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Limerick residents balk on land purchase

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Many Limerick residents in attendance at a public hearing Feb. 19 voiced their concerns about a proposed land purchase that would be the next step toward a new fire station/public safety building.

The hearing was held to discuss warrant articles that will appear on a secret ballot for the annual town vote on March 7. The article regarding the \$150,000 land purchase on Washington Street generated the most questions and discussion, with the majority of speakers raising opposition to the expenditure, the location of the property and even information on the town's website.

In November, following a presentation of a site plan by engineering firm Oak Point Associates, the Limerick Board of Selectmen invited residents to send

in questions regarding the project. In response, Selectwoman Wendy Thorne posted answers culled from what she called the "Oak Point report, committee emails and common sense," and posted both questions and answers on the town's website.

Some residents thought the questions presented on the website obscured the actual issues.

"I don't think the sample questions represent the real issue," said Stephen Malmude. "They were easy to answer. But site approval is different from site purchase. The site itself is controversial, so that is controversy multiplied by controversy. The problem is that it represents a huge commitment."

Detractors of the land purchase posited that if the land is purchased, it will enable supporters of the overall project to act when voters have not been asked whether they want to move

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Scout honored



From left, Kathy, Jacob and Chris Boyden at the Eagle Scout dinner held for Jacob, who attained Eagle status by renovating the smoke house used by Alfred's fire department. See related story on page 4.

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Recycling center, salary increases on tap in Newfield

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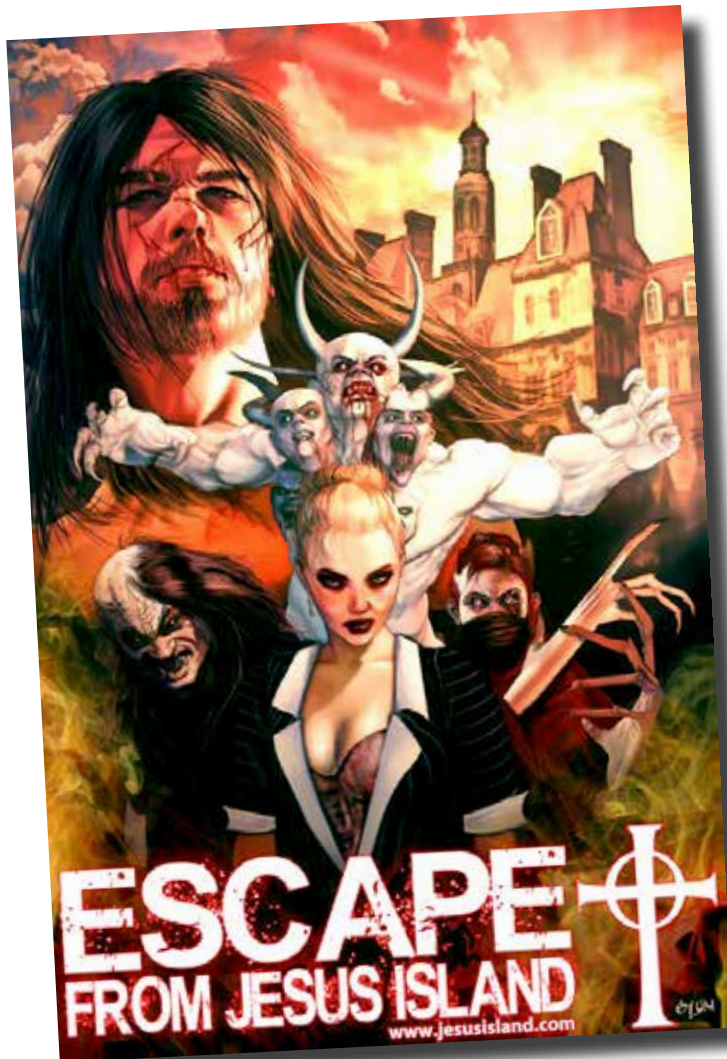
Residents of Newfield will decide at the polls Saturday, March 8 whether to set aside funds to replace the recycling center building and, if so, where it should be built.

At town meeting that night, questions about conducting a re-valuation and an across-the-board 5 percent raise for town employees will be considered.

The two-part referendum question on the ballot asks voters first to set aside \$15,000 to build a recycling center, and whether it should be built at the transfer station on Route 11 or at the original site on South Effingham Road next to the town hall. The building, which had fallen into disrepair, was intentionally destroyed last year during a controlled burn conducted by the fire department. Once the home of the Newfield

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BUY THE BOOK
with Shawn French



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What would happen if someone cloned Jesus?

This is the question Shawn French – Limerick writer, filmmaker, stand-up comedian and comic-book author – asked himself 20 years ago in the parking lot of a movie theater. He had just seen a film that graphically illustrated the unintended and dangerous consequences of attempting to create life from ancient DNA. The year was 1993. The movie, of course, was Jurassic Park.

Now, two decades later, French has just published a horrifically creative answer to his question in the form of a graphic comic book entitled "Escape From Jesus Island."

A 1987 graduate of South Portland High School, French spent a few years after high school working as a stand-up comedian and then traveling the country for a decade before moving back to Maine in 2000 with his wife, Sue,

and stepchildren, Erica, Kim and Robert. He found creative outlets in a variety of genres – writing for *The Independent* newspaper, writing film and video-gaming scripts and working on and acting in a dozen independent films. In 2008, French wrote and directed his own movie, "The Wrong House" which was filmed in Limerick.

He was busy, but some ideas grab hold and just don't let go. The Jesus clone premise had sunk its claws into French, and he began to seriously research both the subject of cloning and the Book of Revelation in the Bible. Starting out as a film script, the story eventually evolved into a comic book series that combined French's story and the graphic artwork of illustrator Mortimer Glum, the finesse of letterer Peeter Parkker and the expertise of editor Shawn Greenleaf. Thanks to the team, plus a successful Kickstarter campaign, the first issue of "Escape From Jesus Island" was published in December.

Q: What is *Escape From Jesus Island* about?

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Shapleigh selectmen on the campaign trail

BY ANN FISHER
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The Shapleigh Board of Selectmen are campaigning, but not for office.

Mike Perro, Mark Cobb and Bill Mageary are campaigning for more public participation at town meeting.

Signs reminding residents that the annual meeting will be 10 a.m., Saturday, March 7 at Shapleigh Memorial School are being placed this weekend "in high visibility spots," said Mageary.

Mageary said the board decided to place the signs after discussing ideas for "interest and participation in townspeople in town meeting."

He estimated only 68 people attended last year to take part in "the purest form of government. They control the purse strings."

"I suggested treating it like a political campaign and promoting

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Susan and Robert Pierce of Alfred, Maine are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Richmond, to Christopher Daniel Chute. Christopher is the son of Kathie and Dan Chute of Newfield, Maine.

Katherine is a 2008 graduate of Massabesic High School, a 2012 graduate of Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and graduates this May from The University of Notre Dame, Rome, Italy and South Bend, Indiana with a Master's Degree in Architecture.

Christopher is also a 2008 graduate of Massabesic High School and a 2012 graduate from Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Biotechnology at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts.

The couple plans an August Maine wedding.

Community Calendar

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
The Acton Shapleigh Lions are serving their monthly pancake breakfast 8-10 a.m. Saturday, March 1 at the Acton Town Hall. On the menu will be plain and blueberry flapjacks, sausage, eggs, beans, toast and hot and cold beverages, all for only \$5. All proceeds benefit local residents. The town hall is at the corner of H Road and Route 109.

LYMAN DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS Sunday, March 2 at 1PM at the Lyman Town Hall. All are encouraged to attend.

ONE ACT PLAY by the Massabesic Mustang Theatre Program: "No Exit" by Jean Paul Sartre at the One Act Festival March 7 and 8 at Thornton Academy. Performance dates at Massabesic High School (prior to the competition) are Friday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m., and Wednesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors.

SHAPLEIGH DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS Sunday, March 2 at 1 p.m. at Shapleigh Town Hall. Meet Bettie Harris-Howard, District 20 candidate. Clothing drive for homeless veterans. Call Diana Tomasello Waterman at 636-3836

for more info.

MASSABESIC AREA YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERING informational meetings March 4, 5 and 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the MHS cafeteria. Online registration opens March 1 at www.mayfc.org. For more information call Keith Gerry at 590-5645 or Mayfchairman@gmail.com.

MASSABESIC PROM PROJECT Need a dress for prom? Thursday, March 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the MHS gym there will be dresses available in limited styles colors and sizes. The Massabesic Prom Project provides free new and like-new gowns to MHS students so they can attend their prom with confidence and style. For more information contact Jennifer Landez by email at jenniferlandez@rsu57.org.

DAR MARCH MEETING The Rebecca Emery Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be meeting on Saturday, March 8 at 1 p.m. at Christ Church, 6 Dane St., Kennebunk. The program will be "Celebrating the 100 year Anniversary of Mother's Day," presented by Helen Newton. Refreshments will be served, and there will be a business

meeting to follow. Call 324-6202 for more information.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DANCE March 15 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Newfield Town Hall with music by DJ Reggie Monroe. Tickets are \$10 per person and available at the town office. Proceeds to benefit Heating Assistance Fund. Purchasers of tickets prior to cancellation of the Feb. 15 Valentine's dance will be able to obtain admittance to the March 15 dance.

COMPOSTING WORKSHOP led by Brigit McCallum March 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the old Waterboro town hall. The workshop, sponsored by the Waterboro Community Garden Committee is free and open to the public.

MEAT RAFFLE TO HELP HUNGRY The Knights of Columbus is holding a meat raffle to benefit the St. Matthew Church's food pantry. Two prizes of 20 pounds and 40 pounds of meat donated by Sleeper's are being raffled. Tickets are \$5 for six, \$10 for 12 or \$20 for 24 and can be purchased by calling Thelma Connell at 793-2128. The winning tickets will be drawn at the St. Patrick's Day supper being hosted at the church March 15.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER third Saturday of the month. Next dinner is March 15, 5:30-7 p.m. at the Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church, Mill Building, Rt 35, Goodwins Mills.

MASSABESIC LIONS The Massabesic Lions Club is holding Bingo Nights on Mondays, starting at 6 p.m. at the Regional Medical Center in Waterboro. The club is located on Route 202 in Waterboro.

FREE MEALS KITCHEN York County Shelter Programs sponsors Springvale Free Meals Kitchen at the Springvale Baptist Church, Main St., Springvale on Tuesday and Thursdays. Social time with hot coffee and treats is at 10:30 a.m., hot meal is served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Sanford Free Meals Kitchen is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Masonic Temple, Elm Street, Sanford with social/coffee time at 10:30 a.m. and hot meal from noon to 1 p.m. Residents of any town are welcome to attend.

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Monday	March 17	9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Shapleigh	Shapleigh Memorial School
Tuesday	March 18	9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Alfred	Alfred Elementary School
Wednesday	March 19	9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Lyman	Lyman Elementary School
Thursday	March 20	9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Limerick & Newfield Line	Elementary School
Tuesday	March 25	(by appt. only)	Call school for appt.	Waterboro Elementary School
Wednesday	March 26	(by appt. only)	Call school for appt.	Waterboro Elementary School
Wednesday	March 26	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	All Towns	Waterboro Elementary School

PLEASE HELP US estimate the number of students we will be registering at the above times by completing the bottom portion of this form and by returning it to the elementary school located in your town before **March 7, 2014**.

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Child's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Mailing Address: _____
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NOTE: Waterboro Registrants - the school secretary will contact you to arrange an appointment and time.

You may download registration forms at <http://www.rsu57.org/home/registration>

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LAND PURCHASE

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forward with a new fire station, especially one estimated to cost \$3.2 million plus interest to be paid over a period of 30 years. Total costs would be closer to \$4.5 million. "This town isn't in good shape economically. This town needs a lot of money to maintain essential infrastructure. This firehouse is an indulgence," said Mal-mude.

Though many in attendance voiced support for the fire department and a new building, some residents questioned the choice of the Washington Street site and subsequent site plan. Robert Libby asked about the \$150,000 price tag for the property, arguing that the town already owns many properties, so why buy yet another. Thorne explained that the land was reviewed by Realtor Diane Gray, who said the market value would reflect the \$150,000 price.

Aside from the land, residents raised questions about the overall scope of the project and whether it is necessary to build the station as presented by Oak Point. "Does the fire department even want this \$4 million fire station?" Robert Libby asked.

Citing minutes from an Oct. 8, 2013 fire department meeting, multiple people in attendance responded that the fire department voted down the cost of the Oak Point building plan.

"The past two or three years this was my bone of contention," said Libby, who is a member of the Fire Department Building Committee. "Paying a firm to design a building before even knowing where it would be. The committee has been shoved aside, and I don't like it. Let the people vote on three parcels, not just one. We don't need to be buying more land, we'll be taking 11 more

acres off the tax rolls. I strongly urge the public not to support this. The fire department doesn't even want it."

Sonny LePage said a better site would be across from the current fire station on School Street. "I was fire chief when this was incepted. We appropriated money to buy land across the street. We have roughly \$60,000 into it," he said, saying pipes have already been put into the site.

Gail Libby, chairwoman of the Fire Department Building Committee, then reminded those present that the question on the ballot March 7 is regarding the land, not the building. She also stated that, based on a 14-point matrix, in January 2013, the committee voted on three sites: Dole's Ridge Road, School Street and Washington Street.

Nine members of the committee voted 8-1 in favor of Washington Street. From there, Oak Point was hired to conduct an evaluation and create a proposed site plan. "The committee chose three sites because we couldn't afford to investigate 12," said Gail Libby. "We chose to recommend the Washington Street site so there could be a cost to consider. In 2008 the fire department asked for a new fire station. Firemen said they felt we should plan for the future. The committee's job was to collect information and pres-

ent it to the town. The committee worked long and hard and brought many ideas to the forefront. Our plans were legal, code compliant, and passed public scrutiny at the state level," she said, adding later, "The School Street site came in way low on the matrix."

Other residents wanted to bring the discussion back to the question of affordability. Transfer Station manager Joanne Andrews shared her concerns about the elderly and disadvantaged and how a tax increase to pay for a new station will affect those populations. "This is an argument whether or not we can afford this. Elderly people are afraid they won't be able to stay in their homes. There are other locations for the station. There are other plans for the station."

Earlier in the meeting, Thorne estimated the cost of the project would mean a tax increase of 50 cents per \$1,000 of real estate valuation. According to a document issued by the Fire Department Financial Committee, it would mean an annual increase of \$75 on a home valued at \$150,000, for example.

"We need a new station," said Sonny LePage, summing up the mood of residents at the public hearing. "There is absolutely no room in the station we have, but we don't need the Taj Mahal."

SHAPLEIGH TOWN MEETING

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it," he said.

Voter apathy "is a sign of the times," said Mageary, who is known for his puns. "Hopefully they get the message."

Those who consider the 76-article warrant will decide on municipal budget that, as proposed, would increase just more than 1 percent.

Shapleigh residents will be asked to amend the Sanford, Acton, Shapleigh Dam Committee agreement over maintenance of the Emery Mills Dam to include the town of Acton. The dam is owned by the city of Sanford, but because Mousam Lake is located in both Acton and Shapleigh, the amendment was proposed. "That dam will affect both communities if something happens," said Mageary. If Acton residents agree to take up 25 percent of the cost at their town meeting in June, Shapleigh will be responsible for 25 percent of maintenance costs, down from 33 percent. "It seem like they're on board," said Mageary about the Acton Board of Selectmen. Shapleigh residents

also set aside \$10,000 annually to place in the dam reserve account.

Building a parking lot adjacent to the town hall is another issue on the warrant residents will consider. Mageary said the town acquired the so-called Hooper property on Back Road, where the selectmen want to allocate \$30,000 to build a gravel parking lot. The lot, which would hold about 40 vehicles, would be used for overflow during events such as Community Day and when multiple meetings are held in town hall.

Three articles concerning another town-owned property will also be open for discussion at town meeting. The Williams property, which encompasses about 300 acres off County Road, was donated to the town in 2011 for recreational use by the public. Article 51 asks for \$1,200 for general maintenance; article 52 requests \$1,200 to improve the entrance and article 53 is proposing that \$900 be spent on a bronze plaque to commemorate Roger Williams' gift to the town.

Mageary described the property as "real picturesque," adding it includes ponds Williams built to complement the landscape.

**RSU #57
PUBLIC INPUT SESSION
for the 2014-2015 Budget**

The RSU #57 Budget Committee invites the public to a budget input session on **Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Massabesic East Training Room at 88 West Road, Waterboro.**

During this session there will be an update on the current budget process as well as time for the public to share views and questions regarding the fiscal 2014-2015 budget process.

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On Friday, March 7th**

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on Article 12
- Milfoil Funding**

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Limerick is not alone in helping this cause. The Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council gets funding from fundraising events, member dues and volunteer efforts. Waterboro contributes \$3,000 annually; Limerick is asked to contribute the same. Vote YES to help continue the fight against Milfoil and protect this valuable resource for future generations.

**VOTE YES on Article 12
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Country music association jams in Limerick

BY SHELLEY BURBANK
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Country music fans in Limerick were treated to a day of performances by some of Maine's top traditional country musicians on Sunday, Feb. 23 as members of the Down East Country Music Association rocked the first floor of the Limerick Municipal Building for a Sunday jam session. It was the first in what Selectman Dean LePage hopes will be a series of Country Sundays for residents to enjoy.

"What I'm trying to do is get a community event going, something positive for the community," LePage said following the session held from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. LePage is the treasurer for the Down East Country Music Association, which promotes country, bluegrass, folk and gospel music.

Association President Jackie Harmon said she has been involved "for the love of country music and the love of people." Jackie was on hand Sunday along with sound man Kevin Fitzmorris, who recorded most of the day's music. "I'll play with it," Fitzmorris said, adding that he might use some of the recorded material to create videos for YouTube or to post on the association's website.

Members of DECMA perform around the state and sing in competitions in New England and Nashville. In fact, some of the performers on stage in Limerick Sunday will be soon heading to the North American Country Music Association national competition on March 8. Linda Jo Marchant of Springvale will be one of them. A 13-year veteran of the

biz, Marchant competes in Traditional Country and Traditional Gospel as an entertainer and vocalist. "You can win a trophy, but it is not just about competition," Marchant said. "It's beautiful there."

"You'd be amazed how many people from Limerick have gone to Tennessee and competed and brought back awards," said LePage.

In fact, Limerick's own Darla Dee led the entire group of performers in a touching rendition of "Amazing Grace" at the close of the day. "Just hanging out with friends, playing music, nobody's jealous, and you get to end with a great song," said Dee after the session.

"It was the perfect ending to the perfect day," agreed Linda Jo Marchant.

"Today's music is perfect for today's generation," commented Mike Preston, who prefers a more classic country/bluegrass sound to today's more country-pop crossover vibe. "It was well worth coming out," said the Portland musician with six solo studio albums under his belt.

Everyone, performers and audience members alike, said they enjoyed the camaraderie and opportunity to play. "All the performers were here for free," said LePage following the event and raffle drawings. All the proceeds went toward various fees and expenses for DECMA. "I'm very pleased with the event. I hope it grows."

The next Country Sunday is tentatively scheduled for March 29 at the Brick Town Hall.

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New Eagle Scout

It took Jacob Boyden and his nine Scout assistants and leaders about two months to repair and renovate the smoke house used in demonstrating fire safety to school children. This was his Eagle Scout project. Last Saturday his fellow Scouts provided the Eagle Scout ceremony for him followed by a dinner in the Public Safety Building.

His wore 30 badges illustrating the skills he has attained in Scouting. Which one did he most enjoy? He stated he enjoyed all of them, but particularly camping. He has been on 20 campouts, including to Boy Scout Camp and one in Holeb, in Jackman. They included both summer and winter camping experiences. He listed his leadership experiences; patrol leader, senior patrol leader and instructor.

What are his plans for the future? On graduation he plans to go into the military, which his older brother has already done. His camping experiences should be a big plus in the military.

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Parish church

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held in the Acton UCC Congregational Church on March 4. On Wednesday, March 5, a soup and bread supper will be held at 5:30 in Alfred with the North Parish and Acton Congregational Churches joining with the Alfred Parish. A service will follow at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, March 16, Pilgrim Lodge Sunday will be observed, with Rev. Bryan Breault speaking in Alfred. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will also be taken.

The UCC Women's Celebration will be held in Portland March 28-March 30. Interested persons may see Pam Burnham for more information.

On Sunday, March 2, the Parish Paddlers will go sledding at "the Globe" in Alfred. Hosts will be Arlene Carroll and Pam Burnham.

Bottle and cans are still needed for the Fueling February project, which aids townspeople needing assistance with their fuel bills. Bottles can be left in the shed down beside the Conant Chapel parking lot.

Can tabs are being saved for the Ronald McDonald House in Portland. There is a receptacle for these in Conant Chapel.

Winter carnival

The Alfred Parks and Rec Committee is holding its winter carnival this Saturday, March 1, starting with a pancake breakfast in the Legion Hall from 7-10 a.m. It is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and free for children under 3.

A fishing derby for those 15 and younger will be held on Shaker Pond from Brother's Beach from 8 a.m.-noon. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with lots of prizes in each category.

At 1 p.m. a free movie will be held at Parson's Memorial Library for youngsters who are invited to bring a pillow and blanket to make themselves comfortable.

Republicans caucus

The Alfred Republican Committee met in Sanford last week for their caucus. Chairman Judee Meyer led the meeting, assisted by Richard Meyer. Those elected to office were Linda and Earle Grames, as delegates to the state convention; Linda Grames and Allison Williams as representatives to the county meetings; George Donovan, as chairman of the Alfred Republican Committee; Allison Williams as secretary of the committee; Teresa Drown remains as committee treasurer.

The next meeting will be held March 17.

BRIEFS

How Social Security and disability applies to cancer patients

On Thursday, March 6 from 6 to 7:30 pm at Southern Maine Health Care, Biddeford Medical Center, Henri Benoit Esq. & Anna Benoit LCSW will discuss

everything there is to know about Social Security Disability Benefits as it pertains to a cancer diagnosis. The presentation will include information about the application process and appeals, the evaluation process, how medical disability is assessed by Social Security and the important role

that health care providers play in the process.

This session is free of charge and light refreshments will be served. Preregistration is required three days prior to the event. To register, call the Southern Maine Health Care registration line at 283-7988

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A: EFJI is the story of an attempt to clone Jesus by the ReGen Corporation. Years of failed attempts leave behind scores of near-Jesus mutant freaks before they succeed in creating a set of twins, Jesus and his monstrous brother Yeshua. Christ and Antichrist. The Vatican gets word of Christ's return and sends in an extraction team just as Yeshua is leading a mutant uprising and things get all kinds of crazy. And that's just Act One, the first eight issues in a 40-issue series.

Q: Where did this idea come from?

A: The original spark of an idea hit just after watching the first "Jurassic Park" film in 1993, still in the movie theater parking lot. At the time, I was working as a standup comedian and was always on the hunt for comedy material. I wrote a bit that was essentially "Jurassic Park," but with murderous packs of Jesus clones in the place of dinosaurs.

The story evolved in layers over the years. Dolly, the first sheep ever cloned, was attempt number 277. The first 276 were fatally mutated. The realization hit me that if scientists were ever to acquire Christ's DNA and try to clone him, and you KNOW they would try, they would have to make hundreds of mutant saviors before creating one you could show to the press. I find that equal parts horrifying and hysterical. This realization was how EFJI turned from a comedy into a horror story.

The next tectonic shift in the story came while spending a full year studying Jesus and Revelation before starting on the comic book scripts. I listened to sermons about the Apocalypse around the clock. I bombarded myself with them, from every possible denomination. It was during this period that I realized EFJI is a story about the Antichrist and the end days. That the cloning experiment in EFJI results in twins, Jesus and the monstrous Yeshua. Christ and Antichrist emerging from the same womb.

Q: The story shares many thematic elements with the Book of Revelation in the Bible. What would you say to someone who accused you of being sacrilegious or disrespectful of Christianity?

A: The one thing the offended people all seem to have in common is that they haven't read our comics. They see the title and the Antichrist crucified on the cover and decide

they know everything they need to know.

EFJI is essentially the Biblical story of Revelation, using cloning as the catalyst for the prophesied return of Christ and rise of the Antichrist. Many of the things that Biblical scholars say are symbolic, we interpret literally, such as the seven-headed beast who rises from the sea. We named him Pariah and he is one of our main antagonists.

To our critics, I would say, 'Give me a chance to actually offend you before you get all hot and bothered. We haven't even gotten to the offensive stuff yet. It's a 40-issue series. Pace yourselves.'

Q: You were supposed to be interviewed on CNN's New Day program, but the segment was canceled. How did you happen to get on CNN's radar to begin with and why was the segment canceled?

A: That whole thing was really weird. They approached me out of the blue, wanting me to discuss the comic and backlash on their Faces Of Faith series. Then two weeks in a row, they bumped me on less than a day's notice, and were kind of nasty about it the second time. The segment had been shifted from producer to producer a couple times and I'm guessing it finally landed on the desk of someone who found it offensive. I can't figure out any other reason why they would approach me to be on their show and then angrily cancel just hours after confirming. Twice. The funny part is, the focus of the segment was going to be the challenges of distributing an independent comic in the face

of backlash from offended people. Then I got backlashed right off the air.

Q: The artwork in EFJI is arresting, to say the least. How did you and artist, Mortimer Glum, become collaborators on this project?

A: Mortimer and I met during post-production on "The Wrong House." He's part of a Portland-based FX group called The Shoggoth Assembly, that handled the practical horror effects in our movie. Morty designed our posters and DVD cover art, which is how we met. We immediately hit it off, and I eventually got the courage to pitch the EFJI comics to him. Fortunately, he was hugely into it and we've been full-speed ahead ever since.

Q: Once you wrote the story and collaborated with Mr. Glum on the artwork, how did EFJI become a published book?

A: Printing in full color is extremely expensive, and we are starving artists, so we started with a Kickstarter campaign, where fans could pledge their financial support for the series in exchange for various perks... signed copies of issues, custom artwork, or even a chance to appear as a character in the series. More than 40 of our fans will appear in EFJI in the first eight issues alone.

Two hundred backers contributed nearly \$16,000 on Kickstarter to help us get up and running. This allows us to print the first four issues.

The actual production of a comic book was all new territory for our team and we made a lot of rookie mistakes as we were getting our work flow figured out. Editor



Artwork from the "Sibling Rivalry" issue of "Escape From Jesus Island." COURTESY PHOTO

Shawn Greenleaf was a life saver during this stretch. He handled all the technical details with the printers, Transcontinental in Canada, and there are a lot of little things that have to be exactly right or the final product will suffer.

Q: Where do you see this project going?

This is more than a comic book series to us. We're treating this as a franchise from day one and striking out in as many directions as possible. Portland sculptor Nicolas Genovese has already created our first two gaming miniatures and is working on a full-size action figure; Portland-based horror FX group The Shoggoth Assembly will be

creating some EFJI gory goodies, including character masks; Event Screen Printers in South Portland is working on T-shirts; we have an EFJI board game in the works; and we're in talks that could lead to EFJI as a full radio drama.

Our crew know a whole lot of amazingly talented people and we have an all hands on deck approach to making this series everything it can be.

Escape From Jesus Island can be purchased on Amazon, at select comic book stores, and from the EFJI website at <http://escapefromjesusisland.bigcartel.com>. To learn more about the EFJI story go the the website at <http://jesusisland.com>.

TOWN OF WATERBORO

2014 Assessors' notice to taxpayers

*** FILE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FORM BY 04/30/14 ***
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By the authority of M.S.R.A. Title 36, Section 706 and the Assessors of the Town of Waterboro hereby give notice to all persons liable to taxation in said Town, that their agent will be in session at the Assessors' office in the Town Hall in said Town, on the 1st day of April from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving lists of all real and personal property, not exempt, that they owned or purchased, including any land division, deed transfers or agreements made from April 1, 2013 thru March 31, 2014.

All persons hereby notified to make and bring to said Assessors' or their agent, a true and perfect list of all their estates (assets) real and personal, which they were in possession of, or which they held as administrator, executor, guardian, lessee/lessor, trustee, or any owner, on April 1st, 2014, and be prepared to make oath to the truth of same. Failure to file such list by April 30, 2014 may bar any appeal of taxes levied during FY2015.

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Homestead or Veteran exemption applications* are due in our office no later than the April 30, 2014 deadline. Any blind person, or a veteran, widow, minor child or widowed parent of a veteran who desires to secure an exemption under M.S.R.A. Title 36, Section 651, Exemptions, including organizations, institutions or corporations shall on or before the last day of April, 2013, furnish such written proof of entitlement to the Town of Waterboro Assessors. Persons wishing to file under the Maine Tree Growth Tax or the Farm and Open Space laws must file a request for state classification, no later than April 1st (extension to April 30th). Applications are available.

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(Dangerous Buildings)


TO: Viktor Garnik and Olga Garnik
60 Burnham Rd., Saco, ME 04072

You are hereby notified that the Municipal Officers of the City/Town of Waterboro Maine will hold a hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 6:00 pm (time) at Waterboro Town Hall to determine whether the mobile home building/structure owned by you and located on land owned by you and shown on Map 13, Lot 013-053A-B/O of the current Tax Maps of the City/Town of Waterboro, Maine on file at Waterboro Town Hall (place), is dangerous or a nuisance within the meaning of 17 M.R.S.A. § 2851.

If the Municipal Officers find that the building/structure is dangerous or a nuisance, they may order appropriate corrective action, including but not limited to demolition and removal of the building/structure. If their order is not complied with by the deadline stated in their order and no appeal is taken, the Municipal Officers may take the corrective action at municipal expense and recover all expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, by means of a special tax or civil action. This hearing is your opportunity to present evidence as to why the building/structure is not dangerous and to oppose any corrective action ordered by the Municipal Officers.

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For a complete job description, please call Town Administrator Gary Lamb (207-247-6166, ext. 100) or email administrator@waterboro-me.gov. Applications consist of separate cover letter and resumé and should be received at Town Hall by 4pm Wednesday, March 12th. While electronic submissions are strongly encouraged, hard copies can be mailed to: CEO Secretary, 24 Townhouse Road, East Waterboro, ME 04030.

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PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, March 18, 2014
7:00 P.M. at the Conant Chapel

A second Public Hearing will be held to review revised proposed changes to the Code of the Town of Alfred as follows:

- Amendments to Chapter 146, Streets and Sidewalks
- Amendments to Chapter 105, Fire Prevention

Copies of all proposed changes will be available at the Town Hall at least 10 days prior to the Hearing.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING
March 18, 2014 at the Conant Chapel
Immediately following the Public Hearing

- Review of the 2014 Town Meeting Warrant

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OPINION

How full is your glass?

My daughter recently completed her first college course in psychology and already has pegged me with a multi-syllable disorder I can't even spell, much less pronounce. The glass is half full, she insists, not half empty! I had plenty of time to dwell upon this as I struggled to maintain 30 mph on a snow blown I-95 with the warning signs suggesting a 45 mph speed limit was something one could actually achieve in conditions so severe you couldn't tell the road from the snow blowing all around you. If polar bears were native to Maine, one could tap on your window and all you would see is his black bouncing nose. Rumors out of Portland have penguins flocking to our fair state in an effort to escape the warmth of Alaska. The glass is not half full. It is half empty and its content won't do you any good anyway because this Polar Vortex has it frozen solid.

I could hear my daughter yelling "There you go again," when I suddenly saw these two bright red lights in front of me spinning wildly out of control. I thought I saw headlights as I started to apply the brakes of my own vehicle and



by
Jon Simonds

pull over to the side of the road. I ended up about five feet behind the vehicle as it slid nose first into a pile of snow. Of course, I got out and walked over to the driver's side of the vehicle, where I found a young woman bawling her eyes out. I tapped on the window. She rolled it down. I asked if she was OK. She stopped crying for a minute, looked at me and burst into hysterics all over again.

"I can't take it anymore!" She wailed. "Storm after storm!"

I thought about my daughter and decided to handle it with a glass-half-full attitude. So I suggested she look at the bright side of it. She stopped crying for a minute and stared at me. I had to continue.

"Do you have a gym membership?" I asked.

"What does that have to do with anything?"

"What's the first thing you do every morning?"

"Shovel my car out of my driveway! Every morning there is a wall of snow in front of my driveway six feet high and four feet wide! What good is clearing the roads if nobody can get out onto them? I have a job to keep!"

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She stared at me, eyes wide as I continued. "Do you have kids?"

"One."

"Forget the snowman. There is so much of this white bleep on the ground you could build a snow city – complete with high-rise buildings, avenues and super-stores. Your kid will think you're the greatest mom of all time. Look at all this stuff. It's maddening!"

"Could you give me a push?" She whispered.

It took a few minutes, but we straightened her out and she was on her way.

I climbed into my vehicle. It could be worse. You could be on a beach in Florida, sweat pouring down the front of your face when the air is so thick with humidity you could die breathing.

I know. It's the glass thing again, isn't it?

Jon Simonds is a contributing writer for the Reporter and lives in North Waterboro.

NEWFIELD TOWN MEETING

(Continued from page 1)

Fire Department, there was no water on site and the roof had to be replaced as well. The town's insurance company refused to cover the building without extensive work being done, which municipal officers felt was not cost effective.

If approved, the new recycling center would be built after the selectboard goes out to bid for the project.

Also during polling between 1 to 5 p.m. at the Newfield Town Hall on South Effingham Road, residents will decide whether to reelect Bruce Colwell to the board of selectpersons and vote for two members of the school board. Colwell is running unopposed and no one is running for either the two- or the three-year vacancy on the Regional School Unit 57 Board of Directors.

Town meeting will convene at

7 p.m. at Line School on Route 11, where appropriating \$70,000 to re-evaluate the town's real estate will be considered. "...(T)his will bring property values back into fair market value," said the selectpersons in a letter published in the town report. "Thus lowering the state valuation and reducing the amount of monies required by our school district." A reevaluation, which Maine law requires of municipalities every 10 years, was last done in Newfield in 2005.

Residents will discuss setting aside \$5,000 to begin saving for the construction of a salt/sand shed as well as \$25,000 for the Capital Improvement (C.I.P.) Building Fund, an increase from \$8,000 approved last year. It is anticipated that dedicated funds may be used to build an addition to the public safety building to use as town offices and public space.

If residents approve, the three members of the selectboard will see an annual increase in their stipends of \$250 each, up from

\$5,000 each. Members of the board took a cut in 2010, when their stipends decreased from \$5,150 to \$5,000, according to the town report.

Other town employees who would see a raise in their paychecks include the general assistance administrator, treasurer, town clerk/tax collector and the deputy, the registrar of voters, the secretary, the constable/animal control officer, the cemetery commissioner, the code enforcement officer and the fire chief. If passed, the total payroll would increase from \$97,200.80 to \$101,260.84.

An addendum will be added to the warrant that asks residents if they want to receive a tax bill in April in addition to the one now mailed in October. According to secretary Ann Dailey, semiannual billing would cut down on the interest charged when Newfield has to borrow every year in anticipation of receiving revenue from real estate taxes.

OBITUARIES

Albert Smith

Albert Smith, 74, of Sanford, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014 at the Greenwood Center in Sanford.

Albert was born in Parsonsfield on March 17, 1939 a son of Andrew and Abbie (Sprague) Smith and attended school in East Parsonsfield. Albert was drawn to the woods and worked for 33 years logging and cutting wood for Ernie Belleau. Even when he was with his two brothers, Ronnie and Arthur; whatever chores that needed to be done, some part of the day would be spent in the woods. Some folks are drawn to "city living" – Albert was a man who connected with nature. It was as if the trees spoke to him.

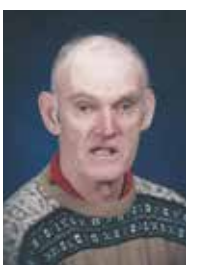
Albert lived in Parsonsfield for many years before moving to Sanford to live with his sister Virginia and her husband Donald. They enjoyed working in their flower and vegetable gardens. He loved to put puzzles together and play board games. When the radio was turned on, it was country music or sometimes gospel. He owned a variety of video tapes and watched tons of movies. He was proud to be known as a "homebody." Albert

was a man of few words, but believed that family came first. He will be missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his five sisters, Virginia Smith of Sanford; Irene Carle of Sanford, Elizabeth Langley of Acton, Ruthie Carle of West Newfield and Margaret Smith of So. Effingham, NH; two brothers, Arthur and Ronald Smith both of Parsonsfield and several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, Feb. 28, 2014 at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street in Alfred, at 1 p.m., with Pastor Rick Leach, officiating. Committal prayers and burial will be later in the spring at the Center Effingham Cemetery.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com. The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.



Albert Smith

Service Announcement

A Celebration of Life Service for Gregory Robert Carter, 50, of East Waterboro, will be held on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at the Alfred Parish Church, 12 Kennebunk Road, in Alfred at 1:30 p.m.

A time for memories, stories, and the opportunity for you to share a photograph with Greg's family on a special tribute board, will be held next to the church in the Hobbs Room. Refreshments will be served.

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SPORTS

State Champ Everett first at Nokomis

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
mdeangelis@waterbororeporter.com

Senior Tyler Everett brought home the gold at the New England Wrestling Qualifier, held Thursday, Feb. 20 at Nokomis Regional High School.

The top four wrestlers from Class A, B and C, based on the regional results from the week prior, were invited to participate. Everett, who wrestles in the 126-pound division, was the top seed from Class A thanks to a perfect day at Noble on Feb. 15.

"It was nice to win regionals, but I made sure I worked hard at practice for Nokomis," he said.

A four-in-the-morning wake-up time doesn't make it easy, as the Mustangs convoy was set to depart well before sunrise for the ride north.

"I drive up with my parents instead of on the bus so I can sleep, and I knew I had a first-round bye, so I was in a routine I like to be in," said Everett, who brings several changes of clothes so he can shower between matches to refresh.

"I had a break before the final, so I hit the showers," he said with a chuckle.

The routine must work since Everett, who also received the MVP award for Massabesic's varsity football team, posted a stellar 52-2 record this year and an eye-popping 168-12 career mark.

His day at Nokomis began with a pin of James Blanchette of Mount View. He followed with a major decision win, 13-1, over

Dylan Dahlbergh of Maine Central Institute.

His win over Jacob Thornton of Mountain Valley, a pin early in the final period, capped Everett's trip to the top of the podium.

"The team is always in the back of your head, especially at the big invitational meets that are really team based...the qualifier is an individual competition really, one that's pretty big," said Everett, who will study environmental engineering at the University of Maine at Orono in the fall.

But before that, Everett has more work to do. "Straight conditioning this week leading up to the New England Championships next week," he said.

Risti third at Nokomis

Mike Risti (195) was third at the New England Wrestling Qualifier held Thursday, Feb. 20 at Nokomis Regional High School.

Risti pinned Jared Gilbert of Camden Hills just :37 seconds into his first match, but he fell in his next match to Michael Curtis of Wells, who had beaten Risti earlier this year, which pushed him into the consolation bracket.

The Mustang junior pinned Bucksport's Kanepest Hilaire early in period two and he won the consolation bracket, and captured third place overall with a rematch pin of Gilbert at 1:42.

Risti will head to the New England Championships with 126-pound champion and teammate Tyler Everett on March 8.

Limerick residents to decide on town land and more

By SHELLEY BURBANK
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Elections will take place and issues will be decided when the town of Limerick holds its annual secret ballot vote and town meeting March 7 and 8.

In the only contested race at the polls, Wendy Thorne will be challenged by Howard Burnham and Roland "Sonny" LePage for her seat on the board of selectmen.

This year, residents will also be asked if they want to raise \$6,000 for employee health insurance and \$150,000 for the purchase of 11.6 acres on Washington Street for future municipal purposes. The land could be used for a new public safety building and was recommended by an 8-1 vote of the Fire Station Building Committee as the best of three sites considered out of an original field of 12.

Articles 12 and 13 asks voters if they want to spend \$3,000 each on efforts to control the spread of invasive aquatic species at Lake Arrowhead and Sokokis. The money for Lake Arrowhead will go to the Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council, which acts to control milfoil. The money for

Sokokis Lake is for the public boat ramp where inspectors look to make sure no invasive plants are coming in and out of the lake.

Article 16 concerns a zoning change for a property on Central Avenue which abuts the new Sanford Institute for Savings building.

Selectmen had no recommendation on the Sokokis Lake Boat Ramp question and the land purchase question, but recommended approving all others. The Budget Committee recommended a no vote on all articles except the zoning question.

Voters will also decide on raising and appropriating funds for various nonprofit organizations; many have requested \$500.

In other elections, Sandra Waugh and Stacey Dudley are seeking re-election for three year terms as trustees of the Limerick Public Library.

There are three seats on the planning board open. Aaron Carroll and Ilene Dashner are both running, and there is a spot available for a write-in candidate for the third seat.

Many positions this year are open to write-in candidates with no one running, including two

spots on the Budget Committee, two RSU 57 Director positions, one Limerick Sewage District Trustee seat and one Limerick Water District Trustee position have no candidates listed on the ballot and will be write-in elections.

Unlike years past, the selectmen decided that the 2013 Town Report will not be mailed to residents. The report has been printed in a larger format with a spiral binding and became available Thursday, Feb. 27 at the Municipal Building. An electronic version will also be available on the town's website at www.limerickme.org. Those who would like a town report mailed to them are asked to call the selectmen's office.

The polls will be open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday, March 7 at the municipal building at 55 Washington St., where 14 articles will be decided. Town meeting will convene at the Brick Town Hall Saturday, March 8 at 9:30 a.m., when the report will be reviewed and questions on the municipal budget will be decided. The Research Club of Limerick will be running the sandwich, snack and beverage table again this year during lunchtime.

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- Serving as a member on the Board of Appeals for 17 years has giving me the opportunity to keep informed of past and present zoning changes.
- I was also a member of the Limerick Development Corporation.

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