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Students from Waterboro Elementary School recently hiked Ossipee Mountain and learned about wildlife identification, tracking and habitats. See story on page 4. COURTESY PHOTO

## Position to be retired with planner

*Part-timers to take over duties*

By BRIGIT MCCALLUM  
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The position of town planner will be eliminated when Tom Ursia retires in June, Town Administrator Gary Lamb recently announced. Two part-time staffers from Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) will be hired to help the planning board and the Economic Development Committee in Ursia's place.

Ursia, a seven-year employee, will be leaving his position June 24. In his announcement, Lamb described Ursia's work ethic with town committees and the public over the past seven years as that of "a gentleman and a diplomat."

Ursia commented, "After 46 years of land use, corporate and consultant planning, it is time to close one chapter and open a whole new chapter of triangulating my passions in life."

Lee Jay Feldman, director of land use and planning for the commission, will be the lead person who will take over the town planner's role, sometimes assisted by other SMPDC staff. He will be at town hall one day a week, and available throughout the week by appointment for planning board applicants, either at town hall or the SMPDC office at 21 Bradeen St. in Springvale. He will review

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## A sweet life

By SHELLEY BURBANK  
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When Nate and Megan Chasse decided to start up a small, home kitchen-based bakery business in 2013 out of Megan's parents' house in Standish, they had no idea how quickly Sweet & Savory Bakehouse would grow, or that within two years they'd end up with their own retail bakeshop in Limerick.

"We knew we both wanted to do this full time," said Megan as she hand-squeezed a mound of juicy oranges at the work table in the bakery's small kitchen in preparation for concocting a batch of vanilla bean-orange jam. But even they didn't think it would happen so fast. In fact, within two short years, the culinary couple was able to reach that goal. "Nate now works out of the house, and this year we opened up the bakery space."

Sweet & Savory Bakehouse supplies wholesale customers in Maine and New Hampshire with all kinds of baked goods – most notably cookies and thick, giant, fluffy English muffins – but also breads, bagels, jams, muffins, desserts, pretzels and more. The couple also sells at farmers markets, restaurants, a hospital, and their own shop on Patterson Road. "We both love food," Nate said,



Megan and Nate Chasse of Sweet & Savory Bakehouse working in their kitchen creating delicious jam and baked goods. PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK

adding that they both studied at culinary schools. Megan attended Le Cordon Bleu, which was in New Hampshire at the time, while Nate went to New York to the Culinary Institute of America. They didn't meet until after completing their respective educations and were living in Maine.

"There was no one moment," Megan said when asked how they ended up together, married, with three children and another on the way. "We just ran into each other randomly. It took us awhile to get there."

Both Nate and Megan worked in the food industry professionally – Megan baked cakes and Nate

worked at all the various stations in restaurant kitchens and catering – before starting Sweet & Savory Bakehouse and initially offering their products at farmers markets. Nate had even opened a restaurant, "but then I fell in love with baking," he said. Bread baking, specifically. Now he bakes breads for the couple's business, often incorporating seasonal herbs and other products found at farmers markets and sold by fellow vendors who have become friends.

Feeling it was time to purchase their own space, the Chasses bought their house in Limerick

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Eighth-graders Winter Whitten, left, and teammate Cabot Bryant operating their ROV at the Seacoast SeaPerch Regional Competition on April 11. COURTESY PHOTO

## Submerged in science

By SHELLEY BURBANK  
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Students on two Massabesic Middle School SeaPerch teams scored some top places at the Seacoast SeaPerch Regional Competition held Saturday, April 11 at the University of New Hampshire. The school sent two teams to compete in the day-long event, during which students competed with remote operational submarine vehicles they had

built and engineered. The project was part of the studies in science and engineering taught by teacher Patrick Parent this year.

Out of a field of 49 high school, middle school and elementary schools at the competition, MMS Team 1, Winter Whitten and Cabot Bryant, earned some top rankings. "Mustangs Team 1 (Winter and Cabot) placed first in the middle school division for the obstacle course with a time of 2 minutes,"



MMS Team 1 ROV

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# Hair today, gone tomorrow

## Student makes special cut

By **SHELLEY BURBANK**  
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In front of the entire Team Allagash at Massabesic Middle School, eighth-grader Travis Sanborn had a major haircut. In fact, it was his first haircut since third grade, the year he began growing out his locks in order to one day donate to Locks of Love, a charitable organization that creates wigs for people dealing with hair loss due to medical issues.

"I did it because other people don't have hair, so they can have hair," Travis said before the official haircut administered by Principal Mark Fisher. As Fisher cut the long braid, Travis' classmates gasped and oohed and aahed along with his parents, Angela and Ray Sanborn and his baby sister, Anna. The Sanborn family's older son, John, had also grown his hair for Locks of Love, inspiring younger brother Travis to do the same.

"We had a neighbor that inspired our other son," Angela Sanborn said. "John thought

about it and about the kids that might not have hair."

Travis was also inspired by his friend and classmate, Pearl McLaskey, who benefited from Locks of Love after medical treatments. Pearl braided Travis' hair every day at school, and it was special for both of them that she braided it one last time in honor of the donation. Teacher Mary Lyons spoke to those assembled, saying "Travis' good friend, Pearl, was a beneficiary of Locks of Love and thought this was a kind of 'pay it forward, pay it back.'"

Though Pearl wanted to do the cutting, in the end she was afraid she was going to mess it up and so passed the scissors over to Fisher for that honor. Scissors in hand, Fisher said whenever he saw Travis in the hall, his long hair reminded Fisher of one of his favorite bands, Rush, and the lead singer, Geddy Lee. "I think it takes a great deal of compassion for someone his age," Fisher said after he cut Travis' braid. "I'm proud of his actions today."



Pearl McLaskey, left, and Travis Sanborn, who is holding his recently cut off braid that will be donated to Locks of Love. Sanborn's friend McLaskey is a former beneficiary of the program. PHOTOS BY SHELLEY BURBANK



Massabesic Middle School Principal Mark Fisher holding up Travis Sanborn's braid after cutting it off on Friday, April 10.

## Elementary schools to remain separate

Alfred and Lyman elementary schools will not be combined in the near future, a proposal that was previously laid out by administrators for the 2016 school year.

"The plan will remain on the table for future consideration and we will explore the issue of transportation further," RSU 57 Superintendent John Davis said in an April 14 letter to parents of students at Alfred Elementary School and Lyman Elementary School.

The move was being considered to allow staff to focus on early primary or upper primary at each respective school and more effectively share resources.

Davis also said that he will be asking administrators to keep class sizes reasonable. He pointed out that the state of Maine is

still not fulfilling its obligation to pay 55 percent of the cost of education, and that some taxpayers believe the cost of education is too high – an opinion he does not share. "I believe we must continue to refine and sometimes redefine our schools to make them better and more effective," Davis said.

Last week, Davis announced that he will be retiring as superintendent effective July 2016. He will continue to work reduced hours during the 2015 year with an assistant superintendent in order to make the transition as smooth as possible.

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John C. McCarter, 27, of Bar Mills Road, Hollis Center, Class B aggravated assault/indifference, Class D assault/domestic violence and Class D criminal mischief in Hollis.

Christine N. Plante, 44, of South Waterboro Road, Lyman, Class C theft/priors (no value), in Biddeford.

Cory J. Richards, 32, of Buxton Road, Saco, Class B burglary of a dwelling and Class C theft in Hollis.

Anthony B. Woodsome, 24, of Sokokis Trail, Waterboro, Class C aggravated criminal mischief in Buxton.

Charles H. Austin, 30, of Blanchard Road, Springvale, Class C assault/domestic violence with a prior Maine conviction in Lebanon.

Cindy L. Burns, AKA Cindy Goodreau, 33, of Sanford, Class C aggravated criminal mischief in Springvale.

Scott R. Collard, 29, of Pearl Street, Waterboro, eight counts of Class C possession of sexually explicit materials in Waterboro.

Heather A. Cote, AKA Heather A MacLeod, 33, of Gore Road, Alfred, Class C failure to report/custody/felony in Alfred.

Bruce Devoid, 57, of Pleasant Street, Springvale, eight counts of Class C possession of sexually explicit materials in Springvale.

Derek N. Dunham, 27, of Sand Pond Road, Limington, Class C assault of a child, Class D reckless conduct/domestic violence and Class D end welfare/duty of care in Limington.

Nicholas W. Gagne, 22, of Bradley Street, Saco, Class C assault of a corrections officer in Alfred

Terry L. Ireland Jr., 26, of Limerick, Class C eluding an officer in Sanford.

Jessy J. Kehling, 24, of Prospect Street, Biddeford, Class B burglary of a dwelling, Class C theft and Class D criminal mischief in Limington.

Trisha King, 29, of Federal Road, Parsonsfield, Class D assault in Parsonsfield.

Matthew O. Markham, 45, of East Rochester, New Hampshire, Class B burglary of a dwelling, Class

D terrorizing, Class D assault/domestic violence, Class D obstructing the report of a crime and Class D assault in Sanford.

Amber L. Meserve, 22, of Westbrook, three counts of Class B burglary of a dwelling, two counts of Class C theft, one count of Class C burglary, one count of Class C burglary of a locked vehicle, four counts of Class D criminal mischief, two counts of Class D theft and one count of Class E theft in Newfield.

Cole A. Meserve, 21, of Chadbourne Road, Standish, three counts of Class B burglary of a dwelling, two counts of Class C theft, one count of Class C burglary, one count of Class C burglary of a locked vehicle, four counts of Class D criminal mischief, two counts of Class D theft and one count of Class E theft in Newfield.

Christopher S. Michaud, 23, of Wescott Street, Limerick, three counts of Class B burglary of a dwelling, two counts of Class C theft, one count of Class C burglary, one count of Class C burglary of a locked vehicle, four counts of Class D criminal mischief, two counts of Class D theft and one count of Class E theft in Newfield.

Paul Miller, 44, of Westbrook, Class C assaulting a corrections officer in Sanford.

Sean T. Murphy, 34, of Mousam Street, Springvale, Class C operating after revocation with three or more priors in Sanford.

William C. Plante, 25, of Harris Street, Springvale, Class C aggravated criminal mischief in Springvale.

Christopher L. Settell, 29, of Parsonsfield, Class D assault in Parsonsfield.

Brendan D. Sewall, 34, of Main Street, Springvale, Class C OUI/alcohol with two priors, Class E OUI/operating after suspension and Class E violation of bail conditions in Springvale.

Ryan D. Torno, 33, of Breton Avenue, Sanford, Class C leaving the scene of an accident/felony in Sanford.

Melissa Trott, 34, of Portland, Class C theft in Waterboro.

Paul T. Volinsky, 54, of New Durham, New Hampshire, Class E violating bail/domestic violence/contact, Class C violating bail/felony/domestic violence/contact and two counts of Class E violating bail in Sanford.

Michael K. Wilson, 24, of Patriot Lane, Sanford, Class C assault/domestic violence with priors in Wells.



From left, Deputy Jason Solomon, Deputy Shawn Sanborn, Deputy Corey Sweatt, Deputy Bob Carr, Sgt. Dave Chauvette, Lisa Boisvert, Deputy Matt Nadeau, Deputy Gil Hudson, Deputy Darren Cyr, Deputy Travis Jones, Sgt. Kyle Kassa, Sgt. Steve Thistlewood, Deputy Heath Mains and Deputy Duane Fay.

COURTESY PHOTO

# Woman's courage doesn't falter in face of challenges

By YORK COUNTY SHERIFF WILLIAM "BILL" KING JR.

Spring cleaning at the York County Sheriff's Office recently uncovered a dusty, long-forgotten commemoration. The 5-year-old plaque tucked away in a file cabinet honored a young woman for bravery. But Lisa Boisvert's selfless act of courage on that fateful afternoon in March 2010 is only the beginning of her miraculous story.

Lisa and her 7-year-old son were driving along New Dam Road in Waterboro when they came upon a woman waving her arms frantically. The woman told Lisa that a vehicle had crashed through a guardrail, overturned several times and was semi-submerged in the Ossipee River. In-

side the car were a mother and her two small children.

Lisa's reaction was swift. She flipped off her high heels and ran down the embankment toward the overturned car. Her first act was to calm the hysterical mother who was trying to unfasten her children's seat belts. The belts had automatically locked after the impact, but keeping a clear head Lisa was able to unfasten them, first releasing an infant from her car seat, then freeing the older sibling. By that time, others had joined in rescuing the young mother and her two children.

Lisa's efforts were brought to the attention of former state Rep. Joseph Wagner, who arranged for Lisa to be honored by the Legislature for her efforts. Sheriff's deputies must have also wanted to do

something on the local level, but for whatever reason the plaque remained stored out of sight.

Recently, I called Lisa and told her the sheriff's office would like to honor her at an awards ceremony. Lisa hesitated. She thanked me for calling her but could not commit to attending the event because of planned surgery. Last September, she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and has already had two surgeries.

I started to apologize but Lisa stopped me – in an upbeat, positive voice she said she has accepted her medical condition and will do what it takes to beat cancer. It was evident that Lisa's courage was not limited to a solo act in 2010.

Rather, this is the way she lives her life.

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## Selectman to rappel Portland building

Selectman Jon Gale has given himself the lofty challenge of raising \$1,000 for a Portland-based outdoor education program called Rippleffect. Gale said he became intrigued after reading an article in the newspaper about a fundraising event, went to the organization's website and read, "Rippleffect is offering a unique fundraising experience that stands high above the rest. In fact, it stands 180 feet above the rest!"

Gale immediately registered for the event, Rappel for Rippleffect, and called his wife, Debby Downs, to inform her that he intended to rappel from the 13-story-high roof of One City Plaza in Portland. He said she was surprised, but not really surprised, as Jon has taken on challenges in the past including, with Debby, being the oldest couple to enter the 2000 North American Wife Carrying Contest at Sunday River Resort. He said, "We gained a bit of notoriety as the oldest couple, when the National Enquirer picked up the story with a quarter page photo, and titled it, 'Man carries wife for her weight in beer.' A few years ago, Gale also took on the challenge of the Maine State Weightlifting Championships, held in Brewer. He recalls, "I won, as I was the only one in my weight and age class. I was the oldest entrant there, too. I had done some lifting in the past, but never competed. I decided I wanted to do it, just for the experience. I was able to meet my weight goal, and it was a very interesting experience." He is also

quick to add that his wife can be adventurous as well. "For her 30th birthday, we jumped out of an airplane and parachuted down."

Asked about his experience with rappelling, Gale said it has been 20 years since he has rock climbed and rappelled. "For about 10 years I used to climb and rappel with a couple of friends. We especially liked the North Conway area, and especially Cathedral (Ledge)." Asked if he was nervous about rappelling after such a long time, Gale said, "Not really. It's that first step that is the big one. I check my ropes, then I check them again, and after the third check, I'm ready to go. The first step is big, but once you get horizontal to the ground, and can take time to look all around, it's a great trip the rest of the way down."

Gale said he has mostly secondhand knowledge about Rippleffect, but believes in the power outdoor, experiential education can have in a participant's life. "I'm more familiar with Outward Bound, but I've seen the effect outdoor programs can have, especially for folks with low self-confidence; it can be life-changing. Rippleffect has introduced about 3,000 Maine kids to ocean kayaking, winter camping and other programs. I have long been very supportive of adventure programs for educational purposes."

Rippleffect's campus is on 26-acre Cow Island in Casco Bay. Youth programs are all based on the core beliefs of the organization, which was founded in 1999. Its statement of belief, found on the organization's website is, "Rippleffect believes that hands-on education in outdoor classrooms is fundamental to the healthy development of citizens and communities. We are a passionate group

of educators who believe that the supplementation of experiential education into more traditional educational models offers students a more diverse, more fun, and ultimately more comprehensive educational experience."

Money raised will be used to increase Rippleffect's capacity to provide scholarship opportunities for Maine youth, to grow its community-based programs for schools and youth nonprofits, and to provide year-round programs that build confidence, develop critical leadership skills, strengthen relationships and grow participants' appreciation for the outdoors through the exploration of Cow Island, the waters of Casco Bay and the wilderness of New England.

Gale said those who want to donate in his name have two options. The first is to go to <https://rappelforripple.net/> and, at the top of the page, click on "Find a Rappeller." After clicking on Gale's name, a "click to donate" box will come up. If Internet access is an issue, a check can be mailed to Rippleffect, P.O. Box 441, Portland, ME 04112, and note Jon Gale is the rappeller.

## WES Experiential Learning Week

Fourth-grade teacher Terry Gould and fourth- and fifth-grade teachers and students have just completed the second annual Experiential Learning Week at Waterboro Elementary School.

On Monday, there was a kick-off assembly that was highlighted by a "banana bandana" skit performed by fifth-grade teacher Pam Elwell and Principal Christine Bertinet. Game warden Carleton Richardson came in to talk to the students about his job, including safety measures while hiking, rules about recreational vehicles and wildlife awareness.

On Tuesday, the group went on an Ossipee Mountain hike led by Missy Daigneault of Waterboro and Eric Grove, a licensed forester. Grove discussed forest types and tree identification and the Fire of '47. Daigneault covered wildlife identification, tracking, habitat and wildlife food.

Wednesday featured Project Adventure-based activities,



Fifth-graders Rachel Powers, left, and Ryleigh Baker hiking Ossipee Mountain. COURTESY PHOTO

with cooperative learning and team-building skills.

Thursday, the group took a 10-mile hike on the Eastern Trail from Kennebunk to Biddeford. More than 80 volunteers helped make these activities possible. Fourth-grade teacher Terry Gould expressed his thanks to Poland Springs for donating over 200 bottles of water, Hannaford for donating snacks for the students and to A-1 Septic for their services toward the week of activities.

## Daughter dance

The Daughter Dance for girls in kindergarten through fifth grade at Waterboro Elementary School is coming on Friday, May 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Waterboro Elementary school gym. The fee of \$10 a couple includes admission and a photo. Doors will open at 5 p.m. for advance photographs.

## Sea Dogs game

Saturday, June 6 will be Waterboro Elementary School Night at Hadlock Field in Portland. This is advance notice, because if the community can sell 200 tickets to this game, WES kids will be involved in the game in a variety of ways and have a Sea Dogs player come to visit the school. More info will be coming in the next month or so, but the order form is now available, so anyone interested can start selling tickets. The PTO says, "It's time to mark it on your calendar!"

## Cemetery committee hosts workshop

Each year, the Maine Old Cemetery Association (MOCA) chooses two locations to host a cleaning/leaning workshop, and Waterboro was chosen as one of the locations this year. The Waterboro event will take place on Saturday, May 23, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The workshop is open to anyone, not just Waterboro residents, but pre-registration is required as there is limited space available. Members of the MOCA Workshop Committee will lead the workshop.

Cemetery do's and don'ts will be discussed in the morning, followed by a demonstration and hands-on practice about how to clean a gravestone. The afternoon will feature a demonstration and hands-on practice in straightening a leaning stone.

The requested donation is \$20 a person, which will cover the cost of a pizza lunch and materials. Lunch will be provided by Lakeside Market. Contact Waterboro Cemetery Committee Chairwoman Angela McCoy with questions or to obtain a registration form at 651-1059 or [angelamccoy@waterboro-me.gov](mailto:angelamccoy@waterboro-me.gov).

The first meeting of the Waterboro Cemetery Committee will be Monday, May 11 at 7 p.m. in the old town hall. People are invited to enjoy some snacks and bring questions they have about becoming a member.

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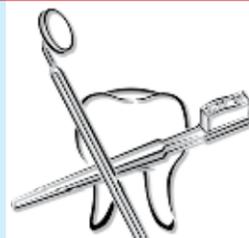
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Waterboro Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 24 Townhouse Road, on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comment regarding a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Article 3.05.02. The proposed amendment is available at the Town Office during regular office hours.

# Beautiful, winning attitudes

## Women place in top 10 in Mrs. Maine pageant

By **SHELLEY BURBANK**  
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Two local women from Waterboro and Hollis placed in the top 10 out of a field of 17 contestants in the 2015 Mrs. Maine America Pageant held in Portland in March. Chara Gannett of Waterboro was second runner up and earned the Interview Award for highest interview score. Heather Cote of Hollis also placed in the top 10 and earned the Mrs. Photogenic Award for her ability to portray emotion as well as ease in front of the camera. This was Cote's second, and her last, pageant, she said. Gannett competed in the pageant for the first time this year and said she also has no plans to enter the contest again.

"I do not think I will run again; however I do encourage other strong, married women in our community to run," Gannett said. "If you are passionate about the community and inspired by empowered women then this is for you."

Gannett said for her, one of the most positive aspects of entering the Mrs. Maine pageant was the connections she made with other women around the state. "What a wonderful experience," she said. "Meeting the other women was my favorite part. These women are established members of their communities. Some business women, authors and entrepreneurs. The list goes on. It is so important as women to uplift and encourage each other. I love making new connections and truly feel blessed to call each of them my friends."

Since Gannett is a public speaker and a voice for the troubled youth and homeless community, the interview portion of the contest was one with which she was comfortable, but she said there were still some nerves. "I am no stranger to public speaking or stage work, but I feel that with anything in life the second you stop feeling nervous is when it stops 'mattering' to you." She emphasized that being part of a pageant can be a growth experience.

"At the end of the day, no matter how you place you walk away with better interview skills you can apply in all aspects of life, a sense of self confidence as you work toward your best physical self, appreciation for your husband and family for their love and support and, most importantly, friendships and relationships that have the opportunity to open a plethora of doors."

Cote also said that competing two years in the pageant really has opened doors and helped her to reach her potential in ways she never imagined. "I am stronger, more confident and achieving things I never thought I could because of the pageants. I have learned over the past three months in prepping for this year's event, that the word 'can't' is being deleted from my vocabulary."

Cote worked with fitness coach Kristy Leconte to get into her best shape possible for the pageant and for photo shoots in her new role as professional model. Her hard work paid off when she won the Mrs. Photogenic Award. "They look for someone who is comfortable in front of the camera and can portray a certain emotion through an image," she explained. "I am doing a lot of modeling now. I signed with Dynasty Models & Talent out of Boston last year and have had some success." She has been a print model for National Fire Protection Agency brochures and education manuals, was in the AAA Magazine for Oxford Casino, and does many commercials. "This has all been possible by the pageant head shots catching the attention of some agencies. I never in a million years would have reached out to agencies on my own, thinking I was not the 'model type.'"

Both women said they were pleased with their performance. Both said they "gave 110 percent."

And what's up next for the pageant winners?

"As Mrs. Waterboro I hope to remain busy and active during community events. I will also be present



Chara Gannett, left, and Heather Cote, both recently competed in the 2015 Mrs. Maine America Pageant. COURTESY PHOTOS

during the Waterboro Old Home Day parade on July 11," said Gannett, who added that being on stage with her husband during the evening gown competition was "humbling" and special because she felt so supported by him.

Cote is moving forward with her modeling career. "Next for me is continuing with the modeling and the upcoming horse show season. My fitness is a huge priority and I will continue on the journey to becoming a fitness model. I know people hear the old cliché anything is possible if you push yourself; however, it really is. You have the power to achieve any dream within your grasp. It's all on how bad you want it and what you are willing to do to get it. You and only you can make that dream a reality."

### BRIEFS

#### Spaghetti supper

The Alfred Parish Church in Alfred will be having a spaghetti supper on Friday, April 17 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The supper is a fundraiser for Pilgrim Lodge summer camp scholarships. The meal will be homemade meatballs, garlic bread, salad and a brownie sundae for dessert. All of the proceeds from the dinner will go towards the scholarships. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

#### Bean and chop suey supper

The members of the First Congregational Church of Kennebunkport will host a baked bean

and American chop suey supper, open to the public, on Saturday, April 25 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the church's Ober Hall at 141 North St. The cost is \$8 per adult and \$4 per child under age 12. The church members will be serving baked beans, hotdogs, American chop suey, coleslaw, bread, beverage and dessert.

First Congregational Church is located 1.5 miles south of the Seacoast Trolley Museum where Log Cabin Road becomes North Street, next to Arundel Cemetery, near Wink's Store and the Kennebunkport Historical Society. For more information, call the church office on Wednesdays at 967-3897.



## MASSABESIC UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULES



TRACK & FIELD GIRLS JV & VARSITY		
Date	Opponent	Time
4/29	McAuley, Gorham, Bonny Eagle @BE	3:45pm

TENNIS GIRLS		
Date	Opponent	Time
4/27	Bonny Eagle	3:30pm
4/29	@Cheverus	3:30pm

LACROSSE GIRLS JV & VARSITY		
Date	Opponent	Time
4/20	@Cape Eliz.	4pm/5:30
4/22	Massabesic Play Day	10am-2:30pm

SOFTBALL FIRST TEAM		
Date	Opponent	Time
5/2	Oxford Hills	12pm

BASEBALL JV & VARSITY		
Date	Opponent	Time
4/22	Bonny Eagle	10am/10am
4/24	Deering	10am/10am

TRACK & FIELD BOYS JV & VARSITY		
Date	Opponent	Time
4/29	Bonny Eagle, Gorham @BE	3:45pm

TENNIS BOYS		
Date	Opponent	Time
4/27	@Bonny Eagle	3:30pm
4/29	Cheverus	3:30pm

LACROSSE BOYS JV & VARSITY		
Date	Opponent	Time
4/18	@Lewiston	3pm/1:30pm
4/21	@Biddeford	5:30pm/4pm
4/28	Noble	4pm/6pm

SOFTBALL JV & VARSITY		
Date	Opponent	Time
4/22	Sanford	10am/10am
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# LYMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Joy Spencer

“Look, he’s waving at us!” declared a child from a kindergarten class as Phil Burbank, seafood manager at Hannaford in Biddeford, held up a rock crab for the students to observe. Some of the children waved back. At the same time, Burbank, who lives in Newfield, was stroking a lobster’s back. “This is how you can hypnotize a lobster,” Burbank told the children, but cautioned them not to touch either resident from the ocean floor. Beside him stood Sandie Johnson, a mother and volunteer who showed the students a variety of mussels and quahogs. Fifth-graders Emily Theobald, Hazel Thomas and Daylin Soule from Mrs. Marine’s class were manning a different station, which displayed bite-sized pineapple slices, Asian pears and apples, plus fresh whole bananas.

The trip was made possible by Lyman Elementary School Kitchen Manager Holly McIntyre, who put a call out to Hannaford to ask if employees would put together a presentation of healthy foods so the Lyman students could learn about food choices they might not be familiar with. Settling down to lunch in the cafeteria at the kin-

dergarten table, Addison St.John announced, “I love Hannaford!” Alexis Titcomb added, “I liked all that fruit.”

“The juice is yummy,” said Emma Way.

Store Manager Barrett Johnson said, “We go to schools to display and let children sample nutritious foods as part of Hannaford’s Community Involvement.”

Anne L’Heureux, in-store dietician, said she was “happily surprised with the wonderful array of fruits and vegetables that the students were taking from the school salad bar.”

Mrs. McIntyre added that she and her assistant Doreen Vigneault “have noticed that the students this year are eating a lot more fruit and veggies than they did in the past.” At the end of the presentation two fabric totes with the slogan “Nutritious Shopping Made Simple” were raffled off to two students. Inside of each was an activity book, pencil and a tattoo. The winner from the kindergarten to grade two lunch was Michael Draghetti and the winner from the grades three to five lunch was Noah Blouin. When asked how to make the program available in other schools, Johnson replied, “All they have to do is ask.”



Lyman Elementary School students learning about nutritious food options during a presentation from representatives of Hannaford Bros. COURTESY PHOTO

## Penny War fought

This year fourth-grade teachers Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Lizotte are planning an overnight visit to Plimouth Plantation. They hope to help finance the experience by a variety of money-making endeavors. Their first enterprise was a Penny War involving the whole school. Every class in the building had a bucket just outside their classroom, and students were invited to take pennies to school to place in their classroom’s bucket. Pennies were considered “positive” contributions.

They could also take in silver coins and dollar bills (with paren-

tal approval. This is where the fun began.) Silver coins and dollar bills were considered “negative” and took away from the count of pennies, so they were placed in buckets from other classrooms. After all, this was a Penny WAR. Excitement and enthusiasm for a good cause were evident throughout the building. The classroom with the highest positive count at the end of the week was Mrs. Roberts’ second-grade class, with a positive total of \$32. Students were awarded ice cream treats for their efforts. About \$1,600 was made on this project.

## Students show spirit

As part of their participation in Spirit Week, the children in Mrs. Roberts’ and Mrs. Walsh’s second-grade class decided they would like to support the community by collecting nonperishable food items to donate to the local food pantry during the week of March 23-27. They invited the rest of the school to join them in attaining the goal of collecting 500 items. They actually collected 505 canned vegetables, cereal, pasta, rice, peanut butter and toiletries. Congratulations to the second-graders and to all those who helped out with this caring project.



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## Master Gardeners graduate

There was a celebratory mood in the auditorium at Laudholm Farm in Wells April 11, when the York County Master Gardeners met to recognize those who had graduated and made contributions during the past year.

Theresa Korish was named the Master Gardener of the Year during the event, while The Gerard Labbe Memorial Award was presented to GERALYN FITZGERALD.

There were also opportunities for members to sign up for volunteer activities. Those who completed their classes are required during the first year to put in 40 volunteer hours and 20 hours each year after that. Approximately 70 people attended the get-together.

A Golden Trowel Award is presented each year to those who have gone the extra mile in their volunteer efforts. Frank Wertheim presented these to Lauren Gallant for her tremendous efforts in apple gleaning for Maine Harvest for Hunger; to Ron Lemire for his help on Pantry Pick Day and apple gleaning for Maine Harvest for Hunger; Tina Bertrand for her "amazing response to the need for



Theresa Korish was recognized as the Master Gardener of the Year and presented a plaque by Frank Wertheim, instructor of the Master Gardener program. Korish was selected for her multiple volunteer efforts, which included the Harvest for Hunger program.

PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

boxes to harvest into when gleaning at Spiller's Farm"; Cheryl Ellenberger for her "invaluable help working on plant digs, to supply plants for the YCMGA Plant Sale"; Cheryl Shaw for the "many ways she has been volunteering in Maine Harvest for Hunger" and Candy Hagan for her help in running Kids Can Grow.

The Thyme Awards recognized those Master Gardener volunteers who reported 100 or more

volunteer hours in 2014. New volunteers who gave many hours were Willis Emmons, 101 hours; Nancy Dennett, 99 and GERALYN FITZGERALD, 211 hours.

Continuing Master Gardeners who put in many hours were Marilyn Champagne, 175; Skip CeVito, 130; Terry Korish, 115; Priscilla McGuire, 182; Joan Shaw, 122; Sue Treadwell 182 and Denis Willette, 165 hours.

## Tucker subject is Parsons family

For some, the Civil War left a family with many bills, and businesses in ruins, according to Bruce Tucker, who spoke about the Parsons family during the recent meeting of the New Century Club. By carefully handling the inheritance left by their grandfather, William, and investing money judiciously, the Parsons brothers of Alfred eventually became winners. Williams' grandsons, Edwin, George and Charles, left Alfred to seek their fortunes elsewhere. An uncle, Usher Parsons, lived in Providence, Rhode Island. It was here Edwin first became interested in the profits from the cotton trade, and with the railroads transporting cotton. He became a partner with entrepreneurs James and William Carhart and Isaac Scott. Edwin then moved to Savannah, Georgia, a center of the cotton trade, and was later joined by his brother George.

The Civil War was looming on the horizon, and shipping cotton became chancy, but Charles and George managed to ship three cargoes of cotton to Liverpool two days before Savannah was blockaded. Rails were being torn up, but the brothers caught the last train out of Savannah and headed to New York to join their brother Edwin. By the end of the war they

were no longer working as cotton traders, but became active traders in stocks and bonds. They were always flexible enough to note where profits could be made. An unusual state of affairs came about after the south seceded – the south was still using the U.S. mails and many southern banks were sending cash north to prevent it from being taken by the confederates. George finally left for Europe to stay until war's end. Edwin and Charles stayed in New York, Edwin having left Savannah when an epidemic of yellow fever struck, as New York was safer.

Alfred has benefited from the financial successes of the three brothers. When fundraising for a library became sluggish, the Parsons family was contacted, and members responded with the library we enjoy today given in memory of Edwin Parsons.

The May 11 topic for the New Century Club will be John Holmes, by Art Dumas. Jim Litchfield will host the meeting, assisted by Celina and Art Dumas.

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Megan and Nate Chasse stand in the entryway of their new retail space for their home based business, Sweet & Savory Bakeshop on Patterson Road in Limerick. PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK

**BAKESHOP**

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in January 2014, moved the bakery operation and acquired some wholesale accounts. In November 2014, they expanded into a small retail bake shop out of the home, adding another star to the constellation of outlets for their product. “We love meeting customers face to face,” they said. “We get to meet the neighbors, just like we do at the farmers markets.”

As for the cooking, rather than marketing, part of the business, the Chasses love the challenge of creating and trying new ideas, and all their products are from their own recipes. This is often a collaborative effort between the two of them. For example, Nate had a certain bread recipe, Megan added to it, and then the recipe had to be scaled up for business-sized batches of 50 to 60 pounds. “Cookies,

jams, pickles ... these are all our own recipes,” Nate said. They are also extremely skillful at using what is available to create equipment for the kitchen as well as decor and display pieces for the shop. Innovation and frugality seem to be two of the watchwords for the business. “You don’t need a special proofer,” Nate said, indicating a simple baking tray rack with a cover that they use when it is time for dough to rise or rest. They mix everything by hand rather than use industrial mixers. They cook their English muffins on top of the stove rather than in the oven. They even have a multi-breed flock of chickens out in the back yard in a hand-built coop, and they offer eggs for sale by the dozen to customers eager for the variously-hued eggs.

“We both love local food and shopping local,” said Megan. In fact, when they noticed the lack

of a winter farmers market in the Ossipee Valley area, the Chasses decided to create one. The new Ossipee Regional Winter Artisan’s Market in Standish was the result, opening this past winter each second and fourth Saturday of the month, ending April 11. Next year, the plan is to open the winter market weekly through the season. A variety of artisanal goods are offered at the market, including local beer, handmade soaps, dream catchers created by Megan’s mother, and the baked goods, as well as locally raised meats, vegetables, maple syrup, honey and other farm products. Sweet & Savory Bakehouse can also be found at the York Winter Market.

Do they sometimes think they’d get more customers if they were operating in a more urban area like Portland? Not really, they said. They have already experienced very good foot traffic. Word of mouth is working, they said, and they also have a website and Facebook page to keep customers informed of what is available. They are expecting that foot traffic will increase even more during the warmer months.

“A lot of people come out for the ambiance and come to the country to get out of the hustle,” Nate said.

Sweet & Savory is open just about every day on the Patterson Road in Limerick, just up the road from Gneiss Brewery. Check the Facebook page for exact times daily. Their products can also be found in various locations in East Wakefield, New Hampshire and the Portland area, as well as the Gorham, South Portland, and Scarborough farmers markets. The website is <http://sweetandsavorymaine.webs.com>.



Alfred Boy Scouts in Troop 345 dismantled a shed at the Lyman Transfer Station as a public service, under the direction of Pearly Gooch, the transfer station supervisor. COURTESY PHOTO

**Scouts tear into it**

Boy Scouts in Troop 345 had an interesting (to them) community service project last Saturday – they tore down a shed at the Lyman Transfer Station and cleaned up the resulting mess. It only took them two hours. Pearly Gooch, who operates the station and oversaw the project, was pleased with the performance, saying it

would have taken transfer station employees a lot longer. Those involved were Jacob Gervais, Andrew Lanoix, Mike McCabe, Shane Thibodeau and his father Marc Thibodeau, Jesse Gonnevill and his father Pete Gonnevill, Nick Roberge and his father David Roberge.

*By Allison Williams*

**Brakey speaks on concealed weapons**

During the York County Republican meeting on April 8 at Alfred Town Hall, Sen. Eric Brakey of District 20 explained his views on carrying a concealed weapon. He feels anyone who can legally carry a gun should be able to wear it under an “open jacket” without a permit. Brakey has introduced such a bill. He answered questions from the audience following his talk. In response to someone asking how best to contact a member of the Legislature to state an opinion, he reported the best method is a handwritten letter. He said over 200 people showed up to support

his bill.

In response to other queries, he stated it is legal to gather signatures in public buildings and a six-month residency is needed before getting benefits in Maine, where Medicaid represents two-thirds of the benefits.

A county commissioner who was present reported that the county budget will be higher this year because a facilities manager has been hired to handle the problems with the courthouse building. He also stated the nine coastal towns will have a higher assessed value.

*By Allison Williams*



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## PLANNING DEPT.

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plans, write recommendations to the planning board in conjunction with administrative assistant Tammy Bellman, and attend planning board meetings as town planner. Lamb is proposing a maximum annual salary of \$35,000.

According to Lamb, assistance with economic development activities and direct staff support to the Economic Development Committee will be provided by SMPDC's Economic and Community Development Director Chuck Morgan. Morgan has helped Maine towns with economic development funding and business growth and expansion for more than 25 years. He will have regular hours at town hall, be available for appointments and attend all EDC meetings. An annual salary not to exceed \$20,000 has been proposed. Both positions await final approval at town meeting in June.

When asked how the town decided to bring staffers from the SMPDC to work with town planners and the Economic Development Committee, Lamb said, "The planning board was asking for them to come in and work for them. They've seen their work before and liked the reviews they got, so that was the main reason, repeat requests from the planning board. Of course, some of those who asked are no longer on the board."

When asked his opinion about the change, Leo Binette, chairman of the Economic Development Committee replied, "I don't have an opinion. They never asked our opinion. It may be better; I just

don't know. I want to keep an open mind about it. Chuck Morgan has worked with the EDC and he's been a good guy. I would prefer to see a full or part-time economic development director, rather than a town planner. There are a lot of changes needed in this town, and they cost money. People don't want to raise taxes, but to bring businesses here to help with the taxes, we need money. We need someone working to bring businesses into town, to work with Realtors, to be here in town, on the ground. And we need to do a study that costs money, yet EDC funds have been cut. If you look at the towns and cities that have something going on, that are developing, they all have economic development directors."

Asked how he anticipated the change might affect the planning board, acting Chairman Kurt Clason replied, "My first reaction is that it will set the town backwards, but with further thought, perhaps not backwards, but not forward."

There are 11 regional Municipal Planning Assistance Service Areas in the state of Maine. Waterboro is in the southern region, covered by the SMPDC. The southern region serves 39 municipalities, including all of York County and a few towns in Oxford County.

According to its website, the commission was founded in 1964 "in response to an identified need for a coordinated effort for economic development and resource management. SMPDC has been conducting economic development, housing, and water quality planning and providing technical assistance to the municipalities in the region for over forty-seven years."

# OPINION

## In memory of P Diddy Rags

Nothing adds gray to your hair quite like answering the door to the York County Sheriff's Office. Especially when the last thing he says to you is, "Your son is not in any kind of trouble."

"Grecian Formula hair coloring is not getting any cheaper these days, and your son is not in any kind of trouble" would have been a great place to begin, but instead the officer chose to first ask if this was the residence of one Michael Simonds.

"Yes," I said. This is about the time all that farm fresh chicken I downed for dinner suddenly is reborn.

"Does he drive a red (plate number)?"

"Yes," I said and those chickens are flying now and my mashed potatoes are caught in the updraft.

"Are you his father?"

I nod my head, too afraid to open my mouth.

"Your son is not in any kind of trouble," he says.

Wanna bet, I think.

"This is just a courtesy call. We've had some complaints about his speeding. I just want to talk to him."



by  
Jon Simonds

I told the officer my son was out for the night, and the officer asked if I could call him, which I did, handing the phone over to the officer. The officer walked off. They chatted. When they were done the officer handed me my phone and we thanked one another before he drove off – which is when I hit speed-dial, ordering my son home.

The moment he walked through the door I was all over him about the consequences of speeding. I told him all about points on his license and how much his failure to observe the speed limit would only further widen the gap between the rich and poor.

"You get caught speeding," I yelled. "The insurance company will double our rates. Didn't I tell you to drive like P Diddy Rags!"

He listened, nodding in all the right places, and then reminded me we had switched cars a week earlier so he could take mine in for an oil change. We had just switched back that very morning.

"It was probably me," he added. "But just in case, when you're driving make like Diddy."

Diddy, as we called him, was a

pure white Maltese stud rescued in south Florida. I have no idea how old he was, but he was slow at everything. He had rotten teeth and was slow to eat. He could never make it up on the bed and often yelped when you lifted him, but he had his lovable points. If you howled at him he howled back in a sound that amazed visitors because you'd swear he was saying, "I rov oouuu!" He was housebroken, always going to the door and scratching at it when it was time to go and he took forever to do that as well.

On the morning of April 9, when the snow fell and I was cleaning off the car P Diddy Rags crossed the road to do his thing. I didn't hear the silver 4-door Chrysler Jeep as it came speeding up over the hill. Seconds after turning to look at it I heard the sickening audible crack of Diddy's skull.

The driver never tapped the brake, never slowed. I'm not even sure they glanced in the rear view mirror. I probably should have had him on a leash. I don't know why we're in such a hurry. We should just slow down and enjoy the scenery. We're all getting off at the same exit, anyway.

Jon Simonds lives in North Waterboro and is the author of "Brooklyn Encounters," a collection of short stories available on Kindle.

## LETTERS

### What is next on the Democratic agenda?

During Gov. LePage's budget meeting held in York County, Joanne Twomey, who was a former Democrat elected official to the state and the city of Biddeford, acted above the law and had absolutely no respect for the security or the police? If whatever Ms. Twomey threw had been a bomb the security personnel would not been able to protect the governor. Very sadly, what had been an excellent question and answer session about the budget was brought to a halt because of Ms. Twomey's publicly preplanned shameful behavior. This kind of shameful behavior is for political gain and needs to be seriously dealt with by law enforcement. If you or I did that we would go to jail. Not Ms. Twomey.

Is this how the Democrat politi-

cal party operates when it opposes our governor, who wants the state of Maine to prosper by using publicly shameful behavior against him in order to intimidate him to do what they want? Is this a warning to all Republicans, especially elected officials? Do we need to spend thousands of dollars to protect all elected Republicans from current or former elected officials who are Democrats? What is next on the Democrat political party agenda in the fight against the governor of the state of Maine?

Angie Goyette  
Alfred

### Maine is one of top welfare states

Think about this, immigrants have been promised freebies from the United States of America, so they have left their country to come

to Maine to live off the government and now Maine's government is going to stop the freebies. They are upset because they will have to work and earn a living or go back to their own country. Think about it, many people have moved from other parts of the state to come to Maine just because we give out more freebies than any other state, especially on drug-related issues. Democrat elected officials have for years by majority vote, generously and liberally, have been handing freebies out to able bodies who can work and earn a living, with no respect for the Maine taxpayers' pocketbooks. The state of Maine is called one of the top welfare states in the United States of America and that Democrat elected officials have voted repeatedly for years which are funded on the backs of its working citizens, the taxpayer. If

we do not put a stop to this spending Maine will become financially a Third World state and then poverty will take over. Only then will immigrants from other countries and drug addicts from other states stop coming to Maine for freebies.

On the part of the citizens of York County, I would like to extend our apology to Gov. LePage for Ms. Twomey's preplanned political public behavior. Also, I would like to thank him for coming out to York County to explain his tax reform

and relief plan, thereby providing us who attended with a detailed booklet on the budget along with giving his time for questions and answers. The statements on making Maine more competitive nationally by creating an efficient, effective and affordable government is why 48 percent of the citizens of Maine voted him in office. Governor, York County wants to move Maine from poverty to prosperity. Thank you!

Lorraine Paquin  
Springvale

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## OBITUARIES

**Richard C. Allen**

Richard C. Allen 79, longtime resident of Alfred and for the last four years of Newfield, passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough. He had suffered

**Richard Allen**

a stroke while driving on his daily jaunt to do his errands and visit friends. He was born on Dec. 28, 1935 in Sanford, the eldest son of Kenneth and Pauline Walker Allen. He lived his entire life in the Sanford/Alfred area before moving to Newfield four years ago.

He was predeceased by his parents and siblings; Kenneth, Patricia, James and Judith. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years; Janet, daughter Bonnie and her partner Bob of Waterboro; stepson Mark and his wife Georgette of Limerick; and stepdaughter Ann and her husband Bill of Newfield. He is also survived by five adult grandchildren and their families including nine great grandchildren.

After graduating from Sanford High School in the Class of 54, he entered the United States Air Force and spent four years in various places around the world. He brought back many memories from that experience and made many friends including Floyd "Thorny" Thornton in Turkey. They kept in touch over the years and shared a love of storytelling. Dick worked at Pioneer Plastics then spent many years at various trucking companies before retiring from Kris-Way Trucking. A mechanic at heart, he was most comfortable working on a car or truck as long as it was a MOPAR! He made many friends along the way that he would go and visit. He never forgot the men he worked with and raced with, especially "Buzzy" Stack – driving into Scarborough often to see him. He drove race cars at Beech Ridge as a young man and never tired of watching a good NASCAR race. An avid race fan, Dick and Janet traveled many times to several race tracks across the country. For the last ten years his beloved dog Jazz was his constant companion. He had just said goodbye to Jazz the week before.

In 1983, with his wife Janet, they opened the Jordan House Inn in Alfred which in later years became The Blue Door Inn. You would find him most mornings at the kitchen table peeling potatoes for Janet to make into home fries. He always had time to stop and talk with anyone sometimes telling or "retelling" a story often much to Janet's dismay! An avid lifelong NASCAR fan, Dick and Janet enjoyed many trips to various race tracks and saw many different parts of the country, always enjoying the drive. He drove race cars at Beech Ridge as a young man and never tired of watching a good race. In 1998, after selling the Blue Door Inn to Mark and Georgette, they traveled in their

Fifth Wheel to The Farm in Bandera, Texas for several winters before coming home to Alfred. They enjoyed the Texas friends they met there as well as visiting many old friends from Maine who wintered there as well.

These last few years brought many challenges that Dick took in stride. Moving to Newfield to live next door to Ann and Bill gave him new projects to accomplish and more time to relax and sit on the porch telling his stories. He puttered around his garage, building shelves for the quilt shop, and finding new routes to take a ride. His daily jaunts included doing errands and banking for Ann, checking the mail, going to the Dollar Store or Mardens for his "deal of the day" and going to Jason's garage for some mutual harassment from Scott, Bob, and Jason.

He sometimes would mix it up and go visit longtime friend Gordon Prime to catch up on the politics of Sanford or go to Wendy's for chili and fries for Jazz! Wherever he went he usually ended up at "coffee" at Dunkin Donuts in South Sanford where for many years he enjoyed visiting with whoever had gathered. They celebrated birthdays and had Christmas parties and generally enjoyed each other's company and daily storytelling...if you wanted to know what was going on, this was the place to find out the scoop.

The last few months brought many doctors' appointments, diagnoses and new challenges that Dick faced with grit and determination. He was recently cleared for a new heart valve procedure. He was looking forward to warmer weather and feeling better. On the morning of his accident, he was going for his daily jaunt to make his rounds and do errands. While that was not meant to be, his family will be forever grateful for the care he received in the months before and the days after at Maine Medical Center and the Gosnell House.

The family extends their deepest thanks to the MMC Valve Team, Trauma team and Emergency Room staff. They made making those difficult decisions easier somehow and treated Dick with the utmost respect and care. The family will hold in their hearts comfort, believing that he is now surrounded by Bud and Frank Howes and Dick Gagnon – the "Archie Bunkers" of their generation; just stirring the pot and catching up. He was a Past Master of Fraternal Order of Free & Accepted Masons, Lodge #55 of Alfred. A Masonic service will be held at the burial to be held at a later date.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit [www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com](http://www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alfred Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box 36, Alfred, ME 04002 or to the Animal Welfare Society, P.O. Box 43, West Kennebunk, ME 04094.

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**Robert R. Varieur**

Robert R. Varier, 75, of Blueberry Road in Waterboro, died peacefully in the comfort of his home with his family by his side on April 9, 2015.

Robert was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island a son of Harris and Evelyn (Dorval) Varieur. He was raised and educated in his home town of Woonsocket, Rhode Island. It was during

**Robert Varieur**

his high school years that he met his sweetheart, Jacqueline Paul, and they were married on Nov. 8, 1958.

Robert was a traditional father in many ways; he worked hard and became a pipefitter working on nuclear submarines at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for close to 18 years. Robert was multi-talented with a natural mechanical aptitude when it came to projects that needed the skills of carpentry, hanging sheetrock, painting or repairing the family station wagon. He wanted his children to have their mother home with them; he wasn't the least bit afraid of working extra hours or an odd job here or there to keep the family well cared for.

Robert was an avid New England fan of the Patriots, the Red Sox and the Boston Bruins. He was a great athlete during his school years; and was the team goalie on the local hockey team. He instilled a strong work ethic in all of his children; his motto was simply, "No one is going to give you anything." You make your own way in this life. The kids remember fondly the day trips, piling into the station wagon and going for a ride, and if they were lucky, they got an ice cream cone of the way home. He was an open-wheeled, modified racing enthusiast who shared his passion of racing with his sons.

Robert was a devoted to his wife of 56 years, Jackie, and loved his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren unconditionally. His personality could be shared as being, "Larger than life" – but, he possessed integrity and values that are hard to come by in today's world. He will be dearly missed by his family and close friends.

Besides his wife Jackie, he is survived by four children, Paul D. Varieur, Michelle M. Hunt, John P. Varieur and Jacqueline C. Walker; eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Celeste S. Potvin and by one brother, Normand H. Varieur and by one sister, Janet I. Desilet.

A Graveside service will be held later this spring at Pine Grove Cemetery in Waterboro.

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In Robert's memory, memorial donations may be made to the Make-A-Wish Maine, 477 Congress St., Suite M1, Portland, ME 04101 or the Ronald McDonald House, 250 Brackett St., Portland, ME 04102.

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**Linda Georgette Austin**

Linda Georgette Austin, 67, of Oak St., Sanford, passed in peace with the love of her life by her side on Saturday, April 4, 2015. She was born at Goodall Hospital Sept. 26, 1947 the daughter of William and Denise Sharpe. She developed many interests as a child, including nursing. Taking care of others would become a

**Linda Austin**

common theme throughout her life. Some of her favorite memories included accompanying her father, a lifelong Red Sox fan, to Fenway Park. She was an admitted "Daddy's girl."

A few years after graduating from Sanford High School in 1965, she met the man who would become her life partner. Like Linda's father, Ralph Austin had proudly served his country and the two were married on Oct. 16, 1970.

The center of Linda's life was family. With the birth of their son Andrew in 1975, Linda focused on raising a family, and also volunteered in various Sanford schools. Eventually, she started a new career as an educator for kids with special needs. She enjoyed camping trips, summers at the family camp in Acton, and collecting rare antiques to highlight

the house. Her greatest passion was stock car racing. She rarely missed a lap of practice, qualifying, or feature racing. She also volunteered as a scorer for various race teams, was an invaluable member to Barney Mc Rae's Motion Racing organization, and became a key member of NASCAR's woman's auxiliary club.

In recent years, Linda had pulled back from racing, although the motor home was a welcomed sight to many each time the Cup series rolled into New Hampshire Motor Speedway. From her experiences throughout her life, Linda always had a story to share and a smile to give. She and Ralph traveled the country, explored light-houses, and her family bestowed upon her the title, "The best cook in the world!" She was more than willing to try new recipes in the kitchen; all while enjoying irreplaceable time with each other.

Linda is survived by her loving husband of 44 years, Ralph, of Sanford; her son, Andrew of Portland; her nieces and nephews, Jeff, Jennifer, Alison, Brian and Michael; and innumerable friends she considered family.

A Celebration of Linda's life will be held on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Alfred Parish Church, 12 Kennebunk Rd., in Alfred. You are invited to visit with Linda's family at the church beginning at 5 p.m. until the time of the service.

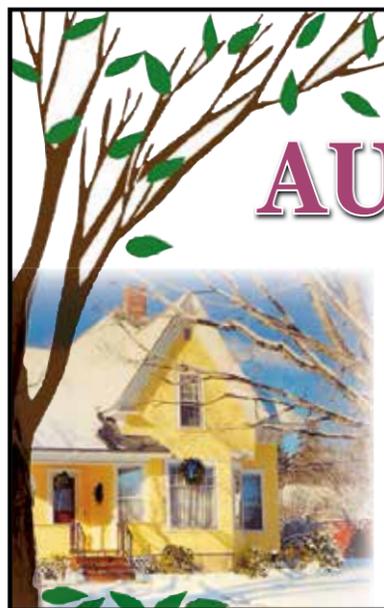
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From left, Pat Parent, Winter Whitten, Cabot Bryant, Ashley Davis, Julia Gregoire and Martha Bowman, an engineer from Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, at the Seacoast SeaPerch Regional Competition at UNH. COURTESY PHOTO

**SEAPERCH**

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29 seconds,” said Parent. “But that’s not all. Mustangs Team 1 also came in first in the middle school division.”

“I enjoyed being able to watch all of the other teams compete and finding out what would be the hardest parts,” said Whitten.

MMS Team 2, Julia Gregoire and Ashley Davis, also performed well, said Parent. “Team 2 faired well, getting high praise for their poster session. Unfortunately, they ran into difficulty during the obstacle course, as they missed a gate after posting a great time.”

Davis said she most enjoyed the process of building the submarine, but competing was OK, too. “My favorite part was building, and the most challenging part was when we had to go to the competition and drove them. I was really nervous at first, but once we start-

ed it was fine.”

Coaches for the competition were Parent and Martha Bowman, an engineer at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. There were guidelines that had to be followed, said Parent, and this allowed the students to use engineering skills to improve the performance of the ROVs. “These students worked hard to come up with ideas to improve the design. Some of this tinkering made a positive difference.”

The competition included a timed obstacle course, a finesse event which required that the ROV be sent to retrieve and move objects to other locations, and a poster session and interview event. The final score was tabulated from the scores of these three events.

Though the middle-schoolers will not be going on to the National SeaPerch Challenge at UMass Dartmouth in May – Team

I was the top middle school team, but they did not qualify as one of the top two overall teams at the competition – Parent said they were just short of qualifying.

“The most challenging part was not knowing what exactly was coming,” reflected Gregoire. “We prepared – or at least we thought we prepared enough. But I guess we didn’t. It was a great experience, and we hope to go back next year and win. Just being a part of regionals was fun. I am glad we could be a part of the SeaPerch this year and hope to try again next year.”

Parent said he was grateful for a number of people who supported the SeaPerch program: “Big thanks to Mark Fisher (principal) for his support from the start, encouraging the idea, helping us with transportation and many other details; Portsmouth Shipyard volunteers, residents of our district that assisted with the build-



Julia Gregoire, left, and teammate Ashley Davis operating their ROV. COURTESY PHOTO

and testing – Martha Bowman, Nate Hall, Cindy Allen, Scott Samson – Massabesic Health Resources, which donated pool time so we could practice and hold our local competition to select our competitors, and Lake Arrowhead Community Inc. for allow-

ing us to use their clubhouse pool the day before the competition. The practice time was most valuable and made a big difference.

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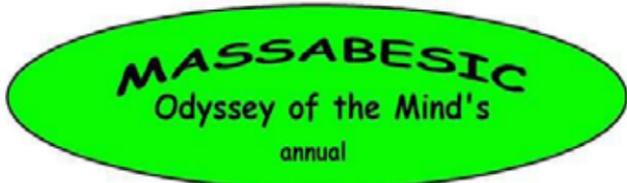
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