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## SRC-TV online

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Saco River Community Television's programming is now accessible online as well as over its three traditional Community Access Cable TV streams, and according to Station Director Patrick Bonsant, its broadened scope is reflected in its new name, "Saco River Media Center: People-Powered Media." Located on Plains Road in Hollis, in a former 400-acre potato field, the station broadcasts the voices, activities and perspectives of local citizens from Waterboro, Hollis, Buxton, Standish, Limerick and Limington. Its productions are available on local cable channels 2, 5 and 7, and now, with the growth video streaming, its diverse productions are also accessible on Vimeo online at <https://vimeo.com/srctv>.

One of the most comprehensive Community Access stations in Maine, SRC-TV broadcasts on all three "PEG TV" community television streams; Public, Educational and Governmental. Public programming can be accessed on Channel 2, and Tony Vigue of Standish, longtime Board member at SRC-TV and Station Director of the South Portland Community Access Station, says, "P is for individuals, local organizations and non-profits who want to share something to build the culture of the community." To this end, Bonsant, along with Media Specialist David Blais, touts the station as "More of a learning facility," with equipment loans and free training, to facilitate the creation of locally-oriented news.

Bonsant describes the "news" SRC-TV broadcasts as "hyper local." An example is the recent construction project on the Bar Mills Bridge that took two years. "When we first covered it, within the first week of posting a 15-minute info piece, it had 2,500 views." Station staff see that as an indicator that people are hungry for local information that isn't focused on crime. "We hope to fill that vacuum with hyper local news, stories and entertainment. But to do that, we need citizens

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Saco-River Community TV Station Director Patrick Bonsant, right, catching Tony Vigue, of Standish, up on a production. Bonsant has been running the station since 2007, while Vigue is a longtime producer of community-based local-access TV, having essentially begun what eventually became SRC-TV, broadcasting from Nicely's Store in Hollis in the early 80s and recently retired as Station Director at the South Portland Community TV station.

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## The heart of the cause

By SHELLEY BURBANK

In 2004, Robin Donarumo, of Sanford, was working for Maine's Department of Human Services and noticing that many of the toys that were donated to the Sanford area program at Christmastime were damaged or picked-over. According to Donarumo, the toys came from a charitable toy collection organization that, while well-meaning, served Portland's programs first before bringing the leftovers to her community. It made her sad that the children who had suffered deprivations and stresses, who had already gone through so much in their young lives, would not get a nice present for Christmas.

"I knew that if the community knew about the situation, they would help." Donarumo reached out to York County schools and businesses with the idea of a Santa's Cause Scavenger Hunt. The list was highlighted for each organization and each organization was asked to donate one gift on the list. "SIS (Sanford Institute for Savings) was one of the first businesses who chose to participate," she said.

Thirteen years later, the program is stronger than ever. It recently became an official 501(c)(3) non-profit under the umbrella of Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine (AFFM). This year, Santa's Cause, has already collected 350 gifts for struggling families and children in foster care. It will eventually gather 400-450 gifts that will be distributed, along with wrapping paper, to parents and foster-parents to give to their children or children in their care. Giving the gifts unwrapped allows the parents to have the joy of wrapping and personalizing the toys for their kids.

How does Santa's Cause find families in need? "We reach out to DHS with applications for the families to fill out," Donarumo explained, saying that between 100-150 applications were filled out this year. Others are referrals from other agencies, community providers, and caseworkers. "Everything is confidential," she assured. "We talk to the families and the caseworkers and providers in

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## MHS Theater gets "Seussified"



The Massabesic High School Theater department is performing *A Seussified Christmas Carol* by Peter Bloedel on Friday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. in the MHS auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students K-12 and ages 4 and under are free. A whimsical reinvention of Dickens' Christmas story in wacky rhymed couplets, this play is suitable for all ages. Back row, from left, Guin Cote, Jill Hodgins, Hayley Griggs, Tarajasmine Leighton, Caleb Galant, Katelyn Dearborn, Kennedie Boston, Nathaniel Lajeunesse. Front row, from left, Hunter Picknik, Madison Phillips, Elijah Lavigne, Ashley Roy, Cassie LaPanne, Eva Labbe. Actors not pictured: Sierra LeClerc, Gigi Cardona-Simmons, Jackson Ledoux and Andrew Lawpaugh.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**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 [barmillscommunitychurch.org](http://barmillscommunitychurch.org).

**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.

**LIMERICK VILLAGE CHRISTMAS** Dec. 2, Craft Fair and gingerbread house making at the Brick Town Hall, Parade, Bliz-

zard 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.

**WATERBORO PTO HOLIDAY FAIR** at Waterboro Elementary School Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 2-3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Two-day event with crafters, vendors, bake sale, pictures with Santa, raffles, games & crafts, kids only store and lunch available.

Buxton-Hollis Historical Society **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE** Dec 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 100 Main St. Bar Mills. Visit our museum store for holiday gift ideas, stroll thru our Bar Mills Exhibit or sit a while and research your family history. Light refreshments will be served.

**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 featuring an array of elegant finger sandwiches, homemade scones with jam, as well as luscious desserts. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. FMI: please contact Leila at 499-7114.

**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.

**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.) Refreshments will follow.

**MHS THEATER** presents A Seussified Christmas Carol by Peter Bloedel Friday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. Doors open 45 minutes prior to showtime. Adults \$8, Students K-12 \$5, Children 4 and under are free. This play is appropriate for all ages. A whimsical reinvention of Dickens' most beloved Christmas story in wacky rhymed couplets. With zoot fruited juices and binka bird geese, from Bed-Headed Fred to Timmy Loo Hoo, this tale of glorious holiday cheer is similar to something Dr. Seuss might have come up with -- if he ever had his way with the story.

**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER AND GAMES** Sat. Dec 9 at Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church on the Mill Pond, Rt 35, Goodwins Mills. Games at 3PM, followed by dinner from 5-6:30 p.m.

**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.

**JINGLE + MINGLE: AWS HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE** Saturday, Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Fun for the whole family. Photos with Santa, Raffles, Stocking Stuffers, Seasonal Treats, Festive Crafts for kids, holiday tunes.

**POOCH PARADE** Sunday, Dec. 10 at 11 a.m. Join the AWS Parade Brigade in the Pooch Parade through Kennebunkport's

## BRIEFS

### Remember loved ones with ornament on Tree of Life

Join the Southern Maine Health Care (SMHC) Auxiliary on December 6 for homemade baked goods, holiday music performed by local musicians, and to remember or honor your loved ones by hanging a personalized dove on the tree at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremonies.

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Remember or honor your loved ones by hanging a personalized dove on the Tree of Life at the SMHC Auxiliary's annual tree lighting ceremonies in Biddeford and Sanford on Dec. 6.

Dock Square. T-shirts available as supplies last for those who register in advance. FMI [animalwelfare-society.org/news-events/parade-brigade](http://animalwelfare-society.org/news-events/parade-brigade).

**MONDAY NIGHT LIFE WRITING GROUP** invites you to its Christmas Life Writing Readings and Party, Monday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. Great, free refreshments. All welcomed and all invited to read your own story. Waterboro Library, Waterboro, Maine. Group will resume Jan. 8, 2018. Call 929-6817 for more information on readings and on-going group.

**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



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# LIMERICK

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## Town owned property discussed at meeting

At Monday's meeting, selectmen discussed several real estate issues. The town owns a number of real estate properties both in Lake Arrowhead and elsewhere within the town lines. Some of these properties are being offered for sale or at auction. Others are still being decided on.

Since the last meeting, three Lake Arrowhead lots have been sold to abutting property owners, and lots will continue to be sold.

Under review by the selectmen is a property on Allaire Drive. The town holds the property which includes three building lots. At issue is the unpaved road leading into the small subdivision. The town will need to upgrade the road before it can maintain it. Selectmen have asked for a rough estimate on how much it would cost to fix the road, and they have been told it will cost approximately \$100,000. The town will also need to coordinate with the water & sewer district. "If we can sell the lots and get the road updated at the same time, that's a win-win," said Selectman Sonny LePage.

No matter what course of action the selectmen decide to take, an ordinance will have to be written and voted on by the townspeople.

Joanne Andrews said she was concerned about setting a precedence on private roads. "I think the townspeople will be smart enough to vote it down."

Said LePage, "Unfortunately this is a mistake caused by something in this building. Something was done that shouldn't have been. At the same time, we need to try to get out of it the best way we can."

"It's up to the taxpayers to decide at town meeting," said Medici. There will be an auction of Lake Arrowhead properties in April.

## Use of transfer station way up

"The transfer station is exceedingly busy. As busy as I've ever seen in the 14 years I've been down there." So said Joanne Andrews at the Monday, November 27, board of selectmen meeting. Andrews, a selectman for the town of Limerick, is also the director of the transfer station. She said that 30-40% of Limerick's household waste appears to be coming to the transfer station as residents are not taking advantage of door-to-door pickup which is a free service. Things have been even busier, she said, as people are cleaning up their yards before winter.

Andrews said she spoke to Kevin Roach of ecomaine to set up a meeting to discuss the next recycling contract and tipping fees.

## Property assessor available for questions and concerns

According to Dottie Richards, the code enforcement and assessing secretary for the town, Mike O'Donnell of John E. O'Donnell & Associates, Inc. is now available for appointments at the Municipal Building on the first Monday of every month from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. for those who have questions or concerns about their property taxes.

Selectman Joanne Andrews said she believes there are currently inconsistencies in the property taxes. "I'm concerned with the inconsistencies," she said. "I see it all the time." Selectmen get calls from citizens concerned about the assessed value of their property, and now they suggest that people make an appointment with the assessor to go over their concerns.

"One thing that's helped me with O'Donnells, is they are in here once a month. Having them have a presence in the building once a month is going to make a difference. O'Donnells knows the town and are trying to work with people," said Richards. A couple of people have come in to meet

with O'Donnell and some have called. "He goes out to check their property," said Richards.

## Temporary steps in time for Christmas in Limerick Village

Selectmen approved the expenditure of \$6000 with LMC Light Iron in Limerick to build the railings for the new granite steps at the Brick Town Hall. While the permanent granite steps won't be ready for the annual Christmas celebration on Dec. 2, Selectmen John Medici said he received a notification that temporary wooden stairs will be installed in time for Christmas in Limerick Village.

## Indoor soccer planned for Limerick Rec

The Limerick Parks & Recreation Department will be offering indoor soccer at Line Elementary School this winter. Skills practices and games will take place on Saturdays beginning Dec. 2. Grades 4-8 play from 10-11:30 a.m. and grades pre-K through 3 play 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Registration is required for those children who did not play in the fall soccer program. Coaches for the indoor soccer program will be Cindy Kamszik, Mike Brandt, and Katherine Carroll.

For more information call director Lisa LePage at 651-1594.

## Large scale water extraction

Gil Harris spoke at Monday's selectmen's meeting to give an update on the large scale water extraction ordinance process that should result in a vote at the March annual town meeting. "After the last information meeting that was held, the committee has made the final draft. It will be presented on the 6th at the planning board meeting and then we'll be ready to take the next steps," said Harris.

After the planning board approve the draft, Selectmen review it and will ask the town attorney to look at the final wording on the ordinance before it is presenting to the town for the vote in March.

## Spectrum refund for power outage

According to selectmen, Spectrum customers can call and get a credit on their account for the days of service missed due to the recent power outage. Joanne Andrews suggested that people call the customer service number on their bill. Andrews said she was credited \$35 for the days she was without power.

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## SHAPLEIGH

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## Acton-Shapleigh Lions Club

The Lions Club will be holding their monthly Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road. Pancakes, sausages, eggs, beans, toast, coffee, tea, orange juice, and milk will be served. The price for breakfast is \$5 per person.

## Budget Committee meeting dates

The Budget Committee will be meeting at the Town Hall, 22 Back Rd. 2nd floor on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 7 and 14, Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25. These meetings are open to the public.

## Commuter park and ride

According to Maine's Park and Ride Program it is designed to encourage and support commuter ride sharing across Maine. It reduces traffic congestion, roadway wear and tear, and greenhouse gas emissions. There is a Park and Ride location in Shapleigh at Back Rd. next to Town Hall and on Route 11 (Shapleigh Corner Rd.) across from the Shapleigh Fire Station. Go Maine is a free program and they can help you find a carpool match if you don't have one. For more information go to www.GOMAINE or call 482-8122.

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**SRC-TV**

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to get involved. We want people to know we will work with you.”

In recent years, SRC-TV has hosted productions on gardening, fishing, and local talk shows on a variety of topics, and the station has produced more than 700 local productions since 2007. While many individuals and groups have contributed to these features, two local shows have gone on to gain not only local but national prominence. A number of years ago, Bonsant asked Dianne Senechal and her twin sister Donna Sawyer to record a show for the station. It went on to become “Garden Thyme,” eight seasons of Maine humor with a gardening twist, and what Donna calls, “One of the most marvelous experiences of my life.”

Lloyd Metcalf had a tackle shop in Buxton when Patrick asked if he’d be interested in doing an outdoors show, and Metcalf says, “That kicked me off into a whole new part of my career, shows were uploaded and distributed around the country! It took me back to school for communications, and I did my senior internship at the station and had a lot of fun working with video

and editing. Now we have an on-line tackle shop and fishing show coming back this spring.”

The second stream of programming hosted by SRC-TV is Educational. Bonny Eagle Television (BETV on Ch. 7 and online at [www.bonnyeagle.tv](http://www.bonnyeagle.tv)), the educational access station for MSAD #6, serves the communities of Buxton, Hollis, Frye Island, Limington, Standish and Steep Falls. BETV is operated by the students and staff of MSAD #6 as well as community volunteers, local businesses and other organizations. Teacher and Advisor Rich Peterson says while they have no way of tracking their cable viewers, they do have data from their on-line views. “Our website analytics report we are on pace to exceed 150,000 visitors this year, who have watched thousands of minutes of video.” Of special note, “We have family members serving in the military or living away who are able to participate in the events we cover by watching on-line and we’ve heard many stories from loved ones who are so appreciative to be able to watch our events.” BETV Club President and Bonny Eagle student Tyler Revie wrote, “My school’s educational access network has given me some valuable experience that

I wouldn’t have been able to find elsewhere at my age. Also, the feeling of knowing we are helping bring the community together through these broadcasts is amazing.” Massabesic RSU #57 also has the potential to broadcast on Channel 16.

The Government stream of SRC-TV contributes another aspect of what both Bonsant and Vigue call “localism,” believing that an alternative view of life through media focused on events in people’s own communities and surrounding towns is important today. Referring to the Government stream, viewed on channel 5, Vigue is adamant about Community TV’s ability to facilitate “open government.” He cites its capacity to help the public to view their municipal officers at work. He values its role in “Informed decision-making. All who have access to cable or Internet can see the meetings and avoid surprises at budget time.” He knows elderly people who used to go to meetings, and still want to be engaged but don’t have the mobility they used to have., “They can watch it on TV or stream it online, and then call or email Town Hall and still have a voice!”

SRC-TV has grown during its

relatively short life. Programming by the station to its six member towns now reaches about 7,200 cable subscribers. Since the early 90’s the practice was to make a show and then repeat it, and its reach was confined to those subscribers. Another aspect of the station’s reach beyond cable is its capacity to offer livestreaming from any site. So long as the site has Wi-Fi, SRC-TV cameras now have the capacity to stream live, so anyone who desires, with training, can stream live from that site on the SRC-TV website. All that will be needed is a LiveStream account and a sturdy Wi-Fi connection to allow live, online broadcasting of events and meetings taking place outside of the usual town meeting gathering places. Churches, fire-barns and libraries are a few examples of unconventional places citizens may wish to broadcast live online from.

Vigue remembers the early days when the Saco River Telephone Company had the first cable TV franchise for the six towns. The Federal government mandated, as part of the Telecommunications Act of 1984, that if a company ran wires along a public way in a municipality for commercial purposes, it was required to pro-

vide for local community-based channels if the town wanted them. The towns have seen a total of three cable franchises negotiated since then. FrontierVision bought the franchise from Saco River Tel and Tel in 1998. Adelphia later ran it until Time Warner took over in 2015. Vigue says there were 23 cable companies operating in Maine in 1985, but consolidation and buyouts over the years have left only 5 companies in Maine today. Charter (known in southern Maine as Spectrum) presently owns 95 percent of the franchises in the State.

Vigue has a concern with Charter today, because they have announced recently that they will be moving the PEG channels from where they have been for over 30 years up into the 1300 block of channels as part of their “digital encryption” project. He says, “While it will enable Charter to sell these lucrative single digit channel slots to the highest bidder, this move will make it difficult for many folks to find our PEG channels once this is done. At least one Town, (Bristol) has sent a formal letter of protest to Charter and I’m sure others will follow suit.”

Today, Bonsant says the station’s goal is, “To help people create content that is meaningful, substantive and fun!” He believes that the towns served by SRC-TV are very fortunate to have this resource and he hope people will come and get training to create content that matters to them and their community. And he adds, “There is never a day I don’t want to come to my job here in Hollis. I’m not bragging, but I don’t think you can find a more productive access center of this size anywhere else in Maine.” For more info, to learn about training or possibilities, contact Patrick Bonsant at [srctv.me@gmail.com](mailto:srctv.me@gmail.com) or phone 727-5702.



**WATERBORO RESIDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

*The Town of Waterboro has several vacancies to fill on Town boards and committees.*

- Budget Committee – 1 vacancy
- Conservation Commission – 3 vacancies
- Economic Development Committee – 3 vacancies
- Fair Hearing Committee – 1 vacancy
- Library Board of Trustees – 2 vacancies
- Planning Board – 1 vacancy
- Public Safety Committee – 2 vacancies
- Road Review Committee – 3 vacancies
- Saco River Corridor Commission – 1 vacancy
- Transfer Station/Recycling Committee – 3 vacancies

The Cemetery Committee, Community Garden Committee and the Old Home Days Committee welcome additional members.

If you are interested in being appointed to any of these boards or committees, please complete an application and submit it to Administrative Assistant Sherry Nadeau at the Waterboro Town Hall. Applications are available at the Town Hall and can be found on the Town of Waterboro website, [www.waterboro-me.gov](http://www.waterboro-me.gov). Please contact Administrative Assistant Sherry Nadeau by phone at 247-6166 ext. 101 or by email at [waterboro@waterboro-me.gov](mailto:waterboro@waterboro-me.gov) with any questions or to request an application.

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# SPORTS

## Field hockey team scores with records; state and local awards

BY MICHAEL DEANGELIS

Massabesic's field hockey team, which won the Class A South title last year, and fell in this year's final, reset the record books after a superb 14-3 campaign. Senior Lydia Wasina

set the school mark with 18-career defensive saves. Freshman Camryn Champlin set the school record for assists in one season with 11. Emma Rutledge set two school records: the senior finished as the Massabesic career leader in assists with 21, in goals with 68

and her 22 goals this year was also a school record.

Rutledge's 68 goals placed her 18th on the state's career goals' list.

Rutledge was named offensive player of the year for the field hockey team. Wasina was

defensive player of the year, St. Laurent was named unsung hero, Logan Champlin took home the workhorse award, Libby Beals received the coaches award and Morgan Pike was named MVP.

Senior Sara Woodward, who took home the team spirit award,

was one of just 56 student athletes to be named to the state of Maine's all-state-academic team. Champlin, Pike, St. Laurent and Wasina made the all-academic team.

### SMMA releases fall sports, academic awards

The Southern Maine Athletic Association recently released its fall sports awards and Massabesic High School was once again well represented.

For football it was Isaac DesVergnes making the second team.

For golf, it was Ethan Laverriere and Jonah Roy being named to the second team all-conference squad. Daniel Bolender, Samuel Foglio, Cam Roy, Ryan Townsend and Joel Van Tassel made the all-academic team.

For boys' soccer it was James Davenport, Joshua Castonguay and Max Irons making the honorable mention team while Jeb Johnson and Castonguay made the all-academic team.

For girls' soccer it was Julia Blackington being named to the second team as well as the all-conference team. Whitney Cass, Abigail Chaves, Alyvia Cormier, Brooke Cox and Alexis Kidder joined Blackington on the all-academic squad.

For field hockey, Emma Rutledge and Logan Champlin were named to the first team. Kaylee St. Laurent was named to the second team and Morgan Pike made the honorable mention team. Camryn Champlin made the all-rookie team.

Jarrood Hooper and Jeffrey Waters were named to the second team for boys' cross country and Jacob Aboud made the honorable mention team. David Phinney and Jeb Johnson made the all-academic team.

Kylie Johnson was named to the second team and Hallie Benton made the honorable mention team for girls' cross country. Benton, Emily Cyr and Rachel Raymond were named to the all-academic team.

### Massabesic honors fall athletes

For football it was Isaac DesVergnes being named MVP. Nick Roberge received the Most Improved Player (MIP) award, Justin Vigue took home the coaches award. Elliot Russell took the unsung hero award and Ben Carroll was named rookie of the year.

The MVP for boys' soccer went to Simon Kern. Nick Merry was named MIP, Justin Raymond won the coaches award and Joshua Castonguay won the exemplar award.

The MVP for girls' soccer went to Breanna Messier. Alyssa Huff was named MIP and Abigail Chaves took home the coaches award.

Taylor Starbird was named defensive MVP for the volleyball team. Ashton Randels was the offensive MVP and Andreanna LaRiviere won the MIP award.

Ethan Laverriere was named MVP of the golf team. The most consistent award went to Nicholas White and Ryan Townsend brought home the coaches award.

Alex Swett was named MVP for the boys' cross country team. Jarrod Hopper and Jakob Saucier both took home most improved runner awards and Jeb Johnson and Jacob Aboud each took home coaches awards.

Kylie Johnson was named MVP of the girls' cross country team. Cassidy Morrell took home the most improved runner award and Hallie Benton won the coaches award.

Alyssa Paquin was named MVP of the cheering squad and Sarah Watson was named the most improved player.



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## John Holmes

He raised his children in Alfred, built a home here, and attained a reputation as an able politician. He chaired the committee which separated Maine from Massachusetts. But many questions remain about Alfred's best known citizen. Where is he actually bur-

ied? Where are his papers? The questions surfaced after excerpts from his letters were read at the Alfred Historical Society meeting last week by this correspondent.

There are copies of his letters in the Alfred Village Museum which demonstrate his devotion to his wife and family. Maine became a state in 1820 and it would seem that there should be some kind of recognition of accomplishments at that time. A Maine flag placed on his grave if the site could be determined? Also an American flag? In Alfred there is only a monument to Holmes.

The Maine Archives and Museums Newsletter advertises a bicentennial license plate which will be available by Dec. 4 of this year and which can be purchased for \$25. This could be another memorial to the man who did so much for Maine. During the 100th anniversary of his death, Alfred celebrated with a "John Holmes Day". Proceeds from the sales of the plates will go to Maine's Cultural Affairs Council to help fund bicentennial projects.

These things were discussed following the readings at the society meeting.

During the business meeting of the Alfred Society it was announced the Renaissance Singers would perform at the next meeting of the Sanford/Springvale Historical Society at 505 Maine Street.

## New century club

The December 10 meeting of the New Century Club will be at the home of Marjorie Anderson with Joyce Krahling as assisting hostess. The program will be "Christmas in Alfred in Bygone Days". I am told the timeframe will be the late 1800's. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m.

## School news

On Thursday, Dec. 14, the Scholastic Book Fair will be held at the Alfred school between 3:30 and 6 p.m. This will be for family and friends with literacy and math centers for all ages. Title I staff will assist families in selecting books just right to take home. The math games will help players to build fact fluency. There will be an opportunity also to decorate "cowboy boots".

This year's officers in the Parent Teacher Student Association are Nikki Duplisea, president; Sari Haskell, vice-president; Christy Hall, secretary; Shannon Barber; Julie Carbone, backpack and volunteer organizer. The PTSA meets once a month on a Tuesday, the next meeting to be January 23 at school. There will be no meeting in December.

Red Claws Day for Alfred Elementary School is Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. This is a fundraiser for the school. The last chance to buy tickets will be Dec. 6 which will only be \$10 per person. Payment can be made at the elementary school office. Checks can be made payable to Alfred PTSA. Fliers are available at the office.

"Boxtops for Education" will again be used as a fundraiser this year. So before discarding that cereal box, check the top.

## Parish church

The interior of the church will be decorated for Christmas this Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m. The "Hanging of the Greens", celebrating the season will be held this Sunday during the morning service.

There will be a sign up sheet in Conant Chapel for anyone wishing to loan or donate a poinsettia for the Christmas season.

## Village notes

The latest count on Thanksgiving boxes which were handed out at the York County Shelter was between 1250 and 1280 boxes holding turkeys, cans of vegetables and the fixings. Both individuals, supermarkets, organizations and churches were very generous with their donations.

Saturday, Dec. 16 there will be a Legos Club Holiday Party from 1 to 3 p.m. at Parsons Memorial Library.

The Alfred Planning Board is holding a public hearing to review subdivision application "On Shaker Pond." It is submitted by James R. Boldebook in accordance with the Alfred code. It is in Critical Rural Residential District, identified as Assessing Map 5 Lot 25-A. The application and site map are available for review at the Code Office.

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**SANTA'S CAUSE**

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the community. We know the special circumstances. We know the stories. Santa's Cause is an entity all its own."

It is this personal touch that Donarumo believes differentiates Santa's Cause from other programs. They create Scavenger Hunt wish list with items that costs between \$10-\$30. Participating in the program this year are 140 area businesses from Sanford, Springvale, Alfred and other surrounding communities. Individual families also ask to be given a family to shop for. They join the Adopt-A-Kid program. "Parents are teaching their children the importance of giving," Donarumo said.

While Donarumo's role in the organization is still that of President/Founder even, Santa's Cause has grown to include team members who are leading projects. These include director volunteers Ricki Stevens of Sanford, and Wanda Parent of Springvale. Santa's Cause also has a board of directors and another dozen community volunteers who pick up packages from the businesses and individuals who are donating toys. "Many of the volunteers are retirees. They love doing it," said Donarumo.

This year Ricki Stevens took a greater leadership role in the organization, a responsibility she was happy to take on. "I didn't really need much time to think this over, as I've seen the incredible work this amazing woman, Robin, has done bringing smiles to so many parents and children over the last several years since I grew to know her and her program," Stevens said.

Stevens explained how becoming a 501(c)(3) non-profit and affiliate of AFFM will allow Santa's Cause to expand and help York County's underprivileged children in even greater ways. "This allows Santa's Cause to operate under AFFM's 501(c)3 non profit, solicit monetary donations, apply for grant funding, and allows donors to write donations off on their taxes as a charitable donation," she said. "Future plans to expand the program will hopefully include summer camp scholarships, music and art scholarships, assistance for fire victims, help with school clothes/supplies, and perhaps even

adaptive equipment for children with special needs. We are well under way into our Christmas season, and I am thrilled to be a part of it!"

In other words, it's not just about Christmas. Donarumo said the organization is looking to start a pay-to-play program where donations could be made to give to children who otherwise couldn't afford to participate in after-school activities, sports, or music lessons. "We would work closely with guidance counselors," she said. "My heart is to give kids opportunities and self-worth. Even after thirteen years, I'm still tearing up. I guess when I stop is when I know I should get done."

To learn more about how you can support Santa's Cause in their efforts to help local children reach their potential, their website is <http://www.santascauseinc.com>. From their you can link to their Facebook page, which Donarumo says is where you "see all the community heart."



**Learning the spirit of giving**

A group of families in York County participated in buying and wrapping gifts to donate to the Adopt-A-Kid program run by Santa's Cause. According to director Robin Donarumo, 30 families, including the kids like the ones pictured below, "adopt" needy children and supply them with a gift for Christmas to teach their children to be charitable. COURTESY PHOTO

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## In the Spirit of America

In the true Spirit of America, two of our local ladies were honored at the second annual awards ceremony at the County Commissioners Office in Alfred on November 15.

For their dedication to the community in donating their time and money, Bev Manning and Thelma Connell were nominated to receive the award by the town selectmen and the York County Commissioners.

Bev Manning received the award for her work on organizing an annual craft fair, which has helped to raise money for repairs to the West Newfield Town Hall. Proceeds from the craft fair have helped to keep from raising the money in taxes to local residents for the improvements.

Thelma Connell received the award posthumously, for her work on raising money for many organizations. Her daughter Cindy Lewis accepted the award. Lewis said that her mother lived here for 45 years and loved the town. Several years ago, Connell was the recipient of the 6 Who Care award and was always called the unofficial "Mayor of Newfield."

The flag bearers of So. Berwick also received an award, as well as Dave Kling for his service to the Planning Board in Kennebunkport, Beverly Russell, for her service to the Community Animal Watch for the Animal Welfare Society in Old Orchard Beach, John Byrd received the award posthumously for his service to Ocean



Friends and recipients, from left, Tita Pease, award recipient Bev Manning, Thelma Connell's daughter Cindy Lewis, Donna Guzman and Johanne Vaters. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

Park conservation and environment, and William O. Johnson for serving 24 years as Mayor of Saco.

Individuals from Cornish, Limington, and Lebanon, also received awards for their dedication to their communities.

County Manager Greg Zinser thanked the volunteers for all that they do. Awards were presented by Commissioner Rick Dutremble, and Commissioner Sallie Chandler.

## Christmas party

The Newfield Historical Society will hold its annual Christmas party at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, at the Society headquarters. Members are invited to bring a dish for the potluck lunch and a \$10 gift for the Yankee swap which will follow lunch. The party will end with carol singing and

tree lighting. Snow date will be Sunday, Dec. 10.

## Happy birthday!

Celebrating this week are Jimmy Ring on December 2, Wanda Neville and Nancy Wedgewood on December 3, Robbie Chamberlain and Allan Hodgkins on December 5, and Debbie Gilpatrick on December 6.

## Meetings

Cub Scout Pack #329 - Dec. 4, at Line School at 818 Water Street at 6 p.m.

The American Legion - Dec. 4, at the Brick Town Hall at 19 Main Street in Limerick at 7 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop #329 - Dec. 4, at the Scout Hall at 7 School Street in Limerick at 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. Jim Dion is the Scoutmaster. Call Joe Iannazzo at 850-6237

Newfield Selectmen - Dec. 5, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street at 6 p.m.

Newfield Firefighters training session - Dec. 5, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Tea Time - Dec. 6, at the Newfield Village Library at 637 Water Street at 3 p.m.

The Comprehensive Planning Board monthly meeting - Dec. 6, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street at 7 p.m.

Newfield Planning Board meeting - Dec. 6, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street, at 8 p.m. following the comprehensive planning board meeting.

Newfield Rescue training session - Dec. 7, at the 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.

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- 1-12 ounce package fresh cranberries
- 1 cup apple, peeled, cored and diced
- 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- 1/2 cups raisins
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves

In a medium saucepan combine the water and sugar. Bring mixture to a boil over medium heat. Add the cranberries, apples, cider vinegar, raisins and spices. Bring to a boil, then simmer gently for 10 minutes.

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# OPINION When is crime criminal?

Crime, by definition, is an act violating the rules and regulations recorded and voted upon, by those who serve society, into law. These laws governing society are many and varied. Murder is amongst the most severe, but there are laws forbidding such



by  
**Jon Simonds**

clearly posted and yet the speed with which we drive is normally five to ten miles above the limit of the law. Truck on down the road a tad too fast in this, the great State of Maine and you could be arrested for criminal speeding. So why exceed the speed and risk jail time? Why do we speed at all? To put it simply, it's because we choose to.

Our choice to speed falls in line with the Rational Choice Theory developed by Cesari Beccaria, an Italian Criminologist from the 18th century. The Rational Choice Theory is one

in which a given individual will weigh the pros and cons of any given action and act accordingly. Need for speed isn't just a popular selling video game. It's a way of life. Few, if any, stay within the limits of the law when traveling. The odds of getting caught are just too low and the cost of a speeding ticket, though rarely affordable for the average driver, is payable. So naturally, we tend to put the pedal to the metal.

The Supreme Court in Italy, recently tossed the conviction of a petty thief utilizing the rational choice theory. The crook in this case, was one Roman Ostriakov, a homeless man who, as reported in the Huffington Post, wandered into a Genoa supermarket and

pocketed some \$4.50 cents worth of sausage and cheese. He also took some breadsticks, which he paid for. It was after he left the register a customer in the store told store employees about his crime. Ostriakov was arrested and prosecuted for shop-lifting, but his attorney appealed to the highest court in Italy and the Supreme Court Justice tossed the conviction calling the act of stealing small amounts of food 'to stave off hunger,' not a crime. Contrast this with many Cities in the State of Florida who have enacted laws demanding the arrest and a 200 dollar fine for those caught feeding the homeless. How inhumane America must appear.

As of 2015, The United States

accounted for roughly a fifth of the world's population and yet it manages to account for 25% of the worlds incarcerated. Pharma companies peddle highly addictive drugs to patients and then cut them off driving a drug epidemic the likes of which we have never seen. More and more Americans are going to bed hungry. Homelessness is so wide-spread, nearly a quarter of a million working people in the States of California and Nevada sleep in their cars. Maybe we need to tear a page from the Italian Supreme Court. We don't need a war on crime. What we need is a war on the causes.

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## SPORTS

### Scots gridiron gang honored

Bonny Eagle's football team, which won the class A state championship in 2016 and six state championships since 2004, dominated the SMAA's fall football awards.

First team all-conference honors went to defensive tackles Arlo Pike and Alex Smith; linebacker Aaran Hodgman; defensive backs Greg Emerson and Connor Sirois and utility player/punter Christian Napolitano.

Alex Sprague and Nick Thorne were named first team all-conference at the running back position. Cordell Menard made first team as a wide receiver.

Second team all-conference honors went to defensive end Nick Thorne and defensive back Will White. Conner Sires made second team at quarterback, Pike made it at tight end and Aidan McAllen for center.

### OL Klein takes Gerry Raymond award

Zach Klein, a senior at Bonny Eagle High School was this years' recipient of the Gerry Raymond Award, given to the state's top offensive lineman. In 2016, a state championship season for the Scots, Klein made first team all-conference as a defensive tackle and second team all-conference as an offensive lineman.

This year, Klein made first team on the offensive line and second team as a defensive lineman.

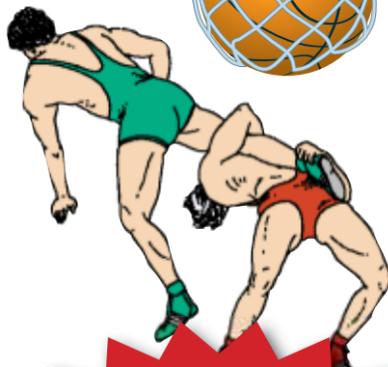
Gerry Raymond, formerly of Lewiston, remains the only player to ever win the Fitzpatrick Award, given to top player in the state, as an offensive lineman. Raymond spent four years at Boston College as a starter and was he was drafted by the New York Giants.

- By Michael DeAngelis

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**OBITUARIES**

**Genevieve (Gene) Helen Smith**

Genevieve Helen Smith (Gene), of Kansas City, Missouri, and formerly of Shapleigh, passed away peacefully on Nov. 10, 2017 at the age of 92 after a short stay in Hospice.



**Genevieve Helen Smith**

Born on May 25, 1925 in The Bronx, New York. After childhood and schooling, Gene met and married Myron Abbott Smith (Mike) in September of 1949. Gene and Mike started married life in Long Island, New York but in 1952 they moved to Arlington, Virginia.

After Mike passed away in 1967, Gene started working to support herself and her two daughters. Gene worked for many years as Head Teller at First Virginia Bank in Arlington.

Gene retired from the bank in 1987 and moved to Shapleigh to live near, and spend time with her daughter, Jane Scott and her son-in-law, James Scott Jr. and two of her three grandchildren, Elizabeth and James Scott III.

Gene was always cheerful and independent and because of her lifelong love of books and reading she got a job in the Shapleigh Town Library. In 1994 Gene was promoted to head librarian. Gene worked enthusiastically to spread the joy of reading. She started a knitting group that met for craft and fellowship until her retirement in August 2013 at age 88.

Gene was an active member of St. Georges Episcopal church in Sanford. She enjoyed many hours as a member of the choir and volunteered her time at the Bean Suppers the church sponsored.

In 2013, Gene moved to Kansas City, Missouri to spend time with her other daughter, Donna

Mattingly and her third grandchild, Ian and her great granddaughter, Caitlin. Gene was able to devote more time to another of her passions, knitting baby blankets for babies in need. She donated her time and energy sending her snuggly blankets to Mercy Hospital in Portland Maine, and then to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City.

Gene was a breast cancer survivor and took every opportunity to encourage and support other victims of Breast Cancer.

Gene was always a spirited, cheerful, independent lady who liked to get out into the community. She loved her family and friends, books, knitting and animals. Gene was a 30 year supporter of the Animal Welfare Society in Kennebunk.

The family is planning a Celebration of Gene's life on Saturday, May 5 at 11 a.m. at St. Georges Episcopal church in Sanford. We hope that all who remember her can join us.

In lieu of flowers, Gene has requested that donations be made in her name to: Animal Welfare Society, P.O. Box 43, West Kennebunk, ME 04094.

**Jeffery Owen Poole**

Jeffery Owen Poole, age 46, of Buxton and Limington, passed away on Nov. 13, 2017.

He was born in Portland on April 17, 1971, a son of the late Herman and Evelyn (Richardson) Poole.

He is a Bonny Eagle High School graduate and a former volunteer firefighter of the Chicopee Fire Dept. in Buxton.

He is survived by his siblings-James Poole of Limington, Herman Poole Jr. of Old Town, Patricia, and Peggy Burnham.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are with Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service, Buxton, www.maine-funeral.com.

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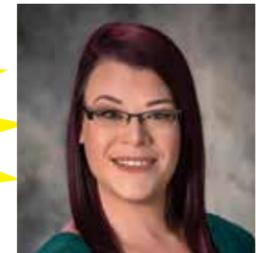
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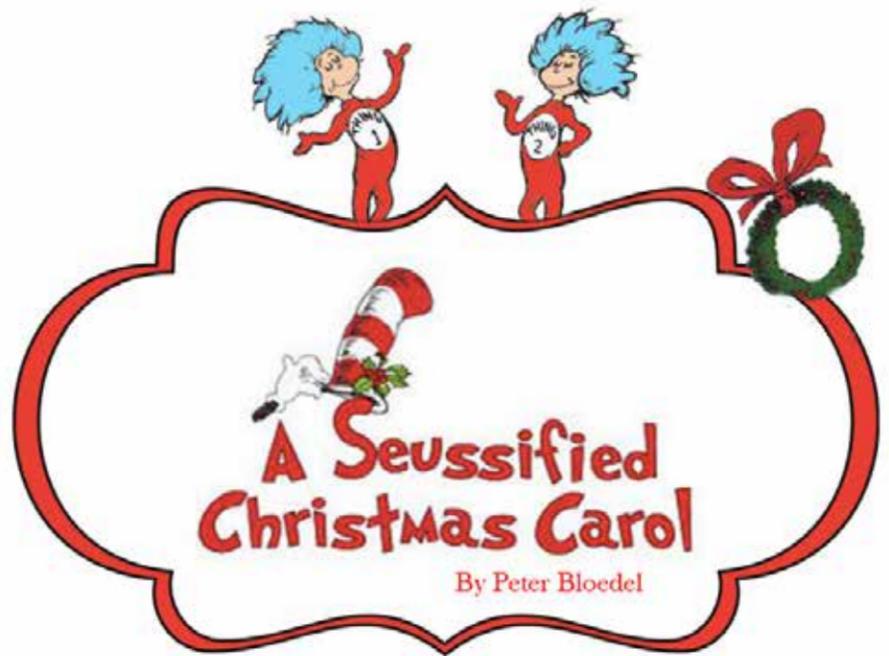
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