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Food pantry approved 'in concept'

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After a number of steps forward and then back, the food pantry that some Waterboro residents have been seeking to build took a step forward, receiving approval "in concept" at the selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

The journey started when the closed St. Stephen's Church property was sold last August. A few weeks later the new owners told Food For Life (FFL), the pantry that had been housed by the church for 40 years, that it must move. In October, former FFL Director Sandra Negus announced that FFL would merge with the Alfred Shelters Food Pantry and that all who has been served by FFL should begin to go there to receive their food.

Waterboro resident Cleo Smith,
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Woodland Valley Disc Golf hosted their annual Ice Bowl tournament on Saturday, Feb. 21 in Limerick. Deep snow and cold temperatures (-4 to 16 degrees) made it a challenging day but the players stuck it out for a competitive finish. There were 32 participants who helped raise money and food for local charities. Colby Martin from Limerick, watching his putt hit the chains for a birdie on hole 4. PHOTO BY DAVID SAGE

Candidate's night draws a crowd

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Limerick's candidate's night held on Wednesday, Feb. 25 drew a crowd that almost filled the media room, in anticipation of the annual town elections in March. Candidates running for town offices were given the opportunity to answer voter questions and talk about their qualifications, goals they would like to accomplish as board and committee members, and changes they would like to make regarding existing issues. Martha Hamilton Smith moderated the event.

Contested races this year are for board of selectmen, road commissioner, and trustee of the water and sewerage district. Running for a three-year term as selectman are Joanne Andrews and Howard Burnham. Mark Edgerly is running against incumbent Robert

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Longtime Limerick resident celebrates 90th birthday

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On Valentine's Day, 1925, Jane Lougee Bryant of Limerick was born in a Portland hospital to Arthur and Berniece Townsend Lougee. This year Jane celebrated her 90th birthday in Limerick, receiving many birthday cards from townfolk who are accustomed to seeing her sweeping the sidewalk in front of the building where her family operated a dry goods store for many years. The family living quarters were situated on the floors above the store, and this is where Jane still lives, surrounded by a lifetime of memorabilia.

And she has stories to tell--beginning with the day she was born in Portland in the hospital which would eventually become Maine Medical Center.

"Nobody in town knew my mother was pregnant," Jane said.

"She didn't tell anyone, and people didn't talk about it back then. After I was born, she must have stayed in the hospital for a couple of days or a week, and then she came home. My father drove to the hospital to pay the bill and pick me up." Even Jane's name tells a story. On her birth records, she is Jane Lougee, but her mother called her Alice Jane after her best friend from Wheaton College where she had continued her education after graduating from Limerick Academy. "I hated the name Alice," Jane said with a playful gleam in her eyes. "When mother died, I went back to Jane."

One of Jane's earliest memories is of being in her crib and seeing a woman leaning down and smiling. "I didn't know who she was at the time, but now I've figured out it was my grandmother Townsend. She said I was making this noise. I was whistling!"

Jane's maternal grandfather, F.H. Townsend, ran a dry goods store on Main Street, and his wife, Dora, and daughter, Berniece, worked in the store as well. When F.H. died, mother and daughter continued to run the business. Jane's paternal grandmother, Almira (or Myra, as she was known) Lougee, lived down the hill in the Hollandville housing near the yarn mill where Jane's father, Arthur, worked as paymaster.

"He would walk to work and check on his mother and would go to her house for lunch," Jane reminisced. "I know the spots he worked in the mill building, and now I go there for lunch and sit in those spots where he worked. He lived in a house with women and did everything, kept the furnace going and getting in the wood. He took care of his mother. He kept two households going."

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Jane Bryant holds a wicker doll carriage that belonged to her mother, Berniece "Bunny" Townsend Lougee. Bryant uses the carriage to hold small stuffed animals. The enclosed porch of the circa 1900 building on Main Street in Limerick was used as a sort of refrigerator when Jane was growing up in the house. PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK



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Massabesic Middle School teacher, Joshua Hart, got a pie in the face from 8th-grader Leah Zunser during the school's annual 100th Day Celebration Food Drive on Feb. 13. The students, teachers and staff collected 3,445 food items for the York County Shelter Programs which they passed through the hallways by human food chain and then gathered for delivery to the pantry by the student council members.

PHOTO BY ZOEY DEANGELIS

FOOD PANTRY

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who had been a volunteer at FFL, began searching for a new home for the pantry, to no avail. Discussion was held on possible sites owned by the town, including the meeting room in the Old Town Hall and the historical society's museum next to town hall. Then, on November 25, Doug Foglio came to a selectmen's meeting with an offer from his family. Foglio said, "I have been approached by some of the people who used to work at Food For Life, and I didn't know that there was such great need in this community for a food pantry." Foglio said he and his family had decided to donate putting in a foundation for 24-foot by 32-foot structure and \$1,000 towards building materials if the town would come up with the money and donations to complete the building.

In mid-December, former FFL Director Sandra Negus explained what was needed to run a pantry to the selectmen. She emphasized the meticulous record-keeping that was required in order to receive food from Good Shepherd Food Bank and said that the food was not free. She also explained that the other biggest challenge is the need for physically strong volunteers to pick up, deliver and unload the crates of food from Good Shepherd and from York County Food Rescue (YCFR) once each month and the need for a substantial truck for this use. She explained that organizing and distributing the food are easier tasks.

Negus said, "We served about 250 families a month, or 800 people. The last Thanksgiving we were operating, we gave out complete meals to 90 or 100 families with the help of clubs, businesses, schools and individuals, and 99 percent of the people we served were from Waterboro. I'm sure this town has the support, but the issue is volunteers."

At the same selectmen's meeting, Foglio added to his original offer, saying, "Since I came here before, I have gotten a lot of support from other people." Foglio

said he would have enough donations to create the entire shell, including walls, roof and siding, and have it ready to do the inside work. "A house building crew has volunteered to do the work to have it weather tight. I think once you got a building up, businesses have said they will support it. We could start next month so it would be ready for the next phase," said Foglio. Foglio also added that he had an attorney who would do the legal work to create a 501C3.

Selectman Dennis Abbott responded with the caution to "Take a deep breath. Before we can do all that, we need to create an organization here. That needs to happen before we break ground. We need long-term commitments. We don't need to create a building and have it sit vacant."

Selectman TammyJo Girard agreed, saying, "We need to have a staff making a long-term commitment to make this happen."

Abbott acknowledged that there is a need, saying, "Ten percent of the town is seeking food."

On February 3, Smith appeared before the selectmen along with a number of the 42 volunteers she had on board to commit to staffing the pantry, only to learn from Girard that Foglio had rescinded his offer due to delays in implementation of the project.

This week, at their February 24 meeting, the selectmen voted to endorse the concept of leasing town property that could house a food pantry. Girard made it clear that the town's involvement will only be to lease town-owned land for \$1 a year for 10 years to the interested group once it has secured 501C3 non-profit status. This is consistent with other town properties that have been leased to non-profits like the Lion's Club, the land trust and the historical society.

Smith said that Grace Church of Waterboro is willing to offer its non-profit status as a bridge for the group once the non-profit application has been filed with the State of Maine. Selectman Littlefield said it is up to the group to make the application,

find or build a structure, develop a plan and secure all necessary permits. After the 4-0 vote, Littlefield stated, "This means that we are in conceptual agreement with supporting a pantry by providing access to town-owned property."

When contacted after the meeting, Foglio said that he has not changed his mind about his decision to withdraw his offer. He explained that there had been a time element involved in the various aspects of what he had previously offered, and as the selectmen did not act when the project was feasible, it is no longer possible to proceed. "They gave an approval, after three months, and even then they put restrictions on the approval and are not willing to get involved," said Foglio.

Town Administrator Gary Lamb acknowledged that approval of the concept could have come earlier but stated, "Selectmen asked logical questions protecting the town from possible fiscal responsibilities we had not budgeted for, and are to be commended." Lamb added that the generous Foglio family donation would have covered most of the legal and initial construction costs, but what was missing was the organization and funding to buy food, pay for heat, utilities, building maintenance, insurance, etc. "It was right to ask such questions because without such organization and funding the pantry might end up asking the town for taxpayer funds for operational expenses," added Lamb.

Informed of Foglio's decision, Smith said, "I will have to find a lawyer to help us with the non-profit application. Then we can get moving under Grace Church's 501C3 status." Smith says she has 42 volunteers, which include teachers, bank staff, students, beauticians and church members, and she welcomes all who wish to be part of making this all happen. Any contractors or other professionals who want to contribute to this cause and get a tax write-off are welcome to volunteer by calling Smith at 247-5967.

90TH BIRTHDAY

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Jane began attending school in Limerick when she turned six years old. "The school was where the municipal building is now. I was sick all the time. I caught everything!" she said. "My mother couldn't stand the school system. At the Academy she had had Greek and French." Berniece had homeschooled Jane's brother for years. When Jane turned 16, her mother sent her to boarding school in Arizona. She loved the experience. "Arizona's birthday is also February 14. I could celebrate with the state and be in the parade."

In fact, Jane was in Arizona at a rodeo the day the United States entered World War II. Her mother called very soon after the announcement and in order to bring her daughter home, got Jane a spot on board a troop train full of young soldiers on their way to join the war effort.

Parades aside, birthday cele-

brations when Jane was growing up were not as elaborate as they are for children today. "We had a nice dinner," Jane said. "I would get birthday cards and one or two presents. My mother would give me family heirlooms—you didn't get to choose your presents. My godmother gave me divinity fudge and a Bible."

After boarding schools, Jane graduated from Bennington College in Vermont and married her first husband in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Her mother was dying of cancer that year.

Jane said she had "innumerable careers" over her lifetime. But it wasn't until 1970 that she returned to her hometown. She worked in the mill for a time and eventually spent 16 years delivering the Biddeford Journal Tribune—a job she really enjoyed. "We had some good winters back then," she said. "Not like this!" Still, Jane said she enjoys working outside best. "My calling card, I guess you could say, is 'Just do it!'"

Jane was very active from the beginning. When she was young, her mother would tell her to stop doing something, and Jane would ask why. "My mother would say, 'Because I said so!'"

Now Jane does what she wants, keeping active and involved in the town. At age 90, she still enjoys caretaking—chipping ice from the sidewalks and raking and sweeping the parking lot area at the municipal building during warmer months. She frequents a couple of restaurants in town every week and looks after her pet alpaca, Philippe. She is even planning on writing about how the town has changed over the years.

For this year's special birthday, local people sent Jane numerous cards wishing her a happy day. "It was a really big surprise because I got more birthday cards than I've ever received in my life. So touching. Many of them were made by people and were very clever." Jane smiled. "I was so pleased to receive them."



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Massabesic Filly Lacrosse is an instructional lacrosse league for girls in grades 2-5, who reside in the Massabesic RSU #57 and runs from April 27-May 20. Registration fee is \$55 per player.

Registration can also be done by downloading the two forms from the league website at www.eteamz.com/massabesicfillylacrosse and mailing them, along with the league fee, to:

**Denise Benton
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POLICE LOGS

from the York County Sheriff's Office
JAN. 16-31

Friday, Jan. 16

Robert Allen Ball, 24, of Main Street, Sanford, was charged with sale/use of drug paraphernalia during a motor vehicle stop on Federal Street in Waterboro at 2:25 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 18

Shawn Alan Daigle, 30, of Thyngs Mill Road, Waterboro, was charged with operating after suspension following a motor vehicle complaint at 3:33 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 19

Emerson Sykes, 25, of Rockport, New Hampshire, was charged with possession of a useable amount of marijuana during a motor vehicle stop on Federal Road in Parsonsfield at 6:10 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

Travis L. Smith, 22, of Nichols Lane, Hollis, was charged with operating with expired license during a motor vehicle stop at 8:11 p.m.

Michael Robert Peterson, 28, of South Road, Limington, was issued a warrant on Hardscrabble Road in Limington at 10:51 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Christopher R. Perkins, 54, of Porter, was charged with operating with expired license during a motor vehicle stop on Maple Street in Cornish at 10:15 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 23

A 15-year-old was charged with possession of a useable amount of marijuana and sale/use of drug paraphernalia on West Road in Waterboro at 10:01 a.m.

Following a suspicious activity call on Gray Road in Shapleigh at 10:55 p.m., Kayla A. Harris, 19, of Gorham, was charged with illegal possession of liquor by a minor; Brittany T. Freeman, 21, of Mountain View Lane, Standish, was charged with furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor; Seth S. Doiron, 21, of Malden Avenue, Sanford, was charged with obstructing government administration; Nicholas J. Bath, 20, of Old Cape Road, Kennebunkport, was charged with possession of a useable amount of marijuana; Patrick E. Kerrigan, 22, of Deering Neighborhood Road, Springvale, was charged with obstructing government administration and falsifying physical evidence; and Tyler M. Spang, 19, of Day Road, Lyman, was charged with possession of a useable amount of marijuana.

Caleb J. Jett, 22, of Manor Circle, Sanford, was charged with accident involving property damage and failure to give notice of accident by quickest means following a motor vehicle accident on Back Road in Shapleigh at 11:24 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24

Nathan James Griffiths, 29, of Poleline Lane, Waterboro, was issued a warrant on Main Street in Waterboro at 3:43 p.m.

Luke M. Perron, 21, of Deering Ridge Road, East Waterboro, was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol/drugs following a motor vehicle accident on Townhouse Road in Waterboro at 11:06 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 26

A 16-year-old was charged with possession of a useable amount of marijuana and sale/use of drug paraphernalia on West Road in Waterboro at 7:40 p.m.

Eric Greenlaw, 30, of Johnson Road, Limerick, was charged with operating an unregistered motor vehicle during a motor vehicle stop on Ossipee Trail in Limington at 12:11 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 29

Justin Daniel Nichols, 30, of Parsonsfield Road, Limerick, was charged with operating after habitual offender revocation and violation of condition of release during a motor vehicle stop in the vicinity of North Road and Maplecrest Road in Parsonsfield at 9:18 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 30

Rachael P. Tarbox, 19, of Cape Road, Limington, was charged with domestic violence assault following a domestic disturbance on Cape Road in Limington at 4:13 p.m.

Following a suspicious activity call on Amy Lane in Waterboro at 11:08 p.m., Carmine J. Amabile, 18, of Blueberry Road, Waterboro; Lance C. Archambault, 18, of Desert Brook Road, Lyman; Shayne Winslow, 19, of River Road, Hollis; and Collin T. Gallant, 19, of Irving Road, Arundel were charged with illegal consumption of alcoholic beverages by a minor.

Saturday, Jan. 31

Nicholas Perry, 39, of Roland Day Road, Cornish, was charged with driving to endanger following a motor vehicle complaint at the intersection of Range E. Road and Sokokis Trail in Limerick at 6:08 a.m.



From left, Tristan Peoples, Joshua Palardy and Mya Wilcox from Miss Sundik's class at Lyman Elementary preparing for their fashion show celebrating the 100th day of school. There will be a display of the students' artwork during the Lu Wow on Friday, Feb. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the gymnasium. COURTESY PHOTO

Last call for LaunchPad entries, chance to win \$30,000

For the third year, Gorham Savings Bank's LaunchPad competition will award \$30,000 to help fund the growth of a Maine business. Maine-based businesses looking to grow, entrepreneurs working towards developing a new product or service, and past LaunchPad applicants are all en-

couraged to enter.

Last year's LaunchPad winner Bixby & Co, maker of organic chocolates, was faced with the challenge of meeting production demand for a national launch. Upon receiving the \$30,000 award, Bixby & Co founder Kate McAleer stated, "This prize is ex-

actly what we need to boost our product to the next level."

To enter the competition, visit launchpad.gorhamsavingsbank.com and complete the online entry form. No formal business proposal or supporting documents are required. Deadline is Sunday, March 1, 2015 at 9 p.m.

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Angel Gagne of Waterboro placed first in the kids' division in the recent Northern York County Rod & Gun Club's Ice Fishing Tournament held at Rock Haven Lake in West Newfield. COURTESY PHOTO

Rock Haven Lake Ice Fishing Derby

The Northern York County Rod and Gun Club hosted its annual Ice Fishing Tournament at Rock Haven Lake in West Newfield on Saturday, Feb. 21, a perfect Maine Winter Day.

There were 19 registered adult fishermen and women, six registered kids, five club members, assorted family members, six dogs and many snowmobiles in attendance for an enjoyable day on the ice.

The winners were announced at a 3 p.m. awards ceremony conducted by Club President Lou Polianites.

Corey Sanborne of Parsonsfield was the adult winner with a 2 lb. 4 oz. largemouth bass; he managed to beat out Daniela Dunnells, of Parsonsfield who also registered a beautiful 2 lb. 4 oz. largemouth. The tiebreaker was based on earliest time of registration.

In the Kids Division, Angel Gagne of Waterboro won with a last minute registration of a 1lb. 9 oz. large mouth bass and edged out Ronan Benson of Waterboro in second and Alex Gielarowski of Sanford for third. Honorable mention is merited for the efforts of Joey and Jordyn Newcombe of Sanford who had great catches that did not place.

On behalf of the Northern York County Rod & Gun Club, Lou Polianites thanks all the participants for a great tournament.

CORRECTION

A lifetime Maine fishing license was not awarded to the first-place winner in the children's division of the 5th Annual Ice Fishing Derby on Sokokis Lake in Limerick, as reported in the March 13 Reporter.

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A song for Alfred

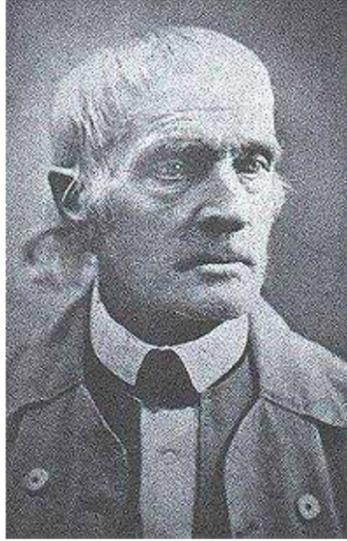
The Friends of the Alfred Shaker Museum have decided Alfred should have its own song. Five members of the Friends asked the selectmen to put it before townspeople for a vote at the annual town meeting. The song is "Simple Gifts" written in Alfred by Shaker Elder Joseph Brackett in 1848, adapted by Aaron Copeland as a recurring theme in his opera "Appalachian Spring" in 1944 and used by the Shakers as a dancing song. It has been heard in a number of motion pictures and at several presidential inaugural addresses. And it all began in Alfred. The Friends are distributing fliers about town asking people for their vote.

New Century Club

It will soon be March, and organizations that have been taking a holiday from monthly meetings will be back on schedule, including the New Century Club. Members will meet Monday, March 9 at the home of George and Ann Dugovic at 7 p.m. Alfred and Barbara Carlson will speak on the Roberts family, continuing the theme of Our Alfred Ancestors. Co-hosts will be David and Torrey Joy. Visitors are welcome. The April 13 topic will be the Parsons family.

Conservation series

Fifteen hardy folks met in Massabesic Forest for Connie Struder's talk on tracking last week. They found the tracks of



Joseph Brackett, the Shaker Elder who wrote "Simple Gifts." COURTESY PHOTO

deer, squirrel, coyote, mice and porcupine. Struder, a wildlife biologist, talked about how the animals survive in the winter and explained it is hardest for the deer, who must live off their fat.

The next and last in the series will be a movie "Growing Local" shown in town hall at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 12. Following the movie, Tom and Amy Harms of Wolf Pine Farm and Steve Gile of Giles Family Farm will speak on their own challenges of farming in southern Maine. This will be the last in the Conservation Commission series this year. It is free and open to the public.

Partners meet

Members and potential members of Partners for a Hunger-Free York County (PFHFYC) gathered last week in the commons at York County Shelter to watch a movie on why feeding people in the U.S. has become a problem. The

emphasis was on an economy in which the middle class, including unions, appears to be disappearing, while large businesses, which support presidential elections, become more powerful.

PFHFYC includes farmers, gardeners, food banks and pantries, non-profit organizations and public health institutions which in three years have provided over 1,000 summer shares of fresh produce to low-income senior citizens. They have also provided fresh produce to daycare centers, worked to increase the number of summer lunches served to children, distributed grocery store gift cards to low-income seniors and organized public events with experts in the fields of food systems and public policy. Their email is www.hungerfreeyorkcounty.org.

Village notes

The potluck at Parsons Library on Saturday, Feb. 28 isn't just for the Friends of the Library but for everyone interested who wishes to bring a salad, bread or dessert or warm dish at 5 p.m. The quilt drawing will be held and a game of trivia.

The Country Acoustic Jam will be held in the American Legion Hall on Route 202 on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Alfred's fox has been sighted again. Report sightings to your Alfred correspondent: awilliams@waterbororeporter.com.

The town hall staff was happy to be back in Alfred Town Hall, the move having been made Feb. 19. Joyce Wood says there was an amazing drop in the mold count after the remediation. The budget committee continues to hold its meetings.

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Town administrator reports at the Feb. 24 selectmen's meeting

Gary Lamb reported that the town has received 142 applications for the open position of Front Office Customer Service Representative. He stated that the process will begin with phone interviews, and then face-to-face interviews will be held. He hopes the position will be filled by the end of March.

Ice dams on municipal facilities have plagued the town hall, library and fire department buildings. Public works staff, town custodian Pete Cote and fire department members wrestled with an eighteen-inch ice buildup near the entrance to the Town Hall Annex last week, and another buildup threatened the area where all the technology for recording public meetings is located. Lamb is designating \$50,000 for spraying insulation into the library attic and possibly putting an insulated roof on the rear section of the library where there have been serious water leaks over the past couple of weeks. He also announced the good news that the air quality test run on the library, including the basement, has come back with a positive result.

Other facilities issues include a need for expansion at the Cen-

tral Fire Station for housing the male and female students who live and work there.

Lamb also announced that town attorney Natalie Burns will be at the March 24 selectmen's meeting to discuss various ordinances that are under review, and on Wednesday, May 13 and Saturday, May 16 there will be public meetings where anyone can come and make comments on the proposed comprehensive plan.

Old home days committee appointed

Eleven members were appointed at the Feb. 24 selectmen's meeting, and five more will be interviewed at the next meeting. The 2015 Old Home Days has been scheduled for Saturday, July 11.

Charette named health officer

During discussion on the matter, Selectman Dennis Abbot said that the code enforcement officer has been a health officer along with EMS director, in the past. They share equal standing in decision-making. As CEO it is probable that, in the course of inspections, Charette might see more structural violations, while in the course of medical calls, Bennett would see more health and sanitation violations. Selectmen voted in the affirmative to appoint Charette to the position.

Rescue sled donated to fire department

Through the efforts of Jill Smith of North Waterboro, \$4000 has been raised to furnish WFD with a Rescue Alive Sled. The sled arrived this week, and trainings on its use will happen soon. The effort began shortly after Linda Park's dog, Dakota, was rescued from the icy waters of Little Ossipee Lake by Captain Tom Langevin and crew on December 3. (Reporter story December 5, 2014 edition).

In another interview, where her friend Jill Smith was present, Park said she wished funds could be raised to buy a rescue sled to assist the department in rescues like the one that saved her golden retriever.

Smith then took the idea and ran with it, starting a Facebook page, "Waterboro Rescue Sled." On the page, she posted in part, "The sled is about \$4,000 dollars and I am willing to try and help do what I can to make this happen for our community. I have set up a canister at Lakeside Market and would like to thank them for letting me put it there. So, please help and raise the funds, not only does this help during a rescue, but also helps keep our fire department out of harm's way!"

Besides the canister donations, Smith spent time on two succes-

sive Saturdays doing a 50-50 raffle at Lakeside that earned \$410 that was split with the winner. The rest of the funds were donated by local businesses. Within about six weeks, these generous individuals and local businesses had donated the entire amount needed to purchase the Rescue Alive Sled from the company that makes them in Massachusetts. Asked what motivated her to set this goal for herself, Smith replied, "I like a challenge! And I like to accomplish the challenge!"

Chief Matt Bors and Deputy Chief Lisa Bennett demonstrated how a rescuer can run on ice or snow, or stand or paddle in open water, to perform many more rescue maneuvers than simply in icy conditions. Bennett played a video demonstrating the versatility of the sled. It can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-PAQ-e89f2U#t=12>

Bennett explained, "We are in waterproof Mustang Rescue Suits and have cleats on the bottom of our feet, so we can run on the ice. We can also carry equipment on the sled. The litter we have can slide right in between the pontoons."

Bors added, "It's fairly lightweight, about 80 pounds. The pontoons displace the weight of



Appointed members of the now-official Old Home Days Committee are, back row, from left, Todd Ward, Leann Coll, Jen Mayo, Heather Silva, Todd Smith and April Tucker. Front row, from left, Kristin Carll (with Harper Carll) Trixie Faunce, Claire Tutt and Karen Turgeon (Not in photo, Cindy Durney). PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

Snowmobile raffle winners announced

The Ossipee Mountaineers Snowmobile Club's annual raffle winners were drawn on Sunday, Feb. 15. Winner of the Arctic Cat snowmobile was Tim Rivard of Lyman. The Abbott's Power Equipment \$180 gift card went to Tony Chabre of Limerick, the Robertson's Power Sports \$130 gift card was won by Nelson Girard of North Waterboro, and the two snowmobile helmets from Reynolds Motorsports were won by Brandon Skelton of Standish. The White Rock Outboard \$50 gift card was won by Jobanny Cruz of Lawrence, Massachusetts, and Fred Cavaretta, of Gorham took home the Alpha Sports \$50 gift card.



Tim Rivard of Lyman was presented with the raffle grand prize of a 2014 Arctic Cat F570 by the Ossipee Mountaineers Snowmobile Club President Chrissy McGinley. COURTESY PHOTO



From left, Jill Smith, Chief Matt Bors and Deputy Chief Lisa Bennett with the Waterboro Fire Department's new rescue sled provided through donations from the community. PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

the rescuer and the victim. We got one of the last sleds that they had. We had to fight to get this one because there are so many other departments that wanted them. It

will also help on a snowmobile accident on the trail or snowy lake. You can pull it with a snowmobile on a groomed trail or on a lake in summer behind a jet ski."

Bennett added, "We really appreciate Jill taking the time to help us with this. It will help us greatly. Training will happen soon so everyone is on board with using it."

SPORTS

Sixth place 'stangs at states
Mayhew, Bixby grab bronze

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Massabesic's men swam to a sixth-place finish at the state championships held Wednesday, Feb. 18 at Bowdoin College.

Cheverus took gold with 360 points. Brunswick was second with 260, Bangor had 257, Falmouth finished with 202, Windham had 161 and the Mustangs had 154.5.

Caleb Fuschillo, Cam Mayhew, Garrett LaFrance and Mason Darling pulled fifth in the first event, the 200-yard medley-relay. The same unit was seventh in the 400 freestyle-relay.

Mayhew took the bronze in the 100 freestyle with a time of 50.09. Nate Samson of Brunswick was first in 46.64 and runner-up Jacob

Griffin touched in 48.97. Mayhew was seventh in the 100 breaststroke with Darling right behind him in eighth.

Darling was seventh in the 50 freestyle, one spot and one-tenth of a second behind Fuschillo who posted a 23.66. Jacob Griffin won the event for Cheverus with a time of 22.19.

Diver Jacob Bixby posted a score of 283.95, good for bronze in the one-meter diving event.

Head coach Chris Niven lamented the finish out of the top five, but he was happy to talk about his full squad saying, "We were hoping for top five, but they all swam really well. This was an amazing group of swimmers to coach. I felt privileged to be able to work with them."



Massabesic's Cameron Mayhew, right, swimming the 100 breaststroke.

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Youth wrestlers compete in weekend tourneys

Massabesic had seven middle school wrestlers participate at the State Championships on Saturday, Feb. 21. The event was sponsored by the Noble Wrestling Boosters at Noble High School where 59 middle school students showed up

to participate. Five out of the seven Massabesic wrestlers placed, bringing home two first-place finishes by Noah Hernandez and Cody Wild; and three second-place finishes by Matt Pooler, Tyler Rockwell and Garret Francouer.

On Sunday, Feb. 22, the Massabesic Youth Wrestling Club wrestled at the Die Hard Invitational at Noble High School where 25 out of 39 Massabesic wrestlers placed. The team brought home 10 first places, 6 second places,

6 third places and 4 fourth places. Overall, the team brought home a first-place team trophy for grade 2 and the second-place team trophy for grades 2-8.



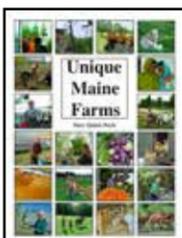
The Massabesic Youth Wrestling Club at the Die Hard Invitational at Noble High School on Feb. 22.

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Maine celebrates farms and national
Read Across America Day

Since 1997, the National Education Association has chosen March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss, as a day to celebrate reading in the United States with their Read Across America Day. Many different events are planned.

This year in Maine, the Unique Maine Farms' project has collaborated with the Maine State Library to see that every town, city, and college library in Maine receive a complimentary copy of Unique Maine Farms, a 296-page book that profiles 178 farms found throughout the state. Through the generosity of several foundations, organizations, businesses, and individuals, funding was raised



for the donation of the books. The Maine State Library has stepped forward to assist with the distribution of the 302 books to the libraries through their van delivery and mailings.

Mary Quinn Doyle, author of "Unique Maine Farms," expressed her gratitude to all those who have played a part over the past two and a half years in supporting the volunteer project and in validating the importance of books and reading. She was particularly pleased that the donated books, which celebrate agriculture in Maine and the national Read Across America Day, were printed in Maine on Maine paper.

BRIEFS

Filly Lacrosse

Girls in grades 2-5 in RSU 57 are eligible to sign up for Massabesic Filly Lacrosse, which is an instructional league. The emphasis is on developing skills and learning the rules of lacrosse. Games will take place at Massabesic High School. The league will meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$55 per player, which covers insurance and a portion used to enroll each player in US Lacrosse.

Registration is Thursday, March 5 and March 26 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Massabesic High School cafeteria. For announcements and schedule changes, check at www.eteamz.com/massabesicfillylacrosse. Registration deadline is March 26.



STATE NEWS

Senator Woodsome reminds constituents to
search unclaimed property list, claim money

Senator David Woodsome (R-York) is reminding his constituents that the Maine State Treasurer has released the 2015 Unclaimed Property List.

Unclaimed property consists of money or other personal assets that are considered lost or abandoned when an owner cannot be located for a specific amount of time. It includes, but is not limited to: checking and saving accounts, certificates of deposit, overpayments, gift cer-



Sen. David Woodsome

tificates, unpaid wages, stocks, and contents of safety deposit boxes.

"I encourage all my constituents to visit the State Treasurer's website to see if the state is safeguarding unclaimed property that belongs to them," said Senator Woodsome. "This year, there are over 150,000 names on the list and over \$20 million waiting to be claimed. It's worth the few seconds it takes to search for your name."

Those interested in inquir-

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LETTERS

LePage's tax proposal penalizes municipalities

As a member of the Maine Green Independent Party and as a citizen elected to a municipal office, I am concerned with details of Governor LePage's proposed budget, which cuts the upper income tax rates. It increases sales taxes by broadening the base and increasing the rate. This consumption tax will affect low and middle class citizens that spend most of their income on goods and services.

The Governor's proposal level funds revenue sharing for the next fiscal year and eliminates it altogether thereafter. He commented that he could find 10 percent of waste in any organization. As a member of the Limerick Budget Committee, I can attest that every line item on the local budget is analyzed. Departmental budgets are voted on at the town meeting. No dollar amount can be increased, but budgets can be reduced after discussion and voting. Eliminating revenue sharing from local budgets necessitates increasing

property taxes imposed on our citizens. To offset increases, the Governor wants to allow municipalities to tax non-profits with assets above \$500,000. How many towns in Maine have such a well heeled non-profit to tax? This tax increase will be borne by local citizens. Governor LePage stated that non-residents with vacation homes could bear the brunt of these increases. How many communities have enough vacation home owners that can be taxed to offset this loss of revenue? This tax increase on Mainers will be especially egregious on citizens in rural and small towns where the tax base is made up of hard working local residents.

The Maine Green Independent Party urges citizens to contact your local legislators to express concern with the effect this budget proposal will have on property taxes. This is one more attempt to reward the Governor's wealthy allies at the expense of "we the people"

*Gil Harris, Limerick
Maine Green Independent
Party co-chair*



These readers had some fun on a snowy day making paper hats out of *The Reporter*. From left, Gabriel, Brady and Alyssa Fenderson of Waterboro. COURTESY PHOTO

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Left to right: Joanne Andrews, Howard Burnham, Mark Edgerly, Robert Richardson, Sr., Stephen Malmude. COURTESY PHOTO

CANDIDATE'S NIGHT

(Continued from page 1)

Richardson, Sr. for road commissioner, a two-year term. Stephen Malmude is running against incumbent Russell Nutting for a three-year term as trustee of the sewer and water district.

Both Andrews and Burnham

have served as selectmen in years past and emphasized the experience they would bring to the board. Andrews listed as some her goals the Brick Town Hall renovation, addressing the needs of the fire/EMS department, applying for grants to fund town projects, and the need of selectmen to gain the trust of town resi-

dents by working respectfully and transparently. Burnham talked about wanting to end the hostile attitudes that have been present in town affairs in the recent past, to do what is right for the people of town, to listen to all residents in a fair and equitable manner, and to keep taxes down when possible.

Road commissioner candi-

dates, Richardson and Edgerly, emphasized two main points: keeping roads safe and communicating with townspeople. Richardson has served as the road commissioner in town for 32 years and spoke at length about the various aspects of the job, including working with other town departments, reviewing projects, maintenance of paved and gravel roads, trainings he's attended, and the way jobs are put out to bid. Edgerly was succinct in his statements, saying he would put jobs out to bid to local businesses and would work hard to keep the roads safe and well-maintained.

Running for trustee of the Limerick Water and Sewer District, Malmude said he would like to create more transparency in the water and sewer district meetings and make sure adequate maintenance is performed on the systems. He said he would prioritize and schedule maintenance and regular inspections, place work out to bid, roll money saved back into the corporation, and look into expanding town water and

sewage systems. He also emphasized that the town is responsible financially for "bailing out" the district if there is an emergency. The incumbent for trustee of the water and sewer district, Russell Nutting, did not participate in the candidate's night.

Uncontested candidates this year are Denise Benton for the budget committee; Judy LePage for town clerk and tax collector; Wanda Johnson for library trustee; Anthony Brunton for RSU 57 director; and Laura May for treasurer. LePage spoke to the townspeople expressing her appreciation for her job. "I think I have the luckiest job of anyone in town," she said, mentioning how she gets to issue marriage licenses, record births of new babies and register cars for young people.

No one is running for two open three-year terms on the planning board and a three-year term on the budget committee. Write-in candidates are allowed for these and for all the positions. The annual town elections will be held Friday, March 13 at the municipal building from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Town reports will be available at the municipal building on Monday, March 2. The annual town meeting will be held Saturday, March 14 at the Brick Town Hall on Main Street at 9:30 a.m.

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