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Belinda Rivard, a second grade student at Margaret Chase Smith School in Sanford, got a hug from her grandfather, U.S. Navy veteran Ron Rivard, at a special ceremony at the school honoring veterans Wednesday.

'Hurray' for veterans, students say

By TAMMY WELLS

Senior Staff Writer SANFORD — Little voices rose in song in a rendition of the military medley Wednesday, as students at Margaret Chase Smith School honored veterans.

The morning assembly, an annual event at the K-3 school on Twombley Road, began with the color guard of the Navy Junior ROTC program posting the colors

outside. All the little ones placed their hands on their heart to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, it was inside to the gym for a program.

Friday is Veterans Day in America and for many years the school has taken time to mark the event. Students sing, recite what Veterans Day means, and wind down with a patriotic tune, a thank you to veterans for their bravery, and a big "Hurray."

"Thank you for your service, Margaret Chase School Principal Chuck Potter told veterans, "and for your continued service," he said to those currently serving.

Several veterans attended, smiling as the children spoke and sang.

The event is among others that have already taken place or are upcoming in

the Sanford area to mark Veteran's Day.

On Monday night, the Vet Center held a candlelighting ceremony, and on Friday, beginning at 9 a.m., veterans will place wreaths at the memorial in Central Park in Sanford and at the memorial near the gazebo in Springvale,

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Chabot elected probate judge

By TAMMY WELLS

Senior Staff Writer ALFRED — With all precincts reporting, Democratic candidate Bryan Chabot of Wells has emerged as the winner of the three-way race for York County Judge of Probate.

"I am obviously excited and honored I was elected to serve the county, and will serve the residents to the best of my ability," said Chabot Wednesday.

Chabot will take office for the four-year term Jan. 1.

His win ousts the current judge, Robert M. A. Nadeau, of Biddeford, who ran as an independent, and who has served since the late 1990s, with the exception of a fouryear term that began in 2008, when he lost a Democratic primary to Donna Bailey of Saco. Bailey was elected judge that year, but lost a re-election bid to Nadeau in

2012, who ran as an independent.

Chabot earned 41,223 votes, Nadeau garnered 36,213, and Bernard Broder of Old Orchard Beach, who also ran as an independent, trailed the pack with 25,474 votes in unofficial totals.

The probate court handles family matters ranging from adoptions to guardianships of incapacitated adults, wills and estates, name changes and the like.

Nadeau has just returned to the court after a 30-day suspension without pay imposed by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court for breaches of judicial canons. The court also levied a formal censure and reprimand. Another round of complaints filed in 2015 are pending.

Nadeau declined com-See Probate Judge

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Communities across York County to honor veterans this weekend

By ALAN BENNETT Staff Writer YORK COUNTY Communities across the country will honor the nation's heroes this weekend, with Veterans Day

roses will be laid on separate plaques honoring each branch of the armed forces.

WELLS

The Wells Chamber of Commerce is holding

Dayton students hold program in honor of veterans

By LIZ GOTTHELF

Staff Writer DAYTON - In theDayton Consolidated School gymnasium, the school chorus set the tone for an assembly Wednesday morning honoring veterans with the song "Proud of our Veterans."

"You are patriots and heroes who answered the call," they sang.

The assembly, held in light of Veterans Day, which takes place Friday, also included the presentation of colors by local scout troops and a flag folding ceremony by members of Patriot Riders of America-Maine Chapter #1.

Family members and loved ones who had served were invited to attend the ceremony.

Jacqui Sully, 8, and her sister, Anna, 9, ran up to hug their father, John, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1981 to 985. The girls said they were

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Members of Riders of America, Maine Chapter 1 line up along the walkway of Dayton Consolidated School Wednesday as students enter the building to attend an assembly.

proud of their dad. "He served our country

and gave us freedom," said Anna.

School Prinicpal Kim Sampietro said the assembly was in line with the school's core values of safety, caring and responsibility.

Sampietro told students

serving the country was a great responsibility, and that those who have served or are serving now, have studied and worked hard to protect them.

"The service members we honor today come from many different backgrounds, but they share several important qualities

- they possess courage, pride, determination, selflessness and dedication to duty," she said. "They are ordinary people who have served in extraordinary ways."

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Young scientists get inspired at BMS

By ALAN BENNETT

Staff Writer BIDDEFORD -Inquisitive minds came alive at Biddeford Middle School on Wednesday, as students participated in a number of activities to celebrate Maine BioScience Day.

The Bioscience Association of Maine organized the event to inspire young people to pursue sci-

ence-based careers at Maine companies. Twelve middle schools across southern Maine took part in the event, in which scientists, researchers and staff from science companies gave presentations and demonstrations to about 1,750 students.

"The Bioscience Association promotes the bioscience industry, which is extensive, and they wanted to promote awareness of the different companies and research institutions throughout the state," said Ed Bilsky, Ph.D., vice president for research and scholarship at the University of New England, which hosted the event at BMS.

"There's a lot of biotech companies in Maine and

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falling on Friday. Several organization and municipalities across York County will also hold events to commemorate those who have served or who currently serve. All events are on Veterans Day unless noted otherwise.

BIDDEFORD AND SACO

The Twin Cities will host a joint parade on Veterans Day to honor the sacrifices of those who have served in the nation's armed forces. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. with a brief ceremony at Eastman park in Saco before proceeding through Biddeford's Main Street to Alfred Street, where it will conclude with a closing ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Park. The parade will be dedicated to Jake Mulligan, a U.S. Navy veteran and member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, who died on Oct. 29, 2016.

Through Saturday, AMVETS Post 1 in Biddeford will be offering free membership to veterans who are new to the organization.

OLD ORCHARD BEACH

A flag raising ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. in Veterans Memorial Park, at the corner of First and Heath streets.

ARUNDEL

The Arundel Historical Society will host its annual Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Fire Station, 401 Limerick Road. Yellow its third-annual Veterans Day 5K on Saturday. The race starts at the Wells Elks Lodge, 356 Bald Hill Rd. Proceeds will benefit Honor Flight Maine. Those who wish to participate or sponsor a runner can find more information at wellschamber.org.

SANFORD

On Veterans Day, veterans' groups will lay wreaths at the memorial in Central Park. The groups will then make their way to Springvale, where they will lay a wreath at the memorial at the Gazebo near Springvale square. There will be a Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. at Sanford Veterans Memorial Gymnasium, 678 Main St.

NEWFIELD

The Newfield Historical Society will present its Veterans Day program beginning at 11 a.m. in front of the Town Office and Library on Route 11, and will feature recentlyretired U.S. Air Force B-1 pilot Jen Fulmer as its guest speaker. Fulmer flew 90 combat missions supporting troops on the ground in Afghanistan and Iraq. The program also includes a flag raising by the Boy Scouts. All are welcome to the event. Refreshments will be served in the library following the program.

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Students at Margaret Chase Smith School in Sanford said the Pledge of Allegiance Wednesday as part of their annual salute to veterans.

Sanford Students

FROM PAGE A1 followed by a ceremony at Sanford Veterans Memorial Gymnasium at 11 a.m.

The Elks Lodge, 7 Elm St., hosts a Veterans Day ham dinner 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, where veterans dine at no charge; for others, the cost

is \$10. At th

At the school, U.S. Navy veteran Ron Rivard and his wife, Rita, were among those attending. Rivard exchanged a high-five with his granddaughter, second-grade student Belinda Rivard, sporting a Navy hat, filed into the gym with her fellow students. What did Rivard think of the ceremony?

"It's great to expose the younger children to veterans," he said.

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Ed Bilsky, Ph.D., from the University of New England on Wednesday shows Biddeford Middle School student Patrick O'Driscoll how a gelatin feeding pack for laboratory mice attaches to a magnetic holster for easy feeding during transport. Bilsky and about 15 other faculty and student volunteers visited the school as part of Maine BioScience Day on Wednesday.

BioScience Program

For Sulikowski, the opportunity to share his

12, who was particularly interested in looking at a set of shark teeth record



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94 Eastern Avenue,

Rochester, NH

\$5 per family, Children under 18 are included in the drawing for the train set.

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Good for our local Farmers!

they hire people out of high school, out of college, and you can have a really good career in that," he said.

Bilsky said the middle school was selected because of its recent establishment of a science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, academy in which students may enroll for a more focused core of classes.

About 15 faculty, staff and university student volunteers spoke to the 400-plus sixthand eighth-grade students at BMS on Wednesday, on topics ranging from drug addiction to mouse trials of medications.

One of the highlights of the day was a presentation by Dr. James Sulikowski, a professor of marine sciences at UNE whose work on shark reproduction was featured on Discovery Channel's "Shark Week" special programming this past summer.

Sulikowski told students about his studies, including his novel approach of using ultrasound technology to determine if sharks are pregnant, much like is done with humans. Historically, sharks have been sacrificed to determine their pregnancy statuses. research with students of young ages was, as he said, "amazing."

"The group that we're working with now are the young minds of our future," he said. "We really want to get them excited about STEM and science and about the ocean and about medicine, just to become our liaisons for the future."

Sulikowski said he and others who work for UNE believe outreach is critical in inspiring young minds to pursue careers in science or related fields, and the chance to visit area schools is an opportunity he couldn't turn down.

"You make time in your schedule because it's just so important to get the message out to the kids," he said. "I think that there's opportunities for them, and they can take those opportunities and do great things with them. We're here to help them get on the right path."

And, after Wednesday's event, some students may already be hitting the trail.

"I've always been interested with underwater life, and we have a fish tank with a bunch of fish, so I like learning all kinds of other stuff about it," said Ellie Fournier, around during Sulikowski's presentation.

Through the presentation, Fournier said she learned what the biggest and smallest sharks were and where they lived in Maine, and said she is considering entering the field of marine biology when she's older.

Bilsky said part of what makes Maine BioScience Day successful is its use of young professionals in the classroom working one-onone with children. Several UNE student volunteers assisted him during his presentation, handing out research materials and — to the kids' delight — candy in return for asking questions.

"That's important to see that there are young people close in age to them who are going on to be successful, in college, out of college and beyond, and they see people like myself who've made a career out of this," Bilsky said. "Hopefully it inspires some of them to pursue some advanced education and shoot for the stars."

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