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The art of preservation

Dayton man a talented taxidermist

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Taxidermy displays. You've gazed at them while visiting natural history museums, when shopping at sporting goods stores such as Cabela's and L.L. Bean, or even while touring a university or college's biology department. You may have seen deer heads and antlers, or maybe an entire fish, mounted and hung on a hunting or fishing enthusiast's living room wall. You've probably even come across a bear skin rug or two in the pages of home decorating magazines.

Whether preserved and displayed for educational, decorative, competition, or memorial purposes, these lifelike animal creations are the work of a skilled

taxidermist, someone like Paul Reynolds of Wild Wings Taxidermy in Dayton, who says the work is both a craft and an art.

"It is an art, and there is a technical side. You have to study anatomy and have a little bit of artistic flair," Reynolds said while discussing the wide variety of specimens displayed in his shop on Goodwins Mills Road. The animals really aren't stuffed, he explained. It's much more involved than that. Becoming a master taxidermist is a lifetime learning experience.

Reynolds started learning taxidermy at age 7 and has been practicing for over 35 years. "My father was an outdoorsman. He was a seventh-generation employee of Remington," Reynolds

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Taxidermist Paul Reynolds recreated this wild boar, making the animal lifelike by paying special attention to the expression in the eyes. PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK



Ice is nice

Work begins on Carle's Corner Skating Rink

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Anyone who passed the Taylor House in Waterboro Center and saw a tractor making its way around an area of the field behind it may have wondered what was afoot. Sandi Binette, Waterboro resident and owner of Lakeside Market, was driving her own tractor, and dragging Doug Foglio's wide rototiller to "grind" up the surface of a 64-by-104-foot area that is to become

a skating rink for the community. Later that day, at Lakeside, Binette said, "I'm scared and excited at the same time by the size of this project!"

By Thursday, Foglio, in his large bulldozer, was digging out all of the loam on that part of the field and creating a huge pile on the side near the fire station. Last Saturday drivers of five trucks were making trips to deliver gravel to fill the bottom of the area that varied from 12 to 24 inches deep because the field is not level. After firmly rolling the gravel, loads of stone dust were trucked in. Foglio and Dave Benton, driving a smaller dozer, spent hours moving all that material to cover the rink area and, when it was fairly level Binette, driving a large compactor, drove laps back and forth, packing down the material

Above, Sandi Binette rolling the rink area flat and level with a compactor while Dave Benton smooths the loam around the rink. Left, Benton and Binette survey their work.

PHOTOS BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

to become the rink. Foglio and Benton moved the tall piles of loam back into the field around the rink area, to level it out for planting grass. This phase was completed last Sunday, just in time for Monday's rain.

A small area outside the corner of the rink near Old Alfred Road and toward the Taylor House was left as leveled gravel. On this site a small building will sit, as a warming shed for skaters. It will be located next to the rink to store rink items and have hot chocolate available. It will be a replica of the historic Leavitt Store that operated from the mid-to-late-1800s across from the Taylor House.

Binette said, "I have solicited many community members and businesses to make this vision come together at the Taylor House Field." According to Binette, the historical society has a 99-year lease on the property, and members voted unanimously to allow the rink to be put in place.

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Visionaries leading shelter in to future

By **ANN FISHER**
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The shared vision of two men has transitioned into strong new leadership at York County Shelter Programs.

Now on the job for just over six months, Bob Dawber is at the helm of the shelter's wide-ranging reach, which includes the county's largest food pantry and one of the only homeless shelters, a farm in Newfield, a family welcoming center in Sanford and an addiction treatment program in Portland.

In all on any given night, shelter programs house about 400 people.

During his 35 years in the

field of human services, Dawber has worked and lived mainly in Massachusetts, moving to the Maine seacoast in 2000.

Dawber succeeded Don Gean, who "retired" amidst much fanfare in March after first founding, then leading the shelter program for three decades. Gean now splits his time between Maine and Florida, but remains very much involved in operations at the shelter, not only as an independent consultant, but as Dawber's close friend and sounding board.

Dawber, who has a master's degree in education with a focus on management, was raised in Boston, and his roots are evident in the Beantown sports memorabilia

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Bob Dawber, the new director of York County Shelter Programs, with Development Director Megan Gendron. PHOTO BY ANN FISHER



Rebecca Loebe, left, and Jenn Grinels rocked Dragonfly Meadow Farm in a house concert Friday, Nov. 14. PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK

A coach's outline for success

TAKE FIVE

by Jon Gale

I was 16 and thought I was going to die. It was a hot August evening around 8 p.m. and my legs didn't feel like they could hold me up any more. Every part of my body hurt much more than it did at 6:30 that morning,

when I gingerly rocked myself out of bed, before the next two sessions and eight hours of practice. And Coach Stone was yelling at us, that we were "dogging it" and needed to go to the "hill." Groans all around. The "hill" meant that I had to carry the other 200-pound tackle up and down the hill on my back and then swap with him for my ride, and do that round trip every time the coach blew the whistle. Then, after the "hill", back to the wind sprints, in which we allegedly under-performed in the first place.

That night, after a quart of milk and five minutes of whining to my mother about how hard on us Coach Stone was, she stopped me and said: "If its too hard for you, quit!" My mother lost my father to an early death when I was age 2 and my brother, 5. She didn't play psychological games with us. "But Mom, I can't quit."

"Well then, shut up, and do what you've got to do."

I learned lessons in the next two years that I would never forget. I learned what is needed to win a football game and I will stand behind what I learned to this day. I played high school football during my freshman and sophomore years. The team won one game in that two year period. At the end of my sophomore year, my coach retired and Coach Stone came to school. He had just coached a smaller school about twenty miles away to an undefeated year. Over the next two years we lost one game in my

junior year and, in my senior year, went undefeated for the first time in 50 years.

What happened? Was my class that talented? Was the class before mine almost as talented? No. My brother's class (my

freshman year) had team members that were every bit as fast, athletic, and big as my class. The success was due to the new coach.

How was Coach Stone different from his predecessor? Both coaches were among the last in New England to run a single wing offense. They both featured six players on the defensive line. That's where the similarity ended.

In the past 40 years, I have watched many high school practices. My oldest son and grandson both played four years of high school football. I could watch a half hour of practice in August and feel quite secure in predicting the team's future success.

The following are very important attributes for being a successful coach. 1. The coach needs to be highly organized and develop a solid practice routine. 2. The coach must be an effective teacher, can appear tough, correcting, but always makes sure that student athletes are noted for success especially after making the corrections required. 3. Like all good teachers, an effective coach does not accept anything but mastery from all players before moving on to a more advanced skill. 4. An effective coach will take pride in getting his team in better physical condition than his opponents and will make sure his athletes take pride in their sustained hard work. 5. Usually good coaches are masters at balancing a combination of fear and love in their players. This is done through

pushing the athletes beyond what they thought they could do, and spending individual time with each athlete to help them develop personal goals and see their role as a team player. 6. A good coach must know the game well and especially be able to break it down into easily teachable parts. 7. A good coach must instill respect for the game and its rules.

If you watch a football practice in August, look for whether all students are continuously involved - no down time for anyone. Then listen for more shouts of encouragement than yells to berate. These two notations will provide a pretty good indication whether a team is headed to win more than lose.

Fulfilling all these roles truly requires an unusual person. It requires a huge amount of time spent in planning, teaching assistant coaches the philosophy of leadership, and the routines that they will be instilling in the players. And it requires the time to know each athlete, and in many cases their parents.

I met Coach Stone about five years ago along with all my remaining 65-year-old team mates. Our ends coach, Mr. Green, was there. He told us in his short speech that Coach Stone scared the hell out of him as a peer, but even as a successful college head coach, with 40 years of experience, what he learned from his first head coach was the basis for his own success. The impact of a good coach on his players and peers is exponential.

In my case, a tough mother aided my coach in getting me ready to succeed. She would never think of interceding...my job was to stick up for myself. A belated thank you, Mom.

Jon Gale lives in North Waterboro and is a Waterboro selectman and retired educator.

The house was a-rockin' in Limerick

BY SHELLEY BURBANK
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Who says you have to drive in to Portland to hear some good, live music on a Friday night?

This past weekend, two highly regarded indie rock/folk singers zipped up to Limerick in between shows in Boston and Connecticut and gave an up-close and personal performance in front of a select-and appreciative audience. The invitation-only "house concert" by touring musicians Rebecca Loebe of Austin, Texas and Jenn Grinnels of Cupertino, California was hosted by Josh and Mary Graham, who welcomed 30 guests to their home at Dragonfly Meadow Farm in Limerick for the concert.

"We have always loved going to house concerts and are just really excited to be able to host one," said Mary prior to the show. "I'm excited to see how this one goes and will see from there if we do any more."

Grinnels and Loebe have been touring together recently and have a bucket load of talent between them. Both have won awards, have played all over the country, and have recorded multiple albums. These two are no amateurs, and their talent and experience showed Friday night in what can only be described as an amazingly intimate concert in the Dragonfly Meadow Farm living room.

Singer/songwriter Loebe was a contestant on NBC's The Voice

in April 2011. Her cover of "Come As You Are" by Nirvana impressed both Christina Aguilera and Adam Levine who invited her to work with them. She started things off Friday night with a selection of songs from her recent album, "Rebecca Loebe Live." Playing on her dad's old acoustic guitar, Loebe charmed the audience with her sweet and sassy vocal style. Her "Thanksgiving Song" was especially appropriate to the season and had everyone laughing.

Following Loebe's introductory set, singer/songwriter, Jenn Grinnels took the mic and rocked the house with her bluesy vocals and sometimes angsty lyrics that pack quite an emotional punch. Her song, "Can't Stay Here" is about as soulful as a song can get and was featured on MTV's "Real World/Road Rules Challenge." Grinnels also opened this year for 10,000 Maniacs. She is now touring with Loebe and upright bass player, Ken Perkerwicz, in support of her latest album, "Live At the Rutledge."

After a break following the second set, the two performers took the stage together, alternating songs, singing backup for each other. The audience was asked to participate--singing along, attempting to create trumpet sound, and even acting as backup dancers. Warm laughter and camaraderie made for a special evening, thanks to the wonderful performers, welcoming hosts, and appreciative audience.

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Christmas in Limerick
 Saturday, December 6
 Limerick Village

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Craft Fair at the Brick Town Hall
 (Sponsored by the Limerick Newfield Lions Club)

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Gingerbread House Building at the Brick Town Hall
 (Sponsored by the Limerick Recreation Department)

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Blizzard Bazaar and Lunch at the Congregational Church

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Hayrides - Start at the Brick Town Hall
 (Sponsored by the Limerick Newfield Lions Club)

12:00 p.m.
 Christmas Parade
 After Parade - Cookies with Santa at Fire House

6:00 p.m.
 Tree Lighting and Caroling with Cookies and Hot Chocolate
 Concert by "The Musical Medic" (Brian Saulnier)
 (Sponsored by the Research Club)

POLICE LOGS

from the York County Sheriff's Office
OCT. 18-31

Saturday, Oct. 18

Anthony R. Palmitessa, 21, of Bennett Hill Road, East Waterboro, was charged with sale and use of drug paraphernalia and possession of a usable amount of marijuana at 3:37 p.m. on Mountain View Road in Waterboro.

Christopher L. Settell, 29, of Federal Road, Parsonsfield, was charged with improper plates during a motor vehicle stop near Federal Road and Hillside Avenue in Parsonsfield at 4:07 p.m.

Brittany Ruth Hartnett, 28, of Porter, was charged with operating after suspension during a motor vehicle stop at 4:40 p.m. on Main Street in Cornish.

Sunday, Oct. 19

Charles E. Sullivan III, 27, of Hussey Road, Parsonsfield, was charged with operating under the influence at 2:53 a.m. following a motor vehicle accident on Bond Spring Road in Newfield.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

Amanda J. Benwell, 31, of Tucker Road, Limington, was charged with operating after suspension during a motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Ossipee Trail and Sokokis Avenue in Limington at 8:19 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 23

An 11-year-old was charged with criminal mischief on the Foss Road in Limerick at 5:01 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 24

Christopher John Couillard, 42, of Pool Street, Biddeford, was charged with speed in excess of 30 mph over the limit on Goodwins Mill Road in Waterboro at 2:14 p.m.

A 13-year-old was charged with criminal mischief at 5:11 p.m. on Ossipee Trail in Limington.

A 16-year-old was charged with operating after suspension following a motor vehicle stop on Sokokis Avenue in Limington at 5:58 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 25

Courtney M. Tomacchio, 24, of Town Farm Road, Limington, was charged with failure to give notice of accident by quickest means following a motor vehicle accident at 6:50 a.m. on H Road in Acton.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

A 17-year-old was charged with burglary of a motor vehicle at 6:46 a.m. on Paul Street in Waterboro.

Thursday, Oct. 30

Algen C. Kendall, 22, of Emery Mills Road, Shapleigh, was charged with speed in excess of 30 mph over the limit during a motor vehicle stop at midnight on Main Street in Springvale.

A 13-year-old was charged with assault at 6:26 a.m. on Ossipee Trail in Limington.

Friday, Oct. 31

Marc Andre Giguere, 51, of Portland, was charged with operating under the influence at 10:30 p.m. on Elm Street in Limerick.

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POLICE NOTES

Guns recovered after burglary ring bust

Eleven guns stolen by a burglary ring recently broken up by local and state law enforcement have been recovered, thanks to a tip received by York County deputies Nov. 24.

The information led officers to a home on the Hurlin Smith Road in Buxton, where the guns were located.

The tip followed a news release Monday that deputies and state police had arrested 20-year-old Cole Meserve of Standish, his sister, 21-year-old Amber Meserve of Limerick and Christopher Michaud, 23, also of Limerick. Police allege the trio are responsible for upwards of 20 burglaries in the past two months in three counties.

Recovered Monday night were a 50-caliber sniper rifle, three Ruger special edition pistols and three assault rifles.

The suspects made their first court appearance Monday, during which bail was increased to \$10,000 each. Cole Meserve's bail is now \$15,000, while the other two have bail amounts of \$20,000 each. All remained at York County Jail as of the Reporter's deadline Wednesday, Nov. 26.

No additional charges were lodged following the recovery of the guns, but investigators expect additional arrests in the near future.

According to Stephen McCausland, spokesman for the Maine Department of Public Safety, troopers, deputies and local police departments have been investigating daytime residential



Cole Meserve



Amber Meserve



Christopher Michaud

burglaries in Sebago, Brownfield, Denmark, Gorham, Limington, Limerick, Dayton and Lyman since October. The burglars typically entered houses by kicking in the doors and, over the fall, stole over 20 guns, along with electronics, jewelry, cash, racing dirt bikes and marijuana.

Trooper Jeremy Forbes, who is the troop investigator at the state police barracks in Alfred, said the trio is responsible for over 20 burglaries and were using the money generated by the stolen items to buy drugs.

Search warrants were issued last week, and two houses in Limerick and Buxton were searched Friday, Nov. 21 and early Saturday morning. Also searched was a self-storage locker facility in Limerick. Investigators recovered several guns, three dirt bikes, televisions, computers, and other electronic devices. Also seized was a large amount of marijuana.

It is believed that Amber Meserve had her two small children in her vehicle during some of the burglaries. A second woman is likely to be charged later after investigators located a large amount of heroin during one of the searches.

State police are requesting anybody with information to call the 657-3030 and ask for Forbes.

Hit and Run suspect released

The Limington man who was arrested in connection to a hit-and-run accident Nov. 21 that left a teenager with two broken legs has been released from jail.

Christopher Stevens, 57, of Limington, was arrested after calling the sheriff's office to report that he struck Chelsey Jackson, 16, of Limington after he saw broadcast news reports about the accident.

Stevens told police he thought he hit a deer, but after seeing the news reports, suspected he may have hit Jackson.

Jackson was scheduled to undergo leg surgery at Maine Medical Center Nov. 24. She also suffered injuries to her left elbow and collarbone. Her condition was not available by the Reporter's deadline on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

Stevens was charged with failure to report a motor vehicle crash by quickest means and leaving the scene of a personal injury vehicle crash. He was held at the York County Jail pending \$250 bail for each charge.

Stevens' 2009 GMC Pick-up truck was seized as evidence. According to police, the truck had damage to the front and is missing the passenger's side mirror.

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2 Intl-T, 77 Passenger Buses
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1 FS-65, 77 Passenger Bus
3 FS-65, 48 Passenger Buses with Braun Lifts
These vehicles can be viewed by appointment at the RSU 57 Transportation Department at 86 West Road, Waterboro. All vehicles will be sold in as is condition with no express or implied warranty. All purchases must be removed within 30 days of being notified of winning the bid award.
Interested parties should submit bids to the District's Central Office at 86 West Road, Waterboro, ME 04087, ATTN: Colin M. Walsh, CPA - Business Manager
Bids will be accepted until 2 p.m on Dec. 1, 2014.

TOWN OF WATERBORO
Sidewalk Snow Removal Bid
The Town of Waterboro is requesting bids for snow removal and sanding/salting of 0.4 miles of sidewalk located on West Road from Route 202 to the Massabesic High School entrance. The Town would prefer to hire snow blowing equipment but both plowing and snow blowing bids are encouraged. Sidewalk clearing/sanding/salting must occur within 24 hours after a snowstorm of three or more inches of snow or significant freezing rain event. The Town will provide all salt and sand but the contractor must transport this material from our DPW garage.
Bids are for 1 year with the option of a yearly renewal upon mutual agreement. A copy of the contract is available at the Town Office during regular hours. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Sidewalk Snow Removal Bid" to the Administrative Assistant Office in Town Hall. The deadline for submitting bids is Monday, December 1st at noon and bids will be publicly opened in Town Hall at that time.
For further information, please contact the Administrative Assistant Office at 247-6166 Ext. 101 or via e-mail at waterboro@waterboro-me.gov. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. EOE

TOWN OF NEWFIELD
Public Hearing
Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Newfield Public Safety Building
The Comprehensive Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the Population section of the Comprehensive Plan. There will also be a viewing of progress on Natural Resources.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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TREE OF LIFE CEREMONIES The SMHC Auxiliary's annual Tree of Life lighting ceremonies, Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. in Biddeford and Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. in Sanford, both in the medical center main lobby. An opportunity to celebrate newborns, remember loved ones, honor armed service members and pay tribute to someone special in your life. Each ceremony will include reading of the names, the official tree lighting, seasonal music and refreshments. Funds raised from the campaign will benefit direct patient care at SMHC's emergency departments in Biddeford and Sanford.

HOLIDAY FAIR Saturday, Dec. 6 at Massabesic High School, the 20th annual Holiday Fair, sponsored by the Waterboro Elementary School PTO, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bake sale, lots of crafters and vendors, moon bounce, pictures with Santa, children's

games, 50/50 raffle, penny raffle and lunch available. For more information call 423-5551.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at South Hiram Elementary in Hiram. Crafters and vendors wanted. Raffles, baked goodies, kids room, etc. Contact Missy Cox at mcox.southhirampct@hotmail.com or 625-3205.

SHAKER CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Shaker Village on Route 26 (707 Shaker Road) in New Gloucester. Join this decades-old, annual holiday shopping tradition in the 1880 Trustees' Office where holiday treats await. Don't miss the White Elephant Room - where one person's cast-offs are another person's treasure. Proceeds benefit three local food pantries. Email usshakers@aol.com, www.shaker.lib.me.us or follow them on Facebook at Sabbath-

day Lake Shaker Village.

HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS at Woody's Sports Grille, Tuesday, Dec. 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Waterboro Association of Businesses, all businesspeople are invited to come and socialize in a casual setting. A great networking opportunity. Door prizes and appetizers.

HOLIDAY RAFFLE The annual holiday raffle to benefit the Community Library on John Street in Lyman is underway. Items include but are not limited to a holiday quilt, crocheted baby blanket, a visit from Santa and a child's wooden airplane rocker. Tickets \$1 each or 6/\$5 until the date of the drawing on Dec. 9. Winners will be notified by phone. Tickets available at the Community Library and at various Lyman/Dayton businesses on Saturday mornings. For more information, call 499-7114.

ORNAMENTS The Waterboro Historical Society is now selling its 2014 pewter Christmas ornament, a unique keepsake gift, depicting the ca. 1834 Waterboro Town House. This is the eighth in a series of ornaments portraying historic Waterboro buildings and is available at the town hall for \$10. For more information, contact Jim Carll at 247-5878.

DAR MEETING The Rebecca Emery Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be meeting on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 1 p.m., at 33 Longwood Drive, Kennebunk. Members are encouraged to attend and are asked to bring clothing items for veterans for Christmas which will be delivered to the Maine Veterans Home in Scarborough. Call 985-1223 for more information.

MOVIE ON HEAVEN On Sunday, Nov. 30, the movie "Heaven" will be shown during

the 10:30 a.m. worship service of the South Waterboro Bible Chapel. Everyone is invited to attend this special event. There is no cost or admission charge. A dramatic, fast-paced, 30-minute movie about the subject of heaven featuring compelling true life stories. The South Waterboro Bible Chapel is located at 911 Main St. in South Waterboro. Call the church office at 247-6293 or email to pastor@swbiblechapel.org for more information.

ACOUSTIC COUNTRY JAM Friday, Dec. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Saco Grange #53, at 168 North St., Saco. Doors open at 5 p.m. for food sales of hotdogs, macaroni and cheese and more. A \$5 donation is appreciated at the door to support fundraising for building insulation and there will be a 50/50 raffle. Call 831-5784 for more information.

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on his office walls. When asked why he chose to work in social services, Dawber said, "I grew up in such a time of racial tension and injustice," referring to his formative years growing up in Hyde Park, from where he and other white students were bused to a predominantly all-black school in Roxbury. During the infamous school desegregation movement of the 1970s, he recalls instances of "hatred and spewing and parents spitting at us. I'm thinking, 'This is stupid. Why are the parents being so mean to us?'"

"That really planted a seed in my mind," said Dawber. "So anytime there's an underdog ...," he said, pausing. "That lasted

'til ... now," he finished with a chuckle.

Dawber has that philanthropic thread in common with Gean, who singlehandedly started the shelter to help just five men, working tirelessly over the years to develop the comprehensive program it has become. "He did it all with ingenuity and vision," Dawber said.

Those who thought the shelter was only concerned with food and housing may not know that the shift in leadership came after a 2011 merger between YCSP and Serenity House in Portland. Dawber was and remains the CEO at the 33-bed residential facility that treats addiction, and the merger was a natural progression, Dawber said.

"Don and I knew each other quite awhile" before Gean re-

tired, said Dawber. They met on a hot summer day in Monument Square, as members of a group of independent providers discussing reimbursement rates. It came to light that newer nonprofits were reimbursed at a much higher rate - as much as \$400 per bed a day. The men teamed up when they learned their respective organizations were in the lowest tier in the state, reimbursed between \$30-\$50 a day.

While he and other participants sweated their way through the day in coats and ties, Gean was cool as the proverbial cucumber in shorts, a white linen shirt and sandals. Dawber recalls, "My first thought was, 'Who is this guy who's dressed like that. That's a smart SOB.'"

Their friendship began when "we started to meet to brainstorm" ways to increase the per-bed rate," said Dawber.

As the two men got to know each other they realized they shared the same philosophy about how people should be supported in the struggles they encounter.

"We both felt we should be doing (as much as we can) to help people find a way back ... to a stable place."

Their work had tangible, far-reaching results; every qualifying organization in Maine is now reimbursed equally.

As their friendship developed, Dawber and Gean realized the shelter programs could help meet the gap for those who had been released from Serenity House. "People were 'falling off' after they left," Dawber said, because of a lack of support services.

After a nationwide search that came down to three finalists, Dawber was hired on to lead the

combined organizations. Dawber planned to stay on as the head of Serenity House. But something unexpected happened. "I fell in love with this place (in Alfred)," said Dawber. "I fell in love with Don and his vision."

"His heart and passion ... was always front and center. I learned a lot from him."

The men are also working together in negotiations to buy the shelter property from the Brothers of Christian Instruction, a process that has lasted 1½ years so far. The Brothers, who are a Roman Catholic religious order, own the former Shaker village in Alfred where the shelter programs are based.

Gean's help, said Dawber, has been invaluable as the negotiations for the sale have progressed.

"He has something no one else can offer - the history and relationship with the Brothers. It's more unique than anything I've ever done in my life."

"This is one of the hardest jobs," said Dawber. "This agency has so many moving parts."

"It can keep you up at night." If he can't sleep, Dawber can likely call his friend for advice.

Two years after they met, "every single day, we still talk," he said.

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Student Helpers' food drive aids pantry

The motto at Waterboro Elementary School is "Preparing Respectful, Responsible and Creative Thinkers in the Global Community." Last week a group of 42 fifth-graders called Student Helpers turned the motto into action as they organized a food drive for the York County Shelter Program's food pantry, now that Waterboro's Food For Life Food pantry has closed. WES teacher Bria Bourque, advisor of the Helpers, said, "The whole school took part in the collection of food. The Student Helpers were responsible for collecting all the food from classrooms, loading it on the bus, and then delivering it to the food pantry. While there, the Student Helpers learned all about the donation process, the food pantry, and the shelter's goal of donating Thanksgiving meals to 2,000 families." The students delivered 50 boxes of food, and the PTO chipped in to add 10 turkeys to the mix.

According to Principal Christine Bertinet, "It was a truly wonderful experience. They really got to see and hear how our school community's generosity will help families in need. I was shocked to hear that they will be giving 2,000 Thanksgiving meal boxes this year. That tells a lot about the needs of our community. We also learned that there are currently 60 people living in the Shelter full time. This was humbling."

Geography Bee winners

Fifty fourth- and fifth-graders participated in a Geography Bee Friday, Nov. 21 at WES.

According to Principal Christine Bertinet, "It turned out really well and the audience was just superb."

This year's winners were Landon Herrin, first place, Dylan Letellier, second place and Eric Dunnington, third.

Staff members Terry Gould and Claire Ledue facilitated the event.

Said Ledue, "I think that the important thing I'd like to men-

tion as facilitator is, as I told the audience, 'If we can look at the competition as a true geography celebration - let's celebrate all of our accomplishments where students are recognized for their curiosity, questioning, researching, peer learning, sharing and teaching. Adults are there to guide and coach, but it's amazing how much learning can take place among students in a short period of time.'" At the end of the event some third-graders approached Ledue and asked, "How can I join next year?"

For those who are not familiar with a Geography Bee, this is from The Bee website: "Each year thousands of schools in the United States participate in the National Geographic Bee. The contest is designed to motivate students to learn about the world and how it works. Schools with students in grades four through eight are eligible for this entertaining and challenging competition."

All students will be recognized for their participation at an upcoming assembly with a pin, certificate and ribbon.

Lions tree sale underway

The Lions Club, located on Route 202 in South Waterboro, will be selling trees every night until Christmas. Money earned from the sale goes into the general fund, to be used as needed. They will also be collecting unwrapped gifts to be distributed by Caring Unlimited. The next Senior Lunch will take place on the first Tuesday, Dec. 2, at noon. The Massabesic High School Choir will perform at noon, followed by the lunch.

First Turkey Trot steps off

The success of the first Turkey Trot at WES has planners excited to make this an annual event to kick off the school's holiday season. There was a great turnout with 177 runners, and the event raised \$920 toward the new playground fund. Besides the entry fee, funds were raised from the raffle of items donated by over 40 generous local businesses. Planners Sherry Durgin and Jessica Landry



Participants gather at the starting line for the first WES Turkey Trot.

COURTESY PHOTO

said, "We were so excited to see so many families come out to support our school and community. The Waterboro Fire Department even had some firemen dressed in gear out waving and high-fiving the kids on the way by!"

The race was 1 mile long. It

started in the loop at the front entrance of WES, circled the playground and out the back gate on Old Alfred Road. Runners went past the fire department and then down Route 5 and back in through the main entrance to finish in the loop at the starting line. Jake Ab-

bott was the first to cross the finish line, and was the winner in the child category. Todd Tinelli was right behind him to win the adult race. The top three runners were Luke Cloutier, Brendon Banks, and Collin Scully.

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Principal Christine Bertinet participated in the first WES Turkey Trot.

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SKATING RINK

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Now, with cold weather upon them, a number of businesses in the area have joined Binette in an effort to create a real community outdoor skating rink. So far, Foglio Inc., Benton Bros. Excavation, G & F Septic, D & R Paving, Mark & Sons Trucking, F.R. Carroll Inc, Doug Foglio, Dave Benton, Scott Ohman, Dana Brown, Mark Fournier, Frank Carroll Jr. and Steve Lambert have donated their vehicles, machinery, material and labor to the project, hauling and moving more than 460 cubic yards of donated material. And this is only the initial phase. Dave Benton commented, "They were not just willing to be part of this and donate all they did, but they were enthusiastic about doing it!"

Many others are prepared to come forth, including carpenter Claude Caron, who is cutting plywood to make 16-inch-high walls. Once they are in place, volunteers will be needed to drill and place foundation stakes to support the walls and to hand-rake the ground to ensure there are no spaces under them. They will essentially be building a swimming pool strong enough to hold the pressure of 20,000 gallons of water.

Within the next weeks, a liner will be installed on the base. As Binette commented in an email, "Weather will be a big factor at this point, so no dates have been announced." The actual rink area

will be 16 inches deep with a ramp to give skaters access. The area of the rink will be brought to grade. This will allow the boards to be removed and for future events to be held on the space during other seasons, e.g. market place, fairs, music in the field, parking etc.

To supply the amount of water needed to fill what will be essentially a frozen wading pool, a well is being drilled, donated by D & M Well Drilling. Sandi says she plans to have a "farm hydrant" installed so she can connect a hose for filling and for maintaining the rink surface throughout the season. She said it will also allow the garden club to have increased water access for the historic Taylor House gardens. Power will be brought to the site to provide lighting and other future developments.

Binette added, "I'm hoping to have some kind of event there at least once this season. It is a very big endeavor, in a very short amount of time. I am hoping that it goes very well and we have lots of volunteers to help maintain a good skating surface. I am so grateful for all the community support! The biggest part of this story is that all labor, equipment and materials have been donated by local community businesses and community members." To volunteer or for more information, contact Binette at lakesidemkt@sacoriv-er.net.

LYMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



Nick Hammond explains about euro money during his visit to Lyman Elementary School. COURTESY PHOTO

Joy Spencer

People to People presentation

Nick Hammond, a former student at Lyman Elementary, presented the second draft of his experience in the People to People Ambassador Program.

Nick traveled to Paris and London last summer and wanted to share some of the unique places he visited. Nick had prepared a slide show and dialog that went with each picture. In Oxford, England, he featured buildings he admired because of the different architecture, including Warwick Castle and a variety of cathedrals, some of which could not be entered, and at which no cameras were allowed because flashes might deteriorate the furnishings.

He also saw Buckingham Castle, the Queen's Fountain, London Bridge, the Eiffel Tower, Big Ben and the Tower of London. Nick described Warwick Castle, which has a moat around it to keep out unwanted visitors. It also had big doors that would be difficult to

penetrate, and ceilings with holes in them, allowing the inhabitants to pour heated urine atop intruders. The students practiced sword fighting and learned different techniques on how to protect themselves.

Nick also showed a video of the Royal Band marching through the square and the guards in position in front of the palace. He was also able to video the changing of the guards. Nick demonstrated the correct way to bow. He talked about constructing a dragon using old armor and weapons. He brought souvenirs and change from England and France, and sand from Normandy for the fifth-graders to examine. A question-and-answer period followed, with the children asking questions about how to be accepted into the program. One student asked how many people live in London, and Nick said there are 5 million people. Isabella Scott commented, "I think it's funny that people just walk by all of the famous places every day. When asked where he had the most fun, he said Disney."

Nick plans to present this program next year to his peers from last year.

From the principal

Ethan Gilman, a Massabesic graduate and son of Penny Gilman, a literacy ed tech at Lyman Elementary School, returned home from his duties in Afghanistan during an exciting and tear-filled homecoming. Ethan arrived at Lyman Elementary to surprise his mom several weeks ahead of schedule.

Peer Helpers

Our Peer Helper program has officially started. They are doing a fabulous job helping throughout the school. Their jobs include assisting in the kindergarten classrooms, recycling, cutting out and counting box tops, helping out in the cafeteria and making birthday cards for all students and staff. They are also working on being good role models and a friendly face for our younger students. The guidance counselor, Mrs. Chaplin, has done an excellent job getting this program up and running in Lyman.

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THE NEWS STAMPEDE

Massabesic Mustang Nation



Mustang Nation welcomes new members of NHS

On Monday, Nov. 24, another Massabesic National Honor Society induction came to a conclusion. The 25 senior members of the elite group welcomed 27 more students to the club during a delightful and traditional ceremony that took place at the Massabesic Auditorium. Eight of the new members are a part of the class of 2015 graduating this spring, while the other 19 inductees are students of the class of 2016.



by Jack Melanson

National Honor Society (NHS), has two major requirements for acceptance, which revolve around leadership and service to the community. This double threat calls upon students who have made a difference inside as well as outside of the classroom environment. NHS strongly emphasizes its four pillars, which include scholarship, leadership, service and character. Each of the officers of the society explained what the traits means, and how to portray them.

Leadership was defined as "exerting a wholesome influence on the school," while service is "established in the routine of the day's work where many opportunities arise to help others both at the school and in the commu-

nity." Character, the third pillar, was described as "the force within the individual that distinguishes each person from others." About scholarship it was said, "Knowledge is one great element in life, which leads to the highest success, and it can only be acquired in one way, through diligence and effort".

Shayna Davis, a senior at Massabesic, is the president of the Massabesic NHS, and hosted the ceremony. Among her was the three other officers of NHS, including Deidra Lantagne, the secretary, Ashley Cryer, the treasurer, and myself as the vice president. All of the elected officers, with the other 21 members, then got the chance to induct their friends and their peers to NHS. Each student thoughtfully prepared speeches highlighting their inductee's strengths, further making Mustang Nation a greater force along the way.

After all of the newest members were inducted and found their seats on the stage with the current members, the traditional lighting of the candles and group recital of the NHS pledge followed. The following pledge was to ensure that

students continue to follow the lifestyle they lived that brought them to the honored group. "I pledge to uphold the high purposes of the National Honor Society to which I have been selected; I will be true to the principles for which it stands; I will be loyal to my school; and will maintain and encourage high standards of scholarship, leadership, service, and character." Something the students of Massabesic tend to follow. Mr. Elkington, principal of Massabesic High School, then got his chance to speak to the members of Massabesic's chapter of National Honors Society, as he shared his pride for all of the students he has seen been inducted into the group. Elkington was accompanied by Assistant Principals Mr. Morin and Mrs. Penney, as well as the activities director, Mr. Scully.

Mustang Nation proved its honored students have potential, and the society of promising students will be interesting to watch while admiring all of the accomplishments they could make in the future.

Jack Melanson is a senior at Massabesic High School in Waterboro and the president of the student council. He can be reached at Jackmelanson@waterbororeport.com.

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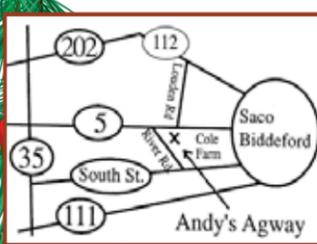
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TAXIDERMISTRY

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said. I was always around shooting sports and the outdoors. It was a natural progression to be interested in preserving animals."

He began studying the craft when a next door neighbor in Connecticut was taking a correspondence course and let Reynolds borrow the course materials. His father went out to collect pigeons that lived beneath the highway overpasses, which became the first specimens Reynolds worked on. Later, he became an apprentice under master taxidermists. Eventually, Reynolds moved to Lovell in 1988 and worked as a police officer and a outdoor guide. He continued to practice taxidermy on the side, becoming more skilled and beginning to win awards at increasingly skilled levels. In 2003, when he moved to Dayton to work as a police officer in Saco, his taxidermy business was still part time. Following an injury last year, however, he retired from police work, and Wild Wings Taxidermy became a full-time business in January 2014.

Going from part time to full time has worked out well for Reynolds, who said his business has increased 40 percent. Because he works on everything from deer to fish to fowl, it is a year-round job. He's had deer come in from this month's hunting season, for instance. In the spring, it is turkeys.

He's also busy in his role as president of the Maine Association of Taxidermists, and he is

mentoring both a veteran who wants to learn the trade and a student from Thornton Academy who is job-shadowing at Wild Wings. "She's having a blast!" Reynolds said.

"In the old days, nobody shared their knowledge. Now people share and help each other," said Reynolds. The Maine Association of Taxidermists puts on competitions, provides educational opportunities, and holds seminars on various topics so that people can improve their skills. "There are competitions for amateurs all the way up master-level taxidermists," he explained. The association hosted the Northern New England Taxidermy Championship at Cabela's in Scarborough in August, inviting some of the industry's best taxidermists from around the country to judge.

Reynolds is best known for his work with waterfowl and other birds, competing and winning in the Division of Excellence. "This is the most challenging division and is geared for the taxidermist that is striving for total perfection," reads the description on the Maine Association of Taxidermists' website. There are numerous categories in each division for which taxidermists can compete, including team entries, best habitat, original art, best all-around, most artistic, and various categories created by sponsors of each competition or event.

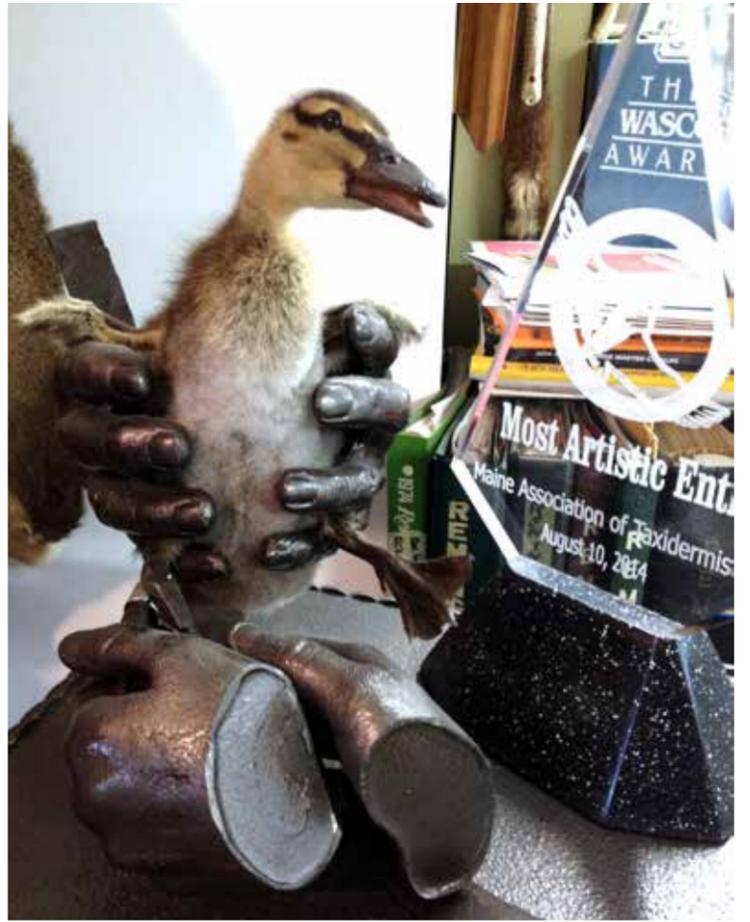
Reynolds' entry of a baby duck and casts of his father's and daughter's hands earned Most Artistic Entry at this year's competition. The piece captures the

exuberance and playfulness of a young animal that, sadly, did not live to maturity. (The duck was found dead in the wild and brought in to him.)

In fact, Reynolds has won many first-place ribbons and awards for his waterfowl work, including Best In Show, Best in Category, Taxidermists Choice, and Best Bird. The trophies and ribbons are displayed at the shop. Of his wins, he said the Taxidermists Choice award means the most "because they know what goes into it, know what they are talking about."

Though competing is a big part of Reynolds' work, he takes just as much care and pride in his commercial work for customers. "Often it is a memory of a special occasion. A first retrieve for a young dog or a first hunting experience. I always strive to make it the best I can, whether it is for a commercial project or a competition," he said, explaining that every job is an opportunity to practice the skills and perfect the craft. "People are overjoyed to get their trophy back."

The artistry comes in through creating expression, which Reynolds believes has much to do with the way the eyes are set. "A hunter sees the animal for a short point of time. They don't get a chance to study the expression. Taxidermy sort of recreates life. The eyes make the animal look alive and lifelike. When working on individual pieces, I make sure I have the technical part right and it goes from there. I always want to improve."



The Maine Association of Taxidermists named Reynolds' creation as the Most Artistic Entry for 2014. The piece features a duckling being held by the hand casts of Reynolds's father and daughter.

PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK

Reynolds challenges himself with different species of animals, though he doesn't preserve pets. His shop contains many examples of mammals, birds, fish -- even lobsters. A wild boar from Texas is perhaps the most striking specimen. He said he bought the boar cape online. There are forums like taxidermy.net where people can buy, sell and trade.

Reynolds has also created bear skin rugs and has worked on various restoration projects on older mounted specimens. For instance, a recent job for Viking Cleaning Service included a kudu, gazelles, a gemsbok, and an African porcupine. He has restored some birds of prey for the Yale Peabody Natural History Museum in New Haven, Connecticut, and he is currently working on a project for the Nature Conservancy of Maine, re-

storing an immature eagle mount that a woman found in her attic and turned over to the proper authorities. "I'd like to try to work more with the nature conservancies," Reynolds said.

Conservation to taxidermy may seem a stretch, but Reynold pointed out a little-recognized sustainability component of his work. Rather than throw away the hides and antlers and other inedible parts of an animal that has been killed and used for food, a taxidermist can create something beautiful or useful for study and appreciation of the natural world. "A true sportsman uses everything," Reynolds said, referring to the relationship between hunting and taxidermy. "I have respect for the animals. I try to make them as lifelike as possible. I enjoy trying to bring joy to people."

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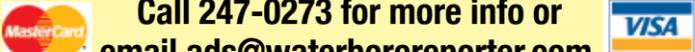
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Alfred tree lighting

The annual tree lighting for Alfred will take place this Saturday, Nov. 29 at Parsons Memorial Library at 6 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive and then the group will go to town hall for refreshments.

Volunteer appreciation night

The board of selectmen has announced the annual appreciation night for Alfred's volunteers and employees will be held Friday, Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in Conant Chapel. It will be a dessert social by invitation. Because an accurate count is needed, RSVPs are requested by contacting Joyce or Donna at 324-5872, ext. 202.

Food program talk

"Food insecurity" is the current catch phrase for situations in which one's income doesn't cover the grocery bill. Kristine Jenkins, coordinating director of Partners for a Hunger-Free York County, explained what is being done about this in York County to those at last week's York County Extension annual meeting.

Four points mentioned were: increasing access to food, building community connections, supporting local food initiatives and in-

creasing knowledge about healthy food.

According to Jenkins, 13.5 percent of the York County population is food insecure, and there are 10,504 children who qualify for free and reduced school lunch. She noted the most vulnerable populations are children and senior citizens.

There are 26 food pantries in York County and 16 meal sites, plus the Meals on Wheels program.

Jenkins said many donations given to the pantries are high in salt and sugar or calories, which are poor choices for those with high blood pressure, diabetes or other health-related problems.

Some programs that are working on the problem include Maine Harvest for Hunger, the Master Gardener programs, Kids Gardening and Nutrition in Biddeford, Saladbration and Plants for seniors and local schools, "Eat Well" which is a newsletter published by the Extension Service, community meals, and Partners for a Hunger-Free York County.

The Extension's board meets the first Thursday of each month in the Extension office in Springvale and new members are welcome.

During the York County Extension Association's business meeting outgoing officers Janie Waterhouse, Al Pollard and Alex Pease were recognized. Sue Treadwell is the newest member of the board.



Members of Masonic Order No. 55 presented a \$300 check to the York County Food Pantry. From left, Wes Phinney, Earland Morrison, Buddy Jamieson and Dana Hagerman. Trevor Pietila accepted it on behalf of the pantry. PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

Masonic donation

During a recent meeting at Masonic Hall, members decided to donate toward the turkeys or whatever else was needed for the Thanksgiving boxes at York County Food Pantry. In short order \$250 was collected, and then a member donated \$50 to make it \$300. The check was presented to the manager of the pantry.

School notebook

A Giving Tree is in the elementary school entry and decorated with tags noting needs which individual youngsters could receive for Christmas.

News from the pews

This Friday, Nov. 28, the sanctuary at the Parish Church will be decorated beginning at 4 p.m. A soup supper will follow.

Worship on Sunday, Nov. 30, will be led by the Rev. Pat Smith. Bruce Burnham will be on vacation Nov. 27 to Dec. 4.

Correction

Last week it was incorrectly stated that the Selectmen are considering a 12 percent increase in salaries. They said they are considering a 2.5 percent increase in salaries for 2015.

Local hero serves in national service program

Eric Gendron of Waterboro recently began a 10-month term of service in the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), an AmeriCorps program.

Gendron, along with Andrew Hausammann of Lebanon, is based at the regional campus in Denver, and is beginning his first project this month.

As a team leader, Gendron will be responsible for managing the daily activities of 10 to 12 corps members on their service projects. He serves as a role model, educator, safety manager and liaison between the campus and project sponsor. Gendron, who is the son of Mary and Roland Gendron, began his term of service with an additional month of training in September.

Before joining the NCCC, Gendron attended Massabesic High School and Southern Maine Community College. He graduated in 2011 with a degree in video production.

"I originally chose to serve as a corps member to experience other parts of the country, learn about different fields of work and generally be more productive with my time after college," Gendron said. "After going through a good portion of the program, I began to see many positive changes in myself. Some of the major changes included growth in communication skills, improved leadership abilities, and organization and time management. Now I plan to return as a team leader to

continue growing these skill sets and continue to serve communities, but also to be sure incoming corps members get to experience the positive outcome I have."

As a corps member, Hausammann will be responsible for completing a series of six- to eight-week-long service projects as part of a 10- to 12-person team. His first service project will end mid-December, at which time his team will break for the winter holidays and begin a new project in a new location in January.

Fifty-six teams composed of over 600 corps members and team leaders began service projects in November throughout the Pacific and Southwest regions, based in Sacramento and Denver, respectively. Some of these projects include providing services to homeless clients at Sacramento Loaves and Fishes, supporting a community garden in Missouri and a children's hospital in Arkansas, and assisting with ongoing flood recovery in northern Colorado, among others.

AmeriCorps NCCC members, all 18 to 24 years old, complete at least 1,700 hours of service during the program. In exchange for their service, they receive \$5,730 to help pay for college. Other benefits include a small living stipend and room and board.

For more information, visit the website at www.nationalservice.gov/nccc.

A Village Christmas

Limerick's A Village Christmas Festival will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, for an all-day celebration of the season. Beginning at 9 am. when the craft fair opens in the Brick Town Hall, the festival will continue throughout the day and end with a tree lighting and caroling at the Academy Building gazebo at 6 p.m. followed by cookies, hot chocolate, and a concert in the Brick Town Hall.

A Village Christmas Festival is sponsored by several organizations in Limerick including the Limerick-Newfield Lions, the Limerick Recreation Department, the Congregational Church, the Limerick Fire Department, and the Research Club. Many other organizations and individuals are participating in the parade and the craft fair.

Newfield tree lighting

There will be a tree lighting and caroling at the Willowbrook bandstand in Newfield on Friday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the tree lighting at the Historical Society Building.

The Newfield Historical Society will be holding its annual

Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. The public is welcome. There will be a finger food buffet and a yankee swap. Gifts for the yankee swap should cost no more than \$10. In case of cancellation, the snow day is set for Saturday, Dec. 13.

The Newfield Public Library is currently holding a raffle for a giant holiday-themed basket which includes ornaments, food, lights, and more. The drawing for the raffle will be held Thursday, Dec. 18. All proceeds go toward the purchase of new library books.

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OBITUARIES

Roland R. Morin

Roland R. Morin, 91, of Sanford, died peacefully among his friends at the Lodges Care Center in Springvale.

Roland was born in Sanford the son of Joseph E. and Exilla (Halle) Morin and was the youngest of nine children.



Roland Morin

He served as a paratrooper in the Army's 101st Airborne Division during World War II.

For many years he was employed at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Shop #56.

Roland was a longtime parishioner of Holy Family Catholic Church, a life time member of the Elks and the VFW, all in Sanford.

Memorial calling hours will be held on Sunday, Nov. 30 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred where a service of remembrance will be held on Monday, Dec. 1 at 11 a.m. Following the service, you are invited to enjoy a light lunch and then you may join the family for the committal prayers, with military honors at 2 p.m. at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery, 83 Stanley Rd., in Springvale.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Joan T. Morin (Jeanne D'Arc) of Sanford; his three daughters, Carol, Debbie and Susan; and his sister, Grace Fusco of Farmington, Connecticut; and eight grandchildren, Jenny, Josh, Doug, Valerie, Eric, Tommy, Matthew and Jake.

He was predeceased by seven siblings; Sadie Norman, Marie Laroche Davies, Jeanne and Irene Merrifield, Leo, Paul and Adrien Morin.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Ctr., 8901 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20889.

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David A. Cluff

David A. Cluff, 61, died on a beautiful fall day, knowing he was loved and cared for by his family and close friends, on Nov. 23, 2014.



David Cluff

David was born in Saco on June 16, 1953 the son of Wilbur C. Cluff, Sr. and Gwendolyn M. (Cluff) Chadbourne. As a youngster, he lived with his mother, grandparents and uncles in Cape Porpoise. He was known to wander the neighborhood and the village of Kennebunkport where he was fed, watched over and occasionally disciplined. When his mother Gwen married Floyd J. Chadbourne, they moved to North Berwick and he attended school in town, graduating from Noble High School in Berwick, with the Class of 1971. Dave played the cymbals and was the drum major for the high school band. He also played football for a couple of years. David was a longtime member of the First Congregational Church in North Berwick where he sang in the choir. Following high school, David served in the United States Navy.

Dave could be full of fun, quite colorful and was always up

for a good time. He had a love of music, plays and worked as an actor with the summer stock crowd. He could be just as talented in the front of the house or in the background running the audio and visual systems. David worked summers at the Nonantum Resort in Kennebunkport where he honed his kitchen skills, learned the fine art of entertaining and the love of being out on the water.

David moved to Los Angeles, California where he had made his home for the past 25 years. He was a valued employee of the Los Angeles County Court House and the Department of Human Services. He made friends easily and was excited to explore his new home state. When his mother Gwen visited, David made sure to take her on a whirlwind adventure which included visiting Las Vegas, the Hoover Dam and the beautiful Redwood Forest. David sang in the choir at Mt. Hollywood United Church of Christ where his church family provided him with friendship and support as his health declined.

When David was diagnosed with cancer, it was with the love and help of his childhood friend, Ann Hodgkins Carver that he was able to come home. With no hesitation, Ann flew to LA and together she and David came home. In no uncertain terms did David want to fly or take the train back. We thank you Ann for being with him, and we know it wasn't always easy - for letting him see this beautiful country of ours one last time.

David was our "Big Brother" and he taught us much; how to dance in the living room, take the VW out for a spin when the folks were gone, how to ride a roller coaster with our eyes open and each Christmas how to decorate

the house and tree. We will cherish our memories and we are proud to call you our brother.

David is survived by his siblings, John S. Chadbourne of North Berwick; Tammy L. Chadbourne of Alfred; Sandy M. Goodale of Wells; Kelly L. McGuire of Bangor; Jonathan Welch of Kennebunk and Pauline (Cluff) Weiss of Arundel; many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his father, Wilbur C. Cluff Sr.; his mother, Gwendolyn M. Chadbourne and by his Dad, Floyd J. Chadbourne.

You are invited to join David's family on Sunday, Nov. 30, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St. in Alfred for a time of remembrance, refreshments and storytelling. Committal prayers and burial will be in the spring.

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With David's love of animals, memorial donations may be made to the Animal Welfare Society, P.O. Box 43, West Kennebunk, ME 04094.

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Linda E. Stackpole

Linda E. Stackpole, 67, the loving wife of Norman and beloved mother of Bill and Steven, died unexpectedly on Nov. 18, 2014 at her home.



Linda was born in Biddford on April 24, 1947 the daughter of Richard and Muriel Morse.

Linda graduated from Old Orchard Beach High School and met her future husband, Norman Stackpole, while he was on leave from his tour of duty in Vietnam. She and Norman were riding in the back seat of her younger brothers' Bill's car when he realized that Norman was the Drill Sergeant that "straightened him out" with the butt end of his rifle. This was after Bill had pointed his rifle at him! This was the beginning of the stories and memories that he and Linda made together.

In 1975, Linda and her family

moved to Waterboro and she became the adopted "Mom" to many of the kids in the neighborhood. Her home was open to all and she mentored and reassured many of the young mothers that they were doing things the right way for their children. Linda was one of the founding members of TOPS for the Waterboro area. She held many leadership positions within the group. It was at times more of a social outing with the "girls" than a meeting. She was an avid Hallmark and Sam's Club member. She collected beautiful gifts and was known by the store employees on a first name basis. Linda was always interested in their lives, their children and of course, their animals. Linda and Norman made a great team when they made wooden figurines; Linda would paint them with lifelike animation and detail. At the craft shows or at their home yard sales, Linda would willingly give them away. This generous spirit prevailed throughout her life. Linda and her family were active members of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Waterboro.

Linda will be dearly missed by her family and the many friends that were honored to know her.

An ice cream social will be held later in the spring in her memory. It will be a time to share stories, memories and play some of Linda's favorite music.

She is lovingly survived by her husband of 47 years, Norman Stackpole of East Waterboro; her two sons, Bill Stackpole and Judy East Waterboro and Steven Stackpole and fiancée, Christine of Limerick; her two brothers, William Morse of Saco and Scott Morse Worcester, Massachusetts; and her sister, Gail Card of Old Orchard Beach; her four grandchildren, Chad Coleman, Casey Emery, Everett and Josh Allen; and several nieces and nephews and her beloved dog, Jill.

She was predeceased by her parents and by her sister, Dorothy Aitkin.

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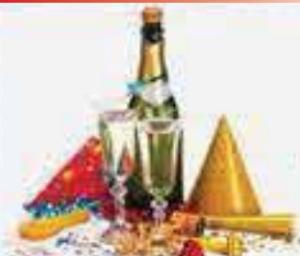
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