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## THE SEASON OF GIVING

### Local family lights up the neighborhood, and hearts

By BRIGIT MCCALLUM  
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On Saturday Dec. 12, the more than 25,000 lights were back on, as they had been during recent nights at 74 Mayfair Way in North Waterboro. But on that special evening, distinguished guests Olaf and Elsa, from the movie Frozen, as well as Santa, were on hand for the Toys for Tots toy drive. Visitors enjoyed meeting and talking with Elsa and Santa, and sharing high-fives with amiable Olaf. They also enjoyed the bonfire, listening to Girl Scouts



caroling, joining in cookie decorating, and simply gazing awestruck at the lights and features at the North Waterboro Pole.

Cars lined not only Mayfair Way, but streamed down Lynwood as well, giving many visitors a hike to the lights. Homeowners and hosts Jeff Walker and Julie Harrison said they had no idea the size of the crowds that filled their brilliantly lit roads and one-acre lot, but as Jeff said, "All I know is that there were a number of times I could not see down the driveway, it was so filled with people!"

"It's just something I've always wanted to do!" Jeff Walker exclaimed, later describing the foundational reason behind the creation of "North Waterboro Pole." "When I was growing up, my parents took me out to see decorated houses, and I loved them! There was one place on Summit Street in Portland that I'll never forget, and I envisioned doing something along those lines."

So, five years ago, having

moved from Saco to 74 Mayfair Way, Jeff began working to make his Christmas dream come true. "I wanted to offer something special to the community, to share what I felt as a child and to bring families out around Christmas." He began creating and collecting Christmas themed elements and bought the first batch of six to eight thousand lights. He and Julie had been dating for around a year, and Jeff invited her to bring her children to see his display. It was then that he learned that Julie also shared his love of Christmas!

When Julie and her children Sierra Worth, 10 and Brody Worth, 8 joined Jeff and Ethan, they began to all work together to bring Jeff's lifelong dream of an "old school" traditional decorated Christmas to reality.

This is the second year the family has advertising it and invited the public. "When we saw how much people liked what we'd done we wanted to continue." This is also

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Penguin Pond is one of the key features in the huge holiday lights display at the "North Waterboro Pole" at 74 Mayfair Way in North Waterboro. PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

### BUXTON TOY BOX *Delivers*



Founder Mia Dodge at the Buxton Toy Box workshop. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

If you travel through Buxton during the holiday season, you can't miss the banners announcing the Buxton Toy Box. But just what is the Buxton Toy Box?

The Buxton Toy Box is an all volunteer, all donation organization that distributes donations to needy children and families in the Buxton area, founded by Mia Dodge. "When my kids were little, we went to the town each year and asked to sponsor a family for Christmas," said Dodge. "In 1995, the town said they didn't have any families. I just didn't believe it."

And that's when Dodge made a proposal to the town to begin the Buxton Toy Box. This is its 21st season, and 20th anniversary.

The Toy Box is run under the umbrella of the town. The Board of Selectmen appoints a committee to run it. Dodge was appointed as the Chair and works with two others. "There have been very little changes since then," said Dodge. The town provides the applications and fields phone calls, and reviews the applications as they come in. The school, the school nurse, police, fire and rescue all work together to provide

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### Lions are recyclers

By ALLISON WILLIAMS  
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The local Lions clubs are avid recyclers. Not only do they recycle eye glasses and hearing aids, but cell phones are also sorted by local Lions Club members to be shipped overseas or in Maine. The recycle lab in Waterboro is where the eye glasses from all over Maine are sorted and boxed as they have been for 25 years.

They are sorted according to size, style and gender. Some also come from New Hampshire. Collection boxes take all three. The cell phones are given to battered women's shelters after being programmed and will call 911 in case of emergencies at no charge.

Sorting of glasses takes place in two small rooms upstairs in the Massabesic Medical Center. Shelves of glasses are arranged in

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Lions Club members Anne Kustron, left, and Roz Boyle sort glasses prior to their being shipped to recycling centers. The club sorts the glasses for all the Lions Clubs in Maine. PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

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# POLICE LOGS

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OCT. 14-NOV. 5

## Wednesday, Oct. 14

Donna E. Crandall, 48 of Prisque Isle, was charged with violation of a protection from harassment order on Water Street in Newfield at 12:11 a.m.

## Thursday, Oct. 15

A 15-year-old juvenile was charged with assault on West Road at 12:08 p.m.

## Friday, Oct. 16

Cassie A. Hamel, 29, of Hooper Road, Shapleigh, was charged with operating without a license during a motor vehicle stop on Main Street in Sanford at 11:51 a.m.

James D. Brown, 25, of Skidmore Lane, Limington, was charged with operating with prior suspension (not OUI) during a motor vehicle stop on Ossipee Trail in Limington at 6:59 p.m.

Garrett E. Littlefield, 24, of Old North Berwick Road, Alfred, was charged with speeding in excess of 30 over the limit during a motor vehicle stop on Square Pond Road and Shapleigh Corner Road in Shapleigh at 7:35 p.m.

## Saturday, Oct. 17

Richard L. Taylor, 19, of Level Acres Lane, Cornish, was charged with altering equipment after inspection, during a motor vehicle stop on Maple Street and King Street in Cornish at 9:59 p.m.

## Sunday, Oct. 18

Jonathan Tyler Ridley, 24, of Sedgely Road, Limerick, was charged with operating after a suspension during a motor vehicle stop on Sokokis Trail in Waterboro at 4:34 p.m.

Raymond D. Cole, 48, of Sherburne Street, Sanford, was charged with unlawful possession of scheduled drug and sale and use of drug paraphernalia (possess) during a motor vehicle stop on Main Street in Waterboro at 11:28 p.m. During the same stop, Amanda Jean Parker, 25, of Bean Street, Hollis, was also charged with unlawful possession of scheduled drug and sale and use of drug paraphernalia (possess).

## Monday, Oct. 19

A 14-year-old juvenile was charged with burglary and theft by unauthorized taking or transfer during a burglary call on Pace Landing in Waterboro at 10:31 a.m.

## Tuesday, Oct. 20

Dimitri Wrightington, 20, of Main Street, Waterboro, was charged with operating after a suspension and leaving the scene of an attended PD accident, during a motor vehicle accident with property

damage on Middle Road in Waterboro at 4:04 a.m.

A 17-year-old juvenile was charged with assault on West Road at 11:09 a.m.

## Friday, Oct. 23

Adam M. Pierce, 35, of Springvale, was charged with eluding an officer during a motor vehicle stop on Bond Spring Road in Newfield at 6:41 a.m.

Callie E. Starnaud, 25, of Washington Street, Limerick, was charged with violating conditions of release during a motor vehicle stop on Maple Street in Cornish at 8:51 p.m.

Brian E. Tillman, 24, of Willard Way, Kennebunk and a 17-year-old juvenile, were both charged with possession of a useable amount of marijuana during a suspicious activity call on Little Ossipee Landing on Waterboro at 10:11 p.m.

## Saturday, Oct. 24

Thomas Summers, 52, of Orchard Drive, Cornish was charged with assault during a disturbance call on Cumberland Street in Cornish at 8:32 p.m.

## Sunday, Oct. 25

Nathaniel R. Marshall, 22, of South Kendrick Road, Limington, was charged with failing to give notice of accident by quickest means during a motor vehicle accident on Millturn Road in Limington at 6:14 a.m.

Walter R. Flood, 54, of Wakefield Road, Hollis, was charged

with failure to register a motor vehicle more than 150 days, during a motor vehicle stop on River Road in Arundel at 11:01 a.m.

Benjamin D. Vereshko, 22, of Patterson Road, Limerick, was charged with domestic violence assault during a domestic disturbance call on Patterson Road at 6:55 p.m.

Ronda Paulette Belmont, 53, of Newfield Road, Shapleigh, was charged with violating conditions of release during a probation/bail conditions check on Onamor Drive in Newfield at 8:19 p.m.

## Monday, Oct. 26

A 12-year-old juvenile was charged with criminal mischief during a disturbance call on Old Alfred Road in Waterboro at 9:59 a.m.

David Ronald Simpson Sr, 44, of Alewife Road, Lyman, was issued a warrant during a complaint call to Mountain Road in Arundel at 11:27 a.m.

Buck Adam Pierce, 37, of Garvin Road, Acton, was charged with operating after a suspension and issued a warrant during a motor vehicle stop on Wakefield Road in Newfield at 5:37 p.m.

## Tuesday, Oct. 27

A 10-year-old juvenile was charged with theft by unauthorized taking or transfer on Water Street in Newfield at 11:47 a.m.

## Friday, Oct. 30

Christine Eileen Kelly, 27, of Bridge Street, Cornish, was charged with operating under the

influence (1 prior) and violating conditions of release, during a motor vehicle stop on Hanscomb School Road in Limington at 11:28 a.m.

Kyle J. Hurst, of Rockport, was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol/drugs and driving to endanger during a motor vehicle accident on West Road and Scooter Way in Waterboro at 10:29 p.m.

## Saturday, Oct. 31

Cory Paul Fredericks, 37, of Hollis Road, Hollis, was charged with operating under the influence during a motor vehicle stop on Hollis Road at 10:16 p.m.

## Sunday, Nov. 1

Kevin Michael Fortin, 29, of Demeritt Road, Newfield, was charged with domestic violence terrorizing and violating conditions of release during a disturbance call on Demeritt Road at 7:47 a.m.

## Tuesday, Nov. 3

Bruce C. Davis, 71, of Water Street, West Newfield, was charged with burglary on Onamor Road in Newfield at 6:45 p.m.

Chadwick Ahearn, 22, of Rivbank Road, Springvale, was charged with operating without a license on Back Road in Shapleigh at 7:08 p.m.

## Wednesday, Nov. 4

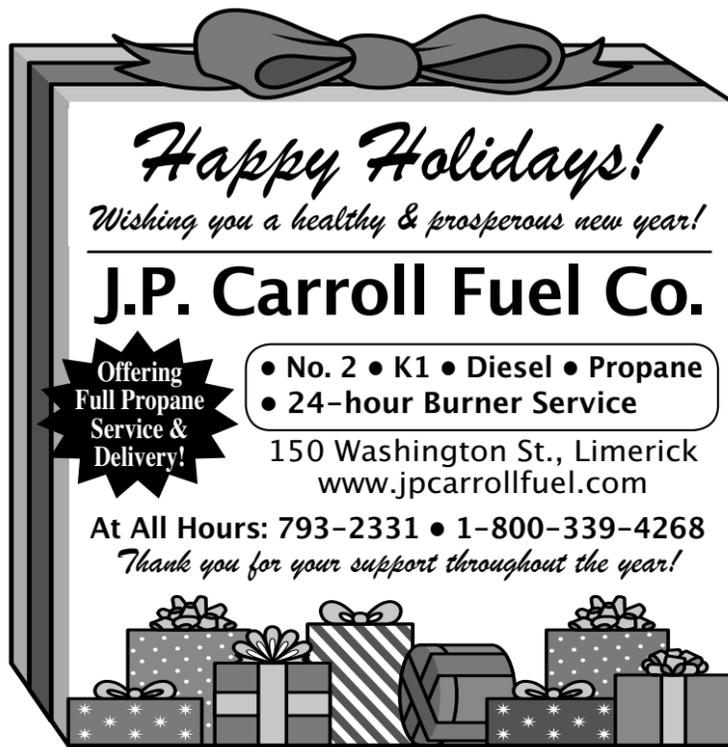
Kevin Kirk, 19, of Oliver Lane, Cornish, was charged with possession of a useable amount of marijuana during a motor vehicle stop on North Road in Cornish at 9:50 p.m.

## Thursday, Nov. 5

Johnny Hanlon, 34, of Elm Street, Newfield, was charged with operating without a license on Washington Street in Limerick at 7:02 p.m.



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## Carle's Corner Ice Rink update

Saturday Dec. 12 at 8:30 a.m., volunteers met at Carle's Corner Ice Rink to install the rink's liner, wall guards and bumpers. They lifted and rolled out the liner, stretched it, and fit it into the frame form that had been set in place during an earlier workday. The job required muscles, as the liner is heavy, weighing over 500 pounds. The first Poland Springs tanker rolled in at 10 a.m. to drop the first 8,400 gallons of water. The rink fill was completed when the third tanker finished unloading around 3:30 that afternoon, for a total delivery of 25,200 gallons, which will provide a 6-inch ice thickness once cold temperatures arrive. Poland Springs contributed this water as a community service donation.

Tucker & Tucker Audio and Video by Design was also on site to install a sound system and outdoor speakers, donated by their company for music at the rink throughout the season. Michael Bouthillette volunteered his services and installed the system. Matthew's Plumbing & Heating was on site earlier in the week to plumb the water lines so that

the rink will have running water through barn hydrants to maintain the ice.

Currently, temperatures are significantly higher than normal and are delaying the possibility of freezing right away. So, while awaiting the weather that will make the rink operational, Sandi Binette has announced a new "SKATES ON Program." Residents are encouraged to search for "Gently used skates that will never be used again." The aim is to get "Skates On every person who would like to get out this winter and enjoy a day of skating at the rink. The goal is to have various sizes available for loan to use at the rink if you are interested in learning, or just get back on skates again without the investment."

Anyone who has skates they would like to donate is asked to bring them to Lakeside Market throughout the season. Lakeside Market is in Waterboro Center, at 411 Sokokis Trail in East Waterboro. Once the rink is open, skates can be dropped off there also. Also being accepted are new skate laces, right hand and left hand hockey sticks, pucks, and hand skate sharpeners. The program's slogan is, "Together let's get 'Skates On' our community!" FMI, check the Carle's Corner Ice Rink Facebook page or call Lakeside at 247-8440.



Holiday Open House at Waterboro Library featured crafts and snacks for, from left, Sam Bouley and Sabrina, Elizabeth, Hannah and Juliet Rowe. PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

## Fire Department open house a success

About 70 folks visited the fire house last Saturday, Dec. 12, to meet Santa, decorate cookies, toss "marshmallows" into the large "cup" of cocoa that surrounded Derrek Abbott of Lake Arrowhead, get their face painted, or roll balls to bowl over small snowmen out in the hall.

But the highlight of the day for many of the kids was a tour of the fire trucks and the Rehab bus. Children, under the guidance of on-duty firefighters, got to sit in the trucks, where they got to see the compartments, the lights and the air packs. They also got to see the inside of the newly placed into service Rehab Bus.

Waterboro Fire Department Giveback sponsored and organized the event. Giveback is a group composed of Rosemary

McCoy, Pat Cloonan, Pam and Jason L'Heureux and Sandy Ellingwood. The Giveback group also organizes the WFD bean suppers, their main fundraiser and with those funds, Giveback provides gifts and dinner for a few families in need during the holidays, and provides some fuel assistance for people who may need it but don't qualify. They are also on call during long duration events or fires, to take coffee and food for firefighters, and plan to supply food and coffee on the new Rehab Bus.

Giveback member Cloonan estimated that this year's Open House was a success at least partly to moving the time to later in the day, when there were not so many other activities going on. She reported, "Yes, I think it went well, and that a lot of kids had a very good time."

## Pantry seeks financial support

The Waterboro Community Pantry Committee thanks those who are contributing to the building fund for a new pantry for Waterboro. They thank Victor and Roxie Wright from the Heritage Company who have committed to donating a roof for the pantry. Other recent donations include \$500 from the Massabesic Lions Club, and \$400 from the SIS Bank "Touchdown for Good." They also want all who are donating in the buckets at local stores that they are appreciated, as that brings in a few hundred dollars a month.

New board member Jeff Lennon, owner of Sylco Cabinets, is working to find materials for the pantry, and four Anderson windows and a hutch have also been donated. Young people are getting involved as there is to be a penny drive at both the elementary and high schools for the building fund.

Donations can be made online at [www.waterboropantry.org](http://www.waterboropantry.org). There is a small green square at the top left of the page that leads to a "donate" link.

The committee meets next on Jan. 7 at the Dayfield building at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in helping build a new food pantry for Waterboro is invited to attend. FMI contact Cleo Smith at [cleo@sacoriver.net](mailto:cleo@sacoriver.net).

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## BASKETBALL

# PERFECT

## *Mustang men 4-0*

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS  
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Massabesic historians were scouring the sports history books searching for a better start to a season after a solid 74-62 win over previously unbeaten Gorham (2-1). The win pushed the Mustangs to a perfect 4-0, the search for data continues, but whatever is discovered about the past doesn't matter for the current Mustang hoop entity is clearly a force to be reckoned with.

"That was an important game for us," said first-year coach Chris Binette. "We know Gorham is going to compete for a top spot in the standings, so the early test meant something."

Generating an A on the exam was newcomer Tyus Sprague-Ripley, formerly of Oxford Hills, who turned in a 29-point effort behind the strength of 11 for 11 shooting from the field (including three 3-pointers) and a 4 for 6 performance from the foul line.

"He's been excellent in every game on both sides of the ball, but wow, what a night," said Binette.

Sprague-Ripley turned a tight 13-10 first quarter game into a 22-14 advantage with nine consecutive points for the Mustangs and from then on the Rams could get

no closer than a four point deficit. Massabesic went into the halftime break with a 34-30 lead as Gorham hung tough, winning the second quarter narrowly by an 18-17 count.

Following the break, with a packed crowd hanging on every possession, the Mustangs went to work defensively with Josh Daigle leading the way as the speedy guard shut-down junior Jackson Fotter with the help of a pressing defense that seemed to be a step ahead of the Rams.

The lead swelled to 43-32 halfway through the frame and the third closed at 52-42 as Dan Amabile began to pile up points off of the Mustangs trapping defense. The senior guard finished with 23.

But the Rams didn't quit and they closed the gap down to five at 61-56 with four minutes left in the contest. Massabesic didn't cave either as they outscored Gorham 13-6 the rest of the way.

"We've got a little break here with a week off which will be good, we've been battling a couple minor injuries and several trips to the doctor for antibiotics, but the energy in our gym is really helping us, it's incredible, the players feel it and love it," said Binette.

The Mustang men topped

visiting Bonny Eagle (1-3) on Thursday, Dec. 10 by a 61-45 count. Prior to the start of the game, the first at home on the season, a moment of silence was observed for Sue Daigle, mother to senior guard Josh, who passed away unexpectedly over the summer. A seat at center court will be reserved in her honor for the remainder of the year.

The Scots came out fast, racing to an early 8-2 lead, but the Mustangs picked up their play at the halfway mark of the opening quarter, rating off six straight points to tie it at eight and the two neighboring schools went into the break separated by just one point with the Mustangs leading 11-10.

The Mustangs got the lead up to seven by halftime and it swelled to double that amount at the end of the third. The lead ballooned to more than 25 late in the fourth before the Scots cut into it with a couple late three-pointers.

Sprague-Ripley had 18 to lead the Mustangs, Amabile had 11, Daigle and Ryan Gullikson both had 10 as Massabesic employed a balanced attack, getting points from eight different players including Nick Amabile (3), Zion Mercado (2), Weston Bergeron (4) and Adam DeAngelis (3).



Massabesic's Tyus Sprague-Ripley was 11 for 11 from the field, scoring 29 vs. Gorham on Dec. 15, for the Mustangs' fourth straight win. PHOTO BY JASON GENDRON, S4 ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY

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# SPORTS

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS  
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## SWIMMING Lady swim team still perfect

Masabesic's girls' swim team remained perfect on the season after a 123-47 trouncing of host Windham on Tuesday, Dec. 15 and a tight 93-83 win over host Thornton Academy on Friday, Dec. 11.

The Mustangs won every event versus Windham. It began with a win in the 200-yard medley-relay (2:09.30) and it ended with a win in the 400 freestyle-relay (4:18.76). Elaine Dudley joined Sophia LaFrance and Morgan Houk in each event and sister Joanna LaFrance came along in the 200, while sister Amanda Dudley came along in the 400.

The two Dudley's joined Sophia and Houk (winner of the 100 back in 1:18.08) in the 200 freestyle-relay as well.

Elaine Dudley also captured two individual titles. She smoked the field in the 500 by more than 48 seconds with a 5:55.20 and she tossed in a 2:21.29 in the 200 IM. Amanda Dudley won the 100 free with a 1:03.02.

Sophia LaFrance won the 50 in 28.40 and sister Joanna won the 100 breaststroke in 1:22.26. Claudia Hart was first in the 100 fly and Alison Ryan won the 200 free in 2:24.36.

## Swim men drop two

Windham won every event, but two, to post a commanding 105-65 win. Ryan Burke won the 200IM with a time of 2:35.59 and Josh Castonguay won the 100 breaststroke in 1:17.49. Castonguay was runner-up in the 100 free, but the heat of the evening came in the 50 as John Giberti of Windham took to the starting blocks with Mustang Nate Messier next to him.

Giberti took the event with time of 24.90. Messier finished a tick behind with a 24.91. Both should be around the podium when the south western championships kick off.

The Mustang men won three of 12 events versus Thornton Academy in a 112-63 loss. Massabesic won the first event, the 200 medley-relay and Jacob Bixby picked up an uncontested win in the diving event, but only Nate Messier (200IM) could collect gold after that as TA tok the top three spots in both the 50 and the 100 fly.

## WRESTLING Mustang wrestlers solid at Windham, Westbrook

Massabesic got pins from Zac McGrath (170) and Matt Carroll (220), as well as a tech fall win (17-2) from Leo Amabile (113) to pace a 53-12 rout over host Windham on Wednesday, Dec.16. McGrath made quick work of Andy Jordan with a pin just 28 seconds into the bout and Matt Carroll dispatched of his foe in 1:32.

The week before it was the annual Westbrook invitational where

the Mustangs placed second out of 12 teams despite only having ten wrestlers in the mix. Eight of them placed.

Skowhegan was first with 204.5, MTN. Valley was third with 100, Sanford finished fourth with 96. Bonny Eagle, with Caleb Frost winning the championship at 120, was ninth.

Leo Amabile won at 106. He handled Morse's Denzel Gurney, securing a tech. fall win in his opening match at the 1:52 mark and he followed that with another tech. fall win over Ryan Shackley of Westbrook at 2:28. It took Amabile 5:04 to wrap up the championship over Noah Dumas of Cony in the same fashion as his first two bouts.

Trevor Walton (195) was the other champion from Massabesic. He took tech. fall wins over his first two foes: Darren Buono of MTN. Valley and Dan Lawyerson of Skowhegan. He won a major decision, 12-2, in the championship bout against Devon O'Connor of Cony.

Massabesic got runner-up performances from Kevin Nguyen (113), Justin Goodwin (120) and Ethan Huff (126). Noah Schneider (182) and Matt Carroll (220) both took bronze and Zac McGrath (170) collected some key points for

the Mustangs with a fourth place finish.

## BASKETBALL Lady Mustangs winless

The lady Mustangs, with seven freshman on the roster and just 16 players total seem to be in yet another rebuilding phase, but the record doesn't do justice to the play they've turned in thus far.

They opened with powerhouse McAuley (4-0) and hung tough despite a 14-point loss. They next went to Thornton Academy (4-0) and dropped a 49-33 decision on Friday, Dec. 11 before falling in their latest contest 50-37 to visiting Gorham (4-0) on Monday, Dec. 14.

Three unbeaten teams in their first three contests? Talk about tough, but if the word from their foes is to be acknowledged the future is looking bright, as first year head coach Ian Ryan is hearing the praises from the coaches they face.

"Everyone is saying they haven't seen a Mustang team like this in a while, said Ryan, but we've got a lot of work to do."

Freshman McKenzy Ouellette and senior Haley Couture each had nine points in the loss to TA. Ouellette had 11 against Gorham and sophomore Madi Drain had 10.

## INDOOR TRACK

### Rams sweep track meet

Gorham won both the ladies and men's side at the opening track and field meet of the season held Saturday, Dec. 12 at USM. The lady Rams posted 137 points, Massabesic was next with 105. Marsh wood had 88 and McAuley finished with 20.

Leah Ryan won the 55 meter dash for the Mustangs with a speedy 8.24. Moriah Biener won three events: she turned in a 29.56 to win the 200, a 1:09.05 to win the 400 and she was only one to clear the bar at 5' in the high jump.

Roshelle Morrison (12:46.70 seed time) easily won the two-mile with a time of 13:29.66 as the senior laid off the throttle as she headed down the home stretch uncontested.

Ashley Russell took home a pair of silvers; she was runner-up in both the long jump and the triple jump.

The lady Mustangs also coast-

ed to an easy victory in the 4 x 800. Gorham's men put up an eye-popping 243 points to post an easy win while the Mustangs finished with 56 and Marshwood had 48.

Alex Swett, back after an injury kept him out of cross country where he thrived as a freshman last year, ran to victory in the 600 with a time of 1:27.62. Troy Cloutier turned in a solid performance in the one-mile finishing second, less than one second behind winner Collin Jones (5:02.64) of Gorham.

## HOCKEY

### Ice men dropped by Cony

The MOB (Massabesic/Old Orchard/Bonny Eagle) varsity hockey team had its record fall to 1-3 after a loss at USM on Saturday, Dec. 12 versus Cony. MOB fell behind 4-0 after two periods, but they cut into the lead with a score from Justin Maloney (Taner McClure assisting) in the third. Cony put all thoughts of a comeback out of mind when they boosted the lead to 5-1 just one minute later. Kyle McKay made 15 saves for MOB.

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**LIGHT DISPLAY**

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the third year they have combined the festive display with a Toys for Tots drive. "We wanted part of our celebration to be helping others out, so we joined the Toys for Tots campaign." This year, toy contributions were well over double last year's, and for the first time gift cards were donated as well as \$347 in cash. They will continue to collect unwrapped toys until Dec. 20, the endpoint of the larger Southern York County drive.

The annual display has become a year-round preoccupation for the entire family. At first Jeff describes the display as "Low tech. The sound system consists of wires buried in the ground and music is run from an iPod to speakers. It is permanent and can be used any time of year. Jeff describes what he had in the beginning as "regular stuff." But then they started creating their own displays, including a 19-foot chimney with The Elf on the Shelf

up on the mantle. Jeff says, "It's a piece we made out of plywood and hand painted. The Penguin Pond and trees are my design but Julie helps put it all together and helps paint and freshen all of our things up every year." Jeff also points out an American flag built from the wood in Ethan's crib frame, saying, "Everything has a story."

Many of the elements in the overall display that the Jeff and Julie have not created are vintage 1956 or 1965 pieces. Others are from the early 70s and 80s. Many are "blow mold" technology, including the plastic candles, the plastic Santas, snowmen and soldiers. They find Christmas themed items in many places, including Craigslist, eBay and yard sales. Jeff is a regular visitor to "Pete's Place" Salvage, the huge collection of containers run by Peter Snell on Rte. 202 in Hollis. Some pieces that can be seen at 74 Mayfair had a past life at Maine's Funtown as well. Jeff adds, "People also come to us, now that we've done this a

few times, when they have a display and are moving, and we have to take the whole load!" What we can't use goes to the giveaway shed at the Transfer Station. He mentions that this year they also got a number of artificial trees, which they don't have use for, so they were able to donate them to families who might not be able to buy one of their own.

The lights are the major expense. "We shop for lighting right after Christmas to get the best discounts we can." They are also looking to add more LED lighting, both for power conservation and long life. That can also present a challenge, though, because many of the LED lights are not warm in tone, and that doesn't fit with the atmosphere they want to offer. And this year, with well over 25 thousand lights, the household power supply is being pushed to the max, so the plan for next year is to have a new and separate box just for the display.

"Each year we get new ideas

to add for the next year, and that keeps us busy. Many of the features we create, like Penguin Pond, are made from plywood, and they need to get cleaned and re-painted. So that is a job for summer months, but maintenance goes on pretty much year-round." Julie adds that branches falling on them or other incidents damage some of the inflatable features, and they need to get mended as well. "There is definitely a lot of upkeep to be done."

They begin the actual process around Halloween with a mental image of what they want to do for the season. There are changes each year. Julie and Jeff work together, both contributing ideas. Setup begins and everybody pitches in. The kids help set up lights, unpack boxes and lend a hand with cleanup. "People offer to help, and I don't know if it's a control thing, but we're trying to figure out what we need to do. But, if it grows much more, we'll have to accept the help!"

During November, they first set

all the lights up, test them to see that they are working. Then they shut them down and go through the system, waterproofing all of the connections, and last year, after the earlier snows, December featured rain and cold. Shaking his head, Jeff says, "Last year was rough setting up, this year was so much easier!"

They leave the lights up for some nights after Christmas, but the goal is to have everything back to normal by New Year's. Asked how they store everything, Jeff replies, "I have a large room in my basement called the 'Christmas room' that get stuffed from floor to ceiling. The rest goes in the garage and the stages and large objects get wrapped in tarps and stored outside until we need to repair or paint them."

Thinking of the future, Jeff says they don't plan to create a light show because of the technology required, and as he repeats, he is more interested in a classic Christmas display. He admits to considering getting a computer program that would allow for certain lights to blink in coordination with the beat of songs for next year, but overall he prefers a static display.

After Saturday's festivities, Jeff reflected, "We feel great about the whole thing! We are grateful for businesses and people that really helped us pull off the toy drive."



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# Lighting Our History

by Sandi Binette & Jim Carll

In Waterboro Center lies a quaint little village. There, you can see glimpses of Waterboro's past with 5 historical structures including the Taylor-Frey-Leavitt House Museum, Leavitt Store, Deering School House, Elder Grey Meetinghouse, & Blacksmith Shop. In the summer months, you can visit the beautiful Taylor House Gardens and in the winter months lace up your skates and enjoy a day at Carle's Corner Ice Rink.



Recently, with the help of the Waterboro Historical Society, Waterboro Association of Businesses, and Lakeside Market these historical structures have come to life in the evenings with silhouetted white lights adorning these pieces of history that are left in our community. Through the winter season, these lights will showcase the historical structures and remind us of what once was here. They will also educate those new to our community that preserving our history is extremely important, as a lot of it was destroyed in the fire of 1947.

The Great Fires of 1947 were a series of forest fires in the State of Maine that destroyed 200,000 acres statewide. One of the hardest hit communities was the town of Waterboro as the villages of East and South were almost completely destroyed. Waterboro Center was saved along with various homes and structures in different parts of the town. Most of the historical architecture was destroyed but if you take an afternoon drive around the community you will see glimpses of history like the revitalized Grange Hall and Old Corner Church on West Road, the Elder Grey Meetinghouse on Chadbourne Ridge Road, or The Taylor House Museum in the center of town.

The Taylor House, James Leavitt's home, was built in Waterboro Center in 1850 by Leavitt. The house



is of Greek revival style common to country homes of the period and appears to be the only one left in the community. The field in the back of the house not only provided hay and pasture for animals but was also used as a "drill field" for men in the militia and for those going off to the Civil War.

Leavitt, was an astute businessman who built the Leavitt Store (located on the land where the fire barn sits in the center of town). The store provided a shipping location for farm produce and clothing sewn by local women for sale to Portland and Boston.



Built in 1817 and used for nearly a century, the little red Deering Ridge School House is said to be the oldest schoolhouse in town. In 2006, it was donated to the Waterborough Historical Society and renovated on the back corner of Taylor House field. Once renovated, the school bell rang once again to commemorate the renovation. Peeking in a window, you can see a glimpse into how classrooms and education was much simpler with small desks and a chalk board as students of multiple grades joined in one building to learn.



The Elder Grey Meetinghouse is a replica of the historical building which still stands today.

It is located on the West Side of Chadbourne Ridge Road. The building is a simple single-story wood frame structure with a front-facing gable roof, clapboard siding and a field stone foundation. The church was built in 1806 and originally served as a union church with primarily Baptist affiliation. It is named for Elder James Grey, who served the church for many years in the first half of the 19th century. The association who preserves the church hosts one annual "pilgrimage service" each August.



The Blacksmith Shop, originally located on a part of Clark's Bridge Road known as Hasty Hill, was owned by the Carpenter family. In 2008 it was purchased and relocated to the back of the Taylor House field close to Old Alfred Road. Over the years, restoration still continues. This year, using many bricks from the original forge, a new state of the art forge has been built. Future plans are to offer operating tours when the museum is open in the summer months.



The Taylor-Frey-Leavitt Museum property in the center of town holds small pieces of history in our community. It is important for us to preserve it, learn about it, and share it. Although the fire of 1947 destroyed most of our vibrant community structures, these pieces give us a glimpse of what was here the previous 150 years. The next time you drive by during the day, maybe you'll hear the children reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in the classroom, or imagine the men in the drill field preparing for the Civil War, or hear the rhythmic pounding of metal in the blacksmith's shop. If you take that drive in the evening, enjoy the white lights feature "Lighting Our History." History is to be preserved but also made every day, what will your next story be in your community? Please visit the museum and gardens in the summer on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon, or drop in for skating at the ice rink this winter.

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**BUXTON TOY BOX**

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names or to offer their time for collection and/or distribution. It is a community effort. "I think we touch all," said Dodge. The town also provides a room for the "Elves," as the volunteers are called, to work in. The committee and the Elves do the rest. "Nobody is paid. There are no administrative costs," reassures Dodge. "We are all volunteers and all donations." Everything the Toy Box distributes has been donated.

In Buxton, their presence is everywhere – from the local Plummer's Shop n' Save to the local Hannaford, the Buxton Center Elementary School to Living Water's Christian School, both Low's Variety Stores, the Hardware Stores, the library, 5 churches, etc., all corners of the town are covered. This year, the Toy Box is serving 114 kids and 54 families.

How does it work? After Thanksgiving, piggy banks for monetary donations are placed at several businesses, while others have a Giving Tree. Each Giving Tree is decorated by the business itself. The Toy Box then provides gift tags to decorate each tree. The gift tags have the gender and the age of the needy child, as well as the gift they would like. Patrons may take a gift tag and purchase that gift. There is a Toy Box is placed near each Giving Tree for collection of the gifts once they have been purchased. Elves rotate the tags that have not been taken to other trees in the community. The tags that remain closer to Christmas are pulled off and the Elves

use the money donated to shop for those children. If you are interested in donating to the Buxton Toy Box, there is still time. The last pick up of Toy Boxes will be Monday, Dec. 21 and Tuesday morning, Dec. 22.

While the town creates the "lists," Dodge is in charge of the Elves, and there are hundreds of them! There are those that pick up toys from the Toy Box locations, those who pick up the money from the piggy banks, some help with the shopping, others sort the gifts, some wrap them (wrapping started on Dec. 16.) and others help deliver them. There is lots to do, especially in the days leading up to Christmas, but Dodge says, "We don't scramble, we play! It is a ton of work, but it is magical! It warms the heart, knowing you are helping a Buxton child. In some instances, we're going to change their lives."

One year, there was a child in the community whose immune system was compromised. All she wanted to do was to see Santa, but due to her condition, she couldn't go to the Mall to see him. So, the Toy Box brought Santa to her! Local businesses donated gifts for the child, and the Buxton Fire department delivered them, and Santa, on the Firetruck! Dodge's son, who is a firefighter, drove the truck. "Sometimes, kids just want Santa to read to them. We can provide that," said Dodge.

While the bulk of the work of the Toy Box is during the holiday season, they continue their work throughout the year, whenever they are needed. It might be to assist a family who has had a fire,



"Elves" Olive Collomy, left, and Tracie Hanna wrapping presents for the Buxton Toy Box. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

or has been flooded out, or who needs food assistance. It is rare, but these things do happen.

One year, a local resident's home burned down. The Toy Box came together and provided the children with everything they needed: clothes, boots, jackets, snowpants, shoes, sheets, toothbrushes and toothpaste, everything that they would need. "People come out of the woodwork (to help)," said Dodge.

There are many success stories, but Dodge says sometimes their work comes full circle, when someone comes back and volunteers, saying, "When I was little, my parents asked for help. Now, I'm doing better, and I can help you."

Dodge says, "We encourage others to start a Toy Box of your own. It works so beautifully. That would pay us the highest compliment." If you would like

to learn more about the Buxton Toy Box, visit the Buxton Municipal Building at 185 Portland Rd in Buxton, or call 929-5141, or contact Dodge at 807-8816.



**BRIEFS**

**Holiday concert spreads cheer**

The sound of children's voices singing holiday songs filled the gymnasium and drifted out of the doors at Massabesic Middle School on the night of Thursday, Dec. 10. Students in grades 1 and 2 from Alfred and Lyman Elementary Schools presented a medley of songs for their parents, siblings, and friends. The children started off the program with a rendition of "Holiday Windows" followed by "Holidays in the Sun," "Making Toys," "Down-Home Cooking" and ending with the song "Ring in a Brand New Year."

In between each song a few students from each class recited a few lines to accompany the music. Enjoyment shown on the smiling faces of many of the children with some waving to their families and many swaying to the rhythm of the selection. Most of the students could barely contain their enthusiasm when they left the room. The performance infused everyone with holiday cheer.

By Joy Spencer

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Student Helpers from WES show the results of their shopping spree to benefit patients at Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center. COURTESY PHOTO

# Student helpers donate to hospital

By BRIGIT MCCALLUM  
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For the fourth year, the Waterboro Elementary School Student Helpers organized and held a bake sale during the WES Holiday Fair, Dec. 5. All of the Student Helper families donated baked items to sell and many Student Helpers volunteered their time to sell the items. Along with the baked goods, they also had a cookie decorating center for children to decorate sugar and gingerbread cookies. According to Bria Bourque, teacher and advisor to the group, "All of the money raised at the bake sale went to buy presents for children in the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. This year they raised \$500.50!"

At one of their meetings, the Student Helpers chose possible

gifts based on the wish list given to the group by the hospital. Then last Saturday, Bourque and a small group of Student Helpers and their parents met the Sanford Walmart, where they purchased as many of the gifts on the wish list as they could. Unfortunately, there was not time to organize a trip to bring the Student Helpers to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital to deliver the presents. This week, the group is busy volunteering at a nursing home in Gorham. Instead, one of the group's generous parents is delivering the gifts.

## OBITUARIES

### Claire Alice Taylor Scammon

Claire Alice Taylor Scammon, 94, passed away peacefully with her family at her bedside on Dec. 14 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough. She was born in Lyman on Dec. 13, 1921, the fifth of seven children of Cordelia (Drew) Taylor and Curtis Taylor.



Claire Alice Taylor Scammon

Claire attended schools in Lyman, Alfred, Portland, and graduated from Kennebunk High School in 1939. She then continued her education at Maine Eye and Ear Nursing School and was employed as an RN for several years in Saco and Biddeford Hospitals. On June 6, 1943, she married the love of her life, Leland Scammon of Saco.

Claire was an active member of the East Waterboro Baptist Church, the Saco Grange, and the Annette Chapter #184 of the Order of the Eastern Star. In the Fall of 1964, Claire and her husband traveled to Egypt as the guest of Farmers and World Affairs, after returning she and Leland shared their experiences and pictures with many groups statewide.

As her children were growing she was very involved with the York County 4-H Clubs, including managing their food booth at the Acton Fair and being a 4-H leader. Claire was a talented seamstress, a wonderful cook, and enjoyed swimming, reading, and knitting. She especially loved family times

with her parents, siblings and their families and in her later years with her grand and great grandchildren. Claire and Leland loved to dance whether it was ballroom or square dancing and spent many happy Saturday nights with their many friends on a dance floor.

Until their retirement in 1987, they operated a dairy farm where their four children grew up, Elaine, Curtis, Beatrice, and Drew. Their retirement home was their lakeside cottage in Waterboro. From here they continued to enjoy visits and good times with their family and many friends.

Claire was predeceased by her parents, her husband, Leland, her daughter, Elaine Scamman Carter, two sisters, Jean Small and Celeste Kimball and two brothers, William Taylor and Curtis (Jimmy) Taylor, Jr.

Claire is survived by her daughter, Beatrice and her husband Walter Kiesow of Winslow; two sons, Curtis and his wife Linda Valentino of Saco, and Drew Scammon of Waterboro. Claire was cared for by many members of her loving family but, for the past several years Drew lovingly and patiently provided in-home

care for his mother, enabling her to remain at home.

Other survivors are 6 grandchildren: Libby and her husband Rick Collins of Saco; Walter (Bert) Kiesow, Jr and his wife Jaime of Cumberland; Joe Scamman and his wife Jessica of Saco; Alex Anastasoff and his wife Betsy of South Portland; Sasha Anastasoff of Scarborough and Kate Scamman of Saco; 12 great grandchildren, 2 sisters, Katherine Jo Drown of Nashua, NH and Marilyn (Peggy) Flagg of Jefferson, and several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends were invited to call at Dennett, Craig & Pate Funeral Home, 365 Main Street, Saco Maine on Thursday, Dec. 17 for an Eastern Star Service. A private graveside service will be held at Laurel Hill Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest next to her husband Leland. A memorial service will be held at the Community Baptist Church, 6 Clarks Bridge Road, North Waterboro on Dec. 18, 2015 at 1 p.m. Memorial Contributions may be made in Claire's memory to the Maine Eye and Ear Scholarship Fund, C/O SMCC, 2 Fort Road, South Portland, ME 04106.

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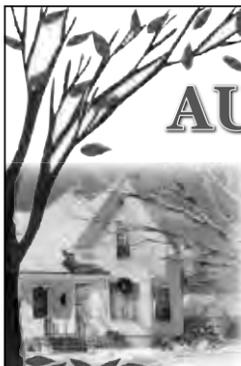
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The property is located at 133 Ossipee Hill Road, East Waterboro, Maine, Tax Map 007, Lot 039C.

The sale will be by public auction. All bidders for the property will be required to make a deposit of \$5,000.00 in cash, certified or bank check at the time of the public sale made payable to First Tennessee Bank National Association Successor Thru Merger with First Horizon Home Loan Corporation, which deposit is non-refundable as to the highest bidder. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within forty-five (45) days of the public sale. In the event a representative of First Tennessee Bank National Association Successor Thru Merger with First Horizon Home Loan Corporation is not present at the time and place stated in this notice, no sale shall be deemed to have occurred and all rights to reschedule a subsequent sale are reserved. Additional terms will be announced at the public sale. The premises are being sold without any warranties or guarantees and are sold as is. The successful bidder will be required to sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement. Additional terms will be announced at the sale.

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During the ceremony, which coincided with similar ceremonies at all 50 state capitols across our country, Senators Collins and King delivered remarks and joined in a moment of silence to reflect on the holiday season and to honor and remember our nation's veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices.

"Wreaths Across America is a powerful demonstration of respect and appreciation for our veterans – both those that we've lost and those still with us," said Senators Collins and King. "The mission of Wreaths Across America is: Remember. Honor. Teach. Thanks to the spirit of this Maine-made tradition, we will remember and honor America's veterans this holiday season, while also teaching generations to come of the sacrifices that have been made to secure our freedoms and to defend our liberty."

A convoy of volunteers and approximately 248,000 Maine-made balsam wreaths departed from Maine on Sunday, Dec. 6, and arrived at Arlington National Cemetery on Dec. 12. Between 30,000 and 40,000 volunteers were expected to lay the wreaths at the graves of each American veteran. This is the 24th consecutive year that Morrill and Karen Worcester, owners of Worcester Wreath Company in Harrington, Maine have made this generous donation. In addition to Arlington National Cemetery, volunteers will place more than 900,000 wreaths at over 1,000 locations in all 50 states and numerous national veteran cemeteries on foreign soil.



Senators Susan Collins and Angus King and the Maine made wreath laid at the U.S. Capitol. COURTESY PHOTO

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