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Invasives studied by MMS students

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Students from Massabesic Middle School recently hosted a forum to educate the public about invasive species that threaten Maine's native plants and animals. At displays set up around the school gym, kids from Team Aroostook science classes taught by Patrick Parent talked to visitors and demonstrated interactive computer screens which displayed information and photographs. Visitors were also encouraged to sign up to participate in programs like Vital Signs, a Gulf of Maine Research Institute program that tracks the spread of invasives, provides education tools to schools, and allows students, scientists, educators and citizen scientists to share their work.

A number of students chose to research native species such as the red pine and how it was dis-

persed after the Fire of '47. Others created projects to illustrate invasives such as Japanese barberry and beetles, multiflora rose, green crabs, the Asian longhorned beetle, and many more. Displays incorporated creative posters, models, comics, pamphlets, mobiles and maps.

Zachary Dyer of Waterboro talked about a three-sided, purple contraption that has been seen hanging from tree branches in the RSU 57 communities lately. It is a bug trapper used by scientists to look for insect species. "Bugs can't see it. It has sticky stuff on it and attracts the bugs. They are put up for about a year." These bug trappers allow scientists to look for invasive insect species such as the Asian longhorn beetle which lays eggs in the boughs of trees. "The eggs kinda look like a moon crater in the tree," Zachary said. Trees that are attacked by the insect eventually die. There have



Ken Canfield of the Maine Forest Service shows visitors to the invasive species forum an example of an invasive shrub.

PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK

been no Asian longhorns discovered in Maine yet, but according to the the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry, there have been invasions in nearby Massachusetts.

Ken Canfield of the Maine Forest Service was at the forum with examples of invasive shrubs. "The most common are honeysuckle, bittersweet, and bamboo along roadsides," Canfield said.

"We are concerned about invasives because they affect the forest ecosystem, affect growth and the productivity of woodlots." Often, the seeds are spread, he explained, and only when the lot has been cut and the sunlight hits the forest floor does the invasive "explode" into growth. Recreation is impacted. Native vegetation has more calories for wildlife. In

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Lyman approves charter review committee

Change to BudCom also passes

By **ANN FISHER**
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Following solid support by residents at the polls Nov. 4, a Charter Review Committee will be seated in Lyman.

The vote was 1,262 to 520 in favor of forming a review committee just over a year after a new charter was approved.

In other election news, residents also voted to reorganize the Budget Committee by a vote of 1,559 to 179. Members of the Budget Committee will now include the town treasurer and six elected members with staggered three-year terms. Frederick Bechard was elected to a two-year term on the committee. While no one ran for a one-year term Brad Nikel received the most write-in votes.

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New principal and WES 'off to a strong start'

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Christine Bertinet, first-year principal of the Waterboro Elementary School, describes WES as "off to a strong start" for the 2014-2015 school year. She brings a vision of shared leadership as she begins her tenure at WES. Bertinet believes in a model of shared leadership. She works



Christine Bertinet, principal of Waterboro Elementary School.
PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

closely with teacher leaders to tackle the challenging work.

She began the year with a staff meeting that included all teachers and specialists at the school. Each individual shared their ideas for goals for the year on posters around the room. Categories were identified. Each individual's ideas became data for a later meeting of the leadership team that is composed of the school's instructional strategist, regular and special education teachers, the assistant principal and the principal. Working with staff feedback, this group worked to create three overarching goals for the year.

Bertinet described these three "umbrella" goals as equally important. The first two are internal goals for the school, "student engagement" and "proficiency-based education growth" and the last is both internal and external to the school, "strengthening community."

She explained, "First, all WES staff will focus on student engagement. We will use strategies

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From left, Erin Partridge, Bailey Baldwin, Gabby Aubut, Jordan Steeves, Sabrina Howell, Carrie Phinney, Aiden Libby and Hunter Steeves during 'Mix It Up at Lunch Day' at Massabesic Middle School.
COURTESY PHOTO

Students mix it up

Students at Massabesic Middle School joined more than 1 million other students across the country to help break down social and racial barriers by participating in Mix It Up at Lunch Day.

The Oct. 31 event, launched

by the Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance project in 2002, encourages students to sit with someone new in the cafeteria for just one day. Cafeterias are the focus of Mix It Up because that's where a school's

social boundaries are most obvious. Many schools plan similar barrier-busting activities throughout the day. Some use the event to kick off a yearlong exploration of

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From left, RSU 57 school board Chairwoman Karla Bergeron, Waterboro's Fire Chief Matt Bors and Town Administrator Gary Lamb. COURTESY PHOTO

WFD to benefit from bus donation

A surplus school bus was donated to the Waterboro Fire Department by the Regional School Unit 57 School Board after fire department officials said last winter that they needed shelter after a long and cold night fighting a fire in a neighboring community.

The bus will be renovated by the fire department, which will use it as a temporary shelter during very cold and very warm days so they can get out of the elements and rest. The bus will allow

firefighters a place to change gear and tend to other tasks that may be easier out of the weather.

"This is a great solution and a great use of this old school bus," said Karla Bergeron, chairwoman of the board. "The board was pleased we could help. Our fire departments will all benefit from this."

Each year RSU 57 takes a few older buses off the roads; some run, but no longer meet the strict requirements for transporting students daily.

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PRINCIPAL

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that hook learners into meaningful engagement. We will support each other in doing this. Our goal is to become an exceptional school that meets the needs of every learner." The second goal is to discern what can we do to improve our performance as a proficiency-based education model. The general goal of proficiency-based education is to ensure that students acquire the knowledge and skills that are deemed to be essential to success in school, higher education, careers and adult life. "Our district has been at the forefront of the movement in the state. We ask ourselves what we can do to support our growth."

As for the third goal, "The third goal of strengthening community is being seen by everyone as essential. It has to be at the center of our thinking." Bertinet described the typical ways the school communicates with parents through newsletters, emails and the school website. "We begin every school year with a school-wide open house, but this year we took a different approach. We began with all the students and parents gathering in the gym. The assistant principal, Melissa Roberts, and I framed our 'big ideas' to them, in a 15-20 minute presentation. The two major 'big ideas' we talked to parents about were the importance of parent engagement and the focus of proficiency-based education." They presented two examples of ways the community could be involved this year: a new playground and library renovation projects. Then teachers took the parents to the rooms for a variety of welcome activities.

Bertinet and the leadership team want to strengthen community with the wider Waterboro community as well. She described canvas signs that will be displayed, describing events going on at the school, to which the community is welcome. "We hope the signs will act as a bridge to adults beyond the parents of current students," said Bertinet, adding that she hopes to have more information in the Reporter throughout the year.

"We feel we are covering our bases in communicating with parents, but there are many other people who might be interested in some of our activities. We will hold three big arts and music celebrations this year, following seasonal themes, and we hope to bring in adults in town who may not have children in the school, but who appreciate children's performance in various arts."

The celebration by students in kindergarten and first grade will be winter-themed, the grade two-three event will occur at midyear, with grades four-five at the end of year as a send-off for fifth-graders on their way to middle school.

The new playground project is one that Bertinet hopes will

engage community volunteers to help the school. The PTO has become a nonprofit so it can apply for grants and seek other kinds of funding. School staff and the PTO see the playground as a community resource, far beyond just being used during the school day. They hope to avoid going to companies that sell very expensive steel structures, and instead design the outdoor space so that kids can spread out and engage in multiple ways. Bertinet describes a vision that might include a soccer field, a sensory garden for exploration, more trees and play stations to make it a long-term community space. She hopes that local landscapers might assist in making the space more beautiful. And once the plans are made, and the funds are raised, to bring in many, many people from town to celebrate the new playground just as the current one was, with hundreds of people. She reminisces, "I was a student here myself, in the mid-'80s, when this playground was built. My parents and I helped build this playground. I remember helping to clean the tires that became part of it."

"I think of building the new playground as a community-wide event, with lots of workers and a huge potluck. We are a large school. I hope to see many people involved in planning and creating the new playground, in contrast with simply going to a company and buying a certain number of structures. This could involve many people and save on the cost." To date, the PTO has raised over \$30,000, and the playground committee has held two meetings.

Bertinet also hopes to invite townspeople to get involved in redesigning the school library to include a community gathering space for the school and technology updates. She welcomes local artists to discuss ways of revitalizing and redefining this important part of the school.

Now that the goals for the year have been set, Bertinet asks, "What actions are going to support us in achieving our goals? I believe the process will move faster next year after the experiences of this year, and staff becomes more familiar with this collaborative effort of a leadership team rather than a top-down model of leadership."

As vice principal last year, Bertinet learned, "there are many people who feel a great deal of pride in this school. Our goal is to celebrate the positive, and to work on those areas that need improvement."

Bertinet is no newcomer to RSU 57, having grown up in Waterboro, and attended Massabesic schools from kindergarten through grade 10. She also taught English Language Arts at MMS for eight years and at the high school for two years, and then taught in Gorham before returning to WES. Asked what it was like to move from classroom teaching to administration, she said, "It was really hard. I love teaching, and it was a leap, but I also had the 'big picture' as a kind of calling. My goal is to be out there, in the school, and not always in the office. It is my

model. It's my challenge!"

WES PTC now PTO

After a year of planning and preparation, the WES Parent Teacher Committee is now officially the Parent Teacher Organization. This is part of its growth into a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity. The change was made on legal advice as the group embarked on a large-scale fundraising effort toward building a new playground for the school. The nonprofit status is required for most grants and other funding applications. According to PTO President Heather Silva, the group's application was recently accepted and the PTO is now officially a 501(c)(3) organization.

Turkey Trot to benefit new playground

The Waterboro Elementary School PTO is sponsoring a 1-mile Turkey Trot on Saturday, Nov. 22 at WES, with registration starting at 9:30, and the Family Fun Run starting at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 a person, with a maximum fee for a family of \$20. The winner will get a turkey and there will be lots of random prize drawings and giveaways donated by local businesses. All proceeds will go toward a new playground for the school. The PTO has raised \$30,000 to date towards its goal of \$100,000.

The playground committee meets in the library at 5:30 p.m., one hour before the PTO meeting, on the second Tuesday of the month. (The PTO meets at 6:30.) Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Food drive change

There has been a change in the food drive this year, as the Food for Life Pantry at St. Stephens Church in Waterboro has closed, and residents who used to receive food from St. Stephens are now being helped by the York County Food Pantry at the York County Shelter Program in Alfred. Students are asked to bring nonperishable food items to their classroom. The donations will be given to the PTO, who will also be donating turkeys to go along with the student donations. The schools student helpers, led by Bria Bourque, will help load and unload the donations. Food donations are being accepted from any residents of Waterboro through Thursday, Nov. 20.

Fundraiser a success

The PTO's Yankee Candle Fundraiser resulted in \$22,229 in sales, before taxes. This resulted in an approximate profit of \$8,650 after shipping costs. PTO President Heather Silva said the fundraiser will provide funds for field trips this year, and also add to the new playground fund.

Correction

The table rental donation at the Waterborough Historical Society Holiday Fair on Nov. 15 is \$25 (not \$15). The wrong information was provided to the newspaper.



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From left, Nancy Johnson, Rosemary McCoy and Pat Cloonan. COURTESY PHOTO

Giving back

On Nov. 5, the ladies from Waterboro Fire Department Gives Back met with Nancy Johnson, the town of Waterboro Fuel Assistance Coordinator to present a check in the amount of \$2,000 to help with the fuel assistance program. WFDGB has been doing this since 2009 and has given over \$10,000 to the program. They also sponsor two families at Thanksgiving by donating a dinner with all the fixings to each family and at Christmas they sponsor a dinner and gifts for up to three families. All of the monies for these endeavors are raised through bean suppers and donations from the general public throughout the year at the Waterboro Fire Department Central Station.

By Rosemary McCoy



INDICTMENTS

from York County Superior Court
NOVEMBER

Daniel C. Libby, 52, of Deerwander Road, Hollis, two counts of Class C violation of bail/felony, one in Dayton and one in Hollis.

Brandon A. Pelletier, 25, of Alfred Road, Lyman, Class C criminal restraint/parent in Biddeford.

Michael C. Barbaria, 37, of Saco, two counts of Class C assault/domestic violence with priors; four counts of Class C criminal threatening/domestic violence with priors; two counts of Class D cruelty to animals/injure in Waterboro.

Michael R. Doyer, 27, of Bernard Avenue, Biddeford, two counts of Class C assault/domestic violence with prior Maine conviction in Waterboro.

Randal O. Ferguson, 55, of Bellingham, Washington, Class C terrorizing/evacuation in Alfred.

Christopher Langlais, 23, of Curtis Lake Drive, Sanford, official oppression and Class E conspiracy in Alfred.

Paul M. Olsen, 33, of Eliot, Class C violation of bail/felony/domestic violence/contact in Alfred.

Carolyn Gammon, 57, of Ossipee Trail, Limington, Class B theft by deception, and Class C unsworn falsification/impression, location missing.

INVASIVES

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fact, some invasive plants such as buckthorn are actually a diuretic--the birds expend more calories digesting than they ingest.

Native tree species such as the red pine are also threatened by insects such as the red pine scale, according to student Arie Moore of Waterboro, who studied how the Fire of '47 impacted the spread of invasive species. "Red pine is spread by fires, and the red pine scale is killing some pines, mostly on Mount Desert Island," she said, pointing to a map of the state to illustrate areas of fire in 1947.

Maine's aquaculture is also

affected by invasives. Candace Lee, Helen Philbrick, and Zachary Dyer worked on a display of the green crab, which was spread from the ballast water released in the shipping industry. Invasives like the green crab impact the populations of fish, clams, and aquatic plants important to Maine's ecosystem. "A green crab can lay up to 185,000 eggs and has no predator in Maine," said Lee.

Students on Team Aroostook will continue to collaborate with Vital Signs to record the presence and spread of invasives in the community. Their field work, and the work of other scientists, can be found at www.vitalsignsme.org.

The board of selectmen are scheduled to discuss the charter committee at the regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 17.

The committee will first be sworn in and hold an organizational meeting, which will probably be held after Thanksgiving, Weiss said.

According to the Lyman Charter, "This (charter) Committee, upon careful examination of the entire Charter, may propose substantive changes to the basic form and structure of Town Government as specified in the Charter. If a petition-initiated change to the Charter proposes substantive changes to the basic form and structure of town Government [a revision] as specified by the Charter, a Charter Commission is to be established in accordance with State statute to review and formally propose the revision."

LYMAN CHARTER

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Victoria Gavel, chairwoman of the Lyman Board of Selectmen, said previously that the proposal to convene a charter committee was spurred in part by a petition submitted to the board in July 2013 by former selectman Leo Ruel in support of a town manager form of government.

In addition, during a straw poll taken at the polls last November, Lyman residents voted 309 to 221 to support an alternative form of government. Shirley A. Harrison, Donald M. Hernon and Lee D. Schatz all ran for a seat on the nine-member committee and were elected along with write-in candidates Marie Nikel, Maurice St. Clair and William Single. However, St. Clair declined to serve.

The selectmen will appoint three more members and the committee will then appoint a ninth member, according to town clerk Pauline Weiss.

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POLICE NEWS

Lyman driver in critical condition

The Lyman man whose truck crashed into a pole Wednesday, Nov. 12 remained at Maine Medical Center Thursday afternoon in critical condition.

Matthew Lambert, 23, of Lyman, was one of three local men involved in the early morning accident on Townhouse Road near the intersection of Whitehouse Road on the Hollis town line.

Lambert was seriously injured when he was ejected on impact from the 2011 GMC crew cab pick-up.

David Strandburg, 23, of Waterboro, had to be extricated from the back seat. He was listed in fair condition Thursday.

The front seat passenger, Tyler Tanch, also 23 and a resident of Waterboro, was able to get out of the vehicle on his own. There

was no record of Tanch at Maine Medical Center Thursday.

Investigators from the York County Sheriff's Office said it appeared the truck was traveling west when it left the road and went into a ditch; the impact caused the truck to go airborne and hit the pole, snapping it in half.

The initial investigation shows that after the truck went airborne, it turned about 90 degrees and impacted the pole on the rear door and roof of the driver's side. The impact resulted in the driver's ejection from the vehicle.

Speed and weather conditions (fog) appear to be factors in the crash, which is under investigation.

Deputies and rescue units from Hollis and Waterboro responded to the one-vehicle crash.



Guest speaker Janet Colwell of West Newfield, talks to Mike Cook of Shapleigh about the great fires that swept through western Maine in October of 1947. COURTESY PHOTO

Newfield resident crosses border to educate history buffs

The Wakefield-Brookfield (N.H.) Historical Society held its monthly meeting on Oct. 14 at The Little Red Schoolhouse at historic Wakefield Corner, and drew a crowd of over 50 people. Guest speaker Janet Colwell of West Newfield shared her chronicles of the Fire of 1947 that burned through West Newfield. At the time, her father was fire chief and fully involved in this awful tragedy that struck York County. There were several fires burning out of control throughout the state of Maine, but the one that came through West Newfield left a mark on Janet and her family. This fire supposedly started near Route 153

in East Wakefield, N.H. and headed into Maine near Parsonsfield, leaving a charred mess behind as it spread into the villages of Maplewood and West Newfield, along with Newfield, Shapleigh and Alfred, then continuing east towards the coast of Maine. Colwell explained many details of the fire, her father's role, how families coped with the loss of their homes, schools, and other town buildings. Then, many members of the audience shared their own stories and personal experiences of fires that they were involved in or witnessed.

By Gerald P. Hastings,
vice president of the Wakefield-Brookfield Historical Society.

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Bankers create an ice cream challenge to raise awareness

Four community banks are competing head-to-head in a friendly challenge that will raise awareness and dollars for United Way of York County. Biddeford Savings, Kennebunk Savings, Saco & Biddeford Savings and Sanford Institution for Savings generously take part in United Way activities year round, lending their time, talent and treasure, but when it comes to the fall it is all about raising funds for United Way's Community Campaign.

This year, to help encourage participation in the campaign, community bank presidents Charles Petersen of Biddeford Savings, Brad Paige of Kennebunk Savings, Kevin Savage of Saco & Biddeford Savings and Mark Mickeriz of SIS came together and created an ice cream challenge. The rules for the challenge are quite simple – the bank that has the largest number of employees participating in their Unit-

ed Way campaign wins. The three remaining bank presidents will be responsible for serving up ice cream to the winning bank at the victor's main branch. The stakes were raised even higher when the bank presidents agreed to wear the apparel of the winning bank while serving. The results are expected in by the beginning of November and the winning bank will be announced via United Way of York County's Facebook (United Way of York County Maine) and Twitter (@uwycme) pages.

"We were so thrilled when they came to us with the idea for this challenge. It is a win-win situation when we can both educate and share the work we do in a fun way that brings the community together. We are honored and fortunate to have this partnership with all four community banks," said Barb Wentworth, president & CEO of United Way of York County.

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Alfred lawyer led rich, full life

"Our Alfred Ancestors" has been the theme of the New Century Club programs this year. In November it was Samuel McIntyre Came, 1838-1922. He was a descendant of the first Came living in York in 1670. Samuel M. Came's father, Samuel Washington Came, moved to Alfred with his family of five to a building on Shaker Pond. The senior Came "was an educated man who taught school, farmed and served in the Maine legislature" said Marjorie Anderson, who gave the program at the club this past week.

"He believed in educating all his children, not just the boys" so each was educated and from time to time taught school. Sam went to Limerick Academy, Berwick Academy, to Bowdoin and then Harvard, where he earned a law degree in 1863. He studied law in Ira T. Drew's law office in Alfred and, in 1864, opened his own office upstairs over the village store. He continued to practice law for 57 years.

Like his older brother, George Came, Sam kept journals, but where George used names when

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recording events, Sam used initials. So much of the details of Sam's life can be gleaned from George's journals, which are still in existence and provide an interesting window on Alfred's past. George tells about the new type of oil called kerosene; about a telegraph coming to Alfred; the first bicycles (velosopedes); Sam's first typewriter (on trial); and an 1857 snowstorm so fierce snow was driven "even through the new shingled side of the house." Sam couldn't go back to his school that day.

He was making \$25 to \$35 monthly when he taught, as compared to his sister Sarah's salary of \$12.50 a month, from which she paid \$2.50 for room and board.

Sam's leadership abilities were evident in the number of his involvements in the village. He was a library trustee, deacon of the Congregational Church, treasurer of the Alfred Embroidery Works, officer of the Alfred Bank and held town office. His reputation as a lawyer was such that when he represented a client, he was expected to win. He didn't take a case unless he believed "his side was right." He retired in 1918 at 80 and was the oldest practicing lawyer in Maine.

All the Came siblings were early members of the Shakespeare Club, the precursor of the New Century Club which is the "oldest social

group in the state with both men and women as members." The first meeting mentioned was in 1893.

Programs on Alfred ancestors this year have focused on the Shakers and Native Americans. Others scheduled are the Gile Family, Roberts family, Parsons family and John Holmes. Marjorie Anderson will host the Dec. 7 meeting, when Carolyn Gile will be the speaker. For that meeting members are asked to bring a Christmas memory to share.

News from the pews

The Parish Paddlers will meet at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16 for a pot-luck meal and games.

On Monday, Nov. 17 the trustees will meet at 7 p.m. in Conant Chapel, and on Tuesday, Nov. 18 the deacons will meet at 4 p.m.

Thanksgiving pies may be ordered for pick up on Sunday, Nov. 23 or Tuesday, Nov. 25. This will be a scholarship fundraiser. The choice is pumpkin, buttermilk or Dutch apple, \$8 each.

Village notes

The Alfred Historical Society will meet at 1 p.m. in Parsons Library on Tuesday Nov. 18. Bruce Tucker will be the speaker. The public is invited to all Historical Society meetings.

MIXING IT UP

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social divisions.

At MMS, students prepared for the event through Advisory lessons focused on building empathy and accepting differences in others. These lessons were connected to the Habits of Mind Standards. On the day of the event, students were organized in the cafeteria by birth month and were

mixed up by grade level. Teachers and support staff participated, and there was a list of icebreaker discussion topics on each table to help start conversation.

Feedback from the event was positive. Ameliah, an eighth-grade student, said she enjoyed herself. "You meet new people and you make new friends that you can have for a long time," she said of the experience.

Sofia, a seventh-grader, said,

"It's important to do Mix It Up at Lunch Day because people get out of their comfort zone and meet new people. If you keep doing the same thing for the rest of your life then your life is pretty boring, so you have to try something new."

"Mix It Up is a positive step that schools can take to help create learning environments where students see each other as individuals and not just as members of a separate group," said Teaching Tolerance Director Maureen Costello. "When people step out of their cliques and get to know someone, they realize just how much they have in common." The Massabesic Middle School guidance department is planning to make Mix It Up at Lunch Day an annual event, with supplemental activities focused on building connections held throughout the year.

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SPORTS

XC squads visit New Englands

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
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Massabesic's boys' cross country team turned in a 14th place finish at the annual New England championships, held Saturday, Nov. 8 at Wickham Park in Manchester, Connecticut.

More than 260 boys from 30 high schools stepped to the starting line and the Mustangs reminded everyone from Maine, and points south, that they possess one of the top squads around. They topped every Maine team in attendance except Falmouth, whose 385 points captured 13th place.

Scarborough, crowned Maine state champs one week ago, was 16th, behind Cumberland who was 15th. Massabesic finished with 400 points.

Senior Mike Aboud, as he has done all year and throughout his high school career, led the way for the Mustangs with a 51st place finish. Andrew Mongiat, a rock

solid performer for team green, was 10 spots behind classmate Aboud and Remington Gaetjens, another senior, finished 133rd.

Alex Swett was five spots behind Gaetjens in 138th place, but again the diminutive freshman was the top performing ninth grader overall, something that should serve him, and Mustang Nation well, in the coming years.

Donovan Duffy rounded out Massabesic's top five point scorers with a 207th place finish.

The lady Mustangs finished in 28th place, one spot ahead of state champ Scarborough. Roshelle Morrison, a junior who got stronger and stronger as the year went on, turned in a time of 20:55, good for 141st place. Senior Gabby Johnson was 12 spots behind Morrison and junior Brianna Drew was 174th.

Emily Wasina and Olivia Ducharme rounded out the top five for the Mustangs. More than 250 girls competed.

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BRIEFS

Varsity softball coach named

Activities Director Brendan Scully recently announced the hiring of Kevin Tutt as Massabesic's varsity softball head coach. Tutt is a graduate of Massabesic High School and has coached many of our youth softball teams, including this year's District 4 champions who placed second in the state tournament. Tutt has also served for the last two years as Massabesic's first team softball coach.

Varsity ice hockey coach named

Activities Director Brendan Scully announced the hiring of Loren Blair as the varsity ice hockey head coach of the newly formed Massabesic, Bonny Eagle and Old Orchard Beach cooperative team. Blair has served as a long time assistant in the ice hockey program at Massabesic High School.

Limerick recreational youth basketball

The Limerick Parks and Recreation department is offering youth basketball for children in grades K-6. The program will be starting Nov. 17 at Line Elementary School. Sign up for a chance to have fun, learn the game and get some exercise this winter. For more information, email Limerickparksandrec@limerickme.org.

Laughs for a cause

Comedian Bob Marley will be performing at MHS Monday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Show starts at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults and are available at the front office of the high school. All proceeds benefit the Massabesic Project AWARE student group and their efforts to raise awareness about teen issues including bullying, self-harm and suicide. Project AWARE at Massabesic High School is sponsored by Biddeford Savings Bank. For more information call Steve Urbach at 247-3141.

Student shines

John Secunde, a sophomore at the State University of New York at Fredonia majoring in music composition, has received scholarships totaling \$11,000 for the 2014-2015 academic year. These include a \$5,000 President's Out of State Scholarship, a \$3,500 Residence Life Scholar Award, a \$2,000 Fredonia Dean's Scholar Award and a \$500 Faculty/Staff Scholarship. He is a 2013 graduate of Massabesic High School and son of Jim and Donna Secunde.

Business after hours

A holiday business after hours will be held at Woody's Sports Grille, Tuesday, Dec. 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Waterboro Association of Businesses, all businesspeople are invited to come and socialize in a casual setting. A great networking opportunity.

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Massabesic Mustang Nation



Charitable Mustang Nation

The power of unity showed this past week, as Massabesic's Student Council met its goal of raising \$1,500 towards helping the York County Food Shelter in Alfred.

Thanks to pumping up the idea at a school-wide assembly, collecting funds during lunch blocks, and hosting Mustang Nation's seventh annual Powderpuff Flag Football game played by participating junior and senior girls, Massabesic High School surpassed last year's contribution of \$600. The community and school showed up at the game, as teachers and students made generous donations all week to fight hunger in the district. The Powderpuff game was the week's main attraction, and was as exciting as usual. The group of senior girls came in confident, hoping to win for their second year in a row, but were defeated after a crucial failure to convert on a late second half fourth down. The juniors controlled the scoreboard and won 17 to 11 after two touchdowns were scored by Sierra Arral, a varsity soccer player at MHS. Arral also had the game's highlight of a 45-yard touchdown to conclude the first half, giving them a demanding lead heading into halftime. Michaela Geiger, a senior also on the girls' varsity soccer team, had the only touchdown for the class of 2015. Mustang Nation proved that when they are united for a cause, they can reach it together. The student council is proud of reaching its goal, and wants to thank all of the charitable members of the school and community for being such a

huge part of this great cause. The help-the-shelter week was the first event of a year filled with plans to help out and serve the community. Massabesic students plan to pack the York County Food Shelter with volunteers to put together Thanksgiving boxes, and further fight the economic struggles that face the district.



by Jack Melanson

The importance of gaining friendships and important skills that come with serving the

community will be a side effect of the future project. Mustang Nation student leaders have also begun to organize school-wide projects with the school's guidance staff. They have drafted plans to make cards for people during times when they need comfort, and a boost in their every day lives. They plan to craft cards for soldiers away from their families, the elderly residing in nursing homes, children with health-related issues and local servicemen in the area. Excitement surrounds this next community service idea, as Mustang Nation has proved to be a stampede of students and staff members that all come together to create a force that cannot be messed with.

Jack Melanson is a senior at Massabesic High School in Waterboro and the president of the student council. He can be reached at Jackmelanson@waterbororeporter.com.

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OPINION

Reasons to be cheerful: part 3

There was a full moon burning brightly on the night of Nov. 5, the night after Election Day. Scientific studies point to humans experiencing greater amounts of physical and mental distress during times of a full moon. We've long known the full moon tends to bring the crazies out. There isn't a card-carrying magician who won't tell you a full moon ignites the perfect time for conjuring up mischief and mayhem, for all to endure. So I suppose it's no small wonder Paul LePage is celebrating his second term as Maine's most beloved governor.

It wasn't an easy victory. Of the 605,187 voters who turned out for the mid-term elections across the state of Maine, 313,261 voted to evict the Blaine House tenant, while only 291,926 decided to renew his lease. Suffice to say, the majority of the vot-



by
Jon Simonds

ing public is not happy with these results translating into another four years of Paul LePage. LePage was so overcome with joy in his less-than-the-popular-vote victory he offered Eliot Cutler the position of attorney general of the state of Maine. As of press time, Cutler has yet to comment on the offer.

LePage seemed sincerely likable in his victory speech, dropping names like former President Gerald Ford dropped papers, pencils and pens. He talked about the American dream and how great this country is. He didn't mention a word about some of the dessert he is about to offer the state in the coming term. One of those dishes is chock-full of the sweet sound of right-to-work state. As a governor enjoying the sweet smell of success, he's probably certain Maine is ready to become a right-to-work state.

Everybody should have the right to work, right? The only problem with this concept is, everyone already has the right to work, and quite a few other rights workers in right-to-work states, no longer have. In a right-to-work state, you have the right to work and nothing more. You don't have the right to vacation pay, holiday pay or even your job should you take ill and be forced to miss a substantial amount of time. If you're out, you are not exercising your right to work, allowing your employer to give someone else an opportunity to exercise their right to work.

LePage wants to continue his reduction of such entitlements as food stamps and health care for those working class folks who are content with minimum wage jobs and likely agree with his opposition to raising the minimum wage. After all, if people were making a livable wage, we wouldn't have leaders like our newly elected governor of Maine waxing poetic and continuing his fight to rein in wasteful spending for another four years. But cheer up, it's only four more years and, after all, what's four years in the course of a lifetime?

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

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OBITUARIES

Albert C. Mansfield

Albert C. Mansfield, 83, of Alfred, a man who loved nature and the beauty of a crisp fall day, passed away peacefully on Nov. 9, 2014 at Maine Medical Center in Portland.



Albert Mansfield

Al was born in Gardiner on March 16, 1931 the son of Paul and Lela (Clement) Mansfield. He grew up in Pittston and went to Gardiner High School. After high school, Al enlisted in the U.S. Navy and spent one year before he decided to transfer to the Air Force. He was stationed in Berlin, Germany as a ground control approach radar mechanic at the end of the Berlin Air Lift. He served his country during the Korean Conflict until he was honorably discharged in 1955 and returned to Maine.

Al was employed by New England Telephone for over 30 years and retired in Augusta as a garage supervisor. He then went to work for Tyco as a telecommunication specialist; visiting telephone garages through-out Maine. This was a part-time job and Al enjoyed making his own work schedule and hours.

Al enjoyed traveling and visited Hawaii, Florida, Myrtle Beach and Canada. He especially enjoyed a three week motor home trip with two of his buddies, Walt and Pepper to Montana. They went elk hunting and he fished for trout in the clear mountain streams. He enjoyed NASCAR

and went to several races with his wife, Paula, in their fifth wheel camper. For several years, he and Paula visited the state parks and took in the beauty along the coast of Maine.

Al was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting with his son, grandson and more recently with his two great-grandsons. He enjoyed collecting guns and old coins. When he was younger, he received much satisfaction and pleasure from working in his vegetable and flower gardens. He had a green thumb and his specialty was keeping the roses blooming.

Al loved to play golf and he was a member of the Western View Golf Course for many years before moving to Alfred. He was always proud of his two "holes in one." He enjoyed the company of his many golfing buddies. Al was an avid reader, who read between 4 and 5 books a week. He enjoyed politics and prided himself for voting in both municipal and national elections. Al was honest and you always knew where you stood with him. He liked brand name clothes and trading in his truck every two years.

With Al's recent health challenges, he never complained, even when his day was filled with several doctor appointments. He had a full life with many adventures, a family that he loved unconditionally and will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Paula and three children, Susanne Lapierre of Dover, NH; Stephen Mansfield and wife Susan of No. Berwick; and Lisa Gray and husband David of Sanford; one step-daughter, Stacy Howard and husband Anthony Natale of

Foxborough, Massachusetts; seven grandchildren, Heath Mansfield, Heather Marion, Christa and Kevin Jellerson, Taylor Lapierre, Paxton Howard and Dominic Natale; also six great-grandchildren, Elli, Hannah, William, Cody, Stevie and Paisley.

Al was predeceased by his parents, his sister, Barbara and brother, Wallace.

Family and friends were invited to call on Thursday, Nov. 13 at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St. in Alfred where a funeral service was scheduled for Friday, Nov. 14 at 11 a.m.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 250 Brackett St., Portland, ME 04102. This is a home-away-from home for families that have children receiving medical care in Portland.

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TO YOUR HEALTH Celebrating acupuncture and Oriental medicine

Oct. 24 may have come and gone with little fanfare for most who are reading this article. If you recall, it was a Friday like any other Friday, weather notwithstanding. Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Day is officially observed on Oct. 24, and for the 43 percent of Americans who have used or are currently using some form of complementary therapy, this is a day worth celebrating.

Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Day is supported through a unique international partnership of organizations in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The partnership includes professional associations, research organizations and educational institutions. Practitioners of acupuncture and Oriental medicine throughout the United States host lectures and offer clinics on this day every year as part of an effort to increase public awareness of the benefits of acupuncture and Oriental medicine. I had the pleasure of being invited to offer a free clinic at the North Saco Congregational Church. It was an opportunity to reach out to folks who were looking for pain relief, but may not



by
Jessica Peck

have considered acupuncture an option.

The list of conditions that can be addressed with acupuncture is quite extensive, from effectively treating insomnia to relieving shoulder pain and assisting fertility in patients. Among the accepted theories on

the mechanism of acupuncture is that acupuncture stimulates the secretion of beta-endorphins in the brain. Another is that acupuncture affects blood concentrations of triglycerides, cholesterol, and phospholipids regulating the body toward homeostasis. What I have found in my practice and what I tell my patients is simply that acupuncture helps the body to work better. It really is remarkable to witness persistent conditions change with the assistance of a few acupuncture treatments. And experiencing the effects that healing brings no matter what day of the year is certainly worth celebrating.

Jessica Peck, MS, MAC, LAC, Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM), owns Peck's Family Acupuncture in Waterboro. Please send your health related questions to Jessica@pecksfamily-acupuncture.com.

Erdine Louise Smith

Erdine L. Smith, 65, on Main Street in Waterboro, died at her home with her loving family by her side, on Nov. 7, 2014. Erdine fought a courageous battle with ovarian cancer; but was encouraged and comforted by her family and her pets.



Erdine Smith with husband Elias.

Erdine was born in Waterboro on Feb. 12, 1949 the daughter of Sherlyn and Rhoda (Dumas) Westleigh. Erdine was educated and raised in town and she married her childhood sweetheart, Elias R. Smith, Jr. on Oct. 14, 1967. She devoted her life to her husband and gave him three beautiful children, Elias III, Robert and June. Erdine was a strong family matriarch who provided home based childcare to many families throughout the 1980's. She maintained an "open door" policy and was nicknamed "Dr. Erdine" by the neighborhood kids. You were always welcomed at her home, well fed and nurtured in so many ways beyond measure.

Erdine loved to go camping with her family and was content to be with her husband Elias at the NASCAR races or going for a ride in his pick-up truck. She did have one vice in life; she loved to shop at Walmart, Target or Kohl's. Erdine could always find a bargain and if she didn't need it "just now" – she would find a use for it. She was proud of her rose

gardens around her home. Erdine was also an avid animal lover. She took great joy in loving her pets throughout the years. She was a lifetime member of the Animal Humane Society. She provided a forever home for her adopted pets.

Though Erdine was a private person, she was protective of her family and instilled good manners and values to her children. With the same commitment and love, Erdine's family brought her home. She will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her son, Elias R. Smith, III and his wife Diane and by her daughter, June A. Poitras and husband Paul, both of Waterboro; her two brothers, Sherlyn Westleigh of Lyman and Arthur Westleigh of Maine; several nieces and nephews and by her brother and sisters-in law.

She was predeceased by her husband Elias, Jr. on Sept. 19, 2013 and by her infant son, Robert Lee Smith.

Family and friends are invited to call on Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street in Alfred. A Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at the funeral home, followed by committal prayers and burial at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery, 83 Stanley Rd., in Springvale.

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