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## Close call for ice shack

Warden suggests removing shacks before ice melts

By BRIGIT MCCALLUM  
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Last weekend, near the Route 5 end of Little Ossipee Lake, bystanders watched as a green ice shack on the far side of the lake, near what is known as Black Cove beyond Camp Laughing Loon, tilted more and more to the right and into the lake. A call went out to its owner, Bob (Buck) Menard of Hollis, who was busy at his job driving a plow in Biddeford after the recent heavy snows.

Menard arrived on Sunday Feb. 19, along with friend Mark Sjulander, also of Hollis, to pull it out. The two men tied on a rope from the shack to Sjulander's pickup parked in the dooryard of Linda Comeau's camp, high above the ice at the end of Laughing Loon Lane. Equipped with a ladder, sheets of plywood and a wood frame, the two men said they had the shack raised, and just as they thought they had it set to pull out, the ice cracked and the shack fell back, creating a much larger hole in the ice. Shortly after, when Sjulander went through the ice up to his waist, they decided they were done for the day. Leaving the shack tethered to shore with a rope, Menard finished by sticking tree branches in the ice along the length of the rope to alert snowmobilers that it was there. As he hauled all his gear back up the steep slope to the truck, Menard shook his head, exclaiming, "I just put it out there, on 15 inches of ice two weeks



Bob (Buck) Menard of Hollis marks the line attached to his submerged ice shack with branches to warn snowmobilers. The ice melted to the degree that Menard and friends were unable to rescue the shack from the ice near Black Cove on Little Ossipee Lake on Feb. 19. PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

ago; I pulled it out there across the ice with a pickup!"

Homeowner Comeau said she had been at home in Stratham, New Hampshire, when she got the alert from the security system that there was some commotion at the family's camp, and drove over to find Menard, Sjulander, and Menard's son Dilan and Wyatt Sjulander in the midst of the rescue effort. "I didn't call the sheriff, thought it might be the plow guys, so we came over. At first I was a little nervous, but it turned out great!" Her son Jeffrey said, "Can't blame them for being here, they had to get it out of the water." His Mom added, "The poor guys, they were great, they shoveled the yard as a thank-you for using it for their efforts!" As the two men left, they and Comeau shared hugs, all wishing the effort had been more successful.

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Warden Eric Blanchard, contact-

ed a few days later, was not surprised to hear that the shack was now fully submerged with only its side showing above the surface. "With the layered conditions of melt and freeze, and then the heavy snows we've had off and on this winter, conditions are sketchy at best." He explained that the recent heavy snows insulate the ice, warm weather then melts the snow on top, and conditions from place to place can vary immensely. A veteran of 18 years with the Warden Service, Blanchard says conditions vary a bit every year, but essentially the snows melt on the surface and sink, so there are layers of ice, water and snow on the lake later in the season. "You get a skim of ice, some snow on top of it, and that area that's been open all season out in the middle is just waiting for someone like on that snowmobile to have an accident. It's very dangerous."

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## Weatherman Mannix speaks about shame

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Popular local weatherman Kevin Mannix and his wife Linda Rota recently talked about their book *Weathering Shame* at the Limerick Library.

Mannix began the talk by saying that lots of people have said to him that they miss him in the morning, so he gave a little weather forecast. This was fitting, as most people know Mannix as the weatherman with the WCSH News Center Morning Report on Channel 6 for over 20 years. It was his job at Channel 6 that eventually led to the book.

Mannix and his wife Linda Rota were married in 2011, and throughout their courtship, had both shared their experiences of childhood trauma and the resulting shame and stigma, Mannix from an alcoholic father and a mother who suffered from depression, and Rota, from a mother who also suffered from mental illness and took her own life when Rota was seven. A licensed social worker, Rota felt that with Kevin's popularity, he would be able to reach out to others dealing with stigma and shame, and saw the help he could do. "Sharing your story would be important," she told him. But initially, Mannix felt that his story really didn't matter, that people wouldn't be interested in it, and also that the viewing audience really didn't care about him or these issues.

However, in 2013, Mannix was told by the station that he was "getting stale." He needed to "liven things up." He mentioned that his wife had this idea about do-

ing something about shame. The Public Service Director jumped at the idea – they had been thinking of doing a series on stigma and shame, but needed a familiar face. That's how the week-long series about stigma and shame, "Kevin's Story" was created. During the series, both Kevin and Linda shared their personal stories of struggle, reaching out for help, and the type of help they received. There were also guest speakers and professionals.

The week "Kevin's Story" aired, there were over 4,000 viewer responses. It was so well received, people were asking for more. As a social worker, Rota had heard these stories of shame over and over, and knew it was a huge issue. "I expected it to be powerful, but I didn't expect the level of honesty. Everyone has a story," she said. "I didn't know they would reach out." That is when Bryson Taylor Publishing reached out to them through Facebook, and the two decided to co-author the book together.

Mannix explained his father could be abusive and his mother always seemed to be yelling at him. "I internalized negativity," he said. "I always felt responsible, like I needed to fix things." As a result, felt like he was never good enough, and never gave himself credit for what he did. Mannix's coping mechanism was to go outside and watch the clouds. He also had a cloud chart on the wall of his room that he would study. He memorized all the cloud names and the weather they produced. This eventually led to his career

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## MOB wins in OT!

Tyler Ouellette was "mobbed" by his teammates after scoring the game-winning goal in overtime vs. Noble/Wells on Feb. 17. See page 5 for story. PHOTO BY KELLY ROY PHOTOGRAPHY

## 24th Annual Kids' Ice Fishing Derby

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

On Sunday, February 19, the Buxton Hollis Rod and Gun Club held their 24th Annual Kids' Ice Fishing Derby. The weather cooperated, the sun was out and the air was warm. The event was FREE and was held on Maine Free Family Fishing Days, so adults and kids alike could get out on the ice and fish. It was the best turnout yet, with over 125 kids registering for the event! That's more than twice as many as last year! And they came from all over, not only from Buxton, Hollis, Limerick, Limington and Waterboro, but Acton, Elliot, Gorham, Windham and Scarborough.

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# WATERBORO

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## Carle's Corner Ice Rink melts away

Tuesday, Feb. 21 was the final day of skating at the Carle's Corner Ice Rink in Waterboro Center. It was a challenging season for "Rink Mom" Sandi Binette and countless volunteers who kept conditions skatable, to the extent possible between heavy snowstorms and intermittent thaws. Binette says the plan is to knock down the snow banks around the edges and then pull some of the wall panels and let the melting ice drain into the ground. The area surrounding the rink is bowled, so that the water, a nat-

ural resource that originally came from a local quarry in the town, will drain back into the local aquifer. At some point the bumpers around the edges will come off and volunteers will be called for a "tear-down day." Word on that will be sent out via rink's Facebook page.

## Winter Carnival has diverse performances

Comedy will be central at the Massabesic Athletic Boosters Winter Carnival 17 on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at MHS as three nationally known comics will perform at 7 p.m. in the MHS Auditorium. A new highlight of the carnival will be a performance of The Storm, a one-act play, by the Massabesic Drama Club at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 2. This play

will be followed on Friday evening at 6 p.m., by the "Lip Synch Showdown 2." The Boosters has opened up the opportunity for up to four more acts to compete for the Audience Choice Award, a \$100 prize to be donated to the charity of choice. To learn more, email massabesicathleticboosters@gmail.com.

## Local snowshoe and XC ski network

A newly formed network called "Waterboro Maine Area Showshoe Enthusiasts and Wannabees" is underway. The group, initially based on Facebook, is intended to connect locals who have an interest in non-motorized snow travel, whether on snowshoes or XC skis. It is hoped that participants in the online page will de-



### Last skate

Bria Bourque, teacher at Waterboro Elementary School, her children and a number of others took advantage of the very last ice time for the season on Tuesday at the Carle's Corner Ice Rink.

PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

velop a list of local trails and sites for these winter activities, and be a place for informal and formal connections among like-minded adults and children.

An initial event occurred

Saturday, Feb. 18 when Missy Brandt of the York County Soil and Water Conservation District led a hike and tracking activity for 8 adults and 3 children at the Sid Emery Demonstration Forest off the Brock Road in Lyman.

Anyone interested in joining the group can email Brigit McCallum at brigit@waterboroli-brary.org.

## Library volunteers to sort books

Waterboro Library has lots of books to sort for the upcoming book sale. Anyone who loves books can have great fun sorting them and getting in on some pre-sale insight into what's available.

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Superintendent of Schools

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Monday	March 13	9:00 am – 4:30 pm*	Limerick/Newfield	Line Elementary School
Tuesday	March 14	9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Lyman	Lyman Elementary School
Wednesday	March 15	9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Alfred	Alfred Elementary School
Thursday	March 16	9:00 am – 4:30 pm*	Shapleigh	Shapleigh Memorial School
Tuesday	March 21	<b>Appt. only- 7:30-3:30</b>	<b>Call school for appt.</b>	Waterboro Elementary School
Wednesday	March 22	<b>Appt. only- 7:30-3:30</b>	<b>Call school for appt.</b>	Waterboro Elementary School
Wednesday	March 22	5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	All Towns	Waterboro Elementary School

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**FISHING DERBY**

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The event was for kids under 16. Registration earned kids a door prize, a free lunch and an entrance in the raffle for a lifetime fishing license, just for registering. Club member Pat Wilson, of Waterboro, and several volunteers had shopped earlier in the week for the door prizes, which ranged from coloring books/projects, paint, hoola hoops, batons, footballs, puzzles, spiral art, ceramic kits, LEGO kits and more. They had purchased 93 prizes initially, but ended up having to make a run to the store as more and more kids came in.

Wilson was found in the kitchen, preparing her infamous chocolate cookies. "I do it every year," said Wilson. Once the cookies come out of the oven, Wilson will take them outside and offer those fishing a nice warm cookie. It's become a tradition. Wilson was also heading up the kitchen with several volunteers, serving lunch. The kids' lunch was made up of a red hotdog, chips, soda or water, and a dessert. Parents were able to purchase a similar lunch for about \$2. The menu included beef stew, chili, and homemade mac and cheese, all for \$1 each.

Out on the ice, it was "ordered chaos," said Wilson's husband, fellow club member, Steve, who was out there "directing traffic." As folks descended down the hill from the Clubhouse on Deer Pond, Wilson would greet them and ask if they had been ice fishing before, and what they need-

ed. Some were very experienced and all they needed was a space on the ice. For others, they had never been ice fishing before and needed everything! And there

**2017 game fish winners**

- 1st - Megan Carroll  
brown trout 15.9oz 14 5/8 long
- 2nd - Maggie Hebert  
brown trout 10.8oz 13 3/8 long
- 3rd - Andrew Carroll  
brook trout 5.5oz 9 3/4 long

**2017 non-game fish**

- 1st - Hunter Rafuse  
bass 15.0oz 13 1/4 long
- 2nd - Avery Chudzik  
yellow perch 8.8oz 11 7/8 long

**Smallest fish**

- Dillan Brown  
brook trout 0.4 oz 8 1/2 long

**Longest fish**

- Megan Carroll  
brown trout 14 5/8 long

**Casting competition winners**

**AGES 6 AND UNDER**

- 1st - Emily Inman
- 2nd - Ramsey Pollard
- 3rd - Damian Crest

**AGES 7-10**

- 1st - Mason Gagnon
- 2nd - Owen Swenson
- 3rd - Cameron Sarto

**AGES 1-14**

- 1st - Chris Ames
- 2nd - Johnathan Hanson
- 3rd - Preston Steeves

were plenty that were somewhere in between. There were about 12 members on the ice, all ready to offer traps, augers, instruction - "whatever was needed to get them fishing as fast as possible," said Wilson.

Once a fish was caught, it was brought up to the clubhouse, to be identified, measured, and weighed by Club President Shawn Sage. Adding to the fun, there were also three Eagle Bassmasters Youth Casting Competition stations, two inside, and due to the nice weather, one outside. Club member Eric Low, of Buxton, was outside offering instruction to each child before scoring their performance in flipping, pitching and casting. "It's like throwing a ball," he instructed one young boy.

The goal of the event was to "get outdoors and show kids ice fishing, and to give back to the community," said Club President Shawn Sage. With over 125 participants, they did just that!

Pat Wilson said she starts preparing for this event Jan. 1. She sends letters to area businesses asking for donations. Saco Dentistry and Hannaford Truckers donate the two lifetime fishing licenses. Sanford Institute for Savings donates the Gone Fishing Bucket full of goodies. Landlocked Lobster Pound donated 13 dozen bait fish, and Wild Wings Taxidermy donated a fish mount for the largest fish. Other sponsors were Hannaford, Shaws, Poland Spring, Sam's Club, BJ's, Pepsi, Low's Variety, Eagle Bassmasters, and Bass Pro Shops. Some businesses donate goods, others



**Fishing fun**

Eric Low, of Buxton, helping 6-year-old Damian Cresci, of Hollis, during the kids' casting competition at the fishing derby. Below, it was 8-year-old Hannah Tuttle's second time fishing, and first fish! "It took about an hour and a half to catch!"

PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

donate gift cards to help purchase items for lunch, kitchen supplies and/or door prizes.

"If you enjoyed the kids fish day, please support our sponsors," said Club President Shawn Sage. "Let them know you're thankful for donating to kids fish day."

The Buxton Hollis Rod and Gun Club was founded in 1937 and has over 300 members. For more information, visit their website at [www.buxtonhollisrodgunclub.org](http://www.buxtonhollisrodgunclub.org) or find them on Facebook.



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# SPORTS

## WRESTLING

### Mat Champs

*Amabile, Carroll repeat*

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS  
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Massabesic brought just four wrestlers to Camden for the Class A state championships, but their superb performances lifted the Mustangs to a fourth place finish overall with 70-team points on Saturday, Feb. 18.

Marshwood took first place with 184 points, Noble was next with 80.5 and Skowhegan was third at 73.5. Twenty-five high schools competed.

Leo Amabile, wrestling at 113, won his second consecutive state title. The senior pinned Jagger Buller of Mt. Blue in his opening bout in 73-seconds. He followed with a pin of Kennebunk's Aiden Shields in 68-seconds and finished off the title with a 4-0 decision win over Marshwood's Liam Coomey.

Senior Matthew Carroll pulled

off the title repeat as well. Wrestling at 220, Carroll began the day with a pin of Windham's Colby Valliere at 2:30. Jeffrey Worster of Oxford Hills fell next via a 12-4 decision and Carroll completed his perfect day with a narrow 3-2 win over #1 seed Dylan Schenk of Mt. Ararat.

Noah Schneider (195) and Matthew Pooler (152) came up big for Massabesic, each finishing third overall in their respective weight classes.



The Massabesic girls swim team placed second at the South Southwesterns. COURTESY PHOTO

## SWIMMING

### Ladies swim 9th

The lady Mustangs finished ninth overall among 27 high schools at the annual Class A swim championships held Tuesday, Feb. 21 at Bowdoin.

Massabesic got solid performances from two relay units. The 200- freestyle crew with Morgan Houk off the blocks first, sister Paige following, Savannah Burke next and Sophia LaFrance on

anchor was sixth with a 1:48.49 in what was one of the tightest events in recent memory as just 1.5 seconds separated second place (Cony 1:47.32) from eighth (Brewer 1:48.73). Brunswick won the event with a 1:45.53.

The 400-freestyle-relay unit finished ninth with Morgan Houk again off the blocks first, Jamie Dee following, Burke again third and Amanda Dudley on anchor.

Dudley and Burke had solid days individually. The former, a junior, was fifth overall in the 200IM and she was fourth in the 100-butterfly. Burke, a freshman, turned in a fifth overall finish in the 500.

## INDOOR TRACK

### School track records tumble

The lady Mustangs cracked two school records and the men, not to be outdone, followed with a pair of their own at the annual Class A state championships of track and field held Monday, Feb 20 at USM.

Each team broke one individual school record and one team mark.

The lady Mustangs broke the record in the 4 x 200 relay, posting a time of 1:53.30 good for seventh place. Leah Ryan was off the blocks first, she handed the



baton to Syeira New who passed to Logan Champlin who fed anchor Moriah Biener.

Biener, who was third in both the high jump and triple jump, added her name to the MHS record board with a triple jump of 33'11".

For the men the glory came in the 4 x 800. Jarrod Hooper left the blocks first. He passed the baton to David Phinney, who passed to Isaac Libby who fed anchor Donovan Duffy. They turned in a time of 8:53.84.

Hooper, like Biener, grabbed a solo school record, finishing the 400-meter-run with a 53.48. He finished in sixth place, but just .03 out of third. The winning time was 52.44

Kylie Johnson was sixth in the one-mile run and seventh in the two-mile. The lady Mustangs finished in eleventh place among a 24-team field, the men were twentieth out of 23 schools.

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# SPORTS

## ICE HOCKEY

### Playoff bound MOB rolls in

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Tyler Ouellette scored the game-winning goal three-minutes into overtime to raise Massabesic/Old Orchard/Bonny Eagle's (MOB) unbeaten streak to an impressive 10 games after a 5-4 win over Noble/Wells (NW) on Friday, Feb. 17 at USM.

MOB overcame a late scare from NW, who banged home two late-third period goals, to force overtime.

The first period ended scoreless, but Tanner McClure scored off the opening faceoff of the second period to give MOB a 1-0 advantage. Travis Marsh made it 2-0 three-minutes later, but the celebration was short-lived as NW cut the lead in half with a goal within thirty seconds.

McClure made it 3-1 MOB at 5:16 of the second period and it looked like the home team would head into the final frame with a two-goal bulge, but NW kept fighting and they potted a clutch goal to make it 3-2 with only five seconds left in the middle period.

Brandon Caron (G, 2A) pushed the lead up to 4-2 with an unassisted strike before six minutes had elapsed in the third period and the score hung the same

way until NW potted the final two regulation scores over the last three-minutes of the game.

MOB put the pressure on in the overtime, outshooting NW 5-1 and Ouellette collected a pass from a falling McClure (via Caron) who promptly ended it.

\* \* \*

Poland/Leavitt/Oak Hill/Gray-New Gloucester (PLOG) scored four times in the second period after trailing 2-0 and they held off a late charge from MOB to post a 4-3 win at Norway Savings Bank Arena on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

The win snapped MOB's unbeaten streak at 10-games, but left them with an impressive final regular season record of 11-5-2.

Curtis Morin and McClure (G, 2A) each had goals in the first period, but PLOG picked up the attack in the second period and closed out the middle frame with a 4-2 bulge.

Brandon Caron, who assisted on Morin's goal, scored late to make it 4-3, but MOB couldn't net the equalizer.

MOB, who finished fifth in the 10-team Class A South appears likely to face Portland/Deering (10-7) on Monday at Troubh Arena in Portland in the opening round of the playoffs.

The foes faced each other twice during the regular season with MOB coming away with an 8-6 win on Jan. 21 followed by a 3-3 tie on Feb. 2.



The MOB seniors, from left, Kyle McKay, Tanner McClure, Chandler Douston, Travis Marsh, Spencer Shields, Robbie Axelsen and Nathan Whitehouse PHOTO BY KELLY ROY PHOTOGRAPHY



MOB's Tyler Ouellette. PHOTO BY KELLY ROY PHOTOGRAPHY

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ICE SHACKS

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That same day, a group from Buxton was enjoying the warm day on the ice around a neat blue shack built by owner David Larrivee. Since it was Free Fishing Day in Maine, everyone had a trap set, not far from Camp Laughing Loon, and not far from Menard's now-submerged shack. Thirteen-year-old Conner Dixon had just pulled his first catch, a 16" salmon, from his hole when the men, who were jacking up the corners of the skids, and placing blocks under them as the ice was melting, saw Larrivee suddenly slide up to his waist into a hole that opened up beneath his weight right next to the shack. He quickly scuttled out, emptying his boots that were full of cold water, and immediately decided it was time to move the shack!

Larrivee, Jay Curtis, Jim MacDonald and John Lovett, all of Buxton, secured a line to a side-by-side four-wheeler and broke

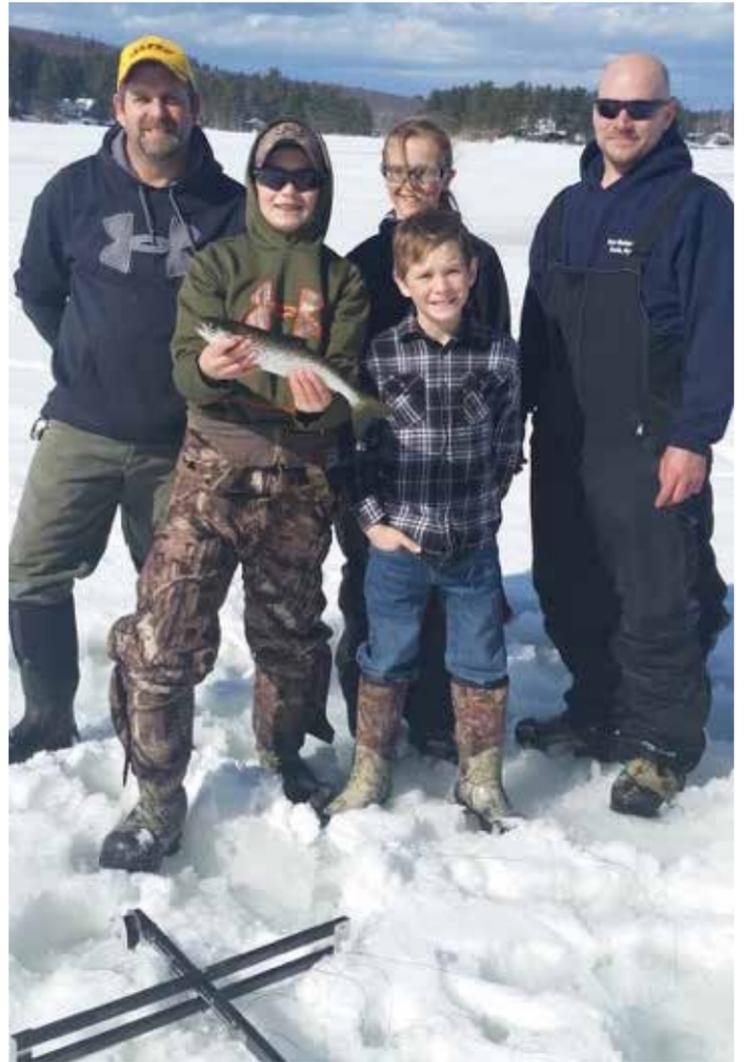
the skids free, and then the men, laughingly saying they had 1/2 horsepower among them, hauled the shack about ten yards to a more secure-seeming site. Asked later about plans for the shack, April Larrivee MacDonald wrote, "The plan is to move it off sooner rather than later; that was a big eye-opener!"

Blanchard says he hopes that other shack owners will move theirs off soon, too. With the warmth and melting now happening, the snow sinks, bringing the shacks down, and then it all freezes on cold nights or days, making it extremely hard to free the shacks. In addition, with the warmth, getting any kind of vehicle out to pull them in becomes dangerous. "It can be just awful trying to get them off the ice once conditions get this way." Asked if the conditions this year are unusual, Blanchard says no. "It's like this every year to varying degrees; I don't know that it's so different. I can remember warm and cold years growing up around here."

Addressing the issue of what kind of violation a submerged shack is considered by Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Blanchard said it is considered a littering violation. The amount of the fine is determined by the extent of the littering. A submerged shack differs from a submerged vehicle, which is fined by the days it remains in the water body. "When a vehicle goes in, we basically want it out, and the owner does too. We notify the DEP and generally the owner gets the truck, ATV or snowmobile out. There is a fine on the books, but in my 18 years, I don't know of anyone who's been fined, because they get them out."

He added that people think that a vehicle in the lake is a huge environmental issue, but he disagrees, saying both that they don't stay in for long, and that there are many other leaks and spills of undesirable substances into lakes that are more pervasive a problem. "There are always man-made pollutants going into the lakes. Look at outboard motors with oil slicks, or inboards with gas leaks. Camps contribute a variety of substances to the problem. People think it's a big deal when a truck goes in, but in the big scheme of things, how much does that really contribute?"

Looking to the final solution of Menard's submerged shack, Sjulander hazards that if the lake freezes and there is enough ice, they can cut out the ice around the shack with chain saws, build a teepee over it, tie ropes onto it and winch it up with a 4-wheeler. But, as that is unlikely to be the case, he said, "I think it will float, so, as the ice goes out, the wind may blow it on shore. Hopefully then we can hook it to a boat and pull it out on the boat ramp." He added, "Looks



13-year-old Conner Dixon of Buxton holds his 16" salmon caught on Little Ossipee Lake Sunday, Feb. 19. Companions include, from left, Jim MacDonald, Elora Larrivee, James MacDonald and Jay Curtis. PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

like it's going to be a boat."

Blanchard hopes people will start getting the remaining shacks off very soon. "That's part of the reason owners are required to put their names and contact information right on them, so we can notify them that if they don't get 'em

off, they'll be facing a littering violation."

His final warning is, "It's going to get harder and harder to get them off in the next month with the amount of snow and slush on the lake, and now is the time to make arrangements."

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OBITUARIES

**Azade Edward Arsenault, Jr.**

Azade E. Arsenault, Jr., 79, a lifelong resident of Sanford, died peacefully on Feb. 9, 2017 at the Newton Center in Sanford. His devoted sister Anita had visited Junior every day, twice a day, and lovingly served him his meals.



**Azade Edward Arsenault, Jr.**

Junior was born in Sanford, on Dec. 16, 1937 the son of Azade E. and Rachel J. (Lapoint) Arsenault, Sr. Junior received his education in his neighborhood at the Lafayette School in town.

Junior was a waiter at his brother's restaurant, Jerry's Diner, for over 45 years. He never wrote an order down, it was "all in his head" and when you were checking out, Junior would tell the lady at the cash register what you had ordered. It was efficiency at its best. Junior could be seen all over town riding his bicycle with his ever generous smile greeting the many friends along the way. In later years, he still loved being out and about, walking two miles a day.

He and his sister Anita lived together for many years. They both enjoyed traveling to Florida to visit with family in the winter months and during the summer, traveled north to Canada. He became enamored with Virginia and its plentiful beaches and warm water. Once Anita retired from the telephone company, she and Junior became "beach bums" from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gooch's beach in Kennebunk. It was a rite of passage for both of them. Another favorite activity was fishing at Number One Pond. Ed was a faithful parishioner of Holy Family and Notre Dame Catholic Churches.

Junior is survived by his sister and best friend, Anita Arsenault of Sanford; his 11 nieces and nephews; and 12 great nieces and nephews.

Junior was predeceased by his brother, Gerard (Jerry) Arsenault and by two of his sisters, Doris G. Palmer and Theresa Collette.

A Graveside Service will be held at St. Ignatius Cemetery later in the spring and will be announced.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit [www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com](http://www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com)

In Junior's memory, consider donating to the Maine Parkinson Society, 359 Perry Rd., Bangor, ME 04401.

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**Sara "Sally" Ann (Sjulander) Pease**

Sara "Sally" Ann (Sjulander) Pease, 54, of Buxton, passed away unexpectedly Friday, Feb. 17, 2017 in a snowmobile accident.



**Sara "Sally" Ann (Sjulander) Pease**

Born Sara Ann Sjulander, Feb. 22, 1962 in Biddeford to parents Nils and Judith Sjulander. She had a passion for field hockey at Bonny Eagle where she played throughout her high school career. Sara graduated from Fisher College, then she went to work for her father's business, Eagle Industries, Inc. of Hollis. She married Sanford Howard Pease, her best friend and soul mate, June 27th 1987. They spent nearly 30 years by each others side raising Daniel and Victoria.

She loved sports of all kinds, especially hockey. Sara loved to travel, her favorite destination was the Caribbean. Making memories with her husband and children Daniel and Victoria Pease, spending all day on the beach listening to Jimmy Buffett and sipping pina colodas.

She was extremely passionate about her family which is a large one with many that aren't even blood, but family through common Swedish heritage and love. She was endlessly generous with how she would volunteer for anything to help anyone out; her oven was always warm with the next thing she was cooking to feed others. Her cooking was a very important thing to her. Many recipes were passed down to her, it was a sure-fire way to everyone's heart with the fantastic meals she produced for friends and family.

She took care of everyone in her life so effortlessly and with such grace that can only be acquired through a lifetime of generosity and care.

She is survived by her parents, Nils and Judith Sjulander, husband Sanford Pease, son Daniel Pease, daughter Victoria Pease, her brother Jon and his wife Gigi and their three children Lars, Ingrid, and Gretchen, her brother David and his wife Eryn and son Mark, her sister-in-law Pamela, and her husband Paul, and sister-in-law Belinda.

Visitation will be held Thursday Feb. 23, from 1-2 p.m., followed by a 2 p.m. memorial service at the Bar Mills Community Church, 13 Hermit Thrush Drive, in Buxton (Bar Mills). Burial will be in the spring at South Buxton (Tory Hill) Cemetery.

Arrangements have be entrusted to Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service, Buxton. Online condolences can be posted at [www.maineFuneral.com](http://www.maineFuneral.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Buxton Food Pantry, c/o Judy Carter, 17 Gillette Road, Buxton, ME 04093, the Bar Mills Community Church, PO Box 424, Bar Mills, ME 04004, or the Faith Littlefield/Flossie Smith Scholarship, BEHS, 700 Saco Road, Standish, ME 04084.

**Robert "Bob" Frank Gilchrest**

Robert "Bob" Frank Gilchrest, 77, resident of North Waterboro, died peacefully surrounded by his family on Feb. 20, 2017 at Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough.



**Robert "Bob" Frank Gilchrest**

Bob was born in Lowell, Massachusetts on May 3, 1939 where he was raised by his mother, Lillian and his two older sisters. He attended the Lowell Vocational Technical School where he graduated as a machinist and later worked at Lockheed Martin and BAE Systems from which he retired in 1999. He also served in the Army Reserves for a number of years. He gave back to his community by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, St. Matthews Church, the Lake Arrow-

head Community, and the Massachusetts Lions Club.

He enjoyed his retired life spending the warm seasons on Lake Arrowhead in Maine, and the winter season in Puerto Rico with his wife, Lucille, of 53 years. He enjoyed spending time fishing with his grandchildren, traveling, playing dominoes with his beach friends, and he was known as the family and neighborhood creative handyman. Whether sitting on a bench waiting for Lucille to shop the day away, or in line at the hardware store, a friend was always made. Bob liked everyone and everyone liked Bob. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He is lovingly survived by his wife Lucille (Massicotte) Gilchrest, his three daughters Robin Keith and her husband Dean of Simi Valley, California, Laurie Newhouse and her husband Gregg of Spotsylvania, Virginia, and Cindy Jacobs and her husband Stuart of Westbrook; his grandchildren Tyler and Devyn Keith, Sophie and Samuel Newhouse, and Alex and Nathan Jacobs; his sister Joyce Calhoun of Lowell, Massachusetts and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his mother Lillian Gilchrest and his sister Nancy Sheldon.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit [www.maineFuneral.com](http://www.maineFuneral.com). In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to: Hospice of Southern Maine, 180 US Route 1, Scarborough, ME, 04074 for their support and comfort of Bob in his final days.

A memorial service and a celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service.

**James B. (Jim) Trowbridge**

James B. (Jim) Trowbridge, 77, of Alfred, died at Maine Medical Center in Portland on Feb. 13, 2017.

Jim was born Dec. 4, 1939 in St. Albans, West Virginia the son of Randall F. and Mildred (May) Trowbridge.

Following high school, Jim enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1958 and served with distinction for 22 years, including one year of duty in Vietnam, where he earned a Bronze Star medal. Upon his honorable discharge, Jim enjoyed 17 years delivering the mail with the US Postal service in Saco.

Jim married Jean D'Atanasio of Canton, Massachusetts on June 6, 1959. They had two sons, James (Risma) of Dover, NH and John of Brunswick. Jim's grandchildren are Brittany and Cassie (John & Kathy) and his great grandson Nikolai (Brittany).

In retirement, Jim was very active in the Browns Emmons American Legion Post 134 in Alfred, serving as the Post Treasurer for many years. Jim was well liked and enjoyed sharing in a good story or joke. He will be missed by his family and his friends and neighbors in town.

A Graveside Service with military honors will be held on Friday, May 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery, 83 Stanley Rd., in Springvale.

In Jim's memory, consider donating to the Brown Emmons American Legion Post 134, P.O. Box 134, Alfred, ME 04002.

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## The Great Gold Rush

The year 1848 was a momentous one in American history. That's when something that glittered showed up at a sawmill in northern California. The result is well known. People from all walks of life headed west for the riches they envisioned in the nuggets they expected were waiting for them.

Bruce Tucker, during his talk to the Alfred Historical Society this past week, explained just how this affected California, whose population of 700 persons was 100,000 by the end of 1849. One of these seekers was Henry Gile of Alfred.

Stock companies were formed,

many of whom purchased goods to sell in California and support the purchase of a ship. Some companies were armed for common defense. The ship on which he sailed came around Cape Horn making 147 days from Portland. Their voyage ended in Sacramento where they sold the last of their cargo, and then the ship. There were 21 other ships berthed there and more on the other side of the river. One can only imagine the congestion. The passengers headed to the goldfields.

Just to pay for the inflated cost of food in the gold fields it was estimated a miner had to earn \$2 a day. Getting rich was not easy.

After two years Gile looked about for easier pickings. He cut pilings then became associated with Captain David Weldon, who was building a mill at Salmon Creek. Gile took up

surveying for the government for a year, then went on his own. In 1968 he was featured by "The Sou'wester" which listed his achievements while surveying. He had bought land claims and eventually his property included 1500 acres.

Although still surveying, he looked for other opportunities and saw oysters could be easily harvested, if not by himself, then by the Native tribes. In time, a flat bottomed boat called a bateau and which could hold 70 bushels of oysters, was used for harvesting. The boat could be moored where oysters were plentiful. When the tide receded the oysters could be harvested fairly easily and when the tide returned the boat could then move to a market where there were buyers.

Indian wars surfaced in 1855 and Gile enlisted as a private. The Ya-

kima War lasted until 1858 when the recalcitrant tribes left for British Columbia. Things settled down and in 1867 Gile was married to Matilda Crelin, of the Isle of Man. Several families from there had emigrated to America and engaged in the oyster business. By now Gile is in the legislature but also did surveying, as well as dealing in oysters. The Morgan Oyster Business held a monopoly on the oyster business; eventually Gile's business joined them.

Gile also was a pioneer in the salmon fishing industry, catching them in gill nets on the Columbia River.

He died in 1918, age 90; his wife had died in 913. His was a story of a Mainer who left for California to find gold, but found it in other endeavors.

## WEATHERMAN

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in weather forecasting. "There was often calamity in the house," Mannix said. "Some days like thunder and lightning, sometimes like a tornado."

Therefore, the book is organized like a seven-day forecast, with seven chapters, each with a weather-related title.

In the "Kevin's Story" series and in the book, Mannix talks about his own journey, his own healing, his effort to "break that cycle of pain." He realized after three failed marriages that he had baggage that he needed to deal with. "I was always trying to figure out what others wanted or needed, not what I want or need," he said. "With awareness, you can improve your life."

Rota explained that she always felt a stigma growing up without a mother. She had a stable father, got good grades, was busy with sports and extra-curricular activities. But always felt that what happened to her mother was a secret, something she could not talk about. She thought no one knew about her mother's suicide, but she admitted, "thinking back on it, probably everyone knew." But no one talked about it...

Mannix explained that he and Rota are not counselors, not here to offer advice, but to "share our lives with you, hoping that you will share yours with someone you trust."

As part of the presentation, leading to a discussion and a question and answer session, Rota shared a quote from Maya Angelou, "There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you. And then one from Mental Health, a 2015 report of the Surgeon General, in which the surgeon general states that mental health is as important as our physical health, and that "fear and stigma" of mental health still persist.

Shame issues do not just revolve around alcoholism, depression and/or suicide, but also around addiction, body image, sexuality and questioning sexuality, abuse, and literacy.

The couple have travelled all around the state, from Van Buren to Kennebunk, as Keynote speakers in large venues, including schools such as Hebron Academy, to smaller Rotary Clubs, churches and library events such as this one. Their message: "You are not alone." and "There is always hope."

This was the couple's 100th event, and the first collaboration between two libraries, the Davis Memorial Library in Limington, and the Limerick Library.

Mannix and Rota sold and signed books before and after the talk, and the Limerick Library purchased one for their collection. You may borrow Weathering Shame from the library or purchase it at [www.weatheringshame.com](http://www.weatheringshame.com) or at some of the smaller local bookstores.

Mannix and Rota encourage people who are struggling to reach out and talk to someone. The number to call is 2-1-1, or go online to [www.211maine.org](http://www.211maine.org) for help and resources.

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