Healing horses

BY SHELLIE BURBANK

When Eli Gray was born almost five years ago to Limerick couple, John and Jere Gray, they had no idea the challenges their son would face. But when he was ten months old, Eli was noticeably behind in his development, and by the time he turned two, Eli was diagnosed with quadriplegic spastic cerebral palsy. The disease affects his arms, legs, torso and most muscles in his body, including the muscles used for speech. Although he was receiving occupational, speech, and physical therapy, at age two his spastic and stiff muscles would not allow him to sit without support, speak, or use his gait trainer (a mobility device) without full assistance. He never crawled. The only word he could say was “ya.”

Doctors couldn’t give any assurance that he would ever sit, crawl, walk or talk. For his parents, it was a crushing diagnosis.

But now that Eli is about to turn five years old, amazingly he is sitting on his own, has seen significant speech improvement, and can navigate his gait trainer alone pancakes, backwards and around corners. Recently, Eli even took his first solo steps. All these improvements, his mother Jere says with tears in her eyes, are due to a unique horse therapy program in Lyman called the Carlisle Academy Integrative Equine Therapy & Sports in Lyman.

Blessing of the animals held

BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

It was probably a first in Alfred. On Saturday afternoon parishioners and friends were invited to bring their animals to Alfred Parish Church to be blessed. It was planned to be an outdoor event but rain intervened and it was held in Conant Chapel. Six canines and one cat and with owners attended. The cat was kept safely in its carrier.

The pets ranged from very small to very small. Some with whose personality was mostly intimidating but whose size was intimidating but whose size was intimidating but large – a handsome Great Dane kept safely in its carrier.

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Elie Gray, of Limerick, enjoys his equine therapy exercises at Carlisle Academy Integrative Equine Therapy & Sports in Lyman. Photos by Jere Gray

Low attendance at public hearing

BY SHELLIE BURBANK

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, about ten voters from the town of Limerick attended a public hearing regarding three separate proposed ordinances to be voted on in November: one on marijuana, one on changes to the budget committee ordinance, and one regarding the addition of two more places on the board of selectmen.

Dottie Richard summed up the rationale behind the five separate proposed articles on marijuana that the planning board drafted. Each article is based on one of the five different segments that were voted in by the people in the state of Maine last November. Taking each segment, the planning board created five articles so that the planning board drafted.

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included in an ordinance that will be voted on at the March annual town vote. If these articles do not pass, then the ordinances won’t be written. Marijuana social clubs, cultivation facilities, manufacturing facilities, retail stores, or retail testing facilities will not be allowed in town. Voters can decide on each of the five articles separately in November. “All five can pass. All five can fail,” said Richard.

Townspersons in attendance had some questions and thoughts. One question was what happened if retail stores and social clubs were allowed. Would the product have to come from outside of town?

“It is like any retail establishment, and this grows a product that is allowed to sell marijuana, but you can’t take it off the premises,” Richard explained.

“I think we should follow the guidelines the same as alcohol. To act like it’s so evil and so bad is way off the mark. Maybe we need to be educated more about cannabis,” said Limerick resident Jane Garza.

Joanne Andrews said there had been good information regarding the legalities of marijuana at a Limington board of selectmen meeting she attended. “This is not federally legal,” she said explaining that because it is illegal at the federal level, retailers have some unique rules to follow regarding money. “They can’t put the money in the bank, but they do need to report it on their income tax. If they make $100,000, they can’t take (deduct) any expenses or anything. It keeps a lot of people from getting into it,” Andrews said.

A question as to whether or not Limerick’s industrial park could benefit from having marijuana facilities was raised. According to Richard, the deed restrictions on the business park would not allow any business that was not legal at the federal level. “Nothing federally illegal can be put in there,” Richard said.

When it was mentioned whether or not allowing marijuana estabishments might be a way to draw some tourist dollars to the town, Richard explained that the new law passed in the state stipulates that you can’t knowingly sell to someone from out of state.

Gil Harris of the budget committee introduced their ordinance saying that the changes would open the rules up so that more members of the town can serve on the budget committee. The committee would work to get rid of the wording that says no employee of the town can be a budget committee member. Because of the way stipends are paid to the fire department, for instance, this part of the ordinance eliminated some competent people who wanted to be on the committee.

Some of the other changes have been made to create more clarity. One change would require that or not the current wording prevents having a budget committee that all come from one town department.

“It would be up to the voters to make sure that didn’t happen. Educated voters are critical to running a good town,” said Harris. “The intent is to make it so that people who are on a department can be on the committee,” said Sonny LePage.

Currently the budget committee is fully staffed, but if a vacant position, a person who is a member of a town department would not be able to run for that vacant position. If Limerick voters approve the ordinance, that department member could run.

Ed Morgan introduced his petition, signed by registered voters of the town, to place an article on the November ballot to change the board of selectmen membership from three to five members.

His reason, he said, is simply practical, nothing personal. With all the issues coming up in town, he said, it might be good to have more people working on the board. “Sometimes there’s an absence and we are down to two people and that can cause some problems,” Morgan said. “It’s not to get anybody off it.”

One question that was brought up was whether or not the new members’ appointments would be staggered so that there wasn’t too abrupt a change on certain years. According to the board, the wording for staggered terms was not included in the petition so it will not be included for the vote.

“I am in favor of this. I don’t see this now, but the situation could occur where two of three have a special agenda,” Harris said. “I have concerns about the board as it stands.”

John Medici asked, “What if three out of five have an agenda? Do we go to a nine-person board? Where does it end?”

“It’s much harder with three out of five than two out of three,” Harris persisted.

Another citizen said he believed the quality of the meetings would improve with more people on the board.

At the same meeting Tuesday night, there was also discussion of changing an ordinance so that the board of selectmen could hire and appoint the town clerk and the town treasurer rather than having them elected by the citizens of Limerick.

Current town clerk, Judy LePage gave some insight from her perspective. “We have no job descriptions,” she said, stating that she has been concerned about that. She further explained that clerks have taken classes and to be certified for some of the parts of the job. “It’s a lot of it. It’s a good two-year process just to be able to start doing it and feeling comfortable.” She went on to talk about all the various tasks that are handled in the town clerk’s office, some of which are audited by the state departments, and all of which are combined.

Joanne Andrews agreed being Limerick’s town clerk is a difficult job. “I don’t think any of our towns have two positions, separate town clerks and tax collectors.”

Medici pointed out, “The state things we do, we do it as a convenience for our taxpayers.” Judy LePage agreed that it was for the benefit of the townpeople that the clerk handled some of the state work.

LePage also said that absentee ballots for the nine-person ballot are in the clerk’s office, and she read the ballot questions aloud.

Fire departments benefit from mutual aid

Back on Sept. 13, the mutual aid of several nearby town fire departments working with the Limerick Fire Department helped to save a Carroll Lane home involved in an early-morning house fire. This kind of cooperative mutual aid keeps our towns better protected, says Limerick Fire Chief Michael McLean. “It worked out well having all that community support,” he said in a phone interview. “The community support is really positive. We believe it is key.”

In towns with volunteer fire departments, early morning fires can be especially troublesome. Volunteer firefighters may have day jobs, so in the early morning with people going to work, it isn’t always easy to get enough support to a fire. At 7:50 a.m. on Sept. 13, however, a mutual aid call went out, and local community fire departments sprang into action.

A Limerick volunteer arrived first on the scene and saw smoke coming from the home. Soon after, the Waterboro fire department arrived. In all there were three trucks from Limestone, three trucks from Waterboro, one truck from Newfield, four trucks from Cornish, and three trucks from Limerick on site.

One truck set up a water supply down at Sokokis lake, the volunteer from Limerick shared with the Reporter. Another truck backed up to hook up a hose. “The rapid response kept damage to the house to a minimum,” he said.

In the fire department, a brand new International pumper truck has been purchased. Dedication of that truck will take place on Oct. 14 when the department holds their annual open house. The truck will be dedicated to two firemen who have passed away: Robert Richardson, III and Eddie Howe, III. The truck will be called “Engine 3” in honor of the men, and their names will be painted on the side of the truck.

The Limerick Fire Department open house will be every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the fire station. “There is going to be a smoke house simulator coming up from Sanford,” said Chief McLean. “And the York County Command Van will be there, too.” There are also some exciting surprises, the chief said.

Also important to note: the fire department is having a lobster dinner on Election Day, as well as during Fire Prevention Week Oct. 8 to 13.

“Hopefully we will get a lot of rain,” Chief McLean said. “Be smart. Call the fire department and get a permit.”
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spondent and wrote a town-based
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have any birthdays, anniversar-
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Erica and Joshua Clockedille were married on Sept. 30, 2017.
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Hey kids! Come have a blast on the big trucks!
The Limerick-Newfield Lions will have their 11th annual Touch-a-Truck at a new location this year, and kids are invited to come over and have a blast.

The event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Limerick Industrial Park off Route 5, turn on Doles Ridge Road and from Route 11, turn onto Limerick Road. The rain date will be Oct. 21.

Admission is free, and kids will have the chance to explore the big trucks, blow the horns, sit in the drivers seats, and just be a kid on construction equipment, fire trucks, emergency vehicles and all kinds of other trucks.

In addition to the big trucks, there will be plenty to eat with hamburgers, hot dogs, hot cocoa, apple cider, popcorn and a bake sale.

The Lions will also be hav- ing a Stuff the Bus on that day, to benefit the Faith Christian Center Food Pantry. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted. And they will also accept donations of old glasses to support White Cane Day.

As a special note, this event to raise money for the community, was Thelma Connell’s favorite fundraiser. She was a Lion member for many years before she passed away in June. She has been missed by the Lions, and everyone who knew her. So, this Touch-a-Truck is for you, Thel- ma; the Lions thank you for all that you did to help others.

The Lions hope that everyone will come out in support of this event in her memory. And they will keep her in their thoughts, and remember all that she did for the organization in raising money for community members in need.

Half-off at thrift shop
The Thrift Shop will be hav- ing a 1/2 price sale on Saturday, Oct. 7. The shop is located at 181 Wakewater Road in West Newfield, and will be open until Oct. 21.

Last week for local farmers market
The Newfield Farmers and Artisans Market will have their last weekend on Saturday, October 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. They are located at the Newfield Town Of- fice at 637 Water Street, and there will be plenty to eat with fresh veggies, baked goods, maple syrup and crafts.

Crafter’s needed
The Line Elementary School Craft Fair will be held at 818 Wa- ter Street on Saturday, Oct. 14. Anyone interested in rental space may contact Charlotte Erickson at 207-646-5029 or email her at: Charlotte.Erickson@gmail.com. Crafters must bring their own tables, how- ever chairs will be provided. Pro- ceeds benefit the Town of New- field for renovations on the town buildings.

Spaghetti supper
Boy Scout Troop #329 will have their annual Spaghetti Sup- per on Saturday, October 14 at the Brick Town Hall at 6 p.m. There will be a cash bar and music, and the Newfield Brick Town Hall will be open for door prizes.

Newfield Firefighters will have their annual Fall Fire Supper on Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Public Safe- ty Building at 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m. New- field members are welcome to attend.

Tea Time will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the New- field Village Library at 637 Water Street at 3 p.m.

Newfield Firefighters will have a business meeting on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 85 Water Street at 7 p.m. call Dave at 793-2055.

The Limerick-Newfield Lions will meet on Thursday, Oct. 12, at the Newfield Historical Society building at 64 Elm Street at 7 p.m.

Country cupboard
Pickled Peppers are easy with fresh garden peppers in this re- cipe from “Country American Cooking.” Canning is easy from the garden to the refrigerator 1 tablespoon sugar 1 teaspoon salt 2 cups water 1 cup white vinegar 1 red bell pepper, cut into six pieces 1 yellow bell pepper, cut into six pieces 1 green bell pepper, cut into six pieces 2 cloves garlic, halved 1 teaspoon salt Combine all ingredients and separated into rings 1 sprig fresh tarragon or 1/4 teaspoon dried tarragon
In a 2-quart microwave-safe bowl, combine sugar, salt, water, and vinegar. Microwave on high for 8 to 14 minutes or until mix- ture boils. In a 1-quart jar, pack remaining ingredients. Pour hot vinegar mixture over vegetables; cover. Let stand in refrigerator for 1 week before serving. Store in refrigerator.

C.J. Pike.
**CROSS COUNTRY**

**Lady Scots sparkle at XC event**

The Lady Scots had four runners finish in the top 70, giving them 342 team points, good for eighth place overall at the annual XC event held Saturday, Sept. 30 in Belfast. More than 750 runners from 62 high schools took to the starting line and the Scots reminded everyone that they possess one of the top cross country squads in New England as Ami Beamier (sixth), Kayla Raymond (16th), Christine Toy (24th) and Emma Abbott (69th) shined for Bonny Eagle. Beamier turned in a blistering 18:47.81, one of just nine runners on the ladies side crossed the 17:50 mark. Hallie Benton, a senior at Massabesic finished 101st overall with a 20:58.42.

**SOCCER**

**Soccer men grab win**

Cornierr nets first career goal

Massabesic got goals from four different players, including three in the first half, to help pace a solid 4-3 win over host Biddeford (1-8) on Thursday, Sept. 28. James Davenport opened the scoring goal with less than five minutes left before the break with a comfortable 3-1 lead. Rutledge provided an insurance goal with just five minutes left as St. Laurent each had a goal, Izzy Hurlburt had two and Grace Tutt, Logan Champlin and Hurlburt each chipped in with an assist.

For Rutledge, Massabesic’s career scoring leader, it was another day of breaking, and he collected a pass from Noah Perry. Freshman Brady Cormier made it 2-0 six minutes later with his first career score after he dug a loose ball out of traffic and booted it past goal keeper Josh Nagle. The Tigers cut the lead in half to 2-1 with a goal by Matt Turdoff at the 22nd minute, but Nick Mer- ryo’s unassisted score just two minutes later sent the Mustangs into the break with a comfortable 3-1 edge.

The comfort didn’t last long as Muntodhir Al-Yaseri made it 3-2 off a free kick just three minutes into the second half, but the game hung that way for the next 25 minutes until Perry gave Massabesic some much needed insurance, and the eventual game-winner, with an unassisted strike at the 28th minute.

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The Mustangs sit one spot of the playoff picture in 13th place through Massabesic’s (9-1) first 10 contests.

**EARLY FALL CLEARANCE**

The Massabesic and Sanford field hockey teams before Massabesic’s Cancer Awareness game on Sept. 30, played to honor the memory of Massabesic Alumni, Besty Delano-Carbone. Several hundred dollars were raised to be donated to the education fund for Betsy’s children.  

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**Field hockey team back on track, plays for a cause**

**BY MICHAEL DEANGELES**

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A surprising loss to Thornton Academy (7-4) ended the perfect season that Massabesic’s varsity field hockey team had going, but it may have rekindled the fire as the Mustangs won big in the process moving into the top spot in the Class A south standings.

On Monday, Oct. 2 Massabesic got four goals from Emma Rut-ledge en route to an 8-0 thumping of host Portland. The score was 5-0 at the break with the Mustangs showing their tremendous depth throughout as head coach Michele Martin-Moore used 21 different players.

“Great passing and teamwork...we really clicked on all cylin-ders,” she said.

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—By Michael DeAngelis

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The Cochrane Craze

The Cochrane Craze, Tues., Oct. 10, 6:30 PM at the Brunswick Historical Society, 100 Main Street, Barn Mills “THE COCHRANE CRAZE” presented by Nancy Fontzetti. At its height between 1817 and 1819, the Cochrane Craze swept through York County particularly in the towns of Saco, Buxton, and Kittery Point. Non-denominational preacher, Jacob Cochrane (1782-1836), founder of The Society of Free Brethren and Sisters, promoted the doctrine of spiritual wifery while encouraging holy dancing and frenzied reaping in worship. Cochrane’s ascension and demise will be discussed in this program as well as his possible influence on both the Oneida Community and the Church of Latter Day Saints. Nancy Fontzetti, historian and educator, is the current vice president of the BHHS for Hollis. Suggested donations $10; seniors $8.

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Sports facility.

“It was inspiring,” Jere said, pointing to some photos of Eli on the Carlisle Academy’s brochure. “He is known at Car- lisle as Super-Eli.” Eli began an integrative therapy program at the riding center in the fall of 2015 which involved a physical therapist who had suggested Jere look into the program, and the Grays visited the center and were even given an opportunity to try it on for size, to see if their limited budget made the cost pro- hibitive. Jere said that she didn’t quite understand how to get the most out of it, but estimated at least it would be a good experience for her son. She didn’t expect the amazing improve- ments in Eli’s mobility and core strength after just one six-week session. “He had tone reduction within one visit,” she said. Eli turned his head from one side to the other. He was able to sit using a long sitting position—with his legs straight out in front, which is difficult for children with increased verbal- ization. The more I thought of it, the more that I realized had come of it,” Jere said.

Encouraged by his progress, Jere signed Eli up for more ses- sions at Carlisle, and he continued to improve. “The same improve- ments weren’t happening with just the occupational and phys- ical therapists,” Jere marveled. The improvement only happened when he was training on the horse. Although the sessions are expensive—around $2,000 for a 12-week session—the Grays were helped by the Carlisle Charitable Foundation which continued to award them grants.

Jere gives back to the founda- tion by volunteering with fund- raising activities and by being the program’s official photographer, and Eli has become a kind of poster child for the center, appearing on many brochures, website pages, and Eli has been asked to volunteer at Carlisle when she moved to Maine four years ago. She’d always loved horses. After volunteering, she joined the board and “ended up as president,” she said. “Laughter is the medicine.” Jere is an infectious laugh around the center and the children are doing not just on the horse like moving to places onto a holder, and even rides on his hands and knees. Each of Eli’s therapy sessions is divided into three parts: grooming, riding, and therapy room. Jere explained that the regular around the center both as a mom and photog- rapher, has seen the many types of people that have been helped by the programs there—from a group of seniors from the Gor- ham House to veterans learning driving skills to a blind equestrian competing in dressage. Has she ever ridden? No, she said, shak- ing her head, “I don’t know. I’m so intrigued.”

The Grays hope that Eli con- tinues to attend Carlisle and that some day he will be able to ride independently. “It’s good to keep him on a horse,” Jere said. “He could do para-dressage, but he can decide that.” Next year Eli will attend Line Elementa- ry School in Limerick-Newfield along with older brother John- ny. In the meantime, Jere is busy taking him to his appointments, snapping photos for Carlisle and a few local businesses, and working on the fall Sidewalk-A-Thon fundraising.

“Really try to make schol- arships available to those that re- quire it,” Jere said. “There is something magical about adding a child to a horse at this academy.”

For those who would like to help, all money raised in the Side- walk-A-Thon goes directly to the Carlisle Charitable Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to provide scholarships for stu- dents at Carlisle Academy Inte- grated Equestrian Therapy & Education facility. Donations can be made online at www.carlisleasecharitablefoundation.org. Find out more on Facebook @CarlisleCharita- bleFoundation. For more infor- mation on the Carlisle Academy, their website is https://carlis- laceacademymaine.com.

Ham supper

Friends of Old Corner Church is sponsoring its 11th baked ham supper at the Masonic Lodge, Route 202 (165 Waterboro Road) in Alfred, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, October 7th. Funds raised will support restoration ef- forts for the historic 1804 church. Donations: $8 for adults; children under 10 free. Take-out is avail- able. For more information, con- tact Bud Jamieson at 247-3635.

TOWN OF WATERBORO

PLANNING BOARD

Public Hearings Notice

The Planning Board of the Town of Waterboro will meet at 7pm on October 18, 2017, in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room in the town hall for the purpose of holding two Public Hearings regarding the following:

Waterboro Heights, a thirteen lot cluster subdivision located on Panoramic Drive, Tax Map 011 Lot 042.

FOLLOWED BY:

Pfaum Ridge Estates, a six lot traditional subdivision located on Deering Ridge Road, Tax Map 8 Lot 52A.

The public will be given an opportunity to be heard prior to the consideration of the above subdivisions by the Planning Board Officers.Copies of the applications are available with the Administrative Assistant for the Code/Planning Offices at the Town Hall or at www.waterboro-me.gov.
Town clerk report

There were 20 registered voters attending the recent town meeting, at which James Boldebrook was allowed to develop his property off Federal Street under contract zoning. He plans to put in six lots for those aged 55 and older. A major problem is the creation of a new fire hydrant.

Bors reported there were three deaths in September, two marriages and one burial permit issued, three problems and also had cerebral palsy. For many years he attended Perkins School for the Blind in Massachusetts and earned a doctorate in history from Brown University. He was one of the primary forces behind the Providence Irish Famine memorial.

In the Alfred section of the book Gas Hadden, director of Parsons Memorial Library, assisted with research also local historian and author John Cook, and Irish historian and author Mary Lee Dunn McGuire, a board member of the Shaker Museum, who helped him tap records about the CCC in the Alfred Village Museum.

It was his Uncle Donald whose life had most captured the boy’s commitment and given him the inspiration to press on despite his physical disabilities.

But there were surprises as he focused on repaying his debt to his uncle the war hero. He encountered questions he set out to answer and mysteries he aimed to solve. He went up against the military bureaucracy in trying to find out how his uncle died. The answers did not agree with the family story he’s been told.

In the end he made peace with his uncle and satisfied the debt of honor he felt he owed to the uncle and satisfied the debt of honor he felt he owed to the uncle and satisfied the debt of honor he felt he owed to the uncle and satisfied the debt of honor he felt he owed to the uncle and satisfied the debt of honor. For many years he attend

Bors is very gifted carver.

Museum speaker

Don Deignan of Providence, Rhode Island, will be the final speaker in the Sid Emery Speaker Series on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 1:30 p.m. Deignan’s latest book, The Shadow of Sacrifice; the True Story of a Pearl Harbor Survivor, is a WWII mystery and a book about WW II. The book is a double biography, a biography and His Nephew and Namesake: Story of a Pearl Harbor Survivor and another is unable to

Fall in its finest! Come to Octoberfest at the Abenaki Draft Horse Club in Lyman. Horse drawn carriage rides adults $5, ages 15-18 $3, ages 14 & under free with paid adult. Free admission to see cider making, rock splitting, blacksmith dem-