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Food pantry preparing for holidays

By SHELLEY BURBANK

The Waterboro Community Pantry will give away over 125 turkeys and all the “fixin’s” for a holiday meal between now and Christmas, according to Cleo Smith who coordinates the food pantry. On Sat., Nov.18, the pantry was open from 2-4 p.m. to give away turkeys, produce, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, canned beans, cream of mushroom soup, breads, and cranberry sauce. “Everything they would need to make a complete Thanksgiving meal,” said Smith who has volunteered tirelessly for the last three and a half years to make the pantry a coordinated and important part of food security in the Waterboro area. “The parking lot was full.”

Whatever turkeys were left over after Saturday’s event will be given to families for Christmas, said Smith, who did not know fi-



Volunteers at the Waterboro Community Pantry were pleased to accept over 300 lbs of produce this year from the York County Jail Garden Program coordinated by the jail and the Massabesic Center for Adult Learning. From left, Debbie LeTart, Candy Real, Linda Lehmann (garden program teacher) and Cleo Smith. COURTESY PHOTO

nal number of turkeys given away for Thanksgiving. She will count on Tuesday when she is back at the pantry, working hard to support the families who count on the food and other supplies every

month to make ends meet.

The pantry is supported by many people and organizations in the community. For Saturday’s event, one person baked and donated 19

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Gardens produce at York County jail

By SHELLEY BURBANK

This year, the York County Jail Garden Program produced enough fresh food to donate 1073 pounds of food to local food pantries, including the Waterboro Community Pantry and the Sal-

vation Army in Sanford. York County Sheriff William F. King, Jr. said he is pleased with the program, which is offered through Massabesic Adult Education. “I think it is a great program,” said King in a phone interview. “I’m amazed myself by how much they produce.”

According to King, the inmates of the York County Jail can request or “put in” for various jobs in the facility, including the garden program, and then they are assigned to the job best suited to the individual. “We look to see what they’d be best at. Some people would not be able physically to [work in the garden].”

King says that the garden program is in its second year and that Captain Tim Kortez worked with the Massabesic Center for Adult Learning to organize the program at the jail this year.

The program was started in 2016 with the mission to “teach inmates work skills such as coming to work each day when you

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Raised garden beds at the York County Jail produced over 1,000 pounds of fresh food donated to area food pantries in 2017. COURTESY PHOTO

Apple pickers aid pantries

By ALLISON WILLIAMS

York County food pantries have been greatly aided by the York County Master Gardeners this past season. Nor can the generosity of farmers and orchard owners be underestimated. The

total number of pounds of produce (and this really isn’t the total because some are not yet in) was 59,089.25 including apples, corn, potatoes etc. This was in a year when the weather was not always favorable.

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Heather Willis, left, and Yvette Cabe were kept busy packing the food boxes for Thanksgiving at the York County Food Pantry this past week. PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

Financial fitness fair



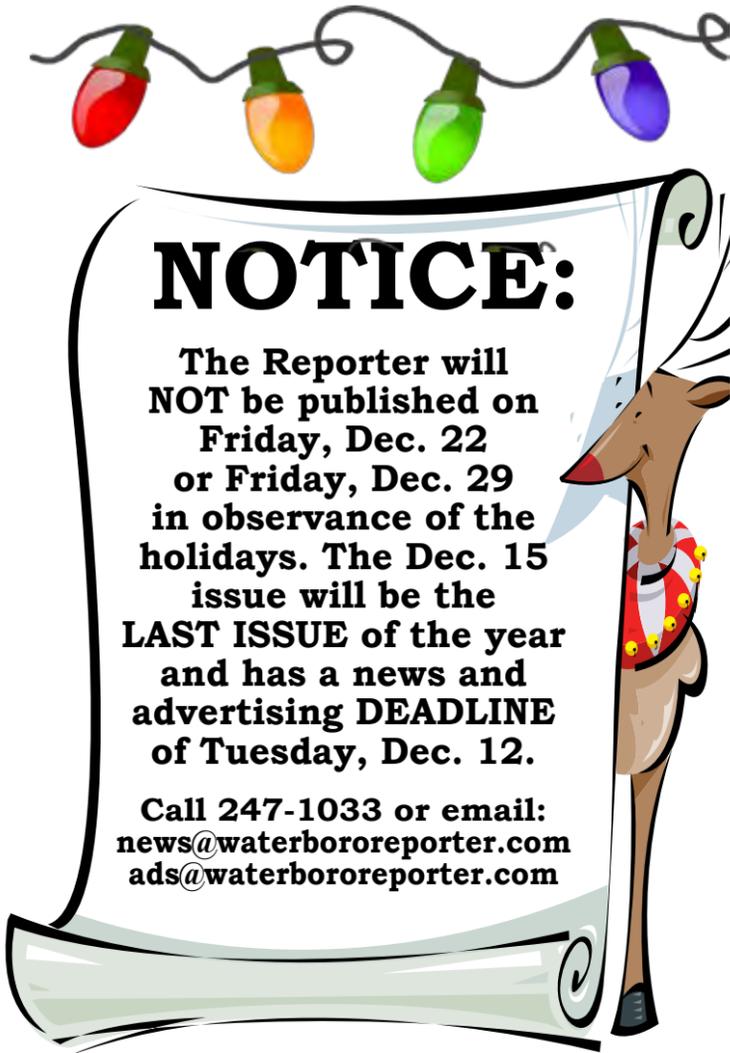
Massabesic High School juniors, from left, Sofie Irons, Syeira New and Ivalani Callahan learn about the importance of credit and credit scores from a representative of York County Federal Credit Union during a financial fitness fair held in the high school gymnasium on Tuesday, Nov. 21. COURTESY PHOTO

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NOTICE:

The Reporter will NOT be published on Friday, Dec. 22 or Friday, Dec. 29 in observance of the holidays. The Dec. 15 issue will be the LAST ISSUE of the year and has a news and advertising DEADLINE of Tuesday, Dec. 12.

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HOLIDAY TOUCH-A-TRUCK The Town of Buxton invites the public Sunday, Nov. 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Buxton Public Works Department. Kick off the season with glowing holiday lights on Buxton's trucks and cruisers, enjoy some refreshments, and build a craft to take home! Santa Clause will be flying in for this event as well, so bring your wish lists and your cameras! This is a FREE event, with donations of canned goods will be accepted to be donated to local food shelters. FMI call the Buxton Recreation Department at 929-8381. This event is sponsored by the Buxton Fire and Rescue Department, Buxton Public Works, Buxton Police Department, and the Buxton Recreation Department.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND CAROLING in the Village Square, 85 Main St., Hiram, Sunday, Nov. 26 at 6 p.m., followed by an OPEN HOUSE reception at 8 Hancock Ave. Yoga Group meets every Tuesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Walk-ins welcome. Weekly activities at the library: Scrabble Club meets every Tuesday at 1 p.m.; Knotty Knitters every Thursday 12:30-2:30 p.m. The Book Discussion Club will not meet again until January, title to be announced. FMI www.soldiers.lib.me.us or 625-4650. Open Tues: 2-5 p.m.; Wed. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

CALLING ALL QUILTERS! The Evergreen Quilt Guild will meet on Monday, Nov. 27, from 6-9 p.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church, Route 1, two miles south of Kennebunk Village. Evergreen Quilters usually meet the 4th Monday of each month except July and December. Newcomers are always welcome.

DISCOVER GIRL SCOUT EVENT for potential members and volunteers Nov. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Waterboro Public Library in

East Waterboro. For more information about Girl Scouts or to see a full list of Discover Girl Scout events, visit girlscoutsofmaine.org or call 888-922-4763.

VETERAN'S DINNER The Massabesic Middle School in East Waterboro would like to invite local veterans to the 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Nov. 30, from 6-7:30 in the MMS cafeteria. The Student Council is hosting this dinner to honor veterans. The MHS NJROTC Color Guard will present the arms, a young lady will sing the National Anthem, along with a video prior to the meal. If you would like to attend the dinner with a guest, please RSVP by contacting Ruth Miller, MMS Student Council Advisor, at ruthmiller@rsu57.org or call the school at 247-6121.

CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Tory Hill Church, Parish House in Bar Mills, Route 4A from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Featuring raffles, baked goods/fudge, white elephant, new gifts, and lunch from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Plenty of parking.

FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT at Soldiers Memorial Library, 85 Main St., Hiram. Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. for a Sacopee Valley Community Band concert at their 8 Hancock Avenue Arts Center (adjacent to the Library.) Refreshments will follow.

COOKIE WALK and Christmas cookie sale Dec. 9 starting at 9 a.m. at the Masonic Hall, Denmark Road, Brownfield. Buy a cookie box for \$6 and fill it with your choice of hundreds of cookies. Sponsored by the Brownfield Historical Society.

HIRAM FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. the Sacopee Valley Community Band concert at their 8 Hancock Avenue Arts Center (adjacent to the Soldiers Memorial Library, 85 Main St.) Refresh-

ments will follow.

BENEFIT FAIR & DINNER for Dottie Noble Sunday, Dec. 17 at Fraternal Lodge #55, 177 Waterboro Rd., Alfred. Vender Fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with vendors, crafters, raffles, baked goods and even Santa! Dinner is from 5 to 8 p.m. and costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids under 10. The menu is homemade Noble Penne with meat sauce, beans and hot dogs with brown bread, mixed green salad, bread and homemade desserts, coffee, tea

BAR MILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE Friday, Dec. 1, 4-7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Instead of the usual lunch we will be serving brunch 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. There will be homemade jams and jellies, handmade crafts, wreaths and treats for the whole family. Located at 13 Hermit Thrush Drive in Buxton. FMI-929-5555 or barmillscmunitychurch.org.

VICTORIAN TEA Sunday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m., to benefit the Community Library, 10 John St. in Lyman. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Library

LIMERICK VILLAGE CHRISTMAS Dec. 2, Craft Fair and gingerbread house making at the Brick Town Hall, Parade, Blizzard Bazaar & Luncheon at the Congregational Church, Cookies with Santa at the Fire Station, Reindeer Games & Character Friends at Bella Vista Event Center, Hayrides, Tree Lighting & Caroling w/Cookies & Hot Chocolate.

FRIENDS OF THE LIMERICK LIBRARY PLAY READING GROUP Do you love the theater? Come and join us, no experience needed, fun, casual, no lines to learn. Once a month on a Wednesday evening, dates vary. Call Nellie Champion at 793 2395 or the Limerick library.



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All smiles at Village Smiles

Local business collects Halloween candy for troops

By SHELLEY BURBANK

As of Saturday, Nov. 11, appropriately on Veteran's Day, Teresa Crandall of Village Dental in Limerick had collected 78 pounds of Halloween candy to be sent in care packages to U.S. troops serving overseas.

For the last four years, Crandall, who owns and operates the dental hygiene care business on Main Street in Limerick, has been paying children \$1 per pound for their Halloween candy. She also has coloring sheets and note paper available so that children and families can create messages to mail along with the candy to Operation Gratitude, an organization which sends care packages to U.S. troops serving overseas as well as

veterans, first responders, military families and their caregivers.

"I feel that participating in the Halloween candy buy back with Operation Gratitude is a very small way to say 'thank you' to our veterans that are away serving for our country. This opportunity to give back has been a win-win by keeping the sugary candy away from our children's teeth and to give our soldiers a little treat that may also bring back fun childhood memories of what Halloween was like for them back here, at home," Crandall said, pointing to the large, clear plastic bags of sweets collected by little ghouls and goblins on Halloween night.

In a touching coincidence, this year's first donation of candy was actually from a veteran who had bought more candy than he was able to give out on Oct. 31. "He came in and shook hands and said there's nothing better than care packages when you are overseas,"

Crandall said.

The local Girl Scout troop also stopped in to donate over five pounds of candy. In fact, more people donate than ask for the \$1 Crandall offers in exchange for a pound of sugary confections. She paid out \$26 this year, but some candy is just dropped off anonymously outside the dental office. Says Crandall, "Each year we have new families and some familiar families that have made this a tradition to continue donating not only leftover candy but also thank you cards and coloring pages. And, yes, most kids sell their treasured candy to Village Smiles at \$1 per pound, but much, much more candy just shows up at the door of the office by random families that just want to simply donate."

Crandall opened Village Dental on Main Street in 2011. Prior to that, she graduated from Bonney Eagle High school and the University of New England, and she worked as a hygienist in a dental practice. Wanting to own her own business, she opened Village Smiles on Fridays and Saturdays while working Monday-Thursday at the dentist's office, hoping the business would take off.

It did. She is now working full-time as the owner of her own dental hygiene office that focuses on dental prevention for individuals and families. Services include adult and children dental cleanings, periodontal cleanings, application of fluoride varnish, dental sealants, x-rays, denture cleaning, oral hygiene instruction, and referrals to a dental specialist. Village Smiles offers both holistic and traditional dental care. She is open business hours Tuesday-Saturday, with extended hours on Wednesdays until 8 p.m. "I think that really helped," Crandall said of the



Teresa Crandall, dental hygienist and owner of Village Smiles in Limerick, boxes up some of the 78 lbs. of candy she collected during her annual Halloween Candy Buy Back Program.

PHOTO BY SHELLEY BURBANK

Saturday hours and Wednesday evening hours. She is also now taking appointments in Kennebunk on Mondays. "This is an underserved area for dental services, as well," she added.

While she does all the cleanings and services mentioned, she refers clients out for fillings and extractions and restoration work to all the local dentists. She even helps clients figure out which dentists will accept which health care plans. "I accept Mainecare for people under age 21 and all other dental insurance," she said. "Be-

cause of my low overhead, my fees are also lower, so it's good for people on a fixed income."

What brought her into the dental field? "I personally had a lot of orthodontics done," she said, smiling the big, beautiful smile one would expect from a hygienist. "I was comfortable with the environment, knew I wanted to be in healthcare, and in my second year of college discovered the dental field."

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On Tues., Nov. 14, the Research Club of Limerick welcomed artist Megan Miller of New Hampshire to speak about her art, how Asperger's Syndrome (AS) impacted both her life and her painting, and her desire to share her story with others in order to educate and inform people about the challenges faced by those with the neurological condition.

"She was very informative and talked about how she overcame challenges, what affected her and how she has conquered her fears through art," said club member, Jeanine Housley. "I was impressed with all her accomplishments. I learned a lot about the syndrome and was very moved by her story."

As a public speaker, Miller talks about her own experience with AS as well as general information about the condition. AS is a form of autism that "reveals itself in intense interests in things and subjects that fill the mind and become obsessions from a very young age," according to Miller's biographical information shared in a handout. Miller talks about her struggles in public school, where she was bullied, teased and excluded for being different from the other students. Her teachers and parents, however, were supportive, and recognizing her talent for art and helped her to take art classes in and outside of school.

"It helped me to take art classes early," Miler shares in her handout.



Artist Megan Miller showed her artwork and spoke about living with Asperger's Syndrome at the Nov. 14 Research Club of Limerick meeting. COURTESY PHOTO

"It seemed easier to do than most things. I also liked the art clubs and after-school projects because some of the kids were nice to me."

When Miller entered high school, the bullying intensified, and her parents decided to home-school her. After her diagnoses of AS, she also became very interested in learning about the syndrome, and she attended conferences where she met a lot of experts who helped her to understand the diagnoses. She now is a public speaker who shows her art, explaining how her art expresses and illustrates the way she experiences the world around her and how she

feels when encountering those situations which those with sensory issues experience as chaotic and extremely uncomfortable, such as a trip to the doctor's office.

As illustration, Miller showed a painting she made of a doctor speaking, his words coming out of his mouth and piling up on the floor. "I think her work is just incredible," said Research Club president, Lovedy Alexander. "It explains what she's feeling inside her." Alexander said Miller also shared some strategies she uses to deal with the outside world. "She's list oriented. She sees the situation and is very intentional. She's

learned to speak up.

For example, Miller talked about some construction work going on outside her home, how the noises really bothered her. Having learned to speak up, Miller made an effort to talk to the foreman of the project, asking that they put up signs so the nearby residents knew when the work was going to be loud and whether or not it was safe to walk in certain areas. The construction crew complied, signs were put up, and Miller was able to manage the disruption.

Illustrating through art how she experiences the world made a powerful impact on the Research Club attendees. "She was extremely intelligent but in a different way," said Alexander. "It helped me to understand a cousin of mine who was not diagnosed because it was 30 years ago. Her art made it so clear how things affect her."

Megan's mother, Debra Miller, accompanied her daughter to the meeting, running a slide show during the talk. Said Alexander, "Her mother has been very supportive."

Millers specializes in paintings of dancers and cityscapes, the far east and sea creatures. The colorful paintings are bright and bold with strong lines and evocative composition. She has shown her artwork at the Diane Snow Art Gallery in Limerick as well as Hancock Hall, Boston, MA; Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center Cambridge, MA; the Massachusetts State House-Doric Hall; and many libraries. She has spoken at various venues including radio programs. To learn more go to Megan's website <http://www.megansvisionart.com/> or her facebook page www.facebook.com/megansvisionart.com.

FOOD PANTRY

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apple pies. The Waterboro Fire Department helped out with a food drive and then bought \$500 worth of food with monetary donations. The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have held food drives as well, said Smith. Bread is donated from Pepperidge Farm, Panera Bread, and Hannaford Bros. "But it takes all the volunteers to go and get it," said Smith.

"Right now, people are in tears because one big apple can cost a dollar," Smith said. This year, local farmers, organizations, and individuals donated not only apples but many, many pounds of produce, meats, eggs, breads, canned goods, and personal care supplies. "When people come, we give them a month's worth of groceries--meat, vegetables, soup, cheese, fruit, bread." For example, the pantry receives four to six-dozen eggs from one person and dozens more from another on a regular basis. "Different people bring different things."

The pantry accepts donations of food and personal care items like shampoo, soap, and shaving cream on Saturdays. More is always welcome. The pantry is run 100% by volunteers. Cleo Smith has had many years of experience running pantries, both at the old St. Stephen's Church pantry and in Florida. Now she is working to train new volunteers on the best practices in hopes that the pantry will continue to flourish--even if she has to cut back on her own volunteer time.

"Our people who come to the pantry just loved the fresh vegetables donated to us from Spiller Farm that the master gardeners pick and Hannaford every Tuesday, plus the jail vegetable garden . . . and our Community Garden here in Waterboro, plus a lot of local people in the community," said Smith. "With everyone's help we're able to have a wide variety of fruits and vegetables so our clients can have a healthy diet. That is what we strive for here at the pantry."

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PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Waterboro Planning Board will meet at **6:30pm on Wednesday, December 6, 2017**, in Town Hall for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing regarding the following:

Amendments to the Town of Waterboro Zoning Ordinance

All members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend this event. If you are unable to attend and would like to submit comments, please email them to Tammy at ceosec@waterboro-me.gov. Written comments may be submitted during regular business hours to Tammy in the Code/Planning Office or mail them to: Town of Waterboro Planning Board, Attn: Tammy, 24 Townhouse Rd., East Waterboro, ME 04030.

The proposed ordinance changes are available at the Town Hall or on the town website: www.waterboro-me.gov. The regular Planning Board meeting will be held after the close of the Public Hearing.

Dwayne Prescott
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There were 26 donation sites, which included two children's summer meal programs, senior centers, meal kitchens and residential centers. Spiller's Farm in Wells donated 16,306 pounds. Apple gleaners alone produced a total of 15,306 pounds.

Team leaders for the various sites were Spillers on Tuesdays, Garrett Bent and Gail Roller with 8,646 lbs.; Thursday team leaders at Spillers, Patsy Wagner and Polly Warner with 7,437 lbs. gleaned; Zach's Farm with Gayle Gary plus, 9,500 lbs.; team leaders on Leary and Grant farms, Nancy Tripp, Will Emmons and Sethany Roberts, with 5,450 and 990 lbs.; team leaders Tony Krouse, Patsy Wagner, and Lois Delp just on apples, 15,306 lbs.; team leader on Frinklepod Farm, Geri Fitzgerald, 2,719 lbs.

On the community garden in Kennebunk, with Leslie Lindgren, team leader, 5,926.25 lbs.; on Kennebunk Park St. Barbie Rummmler was team leader garnering 900.25 lbs. and in North Berwick Meleta Baker, Sue Caler and Joan Shaw were team leaders, garnering 695 lbs.

Frank Werthem, instructor for the master gardening classes, recognized all the team leaders and gleaners during the recent annual meeting.

Informational meeting

The Board of Selectmen will hold an informational meeting concerning the old York County Jail on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. in Conant Chapel. Seeing the need to make improvements to Alfred Town Hall it was decided to consider purchase and renovation of the jail. Some preliminary research by an engineering firm has cost \$4,800 which came from the selectmen's discretionary fund. No more funds will be spent until there is further input by Alfred residents. The financial aspects of this project will be considered at the meeting. It is important that residents attend to learn more about this project.

Thanksgiving meals

On Monday, Nov. 20, 600 boxes of Thanksgiving meals were distributed to York County residents via the food pantry on Shaker Hill. Many high school students helped with the packing and distribution. Donations of food from local schools, stores and organizations also helped. Meal boxes were also distributed on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Old Corner Church

The Friends of the Old Corner Church have embarked on a fundraiser to paint the exterior of the church. The estimated cost of the project is \$9,000. Anyone requiring more information may contact Buddy Jamieson, at hjamieson0671@maine.rr.com or 247-3635. The Old Corner Church stands on the knoll at the

intersection of Federal Street and West Road.

Library news

Parsons Memorial Library has been selected as a beneficiary of the Hannaford Cause Bag program for the month of December, as a nonprofit committed to the residents of Alfred, Lyman and Waterboro.

This is a program launched in October 2015 and is designed to support nonprofits through the sale of the reusable Hannaford Helps bag.

The library was selected by Hannaford store leadership of the program at the Waterboro Hannaford store. For every Hannaford Helps reusable bag with the good karma message purchased during December Parsons Library will receive a \$1 donation.

For more information on the Cause Bag program visit Hannaford.bags4mycause.com or facebook.com/hhbagprogram.

E-books at the Parsons Memorial Library include three Kindle Paperwhite e-readers that circulate just like other library materials for three weeks at a time. Each device contains 21 titles, fiction and non-fiction.

Free downloadable eBooks for a variety of e-readers are available by signing up for a free card through the Partner Library (PAL) program. Membership in the PPL gives access to a number of online services. This program also offers downloadable audiobooks.

The Friends of the Library have an ongoing book sale in the reading room. Hardcover are \$1,

paperbacks 50 cents. There are more books for sale in the Community Room. Or fill a PML tote bag with books for \$12. All proceeds support library programs.

The Friends continue to fund a discount museum pass. Up to 4 people can use the pass to the Children's Museum of Maine and only have to pay 50 percent of the fee for entry. Alfred, Waterboro and Lyman residents count as patron, just as when the library was built.

The book discussion group meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. New members are welcome. The Games Club meets Tuesdays at 12 p.m.

Coming up in December is the Legos Club Holiday Party featuring Lego dimensions and Lego movies on December 16 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The Ukulele Strummers of southern Maine entertain the first and third Sunday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m.

Among new books at the library are "The Book of Dust" by Phillip Pullman; "Dark Prophecy" by Rick Riordan; "Posted" by John David Anderson, all young adult.

Parish church

There were many busy rakers down beside Conant Chapel on clean up day, Nov. 18. The gardens have also been cleaned up for winter by two volunteers.

Erin Auger of Alfred Rescue took time last Sunday during coffee hour to explain how a defibrillator works. It will be placed in a convenient location for use of pa-



Barbara Carlson sold Shaker related items at the recent school fair, to benefit the Friends of the Shaker Museum. PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

rishioners in case of emergencies.

The next free community supper being sponsored by the church will be Monday, Nov. 27 from 5 to 6 p.m.

School fair

The parking lot was full, and a long line of cars was parked along route 202 when the Alfred Elementary School held its annual holiday fair this past weekend. There seemed to be something for everyone, from candies made by the Girl Scouts to knit articles to holiday decorations. There was an opportunity to donate to the food pantry via the "Stuff the Bus" project which had its usual great response. The planners deserve thanks for all their efforts.

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The Restaurant At Province Lake at Province Lake Golf in Parsonsfield, recently hosted a fundraising evening in conjunction with BruLou Tunes and Toys For Tots Southern York County. The event held generated over \$1,000 in cash and gift card donations as well as about 75 unwrapped toys for needy children in York County.

"It's great to see the community come together for such a great cause" said Dean Robertson, a local resident who came for dinner with 7 other guests, all bearing gifts for the organization. Approximately 50 other diners came that evening each bringing one or multiple gifts. "We believe in a sense of community and are always happy to have the chance to give back. Holidays are particularly stressful for families in need so we were glad to be on board with this event." said Sabin Beckwith, the Food and Beverage Director for the Province Lake Golf facility, who assisted with the organization of the event.

Carol Lombard of TFT oversees many events like these during one of the times of the year families need help the most. This was the third event hosted by Bruce and Louanne of BruLou Tunes who joined forces with the Province Lake team who work with various charities and causes

throughout the year.

Carol Lombard may be reached at the Toys For Tots location in Sanford, Bruce and Louanne Romanek are local residents who work under the BruLou Tunes label and The Restaurant at Province Lake, open year round, is located at Province Lake Golf Course in Parsonsfield.

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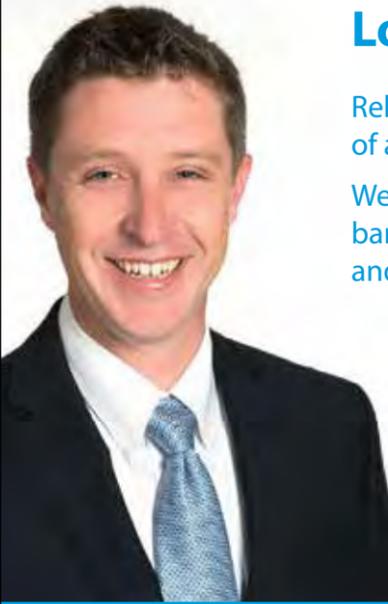


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JAIL GARDENS

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commit to a job, building self-esteem, working together with other as a team, taking pride in a job, and learning new skills while growing vegetables for local food pantries," according to Massabesic Center for Adult Learning staff member, Linda Lehmann. She coordinated the program with jail personnel and worked with the inmates at the jail's gardens, teaching them the skills needed for growing a variety of produce that would ultimately help feed needy people in the community.

Lehmann says she had worked in the field of vocational rehabilitation for 15 years and after retirement was looking for a part time job that would allow her to use her background and skills for the good of the community. The garden program at the jail fit the bill.

According to Lehmann, inmates working in the program prepared six raised garden beds in a greenhouse and 43 raised beds on the jail property, started seedlings, planted and weeded and harvested over 1000 pounds of produce, prepared the beds for the next spring, and also planted flowers to beautify the facility. The food was donated to area food banks.

"Linda Lehmann is our staff member who has worked tirelessly on this program," said Barbara Gauvin, Director of the Massabesic Center for Adult Learning. "She has done an exceptional job."

King agrees, saying that the inmates working with Lehmann on the program toil very hard under her direction. "Her love is

gardening," he said. "If they sign up there, they'd better have their A-game on."

While the program raised over 300 pounds of food the first years and over 1000 pounds in 2017, the jail itself cannot serve the produce inside the facility. Sheriff King explained that there are several reasons that prevent that from happening. "If we can't give it to everyone there, we can't give it to anyone," King said, speaking about equity in the facility. The jail also has a contract with a food service provider with a set schedule, so incorporating the fresh produce grown on campus would be problematic. "I'd love to be able to give it to everyone, but it would actually cost more," he said.

Still, the produce benefits the

community through donations to area food pantries, and some of the crew from the jail even went to the pantry in Waterboro to help with the landscaping. "We've been very fortunate," said Waterboro Community Pantry organizer and volunteer, Cleo Smith. "Linda was amazing. She did most of the work with the guys, so kudos to her."

Smith said that people who come to the pantry "just loved the fresh food donated to us." Besides the jail garden program, the pantry receives donations of fresh produce, eggs, bread, and meats from other organizations, farms, businesses, and individuals in the community which makes a big difference to the people who rely on the food.

The jail program alone do-

nated 383 pounds of produce to the Waterboro pantry. It also was able to provide over 600 pounds of produce to the Salvation Army Food Pantry in Sanford.

"I was a great program," said Captain Erin Smullen of the Salvation Army pantry explaining that they receive a lot of donations of dry and canned goods but that fresh produce isn't always available for the 40 to 50 families the pantry serves per week. "Many people who are low income or even on food stamps can't afford fresh produce," Smullen said. "The produce is given out free of cost to clients. They are really grateful for the fresh produce donated by the program."

The jail garden program is definitely a win-win for both community and the inmates who learn

to grow and harvest the food. Says Lehmann, "I believe that this is a program that can benefit the inmates and builds self esteem and confidence in their abilities to pursue work after incarceration while benefiting our communities with fresh vegetables."

"We are so pleased to be able to help people in our community," said Sheriff King.

The Waterboro Community Pantry accepts donations on Saturdays from 2-4 p.m. For more information go to <http://www.waterboropantry.org>. The Salvation Army Food Pantry accepts donations during their hours of operation, M, T, TH, Fr from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-3 p.m. For more information go to <http://www.salvationarmy.org/Sanford>.

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Veterans recognized

Building Homes for Heroes was the message that retired Army Chief Warrant Officer 4 Steve Tuttle, a Green Beret, brought to the annual Veterans Days program on Nov. 11.

A local man now, Tuttle served for 27 years, 22 of which were as a Green Beret.

He retired from the 7th. Special Forces Group in 2012, and has recently moved to West Newfield to be close to his parents Harold and Rita Tuttle of Newfield.

Tuttle thanked all of the veterans for their service, in wartime and in peacetime.

He first got interested in the project of building homes for injured veterans in Florida, where he lived after retirement. His parents visited him there, and also became interested. His father especially wanted to get involved in

the project, as he is a veteran of the Korean War.

Harold Tuttle wanted to contribute to the organization in a meaningful way, according to his son, so "they tossed around a few ideas over the years," and popping popcorn kept surfacing. So, they all got together and designed, organized, and planned their local popcorn business, Popah T's, and they have already donated \$500 towards the organization.

They make all kinds of flavors and a percentage of every sale goes to Building Homes for Heroes. The organization has already donated 120 homes to wounded veterans since its beginning. It is run mostly by volunteers and donates 93 cents of every dollar to their goal of helping veterans.

Bonnie Pothier, a representative from Sen. Angus King's office also spoke about Maine's veterans, saying that "Maine has the highest number of veterans."

"We need to reaffirm our commitment to the veterans, who have sacrificed, by providing them with healthcare and benefits," which was a message from Senator King, who is a strong

supporter of Maine people and Maine veterans.

Joe Iannazzo, president of the Historical Society was master of ceremonies. Invocation and benediction was done by Rev. Phyllis MacDonald.

A wreath was placed on the monument by Christa Marden and Edgar Dolbec and Boy Scout Troop #329 raised the flag.

Churches gather to give thanks

The Limerick and West Newfield Congregational Churches had their joint Thanksgiving service on Sunday, Nov. 19, at the West Newfield church on Maplewood Road.

Members donated non-perishable food items, which will be taken to the Line Elementary School. They also enjoyed a pot luck Thanksgiving dinner after the service, according to member Jan Flyzik.

Historical society to celebrate Christmas

Newfield Historical Society will have their annual Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 3, at their headquarters at 64 Elm Street, starting at 2 p.m. There will be



Attending the annual Veteran's Day ceremony were, from left, Librarian Cheryl Cause, Bonnie Pothier of Sen. King's office, Green Beret Steve Tuttle, and Selectman Jeff Cuevas. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

a pot luck buffet, followed by a Yankee swap. Members are encouraged to bring a gift for no more than \$10, and a dish to share. A Christmas tree lighting and caroling will be held after the party.

Meetings

Boy Scout Troop #329 - Nov. 27 at Scout Hall, 7 School Street in Limerick at 6:30 p.m. New members welcome, 850-6237.

Cub Scout Pack #329 - Nov. 27 at Line School, 818 Water Street at 6 p.m.

Newfield Selectmen - Nov. 28 at the Public Safety Building, 85

Water Street at 6 p.m.

Newfield Firefighters training session - Nov. 28 at the Public Safety Building, 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Tea Time - Nov. 29 at the Newfield Village Library, 637 Water Street at 3 p.m.

A missing ingredient

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Students of the month



The following students were the Massabesic Middle School Students of the Month for October: Justin Desrochers, Ella Donovan, Isaac Boulard, Ella Barden, Preston Stevens, Emily Desimone, Ryleigh Baker, Ryan Hersey, Kyle Trafton, Clayton Durepos, Camryn Richards, Preston Kozloff, Kyle Cimolonski, Mavrick Cavallero, Camryn Lestage, Xavior Place, Cassidy Jacobsen, Katelyn Lancaster, Nathan Gray, Hannah Lynn, Robert Holmes, Kiley Semo and Anthony Rankins. COURTESY PHOTO

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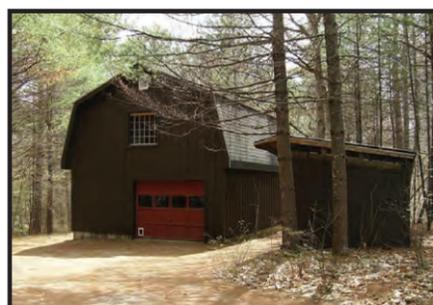
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FEATURE OF THE WEEK

House with 2-car garage AND barn!

LYMAN - OOH! AAAH! Words cant describe this meticulously maintained home offering 3 bdrms, 3 baths, formal dining rm, living rm, family rm w/ views of the yard, 1st floor laundry, hot tub rm in basement, wrap around porch, screen house and barn in back yard, 2-car garage all on 5 acres in Lyman. **\$349,900** 1304226



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LAND FOR SALE

- SPRINGVALE** - Tranquil and private wooded 8.5 acre lot with running brook. Property has been surveyed. Close to town amenities and area lakes. Build your dream home. **\$65,000** 1319725
- NEWFIELD** - Wonderful 10 acre parcel in a quaint private/rural location. Surveyed with more land available. Build your dream home. **\$45,000** 1319001
- NEWFIELD** - Affordable 2 acre buildable lot of fields and woods. Build your dream home. **\$25,000** 1316010
- NEWFIELD** - High and dry 1.86 wooded lot with common right of way to Symmes Pond. Build your dream home. Located on a dead end road. **\$34,000** 1315756
- ALFRED** - Nice level .76 acre lot with 262 feet of road frontage. Great location with frontage on Route 11 and School St. Close to Routes 202 & 111. **\$69,000** 1312791
- WELLS** - 1 acre of field in commercial /residential zone. Located on Route 109 just minutes from interstate, beaches, Eastern Trails. **\$99,000** 1307058
- SANFORD** - Town close, country feel. Wooded buildable lot of record with several great spots to build your dream home. Close to town amenities and 10 minutes from New Hampshire border. **\$44,900** 1278287
- PARSONSFIELD** - Two separate lots selling as one. Lot 1 is 4.85 acres, Lot 2 is 9.59 acres. **\$70,000** 1331335
- WATERBORO** - Privacy 7 miles from shopping although nestled in a rural area. This lot has a leachfield and some clearing already done offering a lot of potential for that forever home to be built. This is a grandfathered buildable lot has 63' of road frontage. **\$55,900** 1327395

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