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Committee explores second contract deputy position

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The Waterboro Budget Committee held a public meeting at Waterboro Town Hall on Thursday, Feb. 11, to examine whether taxpayers want to spend a substantial amount of money on an additional contract deputy.

Close to 30 attended the meeting, including members of the budget committee, the Public Safety Committee, Selectboard members, Contract Deputy Shawn Sanborn, Chief Deputy Tom Baran, and residents of the town. All but one supported the addition.

Baran described the contract deputy program as highly valued by the sheriff's department, as a partnership between the deputy and the community. He described the kind of service the contract deputy can provide as proactive, while the service of other deputies who are working Waterboro as part of a zone of coverage is reactive. He emphasized that the contract deputy knows people and what fits and does not fit, and so can provide in-depth service and care for the community that a zone coverage deputy cannot.

Sanborn spoke, saying, "I've watched other town departments grow, and I am very glad, especially for the fire department, as they're my family as much as the sheriff's department. They're growing along with the population. Community police service has been limited for 16 years to one dedicated person. We have almost 10,000 people in the summer with only one dedicated person."

Currently the contract deputy works 40 out of 168 hours a week, which leaves a gap where coverage is supplied by zone patrols, leaving response time dependant on where the zone deputy is when a call comes in.

Budget Committee member Lisa Crocker asked whether adding a second contract deputy would make much difference in response time, as the two contract

deputies would not be working simultaneously. Chief Baran explained that during heavy activity times the two might both work some hours, but that what would be the main benefit would be more hours of the week where a deputy familiar with the community, and that the community knows, would be provided.

Sanborn stated that many times after he has been off-duty, residents call him about an issue, saying they wanted to talk to someone they know. So, he is actually covering hours he's off, in some situations.

Budget Committee member James Southworth asked if the state police play a role in Waterboro. Sanborn replied, "We're a kind of odd couple, in that both agencies are understaffed and any cooperation is hindered by incompatible radio systems."

Ted Doyle, of the Public Safety Committee, mentioned that there are many law enforcement vehicles present in town, which can give a false sense of security, as many of the officers live in Waterboro and drive through on their way to work in other places. Doyle and Baran each made the point that Waterboro lies at the center of the county with major routes crossing the town, including Routes 202 and 5 and Townhouse Road. Therefore many police cars may be seen in town, but only on their way to somewhere else.

Budget Committee member Richard Briganti asked about response time comparisons between a zone and a contract deputy, and Baran described the distances zone deputies might have to travel from their last call. "Overall zone coverage is reactive, only responding to calls; in contrast, the contract deputy's coverage can be proactive, preventing trouble before it gets out of hand. That's probably the greatest difference. Sanborn added, "YCSO is a crutch, not a police force."

Selectwoman TammyJo Girard
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Mustang senior Ryan Gullikson scored a season-high 28 points and his 1,000th career point in the 49-48 thriller vs. Gorham on Tuesday, Feb. 16. Massabesic faces South Portland on Friday, Feb. 19 at 9 p.m. in the Class AA South championship game at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland. (See page 5 for story.)

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From left, Chapter Historian Leigh Rush Olson, eighth-grade winner Jeffrey Fosgate, seventh-grade winner Sarah Bouley and sixth-grade winner Emily Ireland (all from Masseurbesic Middle School); fifth-grade winner Sophia Tanguay from Waterboro Elementary School and Chapter Regent Helen Newton. COURTESY PHOTO

Massabesic students sweep contest

The Rebecca Emery Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution recently honored four local students on Feb. 6, at Atria Senior Living in Kennebunk, for winning the Chapter's American History Contest. The students read their essays at the event, received awards, and gathered with family, friends, guests, and DAR members for a luncheon and silver tea.

Sophia Tanguay, a fifth-grade student at Waterboro Elementary School, was selected as the

fifth-grade essay winner, while sixth-grader Emily Ireland, seventh-grader Sarah Bouley, and eighth-grader Jeffrey Fosgate, all from Massabesic Middle School, were chosen for their respective classes.

Each year DAR Chapters across the country sponsor the American History Contest open to all fifth- through eighth-grade students in public, private, and parochial schools, as well as home schooled students. One

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Girard Farm sets down roots in Lyman

Membership open for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program

Joshua Girard, farmer and owner of Girard Farm, is preparing for the 2016 farming season. Members who sign up now for the farm's CSA program will pick-up a weekly share of freshly harvested vegetables for twenty weeks from June to October. Full and half shares are offered to fit the demands for different size families, for \$500 and \$300 dollars respectively.

This is Girard Farm's first season growing just over half an acre of vegetables. Girard uses "intensive planting" in permanent beds and organic growing techniques. "Healthy food starts with healthy soil that is rich in nutrients and life," he explains. "so we use lots of compost and avoid tilling the soil."

Girard grew up in Lyman and is the son of Rene and Catherine Girard. After graduating from Massabesic High School in 2003, he went on to earn an engineering degree from Boston University. In 2008 he enrolled with the University of South Florida as a Master's International student. He earned a master's degree in environmental engineering and served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Zambia

Girard lived in Zambia for two years volunteering as an aquaculture extension agent with the country's Department of Fisheries. "In Zambia, people in the villages live close to the land that feeds them. I learned a lot

about growing food," he says of his time there. The enjoyment of tending his garden daily helped him through his time in the village and inspired him to pursue farming as a career.

After returning from Zambia, Girard apprenticed for two years at Frith Farm in Scarborough. He learned about every aspect of running a successful farm; from growing healthy plants in the field, to designing an irrigation system, and keeping good records. He has since worked at Two Farmers Farm in Scarborough, Black Kettle Farm in Lyman, and Neversink Farm in New York State.

Girard Farm will grow over thirty varieties of favorite local vegetables including heirloom tomatoes, carrots, lettuce, onions, beets, and many more. Growing a variety of crops ensures that, "every week members have a bunch of different veggies to take home."

Girard Farm will also sell its vegetables at its farm stand at 34 Huff Rd in Lyman. Girard says he has chosen to sell directly to customers through the CSA and at his farm stand because, "people want to know, now more than ever, who is growing their food and where it comes from."

You can sign up for CSA memberships and find out more about Girard Farm online at www.girardfarm.com.

ALFRED

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Digital presentation for parents

A major February activity at Alfred Elementary School will be the Parent Digital Citizenship presentation on Wednesday, Feb. 23 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Parents interested in safety issues on their iPhones and the Internet will have their questions answered. Officer Robert Pellerin, the DARE and School Resource Officer from Scarborough will discuss things that can be done to keep your child safe.

The next meeting of the PTSA will be March 1 at 3:15 p.m. with child care provided. There will be a PTSA fundraiser on March 6 at Smitty's Cinema in Sanford.

Town hall news

Town Clerk Andy Bors reports that nomination papers have been taken out for town offices except for the two positions on the library board for which there have been no applicants. Those who have returned papers include John Flagler for the RSU 57 Board of Directors; Glenn Dochtermann for selectman; Greg Knight for the three year term on the Water District. Library board positions will have to be write-ins because all nomination papers had to be turned in by Feb. 9. As yet, no Alfred Festival Committee has been formed.

During he recent selectmen's meeting Dean Currier was ap-

pointed to the Parks and Rec Committee. Also, selectmen approved an animal shelter's services.

Information meetings for the budgets are being planned.

The Democratic caucus is planned for March 6 and the Republican state caucus for March 7.

Ice fishing derby

The Annual Ice Fishing Derby for youngsters is planned for Saturday, March 5 on Shaker Pond starting at 6 a.m. Those up to age 15 are eligible to participate. There will be a raffle for a fishing auger, and prizes and trophies for the largest fish, plus lines and buckets. There will also be snacks and drinks available.

Parish church

The monthly free supper will be held Monday, Feb. 22 from 5 to 6. The menu will include soups (tomato, chicken or corn chowder) and sandwiches. Cooking is being done through the generosity of the Women's Re-entry Center.

The Parish Church is organizing a "Kitchen closet" for anyone starting out in a new place and needing kitchen articles. Items which will be welcome include cutting knives, butter knives, measuring spoons, cookie sheets, mixing bowls, serving spoons, baking dishes, oven mitts and anything which would be welcome in a new kitchen or by someone supplying a kitchen after a fire.

Pilgrim Lodge registrations are now open. To check the schedule and register, visit www.pilgrim-lodge.org.

The Parish Paddlers had a pizza

and building session last Sunday. The constructed nine duck houses downstairs in Conant Chapel.

Cabin fever potluck

Those tiring of winter can get a break at the cabin fever potluck sponsored by the Friends of Parsons Memorial Library on Saturday, Feb. 27 in the library at 5:30 p.m. Beth DeWolfe will be the master of ceremonies during the game of Trivia to follow the meal in the community room. Prizes will include ice-cream at Shaker Pond Ice-Cream.

Republican committee

The Alfred Town Republican Committee met in Town Hall Feb. 15. The Republican State Caucus was discussed, to meet March 5 in Biddeford. Heidi Sampson, the Alfred resident who is running for state representative, was present and discussed her strategy, which is to hold a series of informal coffees in local homes. She has been on he Maine State Board of Education, active as a home school teacher, and an athletic coach in RSU 57. The first coffee will be in March at the Almon Williams home.

Village notes

The photo in last week's paper showing two women in Mardi Gras costumes was taken by Cathy Conley, not this correspondent.

The Conservation Commission nature walk in Massabesic Forest will be Saturday, Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. It will be led by Connie Studer who will identify animal tracks.

CONTRACT DEPUTY

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stated she was aware both of the financial cost to the town of a second contract deputy, and the need for the town to do what it can to insure good quality of life, so people feel safe at home, and kids are safe to be home after school and elderly parents are safe.

She stated, "As a selectman I support adding another contract deputy; it is important for town as it grows, to provide this to residents and businesses. New businesses look for towns where they will be well protected. It's import-

ant for growth."

Selectman Dwayne Woodsome stated his opinion that the question needs to go to referendum, to get the decision made by more residents. He contested the tax increase mentioned by Doyle of \$21.60 a year per taxpayer. "Most properties in town are more in the \$150,000 to \$200,000 range where their taxes would increase more like \$40 to \$50. It needs to go to referendum."

Selectman Gordon Littlefield, a former Sanford law enforcement officer who is affiliated with YCSO and liaison to the Public Safety Committee spoke strongly in favor of adding a deputy, as

did selectman Jon Gale, and Lamb added that Selectman Dennis Abbott, who was not feeling well, had contacted him before the meeting to voice his support for the addition.

The lone voice against adding a second contract deputy was Lucille Gagne, who described herself as "An 84-year-old woman, who's lived here since '86. I'm happy here, I have no problems, and I do not want to have taxes go up and up."

Sanborn concluded, "The police side of Waterboro has languished too long. The town is at a fork in the road; for some time it has gone the wrong way. We have decent quality of life and want it to continue as the population increases. We can stick our heads in the sand or do something." He finished, saying, "It's not Mayberry and I can't be Andy."

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CONTEST

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winner from each grade is selected by three judges chosen by the local sponsoring Chapter (traditionally by the Chapter Historian), then those winners go to the State Finals and then off to Nationals. This year's chosen contest judges for the Rebecca Emery Chapter were Martha Bridges of Kennebunk, Maine and fifty-year retired public school teachers Martin Olson and Charlotte Olson of Aurora, Illinois.

March 22, 2015, marked the 250th anniversary of the Stamp Act. Passed by the British Parliament in 1765, the new tax required all colonists to pay a tax on every printed piece of paper they used and, therefore, many colonists viewed the Stamp Act as "taxation without representation." The contest required students to describe a colonial family's discussion about the new Stamp Act and what role it played in organizing the colonists against the British King and Parliament.

The essays required a length of 300-1000 words, depending on grade level, and were judged on historical accuracy, originality, spelling, and grammar. Each student participant received a certificate of participation from the Rebecca Emery Chapter, and the Chapter winners received bronze medals, certificates, and monetary gift cards. State winners will receive certificates and silver medals and National winners will receive certificates, medals and a monetary award.

The DAR, founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. In 2015 the DAR celebrated its 125th anniversary and members from across the nation volunteered over 12.5 million hours of community service. Any woman 18 years or older-regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background-who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership. For more information contact DAR.org.

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Waterboro hopes to expand water district

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The future of both commercial and residential development could depend on an expansion of the current water system, including supply, storage and delivery. This fact was brought home strongly in the Infrastructure chapter of the recently approved 20/20 Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Waterboro, and has been designated the top priority action step by Town Administrator Gary Lamb.

The current Waterboro Water District (WWD) system consists of two wells located in the woods across Rt. 202 from the end of Old Alfred Road, designated as "The Hamilton Site," two wells located near the upper end of Straw Mill Brook Road, and a 320-foot water tower, also known as a stand-pipe, on a hillside off Route 202 in South Waterboro. Licensed operator and Superintendent John Vacari, and licensed assistant operator Matt Sampson manage the WWD facilities, and current Trustees Dave Benton, Tim McCoy and Bob Gobeil oversee and monitor them.

Historically, some contaminated wells in the South Waterboro village area triggered the need for public water. The problem was known before Dennis Abbott was first elected selectman in 1983. The current select board chair was also on the board that commissioned a study in 1988 that showed that 18 or 19 wells in the Goodwins Mills Road and Route 202 area were contaminated by petroleum or benzene compounds. Abbott says there were no regulations on underground storage tanks prior to the eighties and tanks at a gas station and a former tannery were seen as possible sources. When replacement wells

were drilled and also found to be contaminated, it was clear that a public water solution was needed.

Town officials sought federal funds from the national Environmental Protection Agency to ameliorate the leaky underground storage tanks. Abbott remembers Steve Levy of Maine Rural Water as being in a position to help water districts with problems to secure funding and he was a key player in the mid to late eighties.

The town hired hydro geologists Carroll White and Jack Rand to look at potential water sources. Goodwin Water well drillers, a company that worked for the state, did exploratory wells at Dayfield and Straw mill, but they did not find sustainable water. A third well was drilled on land Rose Dyer owned across Route 202 from Old Alfred Road, that produced 75 gallons per minute and that became the centerpiece of the system that was developed. Wright Pierce designed the system with the goal of providing water to 19 homes and it now serves about 170 customers. The town applied for and received a Community Development Block Grant to pay for water stops at every lot between the wells and the original terminus in South Waterboro to give residents along the way the opportunity to tap into the public water. The town contracted with M&M logging of Rangeley to install the system and to put in the water tower. At that time the Zoning Ordinance was amended to provide a Wellhead Protection Zone for the Hamilton site.

A 12-inch pipe was installed along Route 202 from Old Alfred Road to the tower and on to the area of contamination. The town negotiated a flat fee settlement with the DEP to subsidize the costs for 20 years so customers

were able to pay standard water rates because this was such a large system for so few clients.

In 1993, the town divested itself of ownership of the water system, after a debate on whether the town should be in the "water business." Waterboro's representative in Augusta, Mike McAlevy, submitted a bill that created the WWD, to operate as a quasi-municipal organization with the ability to obtain loans.

To determine the extent of the district, a line was drawn on the map that went down Federal Street, through Middle Road to Ossipee Hill Road to Waterboro Center, over to Townhouse Road to the Hollis line. All property to the east of that simple dividing line was to be in the water district and anything to the west was not.

Later water line expansions brought water down West Road to Massabesic High School and then to East Waterboro when Hannaford paid for the line to be extended to Route 5. The next expansion occurred when Blast From the Past paid for the line to run along Route 5 to their site, followed by the Middle School expansion, paid for by RSU 57. The most recent expansion was supported by a Community Development Block grant to Waterboro Elementary School, when the school didn't have enough water.

The Hamilton wells deteriorated to the degree that water production went from the original 75 gallons per minute to about half that, and at that time Straw Mill Brook wells were brought online. In 2011 the Zoning Ordinance



The 320-foot water storage tower in South Waterboro.
PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

was again amended to provide a second Wellhead Protection Zone for these wells.

Looking to the future, both the 20/20 Committee and the WWD have now had studies to determine some next steps. Abbott sees both in agreement that a strategic vision and action plan need to be established by the WWD with input from the Town and the 20/20 committee. Abbott also says the current supply of 60,000 gallons a day produced by the water district is the Achilles Heel of economic development for the town.

Lamb is pleased that the District is taking the lead on this, saying, "There is not enough water. In terms of infrastructure this can take years. One big new tenant could push them over the limit. If an industrial or other large water user, wanted to come here, we would have to say no."

TOWN OF WATERBORO

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board of the Town of Waterboro will meet on March 2, 2016 at 7pm at the Meeting Room in the town hall for the purpose of hearing public comments on amending the Maine State Statute Citations in the ordinances noted below:

- Town of Waterboro Zoning Ordinance
- Town of Waterboro Site Plan Review Ordinance
- Town of Waterboro Land Subdivision Regulations of the Planning Board

A copy of the changes in Maine State Statute Citations in the ordinances noted above is available with the Administrative Assistant for the Code/Planning Offices at the Town Hall or at www.waterboro-me.gov.

Kurt Clason, Chair, Waterboro Planning Board

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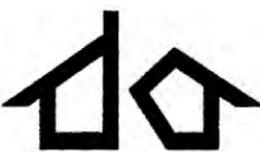
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SPORTS

SWIMMING

Swimming sixth Dudley, 'team sis' set records

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Senior Elaine Dudley closed out a superb high school swim career with yet another school record, lowering her mark once again in the 100 freestyle to 53.80 which she has held since freshman year, to help Massabesic to a sixth place finish overall at the annual Class A state swim championships held Saturday, Feb. 13 at Orono

Brunswick was crowned state champ with 289 team points, they broke a 14-year old state record in the final event of the day, the 400 freestyle relay with a 3:39.10, but the Mustangs were in the conversation in that event too, logging a 3:53.23, good for fifth place and enough to keep Deering (sixth in the same event) behind them in seventh place overall with 138 points.

Scarborough finished second with 256 points, Cheverus was next with 251, Bangor had 209 and Cony was fifth, 36 points ahead of Massabesic with 181. Twenty-five high schools competed.

Dudley had help from "team

sis" the relay unit comprised of sisters Joanna and Sophia LaFrance and Amanda Dudley, sister to Elaine that proved from the start of the season they'd be a force to be dealt with.

The unit was fifth in the aforementioned 400 that kept Deering from overtaking them for sixth overall, but just as importantly, they broke the school record in the first event of the day: the 200 medley relay, with a 1:58.52.

Elaine Dudley had to set aside the euphoria from that event and prepare for the very next event: the 200 freestyle which she won with a 1:56.49, easily ahead of runner-up Lysie Russell of Brunswick who posted a 1:58.10. Just three swimmers touched in under 2:00.

"Lots of emotions for sure," said Dudley, a team captain. "Happy, sad, relieved, we just swim, it's fun being a part of a relay team...we had a goal of setting the record, but we try not to go in with expectations."

Amanda Dudley had a sixth place finish in the 500 freestyle.



Massabesic senior swimmer Elaine Dudley beat her own school record in the 100 freestyle at the Class A State Championships held on Feb. 13. COURTESY PHOTO

Swim men mid-pack

Massabesic generated 77.5 team points, good for 13th place at the annual Class A state swim championships held Monday, Feb 15 at Orono.

Cheverus was first with 339.5, Brunswick was next with 275 and Bangor rounded out the top three with 207. Twenty-four teams competed.

Diver Jacob Bixby had the top finish for the Mustangs, coming

in fifth in the one-meter diving event comprised of a deep and talented field.

Caleb Fuschillo finished 10th in the 100 and 11th in the 50 and he was a member of two relay teams that generated points. In the 200 freestyle relay the Mustangs were eighth and they were 10th in the 400 freestyle relay. Fuschillo swam with Nate Messier, Joel VanTassell and Ryan Burke on both relay squads.

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The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) runs competitions in every state through a network of 76 state and metro associations. It has a membership of over 230,000 teams, with more than 3 million players and 35,000 umpires. Every spring all across Maine, ASA conducts clinics and provides other important training opportunities to individuals who can respond affirmatively to the following questions. Do you enjoy working outdoors? Do you enjoy staying active and alert? Have you ever wanted to be an umpire? Or perhaps you've been at or played in a softball game and said to yourself, "I can do a better

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Anyone of any ability is invited to attend clinics at a location near them. Upon successful completion of the training umpires will join ASA and receive benefits including \$5,000,000 of liability insurance coverage, accident insurance up to \$100,000, dental insurance, a Balls and Strikes newsletter, hotel and car rental discounts and best of all get you on the field where you will be paid to have fun.

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If you would like sign up, need more information or just have questions call Maine ASA UIC Scott Tilton at 807-3504 or email him at uicmeasa@gmail.com. Clinics start soon, so call now.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Mustangs shock Rams Class AA South title game Friday

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
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Gorham raced out to a 14-5 first-quarter lead and they generated leads of 12 and 15 midway through the third, but the Mustangs overcame it, and closed with a stunning 27-11 run, fueled by stellar play from senior Ryan Gullikson, whose two free throws with just 20 seconds remaining lifted the Mustangs to an improbable 49-48 last second win over the Rams at the Cross Insurance Arena on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Early on, it was ugly. The Mustangs shot poorly (a dismal 34 percent in the first half from the floor and an equally ugly 62 percent from the line) and didn't take care of the ball, turning it over a dozen times in the first half.

"We knew we played our worse ball of the year the first half, stupid mistakes, terrible turnovers," said Gullikson. "We just looked at each other and said, let's make it all good."

They began to right the sinking ship, or keep the horse out of pasture if you'll allow, with just 3:23 to go in third when Gullikson, who had a game high 28, finally gave the Mustangs their first points of the frame with two free-throws, cutting Gorham's lead down to 37-24 and starting a crucial 11-0 run to close out the third.

With eight minutes left to play, the score stood at 37-33, and a glimmer of hope finally began to appear.

But the Rams didn't seem to falter, despite the run from the Mustangs, as they came out in the fourth and quickly pushed the lead back to six at 41-35.

The teams traded hoops over the next few minutes, but Gorham was racking up fouls, and Massabesic was making them pay as they made 13 of 14 from the charity stripe in the second half, each critical, but none more so than the two that Gullikson drained with just 20 seconds left to give Massabesic their first and only lead of the night, 49-48.

"I didn't want any doubt of missing a free throw in my mind when I realized I had two shots," said Gullikson. "Knock 'em down, nothing else."

He did, and Massabesic had its first lead.

The Rams had the ball and plenty of time to convert a last-second shot, but the first attempt rimmed out and another try at the buzzer was blocked away by guard Dawson Renaud.

Massabesic (16-4) will face South Portland (11-9) Friday, Feb. 19 at 9 p.m. for the Class AA South Championship at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland. The Mustangs beat the Red Riots on Jan. 22 by 17, 64-47.



The Massabesic boys' varsity basketball team celebrates after rallying to beat Gorham 49-48 in the last minute of the game on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland. The Mustangs face South Portland on Friday, Feb. 19 at 9 p.m. in the Class AA South championship game.

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WRESTLING

Mat men 7th at states Amabile runner-up at 106

Leo Amabile was second, and Matthew Carroll (195) and Kevin Nguyen (113) both were fourth at the annual Class A state wrestling championships held on Saturday, Feb. 13 at Noble High School.

The Mustangs finished with 44 team points, well behind new state champion Skowhegan (144) who dethroned Marshwood (123) for the title. Noble was third with 112.

Twenty-three high schools competed.

Amabile got off on the right foot, dispatching his first foe, Westbrook's Ryan Shackley, in just 36 seconds. Noah Dumas of Cony lasted a bit longer, 80 seconds, but Amabile (106) cruised into the final where he dropped a 7-0 decision to defending state

champion at 106 Cody Craig of Skowhegan. Amabile was third last year in the same weight class.

Kevin Nguyen had an excellent tournament, finishing fourth, in what was one of the toughest weight classes. He topped Hillary Merrifield of Camden Hills in his first bout, but eventual champion Kyle Glidden of Marshwood pinned Nguyen in the second round to send the Mustang into the consolation bracket.

From there, Nguyen dropped Skowhegan's Austin Merrill 9-0 before falling to Jaden David, 7-5, in a match for third place.

Kyle Glidden was runner-up at last year's states, Joseph Pilecki, who fell in the final to Glidden, was fourth last year.



Massabesic's Leo Amabile.
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INDOOR TRACK

Scots second at states Track ladies silver

Elisabeth Redwood and Ami Beaumier turned in superb performances in their individual events, lifting Bonny Eagle to 50 team points and a second place finish overall at the annual Class A state track and field championships held Monday, Feb. 15 at USM.

Edward Little was first with 52, Falmouth was third with 44.

Redwood won the 200 with a speedy 26.32 and her 58.74 in the 400 was just behind the 58.47 that Emily Turner of Cheverus posted. No other runner cracked one minute.

Ami Beaumier, a freshman with a sparkling future, took silver in the one-mile run and she was fourth in the two-mile.

The Scots took silver in the 4 x 200 (Redwood in the mix) and they were third in the 4 x 800 (Beaumier in the mix).

Kialeigh Marston was fifth in the 800.

Nearby, it was Moriah Biener making news for the 18th place Mustangs. The sophomore was runner-up and just one of six to clear the high jump bar at 5'. Biener's 5'4 was good for silver.

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Writers' workshops

Maine novelist Carolyn Chute, whose most recent book, "Treat Us Like Dogs and We Will Become Wolves" (Grove), won the 2015 PEN New England Award for Fiction last April, and is once again offering a unique writing and storytelling opportunity. Over the course of four Sunday afternoons, writers gather at the Limerick Public Library to read stories, poems, essays, and chapters of novels-in-progress. Artists and musicians are also welcome to share their work.

This is the fifth time that Chute has offered to host the February gathering with the intention of beating the mid-winter blahs. Though dubbed a "workshop," the group eschews harsh critique in favor of personal reactions to the stories and encouraging applause. Chute, who likens the creative process to kneading bread dough, working it and reshaping over the course of many revisions, feels writers don't need other people poking their fingers into the "dough" of the story while it is being written and revised.

Good work, like good bread, sometimes takes time.

Chute is currently at work on the next book in a series which includes "The School on Heart's Content Road" and "Treat Us Like Dogs and We Will Become Wolves." These books – big, thick, warm novels with a huge cast of characters including some non-human ones like "the screen" and "progress" and "the grays" – portray Maine people caught in the maelstrom of modern life. The events in the separate books take place concurrently, which makes for tricky timelines. Chute says she's been working on these stories since the 1990s.

In addition to telling anecdotes about the world of publishing, writing at McDowell Colony, lunching with the likes of Anne Tyler, and answering "so you think you can write" ads with a mischievous bunch of professional Maine writers (names will remain secret to protect the, ahem, innocent), Chute gives members of the group something all beginning writers need – gentle, good-humored encouragement. The writing genres are varied and the stories told range from heartfelt and thought-provoking to spooky and humorous. This year the group has shared science fiction, personal narrative, poetry, literary fiction, political satire, historical fiction, and even a spoof of a popular children's series. All levels from beginning to somewhat seasoned are welcome and respected. Appreciative laughter breaks out often, and equal time is spent shooting the breeze the way neighbors do when they find themselves thrown together in a comfortable room with plenty of food on the table and coffee brewing.

There are still two sessions left this year on Feb. 21 and March 6 from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the Limerick Public Library, and spots are available for those who would like to join. Coffee and tea are provided, and participants share a potluck lunch at midday. The workshops are free, but donations are accepted and appreciated. For more information, call 793-8975.

Brian K. Leland

Brian K. Leland, 41, of Wescott Street in Limerick, died following a brief illness on Wednesday evening on Feb. 10, 2016 at his home.

Brian was born on July 9, 1974 in Sanford the son of Robert L. and Joyce E. (Stone) Leland. He attended local schools and Massabesic High School.

Brian was very talented with most carpentry needs and enjoyed puttering with small engines; such as lawn mowers and weed whackers. He worked for Sprague Electric for a few years in Sanford. Brian liked to go to Fryeburg Fair and entered the Biggest Pumpkin contest and won. He was an avid NASCAR fan and enjoyed going to see the races in Loudon, NH to root for his favorite driver, Dale Earnhardt, Jr. He was content to be at home or out and about with his friends; sharing stories, teasing one another and watching the local town politics on television.

Brian's greatest highlight of his life was his son, Aedin, who will be twelve years old. Together, they spent time fishing and braved the cold weather to include ice fishing on the many local lakes in the area. They took numerous pictures and watched as the Eagles would land on the frozen lake to eat some of their fish. He loved his son unconditionally and spending time with him.

Brian will be dearly missed by his parents, Robert and Joyce Leland of Limerick; his son, Aedin B. Leland of Standish; his two brothers, Scott K. Leland and his girlfriend, Kelly Gilpatrick of Limerick and David A. Leland and wife Karen and their children, Brandon, Garret, and Faith of Max Meadows, VA; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

A service was held Feb. 18 at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred. To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com.



Brian K. Leland

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Limerick Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box 15, Limerick, ME 04048.

Murray Smith

Murray Smith, age 74, of Buxton passed away on Feb. 16, 2016 in Buxton.

He was born in Portland on June 3, 1941, graduated from Buxton schools and attended the University of Maine in Orono.

Murray proudly served his country by enlisting in the National Guard.

For many years he worked in sales at N.H. Bragg.

He was an avid outdoors man who enjoyed fishing, hiking, hunting, and gardening.

Murray is survived by many cousins, dear friends and caretakers.

Visiting hours will be on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 2-4 p.m. at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service Chapel, 498 Long Plains Road (Rt. 22) in Buxton. A service will follow at the funeral home at 4 p.m. and everyone will be welcome to share their memories of Murray.

Online condolence messages can be submitted at www.maine-funeral.com.

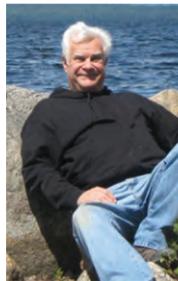
Kenneth "Ken" Allan Oxton

Kenneth "Ken" Allan Oxton, age 69, passed away on Feb. 16, 2016 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House.

He was born in Rockland on Sept. 23, 1946, a son of the late Alfred and Sadie (Stover) Oxton.

He graduated from Bath schools in 1966 and attended various technical programs over the years. He proudly served in the US Army during the Vietnam War and served as a communication tech. For 31 years, Ken was employed by Fairchild and National Semiconductor and held various tech positions.

Ken was a solar energy enthusiast, enjoyed tinkering on proj-



Kenneth "Ken" Allan Oxton

ects and fixing things, dowsing, electronics, camping in Rangeley, attending airshows and going to Owl's Head, and talking with family and friends.

He will always be remembered as a man who could "talk your ear off."

He is survived by his beloved wife Kristine (Jensen) Oxton; son James Oxton and his fiancée Jennifer Waterhouse of Saco; brother Sherwood Oxton of Bath; and many nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Visiting Hours will be held this Sunday, Feb. 21, from 3-5 p.m. at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service Chapel, 498 Long Plains Road (Rt. 22) in Buxton. Burial with military honors will be held in the spring at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale. Online condolence messages can be submitted at www.maine-funeral.com.

Danielle Morse Loomis Torrey

Danielle Morse Loomis Torrey, surrounded and supported by her children, passed away after a brave fight with pneumonia on Feb. 16, 2016.

Danielle was born on Sept. 12, 1933 in Bedford, Massachusetts to Hubert and Frances Loomis. She was a well rounded and cultured young woman, spending summers at riding camps, music camps, or at her parents' summer home on Cape Cod. Danielle, also an accomplished viola player, attended the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. There she met her true love and husband of 61 years, Calvin Otis Torrey.

She followed him to his first job as a music teacher in the remote northern Maine town of Ashland and a year later to Alfred, where they bought a small farm with a somewhat rustic colonial era house. Danielle easily adapted to her new life on a Maine farm: feeding a wood-burning furnace



Danielle Morse Loomis Torrey

in the cellar to get through the harsh winters, gradually updating and modernizing a house that still featured 19th century amenities, working a summer vegetable garden, taking care of the animals, and of course, raising her and Calvin's six children: James, Samuel, Pamela, Linda, Nathan, and Debbie. Danielle often said that these were the happiest time of her life. She provided a loving and joyful home for her family: cooking fabulous meals; sewing clothes; driving to countless girl-scout meetings, music lessons, sports practices, and at countless other activities.

At the age of 43, Danielle decided to go back to school and finish her music degree. She attended the University of Southern Maine and graduated with a bachelor of science in music education in 1978. She went on to teach elementary music in SAD 57, to direct the choir at the Alfred Parish Church, to teach private lessons on flute, clarinet, piano, violin and other instruments to many Alfred youngsters, and to put on countless performances around the region with her string quartet. In May of 1991 Danielle experienced a tragic spinal cord injury which, though it left her severely disabled, also showed what she was made of. In her 25 years of life after the accident, she never once bemoaned her fate or complained in any way. She lived as full and normal a life as was possible in the circumstances, delighting in her children and grandchildren, and reading, painting, knitting, and making jewelry despite the limited use of her hands.

Danielle was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters, Francis Elizabeth Loomis and Marion Loomis Ascoli, and recently her husband Calvin. She is survived by her six children and eight grandchildren: Lisa and Malorie Torrey; William, Grace, and Danielle Collinson; Calvin and Gary Kersbergen; and Elizabeth Torrey. There will be a service for both Danielle and Calvin at a later date to be determined.

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