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About 80 Lyman voters deposited written ballots at a Special Town Meeting where the Cousens School Renovation Project that will create town offices and a community center at the former schoolhouse on Route 35 passed by a vote of 41 to 37. PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

Funding approved for school renovation

By BRIGIT MCCALLUM
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The transformation of the Cousens School building into a Town Hall and Community Center moved forward as the proposed funding of the project passed, by a vote of 41 to 37, in a secret ballot vote Monday evening at a Special Town Meeting. The re-vote of the

funding was made necessary when the required Treasurer's Statement was not included in the article on the Warrant at the November 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 2 on the warrant asked voters to approve up to \$893,000 in general obligation bonds and up to \$250,000 from surplus, for a total cost of \$1,143,000 for the design, construction and equipping

of renovations and improvements to the Cousens School for use as Town offices and a community center.

The major concern raised by Bob St. Onge and a number of other speakers during the discussion was that the amount asked for was not based on an architect's design and bid package, and that

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Hollis looks to extend TIF agreement

By BRIGIT MCCALLUM
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On Feb. 1, about seventy Hollis residents attended a public hearing to present their views to members of the selectboard on a vote to be taken at an upcoming Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14 to decide whether the town will add a 5-year extension to its existing 25-year Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Program. Voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hollis Fire Department, 405 Plains Road.

In 1999, the Town of Hollis instituted a TIF Program with the Department of Economic and Community Development (DCED), where two areas surrounding the Poland Spring Facility on Killlock Pond Road in Hollis were designated as TIF Districts. When Poland Springs established its facility there, it raised the taxable value of the town, and by instituting the TIF Program, a portion of the town's new high-

er valuation was sheltered from its state valuation, which is used to calculate the Town's share of school and county taxes and state revenues. 2017 is year 17 of the twenty-five years of the TIF Program, and extending the current state of the TIF value to the town for five years more would result in delaying the increase to school and county taxes as well as keeping the increased amount of the Town's State Revenue Sharing and the increased amount of State Aid for Education Subsidy to MSAD 6.

According to the published Hollis selectboard communication, approval of the amendment could provide Hollis with up to an additional \$6 million in TIF revenue over the remaining life of the TIF District, "And keep our Retained Captured Assessed Value (RCAV) at 85% for an additional 5 years." The town is currently at the height of the benefit it receives from having the TIF

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Snowshoers gather at the Sawyer Mountain trailhead in Limington. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Tracking while trekking

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

This past weekend was Great Maine Outdoor Weekend. A project of the Maine Outdoor Coalition, the goal of the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend is to increase the amount of time people in Maine spend outdoors, create a greater awareness, appreciation and understanding of the benefits of spending time outdoors.

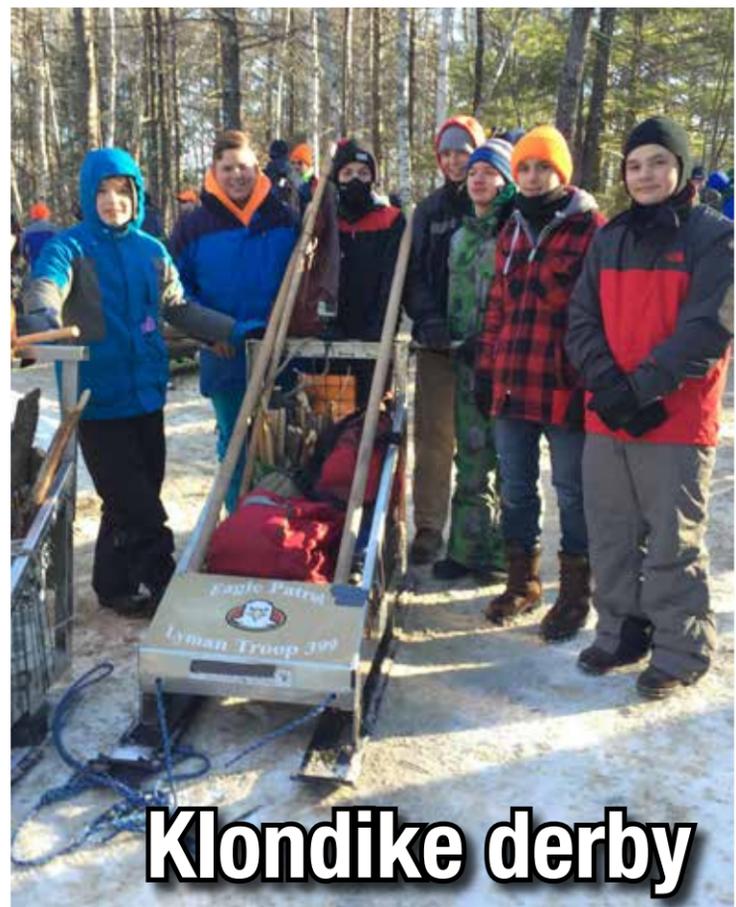
In Limington, the Francis Small Heritage Trust sponsored a free Snowshoe Animal Tracking

presentation and trek. About 30 people of varying ages from surrounding towns came to the old town hall in Limington on Saturday to learn about animal tracking. Naturalist Kathy McGreavy from Brownfield gave a short presentation, a type of "show and tell" to teach participants about the prints, patterns and place of animal tracks.

McGreavy first showed a chart with the types of prints left by animals in four categories: walkers, hoppers, bounders and waddlers.

She asked participants what type of animal fell into each category. Using the chart, she then explained the patterns of each type of animal's tracks. She also explained how to measure stride, by measuring the tracks from toe to toe, and straddle, measuring the outside of one foot to the outside of the other. She then recommended several books that could be used to learn more about animal tracking. The most highly recommended was a book called,

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Klondike derby

From left, Max Akom, Michael Bell, Andrew Holmquist, Ryan Foglio, Caleb Smalley, Brady Cormier, and Lance Paradise. PHOTO BY DEB CORMIER

Scouting skills tested

By ALLISON WILLIAMS
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Skills every Scout should know (at least in winter) were being tested during the Klondike Derby at Bunganut Pond last Saturday. There was first aid, flag raising, geocaching and riv-

er crossing, fire starting competitions, and handling a buck saw. Once learned, the reward was another badge. Each troop came prepared with a sled for the sled racing and to carry equipment from one skill station to another. The sleds, built by the boys, were

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Students of the month



The following students were the Massabesic Middle School Students of the Month for January: Ricky Gagne, Tyler Hughes, Rachael Hutchins, Peyton Smith, Megan Becker, Megan Melanson, Izabella Caruolo, Hailey Kamenides, Kaitlyn Washington, Jack Trask, Bella Caruolo, Teagan Spurlin, Zack Weko, Gavin Bacon, Aman Zunsner, Nicholas Hughes, Violet Mahar-Littell, Jessica Nordengren, Jacob Cole, Rowan Boulard, Preston Steeves, Maggie Harris, Aaron Kiss, Talyn Saucier, Tanis Hartery. COURTESY PHOTO



Cub Scout Pack 306 held their third annual LEGO Derby on Jan. 21 at Lakeside Community Church in North Waterboro for children grades K through 5. The winners were, front row, from left, Collin Clark (4th place), DJ Kelly (3rd place), Charles Helms (wackiest design) and back row, from left, Isabelle Madigan (1st place), Brady Batson (2nd place) and Sasha Fillmore (most original design). Best in show winner was Gavin Richardson (not in photo). First, Second, and Third Place also got to pick a Lego set to take home. COURTESY PHOTO

TRACKING

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Tracking and the art of seeing, available across the street at the Davis Memorial Library.

Dick Jarrett, treasurer of the Francis Small Heritage Trust, explained that this presentation is essentially the same as the Sense of Place presentation that is done with 2nd Graders at Sacopee Valley Elementary School and the Line School for the past five years. Hollis Elementary has also participated in the past. "The students go out once in the fall, and once on snowshoes in the winter," said Jarrett. Students are equipped with a backpack which contains a ruler, a notebook, pens, pencils and a magnifying glass to record and measure the tracks they find. The trust had several of these available for participants to borrow for the Sawyer Mountain trek, as well as trailmaps, and Pocket Guides to Animal Tracks. McGreavy said that she had just done the winter trek with second graders this past week.

Participants then carpooled down Route 117 to the Sawyer Mountain trailhead, where the trust also had snowshoes and poles available for participants to borrow. If interested in buying snowshoes, McGreavy said that some of the brands to look for are Yukon Jacks and Tubbs. While these brands are available at Sporting Goods stores such as LL Bean, McGreavy said you can often find them at places like Walmart and even Reny's. "Now is a good time of year to buy some, as it is nearing the end of the season," she said.

The Salerno family, Daniel, Catherine, Savannah and Cheyenne, from Limerick likes to walk in the woods near their house. "We often see tracks, and sometimes we know what they are," said Catherine. They came

to learn more and know what to look for. And besides, "it's a beautiful day!"

McGreavy began with the first group of snowshoers, and fellow Naturalist Denise Oliver followed with the second group. McGreavy and Oliver are both part of the Maine Master Naturalist Program, a year long program that trains natural history volunteers.

Noah Howard, age 6 from Waterboro was near the front of the group. His dad, Adam, said that this is his first time participating in the snowshoe trek. "He loves the outdoors," said Howard. "He wants to be a Game Warden when he grows up!"

Noah got a good intro to tracking during this trek. The group found tracks of several animals: fisher, short-tailed weasel (ermine), coyote, red fox, red and gray squirrels, mouse, domestic dog and a snowshoe hare! "Surprisingly, there were no deer tracks!" said Jarrett.

At the end of the trek, snowshoers were able to enjoy some hot chocolate and tea back at the trailhead parking lot, provided by the trust.

The Francis Small Heritage Trust has sponsored a snowshoe hike annually for several years now, but this is only the second time they have done animal tracking. For more information about the Francis Small Heritage Trust, visit www.FSHT.org, email mail@FSHT.org or call 221-0853. They will be offering a public hike up Sawyer Mountain this summer as part of the 225th anniversary of the town of Limington. Look for more details at the start of summer!

If you want to learn more about the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend, visit www.greatmaine-outdoorweekend.org.

There are more events throughout the month!

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From left, Collin Clark, Gwendolyn Fletcher, parent Julie Fletcher and Mikaela Richards participating in a maker space session held at Lyman Elementary School. The sessions are Thursday nights from 6 to 7 p.m. for parents and students to experiment with the equipment and materials. COURTESY PHOTO

LYMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Joy Spencer

Imagine what it would be like if you were invited into a room where you were told, "Don't be afraid to fail because that is how you learn," and where the word "No" is discouraged. Now imagine that the room is filled with manipulatives and you are free to design your own creation. This is what Room 10 in Lyman Elementary is all about. It is called MakerSpace and it's like a wonderland filled with opportunities to experience.

On Thursday evening, Jan. 26, students in grades 3 to 5 and their parents were invited by Principal, Ginnie Drouin and Technology Integrator, Charlie Cianciolo to learn about the possibilities offered in that program.

There were five tables set up around the room and each had an array of manipulatives and directions of how to create something. Every child and parent soon became engaged in the activity that was on their card and

took on the challenge with enthusiasm. At the end of the allotted time, Mrs. Drouin suggested that a member of every team share what they had accomplished.

Ryan Conley demonstrated his concept of a fan. Amy and Mya Laverriere with mom designed a motorized fireplace using Roominate. Mikaela Richards and Gwen Fletcher and their moms constructed a garage out of connecting blocks. Dalton Turner and his dad, Craig, built a bunny house. Joshua Palardy and his mom created a video on the "green screen" of him catching a football with all the mannerisms and facial expressions that you might see on an actual player in a NFL game which was later shown on a white board. Colten Clark built a circuit board and flame with a dimmer switch. It was just amazing to see what these kids produced!

Mr. C hopes that everyone attending Parent's Night came away with an understanding of the type of thinking and creative processes we are trying to promote in the MakerSpace at Lyman. "There are no boundaries to what can be accomplished with an open mind in our MakerSpace and I hope to share that with you by going through some of the design processes, identifying a problem, and using design and the multitude of resources in the MakerSpace to create something that will solve that problem," said Cianciolo.

Parent's Night is offered on Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. through Feb. 16.



Friends and family gathered around the new ice shack built by Steve Lambert and Rodney Collard out on Little Ossipee Lake recently. From left, Ronald Collard, on Rodney Collard's Polaris, Steve, Denise and Samantha Lambert, Joan Swasey, Rodney Collard, Caleb Binette, Drew Belanger and Sandi Binette. PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

STEVE LAMBERT AND FRIENDS

Waterboro

Q: What brings you out on the lake today?

A: Just enjoyment of the outdoors. I love ice fishing, have loved it my whole life. Started as a kid on a little pond where I lived in New Hampshire. I did whatever I needed to fish, didn't have an auger, just a hammer and a screwdriver. Sometimes the ice was two or three feet thick, and I would start with a big hole and by the time I got to the water, it was tiny. I'd stand there with a jig and sometimes I couldn't even pull the fish up cause it was bigger than the hole!

Q: Have you caught any fish today?

A: No, kinda slow start today.

Q: What's the best catch you've had this season?

A: None yet! But this is only my second day out, cause we've been trying to finish the fish shack. It's not done yet, but enough so we could get it out on the lake here.

Q: What's the best fishing day you've ever had?

A: It was this exact spot and we had an underwater camera and we drilled holes all around. We were supposed to be by our traps all the time, and we weren't and the wardens came around, so we got a fine. I had already caught a couple of salmon, and I didn't know how many we were allowed to catch, so I got a really big brook trout, and threw it back. The warden asked me why, and I said I didn't want to get another ticket, but it was the biggest fish I ever caught, a brookie, maybe 24 inches long! The warden was glad I threw it back though; maybe I'll catch it again!

Q: Generally what do you do with the fish you catch?

A: Well, I eat a couple, but most of the time I'll release 'em. If I caught a really big one like that again, maybe I'd have it mounted.

Q: Do you have a favorite way to prepare them?

A: Just butter. Butter and onions; sauté the onions, cut the head off and throw it in the frying pan. I love it!

While we were talking, Steve got a call on his phone, and took off across the ice. When he returned, he said his friend Ritchie Newton had been driving by on Rte. 5, noticed the flag was up on one of his traps, and phoned him to tell him so!! Only in a small town!

By Brigit McCallum

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The pantry is open

The Waterboro Community Pantry opened its doors on Feb. 7 and will be open the first Tuesday of each month, from 4 to 7 p.m. and on other Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. For deliveries and donations of food only, the pantry will be open on Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m. COURTESY PHOTO

WATERBORO

Waterboro looks at TIF Districting

The Select Board and Economic Development groups held a workshop last week to discuss the pros and cons to the town of developing a Tax Increment Finance District. Such a District allows for economic development to take place while keeping the town from losing state revenues from town and school subsidies due to the resulting increased valuation of the town, and also sheltering the town from paying increased taxes for a period of time. The possibility will be researched and discussed further by both groups.

New town dump truck in service

The town's first Peterbilt dump truck, purchased from Whited Peterbilt in Saco, is now in service. The truck was purchased after an expenditure of up to \$65,000 a year for truck and driver rental for DPW projects was deemed an unwise investment. The \$141,000 truck is ready to haul winter sand and help out on upcoming road projects the rest of the year. The DPW has two licensed DCL drivers and may hire another one or two drivers for occasional driving help.

By Brigit McCallum

HOLLIS

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district this year, and the five-year extension called for in the amendment would continue this high-return level over the next five years, and then pick up the beginning of diminishing returns that is slated to go into effect in 2018, if the extension does not pass.

Besides the additional \$6 million in TIF revenues to the town, the extension would provide savings of approximately an additional \$300,000 from the County Budget, and additional \$150,000 in State Revenue Sharing, and provide MSAD 6 schools with roughly an additional \$4.5 million in state Aid to Education, as well as reducing the Town's share of the School Budget by \$800,000.

Attorney Shana Cook Mueller, of Bernstein Shur, whose practice includes a specialization in TIF municipal advisement, addressed those in attendance, explaining the advantage gained by the amendment, "As the town gains value, it has more ability to pay for the town's expenses, and is asked to pay more county taxes, but the TIF makes those added values invisible."

The presentation by Mueller added to by Assessor Debra Stitson, emphasized the time-sensitive nature of the process of creating the Amendment, and of setting the date for the Special Town Meeting to vote on it. "Last November, when we found out we needed to have an amendment to the TIF Program submitted by March 1, the Town Clerk, Martha Huff, backed out the dates for the various deadlines involved, and the Select Board realized they needed to push the process. If the

March 1 deadline is not met, the scheduled reduction would go into effect, and the town would lose its current benefit level when its percentage fell from 85% to 75%."

In response, speaker after speaker approached the microphone to express his or her perspective, and the view was nearly unanimous that no one opposed the actual Amendment to extend the TIF Program, but the content of Paragraph V in the Amendment as written, evoked a different response. Paragraph V sets forth the authority to spend TIF revenue and reads, "The Town Meeting hereby delegates to the Town's Board of Selectmen any and all authority to appropriate and expend TIF revenue consistent with the Development Program authorized project costs list without the need for further Town Meeting approval."

As residents described their frustration with this departure from traditional practice of the Budget Committee's role in town expenditures, and citizen input through Town Meeting voting, Mueller explained that this method, spelled out in Paragraph V, had actually been in effect since the beginning of the TIF, and the only difference was that DCED rules governing the spelling out of terms of a TIF agreement had come to include covering the manner of expenditure in the years since 1999.

In a later conversation, select-board member Mike Seely said that, in creating the amendment document, they had not wanted to change any wording that might not receive approval from the DCED, and had left that wording of Paragraph V stand. "Any further changes could come in later, once the ex-

ension was in place."

One speaker at the Hearing, Dana Gray, said that a group of concerned citizens had crafted an alternative to Paragraph V, but he was told by Mueller that the time it would take to make any changes would push the Amendment beyond the March 1 time limit. On the website of the group, Hollis Maine Citizens Forum, the proposed alternative paragraph reads, "The Town Meeting hereby ratifies that any appropriation and expenditure of TIF Revenues must comply with the already established Town appropriation process, (Budget Committee/selectboard/Town Meeting Vote) in a manner consistent with the Development Program authorized project costs list." Both Mueller and Stitson repeated that any further changes could come later.

One resident, who is also a School Board member, agreed that she didn't care for the appropriation process, but encouraged the group not to throw out the amendment because of that paragraph, and instead asked how a change in the appropriations process can be made. Mueller said it would usually come from the Select Board, but could also come from a citizens' initiative.

Most who spoke agreed that, while they were not in agreement with Paragraph V, passage of the amendment to extend the Program's life from 25 to 30 years is essential, and that efforts to change the manner of expenditure will be pursued.

The vote on the amendment will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 14 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hollis Fire Department, 405 Plains Road.

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the actual amount needed might require more money than was asked for in the combination bond and funds from surplus package.

Select Board Chair Nancy

Harrison, and other members of the selectboard, who had voted 5-0 in favor of the funding as well as Chair of the former Cousens School Committee Nate Poissant, explained their reluctance to spend the large amount such a design plan would cost, without a

mandate from voters to pursue the project.

Resident Karen Andrews moved to cut the bond amount in half, and after discussion, including a history of work done on the Cousens building since its donation to the town by RSU 57, related by former member of the ad hoc Building and Grounds Com-

mittee Vickie Gavel, Andrews' question was moved and received an oral Nay vote.

Resident Roland Nadeau motion that 10 percent of the funds asked for be used for an architect's plan instead of the proposed article, was deemed out of order by Moderator Rick Hull, who said that it made a substantive change

in the intent of the article. Bob St. Onge suggested that money be taken from surplus to create a design plan.

Priscilla Ouelette and Norm Bilodeau, also members of the former ad hoc Buildings and Grounds Committee, reminded those in attendance that a large number of people affirmatively voted all three articles related to the project back in November, and that should be honored.

Harrison stated that an architectural design plan would be the first order of business if the vote passes, followed by contractor bids, and prioritization of the order of work to be done. She stated that if the work cannot be done within the amount allocated, the plan would be reduced, or re-considered, as funds are capped at the amount stated in the article.

A little under an hour into the discussion, Ouelette moved the question, Andrews asked for a secret ballot, residents voted and ballot clerks announced the result of 41 yes and 37 no votes.

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MOB's Brandon Caron.

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ICE HOCKEY

MOB stays hot *Unbeaten over last 7*

By **MICHAEL DEANGELIS**
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Massabesic/Old Orchard/Bonny Eagle (MOB) scored three power play goals and goalie Kyle McKay made 15 saves to pace a 4-1 win over Windham/Westbrook (WW) on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at USM.

The win pushed MOB to 8-4-1 on the season. Head coach Loren Blair remains pleased, saying "the team is staying focused and coming ready to compete every night."

Early in the season, that may not have been the case as MOB started 0-3, but a shake up of lines, Brandon Caron moved from forward to defense, seems to have made all the difference. Being unbeaten over their last seven contests (5-0-2) is simple proof.

Against WW it was MOB getting on the scoreboard first. Tanner McClure scored a power play goal with Travis Marsh assisting late in the period.

Halfway through the middle

period Caron made it 2-0 with a power play goal of his own, McClure assisting, but WW cut the lead in half at 2-1 before the close of the second.

Cam Roy banged in a power play goal early in the third (McClure and Alex Demers assisting) to push the lead to 3-1 and McClure closed out the scoring with an unassisted strike with four minutes left.

MOB scored four goals in the first, four in the second and two in the third to help them rout Marshwood/Traip/Sanford (MTS) by a 10-2 count on Saturday, Feb. 4 at USM. Brandon Caron (eighth overall in points) scored four goals and added an assist and Ajay Cates had a hat trick. Tanner McClure boosted his league leading points total (37) with a goal and four assists and Cam Goodrich had three assists.

MOB got single goals from Tyler Ouellette, Alex Demers and Travis Marsh.

SWIMMING

Girls outswim TA

The lady Mustangs won just five of 11 events, but their team depth easily overcame it, and they came away with a solid 101-68 win in the pool over Thornton Academy on Wednesday, Feb. 3 at the Springvale YMCA.

Massabesic won two of three relays, grabbing first in the 200-medley-relay and first in the 200-freestyle-relay, but losing the 400-freestyle-relay.

Amanda Dudley won her two solo events: She was first in the 200IM with a 2:29.98 and she won the 100-backstroke with a 1:09.59. Morgan Houk won the 50-freestyle with a 28:48.

INDOOR TRACK

No Swett

Alex wins two mile

Alex Swett ran a 10:00.15, good for first place at the annual Southwestern Track and Field Championships held Saturday, Feb. 4 at USM. Massabesic's men finished 11th overall from a field of 15 teams and the lady Mustangs were 10th out of a field of 14 high schools. Scarborough won both the men's and ladies divisions.

The lady Mustangs generated points from the following top five finishes: Logan Champlin was fourth in the 200-meter dash and she was fifth in the 55-meter dash; Moriah Biener was fifth in the 200, second in the high jump and fifth in the triple jump, and Kylie Johnson was fourth in the 600 and she was fifth in the two-mile.

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Honorary Pages at the Statehouse

On Feb. 2, Miranda Migneault of Springvale visited the Maine State House with the UMaine Cooperative Extension to help educate legislators on the work of Extension throughout the state and learn more about the political process. During her visit she served as an Honorary Page in the Maine Senate, gaining hands-on civic experience. "I enjoyed meeting with Miranda and her peers in Augusta," said Sen. Woodsome. "It's important to teach young folks about the legislative process and the 4-H is doing a great job of it." COURTESY PHOTOS

Senator Justin Chenette, who represents Limington in the Legislature, welcomed Lauren Pride of Limington to be an honorary page at the State House in Augusta. Lauren is a middle-schooler and has won numerous awards like one most recently at the Fryeburg Fair for her Grand Champion 4-H Beef Steer. "Getting to interact with our next generation of leaders is one of my favorite parts of being in the Legislature," said Sen. Chenette. "It was great to have Lauren as a guest today for her to see the legislative process up close." Sen. Chenette, D-Saco will be holding office hours this Saturday, Feb. 11 from 10-11 a.m. at the Salmon Falls Library on 322 Old Alfred Road in Hollis. The office hours session is for Hollis and Buxton residents, and Rep. Marean, R-Hollis, will be joining him.

LETTERS

Friends and neighbors

I would like to thank the residents, local businesses and associations of Waterboro and Lyman, House District 17 for electing me as your State Representative. Your input and support over this past session made it very productive. As a result our local pharmacies now have a strong mediation process for reimbursements of products sold, optometrists can now get Maine produced higher quality glasses in a much quicker period of time, small pet stores avoided the crushing weight of big government taking control of the sale of animals, liquor stores were able to maintain their ac-

counts that they've had for a long time, and well drilling companies avoided additional mandates that would've added more expenditures on their industry. These are just some of the things we did for our community.

Receiving feedback on upcoming legislation in real time whether it was by email or phone call was very helpful. Knowing what details to look for in the bills we were working on was invaluable. Knowing the facts whether it was the content, bill title, media spin, and/or political rhetoric, this job is truly a community effort and we succeeded.

Legislative leadership has re-appointed me to the Joint Standing Committee of Insurance and Financial Services. Last session we were able to establish business friendly regulations for companies like Uber. Quite often politicians talk about creating jobs. We did it.

I'll continue to send legislative updated e-mailed weekly throughout the year to all of you about current state news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at Dwayne. Prescott@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

Dwayne Prescott
State Representative

You missed the point

Carmine Castaldo's letter of Jan. 27 concludes with the thought that the men and women who joined the recent protest marches simply need to accept the fact that we have a new president, and grow up. May I suggest that perhaps Mr. Castaldo missed the point of the protests? I thought the message was quite clear: A

great many individuals are paying close attention to what our elected leaders say and do, intend to hold them accountable for their actions, and plan to exercise the same right that Mr. Castaldo enjoys to speak out in either dissent or agreement. Isn't that the foundation of a strong democracy?

Deborah Downs
North Waterboro

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OBITUARIES

Roberta May (Bobbi) Searles

Roberta M. (Bobbi) Searles, 64, a longtime resident of West Kennebunk, died peacefully with her family by her side, on Feb. 7, 2016 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough.



Roberta May Searles

Bobbi was born in Toledo, Ohio on July 12, 1952 the daughter of William A. and Esther M. (Duquette) Amann. She grew up in Toledo and was a graduate of DeVilbiss High School. At the age of 18, Bobbi came to visit friends in Maine and fell in love with our beautiful state. She worked as a housekeeper for many of the seasonal residents around Gooch's Beach and the Port.

Bobbi was a dedicated employee for over 10 plus years at Huntington Commons in the dietary department, where the residents and staff enjoyed her culinary delights. While at home, she enjoyed cooking with her grandchildren or spending an afternoon crafting. Bobbi was an active member of the West Kennebunk Activities Committee and looked

forward to having lunch out with the Red Hatters.

Bobbi was a very caring and loving Mom and Gram. She was so proud to spend a few days in the hub bub of New York City with her granddaughter Madison and late husband Albert. The bright lights, stores and just watching all the people coming and going warmed this Maine girl's heart. She looked forward to her Sunday dinners with her family and liked to line dance with the country music station playing. Before her health declined, Bobbi went back to visit with her siblings and friends in Ohio.

Bobbi has been a true matriarch of her family and will be dearly missed by her family. Her heart had been broken with the passing of her husband, Albert Searles, in March of 2016. The family now finds comfort knowing they have been reunited and have found peace.

She is lovingly survived by her six children, Allen and John Paquette, both of Springvale; Michael Paquette and wife Alicia of Waterboro; Jessica Searles of Milford, CT; Tammy Searles of Biddeford; and Danielle Searles of Louisville, Kentucky; her five grandchildren, Madison, Mackenzie and Isabella Paquette, Marshay Blakney and Aaron Langner; her four brothers, Benny Barnett; Mike, Bill and Donald Amann; her two sisters, Cheryl Cravens and Deborah Amann; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents and by a sister, Kathy Amann.

Family and friends may call on Friday, Feb. 10, 2017 from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, in Alfred.

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

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

Elsie Mae (Sanborn) Franklin

Elsie Mae (Sanborn) Franklin, 71, of Main Street in Waterboro, died peacefully surrounded by her family at her daughter's home in West Kennebunk on Feb. 4, 2017.



Elsie Mae Franklin

Elsie was born on Oct. 19, 1945 at home in Newfield, the daughter of Lawrence H. and Elva (Reed) Sanborn. She grew up in Parsonsfield in a tight knit family with her siblings and graduated from Parsonsfield Seminary before receiving her Associates Degree from MacIntosh College, in Dover, NH.

Elsie began working at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and it was there she met her future husband, Neal Franklin. Their first date included candle pin bowling and from there it blossomed into a union that would lead to their wedding day, on January 10, 1970. Neal worked hard at the Print Shop each day and Elsie was a stay-at-home Mom for her two daughters, Christine and Janelle.

Elsie was the consummate baker and homemaker. She shared her many talents in the kitchen with her family making the BEST ginger cookies, her husband's favorite, jumbo raisin cookies, Christmas candy, and her favorite chocolate fudge and peanut butter cookies. This was just one of the many ways she showed her love towards her family and became the infamous "Auntie E" to many of her nieces and nephews.

Elsie was spunky and a little spit fire. She possessed a generous spirit and volunteered many hours to the residents of the Newton Center in Sanford. Elsie helped the residents play their Beano games for over ten years. She was also gifted in the fine art of crocheting; making beautiful heirlooms for her family and friends. Elsie loved being a member of the "Stitch-n-Bitch" crochet group that met each week in Kennebunk!

Elsie was truly in heaven when her grandson Evan was born. She watched him grow and mature into a fine young man. You could always find her rooting Evan on no matter the sports team he played with. He had his Mam's heartstring and was known to get away with things that her own two daughters could never have gotten by her! Evan could do no wrong.

Elsie was first and foremost devoted to her family. She loved sharing the holidays with her fam-

ily and visiting back-n-forth with her sisters. They possessed a bond that only grew stronger with each passing day. Her unconditional love and zest for life will be fondly cherished by her family and her many friends.

She is lovingly survived by her husband of 47 years, Neal Franklin of Waterboro; her two daughters, Christine Dunham of West Kennebunk and Janelle Pelletier of Waterboro; her grandson, Evan Osmer of Waterboro; her two brothers, Leslie Sanborn and wife Dori; and Raymond Sanborn and wife Debbie; and her two sisters, Frances Rancourt and husband John; and Bernice McManus; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents and by one brother, Roy Sanborn.

Family and friends are invited to share stories, memories and some of Elsie's favorite foods on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred.

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

In Elsie's memory, please consider donating to the Newton Center's Activity Fund, 35 July St., Sanford, ME 04073. She would be so happy to know that the residents could still enjoy their Beano games.

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Albert W. Bishop

Albert W. Bishop, 82, a longtime resident of Wadleigh Pond in Lyman, died suddenly from suffering a heart attack while coming back to Maine, in Lowell, Massachusetts. He was bound and determined to get his Patriots Jersey and watch the Super Bowl with his daughter, Denice, and family.



Albert W. Bishop

Albert was born on Nov. 6, 1934 in Calais, Maine the son of Albert W. and Beulah S. (Crockett) Bishop, Sr. He moved with his family to Upton, Massachusetts as a youngster and received his

education locally. Following high school, Al served in the US Army, from 1958 – 1964, where he served with distinction as a medic.

Al was a master cabinet maker, who started his own business in Milford, Massachusetts throughout the '60's and bought out Olsen Woodworking Company. He was well known for his integrity in his business practices and his talents were evident in the beautiful kitchen's he designed. When you entered a home, you knew Al's signature style and taste in woods, stain and functionality.

In 1990, Al and his wife Anne, moved to Wadleigh Pond in Lyman, where they made many friends and enjoyed country living. He had his workshop that kept him busy and once in a while he enjoyed hunting. Al was a devoted husband and father who loved spoiling his grandchildren. He was a kind and generous neighbor and will be missed by all who had the good fortune of knowing him.

He is lovingly survived by his daughter, Denice M. Morais and husband Joe; his three grandsons, Jeffrey Morais and wife Jacqueline; Christopher Morais and wife Jennifer and their 3 year old daughter, Marisa; and Timothy Morais, all of Milford, Massachusetts; his sister, June Eaton of Brooklyn, Maine and his brother, Alan Bishop of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

Al was predeceased by his wife Anne (Riley) Bishop in 2010 and by his sister, Elizabeth Aldrich.

Family and friends may call on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred. Al will be laid to rest with military honors at Chadbourne Cemetery, next to his wife Anne, later in the spring.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to DAV, T W Bazemore Chapter # 19, P.O. Box 1294, Sanford, ME 04073 or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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judged by Fred Smolley. Results will be revealed at the next roundtable on March 2.

There were 180 Boy Scouts in attendance from 17 troops, also three troops of Webelos who are Cub Scouts. Some troops sport decorative names, like Rainbow Turtles and Electric Squid. Awards are given on times and merit. There were also many parents and scout leaders in attendance.

Three troops spent the very chilly Friday night in tents (Congratulations!) but most arrived Saturday morning. Skills being tested were as diverse as tying ropes, river crossing, and a tug of war. It is the high point of the winter for the Boy Scouts and a means to accumulate badges toward their Eagle Scout status.

Church elections

The 233rd annual meeting of the Alfred Parish Church was held following the morning service this past Sunday and after a potluck luncheon. Officers for 2015 include Su LaChance, moderator; Janet Tucker, vice moderator; Dorothy Miller, clerk; Bet-



It took three boys to use a bucksaw during the Klondike Derby - two held the log while others did the manual labor.

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sy Smith, treasurer and Dorothy Miller assistant treasurer. Joyce Krahling is financial secretary and Judy Braley is auditor.

Eric Ducharme, Pastoral Search Committee member, announced that after contacting many candidates, a pastoral candidate for the church has been found. She will come in March to meet the congregation after which a vote will be taken.

A volunteer came forward for the upcoming free supper in

March. There will be no church council meeting in February.

Town hall

Town Clerk Andy Bors states Alfred had two births in January, four burials, no marriages and 18 hunting and fishing licenses. He licensed 164 altered dogs and 27 unaltered dogs.

Alfred has applied for a matching grant under Project Canopy to replace trees which are dying on the village green and library

lawn. If approved up to \$8,000 can be obtained to replace trees. If the matching grant has been approved Town Hall will be notified by March 1. The matching grant can be through volunteers or donations.

Nomination papers for town office will be available on March 16 and must be returned by April 27. Town meeting will be June 13. Positions open for town office include one three year term as selectman; two three year terms as Parsons Memorial Library director; one three year term as RSU #57 director; one three year term as Alfred Water District trustee.

Needed - volunteers for the annual Alfred Festival. Only three volunteers have thus far stepped forward. See Joyce Wood at Town Hall if at all interested.

Alex Berenson and "Sleepwalker" by Christopher Bonjalian.

Ccc talk

The Civilian Conservation Corps was a lifesaver in many ways for young men during the Great Depression. Besides giving them an opportunity to learn new skills it provided monies which they could send home to their families when jobs were scarce. And many projects they completed are enjoyed today by the American public.

One of the CCC Camps was in Alfred, off route 4. A talk on the CCC Camp will be the second in the Winter Series sponsored by the Alfred Conservation Committee. It will be this coming Thursday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 in Town Hall. There is no charge.

Parsons library

It will be "Tea and Tunes" at Parsons Memorial Library this coming Sunday when the Ukelele Strummers entertain at the library Feb. 12 from 2 to 4. There will also be games, refreshments and a chance to make a valentine.

The newest nonfiction at the library includes "A Simple Guide to Making Life Easy" by Christiane Northrup and "The Man Who Made Things Out of Trees" by Robert Penn. Among adult fiction is "Burning Bright" by Nick Petrie; "My Husband's Wife" by Jane Corey; "Never Never" by James Patterson; "Prisoner" by

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