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Fifth-graders at Lyman Elementary School acting out emotions during a BrainStretch activity called "the adverb game." From left, Isabella Scott, Connor Levesque, Mackenzie Messina, Jada Poisson, Aiden Doyle (in back) and Dylan Thyng. (See story on page 6.) PHOTO BY JOY SPENCER

## Candidates focus on taxes, revenue sharing at forum

By ANN FISHER  
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State revenue sharing, unfunded mandates and taxation were the key topics at a forum for Maine House candidates hosted by the 12 Town Group Oct. 13.

Of the 20 representatives invited by the Maine Municipal Association, which moderated the forum, 13 responded and seven attended. The four candidates who participated from towns covered by the Reporter were: Jim Campbell, who is running against Frank Boucher in District 21, which includes Parsonsfield, Newfield, Shapleigh, Alfred and half of Limerick; Bettie Harris-Howard, who is opposing Karen Gerrish in District 20, which includes Acton, Lebanon and a small portion of Shapleigh; and Jonathan Kinney who is facing Gregory Mehlhorn in District 22, comprised of Limington, half of Limerick and parts of Standish and Buxton.

A forum for local candidates running for Senate was held last month.

Duane Prescott, who is running unopposed in District 17, which is comprised of Waterboro and half of Lyman, also attended.

When asked about his background and reason for running, Prescott said he attends almost all the selectmen's meetings and many 12 Town meetings, and can identify with local taxpayers and those out of work. Prescott said his is running to "put things back together."

Harris-Howard said she wants to be the voice of ordinary people who are not heard and is willing to reach across the aisle for the greater good. Harris-Howard said she will represent "issues important to Maine and Maine families."

She also said she would vote to increase minimum wage because "the economy should be a fair share economy."

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## Planning forum prompts ideas for Limerick

By SHELLEY BURBANK  
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A forum was held by the Limerick Planning Board to solicit ideas and suggestions about possible changes to the land use chart and ordinances related to zoning, conditional use permits and conditions, and other land-use related items.

"We are looking for input," said Chairman Andy Ivey. "We are looking to change the land-use chart." At the beginning of the meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 15, the planning board distributed results from a 2001 survey that asked residents about the direction they wanted the town to move in. "The survey in 2001 broke down what people thought the perfect town would look like," said Ivey. "We'd like everyone to think that about Limerick. We are looking for a positive outlook. We are looking for ideas. We can't think of it all ourselves."

"The forum is for the land-use chart," said board member Wendy Farrand, referring to the list of approved uses, including types



Howard Burnham, vice chairman of the Limerick Planning Board, listens to comments from community members at Wednesday's public planning forum. PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK

of businesses, for land in various zones around town. "We are going to keep track of the suggestions."

Vice Chairman Howard Burnham acted as moderator for the meeting. He outlined some of the

steps the board will take moving forward, including gathering ideas, looking at what is regulated, discussing what businesses the town would like to attract,

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## Domestic violence awareness

By BRIGIT MCCALLUM  
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The fact that domestic violence is being brought to the public eye is evidence that times are changing from when violence in the family was seen as private and to be handled within the family, according to Waterboro Selectwoman TammyJo Girard. Even some law enforcement officers held this attitude until the first laws prohibiting family violence were passed in 1980. Many changes have occurred since then and, as October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, it is a good time for reminders about the resources available to those who find themselves in an abusive or violent situation.

Caring Unlimited is the local domestic abuse and violence advocacy agency that provides resources for all communities in York County. At the recent selectman's meeting, Girard reported that in the past year the agency has taken 642 domestic violence calls from

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**BEAN SUPPER** Saturday, Oct. 18, the Saco Grange #53, located at 168 North St., Saco will hold a Public Bean Supper from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Adults \$8, children 12 under \$4, children 5 under are free. For more information, call 499-7376. On the menu are homemade kidney and pea beans, brown bread, franks, American chop suey, coleslaw, hot biscuits, pie and cake and hot and cold beverages.

**CEMETERY WALK** Limerick Historical Society's Annual Highland Cemetery Walk will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m. at Highland Cemetery. Meet some of the "inhabitants" and visit different grave sites and hear what "they" have to say. A fun way to learn about individuals who helped shape the character of Limerick's community. Tailgate refreshments. Rain date Oct. 25 at 2 p.m.

**SWAP MEET & DEALER SHOW** Sunday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ossipee Mountaineers Snowmobile Club, 255 Old Alfred Road, East Wa-

terboro. Rain date Sunday, Oct. 26. Bring your sled, ATV, parts or equipment to buy, swap or sell. Hot food and snack tent available plus local dealers on display. For more information visit [www.osseemountaineers.com](http://www.osseemountaineers.com).

**ANNUAL MEETING** of the Historical Society of Newfield will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 20, at the society's building on Elm Street. Election of officers will take place and refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

**HAUNTED TOWN HALL & ZOMBIE WALK** at Waterboro town hall Friday, Oct. 24. Dress up like a zombie and join the fun as they walk around the town hall grounds and into the building for a zombie meeting. Make-up and prep from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Zombie walk at 6 p.m. Then enter the haunted town hall basement, if you dare, open from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**CRAFT AND LITERACY EVENT** at the Limerick Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Girl Scout Troop 2135 will assist children with a Halloween and Fall craft projects as well as offering face painting in the library. There will also be a StoryWalk™ with Donna Burke from the Sacopee Valley Health Center outside behind the Municipal Building. She will be reading "At One: In a Place Called Maine." The library is located at 55 Washington St. For more information call 793-8975.

A **HALLOWEEN DANCE** will be hosted by Newfield Fire & Rescue Saturday night, Oct.

25, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the public safety building on Water Street. Tickets are \$10 each for the BYOB event. There will be door prizes and prizes for the best costume.

**BAKED HAM SUPPER** The Friends of Old Corner Church is sponsoring its 8th baked ham supper at the Masonic Hall, Route 202 (165 Waterboro Road) in Alfred, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. Funds raised will support restoration efforts for the historic 1804 church. Donation is \$8 for adults, children under 10 are free. Take-out is available. For more information, call Maureen at 247-3784.

**TURKEY DINNER TIME** The Acton-Shapleigh Lions Club is serving up its annual fall turkey dinner 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Shapleigh Corner Baptist Church. The menu will include stuffing, cranberry sauce, peas, squash, rolls, apple crisp with ice cream and beverages for \$8 a person.

**SPARROW WORKSHOP** with Louis Bevier Saturday, Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm. Meet at 8 a.m. and take a short walk, then to the Mather Auditorium for a talk on "all things sparrow." Lunch break will follow (bring your own), then the group heads to Mile Rd. to try to find Saltmarsh or Nelson's Sparrows, or anything else, at high tide, and then continue on to Beach Plum Farm and possibly Ogunquit Beach. This workshop is sponsored by York County Audubon. The cost is \$10 per person, payable by check or cash at the workshop. Space is limited and advance reservations are required at [www.yorkcountyaudubon.org](http://www.yorkcountyaudubon.org).

**CRAFTSMAN TO SPEAK** at the Limerick Public Library on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. Lo-



The Limerick Public Library is holding its annual Halloween costume swap. Costumes are free. Donations of costumes are appreciated but not necessary.

cal wood turning craftsman Bill Housley will talk about how he became interested in his hobby and how this craft has expanded into metal and plastic turning. He looks forward to answering questions about his turnings, which are on display at the library through Nov. 8. The library is located at 55 Washington St. For more information call 793-8975.

**FALL BOOK FAIR** at thWaterboro Elementary School will open two sessions to the public on Wednesday, Oct. 29 and Thursday, Oct. 30 from 3:15 to 8 p.m. On both days there will be an ice cream social from 5 to 7 p.m. at a cost of \$2 per sundae.

**HAM DINNER** to benefit the town of Waterboro's Fuel Assistance Program Saturday, Nov. 1 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the

Massabesic Lions Regional Medical Center, 813 Main Street, Waterboro. Dinner will include ham, mashed potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, green beans, homemade applesauce, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea or punch. Cost Adults \$10, Children 6 to 12 \$6, 5 and under free. Takeout available. The building is handicapped accessible. For more information, contact Carolyn Gile at 651-1126 or Sue Hatch at 247-4775 or check out our website [www.massabesic.org](http://www.massabesic.org). Sponsored by The Massabesic Lions Club.

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**POLICE NOTES**

# Human remains unearthed in Cornish

As of the Reporter's deadline Thursday afternoon, the graves of at least eight people had been uncovered on the grounds of the Cornish Town Hall during excavations to replace a drainage pipe.

The first remains buried in a former cemetery were unearthed Monday, Oct. 13 by a contractor hired by town officials to install a new pipe at the rear door of the building.

When the contractor realized what had been uncovered he stopped work and notified town officials, who in turn summoned sheriff's deputies.

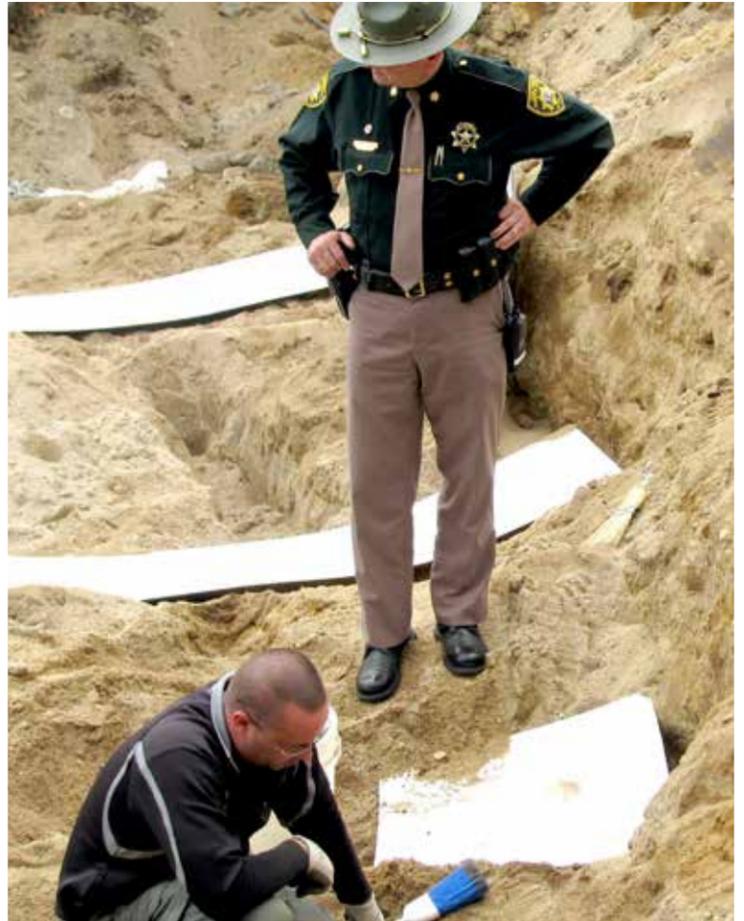
Bones resembling skeletal remains were evident along with pieces of wood that appeared to be parts of a casket, said Chief Deputy William King Jr. of the York County Sheriff's Office.

When the excavator removed more dirt, another body was discovered. Manual digging exposed four additional grave sites. Additional bones were discovered as excavations continued Wednesday.

A representative of the Cornish Historical Society told police that the land was once a cemetery, and the graves were supposed-

ly relocated to Riverside Cemetery on Maple Street when the town decided to build on the site. "Some opined that in 1920, when the graves were supposed to be moved - they were not, only the headstones were relocated," King said.

According to King, the Maine Medical Examiner's Office confirmed the first remains are human. All remains have been transported to the medical examiner's office, and an anthropologist who works for the state is examining them.



Maj. Tom Baran watches Sgt. Steven Thistlewood prepare remains for transport from the Cornish Town Hall to the state medical examiner's office. COURTESY PHOTO

## PLANNING FORUM

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gathering at forums to provide feedback, developing ordinances, holding public hearings and, finally, having the town vote on the ordinances.

Burnham also mentioned that since the 2001 survey, the population of Limerick has increased by over 700. "We've had quite a population change," he said, indicating that residents' preferences for land use in town may have also changed over the decade.

Board members and townsfolk in attendance at the meeting also voiced concerns over the business climate in Limerick. "How do we bring more businesses to town?" Burnham asked. "Right now we have a dying town folks."

Residents and business owners present at the meeting had many suggestions to offer including:

- changes to conditional use permitting; allowing a permit to stay with a business even if it is sold to a new buyer as long as the business remains the same.
- focusing business around the town's lakes and outdoor recreation including more public access to the lakes, kayak rentals, more visible public beach, and spin-off businesses from this town asset.
- creating more of a community use for the lakes, giving access to the residents of the town.
- Instead of conditional use permits, have an easier licensing process for smaller, home-based businesses which would promote more home businesses
- create an environment that keeps businesses here
- make sure the neighbors have a chance to voice concerns and

have input before a new business goes in

- businesses working together
- expansion of commercial business and industrial zones
- creating new business zones
- form a recruitment committee to attract businesses
- find out what businesses were located in Limerick and try to get them to return
- determine exactly who decides "the historical question" in relation to building use
- beautify Main Street
- create a business association like nearby towns
- put in crosswalks and improve sidewalks on Main Street
- make public parking more visible
- encourage volunteerism
- interview businesses that are leaving town and ask them why
- plant trees
- communication
- find ways to do things while keeping the historic beauty of the town
- street lights, welcome signs, flowers
- look at laws about building new homes and make it easier for young people to build homes in town
- make the fees for building less prohibitive
- look at codes and what worked in the past

While some of the suggestions were outside the responsibilities of the planning board, members said they knew this type of forum was good for the town. "This was the place because it needed to be said," Ivey said after the meeting. "But there is little we [the board] can do about much of it."

"Maybe what could come out of this is a small business association," said Farrand.

"We don't have enough of these kinds of meetings," added Burnham.

Townsfolk agreed, voicing gratitude to the board for giving them the opportunity to talk together about their ideas and concerns. "Thank you Howard and the board for tonight," said Sean Carroll as the meeting came to an end after two hours of discussion.

"I would like to congratulate the board for putting their personal feelings aside and letting the constituents come forth and voice their opinions," said Al Melanson.

Following the meeting, when asked what sorts of things the

planning board can do, Ivey explained that they can change the rules around building and where businesses will go, the size of the business districts, streamline the process for starting a business, and make the ordinances more business friendly. "Zoning allows where you can do things. If you have a small business district, it affects what you can do around it."

Pending items for the planning board include looking at possibly changing the Route 5 residential zone to residential farm and forest; reviewing and making proposed changes to the land-use chart and

definitions; reviewing and making changes to consolidate the 16 conditions for permitting; reviewing conditions for private driveways, roads and road frontage. The planning board meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

### CORRECTION

Conflicting information was published in the Oct. 10 issue in the article "Charter committee on Lyman ballot."

According to the Lyman

town clerk, six members will be elected to the Lyman Charter Commission and three will be appointed by the board of selectmen, for a total of nine members.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Waterboro residents and supplied 195 shelter nights for Waterboro citizens.

Outlining the programs available, community educator Clare Fortune-Agan first mentions the 24-hour hotline with volunteers who are available around the clock at 1-800-239-7298. Caring Unlimited also offers weekly drop-in support groups in Waterboro, Biddeford, Sanford and Kittery. Each group is open to anyone who has or is still experiencing abuse. Fortune-Agan added that attending a support group helps break the isolation that victims feel, and can offer resources. Group times and locations can be accessed through the hotline. Attendance is open whenever an individual feels the need for support.

Caring Unlimited also offers access to the Verizon-sponsored Hopeline program, which provides free phones to reduce the isolation

felt by a person dealing with abuse or violence. Callers can reach out confidentially, knowing the abuser does not have access to the phone.

Throughout the year, there is a legal assistance team available that is free and confidential. When a person decides to stop the abuse, there are many ways they may need the judicial system, and through Caring Unlimited, individuals can get help with divorce, parental rights, financial and other litigation. Such legal matters can be expensive, and survivors may not have access to money. Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) is a federally funded program, and Caring Unlimited is a conduit for the federal money.

Girard sees the vast array of services offered to victims by Caring Unlimited as crucial to the overwhelming realities facing anyone who decides to leave an abusive relationship. "There is the personal aspect of separating from someone who has been controlling your life, the potential feelings

and opinions of family and friends, who may take sides. There is the grief of ending the relationship with someone you loved, but who has hurt you, the huge responsibility of caring for children who may have witnessed the abuse, and who ask, 'When is daddy (or mommy) coming home?'" Girard describes the overwhelming feelings as "natural."

"Besides the personal aspect, they often have to deal with the judicial system, and this is when the resources such as Caring Unlimited offers are truly lifesaving," Girard added. "It is so very important for victims to know they are not alone. There are people who care about them, understand what they are going through and can offer support and guidance to help them. The most important thing for a victim is to be supported."

Once an individual decides to leave an abusive situation, Fortune-Agan cites the need for safety and protection "Caring Unlimited offers emergency shelter in a 17-bed house in a confidential location in York County. This shelter is for women and children. But we also help male victims find shelter and resources. We also help people get foster arrangements for their pets, and get the pet(s) back when they get housing. The program is called,

'Paws Pets and Women to Safety.' This program is available to women and men. Transitional housing is also available to those who have been in emergency housing."

"All of these Caring Unlimited services are available to anyone who has survived domestic violence. We serve gay, lesbian and transgender individuals who have or are currently experiencing abuse."

When asked how many Waterboro residents had reached out for services from Caring Unlimited in the recent past, Fortune-Agan replied in an email, "I got the numbers from our accountant showing that over the past five years we have worked with an average of 76 unduplicated Waterboro residents annually through our direct service programs that I told you about."

As a community response program, Caring Unlimited also provides staff training and prevention education. One staff member does school-based presentations in classrooms, one-to-one and with parents. Guidance counselors, teachers or parents can invite Caring Unlimited staff, and presentations are free. Presentations are targeted at middle and high school-age students.

All of these services and resources cost money, and Caring Unlimited in the past received some funding from the county that could be leveraged for matching funds required by many grant sources. In 2012, Girard was a member of the county's Budget Committee that chose to include county social services in its budget. However, according to Girard, county commissioners chose not to authorize the expenditures to social services, and the funds rolled over into the county's general fund. This has challenged Caring Unlimited to increase its fundraising and donations in order to apply for grants to keep its vital programs alive.

Fortune-Agan says that Caring Unlimited is always looking for volunteers, whether it's for providing childcare during support groups, or taking a 40-hour training to answer hotline calls from home. Staff members are hoping to start a court-monitoring program at York County Superior Court in Alfred to record proceedings in cases involving abuse or violence. The goal is to show the strengths and weaknesses of the criminal justice system and to enhance abuser accountability and system accountability.

Community conversation on domestic abuse at Lakeside Church

On Monday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m., representatives from the York County Sheriff's Office and Caring Unlimited will lead a community conversation about domestic abuse and violence. The event will take place at the Lakeside Community Church at 1248 Sokokis Trail in North Waterboro. This session will feature information about the dynamics of domestic abuse and violence as well as how to be helpful to a friend, family member, neighbor or coworker who is being abused by a partner or family member.

In 2010, the Center for Disease Control found that 1 in 3 women will be in a relationship with an abuser at some

point in their life, but domestic abuse also happens to men, children, teens, and elders, too. A coordinated community response is needed to address this widespread problem and bring an end to domestic abuse in York County.

Caring Unlimited is York County's Domestic Violence Program with a variety of services available in Waterboro, Sanford, Biddeford and Kittery. Their 24-hour, confidential, toll-free hotline is 1-800-239-7298.

This event is free and open to the public. For questions about the event, contact Maj. Tom Baran at 459-2202 or tbaran@co.york.me.us.

Open house for Fire Prevention Month

October is Fire Prevention Month, and Waterboro Fire and EMS Departments invite townspeople to an Open House Friday Oct. 24 and Sat. Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The invitation reads, "Stop in, look around, and grab a hot dog!" Apparatus will be displayed; there will be equipment demonstrations and a smoke house exercise.

In addition, members of the Waterboro Fire Department will hold an automobile accident ex-

trication demonstration at Massabesic High School, a fire prevention assembly for students in kindergarten and first grade and a smoke house demonstration for older students at Waterboro Elementary School.

Dinner to raise funds for fuel assistance

The Massabesic Lions Club is sponsoring a ham dinner to benefit the town of Waterboro's Fuel Assistance Program on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at

the Massabesic Lions Regional Medical Center, 813 Main St., Waterboro. Dinner will include ham, mashed potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, green beans, homemade applesauce, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea or punch. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$6 for children 6 to 12 and 5 and under are free. Takeout is available and the building is handicapped accessible.

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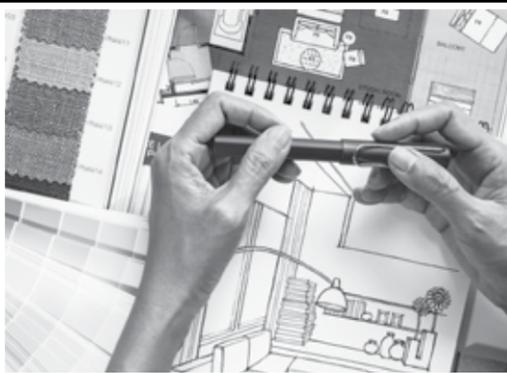
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# ALFRED

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## A brief town meeting

It took almost 25 minutes for Alfred residents to elect John Cook as moderator and work through four fiscal articles Tuesday, Oct. 7.

Article 3, to see if the town would vote to appropriate \$20,000 to add to the plowing and sanding account, was quickly approved. Road Commissioner Jon Lord pointed out there is less than \$10,000 left in the fund and "if this next winter is as extreme as last year we will need more salt." When a resident mentioned he knew of a pit where salt is sold for \$3 a yard, Lord responded that is true if you hauled it yourself. He has to pay \$8 a yard delivered.

The \$21,550 needed for Swett's Bridge road repairs was approved without discussion. But the need for adding \$5,000 to the legal account elicited questions. Why did the town have to go to court? It was explained two individuals refused to comply with the codes enforcement officer's instructions, one even threatened to shoot him. "Every effort was made to get the individuals to clean their place up," said Selectman John Sylvester. "The town will recover some of the costs (of court)," said Selectman George Donovan. "because some of the costs will come from the individuals."

The legal funds were also needed to pay an attorney when a contract was signed with Time Warner, which has an attorney of its own on staff to help them save money.

## American Craft Weekend

The Gallery on the Green hosted several artisan demonstrators this past weekend, while observing Maine Craft Weekend as part of American Craft Week. On Saturday those demonstrating their craft were potter Kathleen King; Pat Smith who does scratchboard; watercolorists Susan Mesick and Karen McMannin; Sheila Clough who paints with acrylics and Hil-

lary Zayed, who uses oils. Some also demonstrated on Sunday, including Diane Anderson, who works in oils.

The sponsors of the weekend were the Maine Craft Association, Maine Made Programs and the Maine Brewers Association.

## Budget work begins

The Alfred Budget Committee has begun work on the 2015 budget, and requests that all department and committee heads meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 28 in town hall to discuss the budget. Members of each committee are also invited to attend. This meeting is mandatory for committee heads. Budget materials and request forms will be passed out at the meeting and will be due back on or before Nov. 18 at the selectman's meeting.

## Busy school days

The annual Halloween Stroll will be held Oct. 24 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Alfred Elementary School. Students are encouraged to show up in costume for their goodies.

On Oct. 31 students may select a person from a book they have read and dress up like him or her. They may bring \$1 as a donation to the PTSA to participate. This will also be bubble gum day.

A book fair will be held Oct. 27-31 for students. On Oct. 30 Friends and Family Night will be held from 3 to 8 p.m.

Families are reminded that cough drops are not allowed at school, because of the risk of choking. A long-acting cough medicine may be given before school; a water bottle from which to sip can be helpful.

In case of school cancellations, notification will be on the superintendents' Twitter account (@RSU57Massabesic). This account will be used to keep the community informed.

Families are asked to see that the children are dressed for the weather - although some students may want to wear sandals and shorts even on cold days.

## Harvest supper

A traditional harvest supper will be held in Conant Chapel on Saturday, Oct. 25. Sponsored by the Parish Church, proceeds will



Taking part in preparing articles for the Community Cares event in Sanford were, from left front, Emily Bennett and Sam Boulet, and in back Aiden Harris, Trevor Bennett, Beverly Bennett, Julie Nugent, Carolyn Woodward and Adrienne Bertinet of Alfred Parish Church.

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benefit the waterfront at Pilgrim Lodge, the UCC summer camp. The waterfront needs a complete upgrade, including accessibility for disabled persons. The cost of the supper for adults will be \$8, and \$6 for children. Hours are 5 to 6:30 p.m.

## Historical society

The Alfred Historical Society will meet at 1 p.m. in Parsons Memorial Library on Tuesday, Oct. 21. Bruce Tucker will be the speaker. All interested persons are invited to attend.

## News from the pews

There were many donations of socks, blankets, underwear, etc. for the Communities Care Day this past week, and volunteers from the church assisted at the event held in North Parish Church in Sanford. Sunday School members were among those preparing the clothing donations.

The next free community supper will be Tuesday, Oct. 28 starting at 5 p.m.

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be a Christmas party on Dec. 9 at the home of Joyce Krahl.

## New Century Club

David Joy spoke on our Native Americans during the New Century Club meeting last week. He pointed out no tribe members had actually settled here in Alfred, but the island where he grew up had once been the site of a settlement,

and he and his father often found artifacts, which were given to the Maine State Museum.

The Nov. 10 speaker will be Marjorie Anderson, on Sam Came. It will be at Joyce Krahl's home.

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# A vibrant learning community

at WATERBORO ELEMENTARY

By BRIGIT MCCALLUM  
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Teachers at all levels of education are challenged to teach to each student's unique abilities. RSU 57 teachers have a resource in the person of Claire Ledue and the "BrainStretch" program. Ledue is a vivacious educator, exuding enthusiasm as she talks about the challenging, yet crucial, role of engaging learners at the district's five elementary schools in enriching, brain-stretching, complex reasoning, and community-building arts and language-rich activities for all students.

Ledue is beginning her third year in RSU 57's Elementary Gifted and Talented Program, located in the district's Special Education department. Ledue identifies herself as a "BrainStretch specialist." She emphasizes that while she spends more time with high-achieving students, she also sees all students as capable of stretching their brains and promotes the importance of engaging all students in whole group lessons. She spends much of her time working with entire fourth- and fifth-grade classrooms around the district. Being based at Waterboro Elementary this year, she will also look at visiting all Waterboro K-3 classrooms with critical thinking and creative movement lessons to allow teachers to observe their students

in a different learning setting.

A native French speaker from northern Maine who was born in New Brunswick, Canada, Ledue brings much of her own experience to her students. Her parents were models of creativity. Her father sang opera, her mother was a playwright and costume seamstress and Ledue is active in music, drama and creative movement. Growing up with seven siblings, she was aware of how different each of them was and, in college, the work of Howard Gardner and his theory of Multiple Intelligences made complete sense to her.

Ledue brings to her work at RSU 57 her experience as a classroom teacher, fine arts teacher and co-director of musicals in Gorham. She was also a part-time Excel teacher at MSAD 60 and a French teacher at St. Thomas School in Sanford, while giving her four daughters homeschooling experiences. She has now completed two years teaching full time in her current job.

There are three ways Ledue works to meet self-directed learners, in addition to her full-class BrainStretch activities. First, she creates enrichment folders to be used within the student's regular classroom setting that allows them to take their thinking to the next level of reasoning and complexity.

Second, Ledue created an on-

line environment using a teaching application called Edmodo for around 28 fourth- and fifth-graders, as well as few third-graders. The site offers challenging assignments in a variety of curricular areas. Students can choose a subject area, and they are also encouraged to take part in history and current events. Fifth-grade students who have mastered a subject area can become advisors and direct other students to think outside the box in their area of expertise. Students, who are from all five district elementary schools, respond only to their advisors and Ledue. This is not a social network, but one-to-one advising. Ledue tries to respond to different students every night. "I am not always able, personally, to work with all eligible students in five elementary schools," she said. "So this online environment allows me to be in communication with many more than I could otherwise."

The third format Ledue has created, for students who have mastered Edmodo and are able to do project-based learning, is independent study. Each independent study must involve a community member who is knowledgeable in the area of the project, and students must demonstrate their learning to an audience using technology. Last year, one fifth-grader with a keen interest in math and puzzles had



Mrs. Madigan's fifth-grade class at Waterboro Elementary School joins together with Ms. Ledue and BrainStretch to explore the different intelligences that all are capable of developing. At left, fifth-grader Molly Abbott and fourth-grader Emily DeSimone explore surface tension and bubble formation.

PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

a community member who is a puzzle designer in the Netherlands. Ledue says there are an average of five to seven indepen-

dent studies each year.

Ledue sees her job as one of providing experiences that will lead to the development of lifelong skills involving the intuitive, social, cognitive and sensory facets of development in all the students she works with. As she notes on her website (<https://sites.google.com/a/rsu57.org/ms-ledue-s-website/home>),

"I am continually taking into consideration the reality of having one GT specialist and the limitations of how thinly I can spread myself, but I'm excited to begin a new year with new collaborative ideas that will continually benefit me, the students, the teachers and the community."

Upon reflection, Ledue later added, "I also want to bring to the attention of parents and the community the sense of 'joint ownership' of students by promoting team teaching and the hard work teachers put in meeting the different needs in their classroom. I feel privileged to be teaming with such dedicated teachers. One of my favorite quotes is, 'We could learn a lot from crayons; some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, while others bright, some have weird names, but they all have learned to live together in the same box,' by Robert Fulghum. I find myself thinking about all that teachers do with their 'crayon box' every week and their awareness of the different brain functions and learning styles of acquiring knowledge. My job is to promote such importance, servicing teachers and students the best way I can. Bravo to teacher's creative and authentic 'art work.' It's not always easy!"

## at LYMAN ELEMENTARY

Joy Spencer

### BrainStretch expands students' horizons

Students in Sarah Marine's and Susan Richards' fifth-grade classes at Lyman Elementary School learn about the writing process in a fun and active way. BrainStretch teacher, Clair Ledue, goes into the classrooms and teams up with teachers to deliver their unique styles of teaching to all of the children. Distinguishing between adjectives and adverbs can be a tedious and challenging subject at times, but Ledue collaborates with the teachers on ideas to teach the skill in a lively, entertaining and all-inclusive manner.

Ledue asked the children to form a circle. She pantomimed stretching out a balloon, blowing it up and tying it off. She then explained that she was going to pass the imaginary balloon around the circle. The child holding the balloon should imitate something about themselves that would take the balloon on an adventure when it floats to them and then pass it to the next person. Once every pupil had two turns doing this activity, Ledue imitated untying the balloon and asked the students to

return to their seats while demonstrating what the balloon would look like when deflating. The children were then asked to take out their writing folders. Ledue asked them to take the balloon idea and answer: who or what; does or did what; where, when or why and encouraged them to use their own ideas to build on a sentence that may become a lead to a future creative story. Using their adverb and adjective handout tools, they together came up with an example like the following sentence: "The colorful balloon danced fluently at the Eiffel Tower in Paris in 1943 because it had fallen in love." The Adverb Game was also a hit when Ledue presented an adverb and the children acted out their interpretation of the word. The next step was having students show evidence and apply what they had learned by completing their own page titled, "Let's Build a Sentence" in their writing packets and create an interesting lead sentence on another subject.

Marines and Ledue walked around the room reading the sentences and commenting on them in a positive manner, answering questions and making suggestions. Ledue read many of them and challenged the students to write more using descriptive words.

Students were asked to partner up to help one another to improve



Lyman Elementary School fifth-grader Jonathan Daigle with Mrs. Ledue.

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their writing and to work on their spatial and interpersonal skills. She demonstrated how to connect pictures with their stories using technology with a fun presentation app called "Explain Everything."

Ledue speaks to the students in French, offering the English translation. She reminds them that, in so doing, they are developing their linguistic intelligence. She reminds them that each one of them is different and unique and has individual strengths, and by

working together they build on their strengths and benefit from others' strengths. As they were developing their writing skills, they were, at the same time, made aware of how their interpersonal intelligence was contributing to the sense of classroom community.

Ledue then went into Richards' classroom, where the lesson was repeated with as much enthusiasm and energy as was demonstrated in the previous class.

# SPORTS

## CROSS COUNTRY

### Mustangs sweep Cheverus

BY MICHAEL DEANGELIS  
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Massabesic runners got back on the winning track at a four-team meet hosted by Cheverus Thursday, Oct. 9. The men settled for fifth place and the women seventh the week prior at the annual festival of champions meet in Belfast. Runners from more than 60 high schools competed

At Cheverus one week later, it was back to the winner's circle.

Mike Aboud was first for the men, coming in with a national elite status time (below 16:30.00) of 16:27.30. He nipped Gorham's Jesse Southard - who ran a 16:27.50 - at the wire.

Andrew Mongiat was third

and Remi Gaetjens was fifth. Alex Swett was eighth and Donovan Duffy finished 11th.

The Mustangs totaled just 28 points, easily ahead of runner-up Gorham, which had 49. Cheverus was third with 58 and Thornton Academy had 104.

Emily Wasina was fourth overall on the ladies' side with a time of 20:24.20. Brianna Drew was seventh, Maddy Bantz was eighth, Gabby Johnson was ninth and Olivia Ducharme was 10th.

The lady Mustangs posted 38 points, topping Cheverus who finished with 56. TA was third with 57 and Gorham had 78.

Massabesic hosts its final regular meet of the season Friday, Oct. 17.

## FIELD HOCKEY

### Mustangs take final two Playoffs loom

Massabesic's varsity field hockey team topped host Noble 3-1 in their final regular season contest on Tuesday, Oct. 14. The win locked the Mustangs (5-6-3) into the 11th spot in the playoff standings and a likely first round match-up at number six seeded Sanford (10-4) on Saturday, Oct. 18.

The Spartans squeaked by the visiting Mustangs 3-2 in the season opener back on Sept. 4, the second day of the school year.

Massabesic got two goals and an assist from Emma Rutledge and a goal and assist from Mira

Kuni. Maggie Redman had an assist and the Mustangs got defensive saves from Sunny Mosher and Haley Poulin.

On Friday, Oct. 10 the Mustangs thumped visiting Windham (4-9-1) on senior night by a score of 6-2.

Massabesic led 5-0 at the half. Rutledge had a hat trick and Kuni scored twice. Abbie Staples, Redman and Sophia LaFrance had assists.

Redman had the lone Mustang goal in the second half. Kelley Wescott and Allie Duranceau split time in goal. Each gave up a goal.



## FOOTBALL

### Scots run over Mustangs

Bonny Eagle scored the first six touchdowns, including four in the first quarter, to pace a 61-27 pounding of host Massabesic on Friday, Oct. 10.

The Mustangs (1-5) dropped their fifth consecutive start after

Trevor Walton dives in for a touchdown vs. Bonny Eagle on Oct. 10. COURTESY PHOTO BY JASON GENDRON, S4 ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY

opening the season with a home win over Noble. A mounting injury list that includes starters Jordan Drain, Zack McGrath (both lost for the season since its start), Weston Bergeron and Jesse Hall hasn't helped.

On Friday the 5-1 defending champion Scots opened up a 41-0 lead with a steady ground attack. They rushed for eight touchdowns and added another on a kickoff re-

turn following a 43-yard touchdown run from quarterback Trevor Walton who provided a bright spot with a pair of rushing touchdowns and two passing touchdowns.

Walton connected on 10 of 18 attempts for 129 yards. Josh Daigle collected six of those passes, good for 105 yards and two touchdowns. Freshman Simon Roberts hauled in the other four.

## BRIEFS

### Stefanilo to bat for Mustangs

On Wednesday, Oct. 8 the RSU 57 school board approved the nomination of Daniel Stefanilo as the Massabesic varsity baseball coach. Stefanilo served as the

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Stefanilo is an educational technician at MHS.

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## New soccer coach trained with Red Sox



Cody Marean

The Massabesic Middle School seventh-grade girls soccer team has a new coach, Cody Marean. Marean, a resident of Hollis, also just completed an internship for the Boston Red Sox organization as an athletic trainer for the Greenville Drive in South Carolina. He spent six months with them and made a lot of good friends. He also did his clinical while attending UNE, at Massabesic High School. Marean is a 2009 graduate of Bonny Eagle High School where he played soccer and was part of the state championship track team. Marean graduated in 2013 from UNE where he majored in athletic training.

Lorrie (Peterson) Marean were graduates of MHS and are very proud of his accomplishments. He was one of five chosen by the Red Sox out of 170 applicants.

Marean's parents, Rick and

# SPORTS

## ★ Stars of the Week ★



The following Massabesic Mustang players exceeded expectations by showing strong commitment, sacrifice, football integrity and teamwork during game days. For their outstanding effort, perseverance, commitment, sacrifice and teamwork these individuals were picked by their coaches as the Stars of the Week:

Back row, from left, Coach Jones, Coach Boissoneault, Coach Corey, Coach Landry, Coach Letellier, Coach Dalliare, Coach Hubert and Coach Sweatt. Middle row, from left, Noah Hernandez, Brandon Mills, Sean Wakefield and Owen Hubert. Front row, from left, Coach Hayes, Milton Gonzalves, Robert Holmes, Joe Osei, Jack Carroll, Dylan Letellier, Caleb Dyer, Preston Steeves, Dominick Bubar, Asher Hubert and Coach Pickett.

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### Massabesic Mustangs Stars of the Week

#### Mite and Peewee Division

On Oct. 11 the Massabesic Mustangs youth football teams traveled to Gorham and competed against the Gorham Grizzlies at Narragansett Field early Saturday morning. The Grizzlies were a great host and showed great sportsmanship on and off the football field. Players from both sides played a high level of foot-

ball with great effort, determination and sportsmanship.

Members of the Mustang Nation showed great discipline, physical strength and fundamentally executed at a high level on both the offensive and defensive side of the football. The Mustangs won all four games this weekend against the Grizzlies and are appreciative for them being a great host.

The third and fourth grade A Team beat Gorham 28-6; the third and fourth grade B Team beat

Gorham 22-0; the fifth and sixth grade A Team beat Gorham 12-0 and the fifth and sixth grade B Team beat Gorham 12-0.

The Mustangs will host the Marshwood Little Hawks starting at noon at Ronco Field on West Road in Waterboro.

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From left, Helen Langley, RN, BS, CBCN, BCPN-IC; Edward McGeachey, president and CEO, SMHC; Laura Blanchette event chair Pink on the Links; Peggy Belanger, RN, BSN, OCN.

## SMHC Center for Breast Care receives donation of more than \$12,000 from Biddeford-Saco Ladies Association

The Biddeford-Saco Ladies Association of the Biddeford-Saco Country Club recently donated more than \$12,000 to support the work of Southern Maine Health Care's (SMHC) Center for Breast Care. The donation came from the proceeds raised at this year's

18th annual golf tournament "Pink on the Links," which was held earlier this summer. Over the last three years the Biddeford-Saco Ladies Association has given SMHC more than \$34,000.

"SMHC is very grateful to the Biddeford-Saco Ladies Association

for their generous gift to our Center for Breast Care," said SMHC's Breast Cancer Nurse Navigator Helene Langley. "Their financial support helps SMHC to provide award-winning care for breast cancer patients in our community."

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# OPINION

## Tell it to the judge, buddy

While a great many of us take pride in the fact we've never done any jail time, few of us have gone through life without actually breaking the law. The law states you must have a visible number identifying your property, but there are many homes in Maine where the number isn't there. The speed limit is 35. You're cruising along at 40 and the guy behind you pulls across a double yellow line because you're driving too slowly. These are, of course, minor infractions, but thousands of people commit them every day and some of them get caught, fined and sent merrily on their way.

There are, of course, exceptions to every rule. Take the case of Karen Holloway, a mother of two living in a modest home in Lenoir, Tennessee. Ms. Holloway had a busy summer. She and her husband own only one car. Both work, and Mr. Holloway also attends school in the evenings. When she went before the judge she explained all of this.



by  
Jon Simonds

She was even prepared to pay the fine, so you can only imagine how utterly shocked she was when the Judge, Terry Van, handed down his ruling: five days in jail!

Her crime? Karen Holloway took full responsibility for her family's failure to maintain their property. Code enforcement agents cited her in the middle of the summer for not mowing the lawn. Ms. Holloway protested the Judge's decision, stating she was "never read her rights," or advised to call a lawyer. She was told she had the right to appeal the decision and won the appeal. Her sentence was reduced to six hours.

The New Jersey State Supreme Court recently upheld the jailing of a motorist for failure to wear a seatbelt. This, of course, throws a real wrench in the old ad campaign "Click it or Ticket!" Advertising agencies all across Madison Avenue are hard at work on a new campaign. Some are already offering a two-sound bite radio spot. The first sound is the

click of a safety belt as it is engaged. The sound is followed by the bang of cell door, as it slams shut. The TV version is bound to offer a judge urging you to lock yourself in, or lock yourself up. The possibilities in the advertising world are endless.

In Meridian, Mississippi any student with half a brain does not violate the dress code. Students who get out of hand in this well-behaved town never stay after school for detention. As a matter of fact, students who violate any of the schools rules are led out of school, in cuffs for a quick trip to the juvenile detention center.

There are, of course, worse things in life than jail. In Colorado, blasting music is against the law. Judge Paul Sacco has grown so fed up with repeat offenders, he is now sentencing them to several hours in a room where they are forced to listen to blasting Barry Manilow music – and that might be the severest punishment of all.

Jon Simonds lives in North Waterboro and is the author of "Brooklyn Encounters," a collection of short stories available on Kindle.

## LETTERS

### John and the reelection pursuit

In the true tradition of legislating there are many over the years who have exemplified the ideal of that function to a high degree. There are also many who have not. As the years have gone by, the tendency towards true legislating by those elected to this function has diminished to a point where, in Washington, the very concept is in jeopardy, as many divide along party lines and refuse to cross the aisle to do their work. Little need be said about this, as it is well documented.

It is a sad state for the future of governance through compromise and legislation if the trend continues to divide. In the current election for state offices exists one candidate counter to this negative trend in legislating. He is a current state senator from Sanford who not only defies that trend, but works opposite to the very concept of anti-compromise and legislates. He works the ways of the past legislators, a la Oniel. Dirksen. Humphrey, Javitts, Proxmire, Rayburn and the lot. He believes that to get the job done you must work with those on both sides of the aisle and quite often only get a piece of the pie you are working for as the best possible deal in the interest of legislating and getting the job done.

It is true all elected officials are there at the behest and best wishes of constituents. Though this is the most weighing concern of the legislator, it often must be the best possible agreeable legislation achievable. John Tuttle is fully dedicated to this concept and

works tirelessly in the Senate to do everything possible on behalf of his constituents. He leaves the election at the date it occurs, rolls up his sleeves, and works with all on both sides of the aisle to get the work of government done. The executive or governor finds no barrier to him as he time and again has shown a willingness and effort to work with him. As I and many have found, not only is John Tuttle an ardent and tireless campaigner, but also a dynamic and active senator legislator.

As the election nears its final day of judgement it is with clear enthusiasm that myself and many supporters look to the voters of John's senatorial district to realize these traits of a positive force in the Maine Senate and reelect him to continue his valuable effort and work.

John Flynn  
Sanford

### Time for a change, vote for Woodsome

My recent experience dealing with John Tuttle this past year showed me just why the voters of District 33 need to make a change and elect Dave Woodsome this November.

I spent months working to pass important legislation requiring health insurance plans in Maine to cover a simple bone marrow donor suitability test. It was a tough fight, but the bill was finally passed when the legislature voted overwhelmingly to override Gov. LePage's veto. In fact, only two state senators voted against the override. John Tuttle was one of them.

In advocating for the bill, I'd

spend hours each week calling State senators and representatives regarding the bill's benefits for Mainers. Not once did Sen. Tuttle acknowledge my emails, nor the many emails from his constituents asking him to consider this bill. I called him to discuss its importance and not once did he answer the telephone or return the call. Nor did he return calls from others regarding this bill. When calling his home, his wife assured us that he would return our calls, but he never did. Not once!

Many days I sat in the chambers watching state senators discuss proposed bills. Not once did I see Sen. Tuttle stand up to discuss any of the proposed. This is not leadership. I did observe first-hand how he voted – straight party line. It is time for a change.

I have known Dave since he arrived at Fryeburg Academy in 1971. I have personally seen his commitment to the youth with his coaching and encouragement to rise above any adversity on the field, on the mat, or in the classroom. Dave has had a lasting effect on many who have had the privilege of having him as their mentor and friend. Dave has always been true to his commitment with our youth and will continue to be in his community for the residents of the state of Maine.

I ask you, the voters of District 33, do you want someone who will listen to the needs of your district and, if it is in the best interest of the whole, support what is best for Maine? If you do, please vote for Dave Woodsome!

Ellen A. Guilford  
Lisbon

## LETTERS

### The moral side of bear hunting

When I moved from D.C. to Maine in 2010, a local newspaper featured an image of a beaming 14-year-old girl, shotgun in hand, kneeling beside a trophy bear she'd killed around Skowhegan. Upon closer examination, the bear was probably half grown. The image haunts me to this day, and as I came to understand the torturous methods of bear "hunting" in this state, the bear cruelty issue only got worse.

Wikipedia defines bear-baiting as "a blood sport involving the worrying or tormenting of bears." From the 16th to the 19th centuries, arenas, in Britain called bear "gardens," were built specifically for this purpose (think Christians and lions) where dogs were dispatched to tear a chained bear limb from limb—all to regale eager spectators. (Note: If a dog got tired, he was immediately replaced.) In the contemporary act of bear baiting in Maine, hungry, unwitting animals are lured to piles of discarded human food—usually decaying pizza and donuts—and shot point blank after following a basic life-affirming need: to eat.

Maine is the only state in the nation that sanctions the triple threat of bear baiting, bear hounding—where bears are pursued to exhaustion by a pack of up to six GPS-outfitted dogs, treed and shot at point-blank range, and bear trapping—where they are snared by foot hold traps which, even without teeth, can cause excruciating pressure, pain and severe stress, sometimes for days at a time. Though it is state law, traps are not always checked daily. Human beings would likely die from such sustained pain (bears have been known to chew off their feet in these instances), desperation and suffering.

Much has been in the news since the fair bear hunting referendum landed on the ballot this year. The pros and cons of controlling Maine's bear population are bandied about under the lens of politics and economics, but what about pain and suffering?

In Field and Stream, reporter Lawrence Pyne talks about the state's 1990 bear population being at about 18,000 vs. today's figures, which at least double that number. Those who know about more humane methods of bear population control attribute the

staggering rise to the act of baiting, again, providing rotting food to hungry, unwitting creatures who are shot in the act of fulfilling a basic need. If moose and deer baiting, hounding and trapping are illegal, and those populations have not exploded, how in all good conscience can we allow bears to be tortured in this way?

Statistics tell us Colorado, Oregon and Washington have successfully stabilized their bear populations after banning all three practices, with the reported number of hunting licenses actually doubling or tripling in light of a fair hunt.

Perhaps renowned naturalist and writer Henry Beston (who lived in Nobleboro) said it best in one of his many musings on animals:

"We need another and a wiser and perhaps a more mystical concept of animals. In a world older and more complete than ours they move finished and complete, gifted with extensions of the senses we have lost or never attained, living by voices we shall never hear. They are not brethren, they are not underlings; they are other nations, caught with ourselves in the net of life and time, fellow prisoners of the splendor and travail of the earth."

As the saying goes, hunting is a Maine tradition — cruelty is not. Please vote yes on 1.

Beth Herman  
Lewiston

### Get it done, yes on 1

"As Maine goes, so goes the nation?" Then, why are we the last state to allow bear trapping and other cruel methods for "trophy" killing (of) bears? "Harvesting," some call it. We harvest pumpkins and wheat. We kill bears.

Hunting is something entirely different. It requires skill, knowledge and pursuit of prey. There is no hunting in walking up to a restrained bear and executing it at point-blank range.

November's ballot initiative is a no-brainer. Please vote YES on Question 1 to protect our bears from these unfair "tools" of baiting, trapping and hounding. Maine does not allow these cruel methods for deer and moose hunting...why bears?

Get it done; YES on 1! Let's make Maine proud of us, not ashamed!

Anne Hilton-Sawyer  
Ocean Park

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**CANDIDATE FORUM**

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Campbell responded that he will continue to fight for the elderly, teachers and state workers. "I am so sick of not funding the school at 55 percent," he said, which was a sentiment echoed in one way or another by virtually all the candidates during the evening.

Kinney was a member of the 126th Legislature, and served nine years on the planning board. He said it's time government and taxation are reigned in, and policies to encourage responsible government and "a hand up, not a handout" are needed. Kinney added that he wants to "ensure folks have an opportunity to prosper."

When asked during a lightning round question if they supported unfunded state mandates, all the local candidates responded in the negative.

According to the moderator, Garrett Corbin, for the past several years the Legislature has made unprecedented cuts in assistance to local government, while at the same time, the state budget has increased. Candidates were then asked if they would support a budget that doesn't meet the state's obligations to municipalities. Prescott responded, "Absolutely not." Harris-Howard said the state and towns need to work together, while Campbell replied, "I never have and I never would vote for unfunded mandates."

In an answer to a similar question, Kinney said the revenue sharing program should go back to the way it was mandated – 5 percent returned to towns – and "any compromise after that should go to the selectmen" (of the towns.)

Panelists were also polled about the split between the three kinds of taxation levied by the state: real estate, sales and income.

Harris-Howard called the tax formula "out of whack," because 45 percent comes from property taxes, which is the "least related" to ability to pay. A bigger piece of the pie should come from Mainers' income tax, she said, which does not burden the poor and elderly as much.

Prescott said taxes should be shifted to reflect a third from each source. Kinney promised "not to vote to raise taxes ever again." He felt there should be more focus on promoting economic development. As examples he cited the Mountain Railroad Division; the town of Eastport which, he said, has the deepest port in Maine, as well as expanding rail up the coast.

Campbell pointed out that the state just gave residents "the biggest income tax break," but at the expense of cities and towns, which have seen a major decrease in revenue sharing. He suggested looking at goods and services that are not taxed, but may make sense to include.

**Jean Paul (J.P.) Guillemette**

Jean Paul (J.P.) Guillemette, 89, a well-respected businessman and loving husband, father, and grandfather died peacefully with his family by his side, on Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014 at his home.

Jean Paul was born in Sanford on May 23, 1925 the son of Joseph H. and Emma (Laitres) Guillemette. He was educated in both the parochial and public schools; attending school for half a day. At the age of 16, J.P. quit school and went to work. During World War II, J.P. joined the Marine Corp and arrived at Paris Island, South Carolina, as a young and naïve 18-year-old; yet matured into a confident young man during his two months of boot camp. He then was transferred to Norfolk, Virginia where he was a guard at a prison. In September of 1944, he was transferred to Camp Lejeune for combat training and then boarded a ship for overseas; his destination was Hilo, Hawaii. In January of 1945, while still in Hawaii, J.P. boarded a ship to an area for a seventy-one hour operation; and then was informed he was headed to Iwo Jima. J.P. landed on the beach and was fortunate enough to see the American flag rise on Iwo Jima on February 23, 1945.

J.P. was on the beach a few days when his unit was called to the front lines. They were short



**Jean Paul Guillemette**

of help and suffered casualties. Within two days J.P. was in a fox hole that had been occupied but was empty with possibly many grenades lined up. He was alone with a brandy bottle and a needle, just in case. J.P. drank the brandy and didn't sleep at all and was relieved to see the day the next morning. Eventually a partner joined J.P. and they forged ahead. The two of them were confined to a small hole, barely large enough for a rat! J.P.'s partner stood up and was mortally wounded. J.P. was wounded, but able to crawl to a larger fox hole where there were several other Marines. J.P. was told he would have to locate the field hospital on his own. When he found the field hospital, he passed out cold.

Once J.P. was stabilized, he was on a plane bound for the USA. He was in the hospital for two months recuperating before he received his honorary discharge on March 15, 1946. J.P. was proud to serve in the military and his contributions to his unit and fellow Marines was a testament of his strength and courage. Once back in Sanford, J.P. met his future wife, Marguerite Morin in the early spring of 1949. They dated all through the summer and into the fall when J.P. asked for her hand in marriage. Marguerite said, "Yes!" – But, he still had to get the blessing from Marguerite's father. They were married on Nov. 24, 1949 at St Ignatius Church in

Sanford. They were blessed with two sons and two daughters.

With true grit and determination, Jean Paul became a master electrician and plumber. He owned J.P. Plumbing and Electrical from 1978 to 1993. J.P. provided for his family and loved to putter around his home and yard. He will be dearly missed by his family and many friends.

He is survived by his wife of sixty years, Marguerite Guillemette of Shapleigh; two sons, David and Patrick Guillemette and two daughters, Paula Agopian and Susan Doyle; one brother, Benoit Guillemette; three sisters, Yvette Bougie, Beatrice St Laurent and Rose Methot; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Larry Guillemette.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Holy Family Church, 66 North Avenue in Sanford. Committal prayers and military honors will follow at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery, 83 Stanley Road in Springvale.

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