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Alexander	Washington	Alexander Grange #304	Alexander Grange #304 was started in 1889 and has done so much to help its community over the past 130+ years. The grange currently sponsors the annual Home Town Jubilee, which features a parade, Giant Chinese Auction, food, kids' games and more. Alexander Grange also organizes \"Kids at the Grange\", a weekly program July-August that helps youths learn about their community and participate in activities.		
Anson	Somerset	Gloria Peggy Luce	Every year Mrs. Luce knits hats for students in the district. Hats come in various sizes and colors, enough for every single elementary student to have one! Nothing can beat a home-made hat!		
Arrowsic	Sagadahoc	Arrowsic Election Workers	This year's nomination for the Spirit of America Award goes to our Town Clerk, Barbara Boyce and her crew of Election Workers - Josephine Ewing, Mary Louise Blanchard, Amy Smith, Jim Flannery, Bets Skillings, Gretchen McLeod, Joe Bonnett, Anita Brown, Marnie Kalkstein - who did what needed to be done to make it possible for us to exercise our most precious right as citizens: voting. Their planning, creativity, and willingness to risk their lives to a degree enabled all of us in town to cast votes safely and securely during a time that neither safety or security could be taken for granted. On behalf of the whole town, we thank you.		
Arundel	York	Arundel Fire-Rescue	Arundel Fire-Rescue consists of a chief and about 30 volunteer firefighters on call 24X7 to emergencies in their town or in nearby communities & who also spend countless hours in preparation training each year. Though their duties are challenging enough in normal times, these volunteers have faced extra personal risks and difficulties during pandemic.		
Auburn	Androscoggin	Milton Simon	Milton Simon created the Auburn Community Concert Band 40 years ago & has been its organizer, spokesperson and conductor ever since. The band performs concerts each summer plus an annual holiday program each December for the public to enjoy.	Leroy Walker, Sr.	Leroy Walker, Sr. served as Auburn's Park Superintendent for 39 years. He has served on many boards and committees throughout the years, including as Ward 5 representative on Auburn City Council for the past decade.
Augusta	Kennebec	Keith Luke	Keith Luke went well above the call of duty of his job to secure a grant to upgrade utility cable crossing the Kennebec River, saving Greater Augusta District rate-payers at least \$1,000,000. Keith also has done a lot to help Augusta Kiwanis and other causes.		
Bar Harbor	Hancock	Bar Harbor Historical Society	Bar Harbor Historical Society strives to collect, preserve, promote and celebrate the history of its community. Its La Rochelle Mansion and Museum offers many exhibits for the public to enjoy, including memorabilia of schools and maps. BHHS also hosts a number of community events, including the Invitational Car Show (a classic car show) and the MCA Guild Fine Craft Show.		
Belfast	Waldo	Ann Mullen	Ann Mullen created and maintained extensive gardens at Grove Cemetery and in downtown Belfast.		
Biddeford	York	David Flood	David Flood has served as Secretary of Heart of Biddeford & on the city's Strategic Planning Steering Committee.		
Bremen	Lincoln	Bremen Broadband Committee	The Bremen Broadband Committee was created by the Select Board on September 5, 2019, and adopted the goal of bringing reliable, affordable, "future-proof" high-speed internet access to every home in Bremen. The Committee collected data and mapped internet access in Bremen; researched various options for achieving the goal; worked with the selected provider, Tidewater Telecom, to obtain a ConnectMe infrastructure grant of \$120,000; engaged the public through forums and surveys; and began the process of establish free community "hot spots" around the town. All of this has occurred at no-charge to the taxpayers of Bremen. Every home in Bremen now has access to reliable, affordable and high-speed broadband thanks to the hard work of this Committee. Committee Members: Christa Thorpe, Chair; Matthew Hanly, Brian Withers, Ernie Carroll and Sam Hafford. Ex-officio Boe Marsh. Legal consultant Henry Goldberg		
Brewer	Penobscot	Brewer Kiwanis Club	Brewer Kiwanis prior to the pandemic annually ran a Wishing Under the Stars Gala that raised thousands for the Make A Wish Foundation. In 2021 the group instead ran a Make A Wish Raffle. Kiwanis also organizes a Christman/Holiday Decoration Contest, has run a raffle to benefit the food pantry, and has donated to the library and many other charitable causes.		
Bristol	Lincoln	Phil and Candy Congdon	The late Candy Congdon, who passed away in February 2021, was Bristol correspondent for the Lincoln County News. Her husband, Phil Congdon, chairs Bristol's Broadband Committee which is steering the rollout of 100% broadband coverage in the Town. The two were inseparable for 58 years.		
Brownfield	Oxford	Christina Gillespie	Runs the Sunshine backpack program for food insecurity in our local school district. Served on the Comprehensive Plan Committee and volunteers time to landscape and winterize the Brownfield Community Center.		
Buckfield	Oxford	Sandra Fickett	Sandra serves as a volunteer on the Buckfield Budget Committee; and Sandra provided volunteer services to Education Exploration; and as co owner of Tilton's Market provided commendable services to Buckfield community during Pandemic; and Tilton's Market kept community informed of food, supplies and current restrictions; and Tilton's Market provided delivery services to the home bound citizens	Tilton's Market - owners Sandra & Peter Fickett and all staff	Co owner's Sandra & Peter Fickett of Tilton's Market and staff provided commendable services to Buckfield community during Pandemic; and Tilton's Market kept community informed of food, supplies and current restrictions; and Tilton's Market provided delivery services to the home bound citizens
Burnham	Waldo	Sandra Witham	Volunteers to play instruments at the church Helps in town where needed		

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Buxton	York	Nathan Schools	<p>Nathan Schools has served as Buxton's Fire Chief since 2012 and as York County EMA Director since 2015 as well as President of York County Fire Chiefs Association.</p> <p>As EMA Director, Schools immediately took control and was continually in touch with the Maine CDC and the York County Emergency Management Agency. Through these resources he was able to devise a strategy to safely guide Buxton residents through the most difficult time many ever will encounter.</p> <p>As Fire Chief, Nathan Schools has navigated town departments through the day-to-day operations of exposures, quarantines and positive COVID-19 cases &amp; he also worked tirelessly to host the first drive thru vaccination clinic in the entire state - his Buxton Fire-Rescue has administered over 1,200 of the J &amp; J vaccine.</p>		
Cambridge	Somerset	Mrs. Beverly E. Watson	Our nominee for this year is Mrs. Beverly Watson. (April 13,1940 -November 13,2020) She lived in Cambridge for fifty years and was involved in public supers, pie actions, hunters breakfasts, heart fund bake sales. She was a Shriner Lady for 34 years. Beverly was our election warden and in past years was our moderator at other special elections. In November 2020 Beverly was again our election Warden on November 3 and sadly she passed away November 13,2020. She was and will be remembered as a kind and giving person who always tried to help anyone that needed help.		
Camden	Knox	Rotary Club of Camden	Rotary Club of Camden over years has raised \$25,000 for Camden Snow Bowl; \$10,000 each for Camden Area Food Pantry, Camden Hills Regional High, LifeFlight of Maine, and Midcoast Habitat for Humanity; and \$4,000 for Meals on Wheels. The Club also has donated to many other charitable causes, distributed \$35,000 in college scholarships, organized annual 4th of July concert, and done so much more.		
Canton	Oxford	Canton Bicentennial Committee	Canton Bicentennial Celebration was a four-day August event recognizing the town's 200th anniversary. The festivities included a parade, concert, fireworks, kids activities, car show, exhibits, barbecue dinner and much more. The organizing committee did much planning and fundraising to make everything possible.		
Cape Elizabeth	Cumberland	Community Ice Rink Organization, Jay Brandeis, Chris Hooper, and Sam Sezak along with their spouses	The Brandeis, Hooper, and Sezak families organized the fund raising, volunteer coordination, and installation of an ice rink on a land parcel behind the Cape Elizabeth Town Hall. This rink provided an outdoor recreation asset for all ages to enjoy this past winter. In the time of the pandemic, having this outdoor recreation activity available provided hours of healthy exercise for the community.		
Caswell	Aroostook	Parent's Country Store	<p>Parent's Country Store (Kevin Parent and Gala Bither Owners)</p> <p>Kevin Parent is nonstop helping the Ski-doo Club and the ATV Club. He works on trails &amp; has repaired many bridges. Gala takes the time to write the newsletters for the club. They both donate from the store to help both clubs.</p>	Nancy Martin	Nancy Martin has worked at Caswell School for many years. She loves working with and for the children. Nancy donates more hours than the hours she works. She has organized my Holiday plays, also moon light caf�� with help from the children at school.
Chesterville	Franklin	Dave Archer	Dave Archer has served as fire chief and/or as selectboard member for over 30 years. He served on the county budget committee also. His commitment to serve is being honored as recognized this year in particular because Dave is officially retiring as Fire Chief.		
City of Bath	Sagadahoc	Michael Field	Bath Chief of Police Michael Field retired in 2021 after 33 years of service to the community. Field was known for his community-focused approach to policing, friendly demeanor, and quiet leadership style that garnered respect from all who knew him. Field also served as chairman of the United Way of Mid Coast Maine, facilitating resources for those struggling with mental health, domestic violence, or substance use disorder, and was a member of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, signing letters to federal and state policymakers and contributing editorial content for statewide and regional newspapers speaking out for children. Chief Field's outstanding contributions to the Bath community make him an ideal selection for the 2021 Spirit of America Award.		
City of Caribou	Aroostook	Janine Murchison	Janine Murchison has served 14 years on Caribou Public Library Board of Trustees, been Chair a number of years. She has assisted the library with structural projects & has mapped the floors during the pandemic.	Robert White	Robert White served 7 years on Caribou's Planning, including some time as Chair. He was heavily involved with updating the Comprehensive Plan & was involved with school and property projects.

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Crouseville	Aroostook	Boy Scout Troop 177 Washburn, Maine	<p>Spirit of America Award Nomination</p> <p>The Washburn Rotary Club on behalf of the Washburn Town Council would like to submit the following award request from Boy Scout Troop 177 Washburn, Chartered for 55 years by The Washburn Rotary Club.</p> <p>I am the 44-year scoutmaster of Troop 177 Washburn and we are continually providing Volunteer Service to our community. Placing 36 flags on Main Street each Holiday, Eagle Projects to support our town from 42 Eagle Scouts, providing Ceremonies support during the 2019 visit of the American Veterans Traveling Tribute Vietnam Memorial Wall to Washburn. Annual Flag Retirement Ceremonies each August for the Washburn citizens to attend, and we have started doing annual Veterans Day Ceremonies to support our community Veterans in our new Washburn Area Veterans Memorial Park. This Veterans Park was an Eagle Scout project of 3 Eagle candidates and turned and outdated and disrepair Veterans Park in to a show place and respectful setting for the many Veterans from the Washburn Area. Recently we provided trail cleanup and a Memorial Service at a site of a 1942 B25 C Crash in Perham Maine where 7 crew members were killed. This was in conjunction of working on the James M Stewart Good Citizenship Award.</p> <p>The 26 Scouts of Washburn's Troop 177 are continually praised by our community citizens for their service to the community and great character and citizenship displayed over 365 days each year.</p> <p>These are only a few of the ongoing volunteer events that our troop does. Is this admirable enough for our troop to be considered for your award?</p> <p>Sincerely Larry R Harrison, Scoutmaster Troop 177 Past President &amp; Senior Active Member of Washburn Rotary, Washburn, Maine</p>		
Cumberland	Cumberland	Cumberland Lands & Conservation Commission	Cumberland Lands & Conservation Commission promotes the conservation of natural resources, created a Climate Action Plan, and has done so much more to help preserve the environment and town lands.		
Cushing	Knox	Arthur Kiskila	<p>Director of Emergency Management - 1972 to 2020</p> <p>Chief of Cushing Fire Department - 1988 to 2019</p> <p>Town Constable - twenty years</p> <p>Mentor to the fire community</p>		
Damariscotta	Lincoln	Jane Oliver-Gravel	Jane Oliver-Gravel, through her Main Street Grocery, heroically led a number of activities to help the Damariscotta community during the pandemic.		
Dexter	Penobscot	Dexter Sunrise Kiwanis	The Sunrise Kiwanis Club of Dexter was established in 1979 and since its inception it has supported countless efforts to support our community. It has seen many members come and go, some sadly passing on while others have stayed the course. Historically Kiwanis Club of Dexter helps young children in our community by providing programs that promote safety, security, and positive behaviors. Some of these programs and sponsorships include an annual bike rodeo where children are provided proper bike riding safety guidelines and free bicycle helmets. The club sponsors the elementary school's annual Grandparent's Day and Backpack Program (a bi-weekly food distribution to families in need) during the school year. The annual Hooked on Fishing program teaches kids a safe and productive activity as an alternative to hanging on the streets conducting less than desirable behaviors. And lastly, our soon to be expanded Reading Program for elementary level children, where children receive free books, are encouraged to read, live readings are conducted, and exchange libraries are installed throughout the community. In addition to helping local children, the club plays an integral role in supporting our community in need. It organizes and delivers Christmas food boxes for families in need in order for them to have a complete Christmas dinner. Also, a couple of families were "adopted" by the club last Christmas by providing wrapped gifts for the children to open on Christmas. In addition to the previous mentioned engagement and volunteerism, the Sunrise Kiwanis Club of Dexter conducts fundraising events that encourage community involvement. The Annual Kiwanis Cruise-In held in the summer draws show cars and spectators from all over the state, providing unique, hand-crafted trophies for the top in class. Then there is the Annual Kiwanis Golf Scramble that draws 25 or more teams to the local golf course and lunch provided to those participants. These are just two of the club's major fundraising community events that are held throughout the year in order to continue serving the community in the current capacity and beyond.		
Dover-Foxcroft	Piscataquis	Dover-Foxcroft First Responders	Dover-Foxcroft First Responders (Fire Dept. & Police Dept.) risked their lives even more so than normally while serving their community during the pandemic.		
Dresden	Lincoln	Allan Moeller Sr.	Allan Moeller Sr. has served over the decades as a Dresden Selectman and Road Commissioner; he is known for giving people the opportunity to speak & for treating their opinions with respect		
Dresden/Farmingdale/Hallowell/Monmouth/Richmond RSU #2	Kennebec	Monmouth Academy Student Government	Monmouth Academy student government working with the Monmouth Memorial School student government worked collaboratively on a K-12 public service project called "Stuff the Bus". This project collected food to be donated to local food banks in an effort to reduce local food insecurity.	Monmouth Memorial School Student Government	Monmouth Memorial School student government working with the Monmouth Academy student government worked collaboratively on a K-12 public service project called "Stuff the Bus". This project collected food to be donated to local food banks in an effort to reduce local food insecurity.

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East Machias	Washington	Clinton Gardner Sr.	Clinton Gardner Sr. served as chief of East Machias Volunteer Fire Department for over 30 years.		
Easton	Aroostook	Travis Carter	Travis Carter raised enough money (\$140,000) to erect new lighting on the town's soccer field.		
Eddington	Penobscot	Patricia Wilking	Patricia Wilking has given years of dedicated service to Eddington's Board of Appeals.		
Embden	Somerset	Janice Welch	Janice Welch has served as a Selectman, as a Planning Board Alternate, etc.; she's done so much to help her community over the years.		
Fairfield	Somerset	Fairfield VFW Post 6924 & VFW Auxiliary	Fairfield VFW Post 6924 & VFW Auxiliary have participated in many events and contributed monetarily to help their community.		WHEREAS, For decades, Fairfield VFW Post 6924 & Auxiliary has diligently served Fairfield and central Maine veterans, municipalities, and organizations in various capacities including: volunteerism; hosting Memorial Day Parades with cemetery ceremony and following public luncheon; participating in local events including Fairfield Days; hosting BBQ's, raffles, craft fairs, suppers and events to benefit those in need throughout the year; substantial financial supporters of: the Fairfield Interfaith Food & Essentials Pantry, municipal heating fuel assistance program, children and family Christmas programs, playground & park improvements; smoke-detectors for public distribution; children's' camps, Paddle for Pine Tree Camp, Trek Across Maine; Make-A-Wish Foundation, local musicians, and WHEREAS, Notwithstanding their many accomplishments and inspiration to engage with and give back to their greater community; and WHEREAS the Town of Fairfield and its citizens cherish the ongoing efforts, generosity, effectiveness, and achievements of Fairfield VFW Post 6924
Farmingdale	Kennebec	Loring Smith	Loring \"Bud\" Smith was a 50-year member of Farmingdale Fire Department and on other Farmingdale committees including Historical Society, Monument Committee and plumbing inspector. He also was a boy scout leader, Hermon Lodge Mason and a member of Penney Memorial Church.		
Fayette	Kennebec	Underwood Memorial Library Staff & Trustees	Underwood Memorial Library Staff & Trustees worked hard to remodel/refurbish the library.		
Fort Fairfield	Aroostook	Fort Fairfield Quality of Place Council	Fort Fairfield Quality Of Place Council organizes a Home Decorating Competition during the annual Celebration of Lights among many things the group does to promote citizen involvement in the community.		
Fort Kent	Aroostook	Dalen Boucher	Dalen Boucher gave 35 years of dedicated service to Fort Kent Police Department, leaving 'a legacy of kindness'. He was referred to as 'The Boy Scout' because whenever anyone was in need he was the first to help. He reached into his own pocket to buy food for families in poverty, toys for kids at Christmas and to pay for motel rooms for the homeless.		
Freedom	Waldo	Steve Bennett	Steve Bennett has served multiple terms on Freedom's Board of Selectmen, including years as Chair.		
GardinerTown	Kennebec	Debby Willis	Debby Willis has served as Chair of Gardiner Planning Board, giving very dedicated service to that committee.		
Georgetown	Sagadahoc	Nancy Kinner	Nancy Kinner is a very dedicated member of Georgetown Conservation Commission. A college professor, she has coordinated efforts between local storm volunteers and UNH engineering seniors to evaluate the efficiency of Georgetown culverts.		
Glenburn	Penobscot	Glenburn Fire Department	Glenburn Fire Department recently has organized a blood drive in memory of Brady Nickerson, hosted a vaccine clinic, helped build an area training facility, participated in a teacher appreciation parade and assisted the criminal justice program. The department consists of about 30 volunteer firefighters on call 24X7 to emergencies in their town or in nearby communities & who also spend countless hour in preparation training each year. Though their duties are challenging enough in normal times, these volunteers have faced additional personal risks and difficulties during the pandemic.		

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Grand Isle	Aroostook	George Dionne	George Dionne has been involved in all aspects of the community of Grand Isle - Elected to the Board of Directors; Aroostook Agency on Aging; Chair, Grand Isle Democratic Party; Grand Isle Senior Club; meals on wheels, and weekly dinner co-chair; Chair, Grand Isle Budget Committee; Chair, Grand Isle Planning Board; Member and Safety Officer, Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Dept; Lifetime Member and Treasurer of the Greater Grand Isle Historical Society, Inc.; Assistant Treasurer NALC Branch 2394, Aroostook County Letter Carriers; Chair, Grand Isle Homecoming Committee; Organizer for bon fire and fireworks for town & July 4 activities since 2011; Member of the Knights of Columbus; Member American Legion; Member Maine Campground Owners Assoc; Grand Isle Campground owner/manager.PO thank		
Guilford	Piscataquis	Guilford Fire Dept.	Guilford Fire Dept. is a group of 30+ volunteers that has devotedly served its town for decades.		
Hallowell	Kennebec	Granite City Park Garden Volunteers	Volunteers planted the garden at Hallowell's Granite City Park in 2018 and have been improving and maintaining it ever since.		
Hampden	Penobscot	Hampden Historical Society	<p>The Hampden Historical Society is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the culture and heritage of the Town of Hampden, Maine. The Society maintains the Kinsley House (built in 1794), home to historical artifacts, collections, and the Katherine Tricky Archives: Hannibal Hamlin's Law office: original barn and an operational smithy. The Society celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2020.</p> <p>In the 2010s the Board of Directors determined that the infrastructure provided by the Kinsley House needed upgrading to better fulfill the mission of the organization. Identified areas of need included structural rehabilitation and weatherization of the Kinsley House, improved ADA access, fireproof rooms for archival storage and preservation of one-of-a-kind materials, additional space to catalogue and review historical artifacts, and space to provide educational programing and community outreach.</p> <p>In just over three years the Our History Lives Here Capital campaign, was completed in 2020 ensuring the preservation of the Kinsley House, expanded access to collections and conservancy of collections for future generations. In addition, more than \$100,000 of in-kind donations allowed the completion of the project within budget and on-time.</p> <p>Without the support of the entire membership of the Historical Society, this project would not have happened. Special recognition goes to Jerry Stanhope and Herb Frost for championing the project, Campaign Chair, Mary Poulin, and her committee for completion of the campaign, and the entire membership in their unwavering support.</p> <p>The Historical Society provides a repository of historical artifacts and ephemera dating from the late 1700s. Educational programs are provided to the community with presentations for community adult education, the local school district for Maine History Days, and any organizational requests. Post-pandemic, public access hours will be expanded. Programming includes Heritage Days, multiple open houses, several fundraisers (to cover ongoing expenses) includes limited access to the buildings, public collections and grounds. Genealogical research is supported and data bases are being expanded for public access. Quarterly newsletters provide current activities and multiple articles on the history of Hampden. The Historical Society webpage continues to expand as a resource.</p>	Dana Tardif, PT, LMT	<p>Dana Tardif has enhanced the quality of life for Hampden senior citizens for more than 30 years. He offers a senior exercise class that focuses on the physical, mental, and social well-being of the participants with the added benefit of building community. Shortly after graduating with a degree in physical therapy from the University of New England in 1984, Dana returned to the Hampden area. Upon entering practice, he realized that many of his patients needed an exercise program beyond physical therapy to boost their physical fitness levels, minimize the effects of aging and improve overall health. He designed a one-hour exercise class to address these needs. More importantly, over the years he has continuously led the program. The quality of life of the participants is greatly enhanced. Ranging from healthy seniors to those recovering from health or accident issues, every participant receives the benefits of this group exercise class. There are numerous testimonials from participants who feel the program either returned them to previous, if not greater abilities, enhanced their wellbeing, expanded their community, and actually saved their life. Starting in the basement of St. Matthew's in Hampden, the course has been offered in numerous locations as participation grew. In 2012, the program moved to the Hampden Recreation Department three times a week. Participation grew, some days exceeding 70. Even during the Pandemic, when the Skehan Center reopened, daily participation averages over 20 attendees. To create and offer this course to improve the quality of life to members of the community is truly an unselfish act to do it</p>

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Harmony	Somerset	Donna Olson	<p>A Resolution by the Select board of the Town of Harmony, this 8th day of May, in the year 2021 as follows to honor Donna Olson:</p> <p>WHEREAS, Donna served our town as 2nd Select-Board member, from 1984-1988</p> <p>WHEREAS, Donna served our town as a member of the School Board from 1989-1992</p> <p>WHEREAS, Donna served our town as 3rd Select-board member, from 2000-2006</p> <p>WHEREAS, Donna served our town as 1st Select-board member, from 2007-2015</p> <p>WHEREAS, Donna has served as ballot clerk for many years.</p> <p>WHEREAS, Donna volunteered her time to many organizations over the years</p> <p>WHEREAS, Donna has worked tirelessly, improving and maintaining the North Road Cemetery</p> <p>Therefore be it resolved by the Select board, of the Town of Harmony, in sincere gratitude and appreciation, that Donna Olsen is hereby recognized for her exemplary citizenship and outstanding achievements and honors, brought upon this community, with the 2021 Harmony Spirit of America Foundation Tribute.</p>		
hartford	Oxford	Lori Swan	<p>food bank volunteer for over 20 years</p> <p>hartford clothing center volunteer for over 20 years</p>		
Hartland	Somerset	Harold Buker	<p>The Town of Hartland Selectmen selected Harold (Hadley) Buker of Hartland, Maine as the 2021 recipient for the Spirit of America Award. Hadley has volunteered for many years around Hartland providing leadership to adults and children through his commitment to assist whatever the cause may be.</p> <p>In the past, he volunteered coaching farm league baseball, pigtail softball and was involved recreational basketball. Hadley has belonged to the Helping Hands, Couples Club, Hartland Fun Days committee and he has had a key role in many of these organizations .</p> <p>Hadley was a volunteer fire fighter, volunteer ambulance attendant, and he has belonged to several boosters' groups such as Sports and Band boosters for SAD 48 in the past. As a parishioner of the Hartland Methodist Church, he has volunteered to serve meals and work yard sales.</p> <p>In recent years, Hadley has been a Selectperson for the Town of Hartland, he now serves a Budget Committee member for the Town of Hartland, he is volunteering for the hospital coordinating individuals in need of COVID-19 shots, and you can always count on him to moderate a Town Meeting. He continues to be on the Irving Tanning Community Center Board which provides recreational opportunities to Hartland's youth. He is also passionate and patriotic about lining Hartland's streets with American Flags each summer.</p> <p>The Selectmen and I would like to thank Hadley for his generosity, sense of community, and his willingness to say "I am in" when called upon.</p> <p>Christopher Littlefield, Town Manager</p>		
HIRAM	Oxford	James Siracuse	<p>South Hiram Fire Chief, served on Planning Board, previous EMA director, Served on Comprehensive Plan committee, Historical Society, assist road commissioner when needed, teaches the Learn not to Burn program at the local schools, helps anyone in need, assists in repairing and rebuilding fire trucks, trains new fire dept. members.</p>	Joyce Siracuse	<p>Active in many community committees, Hiram Historical Society, Food Pantry, Served as Municipal Officers, instrumental in getting an electronic speed sign for the town, teaches proper recycling at our transfer station, serves on the Comprehensive Plan Committee and many more organizations that are unknown to us</p>
Holden	Penobscot	Sarah's House	<p>Sarah's House organization provides temporary lodging for people outside the immediate Bangor region who are dealing with cancer-related services. They provide a supportive and caring atmosphere centered around hope and healing, without regard to financial resources. Most of these services are provided by volunteer staff. The Town of Holden is honored to have Sarah's House as part of our community and would like to recognize them with a Spirit of America Tribute.</p>		

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Houlton	Aroostook	WHOU	<p>WHOU is a radio station, partners with United Way in an annual November donation drive, and does many other things to help folks.</p> <p>Letter attached</p>		
Jackman	Somerset	Anna & Mike Begin	<p>This year the Town of Jackman would like to nominate Anna &amp; Mike Begin to receive the Spirit of America Award. Together they were able to raise the necessary funds to erect a veterans flag memorial near the Jackman Town Office in 2020. They used no taxpayer dollars to support this endeavor, and there were many individuals who were inspired to volunteer their time to help make this project a reality. On July 4th the Town of Jackman unveiled the new monument, and Senator Susan Collins dedicated the memorial to the veterans of our region. We are grateful for Mike and Anna's commitment to this project, and we are confident that it will be enjoyed by the community for many years to come.</p>		

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Jefferson	Lincoln	Marie & Jim Lindsey	<p>Marie Lindsey and her husband Jim really stepped up in the year of COVID-19. When the Jefferson Village Community Center was not able to raise the funds to purchase a building, Marie and Jim stepped up and donated their space at LeBarn, in Jefferson, for several community projects.</p> <p>Among the uses were a 14 week healthy meals program, an Easter egg hunt, an Enchanted Village at Christmas, a book signing to help a veteran, community yard sale for Blessings in a Backpack, hosted a food truck, allowed vendors to sell their wares (antiques, household items, bake sale), and she helped raise funds for the Jefferson Beautification Committee.</p> <p>14 week Healthy Meals Program</p> <p>The Jefferson Healthy Meals program served 1,225 meals from January through the end of April. Marie and Jim donated the use of their facility (The LeBarn). Marie helped set up, unpack, label, and put up a banner. She also helped with the cooking of the meals. "She was there with bells on. It gave her great joy," Jefferson Beautification committee member Lauren Cornstack said.</p> <p>"Having the healthy meal program was huge for the community, with no no restaurant and no market in town. It gave us a nice resource and made the winter fly by," Cornstack said.</p> <p>Marie made sure everyone wore a mask and social distanced by staying one foot apart. Marie put cows on the floor of LeBarn, which drew a positive response. There were lines all the way to the street through snow, sleet and rain. "It went very smoothly. We could not have done without Marie," Cornstack added.</p> <p>Easter egg hunt</p> <p>Marie donated her facility and donated 350 Easter eggs for the first annual Easter egg hunt, held at LeBarn and Damariscotta Lake State Park in Jefferson.</p> <p>Enchanted Village</p> <p>Marie let the Jefferson Food Bank use her facility in December for their first annual Enchanted Village and spent four weeks decorating for the events. LeBarn and several trees were decorated to the hilt by Marie and volunteers. They collected food, \$200-300, and a couple of hundred gifts on two Saturdays. Gifts were wrapped and placed under the trees. People came from all over Jefferson and Whitefield to pick up their gifts. "It brought her so much joy," Cornstack said.</p> <p>Book signing</p> <p>Marie donated her facility for a local veteran and author to have book reading for Veteran's Day.</p> <p>Community yard sales</p> <p>Marie donated her facility for community yard sales, including yard sales for Blessings in a Backpack. Marie donated supplies as well for Blessings in a Backpack.</p> <p>Last summer during COVID-19 she donated her yard at LeBarn for community outside sales, including antique dealers, people selling household items, and food sales.</p>		
Jonesboro	Washington	Jonesboro Grange #357	<p>Jonesboro Grange #357 this year organized a Blueberry Festival &amp; Craft Fair featuring Crafts, Kids Fun Run, Blueberry Pie Eating Contest, Baking with Blueberries Contest and more - to celebrate the local Blueberry crop and help the Grange raise funds to repair its building. Grange #357 also does other events for its community, including a Halloween Spooktacular for children to enjoy and receive free candy.</p>		
Kennebunk	York	Kennebunk Parks and Recreation Department	<p>Kennebunk Parks and Recreation Department strives to create community through people, parks and programs by giving those who are pre-school age through senior citizens the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities. Some of the benefits offered through the department include: the teaching of vital life skills, building family unity, providing safe places to play, building self-esteem, creating memories and providing space to enjoy nature and increase community pride. It is this person-to-person contact that relieves the loneliness of senior citizens, reduces the stress and isolation of working adults and inspires and teaches youth to become productive community members. The Department involves cooperative efforts with many volunteer groups, civic organizations and local businesses - organizes HarvestFest and May Day Festival.</p>		
Kennebunkport	York	Claire Julian	<p>The essence of volunteering is giving part of one's self. Claire Julian certainly exemplifies that definition. Whether she is at town meeting, Louis T. Graves Memorial Library, the Seacoast Garden Club or working tirelessly behind the scenes of our local holiday charity, Claire always arrives with lots of energy and valuable ideas.</p> <p>Claire has volunteered for over 20 years in various capacities at Louis T. Graves Memorial Library in Kennebunkport. She is a past Board member, and currently serves on the Long-Range Planning Committee. She is also the point person of the Garden Club to care for the Library's gardens during all four seasons. Her passion for books and the Library was passed on to her son, Sam, at an early age. He would purchase children's books at Christmastime, wrap them up and give them to the Library. This is just one of many examples of Claire encouraging others to give of themselves.</p> <p>As Election Warden, Claire has the tremendous responsibility of keeping order during our elections. It is not a task that many people would enjoy, however, Claire takes it all in stride. Her calm demeanor and legal background guide her through the ever-changing election laws and requirements. She tirelessly gave many hours of her time while working with Town staff over the past year to ensure the integrity of our elections during the pandemic.</p> <p>All that Claire does for our community is done quietly without seeking praise or acknowledgment. That is part of what makes her such a perfect recipient of the Spirit of America Award. She truly gives part of herself to others without any expectation of recognition.</p>		

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LaGrange	Penobscot	Joseph Fleming	<p>Joe joined the volunteer fire department in 1991 and is still an active member today. He performs facility maintenance along with equipment upgrades to include retrofitting a tanker, installing baffles and surge protection devices, modifying a truck that served LaGrange for over ten years.</p> <p>He also did the research into the purchase of a replacement brush truck and located a wild land fire fighting trailer which was donated to the LaGrange fire department from the Old Town Fire department. Joe has put many hours into the fire department to repurpose and build equipment the department needs from existing or donated materials to help the LaGrange Fire Department save money and stay within budget. During his service he has volunteered to instruct Safety Training and has taken the time to present himself as Sparky the Fire Safety Dog. Joe has also played Santa at the yearly Angel Tree Celebration and provided the local children with an enjoyable event for the holidays.</p> <p>Joe Fleming has shown his dedication to this community as a member of the School Board for over 12 years and has recently been elected to serve again on the LaGrange School Board this past annual Town meeting. He is an active member of the LaGrange Fire Association and is an active voice in fund raising events to include the Angel Tree, scholarship programs, and the most recent donation securing \$1,000.00 from a private donor.</p> <p>Joe Fleming is a professional. The Board feels he will make an excellent candidate for this years Spirit of America. His contributions to our community have been above and beyond and we thank you Joe for your dedication.</p>		
Lamoine	Hancock	Carol Duffy	<p>Carol retired as a teacher at the Lamoine Consolidated School after 40 years. She has served as Secretary for the Town of Lamoine's 150th anniversary celebration, helped coordinate recognition for the staff at the school during the pandemic, and is a super volunteer for the town.</p>		
Lauren	York	Mary Haven			
Leeds	Androscoggin	Debra Page	<p>The Town of Leeds is honored to recognize Debra Page for her dedication and involvement with our town. Debra, better known as Deb, has dedicated many hours to helping with the Leeds Fire Department. Being the wife of the Assistant fire chief, she has always been involved in the planning, setting up, cooking, and clean-up for the many Fire Department breakfasts, as well as the barn sales that are held to raise money for equipment needed to run our fire station safely. Very often it was Deb's voice you would hear on the other end of the "red phone", an emergency fire call. Wherever she is needed to help out in the Fire Department, she is willing to pitch in. The Town of Leeds is very grateful for the hard work and dedication that she has put in alongside her late husband Steve, and we thank her greatly for all she has done.</p>		
Lewiston Public Schools	Androscoggin	The Store Next Door	<p>Lewiston High School's "The Store Next Door" Project</p> <p>Since 2006, Lewiston High School has created in-depth supplemental services to help eliminate barriers to education for youth and families experiencing high mobility and homelessness.</p> <p>Homelessness is a big enough issue in the United States that every school district nationwide has homeless liaisons and services (McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act), and there are now even relevant housing stability questions on college financial aid forms (FAFSA).</p> <p>The Store Project provides tangible items such as new and gently used clean clothing and footwear, underwear and socks, toiletries and hygiene products, household goods and cleaning supplies, laundry items and laundromat vouchers, gas cards and bus/cab vouchers, food, LHS logo items and sports team gear. We maintain a bank of gift cards to address immediate needs and sometimes do a little spoiling and lots of celebrating. Concurrent with what The Store Project provides, we also offer academic supports and tutoring, backpacks and school supplies.</p> <p>Most importantly, while addressing basic needs, we provide emotional support and encouragement, and community referrals and connections to services. It all comes down to building human relationships through respect and integrity. The Store Next Door project relies 100% on our community to meet the basic needs of over 300 youth experiencing homelessness who are living in Lewiston each year. Most of these youth are living outside of traditional family systems, and therefore do not have family members available for love, support and provision of tangible items. Living a highly mobile life takes a toll in way too many ways. We truly become the School Moms and School Dads for many of these fine kiddoes.</p>		
Lewiston, Maine	Androscoggin	Lewiston Education Association	<p>Lewiston Education Association was chosen for its "valiant, successful effort to provide meals to our children during COVID19 related school closures."</p> <p>Over 1,500 volunteer shifts, a total of approx. 4,500 hours were fulfilled by LEA members, their colleagues, family, and friends. A total of 300,000+ meals were served and over 600 Nutrition Boxes were distributed in partnership with the Good Shepherd Food Bank.</p>		
Liberty	Waldo	Diane Grosser	<p>Diane has resided in Liberty since 1966. She was married to William Grosser for 35 years. She has 1 daughter, 3 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.</p> <p>Diane has a very giving personality and absolutely loves the Town of Liberty. She is an active member in the community since her retirement from DHHS in Rockland where she worked for 19 years. She worked at the shoe company and Penobscot poultry in her early years.</p> <p>Diane is an active part of the Eastern Star. She is an active member of Liberty Historical Society and Liberty Community Relief Fund. She has always helped people in various ways and her door is always open. When asked what her legacy might be in the Town of Liberty, she responded, "Life is a gift. Don't waste it on yourself. Reach out to others. We can all make a difference."</p>		

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Litchfield	Kennebec	Litchfield Fire & Rescue	Litchfield Fire & Rescue has been involved in several projects over the years. Its members have organized (for 25 years) a 'Show and Shine' auto show, golf tournament and Litchfield Fair booth as fundraisers. It does Breakfast with Santa, collects money during the holiday season to buy toys and gifts for locals in need, and also hosts an Annual Veteran & Senior Luncheon. The department consists of about 50 volunteer firefighters, who are on call 24X7 to emergencies and who spend countless hour in preparation training each year. Though their duties are challenging enough in normal times, the firefighters face additional personal risks and difficulties during the pandemic.		
Machias	Washington	Margaretta Days Festival and Crafts Fair	Margaretta Days Festival and Crafts Fair is sponsored by Machias Historical Society and held at University of Maine Machias. The Festival celebrates the community's unique history as the 'Lexington of the Sea' and the beginning of American Revolution Downeast, specifically the 'Battle of the Margaretta' - first Naval Battle of the American Revolution and beginning of the US Merchant Marines - and the Battle of the Rim.  Praised by Yankee Magazine, the annual festival features reenactment of life in 1775, parade, music, storytelling, historical presentations, contemporary artists, children's activities, fun, games, food, and more.		
Machiasport	Washington	Bettina Thompson	Bettina Thompson served as Treasurer of Larrabee Church, as a Bay View Cemetery Association officer, and on the Washington Academy Board of Trustees.		
Madawaska	Aroostook	Acadian Festival	Acadian Festival is an annual August 4-day celebration commemorating the first Acadian landing in Northern Maine. Events include re-enactments, cultural displays, a Golf Scramble, softball tournament, fishing derby, cornhole tournament, Valley bus tours, art show, children's games, music and much more!		
Madison	Somerset	Glen Mantor	This year the Madison Selectmen are pleased to dedicate the Town Report to Glen Mantor. Glen's service to the community includes 17 years as Road Commissioner and 8 years as a member of the Select Board. Glen and his wife Sharon live on the family homestead off Thurston Hill that has been part of a rich farming history in Madison dating back 140 years. In 1871, George & Sarah (Salley) Mantor were working as schoolteachers in Embden. They purchased 185 acres on Thurston Hill for \$2,000 and entered the farming life. In 1910 it was passed down to their only son Walon and his wife Daisy. They raised and milked Guernsey cows and operated an apple orchard, shipping apples as far away as Boston. Walon and Daisy had one son, Carl who took over the farm in 1950, continuing the dairy business with his two sons, Dan and Glen "" fourth generation farmers in Madison. In the 1990's Glen began to take a leadership role in the affairs of the Town, serving on the Budget Advisory Committee in 1991 & 1992, and running for Selectman in 1993. Glen served two complete terms on the board, and was elected Chair in 1997, 1998, 1999 & 2000. During his time as Board Chair, the Town saw the completion of major projects like the construction of a new water tower, transformation of the recreational fields at Preble Avenue and the development of the Madison Business Park. In 2001, with one year remaining on his term as a Selectman, Glen stepped down from the Board to become Road Commissioner, an elected position that he held from 2001 to 2018. Glen brought the same steady hand and common-sense approach to road maintenance that he had used to help guide town business as chair of the Select Board. Farmers never really retire, because there is always a new project on the horizon. Glen stays as busy as he wants to be on the family homestead. For three decades of public service, the Madison Select Board is pleased to dedicate this year's Town Report to Glen Mantor.		
Maine DOE	Kennebec	Maine FFA Association Homelessness and Food Insecurity Project	Maine FFA Association completed a statewide community project addressing issues of homelessness and food insecurity. The effort was made possible through FFA's procurement of over \$10,000 in funds. Association members (in over 10 local FFA chapters) collected countless amounts of food supplies to help folks in need and learned about the challenges and resources available to fight homelessness.		
Manchester	Kennebec	Carol Dudley	The members of the North Manchester Meeting House nominate Carol C Dudley for the Manchester 2021 Spirit of America Award. Carol has been secretary of the North Manchester Meeting House Association for a number of years. This association is responsible for the preservation of the 1793 meeting house and adjacent cemetery. Serving also as Assistant Sexton Carol's responsibilities include maintain current records of cemetery plot and lot sales along with regular checks for any maintenance needs. Carol is a member of the North Manchester Meeting House Church and has served as its treasurer since the 1990's. Currently, meeting needs of this church, she is delivering the "message" on Sunday mornings. A strong supporter of her community Carol: Is a member of the Manchester Historical Society, Has served in several leadership roles over the years for many service groups. Served on the board of directors for the Albert Schweitzer School for the Arts and has provided many casseroles and desserts for the Manchester Grange and the Manchester Lions Club. Submitted Carolyn Van Horn, Treasurer North Manchester Meeting House Association	Shelia Knowles	Shelia Knowles is an active member of the Manchester Lions Club, volunteers for the Augusta Food Bank, and active in her church. Shelia was instrumental in helping to organize the Lions annual convention, this year virtual due to COVID. Shelia also made 100's of masks and generously gave them away free of charge. Submitted by Arlene Gagnon, Manchester Lions Club

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Mapleton/Chapman/Castle Hill	Aroostook	Haines Family	Haines Family has volunteered countless hours and service to various local clubs and associations.		
Mechanic Falls	Androscoggin	Andrew Coleman	Andrew Coleman is a volunteer who maintains Mechanic Falls recreation fields and also is involved with youth sports programs.		
Mercer	Somerset	COVID-19 Heroes	COVID-19 Heroes have risked their own lives to enable folks in the Mercer area to weather the storm of the pandemic.		
Mexico	Oxford	Richard Jones	Richard is the fire chief of Mexico. He constantly goes above and beyond his position by helping the citizens in our town as well as surrounding towns on and off duty.		
Millinocket	Penobscot	Eldon Doody	Eldon Doody was the past president of Great Northern paper after that he started his own engineering firm where he has done community project for the town. Eldon retired in 2019 and has been devoting his time volunteering to help the town with various projects like the Veterans park lighting project and the heritage plaza project.	Peter Jamieson	Peter Jamieson is a hometown man who has been actively involved with the chamber of commerce and working on helping the region redevelop itself and bring in opportunities for the Millinocket community to start to rebuild itself.  Additional winner Bruce Rioux has retired from the Millinocket Hospital and through his career he has mentored Boys through the Boy Scouts, helping and volunteering countless hours to the boy Scouts and helping the youth of the Katahdin region. He is most proud of his accomplishments as a scout leader and mentor of the youth of tomorrow.
Monmouth, Maine	Kennebec	The Mechuwana Food Program	<p>The Monmouth, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors the Mechuwana Food Program</p> <p>After Monmouth Schools were closed in March 2020 because of the pandemic, a group of volunteers met and formed a team designed to provide nutritious meals and food products for Monmouth students, who would under normal circumstances have lunches at their school, I and their families. This team was led by Norm Thombs and staffed by Tom Menendez and Molly Menace.</p> <p>At Camp Mechuwana a group of volunteer staff led by Laurie Gifford, Todd Gifford, Noni Prince, Paula Parsons, and Jen Schultz and RSU Food Director Chrissy Michaud, helped prepare bagged lunches that were transported to the Monmouth Town Office parking area for distribution.</p> <p>As summer got closer, Mechuwana staff took over preparing the lunches. Making up the majority of the staff were former and current Monmouth students: Nick Menace, Joe Menace, Anna Lewis, Maya Sirois, Luke Thombs, Ethan Thombs, Dylan Thombs, and Jake Umberhind. This group prepared lunches for four months while they were guaranteed funding. Coaches Jared Richmond and Mike Griswald of Winthrop helped give out the meals in the communities. Other Mechuwana staff, also took part in this food program were Megan Connelly, Kelsey Kennedy, Becky Tocci, and Chantelle Rody.</p> <p>During the Spring and Summer over 60,000 lunches were distributed to students. As part of the Monmouth Community, the Cottrell-Taylor Christmas Basket Program, led by Laurie Gifford, partnered with Mechuwana to provided food to Monmouth families.</p> <p>This summer, the program will continue with volunteers from all over the United States, people who read about the program, now coming to Mechuwana to participate. Also, over the past year, people from all over the country purchased supplies like gallon bags and sandwich bags for the program. This group of people, from this small town in Maine, are truly unsung heroes. The young people, those wonderful role models, who played such a major role in this program, will lead us in times of need in the future.</p> <p>All these volunteers gave freely of their time, talent, and energy to provide for others. They are all wonderful, remarkable people who deserve our recognition for dedicating themselves in service to all during this critical and difficult time.</p> <p>Be it resolved by the Monmouth Board of Selectmen that this outstanding group of people who participated in this program is hereby recognized and honored for their wonderful service, dedication, and contributions to our community with the 2021 Monmouth Spirit of America Tribute.</p> <p>Douglas Ludewig "" Chairman Timothy Mc Donald "" Vice-Chairman Mike Minkowsky Kris Sanborn Harold Jones</p>		

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Morrill	Waldo	Thomas Flacke	<p>Thomas Flacke served the Town of Morrill as First Selectman for 10 years. Tom was a big picture thinker and was a commanding presence in any room he entered. In Tom's first few years his largest challenge was to reorganize how the town conducted business and to build credibility throughout the town and with its residents. He established guidelines and pulled town employees together to develop a more team like atmosphere. He built on the town's existing strengths and completely overhauled all of the town's visible weaknesses, adding improvements both in process and technology.</p> <p>Tom's work continued with a complete town property tax re-evaluation, correcting many tax billing inconsistencies, bringing all properties in line so that taxes would be equitable.</p> <p>After these successful accomplishments Tom moved on to improving the town's infrastructure beginning with town roads. He rallied the town and developed a plan to repair 2/3's (8 miles) of town roads badly in need of repaving. Once this was completed he oversaw renovation of the town office using the existing footprint. This created a much more efficient work space for all employees as well as a brand new much needed safe for town records.. Tom's final goal before his unfortunate passing was to complete the paving of the final 4 miles of town roads which will be completed this summer in 2021.</p> <p>For many of the years of his tenure as First Selectman Tom participated on the County Budget Committee and he had also served on the school board previously. These experiences made him a formidable elected person with knowledge in many different areas. He had many years of managerial experience in his business life as well.</p> <p>Tom's greatest achievement was his interactions with Morrill citizens and meeting their needs to the best of his ability, along with keeping the town staff upbeat through the difficult times of change while he was in office. He was always open to feedback and particularly enjoyed the trust that he had built with the staff and town's people. Tom's spirit, lively sense of humor and devotion to the town will be greatly missed and he is well deserving of this Spirit of America Tribute.</p>		
Mount Desert	Hancock	Dana Haynes	Dana Haynes has served in one volunteer capacity or another for over 60 years. He served decades on the all-volunteer fire department, including 23 years as chief, and also was very actively involved with the Harbor Committee.		
Mount Vernon	Kennebec	Clyde Dyar	Served on the Selectboard from 2009 to 2020 and served as the representative to the Kennebec County Commissioners first joining the budget committee in 2011 to construct the 2012 budget. He runs a good meeting, is well respected by his peers -they kept electing him! His knowledge of municipal budgeting has been an asset in constructing solid budgets for Kennebec County. Clyde served Mount Vernon well, acquiring grants and state funds to help better serve our citizens. Clyde worked to obtain funds to help citizens winterize their homes. This project led to the Town's CPC group, Neighbors Driving Neighbors. He was also instrumental in improving infrastructure and landing area near the town beach. Clyde is certainly deserving!!!		
MSAD #4	Piscataquis	Piscataquis Community Elementary School 'Behind the Mask' Project	Piscataquis Community Elementary School's "Behind the Mask" Project. They wrote and published (helped with the publishing and printing) a book called "Behind the Mask." It was quite an accomplishment in that almost all of the content was written and/or drawn by the kids. They scheduled a school assembly to thank individuals and organizations who helped the school get through a difficult year. Books were given to those individuals and organizations and copies were presented to local historical societies and libraries. (This all took place towards the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year.)		
MSAD 11	Kennebec	Barbara Astbury	Barbara drove a school bus for MSAD 11 for 50 years and retired in the 2020-2021 school year.		
Naples	Cumberland	Naples Rec and Activities Committee	Despite a global pandemic, the Naples Rec and Activities Committee provided safe and enjoyable events which enhanced our town's community spirit. They established new, annual events to encourage family-focused activities within Naples. Additionally, they provided outdoor winter events to promote year-round enthusiasm for Naples. The Committee partnered with other clubs and organizations to create community spirit and support within Naples as well as neighboring towns. They provided their time, energy, and resources selflessly for the benefit of Naples citizens.		
New Gloucester	Cumberland	Eagles Club FOE 4131	Eagles Club FOE 4131 has developed a few programs to help people, including its Camping for A Cause Camporee weekend that annually raises over \$2,000 for STRIVE to help folks with disabilities. 4131 also helps others through its involvement in a few national and international programs.		
New Portland	Somerset	Dallas Landry	Dallas Landry is editor of the New Portlander monthly newsletter & has been serving in that role since the newsletter started.		
Newport	Penobscot	Newport Fire Department	Newport Fire Department was organized in 1886 and has responded to numerous fires/emergencies over the past 135 years. Currently the department has about 25 on-call firefighters who provide 24X7 fire and rescue services with an average call-out response of 5-10 minutes to the scene. The department also responds to emergencies in Corinna, Pittsfield, Plymouth and St. Albans. Newport's firefighters spend countless hour in preparation training each year. Though their duties are challenging enough in normal times, they have faced additional personal risks and difficulties during the pandemic.		

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Norridgewock	Somerset	Dana & Jamie Ledger	<p>This year, we honor a Norridgewock couple who volunteers in our community regularly, doing a wide variety of things""it could be working quietly to improve Main Street, or fostering continued growth at the airport. There's hasn't been a parade that I've witnessed that they didn't participate in""you can always count on them for showing up with a big truck. Go big or go home!</p> <p>In the hours after Gene Cole's shooting, these two knew the air around Town had changed. They wanted to do something to show our community's support for law enforcement and send a message to every on-looker. On that late April day, Dana and Jamie Ledger fired up the lift and headed for Main Street. The American flags popped up, one by one, quickly lining each street in and out of Town. And each since then, when they put those flags up, it is heartwarming, inspiring, and just another reason to be proud of our little community.</p> <p>Dana and Jamie have become our go-to flag people. They have donated their time and equipment to help install flags at the turn of every season. This last year, we honored our seniors with flags along Route 2. The Ledgers dropped what they were doing to swap out our American and Bicentennial flags for these senior flags. With each pole hung, another truck driving by with a honk of the horn or holler out the window. People showing their appreciation for the time and effort put into the small touches that make Norridgewock look just a little bit nicer. This quiet commitment to the community is greatly appreciated and we are thankful for Dana and Jamie and their dedication to our community.</p>		
North Yarmouth	Cumberland	Solar Research Committee	The Solar Research Committee displayed exceptional expertise in the town's efforts to learn more on the potential for municipal solar projects. Furthermore, they provided a recommendation to the Select Board that supported solar development in town and, equally, gave options and tools to the Select Board and the Planning Board for their process of decision making. The committee was only given a six (6) month term but used the best of their time to find the answers and create a presentation that fulfilled and exceeded the Select Board's expectations.		
Oakland	Kennebec	Oakland Food Pantry	Oakland Food Pantry has provided free healthy and nutritious food to those in need for 40+ years.		
Old Town	Penobscot	Rotary Club of Old Town	Rotary Club of Old Town annually runs an auction raising thousands for charitable causes and also has organized a Charity Golf Tournament, a Hunters Breakfast, a Doughraiser and many other activities over the years.		
Owls Head	Knox	Robert Hirsch	Robert Hirsch has served many years as chair of Owls Head's Budget Committee, giving very dedicated service to his town in that capacity.		
Oxford	Oxford	Oxford Fire/Rescue	Oxford Fire/Rescue has helped organize a Trunk or Treat party providing fire prevention lessons to youths, an open house Bid for the Lid contest, and a boot drive. The department consists of about 70 firefighters, who are on call 24X7 to emergencies and who spend countless hour in preparation training each year. Though their duties are challenging enough in normal times, the firefighters have faced additional personal risks and difficulties during the pandemic.		
Palmyra	Somerset	Linwood Cookson	<p>Linwood Cookson began volunteering for Palmyra and Somerset County elections as a ballot clerk.</p> <p>When the Amish began arriving in town several years ago, Linwood started helping them by taking the children to another home for schooling, remodeling their house and transporting the family quite often to Pennsylvania for visits at no cost to them.</p> <p>Cookson also does a lot to help neighbors.</p>		
Parkman	Piscataquis	Patricia Johnson	Patricia Johnson was Selectman for 30 years, went above her job description to help residents.		
Pembroke	Washington	Pembroke Trotting Association	Pembroke Trotting Association organizes the annual Washington County Fair, which features horse racing, pig scramble, pet show, children's games and much more. The Association also runs a public supper to help finance the fair, sponsors a Poster and T-Shirt Art Contest leading up to it, and hosts a number of weekly fun/game/pleasure shows each summer at its fairgrounds.-		
Peru	Oxford	William Hussey	Bill Hussey is always hard at work for the Town of Peru, and has consistently exhibited an outstanding leadership as Fire Chief. He has worked determinedly to complete and receive several grants for vital town projects and necessary amenities, which have helped to save taxpayer money and keep the town running smoothly.		

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Phippsburg	Sagadahoc	Geneva Beals	<p>In 1964, Geneva and her husband "Bogie," along with John Rogers, started Phippsburg Rescue using their own station wagons, stretchers, and a couple of suitcases full of bandages. Geneva stood watch by the "Red" Fire Phone on many days and nights to ensure a quick response to a call for help. Once a call was received for help, it was often Geneva that summoned the Ambulance and Fire crews by phone. A Fire Fighter/Ambulance crew quoted "I heard Geneva's voice on many nights when my phone would ring...the message was short and to the point, "Go to the Fire House, we have a call."</p> <p>Geneva was involved in all aspects of the Fire and Rescue service from the Ladies Auxiliary to working in the Ambulance, she dedicated much of her life to helping the people of Phippsburg.</p> <p>The Phippsburg Fire and Rescue was funded in part by collecting returnable bottles and cans with her husband "Bogie." Geneva continued to collect returnable bottles and cans after Bogie died in 2008 with the help of family members if her health permitted. She collected over \$100,000.00, which is over 2 million 5 cent cans. This required a lot of bending over and is the reason why she had her "grab a can" later on.</p> <p>Geneva was a large part of the Phippsburg Auxiliary and helped to organize it with Laura Nickerson. Geneva held just about every office in the Auxiliary. Geneva was a continually active member and held many roles.</p> <p>Geneva was a founder of the Elmhurst Center in Bath.</p> <p>The Town of Phippsburg would like to thank Geneva Beals for her many years of dedicated service to the people of Phippsburg.</p>		
Pittsfield	Somerset	Chuck Cianchette, In the Memory Of	<p>Known as Chuck to all, his given name was Alton E. Cianchette. Chuck was an American businessperson and politician from Maine. Cianchette was born in Pittsfield as the youngest of seven children. He graduated from Maine Central Institute. He passed away on January 18, 2000 when his single engine 1948 Cessna crashed in rural eastern Kentucky en route from Maine to his winter home in St. Petersburg, Florida. He had been active in Pittsfield organizations, the State Government and contributed his knowledge and time to many volunteer projects.</p>		
Pittston	Kennebec	Lilly Brandt	<p>Lilly has spent hundreds of hours over several years knitting hats and mittens, and baby sweater sets for anyone who needs them. She has donated to local schools as well as left them at the Town office for all to share. She has made and donated lap quilts to local veterans. Her generosity has made Pittston a warmer place to live, literally.</p>		
Portland	Cumberland	Nadine Pembele	<p>Nadine has been a committed member of Portland's Natural Helpers program, which helps break down barriers to important resources by training the \"super-doers\" of a community. As a Natural Helper, Nadine agreed to a set number of volunteer hours, which she exceeded by 200%.</p> <p>She spearheaded the Natural Helpers' response during COVID, organizing weekly instead of monthly meetings from the start of the pandemic until October 2020 to ensure services and support continued for Natural Helper clients. In addition, Nadine was instrumental in organizing efforts to address mental health issues due to isolation among Natural Helper clients from early on, coordinating virtual trainings with faith leaders and mental health providers to expand awareness of symptoms, as well as existing resources and services to treat depression and anxiety. She spearheaded the creation of videos that explained Stay at Home orders and other COVID restrictions in clients' native language(s), as well as videos that showed clients how to manage social isolation while complying with the Stay at Home order.</p> <p>Nadine is originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo. She actively volunteers in several organizations (on top of her full time job at USM as the Provost Admin Assistant), including as an ILAP interpreter, at the organization in Her Presence that empowers immigrant women to reach their full potential, and for the Congolese Association of Southern Maine.</p>		
Prospect	Waldo	Linda Gamble	<p>Linda Gamble serves as President of Prospect Community Club, making arrangements for Memorial Day Parades for the past five years, helping deliver the club's May Baskets, takes bottles and cans to Redemption Center for Heating Fund, helps facilitate bean suppers and more. She was a Prospect volunteer Fireman for many years &amp; now is the association's Secretary/Treasurer. Linda also has participated in the Koman Cancer Run and in other races for various causes, has read to pre-school children and has volunteered at American Folk Festival.</p>		
Raymond	Cumberland	Gary Bibeau	<p>Gary Bibeau has served as Operations Manager of Raymond Food Pantry for a number of years.</p>		
Readfield	Kennebec	Deb Peale	<p>Deb Peale has served as Chair of Readfield Community Library Board of Trustees, done so much to help the library in that role.</p>	Bruce Burgoine, Christine Sammons	Bruce Burgoine & Christine Sammons both have served as Selectmen for a number of years and have done so much to help their community in that capacity.

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Richmond	Sagadahoc	Laurie Saunders	Laurie has been an outstanding resource for our seniors during the COVID-19 Pandemic, keeping the senior center open and cleaned for those who could attend, making special trips to the store for groceries and prescriptions for seniors, recently holding several Covid-19 Vaccine Clinics to get our residents and seniors in need vaccinated.		
Ripley	Somerset	Joseph Kennedy	To honor his service for completing all of the plumbing renovations when Courser Memorial School was renovated to become Ripley's Town Office.		
Rockland	Knox	Maine Lobster Festival	Maine Lobster Festival is an internationally known celebration of seafood held annually in early August. The five-day event is full of culinary demonstrations, gourmet tastings, carnival rides, cooking contests, and live music. The festival also features a sea goddess coronation, an international lobster crate race, road races and an artisan fair. Especially popular is the Big Parade, whose participants include local groups, businesses and nationally recognized guests.		
Rome	Kennebec	Robert Moreau	Robert Moreau has served about 30 years as a Selectman, done so much to help folks over that span.		
RSU #39	Aroostook	Laynee's Sole Purpose	Laynee's Sole Purpose strives to ensure that any Caribou student in need of shoes has access to a new pair. The project was inspired by 2nd grader Laynee Kirby, who expressed sadness to her parents that a friend could not participate in school activities and was uncomfortable throughout the day because of inadequate footwear. Laynee's thoughtfulness led to Dr. Waldemarson's JMG Caribou High School class adopting the cause and turning the project into a gigantic community effort that is collecting 'countless' shoes to help impoverished children.		
Saco	York	Saco Grange #53	Saco Grange #53 was started in 1874 & has done so much to help folks over the past 145+ years. It is renowned for the many lap quilts and Afghans it has knitted for the New Hope Hospice program. In recent years Grange #53 also has organized plant & book sale craft fairs; conducted gardening & hunter safety classes; hosted Jerry Sanders Concerts, an Acoustic County Jam, and blood drives; donated to Caring Unlimited, Creative Works and other charitable causes; organized fundraising bean suppers; and done even more.		
Saco School District	York	Amanda Condon	Amanda Condon has served as a School Resource Officer and 'embodies the best qualities of a female leader and role model'. She has been involved with a number of causes including Wreaths Across America, food distribution to those in need, school activities, and the annual Pink Patch campaign to raise awareness of breast cancer (before learning she herself had the disease). Amanda has played an important part in the lives of students and others & is in the thoughts and prayers of many as she has undergone chemotherapy.	Saco Middle School Entrance Redesign	Saco Middle School students 'each' created a mosaic stepping stone for the school entrance way expressing something they had learned about themselves during the 2020 pandemic year. Besides beautifying the school, the entrance was reconstructed to have a better impact on the environment. Though 6th graders played the major role in the project, Middle School Gifted and Talented also worked on an additional section of the entry way.
Sanford	York	Waban	Waban is a non-profit corporation organized to develop and operate programs which promote the general welfare and education of children and adults with developmental and other disabilities. Through the support over five decades of the community, individuals and fundraisers (such as the Telethon), Camp Waban has blossomed into a vast organization providing services and support to over 4,000 people annually.		
Searsmont	Waldo	Bruce Brierley	Thirty-one years of service to the community, first as the Assessor, quickly moving on to become a Selectman adding the responsibilities as the Overseer of the Poor, and Road Commissioner. A fervent patriot he served as an advocate and committee member on the Memorial Parade Committee too.		
Shapleigh	York	Pandemic Volunteers & Essential Workers	Pandemic Volunteers & Essential Workers risked their own lives to assist others during the COVID-19 crisis.		
Sidney	Kennebec	Richard Jandreau	Richard Jandreau serves as Fire Chief, Emergency Management Director and Fire Warden in the small community of Sidney, Maine. He often goes above and beyond with the resident's and is frequently complimented on how passionate he is about his career and his people. Chief consoles families, helps them out anytime he is called upon and is a very active member in the community. He is always looking out for the best interests of all the reside in the town. Chief recently had an impact, all they way in Marco Island, Florida. A mother was all alone with nobody to console her and give her a hug. Her son was not able to leave Southwest Florida. Chief showed up like you would expect a great fire fighter to do. He has done this time and time again and we know this from talking to people in the community. Richard also drives bus for RSU 18 - and goes above and beyond for the kids he transports. He is an outstanding person and a great leader. We appreciate his service and his amazing integrity. We are very lucky to have a person like him working with and for the town.		

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SKOWHEGAN	Somerset	Hight Family Dealerships	Hight Family Dealerships always steps up to the plate to help the community. They have done many things for the community for many years. During COVID-19 they held BBQs for first responders.		
Smyrna	Aroostook	Smyrna & Merrill Citizens Who Went To Work During Pandemic	<p>The towns of Smyrna and Merrill would like to nominate the citizens who went to work during the pandemic "" the LEO'S, the Border Patrol, our Military, Firemen, Medical personnel "" doctors, nurses, aides, janitors, laundry personnel, waitresses, cooks, teachers "" teachers who worked remotely, those moms and dads who worked remotely while caring for children and guiding their children through remote schooling. So many people "" grocery store workers, store workers, delivery people, truck drivers, mechanics, those people who went into homes to fix and or repair "" plumbers, electricians, builders, masons, so many people went to work everyday "" not knowing if they were being exposed or not. Postal workers, mailmen, UPS drivers, farmers, people at the local town offices, mechanics, tow truck drivers, the list goes on. Those people made the decision to continue to work, to make our country run as best as it could "" during this time "" heroes everyone.</p> <p>The people who worked and met the public daily "" often times at risk, often times the brunt of people's frustrations "" people were worried, scared and they took it out on the person available "" the person who went to work. In my lifetime "" I had never witnessed anything like it "" I pray that I will never see it again and I am ever so thankful for everyone who continued to go to work to be of assistance to their country, community and neighbors. Many people volunteered, at food pantries, delivering meals and groceries to the elderly and to those at risk "" heroes.</p> <p>During the election, the people who volunteered at the polls, the ballot clerks who worked "" not knowing if they were at risk of contacting Covid "" heroes.</p>		
Solon	Somerset	Laura Layman	<p>BE IT RESOLVED by the Selectmen of the Town of Solon as follows:  WHEREAS, Laura Layman has served as a RSU 74 School Board member since 2011. Giving of her time to serve as a board member and to serve on many various school board committees, including the Library/Technology Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and the Building and Grounds Committee; and  WHEREAS, Laura served for many years on the Solon PTO and the Carrabec High School Boosters. and  WHEREAS, Laura has planned, coordinated, and run the Solon Swim/Camp Program since 2011. She increased it from a 2 week program to a 3 week program. She has given our children a wide range of activities to enjoy and learn from, and  WHEREAS, Laura also serves as the backup Librarian, filling in when the Librarian is unavailable and now, therefore,  BE IT RESOLVED by the Selectmen of the Town of Solon that Laura Layman is hereby recognized for her great achievements and honors that she has brought and is continuing to bring upon this community with the 2021 Solon Spirit of America Foundation Tribute; and  BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be appropriately framed and presented to Laura Layman for appropriate display.</p>		
Somerville	Lincoln	Somerville Volunteer Fire Department	<p>The Somerville Volunteer Fire Department has been there for the town no matter what. They come out no matter the size of the call, conditions of the roads, or location. They will make sure their residents and neighboring towns residents are helped. During the past year and a half, they have done everything they could to give any extra support to those in need. Covid may have made their approach different, however they didn't let that stop them. They have helped with pop-up food pantries, check ins on the locals, and even helped with distributing PPE to towns people. We, as a whole town, want to make sure that the entire SVFD knows how much we appreciate them! Thank you for always being there for us! The SVFD really shows true American Spirit!</p>		

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South Bristol	Lincoln	Cecil Burnham	Cecil moved back to South Bristol from East Boothbay in the 70's after spending several years driving and rowing across the Damariscotta River for work with Dick Shew building boats. He was a member of the Harbor Committee and supported Dick's work as the Harbor Master for several years before he became a Deputy Harbormaster. Cecil assumed the role of Harbormaster in 2004. He has continued to balance the commercial and recreational users of the water surrounding South Bristol, aided by Assistant Harbormasters over the past few years. This has included interacting with State and Federal Officials regarding various issues including replacement of the bridge as well as addressing increasing request from the aquaculture industry and ongoing interaction with the Coast Guard. He is also a member of the Library Board.	Ellen Shew	Ellen joined the Rutherford Library Board shortly after moving to South Bristol. She joined the Board in 1963 and volunteered as the Secretary for the Board and then as a substitute Librarian, In the late '70's early 80's she became the Head Librarian, a role that she continues to fill today. Ellen was also an early participant in the efforts to form a Historical Group in Town. She has been a long-term member of the Thompson Ice House and a member of CHIP(Community Housing Improvement Program). She has also been a behind the scenes supporter of the work by the Harbor Masters, sending out mooring permit applications and updating the list of moorings for the Town. Personal information-Originally from Camden, graduated from Farmington State with a degree in Home Economics, worked as a Home Economics Teacher prior to moving to South Bristol in 1962. Worked at Miles Memorial Hospital as a Clinical Dietitian prior to taking on regular duties at the library. She and her spinning wheel have been a frequent attraction at town events over the years. She is rarely seen sitting without yarn and knitting needles!
St. George	Knox	Raymond Emerson	Ray has been active in many town organizations for more than thirty years, including municipal committees, the Volunteer Firefighter's & Ambulance Association, the Youth and Scouting Council and the American Legion.  Thank you Ray for your service to the Town of St. George.		
st-albans	Somerset	Dennis Smith	Dennis Smith was dedicated, hard-working, and helpful friend to the town of St Albans. Dennis committed his life to family and community service in various capacities, including Boy Scouts of America, New Hope Baptist Church, St Albans Fire Department, St Albans Summerfest, and much more. He purchased Indian Stream Hardware in 1984 having worked there for many years before that. Dennis was always happy and willing to offer knowledge, advice, and help with any projects you had going on.  He earned his Eagle Scout rank with Boy Scouts of America from Troop 404 as a youth before serving as the Scoutmaster for Troop 404 for many years in St Albans and Hartland. He was also extremely active with New Hope Baptist Church, guiding both the youth and serving as an elder.  He was on the St Albans Fire Department for 50 years serving in numerous positions, being the Assistant Chief for the past year, and a lieutenant for the preceding 3 years. You could always count on him and his dedication to the department. He was known for closing his store in the middle of the day to respond to various calls for the department. Additionally, he was the primary pump operator first on Engine 1, then on Engine 3 for many years.		
Starks	Somerset	Frontline Workers during Covid -19 Pandemic	Healthcare professionals, first responders, educators, food sector employees, and all essential workers that keep our society functioning. These people expose themselves to danger each time they enter their workplace during pandemics. These individuals worked and risked their health and lives while knowing fellow citizens who fell ill and who sometimes died from this pandemic..		

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Steuben Volunteer Fire Company	Washington	Milbridge Volunteer Fire Department	<p>It is with great pleasure that we as a department nominate the Milbridge Fire Department for the Spirit of America Award. They are a small department that handles many 'calls throughout the year. They provide exemplary service to their town, area towns and the Petit Manan Amulance.</p> <p>Community service is of utmost importance to Milbridge Volunteer Fire Department. In addition to the emergency services that they provide, they also have their annual Santa run, Easter Bunny tour, Christmas in July and hold various fundraisers throughout the year to help support their growing services. Also, during Milbridge Days they hold their annual Lobster Bake. Their commitment to the Town of Milbridge and surrounding towns goes above and beyond.</p>		<p>It is with great pleasure that we as a department nominate the Milbridge Fire Department for the Spirit of America Award. They are a small department that handles many calls throughout the year. They provide exemplary service to their town, area towns and the Petit Manan Amulance.</p> <p>Community service is of utmost importance to this department. In addition to the emergency services that they provide, they also have their annual Santa run, Easter Bunny tour, Christmas in July and hold various fundraisers throughout the year to help support their growing services. Also, during Milbridge Days they hold their annual Lobster Bake. Their commitment to the Town of Milbridge and surrounding towns goes above and beyond.</p> <p>The Steuben Volunteer Fire Department</p>
Stockton Springs	Waldo	Stockton Springs Community Builders	<p>The Town of Stockton Springs wishes to nominate the Stockton Springs Community Builders as the recipient of this year's Spirit of America Award. To list the all that the volunteers of the SSCB had done for our town before the COVID pandemic could fill pages. Their contributions to sustain Stockton's spirit over this difficult past year, however, deserves special recognition.</p> <p>The SSCB volunteers saw the quarantine restrictions not as a reason to shut down operations, but instead as a challenge "" a challenge they met with the heartfelt spirit that embodies this great town. Just a month after the initial quarantine restrictions had been put in place, the volunteers of the Stockton Springs Community Builders knew that Easter was going not going to be its usual joyous spring celebration as it has in years past. The SSCB organized an Easter parade, in which the Easter Bunny rode in one of the Town's fire trucks throughout the many rural roads that dot our landscape. Using social media, the volunteers were able to track and announce where the Easter Bunny had been and where he would be next. The event was not only fun for residents of all ages, but also served as a beacon of hope during a bleak time.</p> <p>This was just one of the many challenges faced by the Stockton Springs Community Builders this past year. With extra effort on the part of the volunteers, children were able to take part in a Christmas holiday celebration, including crafting, caroling, and the "Decorate Stockton Challenge," all while observing social distancing and other safety restrictions. Children were encouraged to bring letters to Santa, and many needy children were given a bright Christmas morning because of the efforts of the volunteers of the SSCB.</p> <p>These are just two examples of the extraordinary efforts made by the Stockton Springs Community Builders this past year. There was a special public wall of respect on Veteran's Day, community-wide drive-in movies, Bingo, a Halloween celebration, and a party at Stockton Harbor.</p> <p>The mission of the Spirit of America Foundation is to honor volunteerism. The volunteers of the Stockton Springs Community Builders work hard every year, but this year they have gone above and beyond their usual level of volunteer commitment to this town. To honor the members of the Stockton Springs Community Builders is to honor the spirit of volunteerism itself.</p>		
Surry	Hancock	Surry Community Improvement Association	<p>Surry Community Improvement Association (SCIA) was established in 1970 to raise money to provide scholarships for Surry graduating seniors, supplementary materials for Surry Grammar School pupils and assistance for Surry Citizens in need. SCIA quickly accomplished those goals &amp; has been involved in many other projects over the years including school milk funding, litter cleanup, Christmas decorations, Fire House kitchen, street signs, town hall stairs,, Mendocino, town hall historic preservation, auctions, raffles, community suppers, concerts and much more.</p>		
Temple	Franklin	Belfry Project Volunteers	Belfry Project Volunteers raised money to restore Congregational Church Belfry and moved it.		
Town	Aroostook	Pandemic Mask-makers	Pandemic Mask-makers performed a great service to their community during the recent period of crisis and uncertainty; their masks helped protect people against the deadly virus.		

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Town	Penobscot	Kristina Wheaton	<p>This year, 2021, we want to nominate Kristina MacKenzie Wheaton.</p> <p>She and her husband, Brad, moved from Millinocket and purchased land in Plymouth in 2012/2013, moving into their new home in 2016.</p> <p>Kristina and Brad have two sons and knew they wanted to get involved in the community; they both share a passion for baseball/softball and sports in general. They met with the Recreation Committee board and found out the town did not have an active baseball team for several years. In 2017 Kristina organized a T-ball/coach pitch program. The town backed it with new equipment and once again the ball field was full of boys and girls having a great time with an organized program.</p> <p>In 2019 Kristin a organized our first annual fishing derby, getting the community involved in this event along with a craft sale at the grange hall. It was a huge success with the Plymouth Pond looking lite it was a separate village with all the ice shacks and flags everywhere. The proceeds that year went to benefit a local family dealing with medical bills, and a percentage was donated to the recreation department. The next derby was held in 2020 and another success with proceeds helping with families for the Plymouth Cares program that she started, helping over a dozen families with fuel. Hats were purchased for hunting season with the logo "Plymouth Cares".</p> <p>Kristina had plans for another fishing derby this February 2021, but the derby had to be canceled this winter due to the COVID virus, BUT Kristina is working on organizing a golf tournament this summer or next, depending on if the pandemic allows. So get your clubs ready for a great tournament full of surprises, fun, laughter, and prizes, with money being raised for Plymouth Cares.</p> <p>Congratulations Kristina MacKenzie Wheaton on receiving the 2021 "Spirit Award".</p>		
Town	Waldo	Bruce Mailloux	Bruce Mailloux is being honored for his dedication to the Swan Lake Dam Committee and the Town of Swanville with his help with the purchase of the dam and writting of the Swanville Water Level Ordinance.		
Town of Albion	Kennebec	Andrew Clark	Andy has been the Fire Chief of the Albion Fire Department since 2012 and a member of the department for over 20 years. Due to Andy's diligence the department has received over one million dollars in grants in the last 20 years, receiving \$410,000 in 2020 alone. He has done this along with working full time as a fire fighter and EMT in the Scarborough Fire Department. He has also been instrumental in helping to make improvements in the Albion Town Office.		
Town of Baldwin	Cumberland	Sharon M. Thomas	<p>The 2021 Baldwin Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors Sharon Thomas for commendable community service.</p> <p>A Resolution by the Selectmen of the Town of Baldwin as follows:</p> <p>WHEREAS, Sharon has been an active member of the Baldwin Historical Society since 2002 and served as a board member since 2010 helping to increase awareness of the organization and to improve its operations and community outreach.</p> <p>WHEREAS, Sharon, volunteered to take on the responsibility of Collections Officer for the Baldwin Historical Society in 2010, she has worked countless hours to implement the computer based cataloging of the Historical Society's collection of digital information, manuscripts, photographs, and donated items, making this information available to local residents and any researcher with a connection to Baldwin. This information has led to a deeper and richer understanding of the town's past.</p> <p>WHEREAS, Sharon has been the Editor of the Baldwin Historical Society Newsletter for the last ten years, bringing news of the Historical Society's activities to people well beyond the local membership.</p> <p>WHEREAS, Sharon served on the board that organized and managed the improvements to the Soldier's Memorial, prepared veteran related displays, and then served as MC for a number of the Memorial Day programs.</p> <p>WHEREAS, Sharon has been an essential member of the team that spent the last three years renovating and transforming the Chadbourne Homestead house into the new home to the Baldwin Historical Society, providing a showcase of Baldwin's proud past.</p> <p>Therefore Be it Resolved by the Selectmen of the Town of Baldwin, in sincere gratitude and appreciation, that Sharon Thomas is hereby recognized for her exemplary citizenship and outstanding contributions to this community, with the 2021 Baldwin Spirit of America Foundation Tribute.</p> <p>Selectmen: James Dollof, Dwight Warren, Robert Flint 2 July 2021</p>		
Town of Belgrade	Kennebec	Diane Bourque	Served as the treasurer for the nonprofit Friends of the Belgrade Public Library for 14 years, volunteering her expertise as a Certified Public Accountant in helping the group build an endowment that will support the library for generations to come.	Tammy Fulling	As the proprietor of the Sunset Grill, Fulling early in the pandemic began delivering free meals to elderly and health-compromised Belgrade residents. Initially supported by donations, she has continued this public service on a weekly basis. Her nominator said Fulling is unfailingly pleasant and positive, adding that her friendliness is as much of a treat as the delicious fare.
Town of Bethel Maine	Oxford	Bethel Shop ' N Save Bethel Foodliner	We would like to Thank the Bethel Foodliner and their employees for always being open and available to all during the COVID-19 Pandemic.		
Town of Boothbay	Lincoln	Ed Harmon	John Hargreaves, Ed Harmon & Arthur Richardson established the group Veterans Emergency Temporary Shelter to aid homeless Veterans. <a href="https://www.newscentermaine.com/article/news/local/outreach/homeless-veteran-project-hits-milestone-as-need-increases/97-86976d65-f96f-42e9-8244-c96a74cde95b">https://www.newscentermaine.com/article/news/local/outreach/homeless-veteran-project-hits-milestone-as-need-increases/97-86976d65-f96f-42e9-8244-c96a74cde95b</a>	Arthur Richardson, John Hargreaves	<a href="https://www.newscentermaine.com/article/news/local/outreach/homeless-veteran-project-hits-milestone-as-need-increases">https://www.newscentermaine.com/article/news/local/outreach/homeless-veteran-project-hits-milestone-as-need-increases</a>

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Town of Bowdoin	Sagadahoc	John Lewis	John was very instrumental in making the Internet Committee move forward and get the whole town able to hook into the Internet. This was a big feat and John rose to the occasion. Thank you John!		
Town of Bowdoinham	Sagadahoc	Marian Bagley	Marian Bagley was an active member of Second Baptist Church, a Life Member of Eastern Star, and a 'true caregiver of all she knew.' Marian also was renowned for her gracious hospitality to children at Halloween - 'she was such a generous, kind and caring person.'		
Town of Bradley	Penobscot	Linda Hardesty	Linda Hardesty served over 35 years on Bradley's Planning Board, a number of years as Chair.		
Town of Brownville	Piscataquis	Marvin Lundin	Marvin is a Vietnam veteran who is very active with American Legion Post #92 in Brownville. He worked for the Town of Brownville for years and has a great community spirit.		
Town of Bucksport	Hancock	Richard Rotella	Rich Rotella has devoted many years of his life to serving as a volunteer coach for RSU #25 sports.		
Town of Burlington	Penobscot	Maureen Bean	1. Established Burlington Food Pantry 2. In 2020 they partnered with Good Shepherd Food Bank. 3. Through ONLY DONATIONS of money and labor, built a New 14x36 building to serve and distribute food. 4. Food Pantry now serves over 140 families on a bi-weekly basis from multiple towns area wide.		
Town of Canaan	Somerset	Leigh & Samantha Paine	When the pandemic hit and the schools were still providing food to the school children, Leigh and Samantha realized that there were more families in need. They collected donations from local businesses and purchased food for families in Canaan.		
Town of Carmel	Penobscot	Russell Treadwell	The 2021 Carmel Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors "Russell Treadwell for commendable community service. A Resolution Providing for: Recognition of "Russell Treadwell". Be it "Resolved by the Selectmen of the Town of Carmel as follows: WHEREAS, "Russell Treadwell" has made significant contributions to the Town of Carmel through decades of community service. WHEREAS, "Russell Treadwell" served as a pilot in the U.S. Marine Corps for 21 years and received the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal for heroic action against the Viet Cong in Vietnam. WHEREAS, "Russell Treadwell" served as Representative for the Maine State House from 1996 through 2004. WHEREAS, "Russell Treadwell" has served on multiple municipal boards and committees including Carmel Recreation Committee, School Board, and Board of Selectmen. WHEREAS, "Russell Treadwell" has been a member several civic organizations since 1973 including American Legion Post 107, Benevolent Lodge AF & AM, Scottish Rite and Shrine, Retired Officers Association and the Marine Corop Aviation Association. Be it "Resolved by the Selectmen of the Town of Carmel that "Russell Treadwell" is hereby recognized for his exemplary citizenship, great achievements and honors that he has brought upon this community with the 2021 Carmel Spirit of America Foundation Tribute; and Be it "Further" Resolved that a copy of this resolution be appropriately framed and presented to "Russell Treadwell" for appropriate display; and Be it Further Resolved that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Carmel, formally dedicate the 2020 Annual Report for the Town of Carmel to Russell Treadwell. Selectmen: Suzan Rudnicki, Douglas Small, Jared Fitts, Isaac Raymond, Daniel Frye Town Manager: Kevin Howell		
Town of Chelsea	Kennebec	Sharon Burns	Sharon Burns was honored for the countless hours she has spent repairing, restoring and discovering monuments in Chelsea's cemeteries.	Mary Street	Mary Street was honored for her tireless work with Chelsea Grange #214 and with Chelsea Historical Society.
Town of Columbia Falls	Washington	Philip L Worcester	Planning Board Member since 1999 Member of the Comprehensive Planning Committee from 1998-2000 and 2017-2019 Volunteers with Election Day duties Volunteers to run general errands for the Town Office		
Town of Corinna	Penobscot	Phillip Cossar	Phillip Cossar has been a big part of Corinna for most of his life. He was a dedicated volunteer for the Recreation Department, where he coached little league baseball and PAL basketball. He was a huge supporter of children's sports, and was one of the co-founders of the Nokomis All Sports Boosters. Phil also has a love of nature and outdoor recreation. He was a co-founder of the Corundel Raiders Snowmobile Club. A lot of brave individuals volunteer as a firefighter in small towns. Phil is one of those brave individuals. He has been a member of the Corinna Volunteer Fire Department for over forty years. He has spent many hours training new firefighters and still likes to participate to this day. Phil has been the Sexton for Corinna for twelve years. It takes a special person to interact with families in their time of need and Phil has the patience and compassion to ensure your loved ones are treated with care and respect. Sometimes, when working with the public, one needs a sense of humor. Phil has a GREAT sense of humor "" with a quick wit. If you need a hand, call on Phil "" he can be counted on to help in any way he can.		

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Town of Dayton	York	Youth Full Maine	<p>Youth Full Maine distributed a quarter of a million pounds of food during the pandemic. Prior to the pandemic the organization partnered with schools to provide nourishing food to food-insecure children and their families. During the pandemic the organization quickly pivoted toward community wide food distribution events to support all citizens of York County throughout the pandemic.</p> <p>Youth Full Maine hosts weekly food distribution in the parking lot at the Dayton Town Office. The Youth Full Maine staff are awesome and have created a sense of community in our small town.</p>		
Town of Dixfield	Oxford	Dana Whittemore	<p>Dana served as a Selectmen of Dixfield. However, his greatest accomplishment was the development of much of Dixfield's youth. For many years, Dana has and continues to coach young baseball players and wrestlers. With great patience, Dana has taught the kids the right way to approach winning and losing. He never gets frustrated with the little kids. Moreover, he has recruited other adults who have similar attitudes towards coaching into the sports program. He has quietly paid for equipment that some parents couldn't afford so that no child was denied an opportunity to participate due to finances.</p>		
Town of Eliot	York	Ellen Ceppetelli	<p>The nominee has been a central figure in establishing Eliot, Maine as a \"Age Friendly Community\". Here advocacy as member of the Age In Place Committee has been exemplary. She has worked tirelessly to create safe pathways for pedestrians and cyclists throughout the community. She has worked as a volunteer to explore ways to bring services to seniors who have limited access from their subsidized elderly housing complex. As an retired healthcare octogenarian she traveled to war torn Lebanon to assist in re-establishing access to health care, during the pandemic. She truly is what the Spirit of America represents, doing for others without regard for ones self.</p>		
Town of Etna	Penobscot	Leroy Hall	<p>The Town of Etna recognizes Leroy Hall for his services in various town agencies including Fire Departments, Emergency Response, Police, Selectmen, Animal Control, Sexton and Health Officer. It all started at age 15 as part of the boy scouts when he volunteered in the town of Newport as a fire fighter and EMT. In 1984, Leroy became the constable/deputy and dog catcher in Etna. He started the Etna Fire Department in 1986 with the help of others. With over 5000 volunteer hours by all, the fire department and town offices were constructed and the community hall was renovated. The first fire truck was Leroy's 1974 GMC pickup truck with a 300-gallon tank and 250 gallon a minute pumper. Later, Hermon gifted Etna a 1951 Ford with a 500-gallon a minute front pumper. Leroy volunteered for head start. While located in the church, he made classrooms and when they moved to the Etna Community Hall, Leroy fixed up the kitchen. After head start, the hall was used as a school. In the mid-1990's, Leroy ran dances and beano in the community hall. The monies from beano were for the fire department. During this same time, Leroy also volunteered as a fireman and EMT in Carmel for about 15 years.</p> <p>In the late 1990's, Leroy joined the Etna Select Board. In the past, he's been the chair and is currently the assistant chair. He's also the assistant road commissioner, the sexton and the health officer. He's known in Etna for dropping whatever he's in the middle of to help someone who calls for help. He gets up at the crack of dawn and goes to the Etna Village Variety to help Debbie open the store. He is on the Bicentennial Committee and assisted with the bicentennial breakfast fundraisers. He volunteers for his church. He's a carpenter by trade and he's a walking encyclopedia full of Etna information. He's married 47 years, with two sons and six grandkids.</p>		
Town of Fryeburg	Oxford	George and Laurie Weston	<p>Born, raised and settled on River Street, George is a true life resident of Fryeburg. He has proudly served the town in many ways, both directly through committees and governance but also through his farm and the towns other pillar institutions including the Fryeburg Fair and Fryeburg Academy. George was a Fryeburg Selectman for 17 years over two terms. He served on the Budget Committee and Appeals Board and is still currently the Chairman of the Bradley Park Committee and Coordinator of the Memorial Day Parade.</p> <p>Laurie began her service to the town on the Fryeburg Woman's Club eventually becoming Treasurer. The Woman's Club oversaw the library before the town took it over. She served on the initial Comprehensive Plan Committee.</p> <p>Her true legacy was being elected to the MSAD #72 School Board for 39 consecutive years serving on most every committee and highlighted by years as the Chair of the Finance Committee</p> <p>Laurie has served the community in many other ways including the USDA Farm Service Agency representing Oxford County. She was also a founding member of the Fryeburg Academy Boosters Club.</p> <p>Together George and Laurie have raised their family in Fryeburg and worked tirelessly to maintain and build their business \"\" Weston's Farm. They have always been avid supporters of education and school programs. Generations of school kids have come to their farm for class trips to learn about agriculture and maple sugaring. They are dedicated supporters of the district's Nordic ski programs highlighted by the use of their property for trails. They support other forms of winter recreation through land access for snowmobiling, snowshoeing and walking.</p>		

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Town of Gray	Cumberland	Donna Rand	<p>The 2021 Gray, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors Donna Lee Rand for her exemplary community service to the town.</p> <p>A Resolution by the Gray Town Council is as follows:</p> <p>WHEREAS, Donna Rand has been and remains a driving force behind the Gray Food Pantry.</p> <p>WHEREAS, Donna volunteers her time for coordinating delivery and donations, stocking the shelves, arranging for emergency help, and sometimes even makes deliveries.</p> <p>WHEREAS, Donna she coordinates the efforts of many faithful volunteers.</p> <p>WHEREAS, Donna is especially dedicated to the food insecure individuals and families in Gray, treating them with sincerest kindness and the highest level of professionalism. She works with love and compassion and has been known to drop everything to come to the aid of a client or family in need. As Town Councilor Anne Gass notes, who has seen Donna in action, "In the basement of the Parish House of the First Congregational Church of Gray Donna is seemingly everywhere at once, re-packaging donated food, sorting bags and boxes, and directing volunteers. I watch in awe as she remembers everyone's names and what- and how much- is in each of the multiple refrigerators. Then she turns and dashes up the stairs to greet food bank customers, always as if they're her good friends that she's welcoming into her kitchen. She is absolutely amazing!"</p> <p>Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Gray Town Council, in sincere gratitude and appreciation, that Donna Rand is hereby recognized for her dedicated citizenship and outstanding achievements with the 2021 Gray Spirit of America Foundation award.</p>		
Town of Greene	Androscoggin	RJ Bourgeois	Spirit of Giving	Marion Bubier	Dedication of Service
Town of Greenville	Piscataquis	Greenville American Legion Post 94	<p>The Greenville American Legion Post 94 has gone above and beyond over the past year in giving back to not only the community of Greenville but also to surrounding communities.</p> <p>The American Legion opened it's doors numerous times this past winter when many citizens within the community found themselves without electricity due to multiple power outages. Without electricity many found themselves without heat and ways of cooking. The American Legion graciously turned up their heat, opened up their facility and provided food for those in need.</p> <p>Our community found itself without a 2nd food bank and the need for this 2nd food bank continued to grow as we all endured the changes brought upon us from the pandemic in 2020. The American Legion stepped up and found food sources, found room to store the food and distributed it to so many needy individuals and families within not only the Greenville community, but also to surrounding towns.</p> <p>The Greenville American Legion Post 94 as you can see is well deserving of the Spirit of America Award.</p>		
Town of Greenwood	Oxford	Norman Millett	7 years as a member of our Planning Board and 6 years on our Appeals Board.		
Town of Haynesville	Aroostook	Annette Watrous	Annette is a volunteer and oversees the food delivery, organizing the pantry, and has open pantry hours periodically when the town office is closed so people can pick up food at times when they are unable to come when the office is open. She is a great help and support for keeping everything running smoothly in the food pantry.		
Town of Jay	Franklin	Tri-Town Ministerial Association Food Cupboard	The volunteers of the Food Cupboard exemplify the meaning of volunteerism and have unselfishly given of their time and energy to others. The Food Cupboard is open three days per week to provide emergency/supplemental food to help eligible clients who meet the low income guidelines published by the State. The Food Cupboard provides over 50,000 meals serving 450-470 households each year in the Jay, Livermore and Livermore Falls communities with much needed food. Approximately 50 volunteers donated 2,700 hours in 2020 to serve clients, helping with food deliveries, stocking shelves and other necessary tasks, including holiday food baskets. The Food Cupboard also works collaboratively with many organizations to provide for the needs of the community, including The Emergency Food Assistance Program through the Good Shepherd Food Bank, Hannaford, Food City, Walmart and many other local businesses, churches, community groups, and individual contributors.		
Town of Lincoln	Penobscot	Sharon Hanington Sibley	The Lincoln Town Council proclaims that Sharon Hanington Sibley is the 2021 Lincoln Spirit of America Foundation Tribute Awardee. Sharon spent her life giving to others and volunteering wherever she was needed. Sharon was instrumental in forming the Events and Tourism Committee and she helped at every event. She also worked tirelessly fundraising for the MSG Gary Gordon Statue and also with Professional Logging Contractors of Maine. She helped with Toys for Tots and many other good causes. Sharon served honorably as a Town Councilor in Lincoln. In 2018 she was named the Lincoln Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year. Sharon embodied the very best of Lincoln and her life's work is what the Spirit of America award is all about.		

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Town of Lincolnville, Maine	Waldo	David Barrows (posthumously)	For a lifetime of volunteer service to the Town of Lincolnville and the mid-coast region including but not limited to service on the Lincolnville Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, Conservation Commission, and the Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation Board of Directors.		
Town of Lisbon	Androscoggin	Miranda Torrey	Miranda Torrey is middle schooler raising funds for cancer patients & who also raised bullying awareness.		
Town of Livermore Falls	Androscoggin	AYS	AYS was founded in 1969 by local citizens with the goal to empower kids with healthy bodies and minds, instill strong sportsmanlike conduct, and ingrain respect and modesty for what's around them through energizing team sports for children pre-K through 8th grade.Â©		
Town of Lyman	York	Leo Ruel	Was proprietor of a lumber company established in the Town of Lyman. Served as Planning Board Member, Town Selectman, Charter Commission Member, and Budget Committee Member. Umpired for Town Softball Games, Participated in Town Parades, and Assisted with various Community Projects to include the Town Hall's annual food drive to benefit York County Food Pantry.		
Town of Moose River	Somerset	William Trahan	"Bill" was born in the Moose River Valley and is a direct descendant of the first Settler in Moose River (1820). He graduated from Jackman High School and went on to earn a degree from the University of Maine, Bill came back to Jackman and taught at Forest Hills High School, and then enlisted in the military to become a Special Advisor to a unit in Vietnam. After completing his military career, he became a U. S. Customs Inspector, eventually serving as a Port Director in Houlton, Maine. Upon retirement, he returned to Moose River and has been actively involved in the community ever since. He is a generous donor financially, as well as giving many volunteer hours, to any project or organization: S.A.D. #12 School Board; Jackman Alumni Association; Moose River Congregational Church, UCC; Jackman-Moose River Historical Society; Community Health Advisory Team; VFW and American Legion; Moose River Bicentennial Committee. Bill's involvement is performed with such a quiet, steadfast demeanor - he is likely doing more for our community and its residents than many of us will ever know. We are honored to say "Bill, you are such an asset to so many."		
Town of Newcastle	Lincoln	Brian Foote	<p>The Spirit of America award recipient for the Town of Newcastle is Brian S. Foote. Brian didn't have the honor of being born in Newcastle, but he had the good sense to move here in the 1980's, living for a few years near Cowshit Corner, then on East Old County Road. Brian and his family found a home in Newcastle that suited them well.</p> <p>Many in the community came to know Brian as a small business owner in Damariscotta or from his time at Miles Memorial Hospital, but less well known were the countless hours Brian gave to the Town of Newcastle over the years.</p> <p>Nearly from the moment Brian arrived in town he began volunteering. He joined the Newcastle Fire Department and was an active member for many years. Later, Brian became involved in the town's finance committee in the 2000's, which ultimately inspired him to run for the Board of Selectmen in 2009. Since then, and until this past January, Brian Foote served on the Board, with the vast majority of that time as the Board's chairman. Brian served as a selectman so long that he saw four Town Administrators come and go. While it is impossible to condense his entire town career here, just a few of the things Brian did were: he built, advocated for, and then witnessed the rise and fall of the bold Joint Public Works Department initiative; he worked for years on projects such as the Comprehensive Plan and new Code; he helped establish a robust road reconstruction and maintenance plan to address years of deferred road maintenance; helped transition to the Town Manager form of government; worked to establish numerous programs to build efficiency and raise transparency within our town government; painstakingly rebuilt the fund balance over the course of years, from virtually nothing to nearly \$2 million; and amazingly managed to hold the property tax MIL rate flat for the last five years.</p> <p>Through it all, Brian always went above and beyond to answer the call of public service whether it was to help out in the town office with a computer issue, regularly sit through three to four hour meetings often several times a week, meet with state agencies, or answer questions from concerned residents with respect and with an open mind. Brian tackled the position of selectman with a level of professionalism and hard work rarely seen and he will be sorely missed. As the saying goes, though not often achieved, Brian certainly left it better than he found it.</p>		

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Town of Newfield	York	Newfield Volunteer Fire Department and Newfield Rescue	<p>The 2021 Newfield, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors the Newfield Volunteer Fire Department and the Newfield Rescue Squad for commendable community service.</p> <p>Be it resolved by the Selectmen of the Town of Newfield as follows:</p> <p>WHEREAS, under the direction of Chief Jason Neville and Chief Nick Santangelo, the volunteers of the Newfield Volunteer Fire Department and the Newfield Rescue Squad went above and beyond the call of duty during 2020 during the COVID-19 Pandemic.</p> <p>WHEREAS, they established a joint Fire &amp; Rescue committee that wrote department policies for covid-19 responses, started a grant writing program, and attended numerous state, county, and local meetings and briefings relating to the 2020 pandemic.</p> <p>WHEREAS, they built a decontaminate tent to treat all equipment and hazmat gear, conducted hazmat training, and networked with other local departments and agencies during the 2020 covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>WHEREAS, they kept all personnel supplied with proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), conducted localized pandemic related training, and established protocol with York County EMA for department members to receive covid-19 immunizations.</p> <p>WHEREAS, during the height of the covid-19 pandemic they volunteered to make meals and deliver them to Newfield residents, responded to over 130 calls, and battled through two large storms without any repercussions to normal or covid-19 related operations.</p> <p>Be it Resolved by the Selectmen of the Town of Newfield that Chief Jason Neville and the Newfield Volunteer Fire Department, along with Chief Nick Santangelo and the Newfield Rescue Squad, are hereby recognized for their outstanding achievements with the 2021 Newfield Spirit of America Foundation Tribute.</p>	Gloria Dyer	<p>The 2021 Newfield, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors Gloria Dyer for commendable community service.</p> <p>Be it resolved by the Selectmen of the Town of Newfield as follows:</p> <p>WHEREAS, Gloria volunteers her time as member and Chairperson of the Newfield Planning Board and member of the Newfield Finance Committee.</p> <p>WHEREAS, Gloria has been very active in a variety of community activities, including serving as one of Newfield's RSU57 School Board Directors from 1992 to 2000.</p> <p>WHEREAS, in 2019 and 2020 Gloria actively participated in helping resurrect Newfield's Recreation Committee.</p> <p>Be it Resolved by the Selectmen of the Town of Newfield that Gloria Dyer is hereby recognized for her outstanding achievements and honors she has brought upon this community with the 2021 Newfield Spirit of America Foundation Tribute.</p>
Town of Newry	Oxford	Leon Dunn	<p>Leon Dunn - Born April 27, 1938</p> <p>Leon grew up in Andover, he raised two boys there and in 1984 he moved to Newry.</p> <p>Wherever Leon lived, he was always involved in his community. While in Andover, when his boys were young Leon helped build the Little League baseball fields next to Mills Market. He then coached Little League for 20 years. Leon helped start the recreation committee in town and helps get the basketball and tennis courts built. Leon also helped raise money for the different youth sports in town. As an active member of the Pineland Ski Club, he was instrumental in building a rope tow area on east B Hill Road in 1964-65 with his friend Leon Akers and other volunteers. He later became active in assisting with youth cross country ski program. Leon kept trails broke out after storms, helped wax skis on race day and spent countless hours as an official timer. Leon designed and fabricated a track setter for Mr. Aker's cross country ski trail. He helped build a ski jump in town and was a ski coach there as well. In 1966 Leon was one of three people in Andover to have the first snowmobiles and that is when his trail work and grooming began in that sport. Shortly after moving to Newry, Leon began working on Snowmobile trails. He ended up becoming the Trail Master for Windy Valley Snowmobile Club. When he wasn't fishing or hunting, he would be working on bridges, trimming trails, or grooming. Leon spent most of his life in-service to his communities working with kids and anything to do with the outdoors he loves.</p>		
Town of Old Orchard Beach	York	Old Orchard Beach Fire Department	<p>The Annual Report is dedicated to the Employees of the Town of Old Orchard Beach who provide exemplary services to our community during the pandemic. They have conquered, and continue to do so, and provide forward-looking, positive plans to face the challenges of the days ahead. Our Emergency Management Staff including Fire, Police, Code and Administration, with the support of our staff and the community, created resources working to promote resilience and maintain a safe, reliable, and affordable access to a positive future. We have been reminded about what is important - deepened our ties to the community - walked and biked around our neighborhoods and met new neighbors. It has been a year of "people power"; a community coming together and everyone going "above and beyond." It is times like this when the "hero" within us is released. We continue to accept the mission - "Nothing can dim the light which shines within us."</p>	Old Orchard Beach Police Department	<p>The Annual Report is dedicated to the Employees of the Town of Old Orchard Beach who provide exemplary services to our community during the pandemic.</p> <p>They have conquered, and continue to do so, and provide forward-looking, positive plans to face the challenges of the days ahead. Our Emergency Management Staff including Fire, Police, Code and Administration, with the support of our staff and the community, created resources working to promote resilience and maintain a safe, reliable, and affordable access to a positive future. We have been reminded about what is important - deepened our ties to the community - walked and biked around our neighborhoods and met new neighbors. It has been a year of "people power"; a community coming together and everyone going "above and beyond." It is times like this when the "hero" within us is released. We continue to accept the mission - "Nothing can dim the light which shines within us."</p>
Town of Portage Lake	Aroostook	Daniel Higgins	<p>We would like to thank Daniel Higgins for his many years of community service to the numerus Boards he served on, especially his 21 years on the Select Board and his donations and continued support of the Veterans park!</p>		

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Town of Rangeley	Franklin	Alice (Quimby) Smith	<p>Alice (Quimby) Smith</p> <p>Alice grew up in Rangeley, on the Mingo Loop, with her two younger brothers Michael and Everett. Born in August of 1938, to parents Rose (Field) and Owen Quimby.</p> <p>Alice's first job was the laundry that serviced the many camps along the shores of Rangeley Lake. She attended school in Rangeley where she was noted as a "standout" basketball player. During her high school basketball career, Alice would take time to coach the younger children. Many, still hold fond memories of her mentorship.</p> <p>After graduation, Alice attended secondary school in Portland, Maine. At the urging of a friend, she moved to Manchester Connecticut. She found a job as credit manager, then store manager, for Grant's department store.</p> <p>In 1960 Alice married Roy Smith. Alice and Roy lived in Walpole, Massachusetts where they had three Children, Kimberly (1961) and twins, Danny and Kelly (1963).</p> <p>Alice's sense of community had always been strong, but soon came to full blossom. She co-led Boy's and Girl Scout troops. Alice was an active civic volunteer, working the voting polls, running the town census, or helping the Schools in any way she could. Later, in Massachusetts, Alice took a job at the local Housing Authority. Alice dedicated more than 20 years to helping low-income families find homes. She helped coordinate a myriad of activities, community dinners, holiday parties and celebrations for senior and disabled citizens.</p> <p>In Alice's retirement in Rangeley, her civic duties are countless. She has volunteered to drive the Rangeley Health Ride taking people to doctor appointments hours away. She has sat on the Park Commission, Budget and Cemetery Committees. She has volunteered for Election Clerk at most every election. She has managed Town Census's and founded the Rangeley Alumni Association where she still holds an annual yard sale to provide a scholarship opportunity to a graduating Senior.</p> <p>The Town of Rangeley is honored to dedicate this year's Annual Town Report to Alice Smith. Thank you for your many years of dedicated civil service.</p>		
Town of Rumford	Oxford	Stephanie Reed	<p>STEPHANIE REED</p> <p>Stephanie has put in numerous hours through the year in coordinating and bringing volunteers together to help decorate the Town of Rumford and bring pride to the area. It certainly hasn't gone unnoticed. From flower planters on the Island, to American flags along Lincoln Avenue and fall and Christmas decorations up and down Congress Street and in Veterans Park. Although many thanks go to many Town Departments for assisting in these efforts, they have all been spearheaded by Stephanie and the Beautify Rumford Crew.</p>		
Town of Sabattus	Androscoggin	Damien Pease	Damien Pease has repaired and cleaned flags and flag poles at cemetery and Veteran's Memorial.		
Town of Searsport	Waldo	Karen Kelley	Karen Kelley has done much to help Historical Society, her First Congregational Church and her community. She has planned events for them, including serving as chair of Searsport's 175th Anniversary celebration.		
Town of Sebago	Cumberland	Sebago Lion's Club	Student Scholarships, Community Fund Raising for Food Pantry, Holly Jolly Helpers (gifts for underprivileged children) , purchased Flags for the Town, Eye Exams, for living up to the motto: Where's there a need, there's a Lion.		
Town of South Berwick	York	The Leach Family	<p>The Leach Family has served over 160 combined years of service for the Town of South Berwick Fire Department. At least 10 family members have served in roles from Assistant Chief to Explorer. This award also recognizes the rest of their family for supporting their firefighting commitment over the years and also recognizes P. Gagnon &amp; Sons and the South Berwick Water District who allow them to respond to calls during their employment duties. The family was honored November 9, 2019 by the Gorman-Schoff First Responders Foundation, a local fundraising and awareness organization with the mission to get young people involved in firefighting. With the number of volunteer firefighters rapidly declining nationwide, this recognition of their service over multiple generations and roles is impressive. There is an article on Fosters.com "In Our Blood" about the family. I have included the link in the notes below. Here is the list of names: Mark Leach-Assistant Chief, John Leach-Captain, Adam Leach, Lieutenant, Todd Leach-Firefighter II, Doug Leach, Dispatcher, Evan Adams-Firefighter II, Tyler Leach-Jr. Firefighter, Colby Leach-Jr. Firefighter, Joseph Emerson-Firefighter, Frank Leach-Firefighter. Colby will soon be promoted to Firefighter I after he graduates from High School this year.</p>		
Town of Thorndike	Waldo	Melanie Cole	Melanie Cole made arrangements for Town of Thorndike to receive a POW chair to honor Veterans.		
Town of Troy	Waldo	Liana Walker	Liana offers to help everyone no matter what they need. Liana is a member of the Planning Board and has always been an outspoken member of the community. She puts the well being of the residents of the town first. Liana has donated her time, made bake goods and wreaths for all of the town's cemeteries. She also has volunteered to run the Snack Shack at the Mt. View Complex for outside sports.		
Town of Veazie	Penobscot	Karen Walker	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Assisted in the renaming of a bridge in honor of veteran killed in action</li> <li>2) assisted with Boston Cane presentation</li> <li>3) Active member in the Senior Group</li> <li>4) Active member of the Veazie Church</li> <li>5) Active member on the Veazie Planning Board</li> <li>6) Active member of the Cemetery Committee</li> </ol>		

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Town of Wales	Androscoggin	Robert English	25 years of service on the Wales Central School Board and as Wales Representative on the RSU#4 School Board of Directors (The RSU was formed in 2008 and Wales Central School became part of RSU#4)  Active member in the Wales Presbyterian Church and serves as Treasurer  Member of the Board of Directors of Rural Community Action Ministries		
Town of Washington	Knox	2021 Deborah Vannah	Spirit of America Award 2021, Unsung Hero  This person has been organizing and directing a great group of volunteers to provide an important service in our town for almost 4 years. She is responsive to people's needs and will help find other resources when needed. She is good with the board, pleasant and understanding. She uses money wisely for the purchasing of food, personal care items and pet food for families in need. She is reachable through email or phone to provide help when needed. The Unsung Hero Award of 2021 goes to Deborah Vannah who runs the Washington Food Pantry. Thank you Deb.		
Town of Westport Island	Lincoln	Westport Island History Committee	Westport Island History Committee is a volunteer organization dedicated to advising the Westport Island Selectmen on the pursuit, preservation and promotion of the Island's proud history and rich cultural heritage.	Westport Island Wright House and Ferry Landing Committee	Westport Island Wright House and Ferry Landing Committee have transformed the Wright property into a community landmark.
Town of Whitefield	Lincoln	The Whitefield Library Volunteers	Volunteers have always been at the cornerstone of creating, organizing, and providing services at Whitefield Library. In June of 2017, nine enthusiastic long-time Whitefield neighbors unpacked the last box of donated books and arranged the secondhand furniture into a welcoming space to greet patrons young and not so young on the first day of Whitefield "Summer Library". From the inspiring spark of a 2nd grader's letter signed "your Citizen Quinn" to the Whitefield Select Board pleading on behalf of all local children to open a library "because in the summer, there is nothing to do", those volunteer numbers grew to well over 100. From storytelling to selling cookies and calendars, it has taken many hands to bring this little library into fruition; each individual filling a need and bringing a useful talent to the efforts. With the decision to purchase the building and to extend the vision for its use, the association put into motion a building renovation committee charged with the task of developing a plan to reach two goals (create a year-round 1st floor library space that meets fire, safety, and sanitation codes and resurrect the beautiful 2nd floor community gathering/performance area for public use). Lofty goals, but for these ambitious volunteers, not insurmountable.		
Town of Winslow	Kennebec	The Winslow Community Cupboard, Kenny Quirion, Scott Higgins, Michael Heavener, and Betty Perry	A RESOLUTION Providing for: The 2021 Winslow Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors The Winslow Community Cupboard (12 Lithgow St, Winslow, ME 04901), Kenny Quirion (333 Morrill Rd, Winslow, ME 04901), Former Fire Captain Scott Higgins (538 Abbot Rd, Winslow, ME 04901), Former Town Manager Michael Heavener (310 S Pond Rd, Winslow, ME 04901), and Former Library Trustee Betty Perry (3 Smiley Ave, Winslow, ME 04901) for their Dedicated and Loyal Service to the Town of Winslow  BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Winslow as follows:  WHEREAS, The Winslow Community Cupboard is a food bank specifically designed to address hunger and food insecurity in the Winslow area. And, during the pandemic, the Winslow Community Cupboard provided "truck to trunk" food boxes from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture to families in need. The Cupboard partners with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, The Emergency Food Assistance Program and The Good Shepherd Food Bank; and  WHEREAS, Kenny Quirion has been a resident of Winslow all his life. He was a Call Firefighter for Winslow from 1971-1981. Ken has volunteered numerous hours to help different organizations, the elderly, and anyone that needs help. In 2001, he received the REM Award (Revitalizing the Energy in Maine) and in 2006 was honored by Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area; and  WHEREAS, Scott "Scoot" Higgins passed away unexpectedly in November of 2019. Scott started his career with Winslow Fire in 1999 as a On Call Firefighter. He then became Full-Time in 2001 making him the 18th Career Firefighter in Winslow and became Lieutenant. In 2016, Scott became B Shift Captain, mentoring countless up & coming young fire & EMS "Brothers & Sisters"; and  WHEREAS, Michael Heavener retired in June of 2020 after nearly 14 years of being the Winslow Town Manager. Mike's tenure as Town Manager began in October 2006 after he spent six years as the Winslow Police Chief and more than 21 years in law enforcement overall; and  WHEREAS, Betty Perry passed away peacefully in April of 2021 at age 100. Betty taught at Winslow High School for two years. Betty also served as a trustee for the Winslow Public Library for over 18 years; now, therefore,  BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Winslow, in sincere gratitude and appreciation, that The Winslow Community Cupboard, Kenny Quirion, Scott Higgins, Michael Heavener and Betty Perry are hereby recognized for their exemplary citizenship and honors brought upon this community with the		
Town of Wiscasset	Lincoln	Ames True Value	Ames True Value annually hosts events helping charitable causes, brings joy to folks of all ages.		

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Town Roxbury	Oxford	John Sutton	John Sutton has been an outstanding citizen in our beautiful Town of Roxbury along with his wife Kathleen Sutton where they raised their children here in Roxbury since 1973. John started serving as a School Board member in 1982 until he resigned in 1989 as a member and then he stepped into become a Planning Board member in 1990 where he maintain his title as Planning Board member until 2007. Without a break again John Sutton stepped in to another position as Selectman in 2008 and served as Selectman until this year 2020. So if all calculations are correct he maintained a term of office for 39 years of service to the Town of Roxbury. John and his wife Kathleen are ready to enjoy their retirement years spending time with their family and friends in their new dream home they are having built. John Sutton you will be greatly missed by all!! The girls in the office say you have always been the voice of reason and a pleasure to work with. So that being said The Office staff and fellow Board Members and residents all wish you and your wife the best on your new journey. You will be greatly missed.		
TownCornish	York	Diann W. Perkins	Town Historian, instrumental in Cornish Fairgrounds Association , volunteers on the Historical Society, Pike Hall Committee and many other small committees through out the year. Always keeping the character and the Town reputation first.		
Turner	Androscoggin	Troy & Dulsie Varney	Troy & Dulsie Varney, both tragically slain in Feb., 2021, were devoted to their Turner community and would always be there to help whenever someone needed a hand. Troy was a 25 year member of Turner Nezinscot Masonic Lodge #101. Dulsie was a nursing instructor and selfless caregiver, always putting others before her own needs.		
Union	Knox	Sherwood Hilt	Sherwood Hilt has served 45 years on Union Fire Dept., 20+ years on Union Rescue, and been involved in Boy Scouts 45+ years.		
Unity	Waldo	Richard & Mertice Moore	Richard & Mertice (Bunny) Moore have been preparing and serving Christmas meals for Volunteer Regional Food Pantry for the past 15 years, helping so many in need during that span.		
Van Buren	Aroostook	Van Buren Fire Department	Van Buren Fire Department has organized a Peter Carbonneau Scholarship Fund Chicken Barbecue a Calendar raffle event that helped publicize what Veterans have done, and a Junior Firefighters program.  The department consists of about 35 volunteer firefighters, who are on call 24X7 to emergencies and who spend countless hour in preparation training each year. Though their duties are challenging enough in normal times, these volunteers have faced additional personal risks and difficulties during the pandemic.		
Vassalboro	Kennebec	David Jenney	David Jenney has done tremendous volunteer work as a Cemetery Committee member in our cemeteries repairing and erecting old tombstones.	Jody Kundreskas	Jody Kundreskas has done tremendous volunteer work as a Cemetery Committee member in our cemeteries repairing and erecting old tombstones.
Verona Island	Hancock	Marlene Smith	Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector and Registrar of Voters since 2004 and is now retired from these duties. She was also Treasurer of the Sewer System and represented the Town on the RSU 25 facilities committee. Marlene is also involved with the walk for the cure of ALS. She has been a great asset to the community and her day to day involvement will be greatly missed.		
Vienna	Kennebec	Neighbors Driving Neighbors	Neighbors Driving Neighbors evolved out of a desire to assist Vienna area seniors who do not drive so those folks can continue to lead meaningful lives and still live at home. NDN coordinates volunteer drivers for those seniors, providing them free transportation for errands, exercise sessions, classes, medical appointments, shopping, socializing or volunteering. Neighbors Driving Neighbors runs a Fundraising Auction that helps support its program.		
Warren	Knox	Warren Fire Departmental	Warren Fire Department recently organized a benefit dinner to benefit Selectman Peabody and also helped raise funds for the Morton Campaign. The firefighters are on call 24X7 and spend countless hour in preparation training each year. Though their duties are challenging enough in normal times, these volunteers have faced additional personal risks and difficulties during the pandemic.		
Waterboro	York	John & Elizabeth Champion	Betty and John Champion were avid volunteers for the Town of Waterboro. Betty was the Postmaster for East Waterboro for over 30 years and John was one of the founders of the Lion's club. They both were involved in Boy scouts/Cub scouts and were on various committees.	Pittiglio Children (Emelia, Reed, and Anthony Jr.)	They do quite a bit for the community & always available with a smile to help. Millie & Reed also care for their seriously disabled brother Anthony Jr. They really embody the overall Genuine Community Spirit.
Wayne	Kennebec	Jim Perkins	Jim Perkins has helped with tutoring, meal delivery, aging-at-home, KLT stewardship, library.	KEN Spaulding	Ken Spaulding has given much time & hard work to care for Wayne's 100-Acre Wood property.
Weld	Franklin	Dene Proctor	Dene Proctor served 7 years as Road Commissioner, ran Weld Fire Dept. dances for years & maintained Proctor's Gardens (including the Rock Pile) that was enjoyed by thousands of visitors over the years.		
Wellington	Piscataquis	Bette Pratt	Bette Pratt has served over 30 years as Wellington Town Clerk & given very dedicated service to folks throughout that span.		

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West Bath	Sagadahoc	West Bath Fire Department	The Municipal Officers would like to recognize the members of the West Bath Fire Department for their unwavering commitment to the well-being of other first responders and to the greater community. Their service goes beyond routine mutual aid, and we are grateful for their dedicated service.		
West Gardiner	Kennebec	Victor Goodwin Sr	Victor Goodwin Sr served as a West Gardiner Selectman for 44 years, doing so much to help the people of his community during that span. Victor played a key role in local Spirit of America ceremonies and served as a Director of Spirit of America Foundation.		
Westbrook	Cumberland	Jeanne Rielly	<p>WHEREAS, the Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and recognize volunteerism and is presented in the name of any Maine municipality; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Westbrook Spirit of America Award is presented to an individual who has provided outstanding service to our community, to honor them for their contributions to the people of Westbrook, and to recognize their exemplary citizenship; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Jeanne Rielly is hereby recognized as the 2021 Westbrook Spirit of America Award recipient for her decades of community service at the Westbrook Food Pantry; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Jeanne has volunteered her time and energy to the citizens of Westbrook for more than twenty years to provide a stable resource for those members of our community experiencing food insecurity; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Jeanne was instrumental in the establishment of the Westbrook Food Pantry, and in its operation over the past twenty years, establishing evening hours to respond to the needs of the community, supervising several moves over the years to larger facilities to accommodate the growing needs of the Pantry, and successfully advocating for an increased quantity and variety of food items for clients using the Westbrook Food Pantry; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Jeanne grew the volunteer base for the Westbrook Food Pantry to more than 50 individuals, serving a client base of over 350 Westbrook families each month; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Jeanne was the recipient of the prestigious Channel 6 "Six Who Care" Award in 2014 for her extraordinary work with the Westbrook Food Pantry; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Jeanne is retiring as the Director of the Westbrook Food Pantry after her decades of service, and the City of Westbrook finds it timely to award the Westbrook Spirit of America Award to her in recognition of her leadership and contributions to our community.</p>		
Weston	Aroostook	Shirley Foss	<p>Shirley served as the town representative for the East Grand school board from 1976 through 1986 including a number of years as the school board chair. Shirley demonstrates an ongoing commitment to serving the community by improving the health within our community by serving on the Houlton Regional Hospital Board of Directors until 1985 and she continues to serve on the East Grand Health Clinic. She is the longest serving clinic board member and has served many years as board chairman.</p> <p>Shirley continues to support the town of Weston by serving on both the appeals board and cemetery committee.</p> <p>Shirley's commitment to the Town of Weston has spanned 45 years all while raising her 6 children and running a successful local excavation business with her late husband Warren.</p>		
Windsor	Kennebec	Carol Eckhert	Carol Eckhert made medical missions to Dominican Republic, volunteered in many other ways to help medical causes, also served on Windsor School Board.	Veterans Memorial Monument Committee	Veterans Memorial Monument Committee organized benefit supper & other activities in striving to raise \$45,000 for a new monument to honor Windsor's Veterans.
Winterport	Waldo	Mike & Stacy Thibodeau	Mike and Stacy have volunteered in the local schools, he has served as a town selectman (and was elected to the Maine State Senate, where he served as president) and they have generously donated over \$7,000.00 to Cancer Care of Maine through the sale of pink snow shovels at their business, Mt. Waldo Plastics.		
Winthrop	Kennebec	The Yarn Bombers	The Yarn Bombers have produced street art using yarn to beautify Winthrop and lift spirits during the pandemic.	Winthrop Ambulance Service, Winthrop Fire Dept., Winthrop Police Dept.	Winthrop Ambulance Service, Winthrop Fire Dept. and Winthrop Police Dept. have gone beyond the call of duty to serve others amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Woodstock	Oxford	Joyce B. Howe	<p>Be it resolved by the Selectmen of the Town of Woodstock as follows:  WHEREAS, Joyce has been committed to the betterment of the Town of Woodstock for many years,  WHEREAS, Joyce served the children of Woodstock for over 30 years by transporting them to School and other events as their School Bus Driver,  WHEREAS, Joyce contributed to the good of the Town of Woodstock writing a book listing those buried in each Woodstock Cemetery,  WHEREAS, Joyce has been instrumental in preserving the history of Woodstock through her efforts as part of the Woodstock Historical Society.  WHEREAS, Joyce served with the Tri-Town Ambulance &amp; Emergency Rescue Service from 1983-1996,  WHEREAS, Joyce exemplifies the American way of life in so many ways,  Be it resolved, by the Selectmen of the Town of Woodstock, that Joyce B. Howe is hereby recognized for her great achievements and honors she has brought upon this Community with the 2021 Woodstock Spirit of America Foundation Tribute,  Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be appropriately framed and presented to Joyce B. Howe, for appropriate display.  Awarded at the Annual Woodstock Town Meeting on April 26, 2021</p>		
Woolwich	Sagadahoc	Matt Gagnon	<p>Woolwich spirit of America 2021</p> <p>WHEREAS  Matt Gagnon has been a long-time fisherman, AND</p> <p>WHEREAS  He has personally installed and removed the floats from the Nequasset Recreational Area every year for the last 12-14 years, AND</p> <p>WHEREAS  He has helped procure new floats when needed, AND</p> <p>WHEREAS  He has generally been a good neighbor to Woolwich by pitching in when needed, such as clearing trees and branches, AND</p> <p>WHEREAS  He has been a self-employed small businessman in 2007 as owner and operator of MCG Construction. THEREFORE</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED  That The Town of Woolwich confers the 2021 Spirit of America Award on Matt Gagnon on this day, the 26nd of May 2021.</p> <p>David King, Dale Chadbourne, Allison Hepler, Jason Shaw, Allen Greene  Woolwich Selectboard</p>		

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Yarmouth	Cumberland	Jack Vigue	<p>One staff member wrote, "approachability, loyalty and high integrity are what convince others that [this student] is a good leader and friend. [The student] appreciates people for who they are . . . is less concerned with appearances, and has friendships throughout the class, regardless of social groupings. [The student] is respectful, loyal, humble and a good listener, always interested in what others have to say and is a mature young [person] who is realizing that [one] doesn't have to conform or do the popular thing just to fit in." Another staff member wrote that, "Out of a field of outstanding seniors, [this student] rises to the very top. [The student's] joy of life, kindness, scholarship and character [are] the embodiment of this award. If we all set our own moral compasses to [this student's] truth north, our world would be in great shape!"</p> <p>In explaining how important this student is to YHS, many nominators referred to the idea of "community." "This student takes great joy in celebrating the positives in our community and has also made a mark by caring so deeply about so many issues and taking action to make change. The student is "an incredible leader who makes the class [and our whole] community better."</p> <p>This student has achieved excellence in so many areas over four years at YHS: class leadership, academics, the performing arts, equity initiatives, Clipper Buddies, composting, Green Voices, Kindness Club, Day of Hope. The student has also leapt into many projects to meet the needs of the times: organizing poster-making for every student in last spring's senior class to honor them during fully remote learning, spending hours last August with his peers planning, filming, and editing videos to help students ease into back-to-school routines last fall, and diving into the organization of the March for Democracy this January, including playing the role of co-MC during the event.</p> <p>In the words of one staff member, "I truly don't know how Jack has time to do so much and the character and personality to stay so humble and grounded despite his amazing accomplishments." For all of these reasons, and for the many other ways in which he serves the Yarmouth High School community, it gives me great pleasure to announce Jack Vigue as the winner of the 2021 Boyd Award.</p>		
York	York	York Rotary Club	York Rotary Club recently has been involved with 'Car with a Cause' raffle, '4 on the 4th' Road Race, the Purple Pinky Project to eradicate polio, a blood drive, plant bed overhaul, delivering masks to schools, and bringing O188summer clothing to those in need.		