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Koffee Club hosts Wild Hearts

Jessica Fry, center, is shown with Seneca Koffee Club master of ceremonies Gary Smith, right, after her address to the club on May 3. Fry is flanked by Wild Hearts board member Debbie Maupin and Kevin Hutto of the club. The Seneca Koffee Club meets for breakfast at the Lighthouse at 8:15 a.m. the first Tuesday of every month.

Maine close to ridding license plates of obscenities

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — The rackin’ frackin’ sassafrassin’ salty language on hundreds of Maine license plates is one step closer to being removed from the road. Maine’s secretary of state released draft rules Thursday that would eliminate references to genitalia, sex acts and profanities that proliferated after the state severely loosened language restrictions on so-called vanity license plates in 2015. The rough and foul language on the plates led to a steady stream of complaints.

It was all too much even for a secretary of state who previously served as director of American Civil Liberties Union of Maine, which has fought for First Amendment rights to freedom of expression. “Incitement to violence, profanity, ethnic, racial, religious, or other slurs, or reference to illegal or criminal activity – all of which unfortunately can be seen on Maine registration plates today — are all directly contrary to the public interest,” Secretary of State Shenna Bellows said in a statement. A federal judge ruled in 2020 that California couldn’t enforce a ban on vanity license plates it considers “offensive to good taste and decency.”

Local animal hospital recognized with national accreditation

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SENECA — A local animal hospital recently achieved accreditation from the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). The national organization focused on improving vet care awarded the accreditation to Seneca Animal Hospital, according to director of public contact Rand Cournow. “Veterinary care standards and procedures continually improve and Seneca Animal Hospital has always been on the leading edge for improving animal care in our area,” Cournow told The Journal. “AAHA inspects all operations of a hospital with over 900 criteria for animal care and safety. The standards of care for accredited hospitals, like ours, are raised above the South Carolina state level with twice as many continuing education requirements for doctors, and veterinary technicians.” Cournow added Seneca Animal Hospital is the only AAHA animal facility in Oconee County. The facility was accredited after the first



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Seneca Animal Hospital veterinary assistant Kelly Richardson and Dr. Mark Moore perform a checkup on Lennox, a black domestic short-haired cat, last summer. Seneca Animal Hospital has been owned by Dr. Mark Moore since 2001.



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