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Gary Hatch's home in Limington has 30,000 lights set to music and is known as the Limington Lights. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Limington Lights

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Since 2009, Gary Hatch of 5 Coventry Lane in Limington, has been putting up Christmas decorations with a light display set to music that has become known as the Limington Lights. People have been stopping by to admire them every year since, and this year, with more than 30,000 lights set to music, in a 36-minute rotation, the Limington Lights have been ranked one of the "11 Best Christmas Light Displays in Maine" by the website www.onlyinyourstate.com.

Hatch's day job is as a branch manager at CSC Service Works, a company that places and services industrial washers and dryers in schools and apartment buildings. So what made him want to create the Limington Lights? "I always decorated (for Christmas)," said Hatch, but with his background in electronics, he thought "I want a challenge," and decided to take it

to the next level. He built his own electronic controllers, which take a lot of work, and are now numbered and in various places around his yard. All power is protected with ground fault circuit interrupters.

"I start with the music first," said Hatch, who looks for music all year round. "I try to find things that are different." This year, he has added "It's Christmas," a song by Nica and Joe, "a tall slender Polish pop singer and a classical African American guy with a deep voice," said Hatch. They are well known in Europe, and appeared on X-factor, Germany. "I generally look for uplifting music," he explained, "whether it's instrumental or a vocal is secondary." Hatch further explained that slower music is harder to program the lights to, "but some songs are just worth the effort."

Now, that doesn't mean the music changes every year. Hatch enlightened us to the fact that it
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Limington Lights at 5 Coventry Lane. COURTESY PHOTOS



On Dec. 11 members of the extended Riddle family happily greeting passersby and accepting Toys for Tots at 186 Old Alfred Road, the home of Edwin and Ericka Riddle. From left, Eraina Riddle (snowperson), Kaitlyn Roberts (elf), Josie Roberts (Mrs. Santa), Corinne Riddle (elf), Patrick Pinkham Riddle (Rudolph), Cindy Riddle (mouse), Edwin Riddle (penguin) and Santa. PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

Cleaning up the trails

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Waterboro sits on an important transportation system that many residents know little or nothing about. This system does not include Routes 5 and 202, although they intersect in places. Evidence of this system is seen when white trails left by snowmobiles cross roads in winter, or clouds of dust float along Routes 5 and 202 in East Waterboro on a dry summer day. This active off-road system encompasses miles of trails through woods, across pastures and up and down power lines. ATVers, snowmobilers, horseback riders, cross-country skiers, hunters, hikers, and nature lovers all know it well. While it is a transportation system that offers recreation, ex-

ploration and relaxation, it is also, and primarily, an ecosystem completely dependent on relationships of goodwill among landowners and land users.

The continued existence of this extensive system of trails depends on two local groups that are the stewards of this goodwill relationship; they are the Ossipee Mountain ATVers and the Ossipee Mountaineers Snowmobile Club (OMSC), both with clubhouses located on Old Alfred Road. Among those responsible for the clubs' operations is a key person known as "Landowner Relations Officer;" the OMSC has Kevin Haskell while Roger Letender has served as such for the ATVers. At the state level, Corporal Rick LaFlamme is a Game Warden and the Landowner Relations Specialist with the De-

partment of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. LaFlamme and his peers work between clubs and landowners on good and ethical uses of private property statewide.

LaFlamme says there are 6,600 miles of ATV and 16,000 snowmobile trails in the state of Maine. As 94 percent of the land in the State of Maine is private property, most of these trails run over private property. This produces what LaFlamme calls a "fragile ecosystem," so the development of good relations between the two groups is critical.

LaFlamme adds, "When land is posted, and 'No Trespassing' signs go up, it affects everyone, so building friendships with landowners is essential, even before seeking permissions to build
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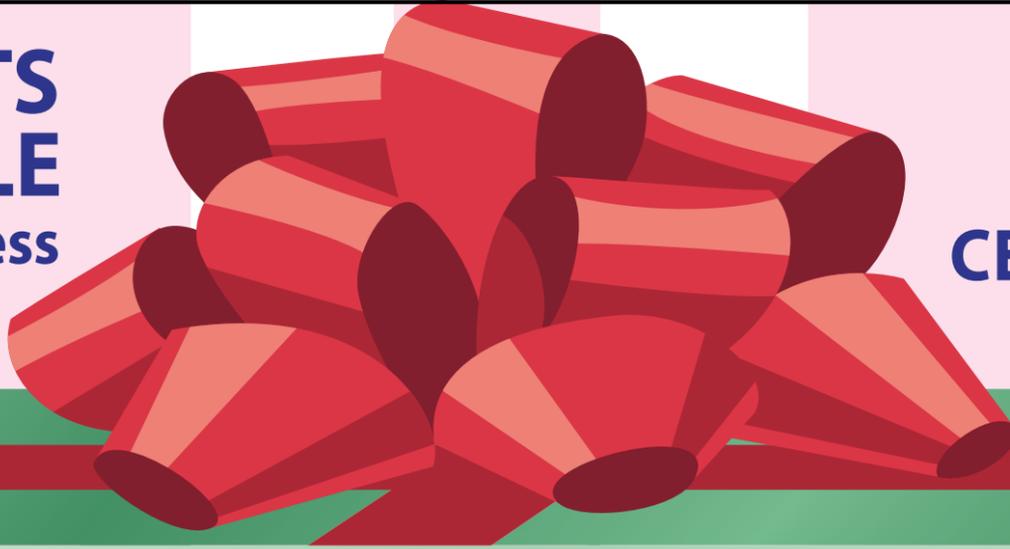
One of the last tanker-loads of water that flowed into the Carle's Corner Ice Rink on Dec. 11. A few of the many volunteers that made the rink filling happen are, from left, Steve Lambert who drove the F.R. Carroll tanker truck donated for the purpose, Leo Binette of Lakeside Market, volunteer Ted Doyle and Sandi Binette, who is holding a mat in place that prevents the power of the water flow from damaging the liner and ground underneath. See page 4 for more. PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

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TRAILS

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trails.” Trash dumping and property destruction are the main reasons he has seen for property closings. He notes that two sections of trail in Waterboro have recently been closed by landowners, one of which led to a stretch of Deering Ridge Road being recently opened on a trial basis to ATV traffic.

The trails that run through the Waterboro area are popular year-round. The two local clubs work together, as do the majority of clubs throughout the state, according to LaFlamme, realizing that they both benefit by joining forces and sharing resources, as they generally depend on most of the same trails. When others abuse the privilege of trail use, those in clubs take responsibility for solving issues in order to maintain good relations with landowners.

Chrissy McGinley of Hollis, president of the OMSC, attributes some of the successful teamwork by the two clubs to former vice-president Leo Binette, who worked with Todd Abbott, president of the ATV Club. “They saw that both groups use most of the trails, so it made sense to work together. The ATVs let us use their tractor to haul rocks out to clean the trails, and we use their dump truck to haul gravel and stone when we run into areas we need to fill. We share the work and no one’s bickering or fighting.”

According to Binette, the trail work that AVTers need includes culvert and bridge-building, work that requires the ground being thawed. Snowmobile trail maintenance is more surface grooming, but this requires a stable trail underneath, so trail work benefits both groups. Each group receives funds for trails maintenance from the state, and this way the funds’ use is maximized.

Abbott states that the two groups share 80 percent of the local trails and Central Maine Power is the largest landowner they work with. CMP owns all along the double pole power line that runs through town. “We have a three-year lease from CMP and any work we do has to be approved by them and the Department of Conservation, which is also overseer of grant moneys for land and trail management for both clubs,” said Abbott.

McGinley says that last year they started a project with the ATV club, “Since so many of our trails are combined, we decided to make a map showing both clubs’ trails, and instead of getting sponsors for two separate maps, we combined the two. The power line is a combo trail, but this map shows how in some areas access is separate for each.”

While ATV use is roughly nine months of the year, according to Binette, ten weeks is very good for a snowmobile season. “But trail work requires yearlong weekly work parties with members of both clubs and includes clearing brush, taking out trees they have permission for and cleaning up and hauling trash.” Other work includes building bridges, resurfacing trails, hauling gravel, and plucking rocks to make the surface more user-friendly. In addition, the clubs must create and maintain signs, so



This truckload of tires and other trash was picked up along trails accessed by Chadbourne Ridge Road in North Waterboro during a recent trail work detail. COURTESY PHOTO

that permitted uses of trails is very clear, and also maintain gates and chains that restrict areas where use is not allowed.

Joe Gunther, a member of both clubs, credits many people affiliated with both groups for the countless hours of labor they put into trail building and maintenance. “Whenever we do trail work, we see the trash that people bring in and dump. We always pick it up and haul it to the (Waterboro) Transfer Station, and they take it.” Transfer Station manager Clint Andrews says, “We always take it,

no fee. It is so good to get it out of there and properly disposed of.”

McGinley agrees that the downside of having access to so much off-road territory in town is that so many people dump trash. “If people keep dumping on landowners’ property, we can lose all of this access. So, when we do trail work and we see trash, we clean it up. I don’t think anyone realizes all we do to clean the trails and respect landowners’ wishes. If you’re not in a club you won’t understand it.”

LaFlamme and Waterboro Contract Deputy Shawn Sanborn

agree on the magnitude of the dumping problem. LaFlamme talks about the amount of trash left behind by a combination of snowmobilers, ATVs, hunters and people in pickups, who just don’t care. “They throw everything... tires, oil, literally barrels of oil, on the trails. It’s a big old mess.” Sanborn states that the biggest culprits he sees when it comes to illegal dumping on trails are “Irresponsible contractors and underage drinking parties. Contractors who don’t have a sticker, or the Transfer Station isn’t open, and they drive onto the trails and back roads and dump. And teenagers who drink, bring in stuff for bonfires, then go joyriding and dump all their alcohol trash along the trails.”

LaFlamme describes the contest held all over the state this year, to see who could pick up the most trash off of the trails. “We got shingles, mattresses, TVs, tires, furniture and just about everything imaginable.” He and everyone else involved said that the upper part of Chadbourne Ridge, where there is parking and trails go off in a number of directions seems to be the worst.”

While trail maintenance and cleanup work parties go on year-round, in September the Bureau of

Inland Fisheries teamed up with the Maine Forest Service and Kittery Trading Post and sponsored a “Landowner Appreciation cleanup day” and the local Waterboro-area Cub Pack 306 hauled in top prize for the most trash picked up.

Gunther writes, “The trail system in our town is an important part of our community. What we have is most often taken for granted and misunderstood. We need to do what we can to preserve our off-road trail system.”

As the beginning of snow season approaches, both McGinley and Abbott report that the trails are looking good now. Workers have repaired bridges, cleared trailsides of brush and updated signs and gates. Those ATVs who are also snowmobilers are looking forward to winter’s transformation of the trails. As Chrissy McGinley says, “You get to know the woods, to see the feeling of when spring comes, summer and all through fall; then snow starts to fall and it’s a whole different experience. It’s different equipment and it’s a whole other world. We get to see the whole year. It’s really nice.”

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Carle's Corner Ice Rink filling up

The third season of skating at Waterboro Center came a big step closer to beginning as around twenty intrepid adults and children joined Sandi Binette at the Carle's Corner Ice Rink early last Sunday morning to lay out the liner, prior to tanker truckloads of water arriving to fill it up. Seriously cold temperatures earlier had required the tricky operation of folding and removing the liner to thaw it out before it could be returned to the rink site, rolled out with wrinkles smoothed and filled with 20,000 gallons of water.

Two tankers hauled the water from a local quarry pit. One was donated for the purpose by F.R. Carroll Company in Limerick and driven by employee Steve Lambert of Waterboro, who donated his time. The other was a Foglio tanker donated and driven by Doug Foglio. The 20,000 gallons of water filled the rink to a depth of six inches. When fully filled, the rink will be about twelve inches deep. Sandi Binette hopes to have it fully filled, and operational, weather dependent, as soon as possible. Check the Carle's Corner Ice Rink Facebook page for updates. (See related photo on page 1.)

Phones go to fight domestic violence

Waterboro Library is a HopeLine Collection Spot. HopeLine from Verizon collects no-longer used wireless phones, batteries, chargers and accessories in any condition from any service provider to benefit victims and survivors of domestic violence. Donated phones are then turned into valuable resources for non-profit organizations and agencies that support domestic violence victims and survivors nationwide. These items can be left in the Hopeline collection box at the library during open hours. They can also be left at the Massabesic Lions Club box in the lobby.

Library Fiber Craft evening

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Scouts clean up



The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Commissioner Chandler Woodcock, Game Warden Carlton Richardson and Landowner Relations Corporal Rick LaFlamme awarded Waterboro Cub Scout Pack 306 with a \$1,000 Kittery Trading Post gift card and certificate of appreciation. Pack 306 picked up over 22,000 lbs. of trash on private property in Southern Maine on the September Landowner Appreciation Day clean up event.

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LIMINGTON LIGHTS

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takes four hours to program the lights for every minute of the light show. Matching the lights to the music, therefore, is no easy task. But Hatch enjoys it. Once he's chosen the music, he uses freeware called "Vixen lights" that he found online. "The start up icon is a deer," explained Hatch, "like one of Santa's reindeer." Hatch revealed there are 272 channels on his program, and they provide a graphic view of what's playing. But, as he explained, "not everything can be drawn on the computer." Once the music is chosen, the lights are all set up and programmed, you just need an FM transmitter and an open channel.

Hatch takes the week of Thanksgiving off to set everything up, and says it takes "just about the entire week." His wife Patricia helps by setting up the lights on the static displays, such as those on the fence and the bushes. Hatch has made two thirds of his decorations himself: the flagpole tree (which has 60 strings of lights, a total of 4600 LED lights – down from 6,000) and the star on top of it, the arches on the lawn (1,200 lights in each arch), the blue stars on the fence (which he added last year), and the star on the roof, his personal favorite. And others he has modified, such as the snow-

flakes on the side of his house. He purchased them, but added some lights – there were 105 lights and he wanted to add 105 more, so that the snowflakes would have two different colors. The lights came in 70 lamp sets, and he had to cut and splice in 1½ sets. He hand-wired the other lights in, just like wiring in boughs on a wreath. "Wire ties are my friend," he added with a smile. Now the snowflakes have 105 blue lights, and 105 white lights, all LEDs. This year, Hatch spent about 50 hours redesigning the flagpole tree. Now, instead of taking eight hours to set up, it will take only about 40 minutes. "It will be harder to store the four big pieces, but easier," said Hatch.

Hatch disclosed that the Limington Lights is always a work-in-progress, not just from year to year, but even while it's up. The computer and the programming app don't tell him when something isn't working. Usually someone will tell him or post it on Facebook. "If something didn't work, I have to find it and fix it," he said. Sometimes, he needs to go out to the yard, watch the display, make notes and change it the next day.

Hatch said that people always ask how much electricity he uses to run the display. "The electricity is not a big deal," he replied. "It's off most of the day, and they (the lights) go off and on during the display." He added that currently, at

least one third of the lights are LED.

This year, you can hear the music for the display on 88.1 FM. Hatch reveals that there are a couple of songs in the rotation when all the lights are lit at the end, or at a pronounced part of the song. Wait and look for it! You won't be disappointed!

Limington Lights has been on Facebook for the last 3 years, and said people post comments all the time. He smiled and said that once he received a letter addressed to the "House of Lights." Hatch said that after so much work and effort, he enjoys reading these comments, especially those from mothers and families. "I just do it for the joy of the families," said Hatch.

You can view the Limington Lights through Christmas from 4:30-9:30 p.m. at 5 Coventry Lane in Limington, just off Route 117. Hatch asks that when you visit, please don't turn around in his neighbors' driveways, but rather, continue down the road and take the second left on Paul's Way which will bring you back out to Route 117. He has now programmed this message in a voice over reminder that plays after every six selections.

After Christmas, Hatch will take down the display in about a day. But, it will require about a week for it to dry out. Then he will prepare it for storage in the garage out back until next year.



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Cindy Simons demonstrates how to prepare the jars and lids for canning her Christmas Pickles. COURTESY PHOTO



On Dec. 7, Southern Maine Health Care (SMHC) Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Patsy Aprile was named the American Heart Association's 2016 Crystal Heart Honoree for promoting education and awareness of how to prevent cardiovascular diseases and stroke in women. Pictured at the 12th Annual Go Red For Women event for York County are Aprile and colleagues from SMHC, front row from left, Tina Turgeon, 2016 Crystal Heart Honoree Patsy Aprile, Kim LaChance, Deb Tillotson, Vicki Lyons, (back row, left to right) Chris Rossi, Brandei Wingard, MD, Patti Kasmareck, Helen Troy, Sue Hadiaris, Joanna Salamone. COURTESY PHOTO

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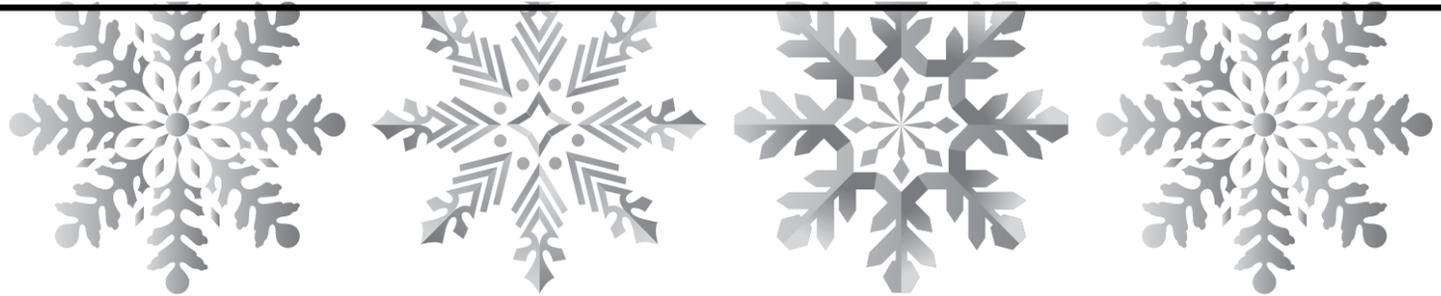
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grown to become a sustaining source for the programs and services offered by Caring Unlimited, York County's only domestic violence resource center.

Each year, dozens of people 'Take the Plunge,' and collect pledges from family members, friends and co-workers. Pledges can be made online through participants' personalized fundraising pages, or collected and turned in when participants check in at the event. This year, the Plunger with the highest fundraising total by New Year's Day will win a \$250 gift card to LL Bean. The pledges and registration fees provide vital support for Caring Unlimited's programs and services.

Since 1977, Caring Unlimited has been working with the community to bring an end to domestic violence in York County by providing essential support and safety planning services to individuals whose lives are affected by domestic violence and abuse. The Atlantic Plunge allows Caring Unlimited to continue to provide these important services, which include: 24-Hour Hotline, Emergency Sheltering, Transitional Housing, Support and Education Groups, Legal Advocacy, School-Based Education and Advocacy, and Community Education and Training. Each year, Caring Unlimited serves approximately 3,000 individuals in York County.

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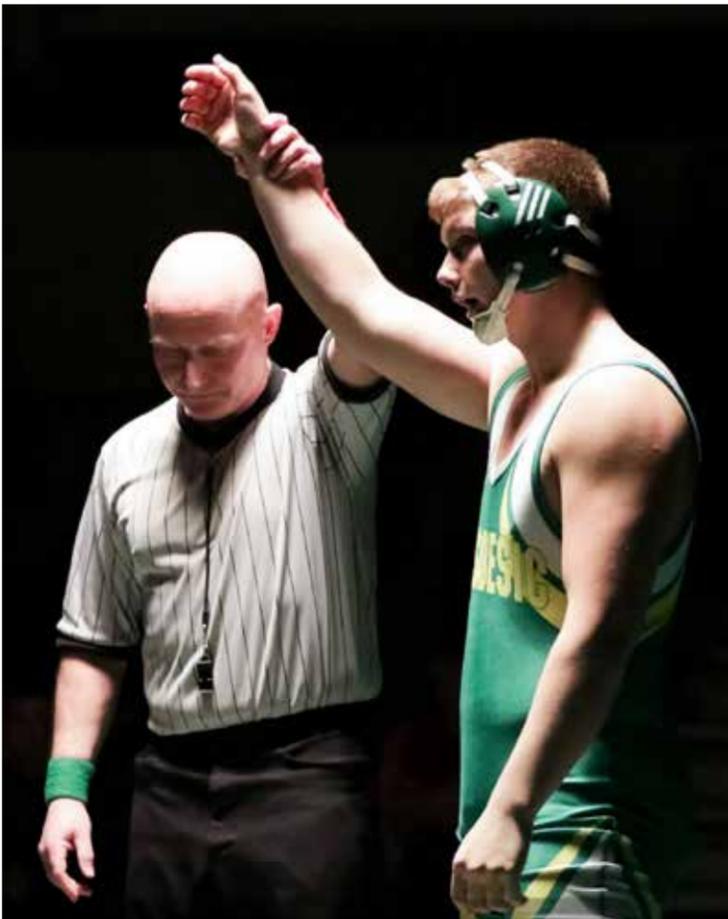
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WRESTLING



Massabesic's Noah Schneider.

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Knights take first mat meet

Noble took six of 10 bouts to pace a 54-23 win over the host Mustangs in varsity wrestling on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Massabesic got wins from its two reigning state champions: Leo Amabile (120) pinned Duncan McGilvrey with time running out in the second period and heavyweight Matthew Carroll (285) secured a quick first period pin of Owen Frost.

Noah Schneider (195) handed a quick pin to Emmitt Lavoisier and Matthew Pooler (152) turned in an excellent performance, securing a tech fall 16-0 win, against a skilled, veteran wrestler in John Grenier.

SPORTS

ICE HOCKEY

York tops MOB in opener

York scored the first two goals and goalie Oscar Kwok made 19 saves to pace a 5-2 win over MOB (Massabesic/Old Orchard/Bonny Eagle) in varsity boys' hockey on Saturday, Dec. 10 at USM.

The testy contest featured 14 minor penalties, eight for the Wildcats and six for MOB, in what has turned into a decent rivalry over the last few seasons. Tanner McClure got MOB on the board late in the second period,

cutting the lead in half at 2-1, with an unassisted score. York scored a deflating goal just three minutes later to make it 3-1 before the end of the middle frame.

Julius Lundgren (G, 2A) made it 4-1 Wildcats five minutes into the third period, but Travis Marsh cut it to 4-2 with a goal five minutes later (McClure assisting). Jake Nelson closed out the scoring with a goal with under one minute to play.

Kyle McKay made 25 saves for MOB.

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SPORTS

SWIMMING

Lady Mustangs split first two in pool

The lady Mustangs won the final eight events to pace an easy 117-49 win over Windham in varsity swim at St. Joe's on Wednesday, Dec. 14. After drooping two of the first three events, Massabesic ran the table. It began with a 2:36.64 finish in the 200 IM for Savannah Burke. Amanda Dudley captured the 50 freestyle next in 27.87 (Morgan Houk and sister Paige were second and third, respectively); Alison Ryan won the 100 butterfly in 1:20.56; Burke took the top step on the podium again with a 1:01.20 in the 100 freestyle and the rout was on for the Mustangs.

Katie Castle kept things going with a win in the 500 before the 200 relay team (Sophia LaFrance, Joanna LaFrance, Abigail Darling and Dudley) turned in a dominant 2:00.21 for an easy win in that event. Sophia LaFrance took first in the next event, the 100 backstroke and sister Joanna added gold in the 100 breaststroke.

Burke, Sophia LaFrance, Dudley and Morgan Houk closed out the meet with a win (4:19.55) in the 400 freestyle relay.

Scarborough girls' handed the Mustangs a 96-64 defeat in the pool five days earlier on Dec. 9 at

the YMCA in Springvale. It was the first meet of the season for both squads. The Mustangs won four of 11 events. They took the opening event: the 200 medley relay, but managed just three wins over the final 10.

Dudley took the 200 IM with a 2:29.06, Morgan Houk won the 50 (29.68) and Savannah Burke won the 500.

Pool boys drop first two

Windham won six of 11 events to capture a narrow 85-71 win over the Mustang men in varsity swim at St. Joe's on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Nate Messier hit the top of the podium three times for Massabesic: he took first in the 100 freestyle (58.39); the 100 backstroke (1:05.92) and he was a part of the 400 freestyle team, along with Joel Van Tassell, Andres Vargas and Quinn Judkins that took gold in 4:15.78.

Josh Castonguay chipped in with a 1:16.72, good for first place in the 100 breaststroke.

Scarborough won every event but one to grab a 122-45 win over the Mustang men on Friday, Dec. 9 at the YMCA in Springvale. Messier won the 100 butterfly for Massabesic with a 1:08.36.

BASKETBALL

MGA takes opener

The Maine Girls' Academy (formerly Catherine McAuley High School) handed the visiting lady Mustangs a 49-27 loss in their opening game of the 2016-2017 season. Massabesic kept the game close in the first half, despite a slew of turnovers and missed lay-ups, and the teams went into the break with the score 20-15 MGA after they closed out the first quarter with a four point lead at 9-5.

The second half was all MGA as they outscored Massabesic 29-12, including a 20-8 bulge in the third.

Hoop men drop first two

Biddeford handed host Massabesic a 68-41 opening night loss on Friday, Dec. 9 and visiting Marshwood left the Mustangs at 0-2 in the early going with a 77-36 thumping four nights later. Massabesic turned in their best season ever last year, finishing 14-4 and graduating 11 seniors from their Class AA squad. The Tigers, playing in Class A, finished 1-17 last year and the Hawks, also members of Class A, finished even at 9-9.

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Massabesic's Zion Mercado Densmore.

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LYMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Joy Spencer

Holiday concert

Children in grades 1-2 at Alfred and Lyman Elementary Schools joined together at Massabesic Middle School on Dec. 6 to perform in this year's Holiday Concert. Featured were fivesongs: "What a Perfect Winter Day," "Melton the Warm Hearted Snowman," "Tough Love," "It's About Love," and a medley of carols.

The performance was made possible by the efforts of Charlene Smith, music teacher at both Alfred and Lyman. The gym was

decorated by life-sized snowmen made by the children in art class with art teacher, Dave Hall. The concert was very well attended and the enthusiasm of the students added to the enjoyment.

Craft night

The Lyman PTC is sponsoring a Craft Night on Friday, Dec. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the school. Children and adults are invited to create one of a kind decoration to keep sell, or donate. The following week they will be selling and wrapping ornaments mornings from 8:30 to 9 a.m.

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OBITUARIES

Donna L. Bridges, Skillings

Donna L. Bridges, Skillings 59, of Buxton, passed away after a long courageous battle on Dec. 9, 2016 at Mercy Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Westbrook Maine Dec. 25, 1956 the daughter of the late Stanley and Anna (field) Bridges.

She attended Scarborough schools and after being at the right place at the right time she met the love of her life Roy Skillings at the age of 14.

Donna was known as a “spit-fire” to all that knew her with a tell you like it is attitude. Also for her love of animals, especially her beloved dogs. She enjoyed playing bingo with her sister Sylvia. She also had a love of baking, and people somehow always knew when the whoopie pies were ready. She was loved by many and was often called “mom” by friends of her children. She enjoyed many things but her greatest love was her family especially her grandchildren whom she referred to as “her babies”.

Donna has gone from us to be with her loved ones that have already passed. She is predeceased by her parents Stanley and Anna (field) Bridges, a son Tory Edward Skillings, her nephew William (Billy) Bean Jr. and her brother Leon Bean who passed away less than 24 hours after her.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years Roy Skillings; her children Tina Skillings Albano and her husband Shane; Mike Skillings and his wife Erin; four grandchildren: Brianna Skillings, Victoria (Tori) Skillings, Benjamin (benji) Skillings and Charlotte (Charlie) Skillings all of Buxton. She had two step grandchildren Dylan Dipietran-tonio and Hallie Fullerton both of Westbrook; a brother William Bean Sr. of Old Orchard Beach; a sister Jeanette Walker of Westbrook; sister Sylvia Merry and husband Greg of Old Orchard Beach; a beloved niece Michelle Bean Leclair and partner Josiah Dubai of Buxton. She had a very large extended family.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date in 2017. Condolence messages can be submit-

ted to the family at <http://maine-funeral.com>.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service, Buxton.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the humane society.

Catherine Maryann Bell

Catherine Maryann Bell, 61, of Ropewalk Drive, Hollis, passed away Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 at her home after a long illness.

She was born in Biddford Maine on Dec. 25, 1954 the daughter of Rita Romprey and the Late Dean Romprey.



Catherine Maryann Bell

She graduated from Bonny Eagle Schools.

Catherine enjoyed going to Lucky Loggers in Saco and she loved to shop, fish, dance, shoot pool, and play cribbage. Cathy had a Love for Life and had a Love for people. She was a giver even when she didn't really have it to give. She would put the needs of others ahead of her own. She loved her family dearly and enjoyed her grandchildren.

Cathy is predeceased by her father Dean Romprey, her aunt Edna Walker and her brother Philip Romprey.

She is survived by her husband of 25 years, William Bell of Hollis, her mother Rita Romprey of Gorham, her sister Carol York of Gorham, her daughter Rita Griffiths and her husband Kevin of Phoenix, Arizona, her daughter Brandi DiPaolo and her partner Eric Webster of Porter, Me., and her son Chuck DiPaolo and his wife Laura of Porter, Me and seven grandchildren, Charles, Rachelle, Joshua, Brandon, Braidon, William and Jafari.

There will be a private family viewing for the immediate family at the Dennett, Craig & Pate Funeral home 13 Portland Road, Buxton.

A Celebration of her Life will be held Saturday, Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. at the Kezar Falls Assembly

of God Church, Rt. 25 in Parsonfield, (213 Federal Rd).

A reception will follow at the church.

Clint H. Reed

Clint H. Reed, 87, a lifelong and beloved resident of West Newfield, died Dec. 10, 2016 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital.



Clint H. Reed

Clint was born on July 21, 1929, at home in West Newfield, the son of Leon and Verna (Sanborn) Reed.

He attended school in town and growing up with his brother Richard, they learned early on the value of hard work, growing their own food and helping their neighbors. These values continued throughout Clint's life. Clint gave his heart to his sweetheart and soul mate, Elinor Lear, and they were blessed with three sons. In his early working career, Clint was a natural when it came to building projects and carpentry.

Clint started out as an independent contractor, driving a school bus for the town of Newfield. He was very strict with the kids on his bus. If the kids behaved on the bus, he would play music on the 8 track music system. He played anything from Neil Diamond, Blood Sweat and Tears or Tom Jones! If you caused a ruckus on the bus, Clint would yell back, “Cool your heels or you'll be hoofing it!” Clint drove for over 40 years, and soon began driving for SAD 57, and retired after working at the Line School and SAD 57 as a custodian.

Clint loved his community and was one of the first volunteers and founders of the town ambulance service. He also served on the fire department and was a well-respected Chief for 10 years. As a teenager, Clint helped in fighting the '47 fire with an Indian pump on his back and out he'd go for 2 to 3 days. Even in the most trying situations, Clint never lost his sense of humor and his “one liners” would always be the final word. Clint was also a fellow

Mason for over 50 years with the Day Spring Lodge #107 in West Newfield.

He and his wife Elinor loved to go out dancing. She was an excellent cook and when Clint had to cook for himself, he would often improvise a tried and true recipe. (Usually more baking soda or baking powder to make the rolls bigger!) He did master the Saturday night baked beans, which he shared with half the neighborhood. And, his strawberry rhubarb pies were his signature dessert. In 1984, he and Elinor moved to their beloved camp; which they made into their fulltime home on Rock Haven Lake. They enjoyed the beautiful sunsets and watching the birds. Clint possessed a green thumb and each year had a huge garden and was known for his potatoes and tomatoes.

Clint will be remembered for his honesty, compassion and his generous nature. He will be dearly missed by his family, his many friends and his beloved community of West Newfield.

Survivors include his three sons, Larry Reed and wife Bonnie of West Newfield; Gary Reed and girlfriend, Pennie Collins of Duluth, GA and Greg Reed and wife Karen of West Newfield; his brother, Richard Reed and wife Lois of CA; and six grandchildren, Michelle Reed, Keith Reed, Patrick Goodrich, Laura Goodrich, April Crews and Abby Reed; 18 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews; and his grand dogs, Harley and Cooper.

Family and friends were invited to call on Dec. 13 at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred. A Funeral Service was held on Dec. 14 at the West Newfield Congregational Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Newfield Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box 170, West Newfield, ME 04095.

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

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

John Michael Tierney

John Michael Tierney, 71, of Sanford and formerly of Lowell,

Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on Dec. 6, 2016 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House, surrounded by his loving family after a courageous



John Michael Tierney

battle with lung and heart disease. He was born in Lowell on Jan. 2, 1945, a son of the late Thomas and Cecile (Gelineau) Tierney and attended Lowell High School.

Spending time with his family was what was most special to him. Besides his love of family, John was a second hand car enthusiast.

Most recently, John was employed at Massabesic High School as a custodian.

John is survived his wife Ah Wan “Selly” Tierney; daughters-Erin Tierney of Sanford and Dawn Tierney Bibeau and her husband Randy of Pelham; sons-John “Jack” Tierney of Sanford and Michael Tierney of Sanford, Ronald Thellen and his wife Megan of Weare, NH, and Tony Thellen of Lowell; brother Thomas Tierney of Panama City Beach, FL; sister Gene McTear and her husband Kenneth of West Newfield; ten grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be private. Arrangements have been entrusted to Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service, Buxton, online condolence messages can be submitted at www.maine-funeral.com



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Friday, Sept. 2

Steven D. Berard, 47, of Frost Road, Lyman was issued a warrant after a motor vehicle stop on Alfred Road in Arundel at 3:46 p.m.

Jonathan E. Roberts, 26, of Elm Street, Springvale was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol/drugs after a motor vehicle stop on Back Road, Shapleigh at 8:37 p.m.

Seth M. Watson, 32, was charged with aggravated trafficking/furnishing scheduled drugs after a motor vehicle stop on Maple Street, Cornish at 9:11 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 3

Trevor T. Cox, 19, of Lynnfield, Massachusetts was charged with assault on an officer, criminal mischief, assault and aggravated criminal trespass after a burglary in progress call on Stone Road, Newfield at 5:36 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 4

Dale Evan Sanborn, 30, of Cram Road, Limerick was charged with violating conditions of release after a vandalism call on Park Street, Limington at 6:08 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 5

Lucas D. Kronlund, 24, of Alfred was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol/drugs and failure to give notice of an accident by quickest means after a motor vehicle accident call on Sam Page Road, Acton at 8:35 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 6

Michael Peter Hill, 37, of Hanscomb School Road, Limington was

charged with trafficking in contraband after a warrant was served at 5:44 p.m. on Hanscomb School Road.

Wednesday, Sept. 7

Wayne Edward Call, 45, of Rochester, New Hampshire, was charged with having improper plates and with operating after habitual offender revocation after a motor vehicle stop on Milton Mills Road, Acton at 2:08 p.m.

Paul G. Tanguay Jr., 47, of Sand Pond Road, Limington was charged with operating an unregistered vehicle, greater than 150 days, after a motor vehicle stop on Newfield Road, Shapleigh at 7:15 p.m.

Peter C. Finkle, 55, of Kezar Mountain Road, Parsonsfield, was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol/drugs after a suspicious activity call on Lloyd Watson Road, Parsonsfield at 8:57 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 8

Jenna N. Vermette, 25, of Enterprise Road, Limerick was charged with operating after suspension with prior suspension (not OUI) after a motor vehicle stop on Sokokis Trail, Waterboro at 8:11 a.m.

Scott E. Bean, 40, of Skyline Drive, Saco was charged with operating after suspension after a motor vehicle stop on Maple Street, Cornish at 5:22 p.m.

Christopher Webber, 21, of Oak Street, Biddeford was charged with sale/use of drug paraphernalia after a motor vehicle stop on Main Street, Cornish at 11:53 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 9

A 15-year-old was issued a warrant on West Road, Waterboro at 9:48 a.m.

Robin R. Towle, 20, of Split Oak Circle, Waterboro was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol/drugs after a motor vehicle accident on Roberts Ridge Road, Waterboro at 9:48 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 10

Everett L. Bragdon, 51, of Elm Street, Parsonsfield was charged with assault after a past assault call on Federal Street, Parsonsfield at 10:29 a.m.

Alyssa A. LaFlamme, 23, of Pheasant Run Road, Waterboro was issued a warrant on Pheasant Run Road at 4:13 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 11

Edward Brian Given, 41, of Winston Salem, North Carolina, was charged with operating without a license, leaving the scene of an accident and failure to give notice of an accident by quickest means after a motor vehicle accident on Moody Road, Limington at 2:55 p.m.

Jacob Michael Higgins, 20, of Van Way, Waterboro was charged with violating conditions of release and improper plates after a motor vehicle stop on Main Street, Waterboro at 6:13 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 12

Nathaniel Richard, 40, of Waterboro was charged with domestic violence assault after a burglary of motor vehicle call on Split Oak Circle, Waterboro at 5:45 a.m.

Robert C. Walker, 34, of Edcil Lane, Lebanon was charged with passing a stopped school bus on Sanford Road, Alfred at 10:52 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

A 16-year-old was charged with unlawful sexual contact after a report was taken on Cumberland Road, Cornish at 1:11 p.m.

Jeri L. Souliere, 28, of South Waterboro Road, Lyman was charged with being a fugitive from justice after a warrant was served on Layman Way, Alfred at 4:45 p.m.

Michael David Smith, 25, of Sokokis Trail, Limerick was served warrant on Layman Way, Alfred at 9:49 p.m.

James Anthony Wildes, 31, of Kimball Hill Road, Cornish was served a warrant on Layman Way, Alfred at 10:39 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

Thomas R. Mello, 21, of Hanscomb School Road, Limington was charged with attempting to elude an officer after a motor vehicle stop on South Hiram Road, Cornish at 12:09 a.m.

Caroline M. Jonason, 45, of Cramm Road, Parsonsfield was charged with theft by unauthorized taking or transfer on Sokokis Trail, Waterboro at 3:44 p.m.

Christopher F. Stewart, 19, of Back Street, Waterboro was charged with driving to endanger after a complaint call on Frank Street, Waterboro at 6:03 p.m.

Betsy Ross Carter, 55, of George Street, North Waterboro was served a warrant on Frank Street, Waterboro at 6:46 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 15

William Levi Williams, 44, of Robs Way, North Waterboro was charged with operating after suspension and improper plates after a motor vehicle stop on New Dam Road, North Waterboro at 6:28 p.m.

Saturday Sept. 16

Michael D. Murray, 28, of West Street, Biddeford was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol/drugs after a motor vehicle accident on Hardscrabble Road, Limington at 3:37 a.m.

Michael K. Wilson, 26, of Patriots Lane, Sanford was charged with causing an accident that caused property damage after a motor vehicle accident on Milton Mills road, Acton at 6:22 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 18

Dalton J. Penpraese, 20, of Naples was charged with having improper plates after a motor vehicle stop on Federal Street, Parsonsfield at 7:07 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 20

Timothy Normand, 35, of George Street, Waterboro was charged with criminal trespass and criminal mischief after a burglary in progress call on Back Street, Waterboro at 12:31 a.m.

Barbara I. Chagnon, 42, of Colcord Pond Road, Porter was charged with operating after suspension after a motor vehicle stop on Elm Street, Parsonsfield at 5:34 p.m.

Marcus T. LeFebvre, 28 was served a warrant on Middle Road, Waterboro at 7:52 p.m.

Kevin Scott Ridlon, 35, of North Road, Parsonsfield was charged with possession of a usable amount of marijuana after a motor vehicle stop on North Road at 9:03 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Sarah B. Thurber, 35, of Pequawket Trail, Hiram was charged with operating an unregistered motor vehicle, greater than 150 days, after a motor vehicle stop on Main Street, Cornish at 9:25 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 23

A 17-year-old was charged with operating without a license after a motor vehicle stop on Hooper Road, Shapleigh at 12:01 a.m.

Bethany M. Akerberg, 32, of Summer Street, Porter was issued a warrant after a motor vehicle accident that caused property damage on Main Street, Cornish at 6:33 p.m.

Heather Bryant, 32, of John Hodgdon Road, Ossipee New Hampshire, was charged with operating an unregistered motor vehicle, greater than 150 days, after a motor vehicle stop on Federal Road, Parsonsfield at 9:25 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 24

Robert A. Farwell Jr., 53, of Johnson Park Road, North Waterboro was served a warrant on Johnson Park Road at 8:19 a.m.

Matthew P. Cassette, 19, of Boom Road, Saco was charged with domestic violence assault and criminal trespass after a domestic disturbance call on Oak Lane, Waterboro at 8:32 a.m.

Derrick L. Dunnells, 33, of Maplecrest Road, Parsonsfield was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol/drugs after a motor vehicle stop on Fenderson road, Parsonsfield at 7:54 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 25

Eliud Rosario Jr., 25, of Mayfair Way, North Waterboro was charged with assault and disorderly conduct after a disturbance call on Sokokis Trail, Waterboro at 10:18 a.m.

Christopher A. Hill, 28, of Bond Spring Road, Newfield was served a warrant on Emery Hills Road, Shapleigh at 9:36 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Tanner Andrews, 19, of Andrews Lane, Newfield was charged with illegal transportation of alcoholic beverages by a minor after a suspicious activity call on Main Street, Waterboro at 1:08 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 29

James N. Dolloff, 29, of Gray Road, Windham was issued a warrant after a motor vehicle stop on Hanscomb School Road, Limington at 5:43 p.m.

Brandon C. Pingree, 30, of French Road, Porter was charged with operating after suspension after a motor vehicle stop on Main Street, Cornish at 9:05 p.m.

Caleb L. Miller, 20, of Pine Street, Porter was issued a warrant after a motor vehicle stop on Town Farm Road, Limington at 7:05 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 30

Travis H. Soper, 25, of Skidmore Lane, Limington was charged with reckless conduct and endangering the welfare of a child after an abuse/neglect report was taken on Skidmore Lane at 5:34 p.m.

John Johnson III, 27, of Waterman Drive, Waterboro was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs after a motor vehicle accident on Elm Street, Newfield at 9:21 p.m.

Paul William Tanguay, 26, of Sand Pond Road, Limington was charged with violating conditions of release after a motor vehicle stop on Maple Street, Cornish at 11:36 p.m.

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Christmas traditions

"Things I Love" was the topic of Marjorie Anderson's talk during the recent New Century Club meeting. She first explained that the things she loved were the traditions she grew up with, including those at Christmas in a Swedish household. For them, Christmas began on December 13, when the oldest girl in the household (representing Saint Lucia) would waken family members while wearing a headpiece of candles, and distribute saffron cakes. The yellow cakes symbolized the return of the sun.

The Christmas dinner, on Christmas eve, would include a ham coated with brown sugar and cloves, with cabbage and cucumbers followed by pies. Rice pudding would be served which included one almond. The person who received the almond would have good luck that year.

She also explained that two languages were spoken, Swedish and Finnish. Russia had taken

over eastern Finland, which it still occupies today. The Swedish flag has an eagle with two heads, one facing east, and one west.

One of their beers contains two percent alcohol and those who drink it are able to drive their car. When someone is arrested for drunk driving not only the driver but his whole family must take a drunk driving class.

The Christmas tree isn't put up until late on Christmas evening and there must be an electric star put in the window at that time.

She stated the weather in Sweden is very much like Maine's. Many households owned a sauna; there were public saunas for those who didn't. After enjoying the sauna, or "steam bath" a bucket of cold water would be poured over the participant.

She stated her family came to the United States in the 1880's for religious freedom because in Sweden there was only a Lutheran church, but after emigrating she noted they joined the Swedish Lutheran Church in their new country.

Following her talk there was a general discussion of Christmas customs. There will be no New Century Club meetings in January or February. Earland Morrison



Hannah Caswell and Emily McCarthy display the food bags prepared for Santa's reindeer during a craft session sponsored by Alfred Parks and Rec. in Conant Chapel. PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

will speak at the March meeting on milk bottles, which he collects.

School schedule

The Christmas sing-a-long in Alfred Elementary School will be held Thursday, Dec. 22 at 1:30 p.m. Parents are invited to attend.

The holiday break will be from

Friday, Dec. 23 to Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Those willing to help Alfred and Lyman 5th graders get ukuleles are invited to make donations which will be matched by the Alfred PTSA and Lyman PTC. Donations must be made before Dec. 30. More information is available at www.donorschoose.org.

Village notes

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at Masonic Hall will be Jan. 10 from 1 to 6 p.m.

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