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## Living large in a mini house

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“In a small house, you live small. In a big house, you live big.”

That’s the philosophy Bill Chase and his wife Taryn Canney have as they prepare to move into the mini house Bill has been building on Brock Road just over the line in Lyman. They presently live in a large house, but the mini house into which they will move will not have room for many possessions. They will truly be “living small.”

The house will have all the basic needs for two people, like a stove and refrigerator, sink, stove for heat and a loft, where an air mattress will provide comfortable sleeping space. The 200-square-foot home will also have a built-in couch and space for a television.

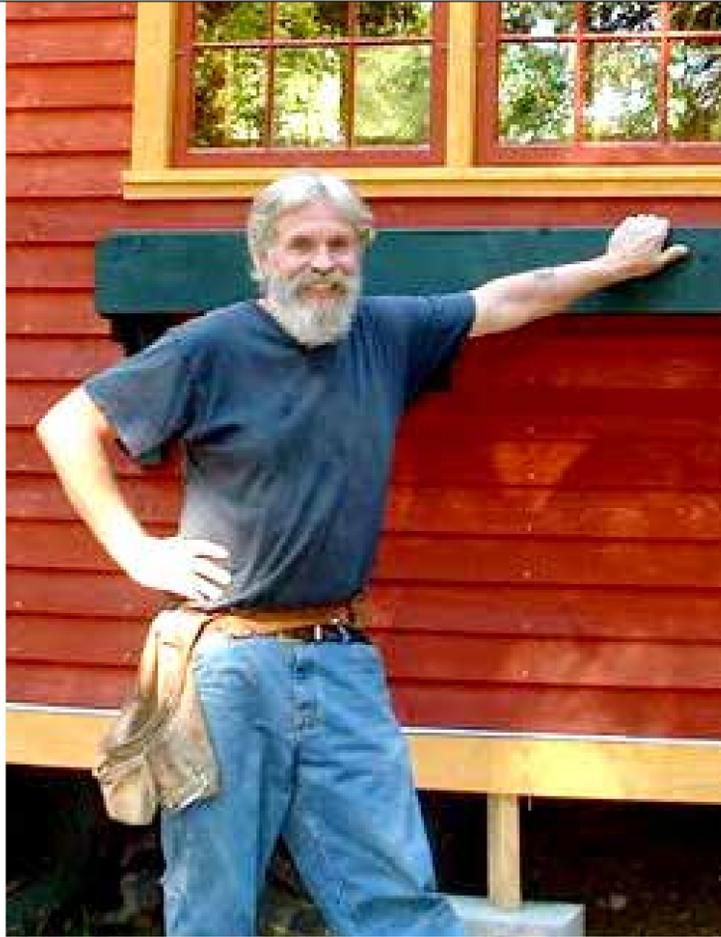
But there’s one thing the house will not have: a mortgage.

“I retired from teaching last year,” said Canney. “We want to travel.” With no mortgage or upkeep on a large home, travel will be possible.

Wherever possible, Chase has used recycled materials, like the windows that he retrofitted. He has been a carpenter for 40 years and his skilled innovation shows. The mini house looks like an elaborate playhouse, with window boxes, some half round windows, and appealing trim. Chase said he would like some day to set up solar panels and water panels.

Chase plans to have his mini house completed in a month. Then the couple will move to Temple, and live in their mini house while working on a house in Temple. But they don’t plan to live in the

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Bill Chase is completing his mini house, which will be ready to move to Temple where he will work on a larger house while living in the smaller one.

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## Campground plans to expand

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A proposal to add 48 RV sites, boat slips, a pool and other amenities at Little Ossipee Lake Campground on Route 5 spurred a variety of concerns from residents at a public hearing held by the Waterboro Planning Board.

If the proposal by DMJ Park LLC of Ashby, Massachusetts is approved, the sites would be located along a 1,950-foot loop gravel road built in the eastern portion of the campground that abuts McLucas Road. The sites would all include sanitation disposal, water and electricity.

A commercial swimming pool and new recreation building are being planned as well, along with a 55-foot by 50-foot bath house located nearby.

“The existing campground of 80 sites is at capacity,” owner David Bozza said after the Sept. 17. “We are currently turning customers away.”

Bozza said his customers are predominately seasonal visitors and their trailer, RV or motor-home remains on site for the season, which spans from May 1 through Columbus Day in October. Most of his customers come to the campground on weekends and summer vacation. “With a

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## School days recalled at old Limerick High School

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Students at Massabesic High School recently celebrated homecoming week as they do every fall – with a football game, parade, bonfire and dance, as well as special activities like a wall-decorating contest and theme days. Alumni gathered at the football game on Friday night to share memories of their own high school years. However, what some newer residents of our school district might not realize is that before 1969, the year when Massabesic High School opened its doors on the West Road in South Waterboro, there were local town high schools that educated students. One of those town high schools was Limerick High School.

Gathering on Sept. 18 in the former cafeteria at the old school building on Washington Street—now the Limerick Municipal Building—current residents of the town and former teachers and students enjoyed a presentation about the history of education in Limerick. Shirley Staples Keller created the presentation for the Limerick Historical Society following her presentation on sports last month. Keller said she culled her research from old high school newspapers, yearbooks, annual town reports, “Limerick Historical Notes,” a book called “The Ossipee Valley,” photographs, and interviews with citizens old

enough to remember the “good old days” of in-town education.

Going back even farther to the time before there was a Limerick High School, the town had an academy for secondary instruction and as many as 11 district elementary schools. One school was known as the Brick Schoolhouse on E Range Road. That building is still standing today, but Keller explained that because it had been used for salt and sand storage after the school closed, the mortar between the bricks eroded. In 2002 it was listed as one of seven “Maine’s most endangered buildings,” Keller told the audience. It stands unused now, a reminder of early education days in Limerick.

As for high school, the Phillips Limerick Academy, later just Limerick Academy, was chartered in 1808. Keller told the story of the Rev. Edmund Eastman, the first pastor of the local Congregational church, walking to Boston to get the charter from the Massachusetts Legislature. On walking back, his shoes wore out, so he made the return trip with bare feet.

The first Limerick Academy building off Route 5 on Academy Hill was completed in 1810 and burned down in 1851. A second building was constructed at the top of Main Street, and that too was destroyed by fire in 1870. The third Limerick Academy was built in the same location and stands there today. High school-



## Then & Now



Above, the Consolidated School in Limerick, circa 1925, courtesy of the Limerick Historical Society. Photo below shows the Limerick Municipal Building today.

PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK

age students attended Limerick Academy until a public town high school was included in a move to consolidate all the schools in Limerick. The “central school” building was erected in 1925 on the hill in between the upper and lower villages in Limerick. Limerick High School, as it was named, housed all the students in town grades one to 12, said

Keller, citing the Annual Town Report of 1925.

A kindergarten was run by St. Matthew Catholic Church, according to some former students who were at the lecture. Jane Murray Garza and Betty Whitely Desrochers were former kindergarten classmates and reconnected for the first time in many years

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# LYMAN

## Community Library partners for fundraiser New board members appointed

The Community Library in Lyman announced a partnership has been formed to raise funds to support library programs.

In other library news, members of the board of directors were recently appointed, and children's programming continues.

To support the library with a portion of Amazon purchases, patrons can log on to the Amazon-smile.com website, make their purchases, then select the Community Library as the nonprofit of choice to support with their purchase. All proceeds will benefit the library's community programs and events.

The board of directors at the Community Library also announced the election of five new members: Vicki Gavel, Rita Gervais, Charles Harrison, Holly Hart and Tabitha Soule. They join current members Fred Bechard, Sandra Caron, David Durkee, Sharon LeBlanc, Angel Kelley-Lord, David McClintock, Ann Paquette, Maurice St. Clair and Joy Spencer.

Board members announced

that, after a summer hiatus, Preschool Storytime has returned. Join Lucretia Russell every Thursday at 10 a.m. for a weekly dose of themed stories, songs, finger plays and dances. Each session will be followed by a related craft.

The monthly Lego Club, held on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m., is geared towards ages 7-12. The library is flexible about the age of participants, but builders under 4 will require parental supervision.

LEGO bricks are provided, and participants are asked not to bring their own. The library will provide the theme, and builders will provide the creativity, imagination and inspiration. Space allowing, creations will be displayed in the library over the next month, and they will also be photographed for a LEGO gallery on the library's website and on its Facebook page.

For more information, call Librarian Leila Roy at 499-7114, find the library on Facebook, or see the website at [lymanlibrary.org](http://lymanlibrary.org).

### ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations to Bob and Judy Knight, of Alfred, who celebrated 60 years of marriage on Sept. 11, 2014, with their children and families. They were married on Sept. 11, 1954. They have five children: Greg Knight of Alfred, Lisa Knight, of Standish, Martha Withee, of Scarborough, Jane Audie, of Biddeford, and Jim Knight, of East Waterboro. They also have 12 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

### Recruiting carnival

Waterboro Cub Scout Pack 306 will be holding its annual recruiting carnival at the Waterboro Lions Club on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. New this year, a bounce house and cotton candy. Come see what Scouting is all about, play some games, eat some food and bounce.

## BRIEFS

# Local man completes national service program

Over the past 10 months, Eric Gendron of Waterboro was one of the 246 members of the 20th Denver-based AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) class who served about half a million hours and completed 118 projects.

Their collective accomplishments included building or restoring 308 miles of trails, removing 553,053 pounds of exotic vegetation, constructing 79 new homes and tutoring 6,249 students.

Each member was part of a team of about 10 individuals. These teams completed several six- to eight-week-long projects for different communities across eight states in the Great Plains and Southwest. NCCC projects support disaster relief, the environment, energy conservation, infrastructure improvement, and urban and rural development.

Gendron arrived at NCCC's Southwest Region Campus in Denver on Oct. 24 following a 17-day delay due to the lapse

in federal funding. His July 29 graduation ceremony took place at Red Rocks Amphitheatre, tipping a hat to the NCCC's historic roots. Red Rocks Amphitheatre, opening in 1941, was built by the Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Fifty years later, the CCC was used as a model for the NCCC.

Before joining the NCCC, Gendron, who is the son of Mary and Roland Gendron, attended Massabesic High School and Southern Maine Community College, where he studied communications and new media.

Since AmeriCorps NCCC launched in 1994, 17,000 young adults have helped veterans, homeless people, those with disabilities, at-risk youth, schools, parks, disaster zones, and nonprofit organizations. These groups all benefit from the ongoing service of the 18- to 24-year-olds who dedicate 10 months of their time to strengthen communities across the nation.

## Local homeschool group hosting seminars

To help parents and students who are currently involved in homeschooling or who want to learn more about the educational option, the T.E.A.C.H. Homeschool Group of South Waterboro is offering two seminars at the Royal Ridge Church, 6 Royal Ridge Road in Scarborough.

Nuts & Bolts of Homeschooling will be held 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 for those just starting out or who are interested in exploring this educational option.

Homeschooling through High School seminar will be 8:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, for parents and students just starting to homeschool at the high school level or the veteran home-schooler whose student is close to graduating.

Both days will feature guest speakers, including national homeschool expert Shirley Minster, founder of Royal Academy Education; John Day, the dual enrollment officer at York Coun-

ty Community College; Brandon Parise, co-founder of Casco Bay Achievement; Danielle Ebbrecht, the college and career planning expert from YCCC; Heidi Sampson and Bianca Moses, both veteran home-schoolers and leaders of T.E.A.C.H.

Opportunities will be provided to learn about home-school communities and local academic resources, find out about home-school co-ops, glean insight into how to manage a career while homeschooling and to browse the book shop for additional resources.

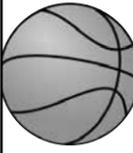
According to the Maine Department of Education's website, more than 5,000 families chose to homeschool their children in Maine last year and interest appears to be growing.

For more information or to register for one or both seminars, please go to the T.E.A.C.H. website at <http://www/teachhomeschool.org/>.



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### Haunted Town Hall



Join us on Friday, Oct. 24 for some pre-Halloween mayhem. Walk through the haunted basement of old town hall, if you dare, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Arrive early and participate in our second annual Zombie Walk at 6 p.m., or just come see the zombies as they make their way around the buildings.

**Friday, Oct. 24 - FREE**

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**POLICE NOTES**

**Arrest made in Newfield meth lab case**

A Waterboro woman has been charged in a methamphetamine trafficking case in Newfield that was under investigation by the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency over the summer.

Caitlin Bigelow, 26, was arrested without incident Tuesday, Sept. 23 at her home in North Waterboro and transported to the York County Jail, where bail was set at \$5,000.



Caitlin Bigelow

Deputies from the York County Sheriff's Office said they observed several items commonly used for manufacturing the drug when they attempted to serve eviction paperwork June 2 to Bigelow. Bigelow, who was not home at the time, was renting a mobile home at 481 Stone Road in Newfield.

In a prepared release, Maine Public Safety spokesman Stephen McCausland said the items included gas generators made from soda bottles with rubber tubing affixed to the bottle openings, numerous empty pseudoephedrine blister packs and granular cold packs, along with other items indicative of methamphetamine manufacturing. The deputies notified MDEA and agents responded to set up a safety perimeter. MDEA's Lab Team served a

search warrant at Bigelow's home June 3 with the assistance of the Newfield Fire Department and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

The DEP was onsite to ensure the hazardous waste related to the operation was disposed of safely. Specially trained agents from around the state, along with a state chemist, used specialized equipment to dismantle about 10 "one pot" laboratories inside the home, according to police.

"The coordinated efforts of MDEA, DEP and the Newfield Fire Department resulted in the safe resolution of an extremely dangerous situation," said MDEA Commander Scott Pelletier in the news release.

Pelletier said during the summer, agents from the MDEA's York District Task Force continued the investigation by conducting interviews and reviewing the analysis of evidence seized from the house. Based on the evidence obtained, agents applied for and received an arrest warrant for Bigelow charging her with unlawful trafficking in Schedule W drugs.

No further information was available at press time.

**Fatal tractor accident**

A local man died Wednesday after being pinned by a tractor in what appears to be an accident.

York County Sheriff's Deputies and Sacopec Valley Rescue Units responded just after noon to 121 Collins Road in Parsonsfield to find John David, 66, of Parsonsfield dead at the scene.

Police say David had been pulling a stump from the ground with his International Farm Tractor and the tractor tipped over, pinning him underneath. No further information was available.

**Investigation into alleged abduction continues**

The investigation into an alleged abduction reported in Limerick Sept. 14 is continuing, but as of the Reporter's deadline police "have not found any credible leads."

"Sheriff's deputies have found no credible evidence that the incident occurred," said Chief Deputy William King last week. "(N)evertheless, as a prophylactic measure, area police departments were notified about this possible event."

A middle-age woman from Parsonsfield told police she was walking along Parsonsfield Road in Limerick when she alleges she was pulled into an older mint green pick-up truck.

The woman said two men hit her in the head and forced her onto the floorboards of the truck. The complainant, who was not identified, described the men as "college-age"; one was wearing a red baseball cap with black lettering.

The woman said the men poured alcohol on her head while driving her "up and down" Route 160 for between 20 minute and a half an hour. She was dropped off close to where she was abducted and last saw the truck on Route 160 heading toward Parsonsfield.

**Standoff ends without incident**

An unidentified man threatening suicide in Waterboro was taken into custody Tuesday, Sept. 23 by York County deputies.

The York County Sheriff's Office was called around 4:15 in the afternoon to a residence in the area of Route 202 and Goodwin Mills Road for a report of an emo-

tionally disturbed person making suicidal threats.

Police say family members had received texts indicating the 29-year-old was going to kill himself.

A deputy outside the house saw a male holding a shotgun, but initial attempts to communicate were unsuccessful. Deputies then closed off the street, alerted neighbors and evacuated anyone they felt was in harm's way.

"Additional attempts to establish communication with the distraught man were attempted by telephone and loudspeaker," said Chief Deputy William King in a prepared release. "All communication attempts went unanswered."

King said deputies "patiently waited for a response" and, at approximately 6:15 p.m., the man came out of the residence unarmed. He was taken to an area hospital for a medical and psychiatric evaluation.

**POLICE LOGS**

from the York County Sheriff's Dept. AUGUST 15-31

**Friday, Aug. 15**

Robert Patrick DeAngelis, 35, of Merrimack, New Hampshire was served a warrant for arrest on All-view Terrace in North Waterboro at 7:21 a.m.

A 17-year-old was charged with speeding in excess of 30 miles over limit, failure to stop for a police officer and driving to endanger at 11:44 p.m. on Limerick Road and New Dam Road in Arundel.

**Saturday, Aug. 16**

A 17-year-old was charged with illegal consumption of alcoholic beverages by a minor at 2:58 a.m. after a motor vehicle accident on Main Street in Cornish.

Kevin E. Richardson, 46, of Cemetery Road, Buxton was served a warrant at 3:23 p.m. during a motor vehicle stop on Millturn Road in Limington.

**Monday, Aug. 18**

Richard Donald Stewart, 35,

and Jeremy David Cook, 40, both of Calvins Way, Sanford, were both charged with burglary at 12:30 p.m. on Water Street in Newfield, at 12:34 p.m. for burglary on New Dam Road in Waterboro, at 12:36 p.m. for burglary on Lazy Brook Lane in Waterboro, at 12:39 p.m. for burglary on Hideaway Circle in Waterboro.

**Wednesday, Aug. 20**

Christopher Rock, 26, of Island Avenue, Sanford, was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol/drugs and violation of condition of release at 10:24 p.m. after a motor vehicle accident on Clarks Bridge Road in Waterboro.

Bryan A. Stimson, 49, of Windy Point Lane, Saco, was charged with failure to give notice of accident by quickest means after a motor vehicle accident on Deer-riding Ridge Road in Waterboro.

**Saturday, Aug. 23**

Trevor Mack, 18, of Orchard Road, North Waterboro, was charged with assault at 7:20 p.m. on New Dam Road in Waterboro.

**Monday, Aug. 25**

Jeffrey S. Kearney, 36, of South Kendrick Road, Liming-

ton, was charged with domestic violence assault and criminal mischief at 3:52 a.m. on Bennett Hill Road in Waterboro.

Robert C. Stetson, 20, of Saco Road, Hollis, was charged with theft by unauthorized taking or transfer at 2:53 p.m. on Sokokis Trail in Waterboro.

**Wednesday, Aug. 27**

Thomas E. Rolfe, 48, of Beaver Dam Road, North Waterboro was charged with violating conditions of release, operating after a suspension and operating under the influence of alcohol/drugs at 10:22 a.m. during a motor vehicle stop on Sokokis Trail, Waterboro.

**Thursday, Aug. 28**

Benjamin R. Theriault, 19, of Northland Court, North Waterboro was charged with assault and violating conditions of release at 11:46 a.m. on New Dam Road.

**Sunday, Aug. 31**

James E. Ducrow, 41, of Leisure Lane, East Waterboro, was charged with an accident involving property damage and sale and use of drug paraphernalia at 11:03 a.m. after a motor vehicle accident on Old Alfred Road in Waterboro.

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# Care should be taken with wasp nests

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Since the story about the large bald-faced hornet nests at the Massabesic Middle School field was published, calls have come in from homeowners seeing similar nests in garages, barns, trees and on the ground. Three have been spotted at Waterboro Library, one hanging from a roofline and two small ones inside a recycling bin. Others have been dealing with nests in the ground and wasps attacking drones in nearby beekeepers' hives.

Local pest management specialist Betty Welch of Maine Multipest in Acton described the phenomenon of rising numbers of wasp nests as a "worldwide story, with some countries describing up to a 200 percent rise in numbers."

In our area there are three kinds of wasps that can be problematic. One is the bald-faced "hornet" and the other pest most encountered is the yellow jacket. While there is general confusion about this, both of them are members of the wasp family of insects. The third, which does not seem to be a problem locally, but has been reported as close as Gorham, is called the cicada killer, a large wasp that stings cicadas in the air and feeds them to their young. All wasps have the capacity to inflict multiple stings without injuring themselves.

"Last week we were the only place in town that had wasp spray on hand," said Andy Woodsome, owner of Woodsome's Feeds 'N Needs. "Everyone else had sold out. Luckily we had a good supply because so many people are looking for it."

Welch said this summer saw perfect weather for wasp development with its warmth and warm nights. This led to the development of a much higher number of

queens. Wasps have annual colonies that last for only one year. The colony dies in the fall, with only the newly produced queens surviving the winter. The new queens leave their nests during late summer and mate with males. The queens then seek out overwintering sites, such as under loose bark, in rotted logs, under siding or tile, and in other small crevices and spaces, where they become dormant. These queens become active the following spring when temperatures rise. They search for favorable nesting sites to construct new nests and do not reuse old nests.

The heavy snows of last winter provided perfect overwintering conditions for the large number of queens, who then laid a few eggs to produce workers, and set about starting new nests as spring freed them and warmed the air. While the nests start out small, as more and more workers develop, a nest the size of a baseball can increase to the size of a volleyball in one week. So the sooner a nest is spotted and dealt with, the less complicated the removal will be.

When asked about the safest way to deal with both hanging nests and nests in the ground, Welch said one misconception is pouring gasoline in the ground and lighting it to burn out the nest. Besides being dangerous, Welch said it simply does not do the entire job. While the mouth of the nest may appear to be a simple hole, it is really the opening to a hollow softball or football-sized paper-like opening made of the same sort of material as hanging nests. Yellow jackets take over an abandoned nest of some mammal, and attach their paper next to the root of a tree to anchor it. The nest is actually located to the left or right of the cavity that can be seen. It is best to spray late at

night when the insects are most docile, and then it is essential to dig up the entire nest. Spraying is not enough. Even after spraying there are still young that are hatching in protective honeycomb-like segments of the nest. They will continue to hatch after spraying, and the problem will continue. It is the same for hanging nests, as young can continue to hatch for days after spraying.

Another problem is that, while a queen will not use a previously occupied nest to build a new one, a queen might overwinter in it, or other wasps may move into it. In addition, other scavenger insects may occupy it, including carpet beetles. If the nest is close to a house, these could lead to a carpet infestation. So removal is an essential part of treating a nest.

When asked how a pest management specialist differs from a homeowner, Welch explained that as licensed sprayers, they have access to sprays that have residual effects even after they dry, in contrast with the products available in stores. The specialist first looks for nests during an inspection. Then they spray and immediately remove the nest, placing it in a heavy plastic bag or covered bucket. This is essential, to keep other insects from moving in, and to contain hatching wasps that can continue to be active for up to four days.

In an email, Welch shared some helpful information, including the fact that "Wasps will always go for your head and neck area first because usually that is the most sensitive area on a predator. The arms are a close second. So taking extra precaution to protect those areas is good practice. In addition, wasps are also attracted to bright colors. So wearing dull colors can help in avoiding being stung or at least making you less attractive to them. I always wear



Ella Ridley shows wasp nest treatment sprays at Woodsome's Feeds 'N Needs in Waterboro. Ella is the daughter of Cara and Joseph Ridley of Shapleigh.

PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

black and gray. I used to have a neon orange flashlight that hung on my belt but they would often attack it when treating, so I leave that flashlight in the truck."

Her advice if you do get stung is two-fold. First, apply an ice-pack to the area. This will help to stop the venom from spreading, but the area should also be washed with antibacterial or even mild dish soap. Because wasps feed on refuse they pick up there is a lot of bacteria on their legs and stingers. There have been cases of infections due to wasp stings. Some people even use vinegar or

the old Native American remedy of putting mud on the sting if the stinger breaks off. With wasps this usually only happens if you swat them mid-sting.

On a very different tack, Welch has been approached by crafters who want the nests she has removed. Her response is that the best time to collect a nest is in winter after all possibility of live wasps in the nest is over.

Welch is happy to respond to residents' questions, and also provides free inspections. Maine Multipest can be reached at 604-6969 or mainemultipest@live.com.

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## Food For Life needs new home

The property that formerly housed St. Stephens Episcopal Church has been sold, and the food pantry that operated there for 40 years needs to move.

The new owners, Michael Obrien and Guy Gaudette, hope to establish a performing arts center, and are working to secure the permits that would be required. But due to local ordinances and state regulations, Food For Life needs to find a new location.

Food For Life (FFL), one of the first food pantries established in York County, was founded in 1984, and operated for four decades out of the church.

In June the Episcopalian church closed and the building was put up for sale, although the pantry continued to operate while a new owner was sought. The property was sold Aug. 29, and originally the new owners planned to allow FFL to continue operating.

Compliance with state regulations made that impossible, however, and on Sept. 10 pantry director Sandra Negus was told the pantry has to move out.

"We do not have an exact date to be out," Negus said, "but the sooner the better. Ideally by cold weather when they start renovating inside."

According to Negus, FFL serves approximately 20 families each month, 99 percent of whom live in Waterboro. It also serves others who live in nearby communities that do not have a pantry. To date this year, FFL has given food to about 250 people a month. The pantry receives roughly 5,000 pounds of food a year, with monthly deliveries from Good Shepherd Food Bank, York County Food Rescue and York County Shelters. Countless other local organizations, including the Ossipee Mountain ATVers and Snowmobile Club, Waterboro Elementary School and local individuals, contribute both food and money every month. During the growing season Ossipee Meadows Garden Club, Waterboro Community Gardens and private

gardeners provide produce to the pantry.

Individuals and families who seek help from the pantry come from all walks of life and all ages, Negus said. Some are employed and some are not, but all who come need food assistance. If someone comes from outside Waterboro, they are always given food. If they live in a town with a pantry they are given information about the more local source of food, but always provided food. There is no form of "qualifying," said Negus, and assistance is always given. Under normal circumstances, an individual or family receives food assistance once a month.

FFL is not a 501C3 non-profit, but has been operating under the umbrella of an organization that is a nonprofit. Until now, St. Stephens has provided the status to the pantry.

Negus started volunteering at FFL several years ago and, when the past director left, she took it over and has been pantry director for the last six years. Negus said she is committed to continue operating in Waterboro. Ideally the location would be a nonprofit and offer the umbrella status. Another scenario would be for a location to be offered, and the nonprofit status covered by a different entity.

When asked what the pantry needs, Negus said the pantry has two upright freezers, one small chest freezer, and one side-side fridge/freezer. It would need shelf space for storage, as well as space for a number of people to staff tables where food is given out. Areas where parents, children, and elderly can wait would also be needed, along with handicapped accessibility and a ramp for food to be delivered and carried out.

For more information or to offer assistance, pantry director Sandra Negus can be reached at 210-8163.

## Snowmobilers welcome

Ossipee Mountain Snowmobile Club members will meet Saturday, Oct. 4 for a dinner at 6 p.m. and business meeting at 7 p.m.

Current membership with OMSC and the Maine Snowmobile Association expires on Sept. 30. To join or continue member-

ship, complete the application at <http://www.ossipeemountaineers.com> and send it with the \$30 membership fee and any generous donation to: OMSC – Membership Chair, P.O. Box 273, East Waterboro, ME 04030. Half of the membership fee supports the local clubhouse operations, the maintenance of the trail systems and the equipment to groom trails. Additional donations are always welcome, as \$15 of the fee is submitted for state membership, which includes a \$3,500 accidental loss insurance policy.

## Library to host tick talk

Field epidemiologist Lisa DiFedele will present a 30-minute educational talk on vector-borne diseases in Maine. Epidemiology is the study of how disease spreads and can be controlled. Vector-borne disease is the term commonly used to describe an illness caused by an infectious microbe that is transmitted to people by blood-sucking insects. Those that most commonly serve as vectors include blood-sucking insects such as mosquitoes, fleas, lice, biting (black) flies and bugs, and blood-sucking arachnids such as mites and ticks. The term "vector" refers to any of these that transmits a disease through feeding activity. This talk will include Lyme and other tick-borne illnesses and diseases that can be acquired from mosquitoes. There will be plenty of time for ques-



Members of Waterboro Fire Department and some town employees gathered at the fire station in anticipation of the birth of Alex and Shawn Sanborn's first child, Spencer, Friday Sept. 19. Shawn Sanborn is Waterboro's contract deputy. PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

tions. Informational handouts and tick removal spoons will be available for participants to take home.

The state of Maine has many resources available online about Lyme disease and tick identification.

DiFedele works for the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Infectious Disease Epidemiology Program as an infectious disease field epidemiologist for York County. She has her master's in public health from Yale, and has been in her position in Maine for over two years.

DiFedele has completed field epidemiology on parasites in South America, malaria in Africa, and Lyme disease in Connecticut.

## CEO resigns

After two and a half years, Mark Mitchell has left the position of Waterboro code enforcement officer to accept a full-time position in Scarborough. Mitchell came to Waterboro from Saco. Hollis CEO Peter Gordon will assist with building and plumbing permits until the town either finds an interim CEO or fills the position.



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The Town of Waterboro Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall on **Tuesday, October 14, 2014** beginning at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comment regarding a Zoning Ordinance amendment to Article 2, Section 2.08 – Size Reductions or Increases. Copies of the proposed amendments are available at the Town Hall.

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# ALFRED

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## Community garden

The Parks and Rec Committee continues to work toward a community garden for Alfred, behind the Alfred Public Safety Building. The members are presently looking for cash donations to help with fencing, lumber (for raised beds for disabled persons), fertilizer and irrigation. They plan on 4-foot wide paths (to be wheelchair accessible) with 10-by-10 or 10-by-20 foot plots. Rentals will be \$30 for the smaller plots, \$50 for the larger ones.

Chris Caswell, the new chairman of Parks and Rec, may be contacted for information or donations of time or materials.

The committee plans a public supper in Masonic Hall on Saturday, October 11.

## Parish church

The "First Christmas" book study with soup and bread will continue Wednesdays at noon in the chapel.

The York Association meets Sunday at 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Kittery. The program will be on structural changes in the Maine United Church of Christ to be voted on at the Maine Conference annual meeting.

## Town hall

Town Clerk Andy Bors states the new tags for dog licenses will be arriving in late October, and dogs should be licensed by Dec. 31.

Bors attended the Secretary of State Conference in Bangor this week and on Oct. 1 several town officers will be attending the Maine Municipal Association meeting in Augusta.

Bors states the school referendum ballot will be held in conjunction with the state and federal elections on Nov. 4 from 8 to 8 in Conant Chapel. RSU 57 is asking for funds to redo the athletic facilities at the high school.

Codes Enforcement Officer Glenn Charette states he issued only two permits in August. Frank Carney of 10 Hay Brook received one for a new garage, and Alan Racicot of 7 Mouse Lane for a new shed.

## Fall festival

Games and a large bounce house will be featured this Saturday, Sept. 27, when the Parks and Rec committee holds its first fall festival. Food vendors will be there, with half the profits going to Parks and Rec projects. It is planned to have race cars and fire trucks for youngsters to observe "up close," also crafters. Activities begin at 10 a.m. in the athletic field.

## Village notes

Yoga classes will be offered by Debbie Torrey in the Legion Hall beginning Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information call 608-0187.

Glenna Bouchard was the happy winner of the seafood raffle offered by the Friends of the Shaker Museum during the Apple Festival on Shaker Hill. She won a lobster at LaFlamme's in Arundel.

## CAMPGROUND

(Continued from page 1)

handful of retirees that stay the entire season," Bozza said.

The bathhouse would serve new clients with two restrooms with two showers each for both men and women, along with two washers and dryers. The bathhouse would be served by a 20-foot by 22-foot subsurface wastewater disposal area.

After repeated questions on the same topic, planning board member Andy Cote explained that the hearing was being held to field residents' concerns, and speakers should not expect or receive answers at the meeting.

The site is zoned agricultural residential and the campground

is a conditional use. A preliminary conditional use review was completed by planner Tom Ursia. However, Ursia noted several concerns that need to be addressed before the proposal can be approved.

One area that needs to be looked at, Ursia noted, is the safety of pedestrians who use a cross walk painted on Route 5 by the owner, David Bozza. According to Ursia's report, the crosswalk has been in place since March 1985 to provide lake access to campground-owned frontage on Little Ossipee. The applicant and the planning board have to agree on measures that should be taken to ensure a safe crossing.

Also noted in Ursia's report are questions about the docks

that are placed along the shore by Bozza, who "needs to prescribe a maximum number of dock slips" for the record and the site plan.

According to the draft meeting minutes, the expansion project would eliminate six docks. Two "T" docks extending 84 feet into the lake would be created with slips for 12 boats and around six moorings. Slips would be made available for the public on one of the "T" docks.

"We're only looking at a net increase of eight boats," said the representative from North East Civil Solutions, which prepared site plan materials and maps. He added there is no ordinance that regulates moorings in Waterboro, a concern brought up by Dan Babb, who said there is nothing to stop the campground from putting more moorings and docks in.

According to the minutes, tax information will be researched by Ursia and the town assessor about the way the town assesses the property as commercial versus residential, as well as the number of docks.

A soil analysis, stormwater management report and traffic analysis have all been filed with the town, and appear to address concerns about an adequate subsurface wastewater system, and increase in vehicles accessing Route 5.

The expansion at Map 7 Lot 25 would include a secondary drive off McLucas Road at the southern border of the campground that would be used for emergency access only.

According to draft minutes of the meeting, Ray Briand felt McLucas Road should be used as either a regular entrance or exit because it is 22 feet wide, compared to West Road, which is 18 feet wide and Deering Ridge, which is 21 feet wide.

A review by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection is being conducted and must be completed before a final vote by the board.

"Our next step is final approval, which we hope to have in place this October," said Bozza.

"If the weather cooperates, we will break ground November 2014 and plan to have rough grading of the site complete this year. The utilities and infrastructure will be ongoing and complete by end of 2015."



Neighbors watched with interest as Bill Chase's mini house took shape on Brock Road in Lyman. It appeared too large for a fishing shack, food takeout or even a playhouse. Those who stopped in learned it would be his next home.

PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

## MINI HOUSE

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Temple house, which will be sold. Chase and Canney both said they look forward to the move, and a different lifestyle.

It's not the first small structure Chase has built. He has also been working on a studio for his mother-in-law and previously made other small things, such as lunch wagons.

Mini houses are popping up all across the country, according to Chase.

"You have to think of a sustainable way of life," said Canney. "We have to leave something (in the environment) for our grandchildren." She points out the mini

house is movable and could be used as a travel trailer, but the couple don't plan to use it that way. It could eventually be used for guests.

A July issue of Time, in its feature on "Smart Homes," featured a 200-foot mini house, with all the basic utilities and the addition of both a baby and a great Dane. The owner plans to design a house that is somewhat larger; there are online plans for anyone interested.

Chase says people frequently stop by to inspect his prospective home. Being his own employer, he works at his own pace and seems to welcome interruptions. Whenever anyone stops in, he extols the advantages of a mini house and "living small."

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# SPORTS

## CROSS COUNTRY

# Mustangs sweep home meet

## Aboud cracks course record

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS  
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Massabesic runners swept their first home meet of the season, run in Alfred on the Brothers of Christian Instruction property, on Friday, Sept. 19.

The Mustang men placed six runners in the top nine to cruise to an easy win with just 26 points. Deering was second with 56, South Portland was next with 64, followed by Bonny Eagle with 87.

The easy victory still came with plenty of drama as senior standout Mike Aboud faced his toughest challenge of the year in Deering's Yahye Hussein who ran side by side with Aboud from start to finish. Yahye edged Aboud at the finish line with a 16:34, ahead of Aboud's 16:36.

Both men shattered the course record of 16:52 set by Ben Morrison.

The Rams' Iid Sheik-Yusuf was third with a time of 16:54, but the Mustangs took five of the next six spots to seal the victory. Andrew Mongiat, Remi Gaetjens and Alex Swett each turned in times under 18:00, a pace reached by just seven of the 67 who ran.

Donovan Duffy and Troy Cloutier rounded out the top nine

for Massabesic's men, whose depth makes them an easy choice to bring at least a Class A title back to West Road and perhaps, with a little bit of luck, a state title.

"We're hoping," said Aboud after the race with seniors Mongiat and Gaetjens in tow. "It's been going well, Scarborough was tough the other day and we know Falmouth is good too, but we know we can get it done," said Gaetjens.

The lady Mustangs took seven of the top 11 spots to total just 27 points and a first-place win over South Portland who, despite taking first and second place, didn't have the Mustangs' depth. They settled for the runner-up position with 35 points.

Deering was third with 73 and Bonny Eagle, state champions last year, was a distant fourth with 106.

Maquila DiMastrantonio finished third overall with a time of 20:57, one of just three runners to stay under 21:00. Emily Wasina followed her classmate with a 21:01, Olivia Ducharme was next in fifth place (21:12), Roshelle Morrison was sixth, Brianna Drew was ninth, Maddy Bantz was tenth and Gabby Johnson was 11th.

Drew's time of 21:49, while only good for ninth place, was un-

reachable for the next 38 runners as those times ranged from 22:22 to 34:19. Again, plenty of depth and clear cut hope for end-of-the-year trophies.

"A very solid showing by both squads," said coach Mark Crepeau. "Girls ran great, boys ran great...it's going very well for us right now."

The next day at Massabesic High was reserved for the annual Mustang 5K road race, which continues to grow in popularity. This year close to 80 runners turned out.

Massabesic grad Cory Mongiat took first place with a time of 19:38. Kyle Rhoads was second and Massabesic senior Jack Melanson was third.

Karissa Lambertson was the top finisher for the ladies with a 21:57. Maggie Redman was runner-up and Emma Desrochers was third.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Date	Opponent	Time
9/26	McAuley/West/Wind @Windham	4pm
10/4	Invitational Meet @Belfast	TBA



Massabesic's Abbie Staples.  
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## FIELD HOCKEY

# OT goal from Rutledge lifts Mustangs

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS  
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Massabesic's varsity field hockey team got an overtime score from Emma Rutledge just one minute into the extra frame to capture a gritty 4-3 win over host Bonny Eagle on Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Catherine Biegel got the scoring started for the Scots at the 15:20 mark of the first half, but Abbie Staples hit a cutting Mira Kuni with 2:35 left before the break to tie it at one.

Maddie Corbett made it 2-1 Bonny Eagle early in the second half, but the Mustangs (2-4-1) came right back to tie at two on a goal from Emma Desrochers.

Biegel got the Scots (1-6) the lead again, 3-2, and it stayed that way until Maggie Redman tied it with nine minutes left. Redman set-up the winner in OT to close out the scoring and keep the Mustangs in the playoff picture.

Kelley Wescott made six saves for Massabesic who fell at home two days prior, 3-2, to Biddeford (4-3).

### FIELD HOCKEY

#### JV & VARSITY

Date	Opponent	Time
9/26	McAuley	5:30/4pm
9/30	@Chevrus	5:30/4pm
10/2	Deering	5:30/4pm

#### FIRST TEAM

9/29	Bonny Eagle	3:30pm
10/6	Kennebunk	4pm

## FOOTBALL

# Mustangs fall to Red Riots

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS  
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Jesse Hall hit Josh Daigle (four receptions for 30 yards) with a 1 yard touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter, but the Mustangs (1-2) couldn't muster any more offense against a stingy South

Portland (2-1) squad, who captured a hard-fought 20-6 win at Ronco Field on West Road in Waterboro on Friday night, Sept. 19.

Quarterback Weston Bergeron was sidelined early with an injury, pressing Hall into duty. He completed five passes for 51 yards and added 76 yards on the ground. Hall made six tackles on the defensive side of the ball in a game that was still up for grabs into the fourth quarter as the Red Riots held a slim 7-0 lead.

Mike Risti carried 15 times for 56 yards and he added 29 yards receiving on two catches. Risti chipped in on defense with a pair of sacks and seven tackles.

Tanner Andrews and Derek Coulombe each had two tackles and both assisted on six more.

### FOOTBALL

#### VARSITY

Date	Opponent	Time
9/26	@Deering	7pm
10/4	@Thornton	1:30pm

#### JV

9/29	Deering	4pm
10/6	Thornton	4pm

#### FRESHMAN

9/26	Deering	3:30pm
10/3	Thornton	3:30pm

# MASSABESIC HIGH SCHOOL Athletic Complex Renovation

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## PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, Oct. 20 at 7pm in the MHS Auditorium

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# SPORTS

## SOCCKER

### Soccer men remain winless

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS  
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Tyler Stinson made five saves for the Mustangs.

Massabesic's varsity boys' soccer team remained winless after a 10-1 thumping at Portland (3-3-1) on Tuesday, Sept. 23. The loss dropped the Mustangs to 0-6.

Westbrook captured a 2-0 win over host Massabesic on Saturday, Sept. 20. They held a 1-0 lead at the half after an early score from Omar Muhammed. Gradi Lapika made it 2-0 with 12 minutes left in the game to close out the scoring.

SOCCER		
BOYS JV & VARSITY		
Date	Opponent	Time
9/30	Scarborough	4/6pm
10/2	Cheverus	4/6pm
10/7	@Windham	4/6pm
FIRST TEAM BOYS		
9/30	@Marshwood	4pm
10/1	@Thornton	5:45pm
(TA Hill Stadium)		



## ★ Stars of the Week ★

The following Massabesic Mustang players exceeded expectations by showing strong commitment, sacrifice, football integrity and teamwork during game days. For their outstanding effort, perseverance, commitment, sacrifice and teamwork these individuals were picked by their coaches as the Stars of the Week:

Back row, from left, Coach Hubert, Coach Carll, Coach Boissoneault, Coach Dallaire, Coach Martin, Coach Jones, Coach Letellier and Coach Pickett. Front row, from left, Coach Hayes, Asher Hubert, Payton Jones, Hayden Pomerleau, Daniel Belanger, Jack Jalbert, Collin Scully, Brady Pickett and Coach Sweatt. COURTESY PHOTO

### Massabesic Mustangs Stars of the Week

#### Mite and Peewee Division

Sunday, Sept. 21 the Massabesic Mustangs Youth Football program hosted the Wells Warrior Youth Football program at Ronco Field in Waterboro. Each team competed with great pride, effort and competitive spirit throughout the day. Players from Massabesic and Wells played the entire day with good sportsman-

ship representing each organization with pride.

The Wells Warriors were formidable opponents for the Massabesic Mustangs and the Mustangs are appreciative for a great day of football.

The third and fourth grade A Team beat Wells 18-0; the third and fourth grade B Team beat Wells 14-8; the fifth and sixth grade A Team beat Wells 38-6 and the fifth and sixth grade B Team beat Wells 14-0.

The Mustangs again applaud the Wells Warriors for playing hard and showing good sportsmanship on the football field. On Sept. 28, the young Mustangs will travel to play the Kennebunk Rams starting at 10 a.m. at the Sea Road School, located at 29 Sea Road in Kennebunk..

This week's Stars of the Week is sponsored by **CENTRAL FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE**

## GOLF

### Tigers top Mustangs

Biddeford got a 44 from Jason Vadnais and a 45 from Nick Conley, the two lowest rounds of the match, to lead the Tigers to an 11-2 win over Massabesic in golf at Dutch Elm on Monday, Sept. 22.

The Tigers won four matches,

halved another, and lost just one as sophomore Caleb Roy took a 1-up win over Kerry Crepeau.

Matt Prokey had the low round for the Mustangs with a 49.

Massabesic plays Marshwood on Sept. 26 at The Outlook at 4 p.m. and Sanford on Sept. 30 at Dutch Elm at 3:30 p.m.

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## OPINION

### Gut health

In my last article, "Start Listening to your Gut," I wrote about the importance the gastrointestinal system has on many aspects of our health, including our mental-emotional health. In this article, I will continue along the theme of GI health and offer some simple steps that anyone can incorporate as a part of making beneficial lifestyle changes.

**Take time to eat.** If the gas tank in your car is on empty, you make the time to fill it because you know the repercussions of travelling without proper fuel levels. This same concept applies to our bodies, yet oftentimes we will push through and skip a meal to make up for lost time in our schedules. Skipping meals creates a cycle of blood sugar levels dropping, increased hunger, and the desire to binge in order to bring blood sugars back to normal levels. Con-



by **Jessica Peck**

sider bringing healthy snacks with you in order to prevent running on "empty."

**Choose simple foods.** It's very confusing for people to make healthy dietary choices because we're bombarded by the dos and don'ts of eating every day. Many times, there

are conflicting messages. Here's one piece of advice that you can trust: choose simple foods. What this means is the less packaging and the fewer ingredients the food has, the more your body will benefit. For example, it would be a better choice to eat an apple than to eat apple chips from a bag. This is because the apple has not been processed, if it's in season, has been locally grown, and it doesn't have any added ingredients. Does this mean the apple chips are a bad choice? Probably not, but the simpler your food is, the easier it is on your digestive system and this means a greater benefit to your health.

**Make it yourself.** When you prepare your own meals, not only are you in control of what is going into the food you eat, you'll find that it will save you time and money. Imagine the impact that going out on your lunch break and buying a quick meal every day for weeks would have on your wallet and your health? Packing a bag lunch from home reduces the stress of trying to get food in a short amount of time, is less expensive, and allows you to spend more time eating slowly and thoughtfully.

It's very important to pay attention to "gut" health and to respect the role our gastrointestinal system plays in our overall health. Try incorporating these three suggestions into your daily routine for better health.

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## OPINION

# CDC silent on sudden spread of STML

Americans aren't eating enough chocolate, which is highly recommended by the FDA to help stave off the sudden outbreak of STML. Chocolate is a natural stimulant improving focus, concentration and memory. Those concerned with weight gain can choose



by  
Jon Simonds

the alternative therapy of walnuts or pumpkin seeds in their effort to protect themselves from this epidemic in Maine. The CDC has yet to comment on STML, although it has not been linked to any virus or bacteria. However, it does run rampant in the waning days of summer and early fall.

Otherwise known as short-term memory loss, STML has taken Florida by storm as evidenced in the current gubernatorial race where the incumbent, Republican Rick Scott, finds himself in what is being deemed the nastiest race in the nation. He is battering his opponent with record spending on ads blaming said opponent, who just happens to be former governor Charlie Christ, for creating the highest unemployment the state has ever known while bringing

Florida to the brink of economic collapse.

Christ served from 2006 through 2010, leaving office at the height of the Great Recession. Scott has convinced supporters the whole mess was Charlie's fault. I thought it was Wall Street that created the entire

national mess. People were losing jobs and houses at record rates. Banks collapsed. Scott's supporters are so adamant over the mess Charlie created, I'm toying with the idea of a chocolate food drive to feed the cure for Florida. Who wouldn't donate an M&M?

Christ, much like Scott, only adds to the growing alarm over STML. As the former governor of Florida, Christ was a Republican espousing Republican virtues, only now he is running as a Democrat after having won the support of Democrats all across the state. I know it's hot in Florida and chocolate tends to melt, but where is Hershey's when you need them?

The race for the Blaine House here in Maine is illustrious of the spreading infection. The man

seeking a lease renewal is giving himself an awful lot of credit for job growth since first taking the oath of office. It's pretty obvious there is a real lack of intelligence in Washington these days. However, one cannot deny the stimulus program designed by the Bush administration and maintained by the current administration accomplished its goal of stopping the explosion of layoffs and gave an opportunity for companies that survived to get their house back in order. While it wasn't an instant fix, it did turn things slowly around and appears to have us headed in the right direction. If anything, our Blaine House resident benefited from it, as did each and every state of the union.

If you're concerned about STML, the FDA also recommends dark, green leafy vegetables, such as a spinach, believed to help protect your brain from deterioration. If this year's political races are any indication, brain rot is on the rise. Eat more chocolate. After all, STML is only an election away.

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

## LETTERS

## Rebut to Simonds' column

Let's talk a little about the recent Jon Simonds' column dated Sept. 19 in the Reporter.

The column titled, "It's business as usual for Maine's governor," makes the point that, "Government is not a business." With all due respect to Mr. Simonds' opinion, it is just this kind of thinking that has gotten what's left of the middle class in so much tax-levied trouble before Gov. LePage was elected. Simonds states, "It (government) does not have a board of directors screaming for outsourcing, budget cutting and increased profits, translating into bigger returns for its investors." I believe he misses the big picture because we, and anyone paying taxes in this state, are the board of directors who deserve accountability and honesty when it comes to how the state of Maine spends our hard-earned tax dollars.

Those dollars that we, as taxpayers, send to Augusta, whether it's in the form of an income tax or the sales tax on a cup of coffee that, as Simonds says, "... by those bright and sunny faces handing us the coffee ..." must be handled properly, accurately, and with respect as to where these tax dollars originated - from the hard work of Mainers out there punching the clock every day. The Maine median household income is 3.8 percent below the national average and ranks 29th overall. Perhaps if the statistics showed that Mainers were above the national average and

ranked - say, in the top 10 - then maybe the citizens would be more patient when it comes to some of the nonsensical bills coming out of Augusta as to how they spend our money.

As to the point that our politicians give massive tax breaks to major corporations in an effort to lure them into conducting business in our state - so what's wrong with that? As to Simonds' statement that, "Recent studies have shown states lose a fortune in revenues with such deals," I'd like to see those studies and, frankly, I don't take Mr. Simonds' word for that statement at all.

Finally, his statement, "Welfare is not nearly as widespread as we are led to believe," makes no sense. To minimize fraud and stealing from the taxpayers doesn't make it OK. Right now a little over 1 in 10 people in this state are on some sort of welfare program. The state spends 30 percent of its budget on welfare, which puts us as the number two welfare state in the union behind Tennessee at 32 percent. There are so many programs and welfare benefits available, that it would be almost impossible to not receive overlapping benefits. Maine has the second-highest food stamp participation in the U.S. at 13.8 percent, and DHHS admits that there's a 10.4 percent error in who is receiving those food stamps. Why there are more than 50 specific programs or categories within Maine-Care itself!

When the people of Maine

elected the current governor, his directive was to use his business skills to get this state in some sort of financial shape - with specific instructions to clean up DHHS. Over the past few years he has worked hard to do just that. Of course, his critics would have you believe that Scrooge lives in the Blaine House. Fortunately for us, the taxpayers, we finally have someone who understands and sympathizes with how hard it is for us to make a living and pay those higher-than-the national-average taxes here in Maine (Maine is in the top 10 of the most taxed states in the U.S.).

Adrienne Bennett, spokeswoman for LePage said it best, "The number of people paying taxes has stayed largely the same over the last decade, while the number of people receiving welfare benefits has risen sharply. Do you want the number of welfare recipients to be well above the number of tax filers before we do something?"

As Simonds says, "Elected officials should represent the best interests of the people, not the best interests of business." That statement is true as far as it goes. I believe that elected officials should represent the best interests of the people by running Augusta like a business - staying within a predetermined budget, eliminating fraud in all aspects of our government (including DHHS), and respect and accountability for Maine citizens' tax dollars.

*Carmine Castaldo  
North Waterboro*

## LETTERS

## Taxes, jobs and finance

In the past eight years the country has moved forward in a recovery from the recession which undermined everyone in 2008.

Dramatically, at a slow and steady pace, the Obama administration's plans and actions have led to a gradual and consistent improvement in the national economy. Maine, at the same time while it has improved slightly economically, has not followed that national trend, and lags behind considerably in job creation, business attraction and wage structure.

Whether or not a minimum wage increase is approved and adjustment measures taken will not in itself curb the lag. It is in itself a factor, but local or state government pressure to drive the wage down is much more of a negative driving force against recovery and establishment of meaningful employment situations. Poor business climate is another factor markedly hurting the statewide situation. The combination of environmental pressures against location and development of businesses in many areas, combined with the lack of a real plan to improve the climate or increase appeal, are also very crucial.

Businesses relocate across the nation constantly over years when they find incentives by various competing states to attract them. New York state has a very aggressive plan inclusive of a 10-year tax write-off on all taxes from the state, as well as relocation assistance and incentives to draw businesses and the jobs or employment they bring. People generally do not like to see businesses evade taxes or get write-offs. If they realized the end result of attracting businesses is an influx of hundreds or thousands of new employment opportunities at reasonable wages,

in many cases they would become more open to the concept. They would also not be discouraged either by the increased revenue due to the increased employment as a result of new businesses.

Nothing is a complete solution to this type of problem, but approach being everything, a more realistic and open pursuit by the people in power in the state could be the key to an improved turnaround. A respect for a realistic wage structure of some growth potential would also be of immense importance. Environmentally, a more receptive stature and view of business development and necessary property acquisition is essential even if some views are slightly awakened.

*J. Flynn  
Sanford*

## In agreement

I want to comment on Jon Simonds' column of Sept. 19 about Gov. LePage. Mr. Simonds is correct. The governor has been a dismal failure in his role as provider of public services for all but the upper-middle and above classes of Maine. More than that, though, he has failed just as much at the business end which he claims as his specialty. The examples are many, but most glaring is his cancellation of an already agreed on off-shore wind power deal with Statoil Corp., who then promptly invested \$250 million in Norway. Such absurd dealings make waves in the national business world and destroy Maine's reputation.

So, LePage fails on both social and business fronts and his ridiculous language and actions embarrass us at the same time. Hardly the marks of a state leader.

*Greg Masalsky  
North Waterboro*

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## STATE NEWS

## Lawmakers reviewing report on gambling

The Legislature's Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs held the first of four possible meetings Sept. 10 to discuss a report conducted by an independent commission on the feasibility of expanding gaming in Maine.

The Committee reviewed the market analysis conducted by an independent consultant, White-Sand Gaming, which also included the ability of the facility to promote economic development and the impact of additional gaming on Maine's current commercial casinos.

"A comprehensive study of

gaming in Maine such as this gives us a much better understanding of the potential costs and benefits of expanding gaming in Maine," said Democratic Sen. John Tuttle of Sanford, chairman of the Committee. "While many questions still remain, we must also consider the importance of preserving certain long-standing traditions like harness racing in Maine."

The study was commissioned with the passage of LD 1856, "Resolve, To Conduct a Market Analysis Regarding the Feasibility of Expanded Gaming in Maine." The Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee has until December to make recommendations to the next Legislature.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Ronald (Ron) A. Schena**

Ronald A. Schena, 76, of Rest Haven Circle in Alfred, died Sept. 17, 2014 at Southern Maine Healthcare Center in Biddeford.

Ron was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts on March 18, 1938 a son of Pasquale and Maria (Zizza) Schena.

Ron served in the United States Army and following his tour of duty, he returned to his home town of Salem, Massachusetts. Ron was employed as a machinist for 25 years with General Electric in Lynn, Mass. He was independent, a "confirmed bachelor" and an avid Red Sox fan. He enjoyed traveling to the NASCAR races and going to the race in Martinsville, VA with his buddies. Ron liked smelt fishing off the causeway and enjoyed a good cigar. He could be the "life of the party" full of jokes and stories. Ron always drove a blue car, more often than not, it was a Chrysler automobile.

Ron retired to Maine and enjoyed being close to his sister Janet and her husband John Criscenti. He could be gruff on the exterior, yet there wasn't anything he would not do for his family. He lived life to the fullest, loved his brother Richard and sister Janet, and his many cousins.

He is survived by his brother, Richard P. Schena of Lynn, MA; his sister Janet Criscenti of Alfred, ME; his first cousins, Rose Kulyk of Lynn, MA; Vincent Zizza of CA and Lisa Ferragamo of Lynn,



MA; his God Son, Michael Kulyk and wife Diane of Kittery, ME; his cousins, Mary Jane Smalley and husband Jeff of Lynn, MA and their two children, Steven and Amanda; Lisa Bourque and husband Leo of Lynn, MA; Dominic and wife Michelle Ferragamo and their three children; Mario Ferragamo and wife Lynn of Lynn, MA and Enzo and wife Conchette and their two children of Lynn, MA.

Ron was predeceased by his brother-in-law, John (Chris) Criscenti in 2004.

A Prayer Service was scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014 at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred with committal prayers and burial to follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Alfred.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Southern Maine, 180 US Route One, Scarborough, ME 04074.

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**LIMERICK HIGH**

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on Thursday night. Jane brought a photograph of their class's kindergarten graduation.

Limerick High School had two levels. "The new consolidated school on Washington Street had eight classrooms, a laboratory and a playground," said Keller. "The main level had four classrooms and was given to the grammar school." The second floor had two rooms – one for grades six, seven, and eight and another for high school students in grades nine through 12. There were 37 students enrolled the first year.

The school started a paper called The Sokokis, which recorded the highlights of each school year. The Limerick Historical Society has all but six of the 43 Sokokis newspapers/yearbooks which describes sports, academics, and enrichment activities like music, theater, clubs, and even first aid courses. According to these records, music was a very important activity in school, and music and theater were combined to stage an annual school play. In 1931 a Glee Club was started that continued through 1969. There were many sports opportunities for both boys and girls, and last month Keller gave a more detailed presentation about these athletic opportunities for Limerick youth.

On Thursday, Keller also talked about transportation for the Limerick schools, beginning with horse and wagon and sleighs and, later on, buses. In addition, some teachers would pick up students on their way to work.

Throughout her lecture, Keller outlined the many activities and changes that occurred as Limerick grew and education in the state, as well as the town, evolved. A hot lunch program was added in 1951. As early as 1952, there were talks

about consolidating area schools into larger high schools. In 1966, the towns of Acton, Alfred, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, Shapleigh, and Waterboro attempted to create a new School Administrative District. "The greatest problem was deciding where to build a consolidated high school," Keller explained. At first, Ross Corner looked like the best spot, but eventually the current South Waterboro site was agreed upon. Acton decided to send their students to Sanford High School as they had been doing so for some time.

In 1969, grades seven through 12 began attending the new consolidated junior and senior high school, while elementary students in Limerick continued to go to the school on Washington Street. This continued until the Line School was built, combining Limerick and Newfield elementary schools on the town line between the two municipalities.

Members of the audience at Thursday's meeting were happy to share some anecdotes from their own experiences. Barbara Carroll talked about participating in an annual "Hound and Hare" game where a student was chosen to be "hare" and left a paper trail all around town for the rest of the class, the "hounds," to follow. The chase ended with a bonfire, marshmallows, and hot dogs; a

precursor to the current homecoming bonfire, perhaps?

Jane Garza fondly recalled riding the school bus and how the bus drivers were thanked by the parents. "At Christmastime, my mother would give the bus driver a carton of cigarettes," she said. "I guess everyone smoked then." She also told the story of riding the bus home in a blizzard and the students ending up spending the night at a house along the route because the bus couldn't go any farther.

Shirley's father, Richard Staples, stood up to talk about another memorable tradition at the old Limerick High School. "Nothing was mentioned about freshman orientation," he said. "I had to sit on Meryl's lap!" he said to the amusement of the entire group of fellow Limerick High School alumni.

Keller's talk was accompanied by many photographs in a slide presentation. The tables in back displayed the old Sokokis yearbooks and papers, as well as two large Limerick Academy graduation certificates. Old classmates reminisced and reconnected. Children learned about the way school was for their parents "back in the day." And for many in the audience, it was a walk down memory lane – back to when Limerick had a high school.

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