of bail/felony and Class E operating after suspension/notice in Limington.

Eric J. Provencher, 47, Butler Street, Springvale, Class C criminal threatening/domestic violence/weapon in Springvale.

Dean T. Richesin, AKA Dean-Thomas M. Richesin/Dean Thomas Richiesin, 27, of Kimball Street, Sanford, Class C receiving stolen goods/priors in Sanford.

Don T. Sellers, 44, of Island Avenue, Sanford, Class C theft/priors(no value) and Class D possession/distribution of dangerous knives in Sanford.

George R. Sproul Jr., 31, Lacomia, New Hampshire, three counts of Class B burglary of a dwelling, Class B theft two counts of Class C theft and Class C receiving stolen property in Waterboro.

Edward H. Travers, 43, of Washington Street, Sanford, Class B burglary of a dwelling and Class E theft in Sanford.

Morris L. Watson Jr., 39, Oak Lane, Limington, Class C assault/domestic violence/weapon, Class C assault with a weapon, Class C reckless conduct/domestic violence/weapon, Class C reckless conduct/weapon and Class D end welfare/duty of care/domestic violence in Limington.

Selectmen delay public hearing

Driveway ordinance sent back for revisions

By BRIGIT MCCALLUM
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After discussing two proposed ordinances, Waterboro selectmen have decided to send the issue back to the drawing board.

The decision came after the board was presented with two draft ordinances at its March 10 meeting in anticipation of holding a public hearing later this month. The Town Of Waterboro Highway Entrance Ordinance was created by the Road Review Committee (RRC) and the director of the Department of Public Works (DPW). The second, called Driveway Access Entrance, was prepared by Code Enforcement Officer Glenn Charette, and is being recommended to the selectmen by the planning board.

Charlie Drapeau, chairman of the road committee, said, "Just over a year ago, the RRC was charged by the Waterboro Board of Selectmen to review and revise the Highway Entrance Ordinance that had been adopted on March 10, 1979, and amended on Nov. 4, 2003. The purpose of this new document is to provide safe, regulated, and more consistent driveway openings in the Town."

"The director of public works came to the board of selectmen and indicated that the current Driveway Ordinance was outdated and should be updated," Drapeau said, adding that the committee reviewed ordinances from other towns which have a similar demographic.

When, at their recent meeting, selectmen discussed holding the public hearing on the Driveway Ordinance on March 24, they realized they had two different versions.

from other towns which have a similar demographic.

At the request of the board of selectmen, a working draft was submitted to the planning board for its input. A joint meeting of the Road Review Committee and planning board was held in October to work out a document that was satisfactory to both committees. Several selectmen and the town administrator also attended.

Following revisions by town attorney Natalie Burns, the ordinance came before the planning board in February, when it was voted down. Members agreed that the provisions of the proposed ordinance are too restrictive and would make entire sections of the town undevelopable.

Charette, the code enforcement officer, said, "The only control the town has over residential driveways is at the place where the driveway meets a public way. The town can determine that a driveway is at least 50 feet from an intersection, and whether a culvert will be required."

The planning board decided to continue to work with the codes officer to create an alternative Driveway Ordinance that separates the requirements for residential and commercial driveways.

Abbott said, "Before we put this to a public hearing we need to get clarity on the differences. Let's ... send it back to the planning board. They need to give reasons for what they won't endorse and submit it back to us."

Selectman Dennis Abbott said the planning board and codes officer were wrong to create their own version. "If the planning board has issues with the RRC's ordinance, they can vote against endorsing it," Abbott said. "But then they need to state the areas they take issue with, and state the changes they want." Selectman Gordon Littlefield agreed, saying, "Tell us the reasons why you don't endorse it and send it back to the RRC. If the planning board thinks it's too far-reaching, let the two committees work out what is too restrictive first. The two should be culled out to get one document."

Public Works Director Doug Foglio also objected to the creation of a new ordinance by the planning board and code enforcement officer. "Look at hilly places in town where vehicles are parked on the road because driveways are inadequate for various reasons. They should never have been built," Foglio said. "That's what we were intending to finally prevent."

Littlefield added, "Once we get a single document that we can endorse, then we'll send it to public hearing."

BRIEFS

No grounds in human rights case

The Maine Human Rights Commission found no reasonable grounds to an allegation by the Lyman Parks & Recreation director that he was retaliated against by the Lyman Board of Selectmen after engaging in whistleblower activity.

Commission members voted unanimously at their Feb. 23 meeting against a claim filed in October 2013 by Lee Schatz.

Schatz said in his complaint that the board retaliated against him after he brought an illegal mowing contract to the board's attention in February 2014, then filed a complaint about the contract with the Maine Human Rights Commission under the Whistleblower's Protection Act.

The selectmen said at the time that Schatz did not follow the board's directives and acted beyond his authority. He was also accused of making "significant purchases" without board approval.

RSU #57 Public Input Session for the 2015-2016 Budget

The RSU #57 Budget Committee invites the public to a budget input session on **Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.**

Massabesic High School Auditorium at 88 West Road in Waterboro, Maine.

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To raise & appropriate \$80,000 to build or purchase a new Town Office.

\$300,000 to \$400,000 is the estimated cost to build a new "Dream Town Office". This information can be found in municipal meeting minutes and on audio tapes of the municipal informational meeting held on Feb. 17th. \$80,000 is only one contribution of many future contributions being requested of taxpayers in order to raise the estimated \$300,000 to \$400,000.

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- Has the value of your home rebounded? (Re-evaluation figures are in, call the town office & see how you fared.)

- The town leaders have not come up with a plan to comply with state standards for safe storage of road salt & sand but somehow \$400,000 for a new town office is seen as a priority. Does this make \$ CENTS \$?

- What can the Newfield taxpayers afford?

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Written by G. Dyer, Concerned Newfield Citizen

WATERBORO

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Workshop on design standards

The Waterboro planning board has begun work on design standards to be added to their site plan review application. The lack of design standards in the current site plan review process has meant that some businesses seeking to locate in Waterboro have been able to build their cheapest building design option that meets the site plan review standards that are currently in place, according to town planner Tom Ursia. At its March 4 meeting, Ursia urged the planning board and code enforcement officer to remedy the situation, as, "There are at least two or three metal box store applications that will come before the board in the next year." Acting planning board chair, Kurt Clason, described the challenge as, "Finding a balance between maintaining the rustic nature of the town and not being overly burdensome on the businesses."

Ursia presented the board with three ordinances: one that contained design standards, which operate as requirements, and a second that lists only guidelines, which function as suggestions. He then presented a third ordinance that contains a hybrid set of standards that apply to those elements of design deemed to be essential, with other design elements addressed with guidelines.

Ursia recommended increasing the current roof height from 35 feet to 40 feet to allow for three floors, which would allow for more mixed use commercial

on the bottom floor and residential use on top two floors.

Ursia recommended not taking another community's design standards or guidelines, but to take ideas from other places and develop our own. He also recommended tackling particular aspects such as façade, roof height, and building materials first, and then other design elements can follow.

Consensus on the board at the workshop was that design concerns will only be applied to commercial and not residential development. There was also consensus on the decision to move ahead with a hybrid combination of standards and guidelines. Once a draft of what the board is considering is created, they plan to hold a public meeting for townspeople to have the opportunity to weigh-in on the process. There was general agreement that this is time-sensitive work.

Woodsome resigns from board

Citing his need to be in Augusta for legislative and committee responsibilities, Selectman David Woodsome has submitted his resignation from the board of selectmen. This opens a second spot for candidates for selectman. Candidates for Woodsome's unexpired term would seek a two-year term to expire in 2017.

Carle's Corner Ice Rink closed for season

The Carle's Corner Ice Rink officially closed on Sunday, March 8 as 40-degree weather approached. Asked how she felt about the first season, Sandi Binette said, "Accomplished. We

set a goal and accomplished it literally in a little over a month. We began with a field on Nov. 21, and were skating on Jan. 2. The community really came together and made it happen!"

As the ice melts over the next period of time, work will be focused on the interior of the Leavitt Store replica, with the installation of insulation, walls and shelves. Once it gets warmer, the exterior will be painted and the trim applied to the façade that will be the storefront.

Asked what the process of closing the rink entails, Binette replied in an email, "We are excavating the snow on the back wall of the rink, for the snow to melt. Once the snow melts we will drop the back wall for the ice to slowly melt out of the liner. Then the bumpers and wall guards will be removed. Once the snow melts around the entire rink and ice off of the liner, we will dismantle the frame of the rink and squeegee and air dry the liner with leaf blowers in order to roll the liner up and store it.

"It will take 10-15 people to roll the liner. The entire rink will be stored in the Leavitt Store building for next year. The time and commitment to store all parts and pieces correctly will make next year's installation easier with the community's support as we had this season."

Cub Scouts to hold Pinewood Derby

The derby will take place Saturday, March 21 at the Massabesic High School cafeteria with car checks starting at 11:30 a.m. There will be a total of six heats with an intermission in the middle. There is open registration,

and all are welcome to enter, and any Scout who brings in a new member will earn a Recruiter Patch. Trophies will be awarded to the top three Best of Show, the top three Spirit Award entries and the top four Fastest in Show cars. The top three fastest cars will advance to the district competition at Marshwood High School in Elliot on April 4. Entrants are asked to bring a baked good for a bake sale.

Jose Duddy to perform at Grange Hall

The Waterborough Historical Society is pleased to announce that Jose Duddy, Maine's #1 country singer/entertainer, will be performing at the Grange Hall on Saturday, March 28, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Duddy is a Maine native who joined the Down East Country Music Association and has won many awards throughout New England as well as the Traditional Male Vocalist of the United States award at the Show Boat Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

This performance will benefit the Waterborough Historical Society that works to preserve Waterboro's past for the future. The families of Don, Paul & Leo Prescott will be sponsoring the dance in support of and with appreciation to the society for its preservation work.

So put on your dancing shoes and head down to the Grange Hall, 31 West Road, South Waterboro, on March 28. Tickets are \$15 per person, BYOB, no one under 21 admitted. Set-up and snacks will be available. Tickets are limited, so buy early. Tickets can be purchased at Woodsome's Feeds & Needs, Main Street, and Woody's Sports Grille, West Road.

WES playground fund progress

The Waterboro Elementary School PTO currently has raised more than \$30,000 for a new playground. Those working on fundraising anticipate that it could easily cost over \$100,000 to upgrade the playground. The playground committee, which is open to all WES parents, guardians and staff, has been meeting regularly to move the process. It will be meeting with a grant writer and over the next few weeks will have three different companies coming to present alternative proposals. Meetings will be open to the public. These presentations include: Game Time on March 31, Play World on March 24 and Landscape Structures on April 14.

The committee is also researching the feasibility of building a greenhouse. This would require support and buy-in from community and staff. All meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to come and hear these companies' presentations.

Road weight limit

Effective Monday, March 9, many town roads have been posted with a 26,000-pound weight limit unless the temperature falls below 32 degrees and there is no standing water present. The list is available on the town website at www.waterboro-me.gov. If in doubt, read the posting sign. For more information or for emergency entry call 205-3757.

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Maine Maple Weekend

**March
21-22**

Tapping into the recipe for a sweet Maple Sunday

By **SHELLEY BURBANK**
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Take hours of cleaning and a pinch of creativity. Tap the trees, inspect the equipment, and stir in candy-making, publicity, updating websites and finalizing programming. Line up volunteers and employees. Mix it all together and wait for Maple Sunday to dawn – hopefully with perfect weather to draw people out to the farm – and the result is a successful Maine Maple Sunday. Whether it's a small operation or a large one, the "recipe for a successful Maple Sunday" includes lots of hard work and preparation.

Jodie Dyer of Triple C Farm in Lyman starts preparing for the event well before the fourth Sunday in March. "We start preparing for Maple Sunday weeks in advance," Dyer said. "There is candy to be made, cleaning to be done, trees to be tapped, equipment gone over, etc."

Triple C Farm taps 250-300 trees during the season and produces 70 gallons of syrup on average. "Depending on Mother Nature," Dyer joked. The farm is open on both Saturday and Sunday for a big pancake breakfast, and offers homemade goodies like maple lollipops, baked beans and candies which have to be produced ahead of time. The barn is open for visitors to see the newborn animals, including 11 piglets

this year, plus cows, ducks and goats.

Michael Bryant of Hilltop Boilers in Newfield said his syrup operation sees between 5,000 and 6,000 visitors to the sugar house on the weekend of Maple Sunday. The farm is open both Saturday and Sunday, with many fun farm events for adults and children alike, and preparing for the huge event includes organizing—and feeding—30 employees. Over the course of the season, depending on the weather, Hilltop produces 300-500 gallons of syrup.

"I begin planning Maine Maple Weekend in September when our first advertising is decided," said Bryant. "By December I have solidified what our program will look like for Maine Maple Weekend and have updated websites to reflect this. We also inventory all of our items that we sell and build a list of everything that will be needed from bottles of syrup to napkins. In January, we finish all of our advertising campaigns, and we begin making things like pancake mix that are not as time sensitive. Music venues are discussed and scheduled.

"In February, we organize the help. With 30 workers, each one has to be contacted and their role discussed. Different personalities and abilities and schedules make this one of the hardest parts of organizing Maine Maple Weekend. We set up the store during

February and get all materials printed – signs, fliers, posters. In March, our food production begins. Whoopie pies and fudge are made. Maple candies and maple cream is made. Maple syrup is produced.

"In the beginning of March, we undertake a massive snow removal campaign around the farm and for about a half mile of road. Our many sugarbushes are also cleared of snow. This can take a week to accomplish. The barn is cleaned and the animals put out to exercise before their big debut. During the final week, activities/contests are set up and road signs are put up. Pancake mix for samples are made and hundreds of pounds of maple fudge are made. Food for the staff is prepared, as it is no easy task to feed 30 people for a weekend."

Many local maple sugar makers in our community are hosting open farm events the weekend of March 21-22, giving families and individuals a chance to see the evaporation process, sample maple products and stock up on sweetener for the year. Visitors also enjoy looking in on the farm animals, playing games and chatting with neighbors and friends.

See our maple leaf map and advertisers and plan your Maple Sunday outing and, as the sugar-makers remind their customers:

Don't forget your boots!

New grading standards

Deciding on which grade of maple syrup to buy on Maine Maple Sunday can be a little confusing, but a new set of standards may help consumers make more informed choices. According to the Maine Maple Producers Association, all Maine maple syrup commercially sold is U.S. Grade A quality. The syrup is then further classified according to color and flavor.

"Maple Syrup, by law, is graded strictly by color, not taste," according to the Southern Maine Maple Sugarmakers Association. "This grading system is gradually being phased out to a New Standardized Grading System so that US Federal/Vermont/Canadian and Maine Syrup will be labeled the same."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced in January that the grading standards have been revised to coordinate with international grading systems. All syrup-producing regions now use the new grading standards which include descriptive wording, making it easier for consumers to find the perfect syrup for their needs. From the Maine Maple Syrup Association website is the following list with descriptions:

Grade A: Golden Color with Delicate Flavor

This is generally early season syrup. As tradition goes, this is the first few runs of syrup at the beginning of the season, however with modern technology, we can produce this grade of syrup throughout most of the season. It has a fine pro-

nounced sweetness with a delicate maple flavor. This syrup is desirable for pancakes, waffles, French toast, and as an ice cream topping if a delicate maple flavor is desired.

Grade A: Amber Color with Rich Flavor

This syrup has a slightly stronger flavor with a noticeable darker color. It is by far the most popular choice for all-purpose syrup. This grade has a rich, full-bodied taste that makes it the perfect complement to most foods. It is the gift of choice by many.

Grade A: Dark Color with Robust Flavor

This syrup is much darker in color and has a stronger, more robust maple flavor. It is less desirable as a table syrup but often preferred in baking and cooking because of its strong flavor. This syrup is great to pour over baked apples or squash or use as a glaze on meats and vegetables.

Grade A: Very Dark Color with Strong Flavor

This is generally very late season syrup. It is great in foods and recipes where a strong maple presence is desired. Wonderful in cookies, breads and baked beans. Due to the nature of this syrup, it is often only packaged in larger plastic containers.

When you head to your favorite farms in our communities on Maine Maple Sunday, March 22, take a look at the labels. You will be sure to find the perfect sweetener for your needs.



At the 2015 Agricultural Trade Show held in Augusta this January, a maple syrup tasting contest was sponsored by the Maine Maple Producers Association and judged by the Maine Department of Agriculture. Local sugar house, Hilltop Boilers, LLC in Newfield, owned and operated by Michael Bryant, took home the Best in Class award for Grade A: Golden Color/Delicate Flavor. Hilltop also had first-place awards in the categories of Grade A: Golden Color/Delicate Flavor, Grade A: Dark Color/Robust Flavor, and Grade A: Very Dark Color/Strong Flavor. Hilltop took third place in Grade A: Amber Color/Rich Flavor. Shown to the left is Bryant's son John with their winning ribbons. COURTESY PHOTO

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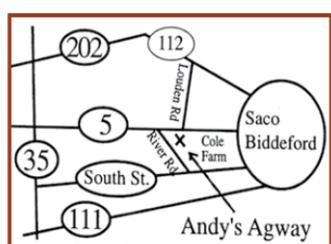
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March 21-22

BALSAM RIDGE

140 Egypt Road, Raymond
Observe the process of maple syrup being made. Self-guided tours of sugar bush. Visit our gift shop and bring home some delicious maple syrup and assorted confections. Hot dogs and maple baked beans served Saturday and Sunday. Pancake, sausage sampler offered for sale at our Maple Hut. School tours available March through mid April. Retail sales offered year round. March 21-22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BROOKRIDGE BOILERS

2144 Alfred Road (Route 111) Lyman
All you can eat pancake breakfast at 8 a.m. with all proceeds benefiting the All-star Dairy 4-H Club. Sugar house opens at 8 a.m. with syrup making demonstrations and free syrup samples. Maple syrup and products for sale including French Canadian favorites sucre a la creme and tire a l'erable. March 22, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CHASE FARMS

1488 North Berwick Road, Wells
Come enjoy our wood fired maple syrup making process with free samples of maple products. Take a free wagon ride with our Belgian horses to collect sap. Face painting and maple products available for purchase at our market. March 21-22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CLARK COLE FAMILY PURE MAPLE SYRUP

588 River Road, Dayton
On Saturday, March 21, we will be sharing an open house with Andy's Agway. Pancake breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to noon. There will also be pony rides available. Help us celebrate our 44th season of sugaring! March 21, 8 a.m. to noon

COOPER'S MAPLE PRODUCTS

81 Chute Road, Windham
Pancake breakfast on March 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Maple syrup demonstration all day. Sample maple syrup on ice cream. Walking tour of farm. See maple trees tapped with buckets and tubing. Visit our 28 miniature horses, beef cattle, peacocks, pheasants and chickens. Maple syrup, candy, coated nuts, lollipops, and cotton candy for sale. March 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. sales and sugarhouse tours March 22, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

GILE'S FAMILY FARM

147 Shaker Hill Road
See the syrup-making process. Free samples to try. Maple apple crisp made with our own apples and maple syrup. We will have syrup available for purchase plus maple butter and maple lollipops. March 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

GRAMPA JOE'S SUGAR HOUSE

103 Murch Road North Baldwin
Maine Maple Sunday and open house. Open both Saturday and Sunday. Live music Sunday, featuring Denny Breau and Just us. 12th Annual Maple Sunday Cook off, entries due noon on Sunday. March 21-22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HILLTOP BOILERS

157 Elm Street Newfield
As winners of the Best Maple Syrup in Maine for 2015, we invite you to our sugarhouse for tours, free maple samples, games and activities. Come see our farm animals and guess the weight of the pigs. Enter the sap lugging contest or try a maple whoopie pie. As always, our tasty samples are free. John Deere tractors are on display for kids to drive. Red Flannel Hash will be providing music on both days. Our maple store is open throughout the year. March 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., March 22, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 14 and 28 (store only), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

JOE'S SUGARHOUSE

443 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham
"Off the grid" timber-framed sugarhouse with a wood fired evaporator. Come see the sugarhouse and farm. Sugar-making demos all day. Pet the farm animals and enjoy blueberry pancakes and sausage available all day or our own grass-fed beef burgers for lunch. March 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

THE LOCKMAN PLACE

274 N. Gorham Road, Gorham
Small batches of maple syrup made by guys and a gal who love this stuff. March 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LOST CABIN SUGAR BUSH

20 Lost Cabin Lane Limington
Free samples of syrup on vanilla ice cream, tour the sugarbush, free face painting, maple cotton candy and other products for sale. March 21-22, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MAPLE HILL SUGAR HOUSE

93 Hicks Road West Newfield
Free tours of our sugarhouse and sugarbush, free face painting and door prizes. Sample our different maple products. See the different methods of sap collection, old fashioned to now. Homemade lunch for sale in our snack hut. March 21-22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MAPLEHOUSE FARM

1063 West Road Waterboro
We will have the evaporator running. Someone will be on hand to describe the process and answer questions. We'll have samples of syrup, locally made ice cream, and some other homemade goodies made here on the farm. March 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MERRIFIELD FARM

195 North Gorham Road, Gorham
Syrup making demonstration. Sample syrup over ice cream. Pancake breakfast, soft serve maple ice cream, maple cotton candy, maple candy and maple cream available for purchase. Barn tours, ox demo, display of maple antiques. Visit our 1900s ice house and more. Sales available year round. March 21-22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MORIN'S MAPLE SYRUP

Thyngs Corner Road, Limerick
It's our 45th year! Enjoy all you can eat pancake breakfast, maple cotton candy, maple goodies and of course our very own maple syrup. We also have tractor hayrides given by the Lions Club. March 22, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NASH FAMILY FARM

79 Nash Road, Windham
Come to the country for everything maple. Visit the sugarhouse, sample syrup on ice cream. Enjoy cotton candy and many other treats available in our country store. Saturday night is baked bean supper night with maple of course. March 21, 12 to 6 p.m., baked bean supper from 4 to 6 p.m., March 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PARSONS MAPLE PRODUCTS

322 Buck Street, Gorham
Pancake breakfast in a warm sit down facility. Free ice cream with maple syrup. Demonstration of boiling maple syrup. March 22, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PINGREE MAPLE PRODUCTS

90 High Road, Cornish
Open Saturday and Maple Sunday. Maple syrup and maple products. Door prizes and maple syrup on ice cream. March 21-22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ROCKY M FARM

431 Colcord Pond Road, Porter
We will be making syrup if conditions allow, serving samples of maple syrup on apple crisp or ice cream on Maple Sunday. Our store will be open both days selling maple syrup, jellies, jams, pickles, relish, pickled beets and baked beans. March 21-22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

THURSTON AND PETERS SUGARHOUSE

299 Bond Spring Road West Newfield
We make maple syrup the NEW fashioned way (tubing, vacuum, reverse osmosis, oil-fired evaporator) with OLD fashioned hospitality. Stop by for a tour and sample our maple syrup and maple soft serve. Maple candy, neeshams, jam, honey and cookbooks for sale. All weekends in March 9-4, March 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TRIPLE C FARM

1 Brock Road Lyman
Open both days for a delicious all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast served with homemade sausage, juice, coffee, milk and warm maple syrup. Come and see all the farm animals and sugar house in operation. Homemade maple cream candy, fudge, lollipops and more. March 21-22, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. pancake breakfast, farm closes at 4 p.m.

WESTON'S SUGAR HOUSE

48 River Street, Fryeburg
Come and learn step by step, tree to jug, how maple syrup is made the old fashioned way. Free ice cream served with maple syrup. Sugarbush tours, handicapped accessible, school and bus tours. March 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WILLETTE'S SUGAR HOUSE

First County Road, Porter
Open the weekend of Maple Sunday and when cooking. The past few years we've produced medium to extra dark of the very best quality. March 21-22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Syrup may also be heated to 180 degrees and canned in sterilized jars. Process pints in boiling water for 10 minutes. If syrup ferments, it can be restored to full flavor by bringing it just to the boiling point without stirring. Let it simmer for 2 or 3 minutes, then turn off the heat and let it cool to room temperature. Skim all matter that rises to the surface, boil briefly once more and store as above.



Did you know?

- An average 40-year-old tree will yield about 40 quarts of sap per season. Just enough to make one quart of pure maple syrup.
- A gallon of pure maple syrup will weigh about 11 pounds.
- It takes 40 to 50 gallons of sap to yield 1 gallon of syrup.

SOURCE: www.mainemapleproducers.com

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SPORTS

ON THE MAT

Mustangs at New Englands

BY MICHAEL DEANGELIS
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Massabesic senior Mike Risti and sophomore Leo Amabile attended the New England wrestling championships held last weekend in North Andover, Massachusetts. The two had qualified for the event on the strength of their performance the week prior at the New England qualifier where Risti (220) placed second and Amabile (106) third.

Risti turned in a fine performance, but narrowly missed making it to the podium.

He began with a 16-1 tech fall win over Joe Fusco of Shawshen, Massachusetts and followed with a 3-1 win over Joey Lydnick of Pinkerton, New

Hampshire. What was potentially the feature match of the entire event came next as Jack Lucianic, Vermont State Champion and number one seed, took to the mat with Risti and pulled out a 3-2 win over the Mustang.

Risti hit the losers' bracket and tore through Brad Bashar of Burlington, Massachusetts, pinning him in the first period. Nick Rose, silver medalist from Arlington, Massachusetts was next and the two locked up for another excellent match, with Rose prevailing, 2-1, in double overtime.

Amabile dropped both of his matches, but simply qualifying for such a prestigious affair means the diminutive Mustang's future looks very bright.



Mike Risti



Leo Amabile

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35th anniversary of Maine's biggest outdoor trade show

Sportsmen and women all across Maine are still celebrating the victory from the 2014 bear referendum and are invited to continue the celebration of our outdoor heritage at the 35th anniversary of the biggest and best outdoor show in the state.

Tens of thousands of outdoor-minded folks will gather for an entire weekend of everything outdoors March 27, 28, 29. The 35th Annual State of Maine Sportsman's Show is not to be missed. This huge event is held at the Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Drive, Augusta.

Not only will major outfitters and guides be ready to book the next big hunt, all the big name outdoor experts will be on hand throughout the weekend conducting seminars to help improve show-goers outdoors experiences.

And talk about seminars! This year's schedule is jam-packed with favorites like, "Hunting Dog Training" with NAVHDA, "Trophy Measuring with MASTC", and "Q&A with DIF&W Commissioner Chandler Woodcock" New seminars include, "Trapping Basics" with SAM's Deer Management Network, a "Kids Turkey Calling Contest," and several new seminars on waterfowling with Big Woods Bucks!

The number one question

asked of show staff every year is, "Where is the taxidermy?" This year we welcome The Maine Association of Taxidermists back with an expansive display on the main floor of the auditorium, sure to delight young and old alike.

L.L.Bean is cruising up in the Bootmobile and don't forget to deposit ticket stubs in the brand new kayak donated by the long-time major show sponsor.

Bring the kids and let them catch dinner from the children's indoor trout fishing pond, learn to shoot a bow and get their picture taken with their favorite warden from Northwoods Law.

Artists from all over New England enter amazing photos, paintings and carvings in the ever-popular art contest. Come view the talent of people right in your backyard and vote for "Sportsman's Choice," in each category. Many artists sell their artwork at the show, so come pick up a painting to hang at camp. Artist of the Year, Sharon Fiedler is bringing a beautiful display of wildlife photography.

The 2nd Miss Maine Sportsman contest draws sportswomen from all over Maine vying for the coveted deer antler crown and bragging rights for the next year as Maine's most versatile outdoorswoman.

From shooting trophy Maine

moose to Becoming an Outdoors Woman, this show has it all. Throw on your best camo, grab that turkey call you promised yourself you'd learn to use, pack up the spouse and kids and spend a day, or the entire weekend, at this show.

For more information, including advanced sale tickets, exhibitor and seminar information, visit <http://www.mainesportsman.com/the-me-sportsmans-show/> or our Facebook page: State of Maine Sportsman's Show.

Thank you for reading the Reporter!

DOLLAR GENERAL

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the intersection met the standards it is supposed to meet. Foglio stated that Bill Bray, of Traffic Solutions, said that it does not meet any type of standards.

After examining Gorrill's report, Northeast made two significant alterations to their plan. In their report Northeast changed their originally submitted plan to read, "Approximately 10 feet of extra pavement will be needed to allow the WB-67 (the large tractor-trailer that makes one delivery weekly) to enter Chadbourne Ridge Road without encroaching into the opposite lane."

The other concern Gorrill's report listed was the amount of space on Chadbourne Ridge Road for the large trucks to pull

out of the parking lot safely. After running the analysis that Gorrill specified, Northeast stated that the original exiting plan "will not allow a WB-67 to safely pull out of the site and stay out of the opposite lane. To alleviate this concern with the site, an exit only lane has been added to allow both cars and trucks to exit the site directly onto Route 5."

Foglio said these changes will strongly impact the cost of building the store, and according to Gorrill, both of the changes will require approval of the Maine Department of Transportation. First, the widening of the entrance into Chadbourne Ridge Road is within the Maine DOT right of way. Second, regarding the exit onto Route 5, Gorrill stated in his report, "The applicant will be required to obtain an entrance permit from the Maine DOT in order to construct this driveway since Route 5 is not in a compact area."

After showing the new site plan, Foglio stated, "If they make the desired changes, they will get the permit."

Town Administrator Gary Lamb added, "I hope they will have all state approvals before they bring the new plan to the planning board."

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Alfred school recognized

Alfred Elementary School is pleased to announce they have been named an Apple Distinguished Program. Apple recognizes schools around the world for their excellence in five best practice areas when implementing and sustaining 1:1 iPads. Schools chosen for this recognition must demonstrate they have visionary leadership, innovative learning and teaching, ongoing professional development, compelling evidence of success and a flexible learning environment. Alfred Elementary created and published an iBook called Alfred Elementary School that outlines how their school embodies these best practices.

Over the past four years Alfred has transformed the way students learn in the classroom and has become a model for other elementary schools in implementing iPad initiatives.

Through hard work and dedication of their faculty, Alfred has created an environment that helps prepare students for the skills needed to be successful in the 21st century. The school is looking forward to the opportunities that this recognition will allow them in the near future.

Dr. Seuss celebrated

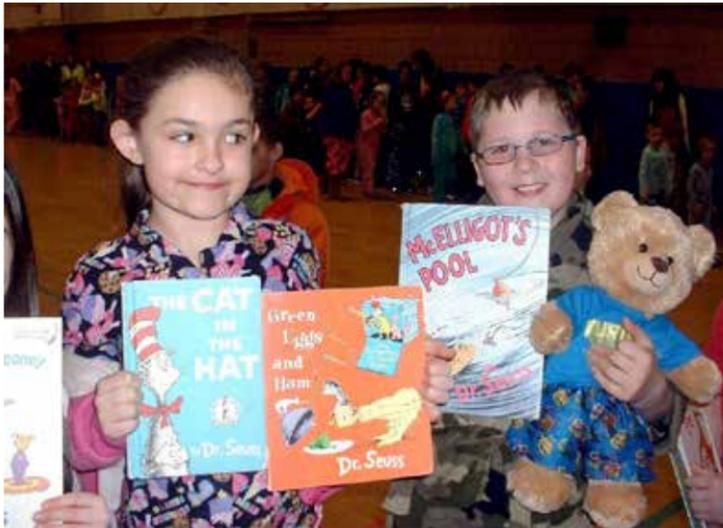
Schools around the country celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss, whose books have inspired so many children to read. Those in RSU 57 are no exception. In Alfred, Monday was Creepy Socks Day; Tuesday was Cat in the Hat Day; Wednesday was Wacky Clothes Day; Thursday was the day everyone wore green to recognize the Lorax, who spoke for the environment; and Friday was Pajama Day. It was also the day each child brought his favorite Dr. Seuss book to school.

The joy of crawling out of bed and not having to change into school clothes was apparent as the children filed into the gym. Almost all the youngsters remembered it was pajama day. Many teddy bears were also in attendance as were teachers.

Library scholarship

The Friends of Parsons Memorial Library are awarding a \$250 scholarship for post-secondary education in college, professional or trade school for an Alfred resident who is a patron of Parsons Memorial Library, resident of Alfred, and graduating from high school/completing their secondary education.

Applicants must submit an essay at least of 500 words which tells of their connection to the library and the impact of libraries on them. Also, the applicant should describe his/her future goals. Essays must be submitted by May 1. Decision as to the winner will be made by the end of May. The



Third-graders Jenna White, left, and Trace Ayers remembered both their pajamas and favorite Dr. Seuss books for pajama day at Alfred Elementary School. Trace also brought along his teddy bear. COURTESY PHOTO

winner will be honored with a reception and a reading of their essay following the announcement. Winners must attend the reception to receive the scholarship.

The Roberts family

Some family names persist through many generations, while others become only names in old records. There are still descendants today of the first Roberts family living in Alfred. Alfred Carlson traced the reason so many of them continue in the community, when he spoke to members of the New Century Club this past week. It is because so many in their lineage had many male children, including Ebenezer who had nine children, eight of whom lived, all boys. Ebenezer, Jr. died of "insanity and fear." He had acquired 1,000 acres in North Alfred where descendants of the family still live.

At one point, son James requested a guardian for Ebenezer (Senior) who had been declared insane by the selectmen (one wonders under what authority this was done), but by 1812 a "dischargement" of the guardianship was requested by Ebenezer "being now of sane mind and memory and capable of transacting any commerce and business" and it was voted the next day.

The talk was particularly interesting to those present because so many know the descendants who still live in Alfred.

During the business meeting preceding the talk, the following were elected to office for the coming year: Torrey Joy, president; Harland Eastman, vice-president; Marjorie Anderson, secretary; and Jim Boyd, treasurer. The meeting was held at the Dugovic home.

The next meeting will be on the Parsons family who donated the library to Alfred. Harland Eastman will be the speaker, and Torrey and David Joy will host the meeting.

Coming attraction

"America Singing" is a special program which will be performed April 18th and 25th in Alfred Parish Church. It will feature local talent giving the history of America in songs and poetry starting at 2 p.m. both Saturdays. Alix Golden is the director. There will also be sing-along instances in the program.

Parish Church

The Rev. Pat Smith will lead the worship this coming Sunday, March 15. Ash Wednesday will be observed at North Parish in Sanford on March 18. There will be soup and bread at 6 p.m. preceding the service.

During the church council meeting last week, Bruce Burnham announced his resignation as of May 31 to take care of family concerns. He will be working at Pilgrim Lodge this summer.

The Nooning Group will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 12, studying "the Last Week" of Christ on earth.

The next meeting of the book group "On God's Side" will be March 23 at 6 p.m. in the Parsons Library.

The Parish Paddlers will meet next in Dorothy Miller's home on March 22 at 4 p.m. with a potluck supper and games.

Village notes

"The Wednesday Girls" as they call themselves, are planning a quilt show in the Parish Church Oct. 3. There will be vendors and refreshments.

The Country Jam will perform in the Legion Hall on Saturday, March 14 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Anyone who likes country music is invited. Donations are \$1 and refreshments are available.

Those standing in line while waiting to enter the sugar house run by Gile's Family Farm can chew on a hotdog this year! The American Legion will have a booth and sell hotdogs to hungry maple syrup customers waiting at the sugar house.

LIMERICK



Cheryl Boston sits at an antique table set with some collectible items on display in her thrift shop on Main Street in Limerick.

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THRIFT STORE

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at 63 Washington St. in July. "We had some antiques and a supply of things at the house and wanted to try a thrift store," Cheryl said. They decided to call the business 2nd Life Thrift as a way of referencing their faith and also describing the way used items can have another chance to shine for a new owner.

Years ago, Carl got things rolling in the antique and collectibles direction when he began collecting NASCAR items. He then started buying and selling on eBay, said Cheryl, and the business branched out from there. "We were doing well with eBay, but I didn't really like it. I started doing craft fairs and flea markets and finally found the niche for me." She really enjoys setting out the displays, creating table settings and vignettes to show off the items - all talents needed for brick-and-mortar retail. The store carries antiques, collectibles, crystal, furniture, clocks, baby supplies, toys, records, books and

more. "You name it, it's here," Cheryl said, sharing the 2nd Life motto: "A little of this and a little of that and some antiques, too." The shop carries some seasonal items as well, and prom dresses will be on display very soon.

So far, the venture has been a family affair, with son Mark a part-time owner and all five of the Bostons' sons working at the store some of the time. Cheryl said the family also wants to be a positive part of the community. "Our goal is that if someone is in need and we have it, we'd like to donate it. We like to be helpful to the community, as well," she said. "It was something we wanted to do."

Customers can keep up with the goings-on at 2nd Life Thrift Store by following the business' Facebook page or stopping by the retail shop, located next door to Lucky Find at 36 Main St.

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Staff Sgt. Derek, aerospace propulsion craftsman, verifies the fuel flow from an E-3 Sentry airborne warning and control system aircraft's auxiliary power unit at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia Feb. 24, 2015. (U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO/TECH. SGT. MARIE BROWN)

AIRMAN

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(AWACS) aircraft with an integrated command and control battle management, surveillance, target detection and tracking platform. The aircraft provides an accurate, real-time picture of the battlespace to the Joint Air Operations Center.

"We provide command and control battle management to the combatant commanders here in the AOR," said 1st Lt. Amanda, Sentry AMU officer in-charge. "We are the eyes in the sky, the guardian."

These guardians blend several special powers, ranging from radar to hydraulics, and band together to ensure the E-3 Sentry AWACS maintains its operational capability.

Once airborne, AWACS provides situational awareness of friendly, neutral and hostile ac-

tivity, command and control of an area of responsibility, battle management of theater forces, altitude and weather surveillance of the battle space, and early warning of enemy actions during joint, allied, and coalition operations.

"Seeing the jet get off the ground is the most rewarding part of my job," said Derek, who is currently deployed from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. "Hearing about what they have done when it comes back is just as rewarding."

Another key responsibility that enables the E-3 Sentry to be mission-capable is the radar technicians.

"I maintain the radar and make sure it is operational," said Senior Airman Travis, surveillance and radar technician. "My primary mission is to make sure the air crews have reliable radar in the air so they can command and control aircraft."

Intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance is more than overhead imagery. Airmen provide leaders at all levels with global, integrated intelligence from multiple sources, including platforms, sensors, people and databases.

Just as superheroes need special abilities to accomplish their mission, Airmen in Sentry AMU need special qualities to ensure mission success as well.

"You need to know your job backwards and forwards," said Travis, deployed from Tinker Air Force Base, and a resident of Washington state. "This jet is old and it breaks a lot, so if you don't

know your job then you are not going to be able to support the mission."

The guardians have enabled E-3 AWACS crews to make significant contributions on the battlefield.

"Since we began flying Operation Inherent Resolve, Sentry has controlled 21,625 coalition aircraft and 1,122 kinetic effects, which can be anything from planned airstrikes to requests for close air support," said Amanda of New Jersey, who is also deployed from Tinker Air Force Base.

Iraqi Security Forces and Kabul Security Forces ground operations, supported by Coalition air strikes, have stalled Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant advances in Iraq and impeded the group's ability to gain control of contested territory. Although ISIL is not yet defeated, its continued loss of territory makes it appear less credible.

As of the end of January, there were 2,813 sorties flown by U.S. and coalition ISR aircraft supporting OIR. These missions enabled the release of 8,194 weapons, while 36,591 aircraft have been refueled with over 363 million pounds of fuel.

"The airspace is obviously very crowded," said Amanda. "There are a lot of different aspects between when someone has to get gas and when someone has to drop a bomb. The Airmen in Sentry AMU are the reason our mission is happening. There is no battle without [AWACS] and these guys provide everything."

OPINION

Really, there's an app for that!

The Pew organization reports that approximately six of every 10 Americans now own a Smart phone. Some half a million of these Smartphone owners also happen to have a Smart Watch. A Smart Watch is a little different than a Smart phone. It was devel-



by **Jon Simonds**

oped with the intent of measuring body temperature, heart rate and other sensory technology. Some of the high end Smart Watches double as a Smart Phone, so if you happen to leave your Smart Phone in your dumb car, instead of racing all the way back to your car and activating all those sensors on your Smart Watch, you can simply make like Dick Tracy and answer your phone, which is also your watch, which is worn around your wrist and is designed to look just like, well, a wrist watch.

The development of such technology has led to a spike in apps, and apps are, after all, America's greatest crack addiction. There are game apps such as Words With Friends, Wordox and Trivia Crack. There's an Easy Metal Detector app, likely designed for those who can't afford a real metal detector because after forking out 700 bucks for the latest Smart phone, paying for the monthly services that go along with it doesn't leave quite enough money for the real McCoy. But fear not. Smart phones have something called a Magnetometer in them, which explains the success of the Compass app. Magnetometers are good at finding metal, and metal is the stuff coins are made of. Maine does have beaches, and for the 13 days of the year they are not covered in

snow, the Easy Metal Detector app is a treasure to find.

Smart Watch technology has led to a spike in health-related apps. There is My Fitness Pal and UP, two apps designed for the workout-minded. There are healthy eating apps such as Food-

ucate, Shopwell and Epicurious. There are cardio apps and apps for diabetics. There are apps to lose weight, gain weight and even a Wait app, which will give you up-to-the-minute reports on waiting times at given restaurants. There is even a Waiting at Disney app, providing you with the waiting time for every Disney attraction the day you are there. Stuck in a long line at Disney? Time for the Elevate app, designed to improve your brain. There are bank apps and stock apps, savings apps and spending apps. There's even an app for those who want to connect with those who want to connect with "Fifty Shades of Grey."

Did you know there is an app called IPOOP? Here is an app Apple would not allow until the developer included a program designed to disable the ICAM function of Smart Phones and Watches. This is a social media app. You are asked to create a "poofile" and enable the location device on your Smartphone. You can chat, draw or bring up a map pinpointing the location of other IPOOP members. There is even a leader board proving we've gone overboard in our app addiction. But no worries, there's an app for that one, too.

Jon Simonds lives in North Waterboro and is the author of "Brooklyn Encounters," a collection of short stories available on Kindle.



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OBITUARIES

Ra J. Wilson

Ra J. Wilson, 78, of Sanford, died on Feb. 22, 2015 in a home that was filled with love and acceptance of Ra's life journey.



Ra J. Wilson

Ra was born on June 20, 1936 in Buffalo, New York the son of Walter and Emma (King) Wilson.

Following high school, Ra joined the United States Air Force and served from 1953 to 1957 and then remained active as a reservist until 1961. Ra has been in Maine for the past 20 years.

Ra worked in the caregiving

profession, for Kid's Peace, a non-profit organization in York County and was a kind and loving advocate for those who struggled with mental and physical limitations. He was a very soulful and spiritual person and enjoyed his friends at the Sea Coast Unity Church in Rollinsford, New Hampshire.

Ra enjoyed a wide range of music including jazz and gospel music. He was a member of the Rock My Soul Choir and loved performing with the group. He was an avid sports fan, beginning with the Buffalo Bills football team and then becoming a New England Patriots fan. Ra also liked watching the Celtics and Red Sox play.

Ra could easily converse with

a wide audience of people; it did not matter the social-economic ladder that one was on. He was a friend of Bill W. for over 30 years. Through his longtime friendships and giving back to others, Ra was able to find the good in most people. His life was unique and he was one that enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. He will be missed by his family and many friends throughout the area.

Ra is survived by his sister, Mary Ford and by two brothers, Ronald and Donald Wilson; by eight children, Carol Rainey, Emily Jemison, Keith McDowell, Damon McDowell, Miles McDowell and Christopher McDowell, David Wilson and Lynette Ackley; several grandchildren and many nieces and nephews; he remained

friends with his ex-wife, Miriam Wilson and was very close to Pat Chandler. Also, Lily and Bob McCormick, who opened their home to Ra, miss him dearly.

Ra was predeceased by his parents and by two brothers, James Wilson and Walter Wilson, Jr.

A celebration of Ra's life will be held on Saturday, March 21 at 3 p.m. at the Sanford Unitarian-Universalist Church, 5 Lebanon St., in Sanford. Parking is available at the Mid-Town Mall on Main St., in Sanford. Committal prayers and burial will be held later at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery.

To leave a message of condolence for his family, visit www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com

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SPORTS

Waterboro's annual hoop tourney celebrates 10 years

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Waterboro Parks & Recreation wrapped up its 10th annual travel basketball tournament on Saturday, March 7 with an excellent day full of championship games.

In the Girls' B bracket it was St. Thomas that took the title over Dayton in what many called the most exciting game of the 10-day, 44-game tournament. They pulled

out a 16-14 win after trailing 14-10 late in the contest in a game that featured superb defense and great passing.

In Boys' B it was Acton edging out St. Thomas for the title. The two had met earlier in the day with Acton forcing a decisive game as they came out of the losers' bracket to give St. Thomas their first loss. St. Thomas led early on, but ran out of gas late as Acton prevailed 20-12 in the final.

In Girls' A, it was Noble taking the crown with a 16-15 win over Springvale who was trying to force another game as the losers' bracket champion. The seesaw affair had the crowd on the edge of their seat, but a clutch free-throw late sealed the title for Noble.

In Boys' A it was Springvale forcing a decisive game against Lyman who had knocked them into the loser's bracket back on Wednesday with a clutch win.

Springvale got an early lead in both games and never looked back against a gritty, but short-handed squad from Lyman.

This year's Sportsmanship Award was shared by the gang from Line School. The Girls' A team had an excellent tourney,

making it to the losers' bracket final before falling in a close contest. The Boys' B team from Line shared their fate as they fell to Acton in the same spot as their schoolmates.

Twenty-four teams participated in this year's tournament.



The team from Noble won the Girls' A title.



Above, the St. Thomas team won the Girls' B title and, at right, Acton won the Boys' B title in Waterboro's invitational basketball tournament held Feb. 25 to March 7 at Massabesic Middle School.



Line School won the Sportsmanship Award. Back row, from left, Haley Park, Emily Jacobs, Josie Graham, Noelle DesVergnes, Taylor Bastarache, Micaela Jacobs and Delaney Durfee. Front row, from left, Claire Irons, Lyndsey Kamszik, Brenna Ramsdell and Samantha Roy.

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