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Fires of 1947 remembered 70 YEARS LATER

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As devastating wildfires ravage areas of the Northwestern US, the stories closely echo those of Mainers seventy years ago when Maine burned in the fall of 1947. More than 50 fires raged in the state on Oct. 23 including the areas of Fryeburg-Brownfield, Biddeford-North Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Newfield and Waterboro. York County suffered the greatest losses with 109,110 acres burned.

By all accounts, the weather that summer set up conditions for a perfect (fire) storm, when two months of a cold and wet spring moved into a hot and desert-dry summer season, beginning July 1. By October it was so dry that one observer wrote about there being no leaf-peeping season at all that year, because the leaves were green one day, and turned to a "dry powdery dust the next." On Thursday, Oct. 23, conditions were so extreme that the state closed all woods operations in Maine during what was called "this period of forest fire epidemics." Unheard of as it was, the deer hunting season was canceled, along with all timbering and outdoor fires of any kind.

While for days crews had been fighting small fires all over the state, three southern Maine blazes topped the 16 largest fires that October. One that covered Oxford and moved into York County burned 20,120 acres in Fryeburg, Brownfield, Hiram, Porter and Denmark and Cornish. One York County fire, burned 21,910 acres in parts of Biddeford, North Kennebunkport, and Kennebunk. The largest fires engulfed parts of Shapleigh, Waterboro, Wells, Lyman, Saco, Kennebunk, Hollis, Dayton, Alfred, Newfield, Limerick and Parsonsfield, with 109,110 acres burned.

On the ground, thousands of volunteers fought the flames, in the ways rural folks did, with shovels, brooms, rakes and five-gallon backpack style individual water containers called Indian pumps. Plows were used to clear land around homes, businesses and sawmills, creating fire breaks to eliminate fuel for the fires, and back fires were set for the same purpose. Even in the most built-up villages in Waterboro and other rural towns like it, water was only supplied by wells, and had to be pumped out of ponds or trucked in any way possible. When water was available, it was poured or sprayed on wood-shingled roofs and walls to protect them from the embers that flew with the winds. Quilts and blankets soaked in water were spread on roofs for protection, and vigilance was needed hour after hour, to knock down, bury, or smother flames from falling embers. Tank trucks were



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Fank Ham stands in front of his house and store which also served as the Post Office. Dr Fitch's house is further up on the left. The Library was across the street.

Photo: Granville C. Poore, c.1910

From a Glass plate negative provided by the Penobscott Marine Museum, colorized at the Edge of Maine Gallery



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improvised from anything that could carry water, so old trucks hauled barrels, tubs, emptied fuel tanks, sugar sap containers and in Alfred, even an empty septic tank carried water.

At that time, the Maine Forest Service maintained fire towers at high points of land, and the towers in the north district of York County had been open for the fire season, with only a few very small fires, some only a small part of an acre, according to District Forestry Service Warden, L. Clayton Weymouth of West Newfield. In the early part of October, Ridley Hill and Agamenticus Towers were closed as in previous years, leaving only Ossipee Tower on top of Ossipee Mountain in Waterboro open to keep watch for

the district. It was there that a fire that started in the Ross Corner area between Shapleigh and Waterboro was spotted as it rolled toward the north side of Ossipee Mountain.

The Red Cross reports to have appropriated \$500,000 for immediate relief after the fires. The formal rehabilitation effort lasted until June 1948, and the Red Cross expenditure totaled more than \$2.3 million.

The stories live on in the memories of those still living, most of whom were children at the time. And now, seventy years later, fewer and fewer are left to tell those stories.

As the fires spread, central communication and coordination systems of today were lacking, and creative improvisation was necessary.

JANET COLWELL, daughter of Weymouth, in a recent talk to the Newfield Historical Society, shared from her own memory as a child of almost ten, and reports made by her father. She described how a local pilot, Arthur Baker, improvised a communication system between the command center at the Newfield Town Hall and the fire lines. He flew over the fire lines and through hand signals got a report on how the work was going and what was needed there, wrote that information on paper bags which he tied to rocks, and dropped the updates to the workers at the town hall.

At some point, Weymouth was called to rescue a woman with a child stuck at a camp in the Thyng's

Mill area, and learned that firefighters in that area needed water to drink. Weymouth had a tank that was used to collect sap in the spring but was now full of water, but he wondered if he drove in, whether he would be able to get back out. He risked it, and while in there, a spring broke in his truck, so the firefighters unloaded the tank, filled up their Indian tanks and canteens, picked up the truck and turned it around, and used a 2 by 4 to replace the spring long enough for him to get the truck out to safety. He said at that time the sun in the sky was just a red ball.

JOE MORRILL of Parsonsfield, who was also ten at the time, remembers how his father, Clarence Morrill, a good friend of Weymouth's, had a Ford 2-ton logging truck with a steel body, and a fuel delivery tank truck with a thousand-gallon tank. He loaded the fuel tank onto the logging truck, which had, conveniently, been leaking enough that it had not been used for oil. He said he was glad for the leak as it kept the truck wet, with the cinders that kept falling on it. Morrill says that Parsonsfield firefighters prevented damage to their community by setting back fires, and that the greatest threat that town faced was when the backfires almost got away from them!

CLINT ANDREWS, of Limerick, doesn't personally remember the unique way his mother's people saved their Newfield home, because he was only a year old, but he was certainly in the thick of it. His parents, Charles and Thelma (Dunne) Andrews, were living in Portland, but his mother had been raised by her aunt Amy and her husband Curt Gerry at the family Farm on Dunne Hill. The three Andrews were called to the farm in Newfield, when Amy refused to leave as the fire approached. The Gerrys had 35 milk cows, and had a two or three day's supply of milk on hand as the fire swept down over Towles Mountain. When the men ran the well dry fighting the fires, Amy and Thelma put all the milk in large cans, spread them around the house and fields, and soaked brooms in the milk and knocked down the flames. They saved all the buildings on the farm. According to Clint and his wife Joanne, that farm was the only house left standing between West Newfield and Newfield Village.

EILEEN CALNAN of Newfield shared her memories on the Reporter's Facebook page, "I remember the fire vividly! I was 4 years old and lived in Maplewood Village. I remember men sleeping on the floor of our home after being awake for hours. We could see flames over the trees just behind our house, and bulldozers bulldozed a firebreak right

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Main Street in South Waterboro after the fire in the Fall of 1947. IMAGE BY PAUL MARBLE SR. COURTESY OF WATERBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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behind it. I remember the iron crib that two babies were in covered with wet material to protect them from the smoke. Dad fought the fire as did others in the community and Mom was more than happy to feed them. It was a very scary time.”

For days Newfield’s spotter patrols watched for new signs of fire, as it was not uncommon for ground fires to last for weeks, and the National Guard was called in to keep outsiders out; any visitors needed to have relatives in the affected areas.

Around that time, a Weather plane observer flying over the area reported that “In Waterboro, near where the Ossipee Hill Road branches off US Route 202 (now Straw Mill Brook Road), stands a big square two-story wooden school house. As if it were aiming right for that school, a finger of flame was raging through the pine tree tops on the north side of the Ossipee Hill Road.” That building, Waterboro High School, now the Massabesic Medical Center and Lions Club on Rte. 202, survived.

Thursday, Oct. 23, dubbed “Red Thursday,” saw the almost total destruction of South Waterboro. Austin H Wilkins, Maine’s forest fire control supervisor at that time, gave this graphic description of the happenings, “It was an awesome sight to see the solid walls of rolling fire blank over the mountain and across level areas, consuming everything in their path. The smoke hung so thick and heavy for days over the area that it was difficult at times to determine at times just how near or how far away the fires were. The sun did not penetrate through the thick wall of smoke for over ten days men using trucks cars and bulldozers had to use their headlights as much in the daytime as at night.”

FORREST ABBOTT, now 95 years old, remembers Ben Hamilton of Hamilton Road as a self-appointed firefighting boss, with his tanker truck, as none of the small towns had a fire department, or even organized volunteers. There were two sawmills in Waterboro, the W.B. Deering saw mill in East Waterboro and the Johnson Mill in North Waterboro, and there was always a crew of men working those mills, who went out whenever there was a fire. Forrest and his father, Forrest Sr. worked to save their home near the intersection of Rtes. 5 and 202 and the Jellerson Road in East Waterboro, and three times saw embers blow under the twelve-foot barn door, and three times they were able to put them out. He remembers the fire stopping when it reached Rte. 35 in Hollis.

Abbott remembers a crew from Portland arriving with a portable water truck with two sets of wheels. They set up a pump in the book on the Jellerson Road and ran a 3” hose all the way to Jack Small’s store (at the site of the recently vacated East Waterboro Post Office). When the fires threatened, the crew removed the pump, and Forrest has always wondered what might have been saved, if the pump had been left in place to fight the flying embers that set off so many of the homes there that no one had been left to tend.

Hearing about the fires, out-of-state seasonal residents flocked to their camps along the ponds in many of the fire-filled communities, to take what they could, never to return again, but to sell the ruined properties, or to save what they could, with the hope of returning it to a surviv-

ing structure, or to place it in a new structure.

ANDREW (BIMMY) WOODSOME (JR.) was seven years old and living in North Waterboro, when word came that the fire was coming over Ossipee Mountain from the direction of Ross Corner and Shapleigh. He describes how Raymond Smith brought a Forestry Department bulldozer and bulldozed two giant strips a mile long across the fields back out along Rte. 5 in North Waterboro where the Lakeside Church is today, as a fire break. About that time, Bimmy’s father, Andrew Sr. said it was time to get out. “So, we loaded up, one dog, one goat, four boys, my mother and father. My mother had made baked beans and biscuits, and we took them along. Problem was we put the biscuits in the back seat, and the goat got its fill and we got none!”

They went to Limerick, to his grandfather Alton’s farm, and high up in the pasture there, they could look out and see Newfield. “We watched, as one by one, the farmhouses blew up in huge balls of fire, like giant bombs!” “We watched the board yard (at the Johnson Mill on Rte. 202 in North Waterboro) go up, and farms went up alone Clark’s Bridge Road and Thyng’s Mill burned. The next day they saw that much that was south of the bulldozed strip had burned, though some farms had been saved.

Lake Arrowhead was on the right side of the strip and the fire stopped at the dam area on Chadbourne Ridge, while crown fires went clear across Little Ossipee Lake and took out the back side of the lake.” He described the crown fires sweeping across the tops of trees fifty feet tall, blown by the winds, “The wind carried it through the trees, they were like kindling.” He said the fires died down at night when the wind calmed, and rose again at daybreak, with the return of the winds. Woodsome’s description is consistent with that in an account attributed to the Waterborough Historical Society that says, “The fire coming over the crest of the mountain was like the explosion of cannons!”

GAIL SMITH, who was six-year-old years and later married Bimmy Woodsome, lived with her family in the upstairs apartment at her great-grandfather, Levi Knight’s home in East Waterboro. Their home was where the Southern Maine Health Urgent Care stands today. She recalls that her father was fighting the fires in Newfield, and her mother was in the hospital having her sister. She was taken to Alfred, to the home of her grandfather Smith, who lived on Federal Street, where Old Sheep Meadow Nursery is now. “There we could look out the windows, up to where the (York County) Shelters is now, and see the flames.” They left and went on to stay with friends in Springvale, where Gail remembers sleeping on the floor for a few days. Acknowledging their family as one of the lucky ones, she said, “Our house was saved and nothing burned at my grandfather’s either.”

ETHEL HUBBARD was 11 years old, and lived in North Waterboro, south of the line that Woodsome described, at the time of the fire. Now a Limington resident, she remembers living in the white house just north of the North Waterboro Post Office. Now Ethel Hubbard Phinney, she has vivid memories, saying that, “I can actually still see it, in my mind. When you’re a child like that, I think some things really

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Scared at the Schoolhouse



'Dracula' delivers chills and thrills at Schoolhouse Arts

BY SHELLEY BURBANK

"The blood is the life." So hisses an insane, spider-and-bug-eating psychiatric patient named Renfield in the Schoolhouse Arts Center production of "Dracula" which opened Friday night, Oct. 6, to the delight, and fright, of the audience. "It was good. Kind of scary sometimes," said fifth-grader Brianna Keller of Limerick who was there with her parents Shirley and Kurt Keller on opening night.

Brianna participates in the theater education program at Schoolhouse and will be appearing in an upcoming production of "Willie Wonka," but Friday night she and her parents were there to be scared... er...entertained. Based on the Bram Stoker novel of 1897, the play induces a few family-friendly chills and delivers enough screams, wolf howls, flying bats, dark Victorian steampunk costuming, and flickering candles to satisfy community theatergoers looking for a little Halloween-season fun.

The Schoolhouse Art Center's "Dracula" is being directed by Danny Gay of Lewiston and assistant-directed by Christopher Roberts of Portland. Gay has acted in and directed Schoolhouse productions such as "James and the Giant Peach Jr.," "Clue," "Annie Get Your Gun," and was memorable as Cogsworth the clock in "Beauty and the Beast." Roberts has performed as Reb Tevia in "Fiddler on the Roof," Teddy Roosevelt in "Arsenic and Old Lace," Jack Jerome in "Brighton Beach Memoirs," and most recently as Ethelred in "Billy Goes to War." He has also performed at the Biddeford City Theater.

Good vs. Evil

In this version of Stoker's famous story, the play opens with Dr. Seward, played by Ben Macri of Steep Falls, and Jonathan Harker of Hollis, played by Gerald Davis, discussing Seward's daughter, Lucy, who has fallen ill with a mysterious disease. Lucy has received transfusions as part of her treatment, which

seem to help but only for a short while, and doctors are perplexed about what can be done. Another girl, Mina, suffered the same symptoms and eventually died. Mention is made of two puncture wounds on Mina's neck. Seward and Harker are determined that Lucy will not suffer the same fate and have called in Abraham Van Helsing, a specialist in the occult, to consult on the matter, and the three eventually defeat the evil that threatens not only poor, pure Lucy but also everyone's faith in the power of good to triumph in the world.

Plunging into theater this year for the first time, Dan Allard of Greene portrays Van Helsing as a dark and slightly exotic contrast to the stiff-upper-lip Brit formality of Macri's Seward and Davis's Harker. It is Van Helsing that figures out that Count Dracula is a vampire and formulates a cunning plan to eradicate the monster in their midst.

Pretty and pale Lucy, engaged to Harker and suffering from anemia and malaise, is played by Alexa Goodine of Buxton who manages with some skill the transition of the character from droopy, English-rose "good girl" wearing white lace to sexually-awakened, vibrant "vamp" in plunging green velvet. Goodine participates in theater at Bonny Eagle High School, and this is her first Schoolhouse role.

Tom Ferent of Boston gives a menacing performance as Count Dracula. His measured delivery and heavy Eastern European accent project the ancient, confident, worldly-wise demeanor expected of a 500-year-old creature of the night. Ferent is a veteran community theater actor who has appeared in many Schoolhouse productions as well as the Windham Center Stage, Eastern Slope Playhouse, Oxford Hills Performing Arts Center, and the Denmark Arts Center. As Dracula, he looks perfectly vampiric in his red-

lined black cape and glittery brooch and large stage presence.

On opening night, the secondary players were especially delightful, particularly Emily Eberhart playing a female version of Renfield, a psychotic inmate and patient of Dr. Seward's with a taste for flies and fattened-up spiders and a skill for escaping locked rooms. Eberhart projected deep-seated insanity and sly intelligence with her fingers curled into claws, her back bent into a permanent crouch, her smile a sneer, and her hair long and wild over her mis-matched Victorian garb. Her English accent was on target, her delivery comedic and creepy at the same time, and the effect overall was reminiscent of Helena Bonham-Carter in her Harry Potter role of Bellatrix Lestrange. She is particularly gifted in the evil laugh category.

Renfield's female attendant, Butterworth, was played by Sophia Cartonio of Westbrook who portrayed the character's frustration and practical instinct for self-preservation delightfully. "Dracula" is her third production at Schoolhouse, and she is also involved in theater at The Maine Girls' Academy. Cricket Cote of Monmouth was believable as the innocent, susceptible maid, Wells, who falls prey to the count's hypnosis. Cote also was the costume designer for the show, and this is her third production at Schoolhouse.

"Dracula" will run through Oct. 15 on Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Prices are \$14 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. The Schoolhouse Arts Center scheduled 11 shows for this 2017 season, with "Willie Wonka, Jr." still to come on Nov. 3-5 and a "Christmas Spectacular" variety show running Dec. 1-17.

Volunteers Matter

Community theater would not

exist without volunteers and financial support. Cristina McBreairy, the president of Schoolhouse Arts Center's board of directors, is very enthusiastic about the center and the volunteers who work hard to bring community theater and education to the local area. "We are a hands-on board," she said just before opening night on Oct. 6. "A lot of boards aren't hands-on, but we are."

McBreairy helps in the box office, returns phone calls, answers emails, assists with publicity, and pretty much lives at the theater. Her father, Neil Rueker, is the center's communications director, but is also a jack-of-all-trades around the theater, helping construct sets and mopping the floors and selling concessions. "We are all super-volunteers," he said.

Rueker's granddaughter and McBreairy's daughter, Ashley McBreairy, is also deeply involved in the organization. "I grew up in the building," said the homeschooled teen who is running the sound for "Dracula" but has also acted, run lights, and worked on sets her whole life. "It's like home."

The theater's history goes back to 1988 when a group was organized to produce community theater. The Old Standish High School building in Sebago Lake Village was purchased in 1994. Since then, a wing has been added to the south side of the building, and the old school

has gone through several big renovations. Most recently, the main stage was updated with a new and improved entrance to the space, new flooring, and new (very comfortable) seating for 150 people. A smaller Blackbox theater has been built on the second floor and is part of the education program's Blackbox Teens group. According to McBreairy, Blackbox Teens is a community service group for teens aged 13 and older. They learn all aspects of theater production and management and learn about community service volunteerism at the same time, she said.

What's next for Schoolhouse? While lighting has also recently been upgraded, the old furnace just quit (a \$6,000 dollar expense) and the board is in the midst of fundraising to get the furnace fixed and the building heated for the winter. Future plans include a new sound system and curtains. "The theater has gone through cycles," McBreairy said, explaining that attendance waxes and wanes as does volunteerism throughout the years. "Right now we are on an upswing." But still, there is room for more volunteers and more financial support for the center that provides such important arts education as well as community theater. For anyone interested in volunteering or donating, check out the center's website at <http://www.schoolhousearts.org/index.html>.

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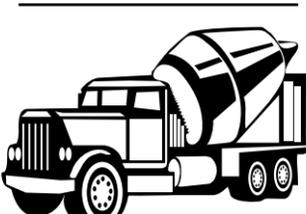
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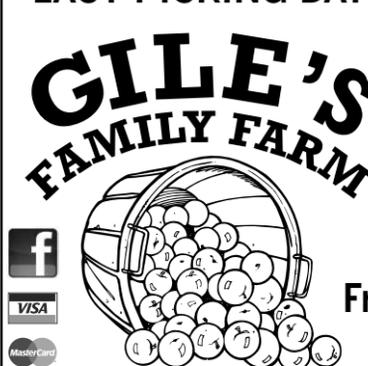
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A Saturday full of fun

The Newfield Town Hall Benefit Craft Fair will be held Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Line Elementary School at 818 Water Street, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Organizers of the event have planned a bake sale, raffle prizes, and a silent auction. They will also have hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages for sale.

Some of the raffle prizes are: gift certificates from area businesses, including restaurants, garages, haircuts, dental cleaning, pet supplies, quilting supplies, furniture, scratch tickets, plants, wreaths, and much more.

Tickets for both the silent auction and the raffle prizes are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, and a bakers dozen for \$10. They may be purchased at the library during regular hours or at the craft fair.

Library hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. and 1-4:45 p.m. and Wednesday from noon to 7 p.m.

Fall festival

The East Wakefield, New Hampshire area businesses will host a fall festival on Saturday, Oct. 14, from noon to 5 p.m. The entire corner of where Wakefield Road meets Route 153 will be hopping with free food, games and plenty of fun. Everyone is welcome.

Members day at museum

19th. Century Curran Homestead Village will be open on Saturday, Oct. 21, for "members free day" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Costumed interpreters at the Victorian Kitchen, a school marm in the schoolhouse, a printer in the old print shop, and a blacksmith at the blacksmith shop, are all part of the day. Members will enjoy a Barbe-que lunch from noon to 2 p.m., and carousel rides at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Non-members will also be able to enjoy the festivities for \$16 adults, \$10 seniors, under 18 is \$8, and under 6 get in free. The museum is also open on Saturday, Oct. 14 for rides on the carousel from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and rides will be at 11 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Open house at historical society

Newfield Historical Society will have an Open House on Sunday, October 22, at the bandstand at 70 Elm Street, from 2 - 5 p.m. Visitors are invited to walk through the artifacts building where the old Newfield sleighs, wagons and other items are on display, listen to the music and enjoy some refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend and the event is free.

Halloween gift basket

Newfield Village Library at 637 Water Street is having a fundraiser of a Halloween gift basket full of candy. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5 and can be picked up at the library during regular business hours, which are Tuesdays and Thursdays, all day, and Wednesday noon to 7 p.m. The drawing will be held at Tea Time on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 3 p.m.

Happy Birthday!

Birthday wishes go to the following people who will be celebrating this coming week: Cheryl Cause on Oct. 13 and Barbara Thorne on Oct. 14. Eleanor Smith and Janet Maxfield will both celebrate on Oct. 18.

Meetings

Boy Scout Troop #329 will meet on Monday, Oct. 16, at Scout Hall, at 7 School Street in Lim-

erick at 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. Jim Dion is the Scoutmaster. Call Joe Iannazzo at 850-6237.

Cub Scout Pack #329 will meet on Oct. 16, at Line School at 818 Water Street at 6 p.m. Call Joe Iannazzo at 850-6237

Newfield Historical Society will meet on Monday, Oct. 16, at 64 Elm Street at 7 p.m.

Newfield Selectmen will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street at 6 p.m.

Tea Time will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at the Newfield Village Library at 637 Water Street at 3 p.m.

Newfield Rescue Squad will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Newfield Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Dick or Hazel McGlincey at 793-2045 or any rescue member.

Northern York County Rod and Gun Club directors will meet on Friday, Oct. 20, at Lewis Hill Road clubhouse at 7 p.m.

C.J. Pike lives in West Newfield has been writing a weekly newspaper column for the last 15 years. She is also a children's book author, writes short stories for Discover Maine magazine and has recently put together a book of her photography. She loves doing local stories and enjoys getting involved with the hometown activities.

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Quilters show stuff

It was the biggest show in town. Every pew in Alfred Parish Church was covered in quilts. Some exhibited a theme such as Christmas or Halloween or a nursery rhyme. "Over the river and through the woods" not only had the words embroidered on the quilt but the farm as imagined when that was first written, and the woods. There were hooked rugs to admire, and a large hooked picture of a blacksmith shop.

The most spectacular quilt was probably the Victorian crazy quilt with silk and satin and other materials arranged in fan shapes and embellished with small embroidered motifs. There was almost too much to see and admire. Over 100 quilters came to view the work of their own quilting club and others. Over 125 quilts were on view. As one visitor remarked "There are a lot of quilters in York County!"

Admission could be monetary, or food for the York County Food Pantry. Some guests gave both food and cash. The York County Food Pantry certainly benefited from such generosity.

The raffle of an unfinished quilt top of octagon pieces made up of materials familiar to a previous generation was won by Deb Allen. There were also vendors selling wool for hooking, sewing machines, quilting supplies, bags made from quilting materials, and goodies enjoyed with tea by visitors. "The Circle of Friends Quilt and Rug Show" was organized by Annie's Teeny Tiny Quilt Shop in Newfield.

School news

"Goals and Gummie Day" will be celebrated Friday, October 27. Each student is asked to think of a goal he/she has, then create a hat that shows off that goal. To wear the hat on Oct. 27 they are asked to bring \$1 to school for the Alfred PTSA and receive gummies.

"Socktober" will be observed the whole month of October. There will be boxes in each classroom for socks, non-alcoholic toiletries and hygiene items such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, which will be collected for the York County Shelter Program.

Box tops for education will be collected again this year. Every class that gets 200 of them by Oct. 22 will have an ice-cream party.

One new teacher has been added to the staff this year, Mrs. Ganthier for the 4th grade.

Wednesday, Oct. 18, will be an early release day for the students.

Halloween

On Friday, October 27, the usual Halloween stroll will be held, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Setting up will start at 3:15 p.m.. Treats are needed, cookies, candy, whoopee pies, etc. Also needed will be volunteers from the PTSA to help with donations and hands-on assistance.

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SPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY

Storm rains on senior night Top Mustangs 4-3

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
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Carrie Timpson's goal midway through the second half broke a 3-3 tie, lifting Scarborough to a gritty win in field hockey's regular season final game held Wednesday, Oct. 11 on a rainy night in Waterboro.

The win for the Storm pushed them into a statistical dead heat with the Mustangs with each team earning 155.1020 heal-points. As a result of the victory, Scarborough likely claims the first seed for the playoffs since the tie is broken by head-to-head results.

The senior night festivities began under a chilly rain, but the weather did little to slow the efforts from the players as both sides turned in monster efforts in what was easily the most entertaining and hotly contested game of the year to watch.

Scarborough came out fast, scoring less than five minutes in with Lucy Bogdanovich assisting Cat Taylor.

Emma Rutledge answered with a dazzling unassisted score ten minutes later as the senior beat several defenders inside the circle before collecting a rebound of her own shot and burying it behind goalie Sam Carriero.

The goal galvanized the soggy crowd (as the rain continued to

pick up in intensity) as well as the lady Mustangs and they began to carry the play.

Camryn Champlin put Massabesic up 2-1 six minutes after the Rutledge strike, but Scarborough hung tough and they evened the score at 2-2 with under ten minutes to play before the break on a goal by Rachel Paradis.

Rutledge added another score late, lifting her career mark to 63 (the most in MHS history) with 17 this season, after she collected a pass from Camryn Champlin and the two teams went into halftime with Massabesic leading 3-2.

Standing in a driving rain in 49 degree temperatures while the Mustangs stayed cozy in their clubhouse during the seven minute halftime pause must have aggravated Scarborough because they came out with purpose and turned it into a quick score just one minute in to tie the game at 3-3.

The Storm carried the play for much of the next 15 minutes and they got the winner at the 14:38 mark when Cat Taylor fed Timpson.

Marshwood topped

The Mustangs came out fast, scoring three goals in the first nine minutes as Rutledge, Camryn Champlin and Emma Snyder



Massabesic field hockey seniors, from left, Libby Beals, Kaylee St. Laurent, Morgan Pike, Sarah Stonehouse, Lydia Wasina, Jackie Bearse, Logan Champlin, Emma Rutledge, Molly Gile and Sara Woodward. COURTESY PHOTO

found the back of the net to put visiting Massabesic up 3-0 over Marshwood on Tuesday, Oct. 10. The game looked like it might turn into a laugher, but Hawks goalie Sarah Orenburg was superb in net, turning aside several Mustang scoring chances before the break and when the teams paused the score still hung at 3-0.

After the break Rutledge added another score to her lengthy resume to make it 4-0 Mustangs and the Hawks broke the shutout with five minutes left to make it 4-1.

Blazes burned

Maddy Pomerleau made 11 saves and Massabesic got goals

late in the first half and early in the second to lift them to a hard fought 2-1 over visiting Westbrook on Thursday, Oct. 5

Alexis Witham got the Blue Blazes on the board with a goal midway through the first half, but Emma Rutledge fed Sarah Stonehouse with just over one minute left to even the score at 1-1 heading into the break.

Less than five minutes into the second half Lydia Wasina collected a loose ball deep in her end and took off up field. The senior beat several defenders before feeding a pass to Camryn Champlin who buried what turned into the game-winning goal.

FIELD HOCKEY STANDINGS

(as of Oct. 12)

- Scarborough 13-1
- MUSTANGS 12-2**
- Cheverus 11-3
- Biddeford 12-2
- Kennebunk 10-4
- Westbrook 10-4
- T. Academy 9-5
- Marshwood 7-7
- *Sanford 6-7
- Bonny Eagle 5-8-1
- *Falmouth 5-8
- Gorham 6-8

*Falmouth was scheduled to host Sanford after the Reporter's deadline.

SOCCKER

Soccer men nip Noble

Massabesic scored twice in the second half to help pace a solid 2-0 win in varsity boys' soccer over visiting Noble on Thursday, Oct. 5.

Noah Perry booted home the first goal on a penalty kick 14:45 into the second half and Dilan McEaney made it 2-0 seven minutes later after he collected a pass from Nick Merry and banged home a goal.

CROSS COUNTRY

Ladies Storm to victory

Kylie Johnson was second with a 20:08.00 and the Mustangs placed their other four runners in the top 11 to help lift them to a narrow win in cross country with 35 team points on Friday, Oct. 6 in Scarborough.

The hosts tied Windham with 44 points, Noble was a distant fourth with 121 and South Portland ended up with 152.

Bethany Sholl finished first overall with a 19:28.70, but the Storms' next runner to cross the finish line was seventh.

The Mustangs got a fifth place finish from Hallie Benton, an eighth from Mikayla Fletcher, ninth from Cassidy Morrell and an 11th from Sarah Cloutier.

Close to 60 girls participated.

Men edged by Storm

Massabesic had all five runners place in the top 11, but host Scarborough placed their five in the top

13, including a first and second place finish from twins Connor and Tristam Coffin, helping the Storm edge the Mustangs by two points for first overall with just 32 team points on Friday, Oct. 6.

Mustang Alex Swett turned in a 16:55.00, the Coffin twins joined his as the only runners under the 17-minute mark. Jacob Aboud was fourth with a 17:18.00 and Jarrod Hooper was sixth with a 17:45.00. Matthew Pooler and Jakob Saucier finished 10th and 11th overall, respectively.

Windham ended up with 77 team points, good for third place and South Portland was fourth with 92. Noble was fifth with 140.

More than 90 boys participated.

Cloutier 12th at Storm XC annual meet

Luke Cloutier, a student at Massabesic Middle School, was 12th with a 12:46.33, one of just 20 middle schoolers to turn in a time below 13:00, at the annual Scarborough Middle School Cross-Country Invitational held Friday night, Sept. 29.

Cloutier had plenty of competition for the 2-mile event, as more than 260 boys took to the starting line on a perfect evening for running. Eighth grader Grady Satterfield, of Mt. Ararat MS took the

top spot with a sparkling 11:19.01, Zach Barry of Scarborough was second with a 11:25.78 with just two other runners staying under 12:10.

In the team event, Mt. Ararat was first overall with just 91 points, Cape Elizabeth had 93, Scarborough had 118, Greely 125 and Bonny Eagle was fifth with 137.



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OBITUARIES

Virginia Wanda Myer Schaefer

Virginia Wanda Myer Schaefer, 85, a longtime resident of Waterboro, walked into God's Arms on Oct. 9, 2017. She was surrounded in love and cared for by the "Angels" of Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough.



Virginia Wanda Myer Schaefer

Virginia was born in Midland, Michigan on Aug. 6, 1932 the youngest of six children of Louis L. and C. Irene (Gilby) Myer.

She and her husband, James Schaefer made their home in Michigan for many years and Virginia worked 33 years in the personnel department of SS Kresge, in Bay City, Michigan. Her beloved husband James died in 1978. To be near her niece, Marie Bean and her family, Ginny moved to Waterboro in 1981. Ginny was very honored to be the Godmother to Marie and Jennifer. (Marie's youngest daughter).

Shortly after her move to Maine, Ginny was proud to have taken her driving test and passed with flying colors! Her first employment was with St. Andre's Health Care Facility in Biddeford

in the activity department. But the job she loved the most was at Camp Waban's Day Program for children. She loved being with children and making them smile. Ginny would dress up as Santa, the Easter Bunny or a clown to coax smiles from them. She also worked at the Waterboro Post office part time in her retirement; mostly greeting folks!

Ginny adored her nieces and nephews, her great nieces and nephews, and they loved their "Aunt Ginny" – as she became known by everyone. In recent years, her great, great nieces and nephews became her kids. They were delighted to find just the right owl to add to her growing collection. Ginny loved playing cribbage and would play a game whenever she could.

Ginny was a longtime member of the Waterboro Olde Home Day Committee and was even Grand Marshall of the event's parade. She was also a member of Rehoboth Rebekah Lodge # 79 in East Waterboro until the lodge closed. Ginny was a beloved member of St. George's Episcopal Church in Sanford.

Ginny is lovingly survived by her sister, Rose D'Ambroise of Farmington, NH; her niece, Marie Bean and her great niece, Jennifer Servadio, who she was especially close to; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and

nephews and great, great nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents and husband James; her brothers, Levi Myer and Fred Myer; and her sisters, Hazel Schmidt and Stella Kindel all of Michigan.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. at St. George's Episcopal Church, 3 Emerson St., in Sanford with the Rev. Canon Susan Murphy, officiating.

Ginny will be remembered for her smile that lit up any part of the world she was in – her love of children and for life.

Ginny's family would like to thank her many friends from her parish, St. George's and her friends and neighbors from Sanford Fellowship Church of the Brethren, who helped Ginny remain active and happy within her home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. George's Episcopal Church, 3 Emerson St., Sanford, ME or to Sanford Fellowship Church of the Brethren, 22 Malcom Ave. in Sanford, ME 04073.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com.

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Maine's Fire of '47: A 70th Anniversary Retrospective

As the 70th anniversary of the Fire of '47 approaches, the Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society remembers "the week Maine burned" on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. with special guests, photo archives, maps, artifacts and a 1935 fire engine, at 122 Emery Mills Rd in Shapleigh. Admission is free, there is ample parking and light refreshments will be available.

Speaker Stephen Spofford, Kennebunk Town Historian and Past President of the Brick Store Museum in Kennebunk, will present the history of the fire, followed by a Q & A session. Others who lived through the fire will be on hand to share their experiences.

Some items on display at the society include brass hand pumps and Indian tanks, tools used to fight the fire. Maps of York County and Mount Desert Island show areas burned, and local news-

papers of the time announce the tragic events of that week.

An unusually wet spring, followed by a hot, dry summer with highs in the 80s well into October created a "perfect storm" for a large-scale forest fire in Maine in 1947. Between Oct. 13 and Oct. 27, hundreds of fires rampaged through the state, wiping out nine towns, destroying over 1000 buildings and eventually burning a quarter of a million acres of forest. Almost half of Mount Desert Island, home to Acadia National Park and Bar Harbor, was consumed by fire. Throughout the affected areas, 16 people lost their lives.

Although the Fire of '47 was declared controlled by Oct. 27, it still smoldered underground until Nov. 14.

Established in 1964, the Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society has been actively preserving the history of these two towns. The vast majority of donations are from families who lived and/or continue to live in this area. Many of these families were some of the original homesteaders.

ALFRED

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Transfer station

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Historical museum

Because a group of home schoolers from Sanford is expected to visit the village museum next week, as well as the one room schoolhouse in Alfred Gore, the museum exhibit will not be dismantled until October 25 during the historical committee's meeting at 7 p.m. Any townspeople who loaned items for the exhibit may get them at that time.

Village notes

If you like country music you might want to visit Legion Hall this Saturday, Oct. 14. Musicians will be entertaining from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m..

A visiting young opossum startled an Alfred householder when he gained entrance to her back entry and crawled under a bench. But when he saw the open door, he left.

The York County Food Pantry was the recipient of three large boxes of apples this past week, gleaned by Master Gardeners at McDougals Orchards in Springvale. The Master Gardeners have been gleaned local orchards and gardens for county food pantries.

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FIRES OF 1947

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stick to you. That's the kind of thing that you never forget your whole life." The fire was coming over Ossipee Mountain, and they could see the smoke. Her parents were doing what so many families were, her father was out with a broom and water sopping it on the house. "We only had water from a pump in the doorway, and I remember the cinders coming down."

They loaded the car, and they were headed to Waterville. Her uncle, Kenneth Dyer, lived in South Waterboro, and they took all the best furniture there. They had the back seat filled with clothes and toys, her sister and her cat. She recalls, "The fire was real close on both sides of the road, and you could feel the heat so bad, coming in the car. We had the windows down half way and my cat jumped out of the car, into the fire, and I thought, ooh, he's gone." They went to Waterville, to her grandmother's. They were there for about two weeks, and during that time, she says, "Two of the men came back after the fire, and said our house was still there, and my uncles was flat! So, we lost our furniture and his! But we survived!"

She remembers seeing South Waterboro with all the houses gone, and realizing that North Waterboro wasn't burned so much. "Then, we were home two or three weeks, and my cat came to the door! He had a big blister on his back, and he'd been roaming around for at least a month, but now we were finally all home safely."

CAROL BRADY now lives in Limerick, but seventy years ago, she lived with her family in Saco, where her father was a foot doctor. As the

fire approached their home, and she could see it from the barn window, her parents, as did many others, gathered the family's valuables and buried them in a hole in the garden, to save them in case the fire jumped the Saco River. "We were booked on the last train out of Biddeford. We packed suitcases with as much as we could carry. The rest we had to wear. We even wore winter snow pants and jackets because we had no place to pack them." After some weeks with her mother's family in Massachusetts, Carol returned, to visit her grandmother's house at the coast in Fortune's Rocks, Biddeford. "We came back and went to grandma's. We sat on a big rock on a curve. On Granite Point Road everything was gone. The house behind it was gone. It was as horrifying as it was so beautiful, even the flats were gone, everything was just black. There was nothing to see. Between Gramma's house and the ocean there was only sea grass and that was all burned." It was reported that of 156 homes in Fortunes Rocks, 150 burned to the ground.

LENA SANBORN was a young mother in Newfield, living in an old farm with no water or electricity that she and her husband had bought only about 8 months earlier. They had hoped to fix it up, and then the fire came. Her husband was sick and he took care of their son while Lena worked at the Limerick Woolen Mills. "We knew it was coming, and we helped other people move furniture away to other places. And then we knew we had to get out. I asked my husband where we were going, and he said, 'Away from the fire!'" They joined in-laws and went to Woodman, NH to stay with friends, and stayed two or three days. She says, "After the fire

we went home to no home." They stayed with family, sold the ruined farm for almost nothing, and moved a number of times before settling in Waterboro, where many remember Lena as a barber, and the proprietor of Lee's Dairy Curl (short for Lena).

She describes the fire as "Going in narrow fingers; they would part and go in different directions. It could be trees or a woodlot or a stone wall that would make it go in different directions, so it burned hit or miss. In two or three days it was all over, as far as we were concerned. All the way to the ocean."

Now 99 years old, Sanborn lives in Waterboro with her Chihuahua and reminiscing, she says, "I don't care how old you were, the feeling was the same, the awfulness of it all. I never want to go through anything like that ever again!"

CHARLES HEFFERNAN was 18, and a student at the Boston Conservatory of Music, when he read in a Boston paper about the fires surrounding Waterboro. He caught a train to Biddeford, and made it back to the home he grew up on the Jellerson Road in East Waterboro. They thought the Railroad tracks that crossed Rte. 2 near



With limited water supplies, Indian fire pumps like the one shown here were used to fight the fires 70 years ago.

what is now RSD Graphics, and ran behind the building called Odd Fellows Hall there would stop the fire. So, while some of his family headed to Portland, and he also headed out with a truck full of furniture, a premonition sent him back to the farm.

It was dusk, and with no one around, he saw the fire coming over Ossipee Mountain, and searched until he found an Indian Pump, filling it with five gallons of water. His father arrived and said to start a backfire. They guided the fire and used the Indian pump to control it, until the wind became so hard they could hardly stand up. That wind brought a crown fire, and they watched as the tops of trees just exploded, 100 feet high, ahead of the ground fire. They did what they could to put out fire after fire. Then as they watched, they saw the barn catch. A branch went through the air and landed on the roof. Then the woodshed went up, close to the house. Heffernan recalled that the barn was full of hay, so there was instant flame, that didn't just go up in the air, but horizontal.

Now, in a phone conversation seventy years later, living in Massachusetts, he says, "Well, I still recall the event vividly; it was very startling, I was 18 and am now 88. We were very fortunate. No one hurt, our home was saved, and the cows came back the next spring from where they had been taken in for the winter. The years have moved on, but whenever I'm at the farm and I see that the part that we saved is still there, it is very real to me."

EDNA AND LINWOOD ROLLINS lived on Main Street in South Waterboro, and theirs was one of only four houses in that area that survived the fire. In a clinic they had set up at the Waterboro Grange,

Edna assisted Dr. Carl Richards and nurse Betty Ricker of Alfred with bandaging up wounds and feeding those who fought the fires, until she noticed that piles of slabwood lying outside the Hall had started to burn. The clinic moved to Alfred, and Edna and Linwood headed to Sanford, while, "the wind was blowing our way and fire was falling on the lawns like big, round fireballs." They started and as Edna looked back on 202, over her shoulder towards the village, she recalls, "I saw Carpie's filling station blossom out with flames and the road closed over." In a later interview, she reminisced, saying, "That village was just gorgeous. The main road was very narrow at that time. It wasn't a big road like it is now and there were trees the whole length of the street and they arched in the middle. When you drove through it was just like driving through an arbor way. Such beautiful trees."

ED ROSS, of Lyman, had his home burned up on the South Waterboro Road, says that about 80 percent of the town was destroyed by the fire. They fought embers blown their way for more than a day and then he, his sister and another girl were sent out on their bikes for his grandparents' house in Springvale. They made it to Alfred where they were stopped, but with the help of friends the entire family was reunited in Springvale. Having lost everything in the fire, the family rented in Alfred Mills until they could rebuild. "As a high-schooler I built the barn that is still there today." His vivid memory of that Thursday was looking out and seeing, "At about a 180 degree angle, from Waterboro to Kennebunk the crown fires were like an ocean of waves of fire. And that's stuck with me all my life."

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