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Hollis driver crashes into parked cars on highway

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SACO — A Hollis woman was charged with operating under the influence after she crashed her car driving the wrong direction on the turnpike early Monday morning.

Baylee Lunt, 21, of Hollis, was driving her car north in the southbound lane of the Maine Turnpike in Saco around 12:30 a.m. Monday when she crashed into several parked construction

vehicles in a lane closed to traffic, said Maine Public Safety Spokesman Steve McCausland in an email.

The accident happened at the Boom Road overpass construction project. No one was in the parked vehicles at the time, said McCausland.

Lunt was taken to Southern Maine Health Care with minor injuries, said McCausland.



UNE students and faculty work on the fencing at Mechanics Park in Biddeford during the university's Day of Service on Saturday.

UNE assists county with Day of Service

By RYDER SCHUMACHER

Staff Writer **BIDDEFORD** Hundreds of students from the University of New England dispersed to 32 sites throughout York County on Saturday as they took part in the University's Day of Service.

Saturday was UNE's third year of holding the Day of Service, and Sam McReynolds, professor and chair in the Department of Society, Culture and

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Languages, said that each year the event's impact grows stronger.

"We think that after our third year we're really getting the process down," Reynolds said. "It's amazing what it takes to do it, but it involves the community's cooperation as well. We're very excited with what we've got going on."

This year the event

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Firearms conviction draws sentence for Berwick resident

By DINA MENDROS Associate Editor

PORTLAND — A Berwick resident who committed burglaries in the Berwick area during which firearms, among other items, were stolen has been

sentenced to seven years in

prison.

Class C felony. Judge George Z. Singal sentenced Brake on Monday to seven years in prison and two years of supervised

Adam Brake, 29, pleaded

guilty on June 5 at U.S.

District Court in Portland

to one count of being a felon

in possession of a firearm, a

release, according to acting U.S. Attorney Richard Murphy in a press release. The maximum sentence is 10 years in prison and three years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine.

Berwick police arrested Brake during a roadside stop on May 31, 2016, dur-

ing which he admitted to his involvement in several unsolved burglaries in the area, according to court documents. He later admitted to being involved in eight to 10 burglaries in the area during the previous month.

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Parents watch their children as they play in the kids' zone at the Alfred Apple Festival at Shaker Hill in Alfred on Saturday. Thousands flowed through over Saturday and Sunday to stop by the festival.

A fine start to Autumn in Alfred

Crowds turn out for annual Shaker Hill Apple Festival

By RYDER SCHUMACHER

Staff Writer

ALFRED — Autumn is here, and the season start was fully on display in Alfred this weekend as hundreds of people attended the Shaker Hill Apple Festival.

Cars flowed into the Shaker Hill campus around 10 a.m. Saturday morning, and by noon the events overflow-parking area had only a few spots left. Guests spent their time shopping amongst the dozens of vendors who sold everything from artisan crafts to comfort foods, clothing, artwork, jewelry and other novelty items.

Adjacent to the Shaker Museum — which was open for those who wanted to learn more about the Shaker culture — a yard sale attracted dozens of people who perused the hundreds of items on display.

Activities at the festival seemed to be outnumbered only by children and their families. The festival had a greater appeal to kids this year, said Chief Festival Organizer and York County Shelters Program Director Bob Dawber, referencing that

the kids' zone was far larger this year with the addition of multiple inflatable bouncy houses. Near the yard sale, pony and hayrides were also available for kids looking to get the full experience.

Donald Gaudet, of Alfred, and his daughter Sadie, 2, spent most of their time in the kids' zone. Gaudet said

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Red Cross volunteers deploy to Puerto Rico

By LIZ GOTTHELF Staff Writer

PORTLAND — Red Cross volunteer Crystal Abbott of Waterboro was given some straightforward advice as she prepared to deploy to Puerto Rico.

"Be prepared for everything," she said she was told.

Abbott and four other Mainers were leaving the state Monday morning and flying to Atlanta for an orientation, then heading out to Puerto Rico Tuesday or Wednesday for a three-week deployment. The five were the first from Maine to be deployed to Puerto Rico to provide assistance after the island was hit by hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Though volunteers often don't know what lies ahead when they deploy to a different part of the country, this group was told to expect some unusual conditions.

The volunteers will be

headed to an area where there is currently no electricity or cell phone or internet service, and medical care is scarce on the hurricane devastated island, said Disaster Program Manager Larry French. Many roads are closed, and water supplies are critically low. Volunteers were told to pack protein bars, as they may not get three meals a day.

Those volunteering in Puerto Rico have to go through a series of six mental and physical health screenings, said French.

Like the rest of the group, Abbott walked into the Portland Jetport Monday morning, hefting a large backpack. The volunteers were instructed to bring all their items for the trip in packs they could carry on their back, and that they may be sleeping in tents.

Abbott is an experienced volunteer with Red Cross,



Jim Kerrigan of Old Orchard Beach checks in at the Portland Jetport on Monday morning before deploying to Puerto Rico with the Red Cross.

and did not seem deterred by the uncertain conditions.

"I'm excited to go," she said. "I like to help people." Jim Kerrigan of Old Orchard Beach was being

deployed for the first time with Red Cross. Although he didn't have previous experience volunteering at

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Apple Festival

FROM PAGE A1 Sadie was having "the time of

her life." "She's been wanting to do everything here," Gaudet said. "When she saw the bouncy house she was all

over it." The Apple Festival was held in accordance with the Friends of Alfred Shaker Museum, Gile's Family Farm, the Brothers of Christian Instruction, but predominantly the York County Shelters Program, which was

responsible for gathering the festivals vendors, food options and a musical lineup that featured American folk musician John Gorka, amongst others. Musical performances spanned through both Saturday and Sunday.

Dawber said aside from raising awareness for the homeless shelter, the mission over the weekend was to change peoples' perception as to what a homeless shelter can look like, as well as a homeless person.

"A lot of people don't

know who we are," Dawber said. "When most folks imagine a homeless shelter they think of some place that's beaten down, but it's not. This is a gorgeous area that YCSP is in, and if you walked through the festival you wouldn't be able to tell who the residents are and who uses our services. That's why we hold this festival."

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brought in a few less students, but had a major increase in faculty and staff.

McReynolds added that part of the reason for the decrease in students had to do with the event being moved up a month earlier, as well as the school's decision to make the day of community service optional, not mandatory, for freshman students.

Despite the decrease in students, Revnolds said seeing an increase in staff and faculty participation was very significant.

'That's really important because we have not had as much luck in engaging the

faculty and staff," Reynolds said. "I think in the long run if we can engage them then that's going to engage more students."

This year, the Day of Service had a heightened focus on environmental cleanup. Multiple student groups were sent to farms, like Wallingford Farm in Kennebunk and Saco Bay trails, to assist in the cleanup of agriculturally rich areas and sustainable sites, according to a UNE press release.

In addition to cleaning up the natural environments, students set off to the Alfred Shaker Museum to help guests during the Alfred Apple Festival, painted buildings across Biddeford, helped the Red Cross sign up blood

donors and assisted in park cleanups throughout the county.

Over at Mechanics Park, students and faculty could be seen chiseling paint off the park fences for repainting and landscaping the green space and garden area. UNE freshmen Claire Jeanson and Dominique Mellone said they were enjoying the day and felt good coming out to help the community.

"It just gives you a good feeling to help out," said Jeanson. "Plus it's a beautiful day to be outside."

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Red Cross volunteers, from left, Crystal Abbott of Waterboro, Anne Heminway of Phippsburg and Jim Kerrigan of Old Orchard Beach gather at the Portland Jetport on Monday.

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a disaster site, he did have experience backpacking, having walked the 500-mile Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

"I just have no expecta-

tions," said Kerrigan, but said he was going to be of help in any way he could. Kerrigan was wearing a lightweight, quick drying hiking shirt and had thoughtfully filled his

backpack with necessities,

including not only protein bars but toilet paper, a first aid kit and a water purifier

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Firearms Sentence

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Brake told police some of the stolen items were traded for heroin in Lawrence, Massachusetts, according to court documents.

Some of the other stolen items were hidden in a wooded area in Berwick owned by Brake's girlfriend's parents, according to court documents.

Berwick police retrieved property from six of the burglaries, including electronics, jewelry, alcohol, currency, DVDs, a chainsaw, ammunition and nine firearms, ranging from a semi-automatic pistol to a 12-gauge, pump-action shotgun.

Brake was not allowed to possess firearms as he was convicted on Feb. 14, 2011, at U.S. District Court in

New Hampshire, for possession with intent to distribute oxycodone.

The case was investigated by the police departments of North Berwick, South Berwick, Berwick Wells and Eliot; and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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Biddeford city clerk taking applications for absentee voting

By ED PIERCE

Executive Editor

BIDDEFORD — Absentee ballot applications are now available in Biddeford for city residents looking to vote remotely in November's state referendum and the municipal general election.

Ballots may be requested by calling 284-9307 or visiting the Biddeford City Clerk's office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Biddeford City Hall.

Residents can also request absentee ballots online at maine.gov/cgibin/online/ AbsenteeBallot/index.pl

Absentee voting gives Biddeford residents an opportunity to cast a ballot without going to the polls on Election Day. Any registered voter may cast an absentee ballot instead of voting in person at a voting place.

There are four questions to be decided by voters statewide in the referendum election including approving or disapproving a gambling casino or slot machines in York County, health care expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, authorizing \$105 million in bonds for highways, bridges, ports, railroads, aviation, transit, and trails, and establishing a time limit for the state to pay off unfunded

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In the Biddeford Municipal Election, voters will elect seven of eight candidates running for positions on the Biddeford School Committee including incumbents Dennis Anglea, Crystal Blais, Dominic Deschambault, Anthony Michaud, Karen Ruel, Lisa Vadnais. Newcomers Vassie Fowler and Jerry Tremblay also area seeking seats on the School Committee.

Alan Casavant is unopposed in running for his fourth consecutive term as Biddeford mayor.

For Biddeford City Council, Ward 1 Councilor Michael Swanton is running against challenger Kathleen Russell, in a rematch from the 2015 election.

In Ward 2, Councilor John McCurry Jr. faces opposition from William "Bil" Moriarty, a former Biddeford School Committee member.

Incumbent Biddeford Councilors-at-Large Marc Lessard and Laura Seaver are unopposed in the election, as are incumbent ward councilors Stephen St. Cyr (Ward 3), Robert Quattrone, Jr. (Ward 4), Victoria Foley (Ward 5), Norman Belanger (Ward 6) and Michael Ready (Ward 7).

Ballots for absentee voting will also be available for area residents that are serving in the armed forces or stationed overseas.

Voters do not need to have a specific reason or be unable to vote at the voting place on Election Day in order to request an absentee ballot.

To be eligible to vote in Maine, a resident must be 18 years old (or will turn 18 by Election Day), be a United States Citizen and live in the area in which they want to cast a ballot.

Biddeford's actual absentee ballots will be distributed the week of Oct. 9 and must be returned by mail or in person at the city clerk's office by 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017.

No absentee voting ballots will accepted from Friday, Nov. 3 through Monday, Nov.

On Election Day, all Biddeford voters regardless of whatever ward they reside in, will be able to cast ballots on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at Tiger Gym at the Biddeford High School on Maplewood Avenue.

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