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Winter project moves to summer

By BRIGIT MCCALLUM
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Two areas of public land in Waterboro came under discussion at the Waterboro Land Trust's public meeting last Wednesday, Feb. 22. The longstanding vision of a ski/sledding/tubing area high on Ossipee Mountain, first proposed in 2011, came under renewed consideration as well as possible snowshoe/XC ski trails on a newly-logged land acquisition off Bennett Hill Road in East Waterboro.

After the meeting, Trust president Todd Abbott said, "We originally had great dreams, but realize now we need to start small" regarding the Ossipee Mountain location, where the Land Trust owns more than 70 acres.

Members of the Trust spoke of their goal of making the land it acquires available to the public, and not taking it out of public use. Secretary Ellen Ross said, "Like the dog park we have developed, we want the properties we acquire to be able to be used by the public, with guidelines. The more the public gets to use the land, the more support the land trust gets to acquire more property. We will take land with some restrictions, but we're most interested in land that is able to be used."

Trust Vice President Ron Perro, a resident of Ossipee Hill himself, described the potential sliding area tract as having been recently logged, so any clearing operations would not have the potential to be done for the cost of the wood, but require payment. Missy Brandt, who works for the York County

Soil and Water Conservation District described erosion control of any cleared land on the mountain's slopes requiring an engineering plan and deliberate seeding of cleared areas to minimize wash-out.

The challenges of any development oriented to winter use were explored and a major issue is access. The paved road on McLucas Road ends about a mile before the proposed recreation area, and during winter the only access is via snowmobile trail. Besides road access, the other accessibility challenge is parking for any kind of vehicles. Not wanting to disrupt the Ossipee Mountaineer Snowmobile Club's trails that provide the only winter access, itself an economic boost to the area, Abbott speculated on the possibility of transporting people from the former fire station at the base of Ossipee Hill Road, the future Land Trust headquarters, up to the recreation area as a possible solution.

Perro, who has been active on the mountain year-round, reported seeing more activity up there in summer, with hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding popular in the area. He felt that once some trails are cleared the area will offer a variety of different activities at different times of the year, "But people have to get themselves up there." Waterboro resident Amy Lucarelli agrees, seeing the need to get more people up there in the summer to expose them to it. "That will raise awareness and support, maybe get more volunteers and resources."

The consensus of the meeting

Reading challenge



Brigit McCallum, contributing writer for *The Reporter*, reads *Amelia Bedelia: Cub Reporter*, to second and third graders, discussing how to produce a newspaper and find stories. The activity took place at the LearningWorks AfterSchool Program at Waterboro Elementary School as part of the "Read To ME Challenge." See Page 3 for more. COURTESY PHOTO

was that scaling back and aiming at trail development to support summer recreational use of the property makes the most sense, and is the path the Land Trust will follow at present on Ossipee Mountain.

The other order of business for the public meeting was the possibility of trail development of a tract of land recently acquired on the right side of Bennett Hill Road, beyond the Waterboro Transfer Station, for snowshoe and XC ski use. Support was voiced and the Trust plans to pursue trail development for non-motorized uses over the coming months.

Bob Powers, former chair of the 20-20 comprehensive Plan Committee was present and said,

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Superintendent appointed

The Board of Directors of MSAD 6 is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Paul Penna as Superintendent of Schools effective March 21.

The selection committee unanimously recommended Penna to the School Board, and the Board in turn selected him unanimously.

Penna is a highly respected member of the MSAD 6 community, currently serving as Interim Superintendent for the district. Prior to that, he served as Principal of Bonny Eagle High

School from 2013 to 2016. Both as Interim Superintendent and as



Paul A. Penna, CAS

Principal, he has demonstrated a high level of energy, enthusiasm, and passion for continuous improvement district-wide.

Penna joined MSAD 6 with 16 years of building administrator experience. As a life-long learner, he earned his Masters

in Education from the University of Southern Maine in 1985 and completed a Certificate of Advanced Study Program in Educational

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A conceptual site plan created in 2011 by Sebago Technics for the Waterboro Land Trust. The plan shows a proposed recreational facility on Ossipee Mountain that could include sledding, tubing and skiing. IMAGE COURTESY OF SEBAGO TECHNICS

Clean-up underway

By BRIGIT MCCALLUM
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Following the discovery of a rat infestation in the wall between Plummers Hardware and Asian Taste Restaurant at Brookfield Place on Rout 202 in South Waterboro in late February, bio-hazard remediation teams have been at work tearing down walls, cleaning and checking for any further signs of rodent activity. According to Waterboro Health Officer Lisa Bennett, work is progressing and store co-owner Cindy Plummer reports that the clean-up in the hardware store is nearly complete and work is progressing at Asian Taste.

Asian Taste employee Sherri Alcock says that everything in (Continued on page 7)



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

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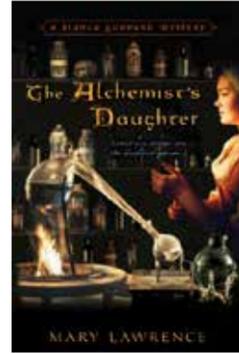


The Alchemist's Daughter

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

The Limerick Library Mystery Book Discussion Group met on Feb. 28 and discussed the book, *The Alchemist's Daughter*, written by local author Mary Lawrence of Limington. "It was a great experience for our group to meet the author and hear how she developed her story," said participant Anna Fitzpatrick. It was the first meeting for this new Mystery Book Discussion Group, and the group was intrigued by the story, giving it two thumbs up - some will read her second (novel) and some bought her third one, which was just released in January.

the king and nobility. Eventually I grew tired of their privileged struggles and started looking for more about the lower class. It didn't take me long to realize I preferred their story and could relate to them. Besides, treachery and deceit runs the gamut of class structure.



COURTESY IMAGE

Q: What is *The Alchemist's Daughter* about?

A: *The Alchemist's Daughter* is set during the final years of King Henry VIII's reign. Bianca Goddard, the daughter of an infamous alchemist, is accused of poisoning her best friend. She sets out to prove her

innocence and uncovers a connection between her dead friend's suitor and a mysterious ship that has arrived in port. It's up to her to save herself from the gallows and to prevent London from succumbing to the plague. Someone once commented that it is a 16th Century version of "Willard."

Q: When you started, did you think it would be a series?

A: I wrote *The Alchemist's Daughter* as a stand alone mystery. After so many years and rejections I didn't dare think this could be a series. In the negotiations, Kensington said they wanted three books and what were my ideas? I had to scramble to come up with more story lines. Luckily they didn't hold me to those incoherent ramblings and I was given the freedom to write pretty much what I wanted--of course with their approval. In addition to *The Alchemist's Daughter*, there is book 2, *Death of an Alchemist*, and book 3, *Death at St. Vedast*.

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Lawrence grew up in Southern Indiana, but has made her home in Maine for many years now. She graduated from Butler University with a degree in cytotechnology, the microscopic interpretation of cells to detect cancer and other abnormalities. It is, perhaps, her experience with science that led her to write about alchemy. "I am interested in alchemy's influence on science and philosophical thought," said Lawrence on her website. In person, she explained how science and history meet murder mystery in *The Alchemist's Daughter*.

Q: What was your inspiration for writing this book?

A: Reading about sixteenth century London has held my interest for nearly 30 years. So much of what is out there focuses on

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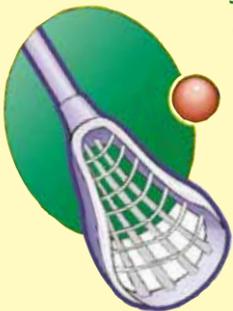
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RSU #57 District Office Updates

Title I School Wide Planning

For the 2017-18 school year, Line, Lyman and Waterboro Elementary Schools will be identified as Title I Schools. Currently these schools are in the application process to become Title I School Wide Programs. Each school has convened an application team consisting of district administration, school administration, teachers, Title I staff, parents and community members. Each month we will be sending out or posting an update of the application process.

What is a School Wide Program? A School Wide Program allows Title I staff to work with and support all students, not just students that qualify for Title I services. This allows for greater flexibility in regards to meeting the needs of our learners.

If you are interested in knowing more, contact the building administrator or Lori Lodge/Melissa Roberts at the district office.

District Report Card 2015-16

Each year the district publishes a district report card as required by Federal and State Regulations. The updated report card includes the latest district assessment data, demographics, teacher qualifications and state accountability reports. You can find the link to this report card on the district website.

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LAND TRUST

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“My primary purpose in attending Wednesday’s Land Trust meeting was to see if there might finally be some action by some group in town on some of the recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan’s Recreational Facilities Chapter. I was particularly interested to see if recommendation #4 (“Authorize a committee of interested citizens to develop a conveniently located and safe cross country ski trail.”) in the “Short-range, relatively inexpensive or easy to implement action planning strategies” section might start to materialize. I was pleased to hear the dialogue about the Bennett Hill Road area as well as about the area near Ossipee Mountain.”

The Waterboro Land Trust invites all who have an interest in acquiring and making land available for public use to its monthly meetings held the fourth Wednesday of each month at Town Hall at 7 p.m. For more info contact Trust president Todd Abbott at 632-6286.

Snowshoe and XC ski trails

As this winter’s roller-coaster snow season heads to a close, those interested in snowshoeing, XC skiing, hiking, horseback riding and other non-motorized trail uses in Waterboro are invited to an initial meeting on Wednesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place in the downstairs meeting room at Waterboro Public Library, at 187 Main Street, East Waterboro. A recently created Facebook group focused on winter trail use for snowshoeing and XC skiing attracted more than 50 interested folks, and led to a successful snowshoe event for adults and children. This meeting will open the discussion to year-round uses of such trails or areas and to explore ways of sharing information about what is already available.

While new ideas may arise, going into this meeting, one immediate goal will be to explore developing a trail on a parcel of land off Bennett Hill Road owned by the Waterboro Land Trust that was recently logged. Another will be to generate a list of existing trails and areas where these activities can be undertaken, to make this information available to the public.

Anyone who is interested in learning about what is available for non-motorized trail use in town, and in developing an environmentally sound and interesting trail over the coming warm months is invited to attend. For more info contact Brigit McCallum at Brigit@waterborolibrary.org.

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Reading challenge

Students in the Learning-Works AfterSchool Program at Waterboro Elementary School participated in the “Read to ME Challenge,” a month-long public awareness campaign to promote childhood literacy in Maine held during February. Because of the number of snow days the district experienced, Learning-Works extended its participation into March. The main goal of the campaign is to raise awareness of the importance of reading aloud.

Among speakers who read to students and answered questions about their work were Geoff

Howe of Howe and Howe Technologies, Julie Kelley of Sanford Institution for Savings, Sandi Binette from Lakeside Market and writer Brigit McCallum of *The Reporter*. Superintendent Larry Malone and Representative Dwayne Prescott were scheduled to read, but prevented due to weather-related school cancellations. In addition to reading aloud, the speakers shared a little about their backgrounds, careers and interests. As well as promoting literacy, the series aims at exploring career opportunities and supporting students’ aspirations.

In its second year as the only non-urban-based LearningWorks Afterschool program in Maine, the Waterboro program now serves roughly sixty-five elementary students. (See photo on Page 1.)

Bunny Basics

Before getting anyone a cute cuddly bunny for Easter, you may like to find more out about the care and keeping of bunnies. This hour long seminar led by 4-H member Matthew DeMers and will cover housing, feeding, and the responsibilities that go along with keeping a bunny healthy and happy. The program will be held Saturday, March 18 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the library, 187 Main Street in East Waterboro.

Digital Photography Class explored

A Digital Photography Class will be offered at the library soon, depending on interest. Some of the topics to be covered include learning functions of a DSLR or

phone camera, using manual features, creating photos rather than just taking snapshots, transferring photos from a camera or phone to the computer, processing and editing photos, storing and archiving photos and finding and using editing programs.

A class will be organized when individuals sign up, so let staff know what time and day you are available if interested. To sign up call 247-3363 or email librarian@waterborolibrary.org.

CORRECTION: In the March 3 issue of the *Reporter*, in the caption of the photo on page 3, the last person listed should be Laura Kindness, not Laurie.

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Larry Malone
Superintendent of Schools

Kindergarten Registration for the towns of Alfred, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, Shapleigh and Waterboro is scheduled at the following times. At registration, it is not necessary to bring the child with you; however, parents are **required by law** to provide the child’s **official birth certificate** and **immunization record**. **Must show proof of residency in the District as well.** *NOTE: Includes Pre-K enrollment for Line-March 13th and Shapleigh-March 16th.

Monday	March 13	9:00 am – 4:30 pm*	Limerick/Newfield	Line Elementary School
Tuesday	March 14	9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Lyman	Lyman Elementary School
Wednesday	March 15	9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Alfred	Alfred Elementary School
Thursday	March 16	9:00 am – 4:30 pm*	Shapleigh	Shapleigh Memorial School
Tuesday	March 21	Appt. only- 7:30-3:30	Call school for appt.	Waterboro Elementary School
Wednesday	March 22	Appt. only- 7:30-3:30	Call school for appt.	Waterboro Elementary School
Wednesday	March 22	5:30 pm – 7:30 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, 2017.**

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NOTE: Waterboro Registrants - the school secretary will contact you to arrange an appointment and time.

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Alfred discusses budgets

At a well-attended meeting this past Tuesday, town committee members learned some of the facts of moving to a new fiscal year, July 1 to June 30. The past six months were funded entirely from the unassigned fund. Monies taken from this unassigned fund must be built back up over the next few years. The town tries to keep enough money in this to carry the town for at least three months.

But there are some things working in the town's favor. One of the bonds will be paid off in 2017, and the other two in 2020. More new homes have been going up which means more income from those and the permit fees have been increased to be in line with other towns. Excise taxes formerly paid by CMP to Augusta on all their vehicles will now be paid in the town where the vehicles are housed thus Alfred will benefit by the excise tax collected on those vehicles which are housed in Alfred.

Discussion on prioritizing town needs was discussed. It was stated roads are at the top of the list and Fire and Rescue needs come next. A new company has been hired to do the town website;

payment for this was taken from the website franchise fund.

Committee members were asked to keep budget requests down if possible. Budgets must be turned in by March 21. A future expense is the bridge on Stone Road which needs to be replaced. A paving machine has already been purchased for patching potholes.

As an incentive to attend the 6 o'clock meeting pizza and soft drinks were provided.

Candidate pastor for parish church

Sara Bartlett will be at a reception for her and her family at noon this Saturday, March 11 during a luncheon in Conant Chapel. On Sunday she will lead the morning service after which there will be a congregational meeting. She is a candidate for the pastoral position in Alfred.

Meeting our ancestors

During the next meeting of the Alfred Historical Society on Tuesday, March 21, the members will meet former residents via information gleaned when a cemetery tour was held on Festival Day years ago. Those attending the March 21st meeting will participate in dialogues used during that earlier meeting. The meeting is at 7 p.m. in the Parsons Library downstairs meeting room and



How long will Gile's "snow mountain" exist? This yearly show may be around until June. PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

the public is invited. There is no charge. This is a preliminary to this year's Festival Day activity.

There will be a short meeting on Tuesday, March 14 at 5 p.m. in Town Hall to start organizing the Alfred Festival. Those willing to assist in any capacity are asked to attend.

Cabin fever reliever

The 3rd Annual Cabin Fever Reliever Potluck will be held Sunday, March 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. in Parsons Memorial Library. Attendees are invited to bring their favorite potluck dish or dessert and enjoy some music by the Ukulele Strummers of Southern Maine. To sign up call or visit the library, 324-2001. This is being sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Town news

As of March 1 the Fire Dept. had responded to 100 calls, most of which were ambulance calls. The department was also called to provide mutual aid on five different occasions.

Have you noticed Gile's snow mountain in the apple storage parking lot? It appears to be even higher than in former years. Will it be gone by June?

Bird house project

The last activity in the Winter Series sponsored by the Conservation Commission is the building of birdhouses on Thursday, March 16 in Town Hall. Supplies will be provided. Children are welcome to participate with their families at 6:30 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT

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Leadership at the University of New England in 2014. He holds a Maine superintendent certificate.

The Board believes this appointment allows them to maintain continuity in the implementation of the district strategic plan, as well as the proficiency-based standards initiative. Penna's proven leadership, participation within the community, and positive relationships built during his tenure in MSAD 6 all weighed in the hiring decision.

Penna said, "I look forward to working with all stakeholders to ensure that we provide all students a quality educational experience that prepares them for a changing world economy. Public education is facing new challenges, and it is increasingly important that our work is collaborative and inclusive to reflect the values and expectations of our proud school community."

"We are pleased to have Paul Penna continuing in the position of superintendent of MSAD 6 schools," said Board Chairman Lester Harmon. "He has brought positive energy to the role of interim superintendent, and we look forward to working with him in his permanent role."

Questions regarding this information may be forwarded to the attention of Board Chairman Lester Harmon at the MSAD 6 Central Office, 929-2331 or lharmon@bonnyeagle.org.

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Winter sports awards

Massabesic Boys Basketball

Ethan Nugent, Tyler Stinson and Zion Mercado making the all-academic team. Mercado will participate in the senior all-star game.

Massabesic Girls Basketball

Kenzy Ouellette made third team all-star and Emma Desrochers, Benedetta Raponi, Skylar Renaud and Ouellette made the all-academic team. Raponi will participate in the senior all-star game.

Massabesic Cheering

Megan Lastante made first team and Elizabeth Schepis made the honorable mention team.

Massabesic Indoor Track

Alex Swett made the first team for the two-mile run and Moriah Biener made second team for the high jump.

Bonny Eagle Boys Basketball

William Hendricks made the honorable mention team and Zach Muturo was named the rookie of the year.

Bonny Eagle Girls Basketball

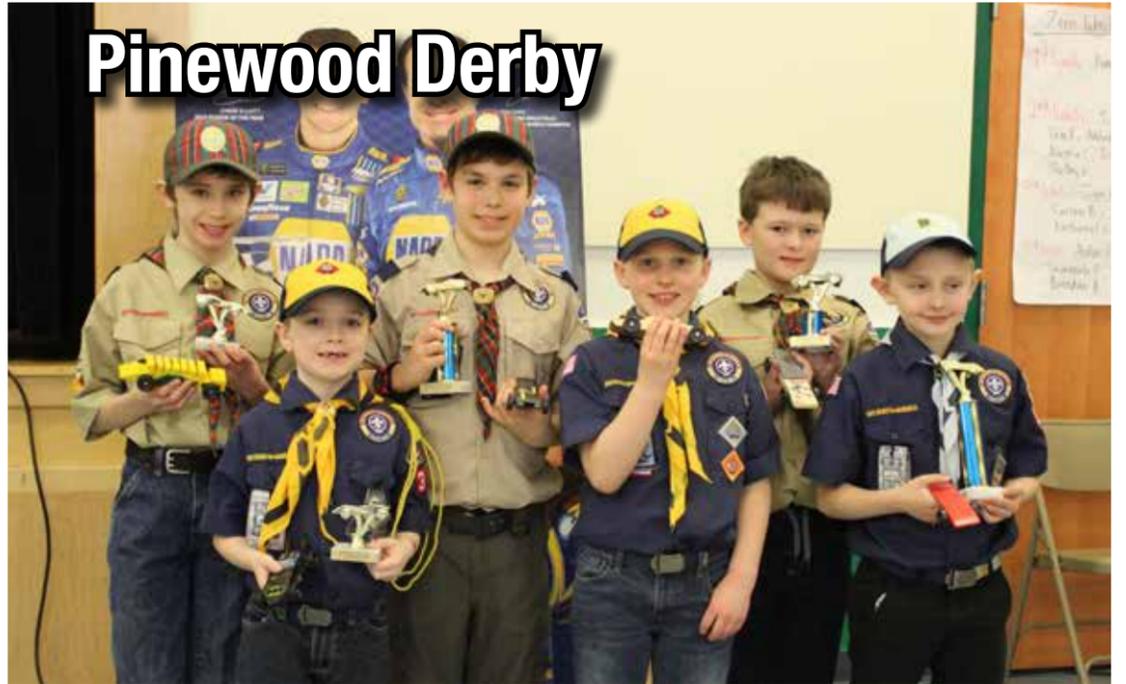
Natalie Bushey, Samantha Marsh and Jennifer Turner made the all-academic team.

Bonny Eagle Cheering

Amber Anderson and Emily Brazier made the honorable mention team, as well as the all-academic team, and they were joined on the all-academic team by Alex Pinkham.

Bonny Eagle Track

Ben Steeves made the first team for the 600 and 800 meter-runs, Caleb Pendleton made second team for the one-mile run and third team for the two-mile, Max Harris made third-team in the 200-meter dash and Steeves made third team in the 400-meter dash. Kayla Raymond made first team for the 600 and second team for both the 800 and one-mile and third team for the 400. Ami Beaumier made second team in the two-mile.



The Waterboro Cub Scout Pack 306 held a Pinewood Derby on March 4. The winners were, from left, Xander Fillmore (Spirit Award), William Munro (Best in Show), Brady Batson (second place), Gavin Richardson (fourth place), Deane MacBeth (third place) and Danny Harriman (first place). The first, second, and third place winners will move on to the York District Pinewood Derby in Buxton on April 1. COURTESY PHOTO

BRIEFS

Maple Breakfast

The Abenaki Draft Horse Association of Lyman will host a maple breakfast on Sunday, March 19 that will include horse drawn wagon/sleigh rides.

The event will be held at the clubhouse at 117 Duke Lane, Lyman from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost is \$8 for ages 14 and older, \$5 for ages 4 to 13 and 3 and younger are free with a paying adult. Horse drawn wagon/sleigh rides start at 8 a.m. All proceeds will benefit the association.

Newfield election and town meeting

The Town of Newfield will hold their annual elections on Saturday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the newly renovated town hall located at 23 South Effingham Road, Newfield. The annual town meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11, starting at 7 p.m. also at the town hall.



Destruction of records

RSU 57 will destroy selected Special Education records of special education students at the end of the school year in which they the student turns 28 years old. Parents or adult students wishing to obtain these records should contact the School Department. The department shall maintain permanently a record of the student's name, address, phone number, grades, attendance record, classes attended, grade level completed and year completed.

Project Child Find

Do you know of a child 3-20 years of age with a disability residing within the RSU 57 school district? The disability might be in vision, hearing, behavior, learning, health, mental ability, autism, or any combination of these areas. Children with disabilities are entitled to appropriate educational services provided at no cost to the child or family. If you know of a child with a disability in need of special education services, call your local Principal or Susan Prince, RSU 57 Special Education Director.

COLLEGE WRESTLING

Everett conference champ

Tyler Everett, a former two-time state champion wrestler from Massabesic, recently won the NCWA Northeast Conference Championship at the University of Maine (UMO) in the 149 lb. weight class.

Everett, who was named 'Maine's Most Outstanding Wrestler' his senior year at Massabesic, was the #1 ranked wrestler in his weight class at UMO. Currently a junior, Everett and the UMO wrestling team earned a trip to Allen, TX where they will compete in the NCWA National Wrestling Championships March 10-12.

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- RSU # 57 Board of Directors**
 - 1 year term (1 position)
 - 3 year term (1 position)
- Water District Trustee** - 2 year term (1 position)
 - 3 year term (1 position)

Papers are available on and after March 15 at the Town Office after 9 a.m. and must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office by **Monday, May 1, 2017** no later than 5 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: All elections will be held at the Massabesic East School at 84 West Road, Waterboro

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING Sat., March 11, 4pm. Seeking new members and the interested for a FRIENDS OF CURRAN HOMESTEAD VILLAGE AT NEWFIELD group. This nonprofit museum was formerly Willowbrook Museum, but changed to new ownership and a new volunteer board of directors at the beginning of 2017. Come meet the director and members of the board as someone interested in preserving this community resource for the future, as we seek volunteers to assist with ongoing school field trips (over 1200 registered children already for this May and June) as interpreters and program contributors, events contributors, budding amateur curators for some new exhibits in connection with a recent and forthcoming donation of 1500 objects from Maine Maritime Museum, a Victorian clothing project, antique engines and more. Teens as well as seniors encouraged. At the Red Barn Building, 70 Elm St., Newfield, next to the Newfield Post Office.

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TWO DAY WEEKEND BLADESMITHING: MAKE A KNIFE CLASS Sat. & Sun. March 25 & 26, 9am-4pm. We will use a propane fired forge and produce your knife blade and tang using spring steel. You will file and polish the blade. Harden it using oil and heat. Refine the blade and prepare the tang with brass rivets to receive a hard wood handle. You will temper the blade and apply your handle. Some refinements as homework for your handle due to time restraints but will in two days almost entirely complete a knife. Tools and materials provided except for a 2lb hammer you supply and use. First pay, first serve. To register; call 745-4426. Limited to five students. \$195.

BEGINNING BLACKSMITHING CLASSES three weekends starting April 1, Sat. & Sun., 9am-4pm, at Curran Homestead Village at Newfield. 36 Hours plus 2 hours on a weekday for catch-up & practice. Tuition: \$395 for three weekends of projects. In addition to projects, students will learn to build a coal forge fire and maintain it. They will understand the tools necessitated to forge and how to use them for shaping, cutting, twisting and bending steel. Students will eventually be introduced to the concept of forge welding. Visit: www.curranhomestead.org/blacksmithingclasses For registration, first pay first serve. Limited to six students. 745-4426.

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Sign up now, limited spaces available. Call 205-4849 or 793-2784 or visit www.curranhomestead.org.

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Calling all Vietnam Veterans

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1044 in cooperation with the North Berwick Food Pantry invites you to their 6th annual Welcome Home Open Vietnam Veterans Ceremony featuring a special viewing of the story of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, "The Last Landing Zone." Viewing of the documentary will start at 1 p.m.

The event is being held at the Hurd School, 77 High Street in North Berwick on Saturday March 25, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

The public is invited. For more information can call Jim Davis at 603-749-9656 or Joseph Armstrong at 490-2094 or email president@vva1044maine.org.

STORE CLEAN-UP

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the restaurant has been removed, cleaned and sanitized. She added that through the process, the Family Dollar premises have also been checked to see that the work has not compromised that section of the complex, which has tested problem-free thus far.

Plummer says that when the clean-up in the restaurant is complete, all the heating ducts will be cleaned; then a hygienist will be brought in and air quality testing will be done. Once the air tests clean, the reconstruction will begin. The Waterboro Plumbers crew has been working at other locations during the closure, and Plummer says they are anxious to get started putting the hardware back on the shelves to get their store open for business again. She wrote in an email, "Randi and John keep telling me they are ready as soon as we need them!"

Plummer anticipates they will probably be closed for a couple more weeks, adding that they are developing a plan for ongoing pest control in the hardware store and outside.

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OBITUARIES

Bonnie Marie Butler

Bonnie Marie Butler, age 56, of Old Alfred Road, Hollis, passed away on March 8, 2017, surrounded by family.



Bonnie Marie Butler

She was born in Biddeford on June 28, 1960, a daughter of Fred Jr. and Beverly (Whitten) Ham.

After graduating from Bonny Eagle High School in 1979, Bonnie went on to receive her CNA certificate.

For many years, she worked as a CNA at the Gorham House.

She enjoyed going to the beach & pool, dancing, watching NASCAR events and going to Beech Ridge.

Bonnie's children will always remember the dedication she had in attending their sporting events.

Besides her love of family, Bonnie enjoyed being with friends at Skip's Lounge.

She is predeceased by her father Fred Ham Jr.

Bonnie is survived by her mother Beverly Ham of Hollis; children Angela Harris and her husband Bill of Hollis and Charles Butler of Hollis; inherited daughter Laurie Bruce and family of Bar Mills; siblings Penny Shay of Hollis and Tiger Ham of Hollis; grandchildren Will Harris, Chase Harris, and Maddox Butler; and her former husband Glen Butler.

A celebration of her life will be held at Skips Lounge, Rt. 202 in Buxton, on Saturday, March 11 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service, Buxton. Submit online condolences at www.maineFuneral.com.

Peter K. Williams

Peter K. Williams of Basken Shores Road, North Waterboro passed away peacefully on March 2, 2017 at the South Portland Nursing Home. He was born on May 15, 1934 in Lynn, Massachusetts, the son of William and Ruth Stewart Williams.

He and his family moved to North Waterboro in the 1960's. He

worked as a custodian for many years in the Massabesic school system. He was also a member of the Massabesic Lions Club.

He was predeceased by his parents. Peter is survived by his brother David Williams as well as two cousins Sybil Riemensnider and Ray Marquis.

A graveside service will be held the Elder Gray Cemetery in the Spring.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Dennett, Craig & Pate Funeral Home, 13 Portland Road, Buxton.

Georgianna Francis Reed

Georgianna F. Reed, 80, of West Newfield, a well-known and beloved friend and neighbor to many, died peacefully on March 7, 2017 at the Newton Center in Sanford.



Georgianna Francis Reed

Georgianna was born at home in Acton on September 15, 1936, the daughter of Everett V. and Lillian (Bragg) Langley. From childhood, she was called Georgie by her family and friends.

Georgie married Earl Reed and they raised five children together. She was not only a wonderful, loving wife and mother, she worked as the head cook at Massabesic High School; where her baking skills were admired and appreciated. She made homemade biscuits, bread, donuts and the teachers had huge cinnamon buns with their coffee in the teacher's lounge. Georgie kept busy with knitting mittens, hats and making beautiful braided rugs for her family and friends. She also enjoyed doing ceramics with her sister Mabel.

Georgie loved being a part of her close knit community. She was a longtime member of the Eastern Star in West Newfield and for many years she sold her bountiful baked goods to the summer people; who came to their camps for the summer and weekends. Georgie also possessed a green thumb, she was well known for her beautiful tulip gardens. She also had planted a vegetable garden each year and

would make sure they had fresh veggies during the winter months; canning all she could. Georgie also enjoyed canning chairs.

Georgie and Earl went camping locally in the camper Earl built for his pickup truck. They were "two peas in a pod" working side by side haying during the summer months. Each fall they would travel to the area fairs; enjoying the exhibits, visiting with their neighbors and watching the musical acts perform. They both enjoyed visiting Florida and taking a trip of a lifetime to Guam. Their favorite place to eat out was Ted's Fried Clams.

Georgie was the true matriarch of her family. She was kind, loving and smiled easily. Her eyes twinkled when she told a good story or joke. Georgie was proud to be a country girl. Her family will miss her dearly, but her sense of duty, hard work and generous nature will continue on within her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Earl H. Reed of West Newfield; her five children, Deborah Baron and husband Carl; Jane Bryant and husband Thomas; Harry Reed and wife Kelly; Elaine Titherington and Ellen Munsie and husband Chris; 14 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren; her sister, Phyllis Daigneow of Somersworth, NH and her brother, Clarence (Jimmy) Langley of Acton; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Mabel Crout-Hamel and by her brother, Laurence (Buzzy) Langley.

A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, March 14 at 11 a.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, Alfred. Following the service, you are cordially invited to visit with Georgie's family and enjoy a luncheon here at the home. Committal prayers and burial will be held later in the spring at Highland Grove Cemetery in Shapleigh.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Newton Center's Activity Fund, 35 July St., Sanford, ME 04073.

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

Linda I. Collomy

Linda I. Collomy, 55, of Berry Road, Buxton, passed away March 6, 2017, at her home, just a couple of days after her 55th birthday.

She was born in Portland, March 4, 1962 the daughter of Danny (papa) and Olive Gochie Collomy.

Linda attended local schools and graduated from Bonny Eagle High school in 1980.

She attended Burdett College in Boston and then attended CNA classes at the Barron Center. Linda was a unit helper and was employed



Linda I. Collomy

by various places. They included Piper's shores, Pine Point, Peabody House, Hospice work and most recently as the activity director at Scarborough Terrace.

Linda enjoyed times with her family, especially at the family camp in Parsonsfield.

She is predeceased by a brother Daniel Collomy Jr., grandparents John and Olive Gochie and Flora and Delwin Collomy.

Survivors include her parents of Buxton, a brother Daniel Collomy II and wife Elaine of Buxton, sisters Penny Hanson and husband Victor of Parsonsfield, twonephews Robert Hillman and Gabriel Collomy, nieces Paige Hillman and J. C. Ann Collomy, best friends Julie Howard and Jeanette Fernstrom.

Friends and relative are invited to attend visiting hours Friday March 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dennett, Craig & Pate Funeral Home and Cremation 13 Portland Road, Buxton (Bar Mills). A funeral service will immediately follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Pastor Laura Holt Haslam of the Buxton Centre Baptist church will officiate.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions in her memory please consider the Bar Mills Rescue 185 Portland Road, Buxton, ME 04093 or the Activity Fund at Scarborough Terrace, 600 Commerce Dr., Scarborough, ME 04073. Condolences maybe posted to www.dcpate.com.

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Q: What was the most difficult part about writing a murder mystery?

A: For me, just sitting myself down and keeping myself from being distracted is the hardest part.

Q: And what about alchemy? What drew you to this?

A: My background is in science and chemistry and I've always been curious about the history of science. Alchemists didn't have the knowledge base to explain what they were seeing so there is a lot of imagination and superstition in their accounts. I like that because it allows me to stretch the bounds of my imagination and write a story to complement the era. I enjoy trying to imagine being in that time period and interpreting science through their eyes.

Q: How long did it take you to write *The Alchemist's Daughter*? Why?

A: *The Alchemist's Daughter* took me two years to write and polish. I wasn't writing solidly for all that time because my husband and I were busy starting our fruit farm. I also didn't have a clue how to write a mystery, so I was really feeling my way through it. I read a few books about writing a mystery. I only found a few helpful take-aways. Ultimately it boiled down to me figuring out what makes a story interesting, and how can I keep a reader turning the pages? The result is not a conventional mystery. Can you tell me about

the process? I would compare writing a mystery to piecing together a puzzle. So far, the *Bianca Goddard Mysteries* usually center on a disease that interests me. I start researching the symptoms and get ideas for how to use it in a story. Do I have someone succumb from it, or do I use the disease as a threat? Maybe I use the disease as a confusing element in the story.

Then I'll figure out who the main victim is. From there I usually come up with a list of people who might have ulterior motives for wanting that person dead. Everyone has to have a secret. It grows from there.

My editor requires me to write a plot outline that he will approve before I begin writing. Plot outlines are new to me, I used to just have a general feeling about what I wanted to accomplish in a novel. But now I see the value in spending a month figuring out the bones of a story. Outlines keep me on track; otherwise I would flounder around wondering which way to go. I would spend too much time second guessing myself.

Q: What was your path to publication of this book?

A: It was a war of attrition. I started writing in my early thirties. After five years, I submitted a coming of age version of *The Alchemist's Daughter* and it was good enough to land me an agent. But years went by and it never sold. I rewrote it more times than I ever kept track of. I also worked on other manuscripts and improved my writing skills. I stayed with my agent for 15 years, too terrified to change for fear I'd never find an-



Local Limington author Mary Lawrence talked about her book at the Limerick Public Library. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

other agent.

In 2010 a different manuscript made the finals of the Romance Writers' Golden Heart contest. It felt like a book contract was within my grasp. But that would have been too easy. Two of my best manuscripts came close to selling and ultimately were rejected. The time had come to either give up writing or keep going. But the struggle had become who I was. The bottom line for me is that I love crafting a good story. Whether my work ever found an audience was out of my control. I didn't want to self-publish, I wanted the affirmation of a traditional book contract. I reevaluated and decided to try to write a mystery since I'd never written one before. It would give me a new challenge.

Two years later I had a manuscript ready to send out. I was rejected by 86 literary agents before I found a new agent. A month later I was offered a contract with Kensington.

Q: Are you working on any new writing projects at this time? What's next? Kensington wants two more *Bianca Goddard Mysteries*. I'm currently working on book 4, as yet untitled. And there will be a book 5. I haven't decided whether I'll wrap it up with book 5. I'll know when I get there I think.

A: Probably I'll be writing mysteries into the future. Readers start to expect a certain experience from reading your work. I don't know if I'll keep writing Tudor based mysteries though. Time will tell me which way the wind blows.

Q: Where can people buy your book?

A: *The Bianca Goddard Mysteries* are available through local bookstores, but it's hit or miss if they have all of them or any of them at any one time. I can definitely say that LetterPress Books at Northgate in Portland will

have them because I'm doing a meet and greet there on Saturday, March 18th. Also, they are available online in hard copy or ebook through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Kobo.

Q: Anything you'd like to add?

A: *The Bianca Goddard Mysteries* are meant to be fun and are not to be taken too seriously. I work hard to be accurate and respectful of the time period, however, my first goal is to write an entertaining story. The books are a fast read, I have fun with the characters and along the way folks might learn something about that time period. For more information about the books and upcoming appearances, folks can visit www.marylancebooks.com.

Also on her website, Lawrence writes a newsletter, "Alchemy and Mystery," where you can read more about Bianca, alchemy and Tudor London. Sign up and Lawrence will send you info on alchemy, herbs, her research, news and release dates. You can also connect with Lawrence on Facebook.

The Alchemist's Daughter is the first in the Bianca Goddard mystery series, followed by *Death of an Alchemist*. The third book, *Death at St. Vedast* was just released in January of this year. The fourth and fifth book are scheduled to be released in 2018 and 2019 respectively.

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