

# Winterport fifth graders donate cash, supplies to Old Town animal shelter



PHOTO COURTESY CASSANDRA PALMER

Members of the Wagner Middle School Destination Imagination team recently traveled from Winterport to Old Town to deliver a much needed donation to the Old Town Animal Shelter. In the front row, from left, are Evan King, Peter Van Overbeke, Charlotte Beckwith and Rachel Palmer. In the back row, from left, are Hanna McVeigh, Abby Adamo and Stephanie Clisham.

Members of the fifth-grade Destination Imagination team from Wagner Middle School traveled to Old Town last week to drop off a much needed donation.

The team, which calls itself the Animal Justice League, raised more than \$600 for the Old Town Animal Orphanage in a little over a month, according to Cassandra Palmer, who along with Sarah McVeigh advises the team.

The funds along with some purchased cat food were presented to Animal Orphanage board president Lori Smart after school on Monday, Feb. 22.

Destination Imagination is a national program in which teams made up of comprised of kindergarten through grade 12 students are asked to solve two creative challenges.

One is an instant challenge in which teams are given a problem that must be solved within a short time limit, typically building or acting challenges, Palmer said. Teams do not know what their challenge will be ahead of time.

The other is a central challenge in which teams choose a problem to solve. They must, among other things, create an interesting presentation to demon-

strate their solution within strict guidelines and time limits.

For their central challenge, the Animal Justice League chose community service, namely the needs of lost or stray animals in the area, by supporting a no-kill animal shelter.

Team members created a meme of a sad kitty/happy kitty to help spread the word that they wanted to help animals. The team project plan called for meeting its goal by holding bake sales, asking Wal-Mart for a donation, putting collection cans in local businesses and redeeming bottles.

to master public-speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage.

Public. Jennifer Rooks, MPBN's Public Affairs Host, will be the emcee.

Poetry Out Loud encourages high school students to learn about poetry through memorization, performance, and competition. Since Poetry Out Loud began, millions of students nationwide have been involved. This school year, almost 10,000 Maine students have participated in the program, providing them with an opportunity

lect to compete in the State Finals. One student will move on from the State Finals to represent Maine at the national finals in Washington D.C., where students will compete for a total of \$50,000 in awards and stipends for the purchase of poetry books.

Local winners include Lydia Caron of Bangor High School, Danielle Barrett of Hampden Academy and Anna Bucklin of Searsport High School.

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## Husson launches six new degree programs for Fall 2016

Husson University is this fall launching six new programs designed to prepare students for career success in current and emerging fields. "Husson's continued growth is a source of pride for our entire community," said University President Robert A. Clark. "The expansion of our program offerings is a testament to our optimism and enthusiasm for the future as is our commitment to building a new facility for our College of Business. These programs are another step in our journey toward becoming a globally recognized educational leader."

The six new programs Husson also offer significant benefits to students and employers.

The new degrees include undergraduate and graduate programs from Husson's College of Business, College of Pharmacy and School of Science and Humanities. They include:

Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in Biotechnology and Innovation. In recent years, biotechnology firms have become a driving force behind the research and development of creative new solutions to healthcare issues. Integrating scientific, clinical, digital and regulatory change, this industry is now one of the fastest-growing sectors of the economy. This program will be offered online at [online.husson.edu](http://online.husson.edu).

Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a

concentration in Risk Management. Risk and uncertainty are present in all types of businesses and organizations. Inadequate risk management can result in severe fiscal, legal, physical or environmental consequences. Focused on the identification and assessment of employee rights and benefits, as well as liabilities, regulations and law, this program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills they'll need as leaders in insurance, human resources or other operations positions.

Master of Science in Pharmacology. This advanced degree provides students with laboratory bench skills and in-depth knowledge of pharmacology and toxicology. The program admits students who have obtained a bachelor's degree in chemistry, biology or some other science-based undergraduate degree. The program is a great fit for students interested in careers in the pharmaceutical industry, biomedical research, or in obtaining a doctorate. Employment opportunities for pharmacologists include work in the pharmaceutical industry, government agencies, laboratories, and biotechnology companies.

Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry. The need to develop biological products and processes is fueling the demand for biochemists. These individuals study the chemical and physical principles of living things and biological processes, such as cell development, growth, heredity, and disease. Biochemists can then apply this

knowledge in research and commercial enterprises, often working in laboratories and offices, conducting experiments and analyzing the results. Students who complete this degree will be able to work in chemistry, healthcare, business and environmental science or go on to graduate work in the health professions.

Bachelor of Science in Data Analytics. Data analytics is all about evaluating and making decisions based on information. Students in this program will learn how to use tools from computer science, mathematics and statistics to collect, organize, analyze and communicate data. This field has a wide range of applications, including in finance, energy, environmental, healthcare, sports, marketing, research, and other organizations.

Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science. The demand for professionals who can both prevent and rehabilitate injury or disease is expected to increase. Graduates of this degree program are trained to assess, design and implement exercise plans for people who may be healthy or who have been compromised by disease or injury. Employment opportunities include work in medical, private, commercial and sports fitness facilities as well as clinical health care settings. Other graduates may move on to medical school or research careers.

To inquire about any of these programs, Husson University's Office of Admissions at [admit@husson.edu](mailto:admit@husson.edu) or 207-941-7100.

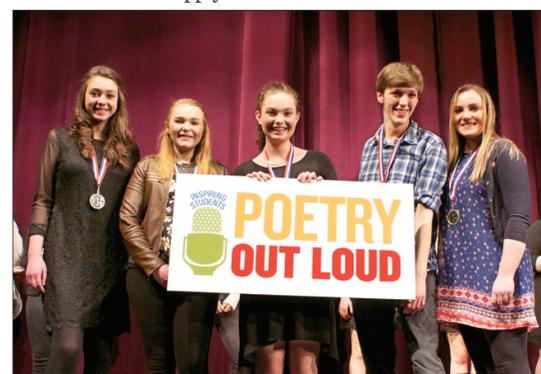


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Northern State Finalists L-R: Lydia Caron, Bangor High; Morgan Steward, Carrabec; Danielle Barrett, Hampden; Owen Sinclair, Rangeley Lakes; Anna Bucklin, Searsport.

## Poetry Out Loud state finalists named

The Maine Arts Commission will present the 2016 Maine State Finals for Poetry Out Loud, a National Poetry Recitation Contest, on March 15 at 3 p.m. at the Waterville Opera House. The competition, presented in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, is free and open to the

## 207 to be Maine's only area code until 2021

BY DARREN FISHELL OF THE BDN STAFF

Maine's lone area code, 207, is projected to stay solo for two years longer than previously expected, based on an updated forecast that puts its exhaust date sometime in 2021.

The latest forecast from national number administrator Neustar moved back the date that all 207 number options will be taken to the end of the third quarter of 2021, which is 2.5 years later than it projected in 2014, according to the Maine Public Utilities Commission's 2015 annual report.

The area code still has 1 million unassigned numbers, according to the latest data from the North American Numbering Plan Administration, but numbers aren't assigned individually.

They come to local exchange carriers in blocks, with each block containing 10 blocks of about 1,000 possible number combinations, with the exception of some

special prefixes. The latest figures mean there are about 100 more blocks available in the 207 area code.

For perspective, five new blocks were assigned in 2014 and another five were assigned in 2015. One - 531 - has been assigned so far this year.

The major trend bringing the area code closer to exhaustion is a multiplication of devices with phone numbers.

A family of four, for example, might only have had one phone line before cellphones. Now, each family member could have a number. And there's a proliferation of connected devices with their own separate numbers.

But in Maine there are trends pushing in the other direction as well: a stagnant population and number conservation efforts to maximize use of all possible numbers within each block.

The latest assignment records in Maine break all three-digit phone number prefixes in the 207 area code into three groups: assigned,

available and unavailable. Those unavailable include text prefixes and those set aside for special purpose.

Since deregulation of the telephone industry in 2012, forecasts consistently have pushed back the date when the 207 area code is expected to be exhausted. It has been the state's lone area code since 1947, according to Neustar.

That projection matters because state regulators are to start planning how to add another area code into the mix when the projected exhaustion date is three years away.

Adding another area code either would mean splitting the state by geography with different area codes or by overlaying a new area code throughout the state.

The latest projections mean the state wouldn't have to start planning for that eventuality until the third quarter of 2018, if the next projections this spring don't push that timeline back again.

## A MOMENT OF SILENCE



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The University of Maine's Liz Wood (third from right) and teammates listen to the National Anthem before their game against Albany in Bangor last month.

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