

# SPORTS & RECREATION

## Winterport native appears on cover of Runner's World magazine

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Mainers may recognize a familiar face on the cover of Runner's World magazine this month. Thirty-five year old Amanda Burrill was always an incredible athlete growing up in Winterport. Now the former Hampden Academy graduate and Navy veteran writes about food, fitness and travel for a living.

And when she's not training for a marathon or triathlon she squeezes in a little time for modeling too. Burrill admits having such an array of interests makes sitting still nearly impossible but she wouldn't want it any other way.

"I just like to keep my plate full. It makes the runs, workouts and writing so fulfilling. I could never go into an office and sit five days a week because I wouldn't be happy," Burrill said. "It's better to be a bit all over the place than be immersed and



the master of one thing, that doesn't enthrall me."

After Burrill graduated from Boston University, she served in the U.S. Navy for eight years. It was a regimented, strenuous and dangerous job, at times. But Burrill kept her spirits up by running.

"Even when we were in 15 foot seas, I would always go running on these rickety old treadmills," she said. "I was on an all male ship and I remember saying the only way I'm going to get

through this without going insane is taking this lesson from every person you work with; even if someone is giving you a hard time, everyone can teach you either how you want to be or don't want to be."

When her service to the country was over, Burrill decided she was only going to do what made her happy.

"Doing what I like to do, like sports, eating, drinking wine, cooking and traveling is taking me everywhere I want to go," she said. "It took a lot of hard work but I happen to now get paid to do it."

Burrill has remained active by attending cooking school in Los Angeles, journalism school in New York and wine school in Paris. She's been sidelined a time or two during her journey due to injuries. She's undergone a partial hip replacement and reconstruction of the foot. But that hasn't stopped her from running in this month's

Chicago marathon or gearing up for her first ultra race, the Snowdrop Ultra 55 Hour Race & Relay in Houston, Texas this December. Burrill says a lot of her drive and motivation can be linked back to her days at Hampden Academy.

"The teachers I had that were also coaches like Catherine and David King, Andy France, who just recently passed and David Rounds always embraced me and made me feel like they saw something in me," Burrill said.

These days, Burrill calls New York home but keeps Maine close to her heart.

"Maine is such a great place to grow up. I'm proud I stuck to my guns and took the things I really liked and went for it," she said. "But I do miss walking in the woods and sometimes I miss the people who have an appreciation for a slower pace [of life] because I'm always on the verge of sprinting off somewhere."



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Winterport native Amanda Burrill is featured on the October cover of Runner's World magazine.

### Maine Junior Black Bears plans two Try Hockey for Free events in October

ORONO — The Maine Jr. Black Bears will host Try Hockey for Free at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, and at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at Alfond Arena at the University of Maine.

MJBB will provide all necessary equipment (sticks, pads, helmets, etc.) except skates (Alfond does have a limited number of rental skates available).

The event is free but to make sure gear is available for all participants, RSVP via the MJBB website at mainejrblackbears.com.

### Bangor Travel Basketball tryouts set for grades 5-6 and 7-8

BANGOR — The Bangor Parks and Recreation will be holding tryouts for the upcoming Travel Basketball Program for all girls and boys in grades 5-6 and 7-8. Tryouts will be held at 8:30 a.m. with check in 8-8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Bangor High School gymnasium for boys and girls in grades 5-6. For grades 7-8 boys and girls, tryouts will be held at 9:30 a.m. with check in 9-9:30 a.m., also on Oct. 17 at the high school.

All players must pre-register and must attend tryouts to be considered for teams. Anyone who absolutely cannot attend must notify the Parks and Recreation Department prior to Oct. 16. The fee is \$75 when registering. If child does not make the team, an account

credit or refund will be issued. To register or for more information, visit BangorParksandRec.com or stop by the Parks and Recreation office at 647 Main St. or call 992-4490.

### Maine Baseball to hold final Elite Prospect camp for the year on Oct. 25

ORONO, Maine — Maine Baseball is holding its final Elite Prospect camp for the year at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at Mahaney Diamond, rain or shine.

Registration for the Maine Junior and Senior Winter Baseball Camp is open. The first day of the camp will be held 4:30-6:30 p.m. for Juniors ages 8-12 and 6:30-8:30 p.m. for Seniors ages 13 plus on Saturday, Nov. 7. Makeups and extra work sessions are available at Sluggers 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the duration of the Winter Baseball Camps.

Youth-aged tournament registration is filling up quickly. Registration will be closing Nov. 15, but Team and House team roster spots are limited.

For information, visit GoBlackBears.com and click on the Baseball page then go to Camps and Clinics or call Nick Derba at 581-1097 or email Nicholas.Derba@maine.edu.

### USATF-Maine Cross Country Developmental meet on for Oct. 26

BANGOR — USATF-Maine Cross Country Developmental Meet for runners of all ages, Monday,

Oct. 26, at Saxl Park, Mt. Hope Ave., registration 12:30 p.m., course walks 1 p.m., first race begins at 2 p.m., entry fee for prelim meets is \$4, USATF registration required and is available at all meets (adults \$30, youth \$15), all age groups, begin at 8 and under through masters, for more info contact Allan Geiser, 207-991-1624 or visit sub5.com.

### Old Town Rec to hold first adult flag football tourney

OLD TOWN — Old Town Recreation Center's first Turkey Bowl, a double elimination adult flag football tournament, on Nov. 1. The tournament will feature six on six play, with a maximum of eight players per team. The entry fee is \$60 per team. All proceeds from the event will benefit youth programs offered by Old Town Recreation Center. For information on the tournament or to enter a team, visit oldtownrec.com or email amahaney@oldtown.org.

### Bangor Roller Derby team to compete in Hampden

HAMPDEN — Bangor Roller Derby vs. Rock Coast Rollers, 4 and 6 p.m., Nov. 14, at the Skehan Recreation Center. Advance tickets \$10 or \$12 at the door.

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### KICKOFF FOR HOMECOMING



PHOTO COURTESY UNIVERSITY OF MAINE ATHLETICS/ABBY GUTOWSKI  
Offensive linemen Bruce Johnson (left) and Isaiah Brooks were among the keys up front for the University of Maine football team in last Saturday's Homecoming game against Yale at Alfond Stadium in Orono.

## R-Rated Hypnotist Saturday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>

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