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## York County Spelling Bee

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Eight students from four York County Schools competed in the 2021-2022 York County Spelling Bee, hosted at Massabesic Middle School on Feb. 15. Representing Massabesic were 6th graders Benjamin Stevens and Paige MacAlpine. Represented Bonny Eagle were 7th graders Raistlin Mills and Mae House. Seventh grader Dylan Bandara and 8th grader Lily Bassett represented Saco, and 5th graders Kian Donovan and Siri Brown represented Wells/Ogunquit.

York County Spelling Bee Organizer Emily MacKinnon said that there have been more York County school districts represented in the past. "Sanford, York, RSU21 (The Kennebunks and Arundel), Biddeford, Noble, and Marshwood are some districts that didn't participate [this year] and have in the past." Acton school district was also invited and registered to participate, but did not send any representatives the day of the Bee. MacKinnon is the Gifted and Talented Instructional Coach for RSU57, and served as the Bee Pronouncer.

According to their teachers, students practice by studying the School Spelling Bee Study List available to them at spellingbee.com in January. They can also use a website with activities called Spell It! (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/word-games/spell-it>) or use the Duolingo App and set weekly goals.

After drawing numbers to determine the order of spellers, the Bee began with a practice round to get everyone warmed up and comfortable. All students made it through Round 1. The final 3 ended up being 5th Graders Siri Brown and Kian Donovan from Wells/Ogunquit and 6th grader Benjamin Stevens from Massabesic. All three students made it through Rounds 6 and 7. In Round 8, both Kian and Ben misspelled their words and Siri correctly spelled her word, "Richter Scale" in Round 9, making her the winner, and after a spell-off, Ben correctly spelled "Bloomsbury," making him the runner up.



## Hitting the stage

Mustang Theatre will perform a one-act play 'Our Place' on Friday, March 18 and Sunday, March 20 in the MHS auditorium, and then at the regional festival March 25-26. COURTESY PHOTO

## One-act play at MHS

Each year, Massabesic High School's theatre program puts on a one-act play in early spring. This year, Mustang Theatre will be submitting the play 'Our Place', written by Terry Wayne Gabbard, to the Regional One-Act Festival. The play follows five separate groups of individuals who all share their own life experiences in the same place—a small lake dock. From romance and laughs to heartbreak and loss, they all find their own reason to call this run-down dock their place. This dramatic comedy explores what each character is missing in their lives and how they try to fill their own void.

Mustang Theatre will be performing two shows before heading to the One-Act Festival: the first on Friday, March 18th at 7 pm, and the second on Sunday, March 20th at 2 pm. All shows are held in the Massabesic High School auditorium. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold at the door.

This show will then travel to the Regional One-Act Festival at Kennebunk High School. The Regional One-Act Festival is an annual competition that is held at nine locations throughout the state each year. Local high schools each perform a one-act play—running for 40 minutes or less for a small group of judges. The winner from each Regional site typically moves on to the state competition, although this year there will be no state competition. The Regional One-Act Festival will be held March 25-26 throughout the state.

Mustang Theatre puts on two annual shows—one in the late fall and one in the spring—as well as an International Thespian Society induction ceremony in May. The program is run by Catherine Leavitt, the VPA department head and a visual art teacher at Massabesic High School.

—By Avery Haskell



## Spelling Champs

York County spellers, from left, Mae House, Ben Stevens, Lily Bassett, Siri Brown, Kian Donovan, Dylan Bandara, Paige MacAlpine and Raistlin Mills. PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Siri said after her victory, "I've been practicing almost every day since the first list came out in January." Still, she said that she was not expecting to win. "Especially after misspelling 'wretched' in the practice round!" she said. "You just never know!" said her grandmother, Fern Brown. There were older kids and Siri was one of the youngest, one of the two 5th graders from her school. It was her first time doing the Spelling Bee, and it was all new. When asked about her technique, Siri said that she reads through the words on the list, memorizes them by seeing them and having read them. "She's a voracious reader," her grandmother said.

Siri will advance to the Maine State Bee which will take place in person at Hannaford Hall or via Zoom on March 25 at the

University of Southern Maine. According to MacKinnon, "Last year, it was a completely virtual bee, which reduced participation state-wide. I believe 12 of the 16 counties actually came last year." She added, "In the past state bees, all 16 counties have been there." We'll see what happens this year!

The winner of the State Bee will move on to Bee Week 2022 in the Washington DC area, where they will compete against the dictionary for the chance to go to the Finals. The Finals themselves will be broadcast live on Thursday, June 2 on ION Television. When asked what she will do to prepare for the State competition, Siri said she will do the same thing she has been doing. She will get the packets of word lists from her teacher, Mrs. Turner, who helps with the Spelling Bee.



York County Spelling Bee winner Siri Brown, a 5th grader from Wells/Ogunquit. Massabesic 6th grader Benjamin Stevens was runner-up.

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## COMING EVENTS

**PRE-ST. PATRICK'S DAY OPEN HOUSE** at the Hollis Center Library Saturday, March 12 from 12-2 p.m. Library materials will be on display as well as plans for future projects including an outdoor stage and events tent. Live Irish tunes with Gus and Mary on guitar and flute and refreshments will be provided. March Movie Madness is here! Borrow a DVD and take with it microwave popcorn and candy. One per family while supplies last. The library is located at 14 Little Falls Road, Hollis Center. Call 929-3911 or visit [www.holliscenterpubliclibrary.org](http://www.holliscenterpubliclibrary.org) for more info. Open Mondays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesdays 2-7 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**MUSICAL AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL** Junie B. Jones Jr. The Musical, presented by the Massabesic Middle School Drama Club, Friday, March 11 at 6 p.m.; Saturday, March 12 at 2 and 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 13 at 2 p.m. at the MMS Cafetorium, 134 Old Alfred Road, East Waterboro. Adults are \$9,

seniors and students are \$7 and children under 7 are \$5. Tickets on sale at the door or in advance at [show-tix4u.com](http://show-tix4u.com).

**READING CHALLENGE** The Springvale Public Library, 443 Main St., invites children to join the IditaRead Reading Challenge that runs from March 5-31, in conjunction with the Annual Iditarod Dog Sled Race. It is not too late to join. This is an exciting reading program sponsored by Maine State Library using Beanstack. Visit [www.maine.beanstack.org](http://www.maine.beanstack.org) or download the Beanstack app. Search Maine State Library, then Springvale. The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race is a long distance sled dog race traveling from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska and represents the freight route to Nome, celebrating the part that sled dogs played in the settlement of Alaska. In the IditaRead Reading Challenge every minute read equals 4 miles of the route. Each location you reach earns you a virtual badge. Everyone who participates will earn a free book at the end of the challenge. Contact Sheila Dube at [sdube@springvalelibrary.org](mailto:sdube@springvalelibrary.org) for more information.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING** The next meeting of the Lyman Historical Society will be held Tuesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. at the Community Library on John Street. If you're interested in Cousens School, we have made a reference book about Horace Cousens, the man who donated the money for it and for whom it's named. It's in the Maine section of the library.

**SPRINGVALE LIBRARY AUCTION** Springvale Library, 443 Main St. is seeking donations for its online auction planned for April 8 - 17. They will be accepting donations until March 15. If you would like to contribute to their auction please email the library director Leslie Unger at [lunger@springvalelibrary.org](mailto:lunger@springvalelibrary.org) and beginning April 8 you can go to the library website to begin bidding if you wish to attend the online auction.

**FREE COMMUNITY DRIVE THRU DINNER** at the Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church, 503 Goodwins Mills Road on Route 35 in Lyman. March 19 from 4:30-6 p.m. (Boiled dinner, rolls, cookies). April 16 from 4:30-6 p.m. (Beans,

hot dogs, coleslaw, rolls, brownies). May 21 from 4:30-6 p.m. (American Chop Suey, green beans, rolls, cupcakes). June 18 from 4:30-6 p.m. (Cookout with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, macaroni salad, chips).

**BINGO** at Buxton Town Hall, March 24 at 6 p.m. Come try your luck, and if you get a BINGO you choose a prize from the prize vault. Bingo nights are free to adults and seniors. Bring your own dauber or purchase one for \$3. Visit [www.buxtonrec.com](http://www.buxtonrec.com) for more info.

**BAKED BEAN SUPPER** Crossroads United Methodist Church will be starting their monthly Baked Bean Suppers on March 26, and continue each month through October. Inside seating, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., The menu is: two types of beans, hot dogs, ham, chop suey, coleslaw, mac & cheese, brown bread muffins, rolls, brownies and

ice cream, coffee, tea and water. Donations: \$8 adults, children 6-12 \$3, ages 5 and under are free.

## ONGOING EVENTS

Massabesic Lions monthly dine-in or take-out **BEAN SUPPER** the 2nd Saturday of every month, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Regional Medical Center building, 813 Main Street, Waterboro. Adults \$8. Children 5 to 12 \$5, 4 and under No Charge. Kidney and Pea Beans, Chop Suey, Ham, Hot Dogs, Cole-slaw, "Our Homemade" Biscuits, variety of yummy Desserts.

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Fire and Rescue reports they had 50 calls for assistance in February. There were 3 calls for mutual aid, 1 fire alarm activation, 4 requiring a lift assist, 1 medical (code), 1 medical assist transported by mutual aid, six medical non transport, seven medical transport by advanced life support training, seventeen medical transport by basic life transport training, five motor vehicle crashes, one need-

ing public assistance, one call for tree limbs or wires done and one vehicle fire, making 50 incidents of which one was cancelled.

## Permits issued

Permits issued by the Code Enforcement Officer Jim Allaire in February included one to Alex Lacrete on Clark Road for interior renovations, one to Shawn Kenniston of Back Road for an 18 by 37 addition; one to Jim Boldebook of Pond View Lane for two decks, one 10 by 12 and one 12 by 12; one to Pete Van We of Hat Brook Drive for 26 roof-mounted solar panels; one to Melvin Ellis of Whichers Mills Road to install a 12 by 16 pre-fab shed and one to Kurt and Kirsta Okerholm of Kennebunk Road for kitchen and bath remodel.

# The Hoarder's Widow

The Hoarder's Widow will be serialized in the Reporter, one chapter at a time. Are you interested in the life, the love, the belongs, and the mind of a hoarder? Read on. Learn and enjoy.

## CHAPTER NINE The twelve pound baby

I thought the meeting with the designer went well. I was hopeful! "We're on our way to our colonial beauty," I told Bob as we walked back to Natalie's, hand and hand. A few weeks later, we got the plans and studied them carefully though we still did not have "The Sign" in our yard.

In September 2004, almost two years after our wedding celebration, and ready to begin the renovation, Bob gathered his construction crew; friends, neighbors, and a few hired hands. Cutting off the roof of the house and nailing the gambrel trusses in place was the hardest part of the renovation. On the Saturday set for everyone to gather, a mini-hurricane blew in. Fortunately, Bob had planned ahead for possible rain and bought at Marden's the two biggest blue tarps they sold. When the trusses were nailed in place, the two blaring blue sheets completely covered the skeleton of the new fake colonial gambrel roof. A little rain leaked into Bob's house of treasures and one worker slipped and fell through the living room ceiling, unhurt since he landed on old newspapers and junk mail. No other accidents occurred, thank God. I was rejoicing about the progress but my optimism did not last long. The whole seven-year reconstruction project was as painful as delivering a twelve-pound baby without anesthesia.

The renovation dragged on and on. Out the Marvin Windows went

our Christian manners and my dedication to being a Godly, submissive wife. We had many hollering and hounding fits. Bob wanted to be Bob and do whatever he wanted. I wanted him to be the useful handyman he was when we met. Bob was a perfectionist, every job taking five times longer than I thought necessary. He did not want to hire any help because, in reality, if he had done the job himself, it would be better than someone else could do.

"This is not the Sistine Chapel," I would say, trying to hurry him up. He paid NO attention.

Bob got bored with the chore lists we devised each evening. He wanted to visit his Bible study buddies and eat greasy pizza even when there was no Bible study. He missed his metal hunts and drives to Tractor Supply for more catalogs, taking along his friend, the green Stanley thermos of coffee. I nagged on and on about clearing the clutter. Then I began the sinful habit of sneaking his treasures into my car and throwing them away anyplace that had a big trashcan. Finally, the downstairs was finished, the twelve-pound baby birthed, except for Bob's office. The upstairs was half complete, my promised, precious sewing room waiting impatiently for an Easter dress sewing day.

It was a tragedy I didn't understand this skillful, creative, intelligent human being, and I did not understand hoarding. The love in the marriage was buried under layers and layers of procrastination, sheetrock dust, resentment, cardboard, and perfectionism.

The Last Holler, Jan. 8, 2015, 5:30 p.m. Bob and I finished dinner, one of my Weight Watchers, low carb, high protein, with vegetables and no dessert specials. He was washing the dishes, not my way but his, by squirting Dawn on each individual plate or fork, scrubbing it with the fifty-cent

dish brush with the mashed plastic bristles, bought at Marden's, the one too good to take, yet, to the shop for its next potential. Bob kept the hot water running whilst he scrubbed away. Inside I was complaining about the wasted Dawn, water, and oil to make the water hot. "Bob," I wanted to say, "Sam's Club may not have another sale on Dawn for a long time and we'll have to pay full price. You know the well doesn't have much water. Think of the oil cost for that squandered hot water."

"Best not say anything or try to change his methods," I thought. "If I was 'in charge' I'd make half a pan of hot water with one squirt of Dawn, saving the Dawn and water and getting the chore done quicker and better." I thought I knew it all! After all, I'd been studying Bob's method of doing dishes for years. "If I give Bob suggestions, Bob may holler. I don't want to hear that. His loud, angry voice scares me inside! When he grits his teeth and snarls, he looks like a mad dog out of a Stephen King novel." I had been the brunt of his erratic, unpredictable behaviors the past eleven years, but I needed a place to live and went to counseling, so I existed. It was a constant struggle to know what to say. Bob hollered his way to the end of most conversations, discussions, and disagreements.

As I watched Bob wash the dishes, I thought of Steven Covey's book, Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. "It doesn't matter how the job gets done as long as it gets done," Covey wrote. "So, Carol, back off giving this seventy-two-year-old man more dishwashing lessons."

Will Carol listen to her own good advice? Will she repent of her nagging and judgments? Advice appreciated. A better way? [ccephil@securespeed.us](mailto:ccephil@securespeed.us)

- Author Carol E. Niles lives in Dayton

## Town of Acton Nomination Papers

Nomination papers for the following seats are now available in the Town Clerk's office and must be returned no later than 4:00pm on Friday, April 15, 2022 with a minimum of 25, but no more than 100 signatures of registered Acton voters.

- (1) Board of Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor 3-year term - (David Winchell Jr.'s term is expiring)
- (1) School Committee Member 3-year term - (Amanda Cobb's term is expiring)
- (1) Road Commissioner, District 1 3-year term (William Langley's term is expiring)

**The Election of Officers will be held on  
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# SHAPLEIGH

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## Shapleigh Republicans hold Caucus

On Feb. 24, the Shapleigh GOP (Republican) Caucus was held at the Town Hall with Sandy White presiding over the meeting. In attendance was Barbara Britten, Secretary; Nancy Bond, Treasurer; Clinton Wesley Finley, delegate to 2022 GOP convention, and candidates were invited to speak to their candidacy. The Primary Election will be held on June 14 and the General Election will be held on Nov. 8.

As announced at the Caucus:

**JIM LIBBY**, candidate for State Senate, is a former State Senator and is involved with many administrative sections and teaching positions at Colby College in Waterville, and Thomas College. He is concerned with today's 'cancel culture,' crowding the government with too many government positions and the power of the Federal Reserve and our currency. Libby is interested in infrastructure and that parents should be able to choose schools for their kids.

**ROGER HICKS**, candidate for Sheriff. One of Hick's main goals is to bring the community back to community policing. He feels we have lost these important values over the years. He stated, "it is time that the community becomes a true

working partner with a York County Sheriff's Office once again." Hicks will provide an open and transparent relationship, with accountability, to ensure effective and efficient services to the taxpayers of York County.

**ROBERT ANDREWS**, candidate for York County Commissioner, District 1. Andrews lives in Acton with his wife, Pam. They have six children and three grandchildren. He is Pastor of the First Parish Congregational Church in Lebanon and does promotions for Word Radio 88.7 in Sanford. He states that much of his work has enabled him to have a leadership role over a large group of people. He has been an administrator over budgets and schedules, and loves working with people and their futures.

**LUKE LANIGAN**, candidate for Maine House 141 serving Sanford, Shapleigh and Springvale. Due to redistricting, Heidi Sampson, will no longer be representing Shapleigh in the House of Representatives. Sampson has endorsed Lanigan, as has Representative Matt Harrington of Sanford. Lanigan is concerned with parental rights in regard to their children's education. He believes in teaching life skills to school children, for example, how to obtain a mortgage, working skills, balancing checkbooks, etc. He also believes that we are overtaxed and there should be no new taxes and believes in funding the elderly where needed. Lanigan lives in Springvale with his wife and 4 boys.

# SPORTS

## WRESTLING

### Frost, Blood lead locals at NE wrestling meet

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS  
Sports Editor

The top wrestlers in New England, from over 130 high schools, visited Providence, Rhode Island on Mar. 4 & 5 for the annual New England Wrestling Championships with some impressive results for the locals.

Caden Frost (132) of Bonny Eagle finished third, compiling a 4-1 record. Frost received a first round bye, then won an 8-3 decision over (#4CT) Anthony Basile. He followed with a major decision win over (#2RI) Aidan Robichaud, but he fell to (#2MA) Adam Schaeublin 8-5 in his next bout. Frost posted a 4-0 win over (#5MA) Tyler Kadish, which sent him to the consolation final, where he finished off a superb high school career with a rematch win over Robichaud at 1:39.

James Blood of Sanford took home the bronze after posting a 4-1 mark. Blood (106) won a major decision over (#3CT) Raekwon Shabazz and he followed with a pin of (#5MA) Brayton Car-



Massabesic's Mariah Jacobsen, pictured above with coaches Ed Hernandez (L) and Rick Derosiers (R), finished third in the Maine State Women's Wrestling Championships held in Lincoln on Feb. 23 at Mattanawcook Academy. Jacobsen wrestled in the 120-lb. weight division. COURTESY PHOTO

bone. Musa Tamaradze (#1MA) the eventual winner, handed the Spartan his only loss, but Blood returned with consecutive nail biter wins. His semi-final win over (#2RI) Ryan Conlan, who had won four consecutive matches, ended 2-0, and a clutch 3-2 win over

(#1CT) Joe Mahoney lifted the junior to the bronze.

Ayden Cofone (113) of Windham brought home a fifth place finish, going 5-2. Derek Cote (138) of Noble finished fifth, going 4-2. William Orso (285) of York finished fourth, also going 4-2.

## INDOOR TRACK

### Mainers shine at NE track championships

The Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, MA. hosted the annual New England Track and Field Championships on Saturday, Mar. 5 and local athletes turned in some noteworthy performances. Mia-Claire Kezal, a senior at Thornton Academy topped the field in the 1000-meter run with a time of 2:53.47, more than one second better than runner-up Kali Holden. Andrew Farr of Gorham came in second in the 300. Scarborough had a runner-up finish from Jayden Flaker in the 55-hurdles and a third place finish the 1000 from Zach Barry.

- By Michael DeAngelis  
Sports Editor



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**NOMINATION PAPERS must be returned to the Office of the Town Clerk by Tuesday, April 19, 2022.**

**The VOTING will take place at the Town of Alfred municipal elections on June 14, 2022 from 8am - 8pm.**

## TOWN OF ALFRED PLANNING BOARD

### NOTICE OF SITE WALK & PUBLIC HEARING

For: **Stephen Coyne/Sandra Roux**  
413 Jordan Springs Road, Alfred, Maine 04002  
(Tax Map 4, Lot 013-B)

**SITE WALK: Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm**  
Location: 413 Jordan Springs Road, Alfred

**PUBLIC HEARING: Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:30 pm (following the Site Walk)**  
Location: Alfred Town Hall, 16 Saco Road, Alfred

A Land Use Permit Application has been submitted by Stephen Coyne for a multiple business project at 413 Jordan Springs Road, Alfred; Tax Map 4, Lot 013-B. The applicant proposes to service RV trailers and to cut and sell firewood at this location. The complete application is available for review at Alfred Town Hall. If you would like an electronic copy of the application packet, please email Liz at [lizdudgeon@alfredme.net](mailto:lizdudgeon@alfredme.net).

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Interested applicants should refer to a more detailed job description available at [www.waterboro-me.net](http://www.waterboro-me.net). Applications consist of a separate cover letter, resume, and salary expectations to be emailed to the Administrative Assistant at [waterboro@waterboro-me.gov](mailto:waterboro@waterboro-me.gov). Resumes must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 28, 2022. The position will remain open until filled.

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### TOWN OF WATERBORO

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Bids are due by 5pm Friday March 18, 2022, and will be opened at noon on Monday, March 21, 2022. Bids must be clearly marked "Town Hall Siding Project" and should be mailed to 24 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro, ME 04030. For more information please refer to our website [www.waterboro-me.gov](http://www.waterboro-me.gov) or contact the Administrative Assistant Laura Lowe at 247-6166, ext. 101.

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## NOTICE TOWN OF ALFRED

Nomination Papers will be available March 7, 2022 for the following positions to be elected on June 14, 2022:

- (1) Select Board member, Assessor & Overseer (3 year term)
- (1) Director RSU#57 (3 year term)
- (1) Alfred Water District Trustee (3 year term)

Nomination Papers may be obtained from the Town Clerk during regular business hours and must be returned to the Town Clerk, 16 Saco Road, Alfred, ME 04002 no later than 6:45 PM on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

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Obituaries

**Catherine Frances Swett**

Catherine "Kitty" Swett, 86, of Limerick, died on Feb. 7, 2022, at home due to complications following recent surgery.



Catherine Frances Swett

She was born on Jan. 19, 1936, to John F. and Mildred (Knack) Burba of Biddeford. Growing up on Thatcher Brook, a tributary to the Saco River, she spent her summers swimming and her winters skating. She participated in many activities including basketball, yearbook, and glee club before graduating as valedictorian from St. Joseph's High School in 1953.

After starting a family in Connecticut, she eventually returned to Maine where she met Maurice Ray Swett Jr., and the two were married for 26 years.

A longtime resident of Limerick, Kitty was well known from her time working at the Limerick Supermarket as well as her involvement in the community. She was a member of the Massabesic Lions Club and could often be found at the Monday night bingo events. She also enjoyed playing cards and, in later years, she played bridge at the Trafton Senior Center.

Kitty had a fondness for the ocean and looked forward to scenic drives down the coast. She loved meeting new people and socializing almost as much as she loved a good cup of coffee, a delicious meal, and a delightful book. Most importantly, she had a kind and generous heart especially when it came to her children, grandchildren, and animals.

She is survived by her children, Cynthia Swett and David Swett, and her grandchildren, Lauren Swett and Tyler Swett and his wife, Vanessa.

A private burial will take place in the spring. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Animal Welfare Society, P.O. Box 43, West Kennebunk, ME 04094.

**Michael E. LeBorgne**

It is with great sadness that the family of Michael E. LeBorgne, 58, of Sanford, announce his passing on Jan. 25, 2022. His family surrounded him with love when he passed unexpectedly at Maine Medical Center in Portland.



Michael E. LeBorgne

Mike was born to Edward LeBorgne and Louise Frank in Concord, New Hampshire.

Michael graduated from Sanford High School in 1982. He was a maintenance worker for a local company. Mike was a devout Christian that loved his family and friends. He was also a long-time member of Curtis Lake Church.

Mike enjoyed being outdoors with nature and going to the local gym. His passion was metal detecting for historical artifacts.

Mike had a big heart and smile that will be dearly missed by all those that knew him.

Survivors include his two brothers, Daniel LeBorgne, and Kevin Frank and two nieces Elyse Frank and Mia Frank.

**Kevin B. McCormick**

Kevin Blake McCormick, 69, a longtime resident of Alfred, died unexpectedly at his home on Wednesday, March 2, 2022.



Kevin B. McCormick

Kevin was born on August 16, 1952 in Wilmington, Massachusetts the son of Donald and Rita (Maxwell) McCormick.

He was a graduate of the UMass/Lowell and worked for over 26 years as a corrections officer at the York County Jail in Alfred. Kevin was a parishioner of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish/Holy Family Church and an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

Kevin had known his current wife for over 20 years, April, as she worked in human resources for the

County. Following the loss of their respective spouses, they found their hearts were open to love and companionship again.

Kevin was known for his generosity, smiling face and being a jokester. For his siblings and friends, he was the protective "Big Brother" as well a father figure to youngsters. He was "tough as nails" yet was a softy when it came to his family and animals. He and April enjoyed making their home a warm and welcoming place. They did outside projects together as April tended to the beautiful rose bushes while Kevin mowed the lawn with his riding mower.

Kevin was a dyed in the wool New England sports fan, especially the New England Patriots. He and April enjoyed a day at Fenway Park watching the Red Sox. They liked exploring Bar Harbor, attending Billy Joel concerts, and seeing the Eagles perform.

Kevin loved reading books on the Civil War, President Lincoln, and historical novels. He was very patriotic and enjoyed the comradery of spending time at the Social Club in Springvale.

We will miss your smile, bear hugs and the light and love you brought into our lives.

He is lovingly survived by his wife of one year, April McCormick of Alfred; children Theresa Pelletier of Shapleigh and Denise Longfellow of Illinois; siblings Dianna Crone of Mass; Linda McCormick of Vermont and Donald McCormick of ME; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Kevin was predeceased by his grandson Matthew Coppola and two brothers, James and Michael McCormick.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, March 11 at 10 a.m. at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish/Holy Family Church, 66 North Ave., Sanford. Immediately following the service, please join the family at the Social Club, 22 Bridge Street, in Springvale.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit [www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com](http://www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a donation in Kevin's name to: Alfred Fire & Rescue, P.O. Box 36, Alfred, ME 04002.

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

**Jacqueline Edna Briggs Gerrish**

Jacqueline Edna Briggs Gerrish, of Alfred, was born Jan. 3, 1930 to James E. and Arline Drown Briggs in Sanford. Her initials being the same as her father's J.E.B., which was why her name was chosen by her parents. By age



Jacqueline Edna Briggs Gerrish

2, the family moved to Alfred where she spent the next 90 years. She graduated from Alfred High School in 1948. On May 8, 1949 she married Roland Gerrish. After his service in the US Navy during the Korean War, they purchased Middle Branch Farm on Gore Road, a mile down the road from the Briggs farm on the hill. They ran the farm for several years while raising their family, son James Roland and daughter, Mary Sue.

Jackie spent several years in the 60's being Alfred's Avon lady. She enjoyed her visits with the ladies of Alfred bringing them Avon products. She worked in the fall in the Gile Orchards picking apples. She worked in retail industry at the McCullen's 5 and 10 Cent Store on Main Street, Sanford as a teenager and later at King's Department Store.

Jackie had a green thumb in her home gardens as well as working at Alfred Florist, Huff's Florist, and Browning's Greenhouse. In her home, there are many plants she has nurtured for many years. Jackie enjoyed quilting and made several for family and friends. She

was one of the ladies who got together to make a community quilt. Jackie helped her husband, Roland with his business R.E. Gerrish & Son and Gerrish Corporation as the bookkeeper and rental property manager. Jackie also helped with the care of several elderly people in the Alfred and Sanford area.

Jackie lived a long and full life and died peacefully with son and daughter at her side on March 3, 2022.

Jackie is predeceased by her parents, James E. Briggs and Arline (Drown) Briggs, her husband of 62 years, Roland E. Gerrish, sister, Constance A. Briggs.

She is survived by her sister, Joyce Wagner and brother, Paul Briggs; her son, James R. Gerrish and wife, Julie; daughter, Mary Susan Winn and husband, Arnold, grandsons, Jeb Gerrish, and wife, Jennifer, Johnathan Winn and partner, Chelsey; Jess Gerrish and wife, Bethanie; Timothy Winn and wife, Sarah and Thomas Winn and wife, Jessica; granddaughters, Lacey Winn and Jaime Gerrish Chipman and husband, Wesley, 13 great grandchildren, Ava Gerrish, Ella Gerrish, Sydney Cyr, Brooklyn Cyr, Kristian Gerrish, Kallie Winn, Kayden Winn, Aiden Reynolds, Nathan Reynolds, Eilish Winn, Freyja Winn, Reese Chipman and Ryder Chipman.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, March 21 at 2 p.m. at the Carll-Heald & Black Funeral Home, 580 Main Street, Springvale. Family and friends are invited to gather for an hour of visitation beginning at 1 p.m. Burial will be in the spring at Evergreen Cemetery in Alfred.

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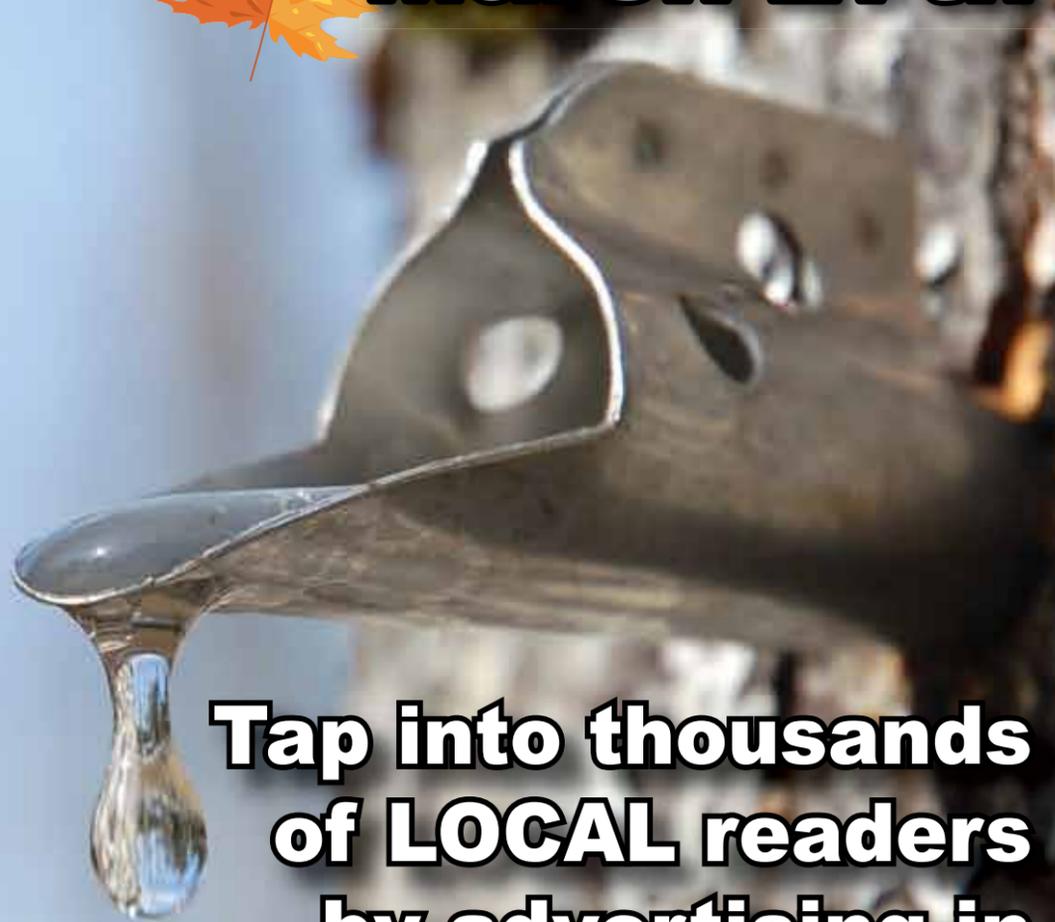
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