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STATE CHAMPS!

Massabesic's Wrestling team won the Class A State Championship on Feb. 17 at Cony High School. Shown above is Assistant Coach Lucas Labbe, left, and Head Coach Joe Eon after the final pin. PHOTOS BY JASON GENDRON PHOTOGRAPHY

WRESTLING Four State Champions lead Mustangs to first team title since 2008

By MIKE DEANGELIS
Sports Editor

Head Coach Joe Eon went airborne, assistant coach Lucas Labbe pounded his fist on the mat in triumph, and a large contingent from Massabesic High School roared its approval when senior Dominick Bubar secured the Mustangs' first Class A State Championship since 2008 by pinning Portland's Hussein Ali at the 2:38 mark on Saturday, Feb. 17 at Cony High School. Massabesic finished the tournament with 114.5 points thanks to four individual state titles plus a second-place finish and a third.



Dominick Bubar
Only Noble, with two state champions, had more than a single title winner. The Mustangs, who came in second behind Noble last year, (Continued on page 6)

YCSO recognizes outstanding work

York County Sheriff's Office annual awards held

York County Sheriff's Office Deputy Alex Markellos and Kittery Police Officer Ryan Sanford, both members of the county's regional Special Response Team, have earned Meritorious Service awards for their response to a 2023 situation in a Saco hotel room where it was reported there were hostages inside, including a child. The two officers breached the door lock but had to overcome a second lock, working partially exposed to those inside the room, said York County Sheriff William L. King. They were able to overcome the lock and the door and cleared furniture that had been put in their way to block entry. They secured the child and a woman, the latter who was uncooperative, removing them from a dangerous situation. Two people, the woman, and a man, were arrested. This award, and numerous others, were conferred Friday, Feb. 9, at the York County Sheriff's Office annual ceremony recognizing the work of all divisions - those employed in Police Services, York County Jail, and Civil Process.

"This is an opportunity to highlight and recognize the outstanding work and longevity of our staff - an agency's staff is its most valuable resource," said King. Also earning a Meritorious Service Award was York County Jail Corrections Officer Sarah Janes for her role in successfully resolving a tense situation in a jail pod, when one resident used a handcrafted weapon on another. Janes is credited with placing herself between the aggressor and the victim inmate, stopping the assault, King said. There were lifesavings awards, commendations, and more. Kyle Kassa was named Deputy of the Year; Keith Merrifield, Corrections Officer of the Year, and Natalia Morneau, Reserve Corrections officer of the Year. Kassa, approaching 20 years with the department, holds the rank of detective sergeant and has carried out a number of roles over the years, including a recent stint with the FBI Safe Streets initiative, as a case agent on a number of high profile cases. He was the lead agent on a case in a home invasion



Detective Sergeant Kyla Kassa was named Deputy of the Year at the annual York County Sheriff's Office awards ceremony on Friday, Feb. 9. Shown here are, from left, Chief Deputy Jeremy Forbes, York County Sheriff William L. King, Kassa and jail administrator Major Nathan Thayer. PHOTO BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

designed to rob the homeowner of marijuana and money in the town of York involving gang members, said King. News reports of the incident noted that victim of the home invasion was wounded by a perpetrator's handgun. One of four people charged was sentenced to 14 years in federal prison. As well, Kassa was lead agent on the case involving Kyle Fitzsimons, 39, a

Lebanon resident who traveled to Washington D.C. taking part in the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol. Fitzsimons was sentenced to seven years in federal prison and had been described by prosecutors as "one of the most violent and aggressive" participants. "Det. Sgt. Kyle Kassa is a consummate professional and we are lucky to have him leading our de-

tective bureau," said King. Merrifield, a 24 year veteran of the corrections division, heads the community works program that sees qualified jail residents perform volunteer tasks under his supervision - events like setting up and taking down equipment and for the LaKermesse festival in Biddeford. King said Merrifield is (Continued on page 12)

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LOCAL news, events and faces from your LOCAL community.



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Community CALENDAR

Email non-profit event listings to: news@waterbororeporter.com

COMING EVENTS

WINTER FOOD DRIVE
Join the Waterboro Homeschool Organization (W.H.O.) on Feb. 24 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Wa-

terboro Lions Club, at 813 Main Street, for a food drive to benefit the Waterboro Food Pantry. This will be an outdoor event, collecting donations (non-perishable food items, toiletries, medical supplies,

cleaning supplies, and monetary donations). There will be free hot chocolate, a bake sale (100% of the proceeds will go to the pantry), and a snowman building area (weather/snow permitted).

MAINE MAPLE WEEKENDS

March 8 - April 20

MAPLE STORE OPEN WEEKENDS

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Sundays Noon-3PM

EXTENDED HOURS MARCH 24

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FREE MAPLE EVENTS March 16, 23, 24 & 30

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ALL-DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

ALL FOUR DAYS 9AM-4PM!

Saturday, March 16

Maine Antique Power Demonstrations,
Wicked Good Ice Carving,
Fat Guys Concession Food Truck.



Saturday & Sunday, March 23-24

Axe Women Loggers of Maine present four shows each day (9:30, 11:00, 1:00, 2:30),
Alpacas from Elf Paca Meadows on Saturday,
Mainely Burgers Food Truck.

Saturday, March 30

Wicked Good Ice Carving, Fat Guys Concession Food Truck,
Alpacas from Elf Paca Meadows, Live Music.



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Try our delicious **HADDOCK SUPPER BUFFET** - Saturday, Feb. 24 at 5 p.m. at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family. We will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating.

RENOWNED MULTICULTURAL CHORUS PIHCINTU comes to Hiram for a free concert on Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. at the Arts Center at 8 Hancock in Hiram Village. Pihcintu has performed at the Kennedy Center, the UN, and the National Cathedral, as well as on numerous radio and television broadcasts. YoYo Ma says "What a gorgeous, gorgeous chorus you have - what beautiful voices ... isn't it incredible - BRAVO!" The concert is free to attend; donations are gladly accepted. There will be a meet and greet with the choir after the concert. The Hiram Cultural Center serves Hiram & the surrounding area through the charitable support of Soldiers Memorial Library & The Arts Center at 8 Hancock, Hiram, ME 04041. <https://thehiramculturalcenter.squarespace.com>.

SHAPLEIGH COMMUNITY DAYS is being held on Friday evening, July 26 and all day Saturday, July 27. The Shapleigh Community Days Committee is **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** to help with this year's event. Volunteers are needed to join the committee with new, fresh ideas or to offer much needed help the day of the event. All interested are invited to attend our next meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. in the Shapleigh town library. If you cannot attend on Wednesday, contact us at ourshapleighcommunitydays@gmail.com or contact Nancy Hodgdon at njhodgdon@gmail.com.

THE THIRD MAINE CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT REGIMENT is coming to Lyman on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Arion Lodge #162 (the Masons) in Lyman, Route 35. This group has performed at Gettysburg. Bob Pierce will speak on the Peach Orchard on the second battle at Gettysburg. Soldiers will be dressed in their uniforms and gear and there will be Civil War displays set up. For more info, check the Facebook page for the Lyman Historical Society, the sponsor of the event.

CORNISH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on Thursday, Feb. 29 at 6:30 p.m., at the Cornish Town Hall (aka, Pike Hall), at 17 Maple Street (Rt. 25) in Cornish. Local candidates are welcome to attend. Doors open at 6 p.m. All Cornish Republicans are encouraged to attend. E-mail: republicansofcornishme@gmail.com for more information.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER March 16 from 4:30-6:00 PM at Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church, 503 Goodwins Mills, Route 35. Corned beef/ham, Mashed potatoes, carrots, cabbage, rolls, brownies and beverages.

ONGOING EVENTS

BEAN SUPPER Massabesic Lions monthly dine-in or take-out the 2nd Saturday of the month, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Regional Medical Center, 813 Main St. Waterboro. Adults \$10. Children 5 to 12 are \$7, kids 4 and under are free. Kidney and Pea Beans, Chop Suey, Ham, Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, "Our homemade" biscuits and a variety of desserts.

The Acton-Shapleigh Lion's Club **MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** the first Saturday of every month. \$7 includes pancakes (plain or blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausages, toast, orange juice, beans, and coffee, tea, and milk. The breakfast will be served from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road.

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

WRITERS! The Tuesday Writer's Group meets on first and third Tuesdays of every month at the Waterboro Library from 6-7:30 p.m. Fiction, nonfiction, memoir, poetry. Join us for readings and friendly discussion. All levels welcome!

CRIBBAGE CLUB Wednesdays, from 6-7:30pm at the Lyman Community Library. All ages, all skill levels. FMI: 207.499.7114.

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

TOWN OF LYMAN PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

11 SOUTH WATERBORO ROAD, LYMAN MAINE 04002
207-247-0648 www.lyman-me.gov

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 6:00 pm** at Lyman Town Hall, 11 South Waterboro Road. This hearing is to present information and to allow for public comment regarding:

- Regarding the application of the **Sanford YMCA** to operate a summer day camp at 39 Muscatawa Road on Kennebunk Pond Tax Map 6 Lot 43. Copies of the application can be viewed on the town website or in the Code Office during regular business hours.
- Regarding the application of **Rodney & Jennifer Tardif** to create a private road off Duke Lane Tax Map 7 Lot 103-2A2. Copies of the application can be viewed on the town website or in the Code Office during regular business hours.

Joseph Wagner, Chairman

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

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 can be dropped Saturdays 2 to 4 p.m. or put non perishable in drop box on the porch. FMI 247-7789.

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

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

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

LIMERICK TOPS The Limerick Chapter 208 meets every Thursday at 4:45 at St Matthew Catholic Church at 19 Dora Lane (off Route 11) Limerick. Call Kathy Harriman at 727-3729 with questions.

EMAIL NON-PROFIT EVENTS TO: news@waterbororeporter.com

ARTS



The MHS Theatre Troupe will perform ‘Wild Strawberries’ on March 1 and 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Massabesic High School auditorium. COURTESY PHOTO

MHS Theatre presents ‘Wild Strawberries’

“It’s a bright morning on the di Nikoli estates and the loyal maid Truffledina just wants to eat

breakfast. But her mistress, Nikolette di Nikoli, wants to disguise herself as her supposedly dead brother and go into the city to take care of his will and her inheritance. Nikolette and Truffledina

head off to the city, where they meet (and confuse) many of the residents. Hilarity is guaranteed as one mistaken identity leads to another, loyalties and love are traded, and chaos ensues in the pursuit

of Wild Strawberries.”
Join the MHS Theatre Troupe for their performances of “Wild Strawberries” on March 1 and 2 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and \$8 for K-12 students.



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are now available in the
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**Requests for an absentee ballot can
be made by telephone, in person or
online by visiting the State of Maine’s
Absentee Ballot Request Page at:
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online/AbsenteeBallot/ballot_begin.pl](https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/ballot_begin.pl)**

**Deadline to request an absentee ballot
is the close of business on
Thursday, February 29, 2024
UNLESS SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES,
AS DEFINED BY THE SECRETARY OF
STATES OFFICE, ARE MET**

**THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN
Tuesday, March 5th from 8am–8pm
at the Shapleigh Town Hall, 22 Back Rd.**




**SHAPLEIGH RESIDENTS
VOTE MARCH 5TH**

**Gloria M. Pillsbury
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- Dependable and trustworthy leadership
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- Member Shapleigh Community Building Committee
- Former member Shapleigh Planning Board, 15+ years
- Current Director Acton Fair
- Ten generations Shapleigh family

Elect Gloria Pillsbury for the best results!

THIS POLITICAL AD IS PAID FOR AND APPROVED BY THE CANDIDATE



CITY OF SANFORD

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

ABANDONED BUILDINGS

Sanford City Council – March 5, 2024

The City Council of the City of Sanford, Maine will hold a public hearing on an Ordinance establishing standards for the abatement of blighted buildings as a category of vacant buildings pursuant to City Code, Chapter 149, Licensing; updating the definition for abandonment; establishing a fee for security of dangerous buildings; and other administrative amendments to Article VI. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 919 Main Street, Sanford Maine and by remote methods, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 403-B(2)(D) and Section 6 of the City Council Rules of Procedure. Video and teleconference remote login information to participate by remote methods will be published on the City website at www.sanfordmaine.org/meetings on and not necessarily before Saturday March 2, 2024. The Ordinance can be found on the City website under notices [www.sanfordmaine.org/community/public_notices .php](http://www.sanfordmaine.org/community/public_notices.php) The meeting will be broadcast live on local cable channel 26, YouTube and Town Hall Streams and archived at www.townhallstreams.com/towns/sanfordme.

CITY OF SANFORD

NOTICE OF DANGEROUS BUILDING

HEARINGS MARCH 19, 2024

CITY OF SANFORD, MAINE

Parties in Interest are hereby notified that the City Council of the City of Sanford, Maine will hold dangerous building hearings on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, the meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 919 Main Street, Sanford Maine and by remote methods, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 403-B(2)(D) and Section 6 of the City Council Rules of Procedure. Video and teleconference remote login information to participate by remote methods will be published on the City website at www.sanfordmaine.org/meetings on and not necessarily before Saturday March 16, 2024.

- **41 EMERSON ST**, Tax Map M32, Lot 1B, and further described in a deed recorded in the York County Registry of Deeds at Book 15752, Page 568 and a mortgage recorded at Book 15752, Page 570.
- **51 PLEASANT ST**, Tax Map J17, Lot 8, and further described in a deed recorded in the York County Registry of Deeds at Book 16950, Page 762 and a mortgage recorded at Book 16950, Page 765.
- **62 TWOMBLEY RD**, Tax Map L30, Lot 10, and further described in a deed recorded in the York County Registry of Deeds at Book 18595, Page 535 and a mortgage recorded at Book 18595, Page 537.

These hearings are to determine whether these properties are a dangerous building or a nuisance within the meaning of 17 M.R.S.A. §§ 2851-2859, and to determine what, if any, remedy is appropriate and are a party in interest's opportunity to present evidence as to why these properties are not a dangerous building or a nuisance and to oppose or consent to any corrective action ordered by the City Council. A party in interest's failure to attend these hearings may result in the waiver of certain rights with regard to this property.

If the City Council finds that the property is a dangerous building or a nuisance, it may order the nuisance to be immediately abated and the appropriate corrective action taken, including, but not limited to, removal and disposal of the building and securing of the property. If the nuisance is not abated and the ordered corrective action is not taken by the City Council's order, and no appeal is taken, the City may abate the nuisance by taking the appropriate corrective action at the City's expense. The City may recover all expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs, by means of special tax or civil action.

Parties in interest can discuss attending the hearing and this notice with Ian Houseal, Director of Community Development for the City of Sanford prior to the hearing at (207) 608-4101 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

SANFORD



Dorothy 'Dot' Woodbury
SMHC COURTESY PHOTO

Honoring Dorothy 'Dot' Woodbury

As work is set to begin on the demolition of the Woodbury building later this month, Southern Maine Health Care is honoring the remarkable woman it was named after – Dorothy 'Dot' Woodbury.

The Woodbury Building played an integral role in the early success of Goodall Hospital. Upon its completion in 1929, the building was the home of Good-

all's nursing school and became a living space for Goodall nurses who served the hospital 12 hours a day, six days a week.

In 1986, the building was named after Dorothy 'Dot' Woodbury, a nurse who gave over 55 years of service to the Sanford community. Dot was a student in Goodall Nursing School's first graduating class in 1931 and lived in the building for two decades. A pillar to her care team and

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CITY OF SANFORD

FINDINGS AND ORDER, SANFORD CITY COUNCIL, pursuant to 17 M.R.S. §§ 2851-2859, Dangerous Buildings

On January 16, 2024 the City Council of the City of Sanford, Maine held a hearing to determine whether the property at 58 Pleasant Street, owned by Shirley A. Trumble, identified as Tax Map J17, Lot 19, and further described in a deed recorded in the York County Registry of Deeds at Book 7369, Page 95 is a dangerous building or a nuisance within the meaning of 17 M.R.S.A. §§ 2851-2859, and to determine what, if any, remedy is appropriate. The following persons were present and testified: A. City of Sanford Director of Community Development, Ian Houseal; B. City of Sanford Code Enforcement Officer, Aaron Lederer; C. Property Owner/Representative: none. Based on the testimony of those present and other evidence presented and made part of the record, the Sanford City Council hereby attests to the testimony and evidence and hereby finds the following facts: A. The building (the property) is abandoned as defined in 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3106-B and City Code §149-6.3, and as evidenced by: No electrical service; No water service to the building since August 21, 2023, and no habitable occupancy since that time; Windows are broken; Personal property and furnishings are absent or any remaining personal property is damaged or unusable and generally describable as junk, debris, household trash, and possibly hazardous; The owner has apparently left and there is no evidence that an heir or personal representative has taken possession; The Code Enforcement Officer has made a determination of abandonment; B. The building is dilapidated and inadequately maintained as evidence by the obvious hole in the roof; Sections of ceiling have caved-in; Sections of the floor have buckled; Window are missing and broken; Siding is missing; Vegetation overgrows the building; and the chimney has disintegrated; C. An inspection on January 4, 2023 found violations of City Code § 90-13B(5), 2015 International Property Maintenance Code: § 304.13. Missing and broken windows; § 304.7. Visible hole in the roof and failing shingle roof. § 304.1 and 304.6. Siding and exterior walls have holes, breaks, loose and rotting material; D. The building was ordered vacated on October 11, 2023 because of its condition; E. An inspection on October 16, 2023 found violations of City Code § 90-13B(5), 2015 International Property Maintenance Code: § 108.1.5. Lack of water and electric; § 108.1.5. Neglected building, damaged, dilapidated, hole in roof, attractive nuisance; § 304.13 Missing and broken windows; § 304.1. Building in poor repair; §304.6. Exterior walls have holes and are deteriorated; § 308.1. Accumulation of rubbish. Based on the foregoing findings, the Municipal Officers adjudge that the property is dangerous and nuisance to life and property. The property is unsanitary and unsafe. The property is inadequately maintained, is dilapidated. The property is abandoned. The property is a public nuisance and must be abated or satisfactorily rehabilitated. THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the property is to be immediately secured within 24 hours. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that any and all rubbish, debris, vehicles, equipment, household/human waste, and hazardous materials are to be removed from the property and properly disposed and the property maintained free of debris and plant growth within 30 days. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that to protect the health, safety, and welfare, the dangerous building or nuisance property is to be immediately abated (building or property removed/ disposed/ secured.) AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, if the owner or party in interest demonstrates the ability and willingness to satisfactorily rehabilitate the property by submitting and having a rehabilitation plan approved by the City Manager within 30 days of recording this Order and carrying out such rehabilitation plan in a timely manner, the Order to immediately abate the dangerous building or nuisance property may be delayed. Such rehabilitation plan must include: - At a minimum, all deficiencies listed as part of the findings of fact as herein set forth are corrected; - The property is rehabilitated and brought into compliance with all applicable State and Local Codes and meets all permitting and inspection requirements; - There shall be no occupancy or use of the building until the property has been satisfactorily rehabilitated. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the City Clerk record this Order in the York County Registry of Deeds and cause attested copies of this Order to be served upon the persons as required by law. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that, if this Order is not complied with, the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to ask for bids for the abatement (buildings or property removed/ disposed/ secured) of the dangerous building or nuisance property. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that, if this Order is not timely complied with and no timely appeal is taken, the City Manager may undertake the ordered corrective action at municipal expense and recover all expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, by means of a special tax or civil action. This decision may be appealed to Superior Court pursuant to Maine Rule of Civil Procedure 80B. The MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF SANFORD voted 7 to 0 in favor of the Findings and voted 7 to 0 in favor of the Order at the January 16, 2024 City Council meeting. The MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF SANFORD reviewed and voted 6 to 0 in favor of the authorizing the City Manager to sign this Findings and Order, record it in the Registry of Deeds, and serve it upon the owner and parties-in-interest as required by Law, at the February 6, 2024 City Council meeting.

[NOTE: This Findings and Order can be discussed with Ian Houseal, Director of Community Development for the City of Sanford at (207) 608-4101 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.]

WOODBURY

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community, she wore many hats, serving as a Nurse Anesthetist, Nursing Director and role model to children in her neighborhood.

Dot’s career at Goodall exemplifies the spirit of Sanford’s care team and community: strong, caring, and hardworking.

Unfortunately, the building has become prohibitively expensive to maintain, no longer meets current building code for clinical or administrative space and is not fit for refurbishment or expansion.

Demolition is set to be completed by April 30. We are able to recycle close to half of the materials and will replace the footprint of the building with green space.

A plaque honoring Dot and her legacy will be displayed on the Sanford campus.

—Southern Maine Health Care

CORRECTION

An article in the Feb. 15 issue, titled ‘Historic Woodbury Building scheduled for demolition,’ by Lawrence Furbish, should have also been attributed to the *Sanford/Springvale News*.



Then and now images of the soon-to-be-demolished Woodbury Building at Goodall Hospital. IMAGES COURTESY OF SOUTHERN MAINE HEALTH CARE

CITY OF SANFORD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Sanford City Council will hold public hearings and receive written and oral comments at its March 5, 2024 meeting, starting at 6 pm, on

- 280-15-11 Design Standards – Ordinance Revision – Revised to allow staff approval of minor modifications to signage and to reformat the text of this chapter for clarity and ease of use.

For more info on this and other recent Ordinance changes please visit the Upcoming and Ongoing Projects page of the Planning & Development Department’s webpage at sanford-maine.org. The hearing will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 919 Main Street, Sanford, or via remote video and teleconference pursuant to City Council Rules of Procedure. Testimony may be provided in person, via mail or email, or via Zoom. Meeting information, including how to connect via Zoom, is provided at www.sanfordmaine.org. Questions or written comments should be directed to the Planning Office at 324-9150 or jlbabcock@sanfordmaine.org.

THE CITY OF SANFORD
Public Hearing Notice
City Council Chambers and
Via Remote Video and Teleconference
Pursuant to 1 MRSA §403-B (2) (D)
and Section 6 of the City Council
Rules of Procedure
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Notice is hereby given that the Sanford City Council will hold a public hearing at 6:00 PM on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024** in person at City Hall Council Chambers, 919 Main Street, Third Floor, Sanford, Maine and via remote video and teleconference pursuant to 1 MRSA §403-B (2) (D) and section 6 of the Sanford City Council Rules of Procedure. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments on proposed changes to the City of Sanford Airport Ordinance. Further information on the proposed changes may be obtained through the Airport Manager prior to the public hearing. Written comments and questions should be directed to Allison Navia, Airport Manager, and will be accepted until **5:00 pm on March 4, 2024** at the Airport Manager’s Office, 9 Presidential Lane, Sanford.

The proposed amendments can be viewed by visiting the City of Sanford website at www.sanfordmaine.org and clicking on Public Notices.

Instructions for joining the meeting by in-person and remote methods are posted on the City’s website on the Meetings calendar. The meeting will be broadcast on cable channel 26 and archived at <https://townhallstreams.com/towns/sanfordme>.

POSTED: FEBRUARY 22, 2024

CITY OF SANFORD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Sanford Planning Board will hold public hearings and receive written and oral comments at its March 6, 2024 meeting, starting at 6 pm, on

- Michael’s Place, Final Major Subdivision, Major Site Plan and Private Way Application to develop a 10 lot residential subdivision on property located at the end of Guillemette Street at Tax Map G30, Lots 16 and 16A owned by Ash Cove Construction, LLC.
- Fletcher Farm I, Application for Final Major Subdivision, Major Site Plan, Private Way and a Shoreland Permit to develop a 5 lot residential subdivision with a private way on property owned by Patterson Companies, LLC and located Jagger Mill Road (Map R15, Lot 79A)

The hearing will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 919 Main Street, Sanford, or via remote video and teleconference. Testimony may be provided in person, via mail or email, or via Zoom. Meeting information, including how to connect via Zoom, is provided at www.sanfordmaine.org. Questions or written comments should be directed to the Planning Office at 324-9150 or jlbabcock@sanfordmaine.org.

CITY OF SANFORD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM
City Council Meeting

The City Council will open a public hearing to seek and receive comments on the following:
An application submitted by Jurow Farms LLC, 72 Emery Street, Unit 212, Sanford, Maine, for a New Marijuana Manufacturing Tier-1 License. The hearing will be conducted in person in the Sanford City Council Chambers and via remote video & teleconference at 6:00 P.M. on the date above-referenced. Members of the public wishing to join the meeting by phone should dial 1 (929) 205-6099 and use the meeting ID & Password provided in the link on the City of Sanford website calendar for the meeting date listed above: www.sanfordmaine.org.

Public comments may be submitted via email to info@sanfordmaine.org in favor or against the requested license. TDD/TTY users may call local TTY number or 711. If you are physically unable to access any of the City’s programs or services, please call Lorisa Ricketts at (207) 324-9173 so that accommodations can be made.

Susan H. Cote, City Clerk – Date Posted: Feb. 22, 2024

BRIEFS

Sanford Trails
Committee

Sanford citizens have developed one of the most extensive and scenic trail systems in Maine, connecting neighborhoods, natural areas, the Mousam River and the downtowns of Sanford and Springvale. There are trails for all abilities; rugged footpaths, paved bike paths, historic walks, multi-purpose trails and a boardwalk. All trails are free to use for the general public.

The Trails committee is always looking for volunteers. For general information or if you notice any trees down or something out of the ordinary, contact the Sanford Parks and Recreation office at 324-9130 or visit www.sanfordme.myrec.com.

Mousam Way
Land Trust

The Sanford Springvale Mousam Way Land Trust is a nonprofit, community oriented organization dedicated to the permanent protection of local land for the benefit of the public and future generations as well as providing livable habitat for present and future generations of humans, plant and animal life in the Sanford, Maine area.

Several Trust parcels have non-motorized trails, notably the Hall and McKeon Reserves. On the northerly side of the Rail Trail, there’s the 1/2 mile long Vigue Trail in Hall Environmental Reserve following the eastern shore of historic Deering Pond, with a trailhead off Deering Neighborhood Road. The Hazen’s Trail follows the western shore for about 1/2 mile, connecting the Rail And Vigue Trails. About 2 1/2 miles from Deering Pond, there are 2 1/2 miles of rolling trails in the McKeon Environmental Reserve.

For more information visit <https://mousamwaylandtrust.org>.

SPORTS

WRESTLING

STATE CHAMPS

(Continued from page 1)

topped the Knights by five points. Mt. Blue finished third with 91 points, Bonny Eagle was fifth and Sanford (third last year) tenth. Athletes from more than 25 high schools competed.

Bubar began the day with a quick pin (:12) of Ryder Lombardo from Camden Hills. He followed with a pin 37-seconds into his next match against Cheverus' Aiden Clapper. Wrestling at 165, Bubar stepped onto the mat for the final knowing that if he could secure a win, it would hand Massabesic its first state championship in 16-years. He pinned Ali early in the second period after a dominant first. "I was doing the calculations after Isaac [Boulard] won his match and knew it was going to come down to mine, said Bubar. The senior and now two-time state champion built a 12-0 lead in points in the first period and sealed the win with a pin early in the second. "We knew Dom was going to dominate this year, he was great last year," said second year head coach Joe Eon. Whatever we need, a pin, points, he gives it to us." Bubar, who won his 100th match during the season, lost just one bout this year, and that was to the #1 ranked wrestler in New England at 165. Last year, as a junior, Bubar was the New England Qualifier Champion. He went 4-2 at the New England Championships in 2023.

Isaac Boulard, wrestling at 113, beat Jace Goodrow from Mt. Blue in his opening match and he won a 13-5 major decision over Edward Little's Cooper Blair in his second. Boulard secured the championship with a 12-6 win over Noble's Owen Gray. He was second at the state finals in 2022 but had to withdraw due to illness last year. "It ended up being worth



Massabesic's Wrestling team won the Class A State Championship on Feb. 17 at Cony High School. PHOTOS BY JASON GENDRON PHOTOGRAPHY

it to come back and win. said Boulard when asked about the lead-up to the win that was assisted by his freshman brother. "We were really pulling for Jack [Harriman] who was going to be before Dom and the atmosphere was just great... when it got to Dominick, we knew he'd win."

Evan Boulard pinned Roman Galkowski to begin his state championship run. The brother to senior champion Issac, won a 9-0 major decision over Chase Frost from Bonny Eagle and he took first place in the 126 lb. weight division after a 4-3 win in the final over Evan Madigan from Edward Little. "I know the dynamic of having a brother on the team, said a laughing Eon when asked about his battles with brother Josh who was with him on the championship winning teams of 2007 and 2008. "Issac and Evan wrestle every day, it's great for their development, but Josh and I couldn't we'd always end up in a brawl... Seriously though we had everyone contribute we needed every point, I know Nicholas [Chenard] is dis-

appointed coming in second, but he's another reason why we won."

Jack Harriman pinned Gavin Therriault 29-seconds into their opening round match for the 157 lb. weight class. Next, Harriman secured a 9-4 decision over Justin Batty from Camden Hills, and he edged Mt. Blue's Steven Galkowski 5-4 in the final. Last year Harriman was runner-up at the state meet and third at the New England Qualifier.

Nicholas Chenard (132) lost 11-9 in the final against Elijah Farias. Chenard was runner-up in 2023 and 2022. Austin Dewitt finished third wrestling at 120. Eon's squad was scheduled to practice during the week leading up to Maine's New England Qualifier, held this year in Belfast on Friday, Feb. 23. "We've got six competing this week, the hope is we have six competing at New England's (Providence, RI) the week after." The team state title was the sixth for Massabesic.

Information for this article was found at mainewrestling.com. Thank you, Harry Smith!

Eon again at center of state wrestling win

Joseph Eon, head coach of Massabesic wrestling, got a chance to relive the glorious feeling of being a part of team that wins a state championship when his Mustangs took the top prize in Class A at Cony High School on Saturday, Feb. 17.

Sixteen years ago, in 2008 with their father Bob as head coach, Eon (140) and brother Josh (171) both won state titles. Seven teammates of the Eons on that championship day brought home medals: Peter Gilman and Gage Derosier (Father Rick was assistant coach before becoming a longtime head coach) were both runners-up; Ike Brochu, Derek Cloutier, Alex Holland and Ethan Norwald all were third and Nick Spaulding was fourth. Massabesic finished eighth at the New England Championships in 2008, led by a fourth from Joe and a second by Josh.

"That was a really good team, said Joe Eon when reached by phone. I think the year before we might have been better?" Records do show that Massabesic finished 6th at the New England Championships in 2007, their best finish ever.

At the 2007 event, held in New Haven, Connecticut, Josh finished second wrestling at 171 and Joe



Head Coach Joe Eon

was third at 140. In 2009, Joe and Peter Gilman both finished second at the New England's and Massabesic (runner-up to Noble at State's) finished seventh overall. In his senior year, Joe Eon won the Pelletier Award for Outstanding Wrestler and his fourth individual state championship. This year's win at Cony gave the Mustangs six state championships. Only two schools have more Class A titles than Massabesic including Sanford with 17 and Noble (15 total) with 14.

— By Mike DeAngelis
Sports Editor

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SPORTS

SWIMMING



Massabesic's Izzie Enos won the one-meter diving event.



The Massabesic girls placed second in the 200-yard medley relay and sixth as a team at the South-Southwesterns Swimming Championships on Feb. 11. The relay team above, from left, are Maya Beneszewski, Julianna Libby, Lily Stam and Izzie Enos. COURTESY PHOTOS

Enos wins one-meter diving, Lady Mustangs sixth overall

Izzie Enos was first in the one-meter diving event and the lady Mustangs finished second in the 200-yard medley relay to help them post a sixth-place finish overall at the annual South-Southwestern swim championships held Feb. 11. Enos broke her own school record with the diving win, and she was a part of the silver medal winning relay unit along

with Maya Beneszewski, Julianna Libby and Lily Stam. Stam was fourth in the 50 and fifth in the 500 while Beneszewski was fifth in the 100-backstroke.

— By Mike DeAngelis
Sports Editor

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sanford comes back, beats TA to advance

Sanford's varsity girls' basketball team set aside a weak first quarter—they trailed 14-4—to rally to 63-59 win in the opening round of the Class AA playoffs over visiting Thornton Academy on Thursday, Feb. 15.

The Spartans outscored TA 16-15 in the second quarter to cut the lead to nine at 29-20 and they exploded for 28-points in the third, giving them the lead 48-47 going into the fourth. Sanford's defense turned in their best quarter in the fourth, holding the visitors to just 12-points. Julissa McBaron had 21-points for the Spartans; Paige Sevigny had 18; Sadie Sevigny had 11 and Ava Hudson had nine. Hailey Tarbox had three steals and three offensive rebounds. Sanford was schedule to play #1 Gorham on Wednesday, Feb. 21 in the semifinals.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Pendleton, Walker are state champs; Scot men win relay title

Scarborough won the girls' state championship and South Portland won for the boys at the University of Southern Maine on Monday, Feb. 19. Harrison Dunne, Andrew Catalano, Parker Moore and Xavier Lemieux brought home the gold medal in the 4x800 relay for Bonny Eagle. Lemieux was runner-up in the 2-mile run as was Scot Addy Thibodeau on the ladies' side.

Julia Pendleton won the long jump, the only athlete with a leap beyond 17 feet.

Tucker Walker from Sanford won the shot put, with his toss passing 53 feet.

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Rams fall to Stags

Cheverus scored three times in the second period to help lift them to 6-2 win over the Rams (Gorham/Bonny Eagle/Fryeburg/Lake Region/Massabesic/Westbrook) in the Class A South Regional Girls' Ice Hockey Championship held Wednesday, Feb. 14 at Trough Arena in Portland.

After a scoreless first period the Stags opened up a two-goal lead on goals from Mikayla Talbot and Lucy Johnson. Emerson Homa cut

the lead down to 2-1 with a goal with just four minutes left in the period, but Johnson knocked home her second two minutes later to push the lead back to two goals. Caroline Rousseau and Talbot made it 5-1 with scores in the third, before Homa potted her second (sixth in the playoffs) to provide a glimmer of hope. Johnson finished her hat-trick off and the game a minute later.

The Rams had their best season reaching the semi-finals and posting a 14-7 record. Cheverus, ranked #2 nationally, won the state championship a few days later when they shutout Yarmouth 4-0.

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

Lockard hat-trick lifts Knighthawks

The Knighthawks, a boys ice hockey co-op from Marshwood, Noble / Sanford / Traip Academy won its fourth straight game after topping The Beacons (Portland/South Portland/Deering) 4-2 on Saturday, Feb. 17.

Ayden Lockard scored the first two goals of the game and Zac Camp made it 3-0 after one period. The Beacons scored the lone goal of the second period, and they cut it to 3-2 when Ben Paulson scored his second goal of the game early in the third. Ben Ott stopped the next eight shots that the Beacons put on goal and Lockard finished off his hat-trick late to post the two-goal win.

The Knighthawks (10-7) beat Thornton Academy 3-1 on Feb. 14. They were scheduled to play their final regular season game on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 5:20 p.m. at Trough Arena in Portland.

Marston, Trailblazers blank Eddies

Sam Foley and Lucas LaForest both scored twice and Shawn and Philip Traina each had a goal to help the Trailblazers (Windham/Westbrook/Bonny Eagle) beat Edward Little 6-0 on Monday, Feb. 19. Jacob Marston stopped all 28-shots he faced, and the Trailblazers (10-7) put an end to a three-game losing streak. They were scheduled to host Fryeburg/Lake Region/Oxford Hills in their final regular season game on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 2:45 p.m.

— By Mike DeAngelis
Sports Editor

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Just so ya know

Now that Valentine's Day is behind us, did you know there's a National Breakup Day? Neither did I, but apparently Feb. 21 — exactly one week after your loved one has gone out of his way to give you the gift of 12 of the estimated 250 million roses sold on Valentines Day, or a box of fattening chocolates in spite of the diet you're on so you can fit into that sexy outfit he bought you last Valentine's Day (never mind the one he picked out this Valentines Day), on the 21st day of February, National Breakup Day has arrived giving you ample opportunity to dump him — or her — or they. (This is an all inclusive piece.)

This is your opportunity to say, "Enough! You won't watch a Wednesday night Hallmark movie with me but expect me to continue to put up with your screaming, beer guzzling buddies for Monday Night Football? What am I, your personal maid service?"

OPINION

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Now I'm not totally ignorant of the fact the *Reporter*, your hometown family-owned weekly comes out on Thursdays, meaning the author of this long-winded run-on sentence filled column missed informing you of a truly significant holiday founded in 2006 in, (can you believe it?) The United States where everyday is a holiday of one kind or another. (Did you know Americans celebrate a National Slap day? Neither did I — but I missed that one too so I won't get in to it — but if you do google the date I suggest you check with the York County Sheriff's Department or your State Laws to see if it's a Domestic Violence-free slap on National Slap day, where I'm told one sun-filled state allows for one slap only on National Slap Day).

Back to my being a day late and a dollar short as always regarding National Breakup Day, a holiday that caught the attention of the international community. Thanks to social media, Facebook and those algorithms everybody hears about, The European Union commissioned a group of scientific experts to determine what day of the year the vast majority of couples call it quits. Turns out it's Dec.11. So, in spite of the fact I'm a day late with respect to National Breakup Day there's still time to plan because International Breakup Day is Dec. 11. Mark it on your calendar. You can thank me later.

— By Jon Simonds
North Waterboro

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LETTERS

Support for Tom Small

Dear Shapleigh voters, I am writing a letter in support of my son, Tom Small, who is currently running for Selectman for the Town of Shapleigh. Citizen involvement and participation in the running and operation of our town is a subject that means so much to me. I worked for many years as an EMT with Shapleigh Rescue, then I became a board member that established the ambulance donation account. This has made it possible for the Rescue Squad to purchase new ambulances without using any taxpayer funds. I also spent years as a volunteer with the Budget Committee.


Tom currently serves on the Town Forest Committee. He also served on the Budget Committee and is a past President of the Square Pond Improvement Association. Tom is an Air Force veteran and an Eagle Scout. Tom loves this town as do I and I wanted to add my support, and I hope you will also consider him for this very important role. I know he has the right skills and a strong desire to serve his community.

— Nancy Small
Shapleigh

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Obituaries



Ruth Boothby

Ruth Boothby
Ruth P. Boothby, 95, of Sanford died peacefully on February 8, 2024 at Summer Commons.
Ruth was born on March 8, 1928 in Shapleigh to Orrin and Laura (Mann) Pillsbury. She graduated from Sanford High School and Gorham State Teachers College. Mrs. Boothby was a 2nd grade teacher in Sanford for many years. She was able to balance raising her family and teaching others.
Ruth was a lifelong learner, avid reader, and respected educator. She had a strong appreciation for music and played the piano and sang. In her free time, she enjoyed braiding rugs, quilting, sewing, and knitting. Family and friends relished her home cooked meals. Ruth was a devoted and active member at the First Baptist Church in Shapleigh.
The farm in Shapleigh where Ruth lived most of her life and where Ruth and Harry raised their family was dear to Ruth's heart. Her grandparents, Albert and Hattie Mann purchased the farm in 1885. Ruth placed a deeded conservation easement on the farm in 2006 so that it would be a farm forever, free from development.
Surviving Ruth are her children, Carol Boothby, Sandra Lee,

Daniel Boothby, Kathy Boothby, Sue Ellen Gendron; sister Genola Lathrop; 12 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband E. Harry Boothby and son Randy Boothby.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Atria of Kennebunk, Summer Commons, and Wentworth Hospice for their compassionate care of Ruth.

Memorial services will be held at 1 pm on Thursday, February 22 at the First Baptist Church in Shapleigh. Burial of the cremated remains will be private at Boothby Family Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.



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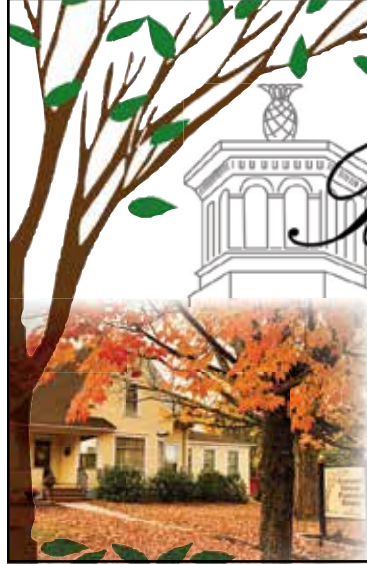
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YCSO AWARDS
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the officer who knows the jail very well and has been able to diagnose and solve building issues. “He has taken ownership of the safe and efficient operation of the jail, evidenced by his interrupting his vacation to return to work to fix the boilers when they stopped working abruptly. His work continues to be extraordinary,” said King.

As reserve corrections officer of the year, Natalia Morneau was recognized for her dedication to duty and knowledge of the court system. “With our current staffing shortage, reserve officers have become vital members of our workforce, consequently, we believe recognizing outstanding work of our part time corrections staff is important,” said York County Jail Administrator Major Nathan Thayer. “I have personally witnessed Reserve Officer Morneau’s outstanding work and “get it done” attitude.” King, when presenting the award, said court personnel will often ask specifically if Morneau is working because of her knowledge of the judicial process.

Lifesavings awards were presented to Corrections Officer Gabriella Carpenter, Sgt. Kurt Martin, Corporal Donovan Cram and CO Faith Blanchette after Carpenter noticed a female jail resident appeared to be in distress. They commenced CPR. The woman was in the throes of an overdose, said King. It took eight doses of Narcan to revive her – and she lived.

In another situation, three new arrestees were brought to the jail,



Keith Merrifield was named York County Jail Corrections Officer of the Year at the annual York County Sheriff’s Office awards ceremony Friday, Feb. 9.

and one collapsed in a holding cell. Sgt. Jason Druin, and COs Ken Hamilton and Keith Seymour came to the resident’s aid. Alfred Rescue was called, and Narcan administered, saving the person’s life. The three officers received Lifesaving Awards.

In Police Services, Deputy Travis Jones was called to the scene where man who was despondent was in the process of trying to take

his life. Jones was able to intervene and prevent the act from taking place and was given a Lifesaving Award.

Deputy Alex Markellos received a commendation for stepping in to help a motorcycle crash victim who had sustained a severe injury and, said Kiing was in danger of succumbing. Markellos applied a tourniquet which held until rescue services were able to step in.

Deputies Jason Solomon and Darren Cyr received commendations for their roles in apprehending a man who attempted to enter a parked postal service vehicle with the operator inside. When deputies arrived the man was no longer in the vehicle but talking to someone in a driveway. The deputies learned the suspect was wanted in New Hampshire on several charges, and was a registered sex offender who was prohibited from entering Maine. He ran into a nearby home, but deputies were able to catch up with him.

Commendations were also awarded to deputies Stephen Broy, Troy Chenard, Stephen Gould, Cody Frazier, Sgt. Mathieu Nadeau and to Administrative Clerk Stacy Thistlewood.

Back at York County Jail, receptionist Marion Bedard was sorting legal mail addressed to jail residents when she noticed something looked amiss with one of the envelopes.

“Her instincts kicked in,” said King. With proper authorizations given to open the envelope, it was shown to contain illegal drugs. She too, received a commendation.

Other corrections staff receiv-



Natalia Morneau was named Reserve Corrections Officer of the Year at the annual York County Sheriff’s Office awards ceremony Friday, Feb. 9. PHOTOS BY TAMMY WELLS, YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

ing commendation included Sgt. Colton Sweeney and COs James Foote, Kara Jones, Melissa Higgins, Jon Simonds, Matthew Sanborn, Gerry Therrian, Tyler Stone, and John Nardelli.

Civil Process supervisor Brad Paul received a commendation for his management of the Civil Process Division.

CO Jason Gaudette was awarded the Mathew Baker Award, named in honor of the late Chief Deputy. Gaudette is reliable, a team player, and demonstrates initiative and professionalism, said King.

Several York County Sheriff’s Office employees were recognized for their years of service.

Gerald Therrian has 35 years of service, Carl Ronco, 30 years and Michael Leary, 25 years. Marking 20 years were Stacy Thistlewood, William Elliot, Jason Gaudette, Eric Daigneault, Richard Lane, Michael Perry, Kelly Burnham, and Colton Sweeney. Fifteen year recipients include Lori Marks, Robert Carr, and Jason Drouin. Receiving five-year honors were Dennis Chagnon, Martin Harmon, Roger Nagy, Brad Paul, and Matthew Fitzgerald.

After the official ceremony, staff and guests were invited to enjoy refreshments.

“I look forward to these events every year because it allows us pause to recognize the outstanding work being done on a daily basis,” said King.

– By Tammy Wells, Media Specialist for York County Government

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