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Wesley Light, left, of Alfred, watches Rhonda Junkins inspect and the roll up the fleece that was just PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS shorn from the sheep during Open Shearing Day on March 9.

# **Open Shearing Day** at Echo Valley Farm

#### By Cynthia Matthews

When Rhonda Junkins retired as a local Real Estate agent in 2012, she decided to get involved in spinning wool. She started using a drop spindle and had a client who made spinning wheels, so she eventually took a class and learned how to spin on a wheel. The problem was, "the roving is used a lot faster on a wheel," she said. One day, while walking in the yard with her husband, Pat, she noticed that the grass was kind of long. "Hmmm, I need more roving and the lawn needs mowing." Of the cuff, she said, "You know what we need? We need five little wool producing lawn mowers." She certainly didn't expect her husband Pat's reply, "We'd have to get some babies. They are so cute!" Junkins began to do research on the internet to find a small, wool producing breed that might work for her. She found that Shetland rams only get to be about 110-120 lbs., and the ewes 40-60 lbs. That seemed manageable. In addition, Shetlands were known to lamb easily. So six years ago, they invested in one ram, and four ewes and Echo Valley Farm was born.

thought it might be nice for people to see." Over 50 people came to the farm on March 9, to see the sheep and to watch Champion Shearer, Jay Marrilaughker demonstrate the evolution of Shearing over the last 100 years.

Marrilaughker was born and raised in western Pennsylvania, the 7th generation on the same family farm. His family raised beef cattle and hogs. So how did he get into sheep? Well, one year, he saw a cute girl at the local fair in the 4H Sheep Club. He thought, "If I could get some sheep, maybe I'll get to see this girl more often." He joined his local 4H Sheep Club and bought three lambs, raised them and took them to the county fair the next year. He sold them at the fair, but had grown attached to them, he explained, so he used the money he earned at the fair to buy fourmore sheep. A buddy of his had been to sheep shearing school, and sheared Marrilaughker's sheep for him. According to Marrilaughker, his buddy did a horrible job. So, deciding he could do it better himself, Marrilaughker signed up for a two-day course at his local 4H extension. Marrilaughker says, "It takes about 10 years or 10,000 sheep to get good at it." Marrilaughker said that he has been shearing sheep for 39 years, and he sheers about 3,000 sheep each year. Oh, and by the way, he married that girl! They



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he 36th annual Maine Maple Sunday is March 24. Always the fourth Sunday in March, maple producers celebrate statewide by opening their sugarhouses to the public for tours, samples and other activites 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 3-5 for a guide to area participants and events.

# **News Century Club** celebrates 75 years

#### **By Allison Williams**

MARCH

Is the club really celebrating 100 years in Alfred? The New Century Club programs this year have been looking back at past activities - the topic last Sunday was what happened in 1968, the year it was 75 years old. Next month Alfred Carlson will speak on "The First Century." Because many members moved here after 1968, many recalled the events which occurred in that time span. Marjorie Anderson recounted those events during the meeting held in the Bistro this past Sunday in spite of slippery, snowy roads. A new post office was opened in 1968 and a poll tax was instituted. The Red Cross Swimming Program gave many youngsters the opportunity to learn swimming. Opening the roads in winter cost \$10,000. Massabesic High School was under construction. The Health Council was very active, helping Dr. Carl Richards, assisted by Florence Poirer, R.N. in giving immunizations. The A.A.M. Club (for Amy Ash Mossman, the pastor's wife who started it) met monthly and had 48 members. A Parents Club

was quite active, and the Men's Club. The Grange was still meeting regularly. On Jan. 28 it was 28 degrees below zero at 7 a.m. On Jan. 6 Polly Mapes wore a mini skirt and matching short pants to the Town Club and was the sensation of the club. On Jan. 9 Mrs. Burleigh Ricker, who demonstrated fireside cooking at Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts, demonstrated it on Alfred Festival Day. Also during a meeting of the club when the wooden door on the oven caught fire and had to be taken outdoors and left in the snow. At that time the club had 40 members. They met twice a month. Maud Sayward was the president. The banquet that year was held at the Shawmut Inn in Kennebunkport and entertainment was by the "Pretty Sharps" a women's barber shop quartet. There was a poetic presentation by Sue Mc-Conkey, a talk by Maud Sayward and costumes appropriate to the time were to be worn if possible. Ken Curtis was governor, the Vietnam War was ongoing, the Civil Rights Act was signed, the Beatles gave their last concert in (Continued on page 2)

Now the Junkins have 28 sheep, and for the second year in-a-row, they have opened up their farm for Open Shearing Day. "We've visited sheep farms for years," said Junkins. "We just

Sheep shearer Jay Marrilaughker gave a demonstration on March 9 in Cornish. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

now live in New Hampshire.

The demonstration began with Marrilaughker using a hand crank from 1893 and a set of shears. Benjamin Merriam from Harrison volunteered from the audience to turn the hand crank for Marrilaughker while he used the shears. Merriam owns a flower farm called "The Garden of Thomas" and ordered three lambs from Echo Valley Farm. He came to learn more about shearing. He (*Continued on page 7*)

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#### **NEW CENTURY CLUB**

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1964, and America won 45 gold medals at the Olympics. Dutch Elm Disease was attacking our trees and Russia invaded Czechoslovakia. Lyndon Johnson was president.

Many of the things mentioned by Marge Anderson reminded those present of where Alfred was at that time .Several large families lived in the immediate village - the Faulkners, Folsoms, and Faunce families, and many of them attended the Parish Church Sunday School and youth group. The rising use of heroin in the middle class was a new problem.

Appolo manned 10 orbits of the moon, taking photos of earth. It was a busy time and following her talk there was much reminiscing of events recalled by the members. The April 8 meeting will be in the Alfred Shaker Museum with Alfred Carlson speaking on "The First Century" of the club.

#### **Parish church**

Following the morning service the mission committee met with plans to raise funds for feeding youngsters in Honduras which is a low income nation with 66 percent falling below the poverty line. Holding a sup-

per was a suggestion, also having envelopes for donations. The need was emphasized by Sharon Beckwith who has worked in Honduras and spoke during the service. The feeding program is called "Feeding Forward". Health kits are being assembled which must be delivered to Woodfords Church by May 1. The OGHS offering (One Great Hour of Sharing) will be taken March 17. Sunday School will be held

Last year there was a real St.

Pat's Day celebration in Parsons

Library; plans are to do it again

this year. On Saturday, March 16

from 5 to 7 p.m. everyone who

wants to be Irish is invited to at-

tend bringing something to eat for

the potluck dinner and as much

knowledge as they can muster for

the Irish trivia. No admission fee

A needle felting workshop

will be held in Parsons Library on

Monday, March 25 at 6 p.m. Dan-

ielle Bonney will be the instructor

for those who would like to do

needle felting and make their own

woolen rabbit. Class size is limit-

The Republican Town Com-

There will be a Middle School

mittee will meet Monday, March

18 in Parsons Library at 6:30 p.m.

concert in the high school audi-

torium at 6:30 p.m. on Monday,

ed; pre-registration required.

Village notes

March 24.

needed.

**Think Spring** 

Irish trivia

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

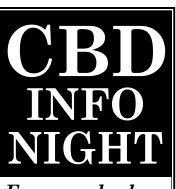
#### TRULY TALENTED KIDS

at Schoolhouse Arts Center, the Black Box Teens will perform their fourth annual cabaret-style, Truly Talented Kids on March 15-17. Shows will be performed at 7 p.m. on Friday 3/15 and Saturday 3/16 and on Sunday 3/17 at 2 p.m. This is a true cavalcade of local talent. It will include musical covers, dance numbers, comedians, and even American Sign Language. The show is scripted, produced, costumed, teched, and directed by the teens themselves. Ticket prices are \$8. Truly Talented Kids will take to the stage at Schoolhouse Arts Center, 16 Richville Rd. (Route 114) in Standish. Make reservations by visiting the Schoolhouse Arts Center website at www.Schoolhousearts.org.

BAKED HADDOCK DIN-NER OPEN TO THE PUBLIC at St. Ignatius Cafeteria on Riverside Ave. Sanford from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on the following Fridays: March 15, 22 and 29; and April 5 and 12. Price \$12 Adults, \$5 Children under 12. Fresh baked haddock. Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Coleslaw, Fresh Baked Bread, Desserts, Coffee, Tea & Lemonade. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. FMI Raymond A Sargent 651-6636.

FREE COMMUNITY DIN-NER Saturday, March 16, 5-6:30 p.m. at Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church on the Mill Pond, Rt 35, Goodwins Mills. Corned beef/ham, cabbage, rutabagas, potatoes, carrots, onions, bread/rolls, cake

HIRAM ARTS CENTER at 8 Hancock Avenue. Celebrate



Ever wonder how to make extra money and help people with great products in this new upcoming area of CBD? We can show you how! Join us Tuesday, March 26, 7-8:30pm at the Waterboro **Eagles function room** (1050 Main Street). Come try the products learn more about the industry and how you can make money! Any questions call 468-3475.

with family and friends. Porter's Celtic-bagpiper, Michael Greenham, will regale us on Sunday, March 17 at 1 p.m. A chance to wear your "Irish" green).FREE (donations welcome).

AREA CLIMATE CHANGE **MEETING** The public is invited to hear Sally Stockwell, Director of Conservation for the Maine Audubon Society, present the predicted impacts of climate change on wildlife in our region Wednesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. in the basement of the North Parish Congregation Church in Sanford. This presentation, the first in a series, is sponsored by the Sanford Springvale Mousam Way Land Trust as part of its mission to inform the public about environmental issues. Parking is limited around the church so park across the Main Street in the Midtown Mall parking lot. There is no charge and refreshments will be served.

SANFORD MAINE STAGE SENIOR THEATRE will hold it's next meeting on Thursday, March 21, in the green room of the Nasson Theatre, 457 Main Street, Springvale at 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in joining senior theatre or just want to know more about it, plan on attending. You are under no obligation to perform (unless you want too) both men and women welcomed. Email marya.troopstair@gmail. com or call 324-8227.

CALLING ALL QUIL-TERS! The Evergreen Quilt Guild will meet on Monday, March 25, from 6-9 p.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church, Route 1, two miles south of Kennebunk Village. Evergreen Quilters usually meet the 4th Monday of each month except July and December. Newcomers are always welcome.

DISCOVER GIRL SCOUT **EVENTS** for potential members and volunteers March 25 at Acton Elementary School, Acton, 5:30 p.m.; March 27 at Lyman Elementary School, Lyman, 5:30 p.m.; and April 3 at Kennebunk Elementary School, Kennebunk, 6:00 p.m. For more information about Girl Scouts or to see a full list of Discover Girl Scout events, visit girlscoutsofmaine.org or call 888-922-4763.

BOOK SIGNING at the Limerick Public Library, Saturday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to noon. Children's book author Susan Lubner will be signing copies of her new book "Lizzy and the Good Luck Girl." Bring your owqn copy, or the book will be on sale at the library, located at 55 Washington Street, Limerick.

DANCE & AUCTION Saturday, March 30 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Town Club, 4 Washington Street (4th floor), Sanford. Raffles, silent auction (6-8:45 p.m.), live music, dancing, prizes, appetizers & desserts and cash bar. Tickets are \$20. Call 324-0999, ext. 210 or email info@grahamtastic.org. Proceeds benefit the Grahamtastic Connection.

TAKE-A-CHANCE AUCTION Saturday, April 13 at the Sacopee Valley Elementary School, 213 South Hiram Road, Hiram. Doors open for viewing at 4 p.m. Auction starts at 6:30 p.m. Hundreds of auction items. Refreshments available for purchase. Proceeds beneift the Ossipee Valley Agricultural Society. For more info call Dwayne Woodsome, Auction Chair at 929-0056. SAVE THE DATE: This year's Ossipee Valley Fair will be July 11-14.

ATTENTION WANT(ED) TO BE ACTORS! Join the fun and learn some "tips and tricks" at our "Readers' Theater" workshops. Then apply these skills in short plays at the Soldiers Memorial Library Arts Center, 8 Hancock Avenue, Hiram. Presently meeting at 1 p.m. on Saturday afternoons, but call ahead for confirmation or send an email to 8hancockave@gmail.com. FMI call 625-4650.

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## **Reiki Workshop** Learn Reiki I with Diana!

March 18.

Saturday March 30 and April 6 from 9-2 at Peck's Family Acupuncture's Wellness Center. Learn this healing energy method in a fun, supportive hands-on workshop. *\$100 includes materials.* Call 247-7388 to register.

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# **Review Session**

**The Finance Committee** of RSU #57 invites the public to a review session of the preliminary 2019-2020 school district budget on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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



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For a complete list of sugarhouses by county visit www.mainemapleproducers.com

#### ALDERWOOD FARMS 47 Elm Street

Limerick

Sugarhouse Open for tours and samples. Maple syrup on icecream, popcorn, cotton candy. Visit Vickie's Olde School Gift Shoppe / farm store - Our own Maple products, beef, pork and more.

March 24, 9am-4pm

#### **BROOKRIDGE BOILERS**

#### 2144 Alfred Road, Lyman

Syrup making demonstrations on our "new to us" evaporator. Free syrup sample. French Canadian favorites available along with maple syrup and maple products for sale. sugar on snow demo at noon. Weather permitting. Please call ahead. We are open other days during sugar seasons. Call first to check availability. March 24, 9am-3pm

#### **CHASE FARMS**

1488 North Berwick Road, Wells Enjoy our inside wood-fired maple syrup making process with free samples. Take a horse-drawn wagon ride to sugarbush. See adorable barn animals. Free face painting. We have breakfast and lunch food available. Many maple products and more for purchase at our on-site farm market. Lots of fun!

March 23-24, 9am-4pm

#### **CLARK COLE FAMILY** 588 River Road Dayton

Open house Saturday, March 23. We are doing a combined open house at Andy's Agway located at 13 Cole Farm Road, Dayton -Pancake Breakfast from 8 am to noon. A time to learn about "sugaring" & Maple on ice cream. March 23, 8am-12pm

#### **DUNN FAMILY MAPLE** 419 Chicopee Road, Buxton

A Pancake Breakfast is available from 9-1 both days. Walk into our sugar house step up to our modern wood fired evaporator and smell the sweet aroma of maple in the air. Follow your kids on our Children's Maple Scavenger Hunt. Walk through our sugar woods on a self-guided tour, or tag along with the sugar maker for what has been regarded as a start to finish "scientific explanation" of the sugar making process. Sample our maple syrup by the different grades, as well as other maple treats, and complementary maple syrup over ice cream for all. We have our Pure Maine Maple Syrup, March 23-24, 9am-4pm

#### GILE'S FAMILY FARM 100 Shaker Hill Road

Alfred, Maine 04002 Come visit our new post and beam sugarhouse! Enjoy home-

made maple apple crisp, maple cider donuts, fudge, maple cotton candy, and more! Out own maple syrup will also be available for purchase.

March 24, 10am-4pm

#### **GRANDPA JOE'S SUGAR HOUSE**

103 Murch Road, Baldwin Annual North Baldwin Auxillary cooking contest entries by noon Half moon jug band - Sunday @ 11AM. BBQ Breakfast and lunch both days.

March 23-24, 9am-4pm

#### HARRIS FARM

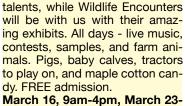
280 Buzzell Road, Dayton Open both Saturday March 23rd, and Sunday March 24th All you can eat pancake breakfast, sugarhouse open, dairy store, horse drawn wagon rides. Selling syrup, maple doughnuts, cotton candy, maple kettle corn, and maple candies.

March 23-24, 8am-2pm

#### HIDDEN ROOTS MAPLE FARM Tufts Lane, Limington March 23-24, 8am-4pm

HILLTOP BOILERS 159 Elm Street

Celebrate spring sales event March 16). Visit our NEW maple store. Sugarhouse tours. On Saturdays, Axe Women Loggers will demonstrate their extreme



24, 9am-4pm, March 30, 9-4pm

#### **JO'S SUGARHOUSE/** HARTWELL FARM

443 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham Come see our post and beam sugarhouse with a woodfired evaporator. Syrup making demonstration throughout the day. All

our maple pastries, candy, cotton candy available both days. Free syrup over ice cream samples. Sunday only Blueberry pancake breakfast and lunch featuring our own grass fed burger. Visit the goats: Daisy & Rosebud.

#### THE LOCKMAN PLACE

274 North Gorham Road, Gorham Small batched of maple syrup made by guys and a gal who love this stuff. We love chatting with visitors and have ice cream and syrup samples March 24, 10am-4pm

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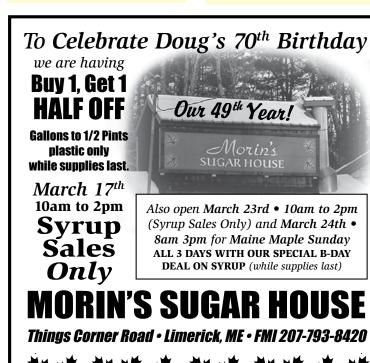
#### **Celebrate Spring Sales Event** March 16 9am-4pm HILLTOP BOILERS pure maple The Best of Maine **FREE EVENTS INCLUDE:** Axe Women Loggers, Wildlife Encounters, visit our all new maple store, barn tours, tractors to play on, free samples, and many contests!

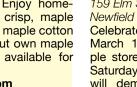
Join us for Maine Maple Weekend on March 23-24 793-8850 • 159 Elm St., Newfield • www.hilltopboilers.com

#### Jams, Honey, Syrup, Ice Cream and more!



FLAVORS: Blueberry Chocolate Coffee **Grape Nut** Honey Vanilla Maple Strawberry **Apple Pie** Pumpkin







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MAPLE HILL SUGARHOUSE 93 Hicks Road, Newfield Come Celebrate spring with us! Our sugarhouse will be warm and inviting. Free samples of out Maine maple syrup on ice cream, maple cream and nuts. Free sugarhouse tours and face painting. our snack hut will be open for lunch. March 23-24, 9am-4pm

MAPLE HOUSE FARM 1063 West Road Waterboro

Tony and Kim Wolfinger hope to put a smile on your face as you enjoy a sample of their sweet maple syrup on ice cream. Visit, relax and take in the sights and smells of the syrup being made on our homemade wood fired evaporator and

possibly say hello to Franklin the maple hound as he makes several visits to our parking area throughout the day. Restroom facilities and handicapped accessible. March 24, 9am-4pm

#### MERRIFIELD FARM

195 North Gorham Road Gorham Come and join us for Maine Ma-

ple Sunday's 36th Anniversary. Watch the boiling process, blacksmith working, antiques on display, 4-H Brass Knob Club giving ox cart rides, music, self- guided barn tour, play area for the children and a 1900's ice house. Pancake breakfast (outside), maple syrup, candy, maple cotton candy, maple soft serve ice cream, smoked cheese, maple cream and more available to purchase. Portable restrooms. March 23-24, 9am-4pm

March 16-17, 9am-3pm, sales only



Celebrating 49 years! All you can eat pancakes with our fresh hot syrup. Maple yours, maple goodies like our maple peanuts & more. Free ice cream with syrup. Our syrup for sale in all sizes including

March 24, 8am-3pm

#### **NATURALLY JAMMIN'** 802 Cape Road Limington

Retail store offering honey, jams, syrup and more. Now serving honey-sweetened ice cream in the following flavors: blueberry, chocolate, coffee, grape nut, honey vanilla, maple, strawberry, apple pie and pumpkin. A surprise celebrity chef from the Food Network will be scooping ice cream on maple weekend. March 22-24, 9am-7pm

#### PARSONS MAPLE PRODUCTS

322 Buck Street, Gorham Sap boiler will be rinning all day for maoe syrup demonstrations. Pancaked breaskfast from 8am to noon, free samples of syrup over

ice cream, heated indoor seating, maple products for sale. - our 27th year!

Open Saturday's and Sunday's

March 24, 7am-5pm

#### PINGREE MAPLE PRODUCTS 90 High Road, Cornish



the month of March including Maine Maple Sunday<sup>®</sup>, we will have samples of maple syrup on ice cream and demonstrate how pure maple syrup is produced. We offer Pure Maine Maple Syrup, maple cream, maple candy, maple jelly, granulated maple sugar & other homemade maple items which are for sale the entire year. We can ship maple products for your convenience around the holidays or any time of year. Sign up for door prizes and sample our maple syrup on ice cream. Farm tours, school tours and restrooms. Celebrating our 50th year of maple syrup production! March 23-24, 9am-3pm

#### THURSTON AND PETERS SUGARHOUSE 299 Bond Spring Road

Newfield



"TAPS" (Thurston and Peters Sugarhouse) makes 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! Candy and maple cream too!

All weekends from March 2-31, 9am-4pm

#### TRIPLE C BOILERS



1 Brock Road, Lyman Come enjoy our new traditional post & beam sugarhouse, with our all you can eat pancake breakfast including our own homemade sausage. Maple goodies for everybody from lollipops to whoopie pies, and NEW Homemade Needhams with a touch of Maple! Barn filled with a variety of animals for everyone to enjoy. March 23-24, 7am-12pm pancake breakfast, Sugarhouse open until 2pm

#### Open all weekends thru March 31, 9am-4pm



793-8886 or 793-8040

Open Sat. & Sun., March 23 & 24 from 10am-4pm Gift Shoppe open - new gift ideas for Spring! Featuring 2019 maple products, farm fresh beef and pork and homemade pies. **Open House at our Sugar House!** 







#### We will be open both March 23 and 24 for a delicious all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast served with homemade sausage, juice, milk, coffee, and our own warm maple syrup. Come

and see all the farm animals and brand new post and beam sugar house in operation. There will be a couple of new items this year including bacon sea salt maple cream candy, maple needhams, whoopie pies, homemade butter and more!

**Triple C Farm** 

1 Brock Road, Lyman, Maine 04002

#### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST Open 7am-12pm** Farm closes at 1:30pm.

Come on out and have a great time on the farm!

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Sunday

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"sunday Specials"

March 24 10am-4pm **Visit our Post and Beam Sugarhouse!** 

> **MAPLE SYRUP** FREE Samples Maple Sugar Candies, Maple Lollipops, Maple Butter, Maple Fudge, Maple Peanuts & more! "OUR OWN" Maple Apple Crisp Fresh Maple Cider Donuts

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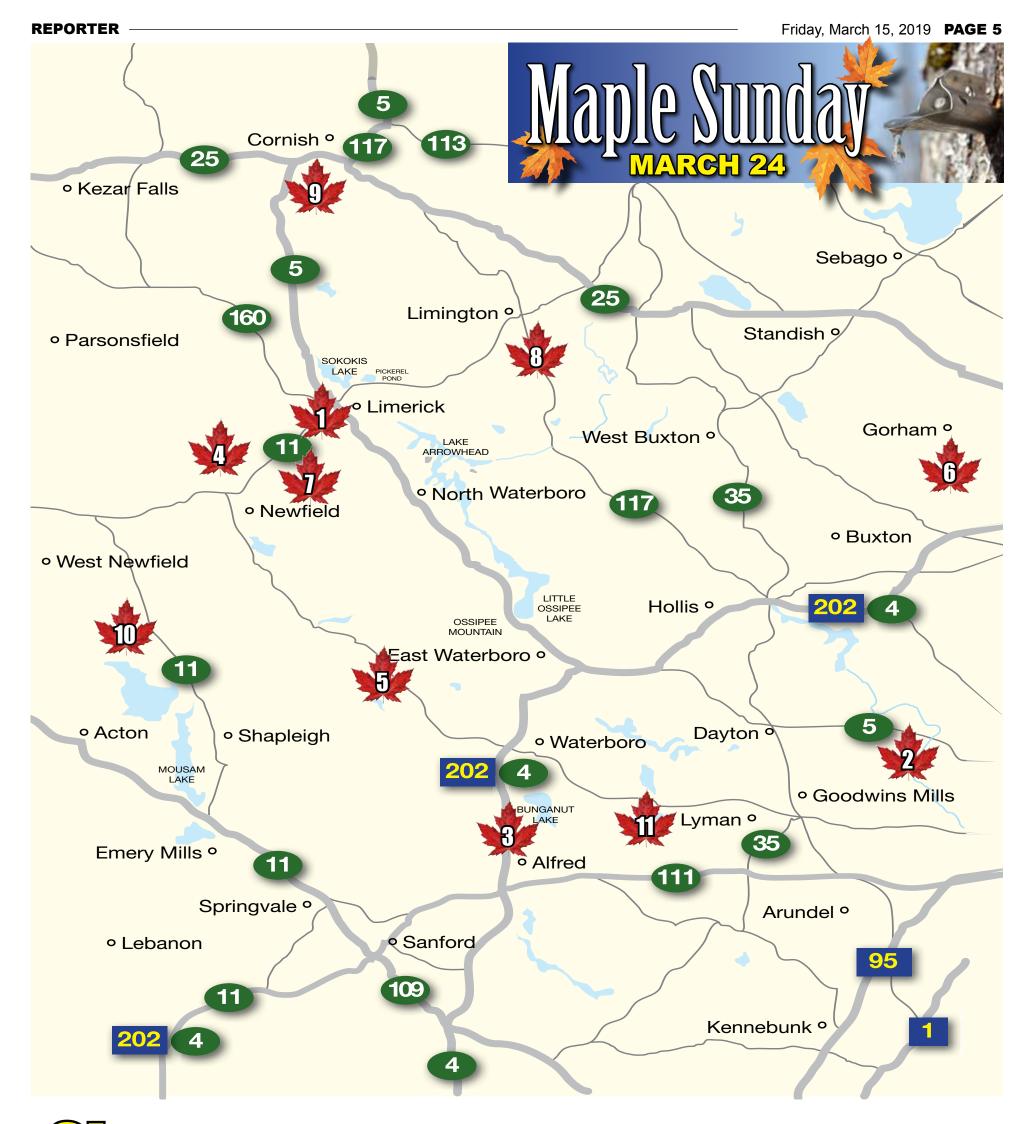
Andy's

Saturday, March 23 Celebrating Maine 8 a.m.-Noon Maple Weekend!

We carry a variety of feeds for your horses, chickens, goats and other animals. We also have hay, shavings, straw, fencing, gates, wild bird food and more!

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. andysagway@roadrunner.com • www.andysagway.com 13 Cole Farm Road, Dayton • 282-2998





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FREE SAMPLES of our maple syrup, maple cream, maple jelly and maple syrup on ice-cream!

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Open March 24 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Come sample our syrup on ice cream and see the maple syrup evaporator at work. We have plenty of syrup and homemade goodies for sale and if he's feeling up to it, Franklin the maple hound, will be greeting our guests and posing for a photo.

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See us at the Kennebunk and Scarborough Farmer's Markets and at the Cornish Apple Festival!

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#### **EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

# 19TH CENTURY CURRAN VILLAGE at NEWFIELD

#### Winter Workshops at the Museum

March 23 & 24 OR April 6 & 7, 9am-4pm. Knife or Tomahawk Making Workshop, \$225. Two spots still available in March class.

April 6 & 7, 9am-4pm. Make a Traditional Wooden Shaving Horse for Woodworking, \$175. Call for more information. Call to register.

March 23 & 24, 10am-3pm. Maple Syrup Event & Irish Celebration. All inclusive price of \$10 per adult. Kids under 17 free. Food samples, demonstrations, and draft horse drawn bobsled rides. There will be an Egg Hunt for kids, blacksmithing, a sugaring off with maple syrup, Irish stew, sweets and savories, bobsled rides and more.

70 Elm Street, Newfield • 205-4849 Email: thecurranhomestead@gmail.com f www.curranhomestead.org

NOTICES

#### **TOWN OF WATERBORO**

#### **REQUEST FOR BIDS Ductless Mini Split** A/C-Heat Pump RFP

The Town of Waterboro Fire Department is seeking sealed bids for the installation of a ductless mini split A/C-Heat system at Central Station. Project will include disconnecting, removal and disposal of current A/C condenser and components. The existing heating system will remain as is.

It is the contractor's responsibility to visit the site and become familiar with the project and all instructions prior to bidding. Questions about the project and requests for bid specs should be directed to: Waterboro Fire Department, 207-247-5299 or lfish@waterborofire.org.

> Sealed Bids are due by noon on Friday, March 29, 2019.

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#### SHEEP SHEARING

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enjoyed the experience of using the hand crank, but did say, "it gets tiring."

Shearing is a bit more difficult this time of year, Marillaughker explained. Sheep have what is called a "rise," almost like felt, that comes up this time of year, making their fleece hard to cut through. But Marrilaughker made it all look easy. He put each sheep on their behind, between his legs, and moved the animal around to shear all parts of its body. "People ask if this hurts the animal," Marrilaughker said. "It doesn't. It's like going to the beauty parlor," he explained. "We're giving them a trim. It's like landscaping." It's a fiber harvest. Eventually, Marrilaughker switched from the hand crank to a "newer" model - electric shears, run by a motor which hangs on a hook above the shears. He explained that when the sheep lays down on its side and is sheared from one end to another in long lines, it is called long blows. That's when you can see the "coat" of the sheep, and the colors underneath. "Isn't it pretty?" Marrilaughker asked. "Look at all the colors, black, gray, white." Shetlands have beautiful, natural colors, he explained.

Once the sheep is shorn, its "coat" of fleece is spread out on a table and "skirted." Junkins and her daughter, Peggi Pyle, explained the process to those who were interested in helping to go over the fleece and pick out the hay and other debris. Caroline Dutton, 9, of Waterboro helped "skirt" one of the fleeces. Dutton took a class at Willowbrook and has done some spinning, carding and dyeing of wool. This was the first time she has seen this process. "It's really cool!" she said. Once the fleece is "skirted, it is then rolled up, put into a bag, and sent off to a small cottage mill in northern Maine, where it is cleaned and processed, without chemicals, and later returned to the farm. "It's so exciting to get that box back," said Junkins. She always puts the sheep's name on the bag, and the name is then on the box. "This is Dinah," she said. And when she makes something with Dinah's wool, she can then say, "I'm wearing Dinah!"

All of the fleece that is sheared off the sheep is collected and used in some way. Small clumps are soaked in water, rinsed and dried. It is then used for roving, which is spun into yarn. In the farm store, the Junkins have roving, yarn, dryer balls (wool that has been felted), knitting needles, and a few other products, including honey – the Junkins also keep bees!

"I'm a big believer and lover of wool," said Marrilaughker, as he continued to shear. "Remember, it's what our Grandparents had. They can't buy clothes like this," he said, pointing to his own clothing. "They made them all! This is what they had to do to put clothes on their backs." Junkins agreed. "You know, wool is fire resistant, and water resistant."

"One of the best things you can have in your house is a wool blanket," Marrilaughker said. "It can save your life!" He explained that because it is fire resistant, if there is a fire in your house, you can put it over you and it will help you get out without getting burned. "You can keep one in your car," he said, adding that it can help you keep warm if you break down.

Echo Valley Farm is a family owned and run farm. Husband and wife team, Pat and Ronda are often joined by their children and grandchildren, Peggi and husband Jeff Pyle, Corrie, Matt and Mikayla Fletcher. Echo Valley Farm is located at 1244 Sokokis Trail (Route 5) in Cornish, near the Limerick/Cornish line. You can also find them on Facebook and Instagram. Check out their website, echo-valley-farm.com where you can buy some products in their Etsy farm store. The on-



Brothers Corey and Caleb Rau, 10 and 13, from Hiram, touch and feel the roving on the shelves at Echo Valley Farm during Open Shearing Day on March 9. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

site farm store is open by appointment. If you would like something from the store or would just like to learn more, give the Junkins a call at 608-1441. They love to share their experience with others.

Save these dates coming up in May:

May 5 – Lamb Lover's Day – Lambs will be born about mid-March, and will be old enough to be running around and cuddled by early May. Come and see!

May 11 – Mother's Day Annual Spring Tea, 11 a.m. – served outdoors!

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY NEWS

## **Emerald Ash Borer found in a third town in southern Maine**

In late February, Maine Forest Service, with support of landowners and assistance from Central Maine Power and Lucas Tree Experts, collected branches from ash trees along roadsides in Acton, Lebanon and Berwick. Forest Service staff peeled the bark off these branches to look for signs of emerald ash borer (EAB). Live EAB larvae were found on two of the trees sampled, one each from the towns of Acton and Berwick. Although these trees still appear completely healthy, they are infested with EAB.

The Reporter publishes obituaries as a free service. These were the first EAB found within trees in York County (the previous finds in Acton and Lebanon were adults that had flown into traps). Given this and the previous trapping survey, the Maine Forest Service knows that EAB is established, at least sporadically, within 3 miles of the New Hampshire border for at least 17 miles between Acton and Berwick. However, it is almost certain that they have spread further than this area.

To get a clearer picture of where EAB is established in York County, the Maine Forest Service plans to work with landowners to girdle ash trees this spring, concentrating in towns near the New Hampshire border. These girdled trees will act as traps, drawing in EAB from the immediate area (more information on this survey). The trees will be felled and peeled in the autumn to look for signs of EAB. With this information on establishment and population density, the Maine Forest Service will be able to move forward with managing EAB.

If you have ash on your property and are interested in participating in this survey, please contact colleen.teerling@maine.gov for more information.



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#### NEWFIELD

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#### **Annual meeting** results

The annual town meeting, held on March 9, drew a crowd of about 50-60, as voters came out to have their say on the town budget.

The first order of business was announcing the winners of the selectman's race, the only contested race, and the others. Kenny Gates won the seat on the Board of Selectmen, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor by 224 over Bruce Colwell 67.Justine Perkins, ran unopposed for the position of Town Clerk/Tax Collector and received 280 votes. Nichole Hubbard, also ran unopposed for Treasurer and received 278 votes. Casey Tarbox ran unopposed for Road Commissioner and received 272 votes. Finally Jodi Laine, received 275 votes for School Board Director. All positions are for a 3-year term.

On the Referendum questions, voters accepted the Comprehensive Plan by 221-62. They also accepted the General Maintenance and operation of the Library by 258-32. The Comprehensive Plan had not been updated for 38 years, since 1981.

Several people were honored for their service to the town. Bruce Palmer received a certificate of appreciation for his service on the Finance Committee. Doreen Lofgren received a certificate as Deputy Clerk; she will be retiring.

Several individuals received certificates for their volunteerism: Bruce Colwell, Martha Morrison, Pete Washington and Hilary Wallis. They will be honored at the Spirit of America service in the fall. And, Dave Neville received a certificate for his 15 years of service as Fire Chief.



The swearing in ceremony was held at the end of the annual town meeting, conducted by Moderator Bruce Bryant. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

There were just a few of the articles on the town warrant that did not pass, but most of the others were voted in.

Town salaries were passed with an \$8,000 increase. It was also voted to raise \$40,000 to be set aside for a new salt and sand building; the Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend taking \$35,000 from tax acquired property and \$5,000 from interest. The building is currently on the Tarbox property, and will be moved to another town location.

It was voted in to raise the \$72,581 for the final payment on the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, for the fire and rescue departments.

The Local Food and Community Self -Governance Ordinance was voted in, which gives landowners who grow vegetables or produce food the opportunity to sell their products from their driveways or yards. Included in it would be fruits, veggies, eggs, dairy products, canned goods, such as jams, jellies, pickles, or baked items like bread, pies, and cookies. Marijuana, meat and poultry are not included.

Richard Calnan was re-instated as a member of the Ethan Stone High School Fund. Jannah Park will replace Bruce Palmer on the Finance Committee; and Hazel McGlincey was reinstated on the Charles Hicks Scholarship Fund. These are all 3-year terms.

Jeff Cuevas was thanked for his 6 years serving as a selectman, and Bruce Bryant was thanked for his service as moderator of the meeting.

#### **Cub Scouts annual** derby

Cub Scout Pack #329 will have their Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 23 at the Line School at 818 Water Street at 9 a.m. Scouts should be there at that time to I check in their derby cars. They will have breakfast sandwiches, donuts, coffee and juice for sale. They are hoping to start the racing at 10 a.m.

#### **Historical Society has** memorabilia

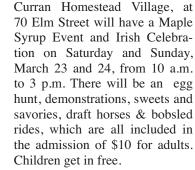
Newfield Historical Society will have an Open House on Maine Maple Sunday, March 24, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Society building, at 64 Elm Street. The theme will be "Newfield Memorabilia." There is no admission charge and refreshments will be served. Door prizes will be a maple syrup basket donated by Thurston and Peters and a copy of Early Families of Newfield, Maine. A business meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

#### Egg hunt, bobsled rides at museum

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#### **Pancakes!**

The annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 24 at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street, featuring local maple syrup. Members of the Newfield Fire Department, Newfield Rescue Squad, and Newfield Fire Auxiliary will host their annual Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

On the menu are pancakes, bacon or sausage, orange juice and coffee, with local maple syrup. Proceeds from the 'donation only' breakfast will benefit the Newfield Public Safety Building.

#### Happy birthday!

Local people celebrating their birthdays are Nicole Humphrey, Lisa Richardson, and Tyler Jeffrey LeBlanc.

#### Meetings

Northern York County Rod and Gun Club directors will meet March 15, at Lewis Hill Road clubhouse at 7 p.m. for their monthly meeting.

Newfield Rescue Squad will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 21, at the Newfield Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Dick or Hazel McGlincey at 793-2045 or any rescue member.

All other weekly meetings

#### **SHAPLEIGH**

Joanne Bargioni joannebargioni@gmail.com

#### Annual election

The results are in for the town's Municipal Election, which were held on March 8. There were in total 265 votes cast. The most watched election was the one for the Selectman's position which will be vacated by Bill Mageary. Scott E. Cudworth received 167 votes and Katherine M. Fagan received 96. Michelle Romney received 244 votes and will return as Town Treasurer. The RSU 57 Director went to Sarah Hewitt with 238 votes. The new Road Commissioner, Southern District will be Jeffery H. Goodwin receiving 248 votes. Joseph L. Stanley ran for the 3-year Trustee of the Shapleigh Community Forest and received 231 votes. The one year Trustee of the Community Forest, Kevin Lundy received 5 votes. There were two open positions for Trustee of the Community Library and Kimberly Gendreau received 203 votes and Eileen Glover received 167. Carolyn Rand received 10 write in votes for Budget Committee.

#### Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting on March 9 and took one hour and 40 minutes. There were approximately 65 residents present. All 68 Articles passed including the four zoning questions. There was very little discussion overall. Article 35 which was to authorize expenditures of \$339,485 and to raise and appropriate \$319,485 to fund Rescue Per-Diem staffing (\$20,000 to come from the Ambulance Service Account) and to place any unexpected funds into the Medical Staffing Reserve Account. The Board of Selectmen recommended to use \$130,745.90 from Medical Staffing Reserve and \$30,000 from the Ambulance Service Account and raise and appropriate \$168,739.10 for a total of \$329,485.00. Budget Committee recommended to raise and appropriate \$339,485.00. The voting went with the BOS recommendation.

Following the meeting everyone enjoyed lunch provided by the 4 Leaf Clover Club.

#### Lion's Club Turkey Dinner

The Acton-Shapleigh Lions Club will be holding a Turkey dinner with all the fixings on Saturday, March 23 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 600 Shapleigh Corner Road. Homemade Roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, vegetables, gravy, rolls, dessert and beverages will be served. Price for the dinner is \$8.



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