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Riding snowmobiles to school

Sacopec Valley High School students can ride their snowmobiles to school thanks to easy trail access and a designated parking area provided at the school, as well as safety education.

COURTESY PHOTO

Teaching students responsibility and respect

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Sacopec Valley named for its placement between the Saco and Ossipee Rivers, is full of snowmobile trails along and between these rivers, including the land behind the Sacopec Valley campus, from the Sacopec Valley Elementary School (just beyond the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds) to the high school.

Every year, when the snow flies for the first time, students approach the administration, asking if they can ride their snowmobiles to school. Following some issues in the past, in recent years the school administration has not allowed snowmobiles to be parked on school grounds during school hours.

In general, snowmobiles are not allowed on school grounds, and signs are posted in various access points where the trailheads

open up towards the school. But, for generations, students at Sacopec Valley High have been riding their snowmobiles to school, riding these trails and parking their sleds out back.

"I grew up in this area, and we used to ride our sleds to school," said Scott Day, President of the Sacopec Valley Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club. "I think the kids should be able to ride their sleds to school. They need to follow the rules and use a little common sense."

In the past, there was no formal written procedure regarding rules and regulations when it comes to riding snowmobiles to school. But that is now changing. School administrators saw this as a "teachable moment." The School Resource Officer, Deputy Christina Sugars, and High School Principal Britt Wolfe

brought in two local Game Wardens to talk to the students who want to ride about responsible riding. They also contacted the Sacopec Valley Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club Trail Master, Billy Day, to work with kids to put up signs and ribbons on the sides of the trails. They worked together to develop rules and regulations, as well as a registration process with parent permission to allow students to properly and responsibly park snowmobiles at school.

Snowmobiles now have a designated parking area behind the Custodian's garage. "Our goal is to teach kids about responsibility," said Wolfe. "We want to work with the community to show that our students are responsible citizens, and to remind them that reckless behavior endangers the privilege of others."

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Skaters having a ball at the Carle's Corner Ice Rink in Waterboro, located on Route 5 behind the Taylor House Museum. See page 4 for related story. COURTESY PHOTO

Cousens School project forced to a second vote

By BRIGIT MCCALLUM
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There will be Special Town Meeting in Lyman on Monday, Feb. 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the town hall, to address the funding of the Cousens School Renovation Project. This expenditure originally received a positive vote at the annual town meeting last November, but a Treasurer's Statement was omitted in the article on the warrant for the meeting, necessitating a re-vote on the measure.

In November, voters were asked whether they wished to renovate the Cousens School building, and the vote was affirmative. This was followed by the question of whether or not to authorize up to \$893,000 in general obligation bonds and an additional amount of up to \$250,000 from the unassigned reserve fund (surplus) for a total cost of \$1,143,000.00 for renovations of the Cousens School building for the purpose of holding the municipal offices and a new community center. That vote also passed, but later it was discovered, according to Selectboard Chair Nancy Harrison, that "Due to the oversight on the part of a lot of professionals, the town treasurer, attorney and se-



lectboard members, the mandated statement from the treasurer saying that the town is in a sound state, financially, was not included in the November warrant article." When asked her role in the absence of the statement, the town's Treasurer Lisa Vargas said she did not write the article. "I didn't even see the wording myself until I looked at my absentee ballot," said Vargas. As a result, according to Nancy Harrison, "We need to have a conversation on the matter and revote funding for the project."

The article on the warrant for Monday's meeting was intended by town officials to be identical to the one on the ballot last November, but the inclusion of the Treasurer's Statement introduced the cost of interest on the bond, which

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A museum in Newfield, formerly know as 19th Century Willowbrook Village is re-opening under new ownership and will be called the 19th Century Curran Homestead Village. COURTESY PHOTO

Newfield museum has a new name

As many have come to know, 19th Century Willowbrook closed its' doors in Newfield on Oct. 10, 2016 after 47 seasons. With the closing, some eight organizations became the beneficiaries of parts of its collection, the largest being the Curran Homestead Living History Farm and Museum in Orrington, who received the lion's share of the collection as well as its buildings and property. Own-

ership of the property became official on Jan. 1, and the site will henceforth be known as 19th Century Curran Homestead Village at Newfield. The 2017 schedule of events for both the Newfield and Orrington campuses can be found on the Curran's website. www.curranhomestead.org.

An ice harvest with draft horse pulled bobsled rides is planned in (Continued on page 7)

ALFRED

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Yoga for preschoolers

Youngsters can enjoy Yoga as much, or even more, than their parents. Proof of that happens at the Tuesday morning story hours in Alfred. Exercise mats are spread out on the floor, a clapping rhyme is repeated, and a story is read, "The Napping House" by Yoga instructor Christine Hall. They make

"bunny ears" with their fingers. Then they get down to business by taking three breaths, reaching to the sky, sitting down and touching toes.

Stuffed animals are passed out, to carry on their heads while they walk across the community room and back. Some make it, some don't. Three of them brought their mothers or grandmothers with them, some of whom joined in. Keeping your animal on your head improves balance.

The hour concluded with another story by Karen Spiliopoulos, assistant librarian. There were seven youngsters taking part, Henry and baby sister Vivian, Niko, Adele and Nellie, Grayson and Aria. There are usually more. The Yoga sessions are held on the last Tuesday of the month and all preschoolers are welcome to take part.

Klondike Derby

One of the big events of the year for the Boy Scouts is the Klondike Derby, to be held this year at the "Lyman Hut" near the Bunganut soccer fields in Lyman. Alfred's Boy Scout troop has recently joined with the Lyman/Waterboro Scout Troop 399 and will be participating in the event on Friday and Saturday, Feb 3 & 4. leave this Friday for the Feb. 4 event.

The troops construct sleds which are pulled to each station where they earn badges by exhibiting skills. This year they are identified by counties; the "Aroos-

took ropes "will exhibit rope tying; Cumberland will do sled racing; Washington does fire starting skills; Lincoln county is the lunch station, etc. Each of the thirteen counties provides an opportunity to practice a skill.

The derby concludes Saturday afternoon. Devra Holmquist, Troop 399 Committee Secretary, is chairman of the event, assisted by members of the Klondike Planning Committee.

Troop 399 is sponsored by the Waterboro Lions Club and is always looking for new scouts, ages 11-18. If interested, contact Tom Cormier, Troop 399 Scout Master at tomcormier@securspeed.us.

Design Review Committee

The town's newest committee, adopted at the December town meeting, is the Design Review Committee. Its purpose is to develop guidelines to enhance the town's attraction to residents and visitors "as well review commercial development "and advise the planning board of their recommendations at a joint meeting." The committee is advisory only.

Those who had agreed to be on the committee met with the selectmen this past Tuesday and were sworn in by the town clerk. They include Jim Allaire, Jesse Greer, Bruce Tucker, Dottie Guinard and David Joy who had brought Sanford's Review Committee guidelines to the meeting.

WATERBORO

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Waterboro Community Pantry opening

The Waterboro Community Pantry will open its doors on Tuesday, Feb. 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. Regular hours will begin and the pantry will be open the first Tuesday of each month, from 4 to 7 p.m. On the other Tuesdays, the pantry will be open 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.

Librarian Ruth Blake to retire

After 24 years at Waterboro Public Library, Ruth Blake, Library Director and Children's Librarian, will be retiring from that position on Feb. 23. Ruth plans to stay on part time until her successor is hired and ready to go to work. Many patrons who once attended story hour with Miss Ruth over the years are coming by with their own children to say thank you.

Patron Appreciation Week at library

Patron Appreciation Week, an annual celebration, will take place from Feb. 7 through 14 at the library. Valentine Day crafts and card-making supplies will be on hand as well as treats to eat. Residents are invited to drop by and make a card of other project for that special person.

Knitting Group continues

The Waterboro Library hosts a knitting group the second and fourth Monday of each month. The next meeting is Monday, Feb. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the library. Beginner and experienced knitters are invited to bring a project to work on. Coffee will be provided.

Lions Blood drive

The Massabesic Lions Club will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Massabesic Regional Medical Center, 813 Maine Street in Waterboro. The drive will be held Friday, Feb. 10 from noon to 5 p.m. Donors can call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

MHS collecting milk jugs for igloo

Massabesic High School is collecting gallon milk jugs for their winter carnival on Feb. 25. They will be used to make an igloo at the carnival and may be left at Parsons Library in Alfred.

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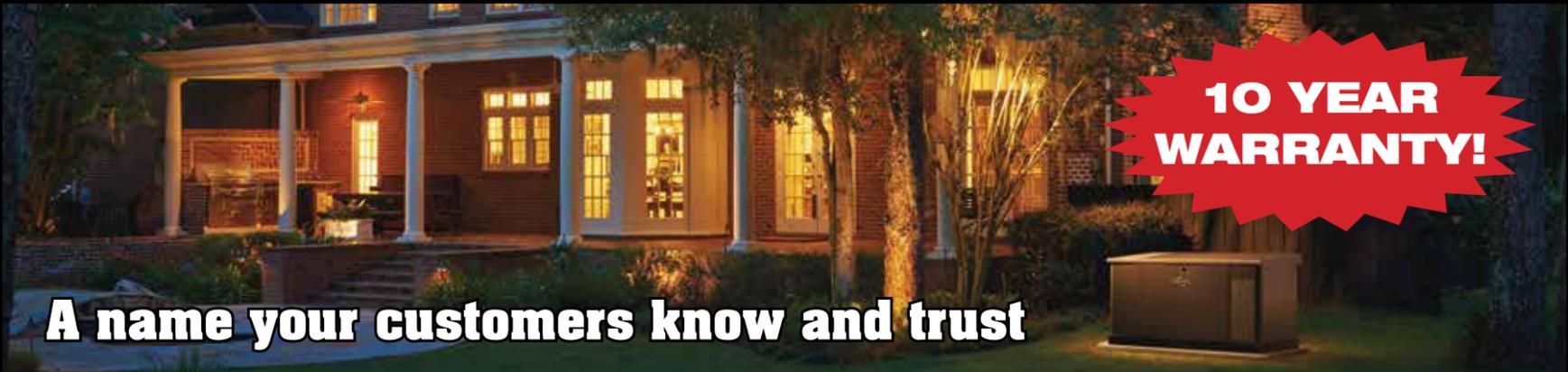
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SPECIAL MEETING
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adds 1.8 to 4.3 percent to the total, depending on the date of maturity. If the Treasurer's Statement had been on the November warrant, the interest rate in effect at that time would have been included, so, while proponents are asking for the same amount of money as last time, inclusion of interest costs has the effect of making it look like a larger amount.

Nate Poissant, chair of the former town committee that did the prep work to bring the Cousens School question before the voters last November, is disappointed that the re-vote is needed at all, and that the new wording cannot be the same, because, "We wanted the wording to be done the same way, to maintain our integrity and avoid the appearance that we were trying to slide one by on the taxpayers and those who voted for the renovation project, which was over 1,700 people."

As the article will be presented to voters, the Selectboard recommends a "Yes," and the Budget Committee recommends a, "No" vote. There are six members on the Budget Committee, and according to Harrison, "They never voted, there was no second on the vote at their last meeting," and Poissant reports that, "Only three of the committee members attended their last meeting and two of those were opposed." Poissant adds, "I am disappointed we are in this situation and an outspoken minority is trying to go against the will of the townspeople."

Former Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Registrar of Voters

Shirley Harrison is opposed to spending the money at this time to move the town hall to the Cousens School. She recalls asking, at the time the current town hall was under vote, whether there was room behind and to the sides of the proposed new site for future expansion, and was told that there was. Shirley Harrison is a member of the Budget Committee that has recommended a "No" vote on the measure, but wished to speak as a citizen of the town, in saying "investments over the past years in a generator and new vault are expensive improvements that have been made in the current facility, and that with planning by professionals, office spaces could be made efficient enough without moving to a new site."

While she is in favor of a community center being established at the school, Harrison also feels concern that the Cousens site may end up costing more than current estimates, asking, "What if the assessment of and sale of the current town hall site don't bring in anticipated revenues, and if future development of that site requires a zone change?"

In contrast, Poissant still feels strongly that the project can be completed for the budget figure of \$1,143,000. "If we now need even the maximum amount of \$1,193,000 due to interest charges, there is still enough wiggle room to absorb this nominal increase, if necessary."

He believes that the Cousens School Renovation Project meant a lot to himself, the committee and the majority of the taxpayers. He contends that, "It allows us to address the capacity issues that

are currently present at the town hall, anticipate future growth needs, define a space for community activities and groups, while being a symbol of not only our past but our future."

The Special Town Meeting will allow citizens to discuss the matter and then vote. The vote will be by a show of hands, un-

less a secret ballot is requested. If the vote is a positive one, the project will proceed as voted back in November. If it is negative, the question will not go away, and town leaders will have to again figure out how to fund the project that was approved by taxpayers. According to Poissant the town cannot decide to forgo the project

or sell the building without voter approval. "Hopefully we can come together as a unified town to address this technicality," said Poissant.

The Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 6, at 5:30 at the Lyman Town Hall, 11 South Waterboro Road. For more information call 799-7562.

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TOWN OF LYMAN



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Lyman will be holding a Special Town Meeting on Feb. 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lyman Town Hall – 11 South Waterboro Road, Lyman, to address the funding of the Cousens School renovation project. This meeting will be to revote the following warrant to include the previously omitted Treasurers Statement listed below. All town residents are encouraged to attend this Special Town Meeting.

Special Town Meeting Agenda

- Call to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Floor Discussion on warrant, facts, plans and financing
- Open Vote on the following article:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of up to \$893,000 in general obligation bonds and notes in anticipation of such bonds, and the appropriation of such amount and an additional amount of up to \$250,000 from the unassigned reserve fund (surplus) for a total cost and appropriation of \$1,143,000 to finance and pay for costs of the design, construction and equipping of renovations and improvements to the Cousens School for use as Town offices and a community center, with the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s), and other details of the bonds or notes (including provisions that the bonds may be subject to call) (or redemption with or without premium) to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen recommends a "Yes" vote.
The Budget Committee recommends a "No" vote.

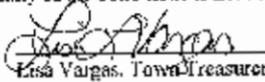
Total estimated debt service of this bond issue is \$1,221,496.85, of which principal is \$893,000 and estimated interest at rates ranging from 1.80% to 4.30% depending on the year of maturity, over 20 years, is \$328,496.85.

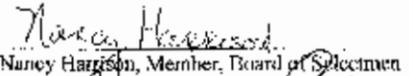
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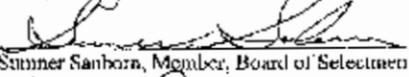
The issuance of bonds by the Town of Lyman (the "Town") is one of the ways in which the Town borrows money for certain purposes. The following is a summary of the bonded indebtedness of the Town as of the date of this Town Meeting:

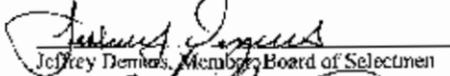
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Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$ -0-
Total to be Repaid on Bonds Issued	\$ -0-
Additional Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$ -0-
Potential New Interest on Bonds Not Yet Issued	\$ -0-
Total Additional Bonds (now proposed) to be Issued if Approved by Voters	\$893,000
Estimate of Potential New Interest on Proposed Bonds	\$328,496.85
Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued and Estimated Interest if Approved by Voters:	\$1,221,496.85

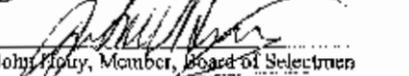
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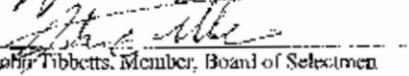

 Lisa Vargas, Town Treasurer


 Nancy Harrison, Member, Board of Selectmen

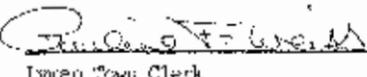

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 Lyman Town Clerk
 January 18, 2017

GETTING FIT LOCALLY

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Are you one of the 66% of Americans who set a fitness goal for your New Year's Resolution? Are you one of the one in three Americans who had trouble sticking to your goals, who maybe didn't make it to the end of January? Well, it's not too late to get into shape! And you don't have to do it alone. You don't have to pay money for a gym membership or to take an exercise class to get some exercise and get fit. You could spend some time in the great outdoors – even in winter!

Ice Skating

This weekend, Feb. 3-5 is Great Maine Outdoor Weekend. A great time to get out there and try something!

Ever thought about ice skating? Maybe it's something you did as a kid, but haven't done in a while? Maybe you've never laced up a pair of skates? Well now is the time to do it.

For the 4th year, Sacopee Valley Recreation Council is offering Learn to Skate lessons for the next two Sundays, Feb. 5 and 12, from 1-2 p.m. at the Sacopee Valley Rec. ice rink, next to the Horizons Building

at the Sacopee Valley Elementary School in South Hiram. Don't have any skates? That's okay. People have donated skates over the years, and over 30 pair hang by size in the Horizons Building for you to borrow for the afternoon, the month, or even the rest of the season. You're out of excuses!

Sacopee Valley senior Eddie Dixon of Cornish teaches the skating lessons. Dixon has been skating since he was young. "I lived across the street from a mill pond where my Dad made a rink, and my parents would take me and my brother," said Dixon. According to Dixon and Sacopee Valley Rec. Coordinator Erica Guptill, there have been great turnouts for the last two sessions, with about 15 kids each time. "We practice skating and stopping, using your edges, balancing, and then play some games and have relay races," explained Dixon. Guptill explained that they tie two milk crates together to give beginners something to lean on and push around the rink to help maintain balance.

Dixon approached friend and classmate Hannah Manchester to assist. Manchester also has many years of experience with skating and has a love for it. "I was thrilled," said Manchester.



Learn to Skate instructor and Sacopee Valley High School senior Eddie Dixon, right, of Cornish, leading kids at the Sacopee Valley Rec. Ice Rink in South Hiram. COURTESY PHOTO

"Teaching these kids how to skate is an amazing experience. You can't get the connection you get with these kids by simply sitting and watching them. Actually interacting with them and knowing they really want to learn is really heartwarming."

Another friend and classmate, Kathleen Tims, is also interested in helping, but hasn't had the opportunity yet. "I've never had the chance to teach kids how to skate, but I love helping our young kids!" Tims is a tutor at the high school and helps with the 5th grade math team at the middle school as part of her community service.

Sacopee Middle School Tech Lead Heath Cormier has also assisted. "This is a great way to get the younger generation involved in learning a new hobby or sport," said Cormier. "Last week we had about 12 kids who ranged in ages from 5-12 on the ice for the lesson which was amazing to see. There were another five or six older skaters on the ice as well doing their own lessons." So, they are not all kids.

The Learn to Skate Program was started by Zach Fyler who ran it for a couple of years, even returning from college to teach. But when Fyler moved away, there was concern if it would continue. But not to worry. "Volunteers have always come to us," said Coordinator Guptill.

And thank goodness they have come. Last year, there was an issue with the drains and it wouldn't hold water. The weather didn't help either. It had to be closed for the season. Dixon mentioned his interest in helping rebuild and maintain the rink at that time and later was approached by members of the Rec. Council regarding meeting with community members to get the ice rink back. When Cormier heard about it, he also became involved. "We met through the summer and rebuilt the rink, replacing boards and resealcoating the pavement surface," explained Dixon. "Once the cold weather came, we began to make ice and have continued to since."

"I took the rink for granted when I was in grade school because it was always well main-

tained," said Cormier. "It was eye opening to not have access to it last year, and I now realize how much time and effort go into maintaining a community rink like this." Both Cormier and Guptill agreed that thanks to some very devoted community member volunteers, the rink has been skatable for the last two months and looks good for the rest of the season (weather permitting). A big Thank You to Mark Bolton, Bryan Boothby, Mike Childs, Eddie Dixon, Stephanie Dixon, Lars Fossum, John Leavitt, Tim McLaughlin, Jim and Nancy Stanley, Jim Tripp, Peter Campbell and Peter Zack. "Without these individuals, the rink would be unusable today," said Cormier. "They know how important the rink is in the winter time for the community," Cormier continued. "It keeps the youth active and gets people out of their homes doing something during the winter months."

Dixon and Cormier are both hockey players and say that
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ICE HOCKEY

McClure hits century mark Nets 100th point for MOB hockey

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Tanner McClure scored his 100th point for Massabesic/Old Orchard/Bonny Eagle (MOB) varsity hockey against Portland/Deering (PD) on Saturday, Jan. 28. The senior captain added a little style to the milestone, by potting a hat trick and helping MOB to a clutch 8-6 win over PD (7-5).

McClure scored a huge goal, his first, with just 2 seconds left in the middle period to give MOB some much needed life as the goal cut the PD lead to a manageable 4-2. MOB completed the comeback with a five goal third.

He was named assistant cap-

tain of MOB his sophomore season, rewarding head coach Loren Blair with 10 goals and 14 assists during a time when the program was still in the building phase.

Last year as a junior, and captain, McClure had a superb season, leading Class A South in points with 43. He turned in a balanced 21 goals and 22 assists. Currently a senior captain, McClure has eight goals and 15 assists; his 23 points are good for third overall.

McClure said his parents got him skating at age two after a difficult early childhood, made so as a result of being born prematurely.

"They were told that my lungs needed to get stronger and that sports would help, so they put me



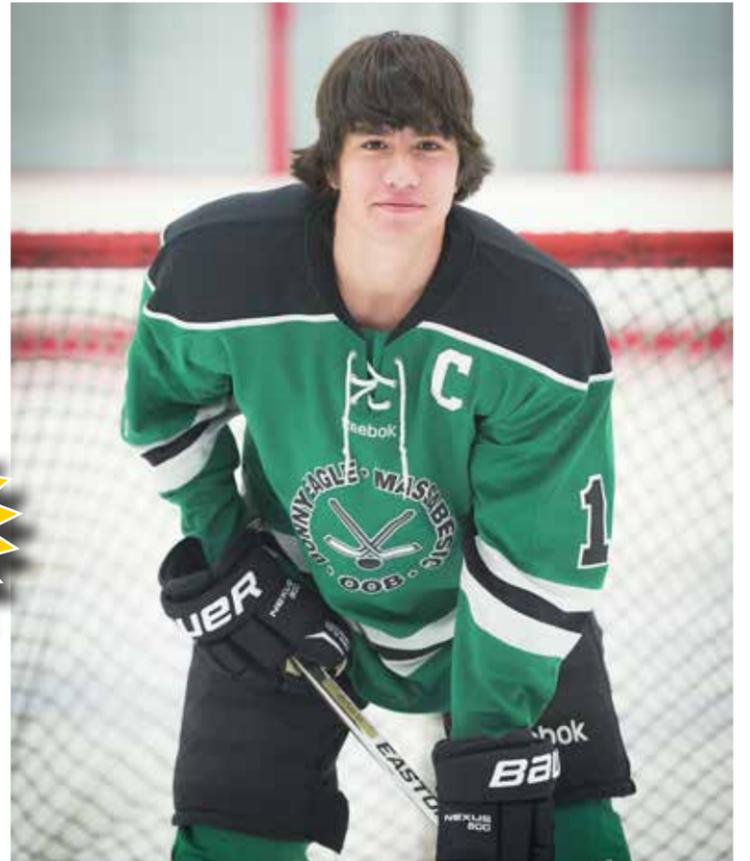
on skates," he said.

McClure played on a line early this year with another MOB standout Brandon Caron, but after a tough 0-3 start to the season, head coach Loren Blair and assistant coach Andy Schreffinger made a decision to put Caron back on defense, where he plays regularly on other squads and move Mustangs Cam Goodrich and Tyler Ouellette onto the wings surrounding center McClure.

Things have clicked ever since as MOB has gone 5-1-1 following the move, banging home 36 goals in the process, while yielding 24 and in four of the wins they've given up three goals or less.

McClure, who plays varsity lacrosse as well, said he wants to play college hockey, but thinks a junior program is the best idea first. "I need to get stronger, so I'm looking at junior programs, but still need to decide," he said.

Currently, McClure has 47 career goals and 55 assists. He lives in Buxton with parents Brian and Michelle and older sister Danielle.



Tanner McClure, a Bonny Eagle High School senior and captain on the MOB hockey team, scored his 100th point on Jan. 28.

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WRESTLING

Mat men fall on senior night Derosier to take middle school helm

Sanford topped host Massabesic 44-23 in varsity wrestling on senior night, Wednesday, Feb. 1. The evening was going to be a bittersweet one as longtime coach and wrestling mentor Rick Derosier announced that he would be moving from high school coach to middle school coach after the current season.

An outpouring of support and well-wishes from former and current wrestlers, parents and faculty filled social media after the match on West Road in Waterboro.

On the mat it was Leo Amabile (113) pinning Ethan Trumble and Matthew Pooler (152) pinning Sam Lapenta for the two Mustang wins.

Sanford, who looks poised for a deep run at regionals, got wins from Travis Dionne (126); Cooper Vangesian (132); Kwan Chneang (138); Reece Lachance (145); Sam Anderson (160); Issac Planthe (170), Jackson Nickerson (182) and Thalid Kinkade (195).

INDOOR TRACK

Tracking second

The Mustang men totalled 80 points and the lady Mustangs had 92.5, both good for second place, at a three team track and field meet held Thursday, Jan 26 at USM.

Noble was first with 110 from the ladies and 169 from the men and Marshwood finished third with 65.5 for the ladies and 14 for the men.

Jarrod Hooper won the long jump (Jared Vigue second) and he was runner-up in the 800. Alex Swett won the two-mile with a 10:17.87 and he was third in the

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A hot MOB

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
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Brandon Caron scored two third period goals, Tanner McClure assisting on both, and Massabesic/Old Orchard/Bonny Eagle (MOB) varsity hockey escaped with a 2-2 tie against Gorham at USM on Tuesday, Jan. 31. The tie gave them a 5-1-1 mark over the last seven contests.

The Rams got on the board in the first period on a goal by Lucas Roop and they made it 2-0 with the lone goal of the middle period.

Caron cut the lead in half at 9:42 of the third and he tied with

just under three minutes to play in regulation. Gorham outshot MOB in OT 5-4, but the overall tally was 26-17 MOB.

On Saturday, Jan. 28 MOB won a wild 8-6 affair over Portland/Deering (PD). After falling behind 4-1, McClure scored a key goal with 5 seconds left in the second period and a five goal third period completed the comeback. McClure completed the hat trick with two goals in the third. Caron finished with two goals and one assist, Tyler Ouellette and Cam Roy (2A) each had goals as did Alex Demers. Goalie Kyle McKay made 24 saves and was credit with two assists.

BASKETBALL

Storm drops Mustangs

Kenzy Ouellette had 25-points, 12 in the third quarter, but it wasn't enough to lift the lady Mustangs over a solid Scarborough (13-1) squad, who took a 58-53 win at Massabesic on Friday, Jan. 27. Skylar Renaud had 14 points and Emily Stinson had eight.

Massabesic was seeking its fourth consecutive win after starting the year 0-10. They fell to host Cheverus 71-44 on Tuesday, Jan. 31 to put their record at 3-12. The Mustangs finish with a game at Portland, Friday, Feb. 3, at Noble on Tuesday, Feb. 7 and home versus Sanford on Thursday, Feb. 9.

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SNOWMOBILES

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The Snowdrifters reinforced that. "It's important to obey the signs and stay on marked trails so everybody can enjoy our trails," said President Scott Day. The Snowdrifters maintain over 35 miles of trails through Parsonsfield, Porter and South Hiram. Their trails also connect to trails maintained by clubs in the neighboring towns of Brownfield, Cornish, Hiram, Limerick and Newfield. On the home page of their website it reads, "Our trail system exists through the generosity of local landowners. We ask that you be respectful of their property by staying on the marked trails and carry out what you carry in. Please adhere to snowmobiling safety practices by riding right, riding sober, at reasonable speeds, using hand signals, and yielding to trail groomers. This will help ensure that we will have trails to ride for many seasons to come. The use of our trails is a privilege, not a right."

Riding snowmobiles to school is certainly something that makes Sacopee unique. For senior Brandon Burnell, it is his first year riding his snowmobile to school. "It's important (to have this privilege) because if I want to ride to school and then go riding with my friends after, I can. We like to ride together and have fun."

Senior Blake Drowns from Porter, who has been snowmobiling since he was 9 or 10, agreed. "It gives us riders a chance to enjoy the outdoors before we have to go to school." Drowns said he has ridden to school maybe ten times, but also has his own vehicle and can

drive to school.

DJ Shea of Hiram, also a senior, said that he got the parent permission slip signed so that he would be able to bring his sled to school. "It's fun - my buddies and I usually ride around the trails after school." He's been riding since he was a kid, and has ridden to school five times or so thus far.

Shea and his family are joining the Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club. "It would be nice if more people got involved in their local clubs," Day added. Certainly, local clubs have a lot to offer with their membership. The Snowdrifters membership includes a subscription to the Maine Snowmobile Association and insurance coverage. In addition, the club offers a Scholarship Program of \$500 that is awarded to a worthy Sacopee Senior. Preference is given to members or immediate family members of landowners. The Snowdrifters meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Kezar Falls Fire Station. Their upcoming Poker Rally is at the end of this month, on Feb. 26. Registration is from 9 a.m. to noon at the Sacopee Valley Elementary School in South Hiram. For more information, visit www.sacopeevalleysnowdrifters.org or find them on Facebook.

Other local snowmobile clubs include Ossipee Mountaineers Snowmobile Club in Waterboro, www.ossipeemountaineers.com, the Limington Crankers Snowmobile Club, Route 11 Streakers Snowmobile Club in Limerick and Newfield, Hollis Honkers Snowmobile Club in Hollis and the Sokokis Riders Snowmobile Club in Buxton - find them on Facebook.

SPORTS

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800. Donovan Duffy won the one-mile and he was third (Jacob About second) in the 2-mile.

Jebediah Johnson was second in the 600, Adam Cloutier was third. Andrew Cloutier was runner-up in the triple jump.

Logan Champlin won the 55-meter dash and the 200 and Moriah Biener won the high jump and triple jump for the lady Mustangs. Kylie Johnson won the one-mile in 5:43.05 and she was runner-up in the pole vault.

Sarah Cloutier won the two-mile with a 13:44.32.

Leah Ryan was second and Teneyce Nadeau third in a Mustang top three sweep in the 55-meter dash.

SPORTS

SWIMMING

Lady Mustangs outswim Bulldogs

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The varsity girls' swim team won just 5 of 11 events, but collected 98-points, well ahead of Portland's 67, to lift them to a win at the Springvale YMCA on Thursday, Jan. 26.

Amanda Dudley and Joanna LaFrance each were a part of three wins.

Dudley won the 200-freestyle with a 2:14.37 and her 1:00.94 in the 100-freestyle was also best. She swam anchor in the 200-freestyle-relay, won by the Mustangs

with a 1:57.22. Jamie Dee was first off the blocks, followed by Joanna LaFrance and sister Sophia.

Joanna LaFrance won the 100-breaststroke with a 1:23.43 and her third gold came in the 100-butterfly (1:16.89).

VanTassell wins twice

Joel VanTasell won the 200IM and the 500-freestyle, the only two events won by the Mustangs, and Portland took a 98-56 win in the pool at the Springvale YMCA on Thursday, Jan. 26.

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From left, Joe Osei, Jacob LeBrun (Champion), Kalee Boonstra, Kendra Stackpole, Noah Bryan (2nd Place), Collin Clark, Nate Guimond, Jason Soloniewicz and Dylan Stacey. (Not pictured, Paytyn Roy).



Lyman Elementary School
Back row, from left, Chelsea Curtis, Virginia LeClerc, Kendra Stackpole, Makayla Smith and Dylan Stacey. Front row, from left, Summer Shea, Isabel Enos, Emelia Theriault, Collin Clark and Noah Bryan. (Not pictured, Paytyn Roy).



Alfred Elementary School
Back row, from left, Max Redman, Byron Belanger, Nate Guimond, Joe Osei, Raymond Bell, Jacob LeBrun, Kalee Boonstra, Trace Ayers, Gavin Soloniewicz and Jacob Morgan. Front row, from left, Kayla Clapp, Lydia Desrochers, Bella Rose Helms, Alex Holmes, Travis Bourgault, Skyler Currier and Nevaeh Bartlett.

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NEWFIELD MUSEUM

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Newfield on Sat., Feb. 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. as well as a season of special events and school field trips. There will be a maple syrup event on March 25. The Curran plans to continue to run the traditional arts programming that became increasingly popular at Willowbrook in recent years but is radically trimming back general visitation in lieu of special events.

The carousel will operate and much of the collection will remain at Newfield as the Curran builds a similar village scenario at its' Orrington location at Fields Pond. There will be weekdays and weekends when the historic houses and carousel ride will be available to the public and the houses will offer many new exhibits.

One new development is the presence of a blacksmith-in-res-

idence at the Newfield site who will teach a variety of new metal arts classes while doing his own commissions and taking on apprentices.

The plan is not to re-create Willowbrook in Penobscot County but to use some of the resources gifted to improve on and develop more hands-on learning experiences that have been part of the identity of this museum since its beginning twenty five years ago; it has been run as a special event museum almost exclusively by volunteers for much of its history. The Willowbrook gift will assist in eventually transforming the Curran Homestead into a year round museum village. Located in the Greater Bangor area with proximity to I-95 and Route 1A, the main thoroughfare to Acadia National Park and Bar Harbor, it holds great promise for the future. At the same time, Curran is interested in continuing to de-

velop school field trip offerings in Newfield and workshops for adults and children.

Curran Board president Ron Sucy said "we are committed to preserving the museum as a learning resource for the community and beyond for as long as we can." Students are now sought for an offering of Cabin Fever Relief classes for ages 8-12 on Feb. 18, 19 and 25 in Newfield. These include classes in hand and foot treadle machine sewing, penny rugging, wool felting, erector set fun, making an electric lamp, birdhouse, toolbox, a log scale stick with retired US Forestry Service forester David Welsch of West Newfield, at the Red Barn Building (the former Christmas Shop) next to the Newfield Post Office. Details are on their website. There are classes in beginning blacksmithing and knife making on the schedule for February as well.

The Curran has already be-

gun construction of their museum village in Orrington raising onto I-beams the Peter Field House, one of seven original structures at the Fields Pond site, to replace its foundation and put in a septic system for modern visitor bathrooms. Their iconic gambrel roofed barn got new sills recently as well.

This project was partially funded by a 2016 Davis Family Foundation grant. A timber frame structure, a woodworkers' shop, was recently put up, and this was actually a collaboration between Willowbrook and Curran. Work on the structure began with an August, 2016 class in timber framing in Newfield under the instruction of Ed Somers of Bridgton.

Construction of another structure will soon be underway at Fields Pond, especially since a large donation from Bill and Dede Bullock has kicked off fundraising. Willowbrook contributed an equal amount from its closedown

to assist in preserving the bulk of the museum's legacy through the Curran Homestead. This structure will be perhaps one of the most important for the Curran as it will be the new Hands-On History Building, an integral component of the museum's plan to provide public and home school programming throughout the year. At the Hands-On History Building at the former Willowbrook there will be much activity coming this May 15-June 16 with more than 600 students now registered and more anticipated for school field trips. Curran Homestead Village at Newfield will be providing the same program, with a few additions, that more than 3,000 school kids have regularly enjoyed each year at the former Willowbrook Museum. The Curran plans to hold an annual gathering and recognition dinner in the area in March for new 2017 members and supporters.

OBITUARIES

Rosemarie L. Furbish

Rosemarie L. Furbish, 95, passed away on Jan. 27, 2017, at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough.



Rosemarie L. Furbish

Rosemarie was born on March 31, 1921 in West Point, New York the daughter of George E. and Emma Reckords. She grew up in West Point and enjoyed telling stories of her childhood.

In 1936, she moved with her family to Sanford where she met the love of her life, Roscoe Furbish in 1942 and married him in 1945. Rosemarie was a valued employee of H.D. Goodall Hospital in the cafeteria for over 20 plus years. She loved cooking and was famous within the family for her congo squares and apple pies.

Rosemarie enjoyed going to the ocean or spending the day at one of the beautiful lakes in the area. She was a talented seamstress and made many of her children's clothes when they were young. She also spent many happy hours

quilting and working on delicate embroidery pieces. Rosemarie traveled to various places, but two of her most memorable trips were to St. Martin Island in the Caribbean with her husband Roscoe. Rosemarie always had a smile on her face and was a kind and gracious person. Her happiest times were spent with her family enjoying their company and having fun.

Rosemarie will be missed by her family, but find comfort knowing that she has been reunited with her beloved husband, Roscoe and her granddaughter, Stacey Lemay.

She is survived by her two daughters, Cheryl Furbish of Miami, Florida and Sharon Goodale and her partner, Paul Shepard of Sanford; her three grandsons, Todd (Ivette) M. Furbish of Coral Springs, Florida; and Allan Goodale and Dillon Shepard of Sanford; 11 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

A funeral service will be held on Feb. 2 at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, Alfred. Committal prayers and burial will be held later in the spring at Oakdale Cemetery.

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

With Rosemarie's love of animals, in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Animal Welfare Society, P.O. Box 43, West Kennebunk, ME 04094.

Michael Lucien Mercier

Michael Lucien Mercier, age 75, passed away quietly at home among family on Feb. 1, 2017. Born in Livermore Falls, and longtime resident of Buxton, he was a proud Veteran who served in Korea and Vietnam, and was a devoted husband and father. A cancer survivor since 2000, He will be remembered for his determined spirit, his sense of humor, and his willingness to help those in need. Michael retired from the United States Postal Service in Portland in 1997 as a general supervisor.



Michael Lucien Mercier

He is preceded in death by his father Lucien Mercier, and his mother, Myrtle Belle Mercier; and a niece Michelle.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years Geraldine Mae Mercier, his son Darren Michael Mercier and his companion Missy Mills, his daughter Tamecia Anne Mercier Carlson, son in law Jeffrey Carlson, grandson Michael Jeffrey Carlson, sister Rachel Mercier Bilodeau, niece Shallaine Rollings, Brian Rollings, niece Johanna Mulhern, and great niec-

es and nephews.

A funeral service with US Army honors will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service Chapel, 498 Long Plains Road, Route 22, Buxton. Pastor Laura Holt-Haslam will officiate. Burial will be in the spring at Black Point Cemetery in Scarborough. Online condolences can be submitted at www.mainefuneral.com.

Charlene A. Laroche

Old Orchard Beach, Charlene A. Laroche, 67, of Old Orchard Beach, passed away Monday, Jan. 23, 2017 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough. She was born in Rochester, New Hampshire on Sept. 4, 1949, the daughter of Lucille (Gilbert) and Donald Lachance Sr.



Charlene A. Laroche

Charlene attended local schools and graduated from Spaulding High School in Rochester.

She worked as a group manager for Goodwill Industries in Portland and for River Ridge

Healthcare in Kennebunk. Charlene enjoyed painting, knitting and reading.

Charlene is predeceased by her father.

She is survived by her husband Roland Laroche of Old Orchard Beach; her mother of Rochester; a son Alan Stevens and wife Traci of Sanford; brother Ret. Captain Donald Lachance Jr. and wife Bonnie of Virginia Beach, Virginia; two sisters Margaret Brooks and husband Wayne of Greenland, New Hampshire and Sharon Bonney and husband George of Rochester; five grandchildren Michael Goodwin and wife Michelle, Christopher Stevens, Codi Stevens and wife Kristen, William Stevens and wife Samantha, Kameron Urquhart; two great grandchildren Michael Goodwin Jr and Liam Stevens; a niece Amy Gagnon and two nephews Chad Brooks and David Brooks.

A graveside service at Cold Spring Cemetery in East Rochester, New Hampshire will be held in the spring.

Dennett, Craig & Pate Funeral and Cremation 365 Main St, Saco are entrusted with the arrangements.

For those who wish to make a memorial contribution in Charlene's memory please consider making a donation to your local food pantry.

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ICE SKATING

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they always try to get a pick up game of hockey going, and most of the time, they do.

"It's a great opportunity to have such a nice rink down the road from you. It makes winter a better time of year," said Dixon.

"What better place than to play on an ice rink in my community with people from my community," said Cormier.

The SVRC rink is open 7 days a week, from early morning to 9 p.m. Anyone can skate. The Horizons building is open on Sundays from 1-3:30 p.m., and has skates and helmets available to sign out and use. There is a bathroom, and the Rec. Council offers hot chocolate.

The Sacopee Valley Rec. Council receives money from each of Sacopee's five towns, but it is minimal and they rely on donations and fundraisers to cover their costs. They are always looking for more volunteers.

If you are interested in learning more about the Sacopee Valley Rec Council, or would like to donate your time or money, contact Erica Guptill at sacopeerec@yahoo.com, call or text Guptill at 838-9088, or find Sacopee Valley Rec. on Facebook. The Council meets monthly every first Monday at 7 p.m. at the Horizons Building. The next meeting is Monday, Feb. 6.

Does South Hiram seem a little far for you? Well, you could always visit Carle's Corner Ice Rink in Waterboro at 6 Old Alfred Rd, visible from Route 5. Carle's Cor-



ner is a free outside community rink, founded in 2015 by local community businesses and residents. "The community comes together each year to resurrect it before winter, and tear it down in spring," said Sandi Binette. The rink was the vision of Binette, who cleaned off the small Ossipee Lake Pond across from the lake for four years. She now maintains the ice surfaces and property at Carle's corner during

the winter. She is joined by many volunteers from the community who scrape the ice, tidy up the Old Leavitt Store replica which serves as the ice house, and help shovel and plow.

The Old Leavitt Store provides a heated area to lace up your skates or just to get warm. Don't have your own skates? That's okay. There are over 60 pairs of skates of all sizes to use. There isn't a bathroom in the building, but there is a portable potty on the property. Everything is free of charge. They are always in need of volunteers to pick up and rehang skates, sweep, scrape and shovel off the ice, etc. if you would like to donate your time, call Binette at 468-2944 or message her on Facebook through the Carle's Corner Ice Rink page.

Hours for Carle's Corner Ice

Rink are normally 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., but vary based on weather, temperature and maintenance. Recently, the rink was closed for a short period of time as the ice base "took a hit" from the sleet mix that hit last week. The rink reopened this week, but you may want to check their hours on Facebook before you go.

"This project is built by the community, for the community!" said Binette. "Please remember to reach out and thank each and every business and sponsor for the ice rink! Thank you!" For more information about Carle's Corner Ice Rink, find them on Facebook.

Maybe you have your own skates and just want somewhere to glide? There is also an outdoor rink in Limerick, built and maintained by the Limerick Fire Department and the Rec Department. It is located at the Ball Field off Route 11 near the Limerick Supermarket. It is open from dawn to dusk, as there are no lights. There are no amenities, just a nice ice to skate on! The baseball dugout can be used as shelter, and there is a porta-potty on site.

For more information, go to www.limerickparksandrec.wix-site.com or contact Rec Director Amanda LePage at limerickparksandrec@limerick.me.org.

If you are looking for someplace with a few more amenities, then the place to go is the Biddeford Ice Arena and Expo Center, located at 14 Pomerleau Street in Biddeford. Not only does the ice arena have public skating and learn-to-skate lessons, but there is a pro shop offering skate rentals, skate sharpening and equipment repair. There are also concessions, offering breakfast items as well as standards such as hotdogs, hamburgers, pizza, chicken fingers and fries.

For more information, call 283-0615, or visit their website at www.biddefordarena.com.

Ice skating is great exercise. If you are counting steps, one minute of skating is equal to 84 steps, so an hour of skating would be 5,040 steps! That's halfway to your 10,000 step goal, in only an hour! And how many calories would you burn? Well that varies on your weight, but you could burn 500 or more calories!

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