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Waterboro war vet 'honored'

Bob Gobeil selected to visit D.C.

BY MICHAEL DEANGELIS
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It took nearly three years from the date of his first application, but for Bob Gobeil of Waterboro, it was well worth the wait as the two-war veteran was recently a part of a 75-veteran contingent from Maine that headed south to Washington D.C. to be honored for their service by the National Honor Flight program.

The Honor Flight program, which is dedicated to providing veterans with a trip of respect and honor, is a non-profit program that has flown more than 180K veterans from all over the United States to Washington D.C. Honor Flight provides free travel and accommodations to veterans from WWII, Korea and Vietnam with preference given to the terminally ill and WWII veterans.

Gobeil, who is in good health and recently celebrated his 90th birthday, said that he found out about the program in early 2014 and applied for consideration in June of that year, but didn't receive his approval notice until March of this year. In November, his application was officially approved.

"My doctor recently told me

that I'm suffering from O.A.S, I asked what the heck that was and he told me, Old Age Syndrome, which basically was a reminder that, hey, at 90 it is what it is, you're doing pretty good."

The Honor Flight Program has offices in 45 states. Honor Flight of Maine's goal "is to get all Maine Veterans of these wars to see their memorials in Washington D.C. at no cost" and they list many businesses and organizations as sponsors, some of which include: banks and airlines; television stations and other media outlets; pharmaceutical and insurance companies, plus American Legion Posts, bus companies and even pilots.

Gobeil's excursion began in the early morning of March 31 with a flight out of Portland to Baltimore. "I wasn't exactly sure why we flew into Baltimore, but when we boarded those big beautiful buses at the airport and saw the huge police escort, things started to get emotional," he said.

The escort blocked all traffic through intersections for the entirety of the one-hour ride to the nations capital, leaving Gobeil and his fellow veterans with an immediate feeling of importance and pride. "This was just the be-



Waterboro World War II and Korean War veteran Bob Gobeil recently visited the Iwo Jima Memorial in Washington D.C. as part of the National Honor Flight program. COURTESY PHOTO

ginning, we knew some of the itinerary, but until you get going, who knows...the entire experience was incredible."

In 1944 at age 16, with WWII ramping up, Gobeil forged his fathers name so he'd be able to enlist in the Navy. He was assigned to the U.S.S. Randolph with a designation of machinist.

"They called me the oil king, I transferred oil back and forth

among the tanks to keep the ship balanced, with 5,600 men on board it took a lot of juice to power us and keep everything running," he said.

At the end of WWII Gobeil signed on with the Navy Reserves and less than three years later the mailman brought him a letter from President Truman, saying he was being called to duty because

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Fire department reduces request

BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM
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The June ballot will contain a reduced request for funds to pay for renovation and an addition to Central Fire Station. After the failure of the department's not to exceed \$2 million bond request last year, the town has reduced the expansion and renovation plan and is now asking for a bond not to exceed \$750,000. At last week's selectmen's meeting, Town Administrator Gary Lamb reviewed the history of the renovation process that began in 2014 when voters approved the expenditure of up to \$25,000 for an architectural design of space needs and improvements at Central Station. The resulting plan was developed and called for a design to provide for space needs for the next 10 to 20 years, but the not to exceed \$2 million bond to cover that design was defeated in November of 2016.

Since the defeat, Chief Matt Bors says that they followed the advice of many who said they had voted against the expenditure, and who felt the project would get more support if it proceeded in phases. Staff worked with contractors and engineers to develop a new design to meet the most pressing needs at Central Station.

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LAC offers 'dirty water' solution

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Lake Arrowhead Community members are being offered special money saving discounts for a whole house water filter with a 20-25 micron filter cartridge. Says LAC Public Works Director Scott Davis, "Every house should have one." The filters are said to be relatively easy to install and not very expensive. In fact, LAC has teamed up with local hardware supplier Plummers ACE Hardware to offer them at the discount.

This program is being made available to members because, while the drinking water that comes from the wells in Lake Arrowhead Community may have earned awards for taste and quality, it has also occasionally provided some unpleasant surprises for residents in some parts of the community. Davis acknowledges

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A sweet tour



From left Julia, Thomas and John Bryant of Hilltop Boilers in Newfield with Deputy Josh Morneau, who recently started patrolling their neighborhood. Morneau got a tour of the maple syrup facility and the Bryant kids got a tour of his cruiser and even got to turn on the sirens.

COURTESY PHOTO

Emergency preparedness training

Individuals interested in public health and emergency preparedness and response are invited to join York County Medical Reserve Corps volunteers in training to assist at Alternate Care Sites and to deliver Psychological First Aid.

Alternative Care Site training will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19 in Room 202 of the Decary Building on the University of New England's Biddeford campus. Attendees will learn how to help establish and staff an off-site temporary hospital in the event a large community emergency overwhelms existing facilities and employees.

Psychological First Aid training will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17 in Room 202 of the Decary Building on the University of New England's Biddeford campus. Attendees will learn how to assist victims, survivors, family members, and responders in dealing with the immediate psychological aftermath of a variety of community incidents.

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Adult egg hunt



The Massabesic Athletic Boosters sponsored an adult Easter Egg hunt on April 7 at Dutch Elm Golf Course in Arundel. The event included 5,000 eggs to find (in the dark with flashlights) plus refreshments, dancing and prizes. From left are organizers Melissa Guilbeault, Jennifer Russell and Jenn Shaw.



Jason Gonneville, of Lyman, found the golden bunny in one of his eggs, which won him the grand prize, a big screen tv.



From left, Sara Ouellette, Jenni Bedell, Kim Normand and Crystal Arsenault having fun with some of the prizes they won. PHOTOS BY KERRY DEANGELIS

WATER FILTERS

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that while all drinking water contains minerals, some of which actually contribute to the good taste, there are also ways they can contribute to an unsightly surprise in the tub, toilet or laundry at times as well. Two minerals present in the LAC water supply that sometimes become culprits are iron and manganese, which can settle out of solution and build up in the water mains, especially those at the end of lines or where there are few homes. Then, when the flow increases, during times of higher use or situations like a main break, or fire hydrant use, the mineral deposits release into the water and can get pulled in when water is used by the household. Davis says that there can be

such an event, and if no one in a household turns on the water at that time, the cloudy water simply flows on past, so one neighbor can report unsightly brown or blackish color in the water, while next door no one notices anything at all.

According to Davis, the most cost effective way for a homeowner to remove those mineral sediments is to install a whole house water filter with a 20-25 micron filter cartridge, and Plumbers is offering the filter and a two pack of cartridges at discount pricing for LAC members only. Members can bring a copy of the recently distributed LAC Spring newsletter into the store, ask for the Lake Arrowhead water filter deal and receive a combined discount of \$11 off ACE items 4396032 and 4396073. Davis says the total

cost of \$42.58 should solve the mineral sediment issues. This is a one-time, one per household offer for LAC members only. The filter should be installed where the water service first comes into the home after the backflow prevention and shutoff valves.

In addition to this suggestion for individual homes, in an effort to help reduce the buildup of the iron and manganese in the water mains LAC public works will be conducting an ongoing water main flushing program. Members will receive announcements on the website at www.lacinc.org/homesite, and through email alerts from the office. Members are warned that the flushing alone can stir up sediments. For any questions or concerns regarding these projects call 247-5239.



The outside view of the proposed addition to the Waterboro Fire Department. COURTESY IMAGE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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This alternate Fire Station Renovation Option is a reduction of 62 percent from the previous proposal's floor space, and a \$1,250,000 reduction in spending. Two major changes in the new proposal that contributed to the lower cost are the elimination of the two new equipment bays for now at up to \$300,000 each and the 30' x 68' addition on the Old Alfred Road side of Central Station, a \$470,000 reduction.

Lamb and selectmen Chair Dennis Abbott emphasized two priorities the proposed plan addresses, the need for safe and effective decontamination facilities and showers and the need for space for overnight staff. Presently staff can return from calls with gear covered with blood, vomit or diesel fuel, and the only cleanup station is a 30" x 30" shower stall. There is also no space for proper decontamination of stretchers.

This new plan calls for an enlarged decontamination shower area for proper cleanup and wastewater discharge, as well as installation of two showers combined with two existing bathrooms.

Overnight staff is an element of the workings of the current emergency operation that did not exist when the station was built in 2000. At that time, volunteers answered night and weekend calls, and there was no space needed for 24/7 staff. According to Bors, in 2017 the department is projected to respond to 1,200 calls a year, and the department currently has at least two or three staff on duty 24/7. At the same time, the number of volunteers has shrunk due to family needs and the amount of training needed to serve. The new alternate plan would take the space of the current offices of the chief and deputy chief and turn them into four small 6' x 10' overnight rooms for down time between calls.

Selectmen who were present

spoke in support of the referendum, with Abbott, Gordon Littlefield, Tim Neill and Jon Gale giving it an "ought to pass" recommendation. Dwayne Woodsome was not present at the meeting. The lone dissenting voice at the meeting was that of Budget Committee member Donna Berardi, saying that she knows of people in town who will not vote for any Fire Department bond, and that she felt the proposal was still "extravagant."

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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These classes are examples of the preparedness training that will be regularly scheduled for York County's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), the local component of a national network of volunteers organized to improve community health and safety. MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as many non-medical community members who are invaluable in a variety of support roles. MRC units engage these volunteers to strengthen public health, improve emergency response capabilities and build community resiliency. They prepare for and respond to natural disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes, tornados, blizzards, and floods, as well as to other emergencies affecting public health, such as disease outbreaks.

While no changes are anticipated for the April 19 or May 17 meetings, an RSVP to medhelp-maine@gwi.net by non-MRC members will ensure notification of any unforeseen circumstances that may affect the schedule.



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A young Bob Gobeil in the Mediterranean in early 1947. COURTESY PHOTO

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of the Korean conflict.

When the Honor Flight buses arrived just outside D.C they disembarked at the Hilton, where the veterans would spend the next two nights. April 1 was a full and hectic day according to Gobeil.

“We had breakfast at 7 a.m. and then we got back on the bus and began our tour of monuments, we visited the WWII, Korean, Vietnam and Iwo Jima memorials and, of course, Arlington.”

When asked what he liked most Gobeil didn't hesitate.

“All of it, I've never seen anything so joyful to me, the changing of the guard at Arlington stands out, the soldiers made a special effort of acknowledgment to us, but everywhere we went we were made to feel so special, so important.”

After receiving his letter of reenlistment from President Truman in 1950, Gobeil again put his sea legs to work as a member of LSM #52. “It was Landing Ship Mechanism number 52 and unlike the Randolph and its 5,600 men, LSM had about 200 of us and I was the ‘jack-of-all’ trades guy, which was a good job, it kept me busy doing different stuff.”

In 1952, with the conflict in Korea over, Gobeil received an honorable discharge.

The Honor Flight group wrapped up a long Saturday of visiting memorials, taking group and individual photos and socializing with one another with a group meal before returning to the hotel to prep for the next day's flight home.

“We were exhausted, but it was well worth it, every time we got back on the bus I wanted to pass out – a bunch of guys did – and I might have for a minute or two, there was so much packed into that one day,” he said.

Gobeil remains an active community member of Waterboro. He has served as a Water District Trustee for many years, as well as an employee of the transfer station. His volunteer committee posts include, but are not limited to: the Parks and Recreation Committee, Assessing Board of Review, Transfer Station and Recycling Committee, Cemetery Committee and Fair Hearing Committee.

Bob lives in East Waterboro with his wife Lea.

Visit honorflightmaine.org for more information on how to provide services or volunteer.

Senator David Woodsome assigned to NCSL Committee

Senate President Michael Thibodeau (R-Waldo) has appointed Senator David Woodsome (R-York) to serve a two-year term representing Maine on the National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) Labor & Economic Development Committee.

“Last session, I had the opportunity to represent the Maine Senate on the Energy, Transportation and Agriculture Committee. I'm glad to have been chosen to continue this experience on another committee this term. It's important that as a legislature, we learn from policies and ideas that have been implemented in other states,” said Sen. Woodsome.

NCSL is a national bipartisan organization based out of Washington, D.C. with a mission to improve the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures by providing legislators and staff with

tools, resources and information to craft sound policy. They also promote innovation and communication between state legislatures to ensure the states maintain a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system.

The Labor & Economic Development Committee is one of nine bipartisan policy committees that will meet on a semiannual basis each year in Washington, D.C. and at the NCSL Legislative Summit. This year's annual summit will be held in Boston.

Senate President Thibodeau said, “Senator Woodsome has a unique ability to find common ground on some of the most complex and important issues of our time, and I am confident he will bring that skill to the committee. I cannot think of a better choice for this appointment.”



On Thursday, April 6, Nathan Hanson, left, and Hunter Jacob, students at Line Elementary School in West Newfield, spent the day at the State House. During their visit, they served as honorary pages in the Maine Senate and met with Senator David Woodsome (R-York). For more information on how to serve as an honorary page for a day, call the Office of the Senate Secretary at 287-1540 or 800-423-6900. COURTESY PHOTO

EVENTS

SOCIETY MEETING Next Newfield Historical Society business meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 17 at the Society building on Elm Street.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER AND GAMES Saturday, April 22 at Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church on the Mill Pond, Route 35, Goodwins Mills. Games at 3 p.m., followed by dinner from 5-6:30 p.m.

CALLING ALL QUILTERS The Evergreen Quilt Guild will meet on Monday, April 24 from 6-9 p.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church, Route 1, two miles south of Kennebunk Village. Evergreen Quilters usually meet the 4th Monday of each month except July and December. Newcomers are always welcome.

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TOWN OF WATERBORO

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing at the Waterboro Town Hall, 24 Townhouse Road, on **Tuesday, April 25, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

Public Hearing is to receive comments regarding the proposed 2017-2018 fiscal year budget and the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

The proposed 2017-2018 fiscal year budget is available at Waterboro Town Hall and on the town's website at www.waterboro-me.gov.

Waterboro Board of Selectmen

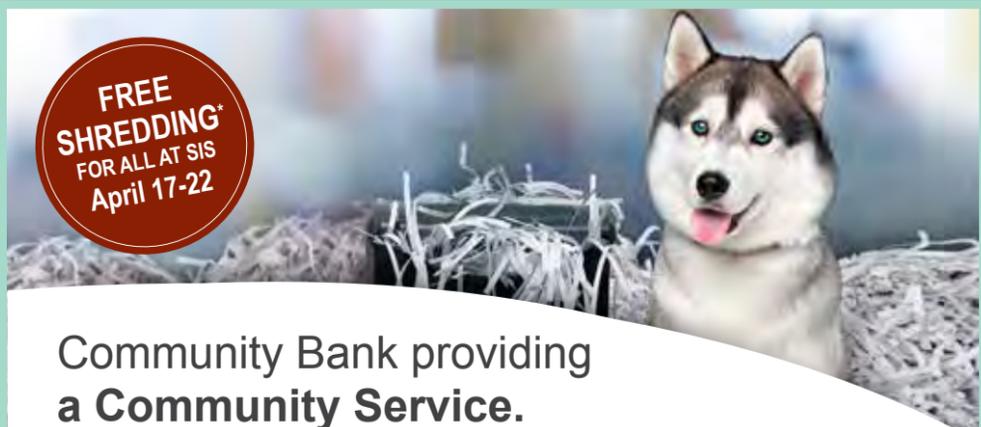


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SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW

BASEBALL

Cory Woodsome steps into the head coaching position vacated by Leon Renaud whose team slipped into the playoffs last year with a 6-10 mark in what was a stacked Class A south. Massabesic graduated two solid starting pitchers in Brandon Dyer and Weston Bergeron (team MVP); a four-year starting catcher and team captain in Dawson Renaud (Fred Parent Award winner); the Most Improved Player for 2016 in first baseman Adam DeAngelis; their starting left fielder Tyus Sprague-Ripley (who finished in the top 10 in batting average) and their leadoff hitter and utility tool in Derek Coulombe. Woodsome will rely heavily on his three solid returning starters in Jake Gregoire, Ethan Daigneault and Simon Roberts, but he'll surely need some pleasant surprises from his young team in order send the Mustangs back to the playoffs.



BASEBALL VARSITY

Date	Opponent	Time
4/21	Gorham	10am
4/25	Bonny Eagle	4pm
4/27	@Westbrook	4:15pm
4/29	@Portland HS	10am
5/2	Deering	4pm
5/4	@Scarborough	4pm
5/6	Marshwood	4pm
5/9	Thornton Academy	4:30pm
5/11	@Noble	4pm
5/13	Windham	10am
5/16	@Biddeford	4:30pm
5/18	@So. Portland	4pm
5/20	Sanford	10am
5/23	@Gorham	4pm
5/27	@Cheverus	1pm
5/30	Scarborough	4pm

SOFTBALL VARSITY

Date	Opponent	Time
4/21	Biddeford	10am
4/24	@Bonny Eagle	4pm
4/26	Thornton Academy	4:30pm
4/28	@Sanford	4pm
5/1	Windham	4pm
5/3	@Cheverus/North Yarmouth (Chev HS)	4pm
5/5	@MGA/Falmouth	4pm
5/9	Westbrook	4pm
5/10	Sanford	4pm
5/12	@Portland (Payson Park)	6pm
5/15	Gorham	4pm
5/17	@Noble	3:30pm
5/19	So. Portland (Payson Park)	4pm
5/22	@Deering	7pm
5/24	@Scarborough	4pm
5/26	Marshwood	6pm



SOFTBALL

Coach of the Year for 2016 Kevin Tutt returns for his third season as head coach, looking to improve upon an 8-8 mark last year that included a playoff berth and many encouraging developments within the program, including a large enough contingent to field three teams that will provide much needed depth should it be required. Massabesic graduated just one starter, stud pitcher Sarah Guimond, and they return a slew of solid players including first team all-conference outfielder Lacy Bean and honorable mention all-conference players in Sarah Howe and Grace Tutt. Topping Scarborough for the conference championship seems a stretch, but it seemed to be a similar story last year before Biddeford pulled it off.

GIRLS TRACK

Scott Carbone and his lady Mustangs finished 13th among 25 high schools at the Class A state championships last year. Moriah Biener, the reigning state champion high jumper, returns to lead the Mustangs. She chipped in on the 4 x 400 relay team that placed fifth at state's in a unit that lost Maggie Redman to graduation, but two solid sophomore's in Maddie Brassard and Syeria New should help keep Massabesic in the mix passing the baton.

BOYS TRACK

The bad news last year was that Dillon Bates' boys track team managed just four points at the southwestern championships. The good news for Bates this year is that the two runners that helped generate those points, Jarrod Hooper and Alex Swett both return. Look for Swett to be near the top to the charts in the distance events and look for Hooper to do the same in the mid-range sprints.

TRACK & FIELD

BOYS VARSITY

Date	Opponent	Time
4/26	@Deering	3:45pm
	Bonny Eagle, Deering, Westbrook	
5/3	@Scarborough HS	3:45pm
	Portland, Scarborough, Maine Girls' Academy	
5/5	@Westbrook	4pm
	Westbrook Relays	
5/10	@MHS	3:45
	So. Portland, TA, Windham	
5/17	@Noble HS	3:45pm
	Marshwood, Noble, Sanford	
5/20	@Noble HS	10am
	York County Meet	
5/27	@Noble HS	10am
	Southwesterns	

TRACK & FIELD

GIRLS VARSITY

Date	Opponent	Time
4/25	@Bonny Eagle	3:45pm
5/2	@MHS	3:45pm
5/5	@Scarborough HS	4pm
5/9	@So. Portland HS	4pm
5/16	@Marshwood	4pm
	SMAA Meet	
5/20	@Noble HS	10am
	York County Meet	
5/27	@Noble HS	10am
	Southwesterns	

BOYS TENNIS

Patrick Parent brings back a boys tennis team that finished last season with just one win, going 1-11, ending the season in last place in what was a loaded Class A south. They return several solid starters, including Joel Van Tassell and Camden Berry, that gained valuable experience in 2016 and open the schedule against 1-11 Marshwood (14th last year) followed by 6-6 Biddeford (9th). A good start may provide the opportunity to crack the top 10 in 2017 and sneak into the playoffs.

TENNIS

BOYS

Date	Opponent	Time
4/24	Marshwood	4pm
4/28	Biddeford	4pm
5/1	Deering	4pm
5/3	@So. Portland	3:30pm
5/5	@Cheverus	4:30pm
5/10	@Bonny Eagle	3:30pm
5/11	Windham	4:30pm
5/12	@Thornton Academy	4pm
5/15	Scarborough	3:30pm
5/17	@Westbrook	3:30pm
5/19	@Gorham	3:30pm
5/22	Sanford	3:30pm

GIRLS TENNIS

Coach Kayla Schutte and the lady Mustangs turned in a solid 2016 campaign, finishing 6-6 and making the playoffs with the 10th seed among 17 teams in what was an excellent Class A south field. Last year four conference foes finished with two losses or less and four more finished with an 8-4 mark. Despite the strength, Ashleigh Miller and Amy Burke won their first round doubles playoff match, gaining valuable experience which should serve them well (sorry for the pun!) this season. Two other returning (and again) seniors, the second playoff unit of Joanna LaFrance and Katie Dupuis, give Massabesic a solid doubles roster.

TENNIS

GIRLS

Date	Opponent	Time
4/24	@Marshwood	4pm
4/26	Maine Girls Acad.	3:30pm
4/28	@Biddeford	3:30pm
5/1	@Deering	4pm
5/3	So. Portland	3:30pm
5/10	Bonny Eagle	3:30pm
5/11	@Windham	3:30pm
5/12	Thornton Academy	4pm
5/15	@Scarborough	3:30pm
5/17	Westbrook	3:30pm
5/19	Gorham	3:30pm
5/22	@Sanford	3:30pm



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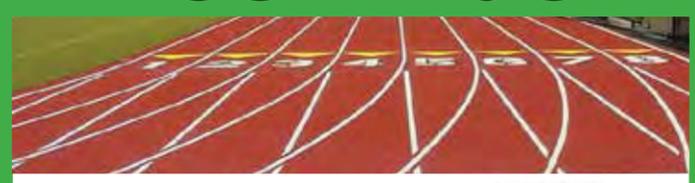
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SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW

GIRLS LAX

Brooks Bowen returns to the field with perhaps the top program in the state as the Mustangs have played in the championship game in each of the previous three seasons, winning once and losing twice by a single goal. Bowen watched stud attackers Maquila DiMastrantonio and Delia Sylvain graduate (both first team all-conference) as well as top defender Logan Champlin (another first team AC), plus excellent core players in Keilly Lynch, Maddy Russell and Kailey Daigle. Of course, the Mustangs return a veritable all-star team led by Emma Desrochers and Madi Drain, but it's hard to improve on an 11-1 regular season mark (14-2 overall) and south conference title. The schedule maker takes much of the drama out of the regular season as they open against Marshwood (11-1), whom they dumped in the Class A south final, and they finish against another playoff team that they vanquished in Gorham.

BOYS LAX

Head coach Steve Gallo returns with much of his playoff team from last year (5-7) still intact (minus a solid goaltender in Blake Foglio, attacker Kevin Nguyen and defender Branden St. Laurent). Stud scorers Ethan Ouellette and Cameron Roy should help power what is suddenly a dangerous Mustang squad; fueled by other notable returners Christian Descoteaux, Russell Wright and Zion Mercado. They open the season with a big test against powerhouse Windham.

-By Michael DeAngelis

LACROSSE VARSITY GIRLS

Date	Opponent	Time
4/27	@Marshwood	4pm
4/29	@Greely	10am
5/1	Portland	6pm
5/4	@TA	4:45pm
5/9	Deering	6pm
5/11	@Cheverus	4:30pm
5/12	Cape Elizabeth	6pm
5/16	Scarborough	6pm
5/18	@Windham	6pm
5/23	Sanford	6pm
5/25	So. Portland	7pm
5/30	@Gorham	6pm



LACROSSE VARSITY BOYS

Date	Opponent	Time
4/21	@Windham	11:15am
4/25	Noble	6pm
4/26	@Biddeford	4pm
4/29	@Lewiston	3pm
5/5	Bonny Eagle	6pm
5/10	@Gorham	4pm
5/13	Morse	10am
5/15	Westbrook	6pm
5/18	@Marshwood	4pm
5/22	Deering	6pm
5/26	@So. Portland	6:30pm
5/30	Portland	6pm

Dudley honored as top rookie

Former Mustang sets five swim records at Norwich

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
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Elaine Dudley, a freshman at Norwich University, was recently named Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Women's Swimming and Diving Rookie of the Year.

Dudley broke five individual school records: the 100-freestyle, 200-freestyle, 50-backstroke, 100-IM and 200-IM. She was also a member of the NU record breaking 800-freestyle-relay team at the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association Championships and she also became the first Norwich female swimmer to win an individual event at the NEISDA Championships in over a decade as she claimed first in the 200 IM with a 2:09.50.

On the first day of the GNAC Championships, Dudley became the first female cadet swimmer to win an event since 2010 with a victory in the 200 IM with a 2:12.40. The time broke three records: a school record, pool record and GNAC record. She also placed fourth in the 200-freestyle.

On day two she took two second place spots, one the 100-freestyle and the other in the 50-backstroke. Her time in the 100 broke a 28 year-old school record and her backstroke time cracked an 18 year-old school mark. Her split time of 1:56.30 in the 800-freestyle-relay also broke a 28 year-old school record.

Dudley's efforts helped lift the

Cadets to a 12th place finish in the team competition, their highest finish under head coach Andrew Bretscher.

During the regular season, Dudley won nine Rookie of the Week awards from the GNAC and was named Female Athlete of the Week three times. She was also named collegeswimming.com's NESIDA Swimmer of the Week twice and she

earned NEISDA Women's Swimmer of the Week honor three times.

Dudley, a Waterboro resident and graduate of Massabesic in 2016, holds four individual and two relay team records at MHS. She was state champion her junior and senior year in the 200-freestyle, state champion senior year in the 100-freestyle and she holds the south-southwestern regional record in the 200-freestyle



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LETTERS

I disagree

I couldn't disagree more with "The Art of the Con" by Jon Simonds; he writes as though Speaker Ryan's school choice bill is written just for Maine but of course this is a national initiative. I'd be the first to admit that there are many excellent public schools and Maine has its share, but you cannot say that this is true for many areas of our country. Should a family in Detroit be denied the chance to get their child the best education possible because other areas have good public schools? And if you are religious? Why shouldn't people anywhere have a choice of where to send their kids?

The "hook" of his article seems to be that we already have the choice of sending our kids to private schools but that's not really true unless you are as wealthy as Mr. Simonds must be. It is very difficult to pay both your property taxes and the tuition that a private institution must charge to stay in operation. He implies that the vouchers are some kind of scam reeling in fools but a voucher from the government would go a long way toward the cost of a private school education if that is what a family deems best for their child.

Mr. Simonds writes that Speaker Ryan's bill defunds public schools but this is only true if families vote with their feet and take their vouchers to a school that they feel will give their child a better chance. Excellent public schools should not fear a voucher system but it seems left up to people like Mr. Simonds, failing public schools will never be held to account and the many stunted lives that result will be the dividends we reap. Mr. Simonds insinuates that private schools, religious or otherwise educate children only for profit and then states that there is no profit, no visible financial return from public education. Profit or not, smart, thinking, competent, functioning members of our economy are the financial return for society's tax dollars and no avenue to this result should be excluded.

Bottom line is that monopolies are bad, ask anyone who owned an American made car in the 70's. If you got 100,000 miles you were lucky. After competition from Japan and others came in and forced our auto industry to improve 200,000+ became the norm. The education industry is no different and by allowing the consumer choices the education

of our children will be better for it. What does public education fear anyway? Could it be that there will finally be something to compare results against?

Again, kids will be better off for it.

Anthony Garrity
West Newfield

In response

In response to the continued ranting in Jon Simonds' column of April 7, it would seem that no matter what the Trump Administration might propose, a Hillary Clinton supporter like Mr. Simonds would attack the proposal - even a good one like HR 610.

Simply stated, HR 610 establishes an education voucher program, which each state shall distribute through block grant funds. These funds, through the local educational agencies, would be distributed to the parents who elect to enroll their child in a private school or to home-school their child giving these parents real school choice.

Just looking at it from a financial point of view, parents who have been sending their children to private schools or who have home

schooled have paid their taxes but never used the education system. It seems fair that these parents get a break financially. Also for those parents who wanted school choice and wanted to send their child to a private school, but couldn't afford it, they can now get the help they need to make that happen.

There is nothing wrong with competition - even in education. For too long the public school system has had a monopoly on educating our children. And what did parents get for that total control? Lower achievement scores and Common Core - a program developed by progressive social engineers that enhances the power of the Federal government over the details of the lives of ourselves and our children.

So you might ask what's wrong with Common Core? To put it in a couple of words, there's a difference in training a child and educating a child. The primary goal of Common Core is to train children for the work place and job placement, through national test standards and a massive data collection operation overseen by the Federal government. Common Core is contrary to what the Founding Fathers envisioned as limited Fed-

eral government. Common Core is unacceptable because we the people had no input in its design and implementation over our most precious resource - our children. Common Core is contrary to the purpose of Education. It is actually an anti-education program.

When Mr. Simonds says that, "you can't put a price on education. Schools like Massabesic Middle School are provided for the young, developing minds that are the future of our Nation," what future does Mr. Simonds have in mind? A future where all children have the opportunity to be whatever he or she wants to be, or a future where the Federal government, through Common Core test results, will assign a job because that's how your child matches up in some sort of crazy computer analysis?

Bottom line, if Mr. Simonds would get over the election, I think that he may find that Trump is actually fulfilling obligations he made during his campaign - which is much more than the eight years Obama had to not fulfill his.

Thanks for listening.

Carmine Castaldo
North Waterboro

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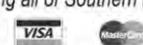
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OBITUARIES

Roberta M. Hayes

Roberta M. Hayes, 80, wife of the late Edward F. Hayes Sr. died unexpectedly Tuesday at her home in Waterboro.



Roberta M. Hayes

She was born in Providence, Rhode Island, Jan. 23, 1937, a daughter of the late William M. and Phyllis M. (Burnham) Murray a, AZ and brother of the late Richard Murray. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren, and lived in Billerica, Massachusetts before moving to Waterboro 23 years ago.

Mrs. Hayes graduated from Hingham High School in 1954 and later from the Cambridge City School of Nursing in 1957. She worked as a Registered Nurse at Cambridge City Hospital for 28 years having retired in 1982 and later worked at the Life Care Center of Merrimack Valley in Billerica.

While living in Billerica, Mrs. Hayes was a communicant of St. Theresa Church and was active with the Cancer Support Group and the Billerica Pop Warner.

A Funeral Mass was held April 3, at St. Theresa Church, 466 Boston Rd., Billerica, with burial at Fox Hill cemetery in Billerica.

Alice M. Roberts (Smith)

Alice M. Roberts (Smith) 93, of Cape Porpoise, Maine and Lecanto, Florida



Alice M. Roberts (Smith)

Alice passed away on March 27, 2017 at the home of her daughter and son in law in Lecanto, Florida after a brief illness.

She was born Dec. 31, 1923 in Conway, New Hampshire, a daughter to Ernest and Beryl Smith.

She worked for the woolen mills in Limerick, Patent Leather Mill in Waterboro and a key puncher for Hannaford's in Portland.

She attended the North Alfred Baptist Church, The Church on the Cape and Hernando Church of the Nazarene.

In her spare time, she enjoyed oil painting, basket weaving, sewing, needlepoint, crocheting and knitting. She didn't only knit for her family, but enjoyed knitting and donating her newborn baby hats and prayer shawls. She looked forward to Wednesday mornings when the ladies got together at the church on the Cape to knit.

Alice was predeceased by her parents, three sisters and husband Stan. She is survived by her daughter Glynis R. Thompson and husband Sherm of Cape Porpoise; five grandchildren; Nancy Crowell, Karen Lord, Denise Pride, Greg Thompson and Brian Thompson; six great grandchildren; sister-in-law Marion Roberts and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Church on the Cape in Cape Porpoise with a celebration of life following in the

Bartlett Room.

In lieu of flowers, gram requested donations be made to: Church on the Cape, Children of the Future Sunday School, 3 Langsford Road, PO Box 7663, Cape Porpoise, ME 04014

Bruce D. Folsom

Bruce D. Folsom, age 90, of Alfred, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, April 7, 2017.



Bruce D. Folsom

Bruce was born on Jan. 12, 1927 in Sanford, the son of Esther Myrle Dalton and Rodney Gerry Folsom.

He attended elementary school in Springvale and graduated from Sanford High School in 1945. He then attended the University of Maine, graduating in 1949 with a degree in Engineering Physics.

Immediately after graduation from the university, Bruce went to work for the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, New York, where he worked for 35 years. He started in the Film Testing Division, but spent most of this career in the Film Emulsion Division. He wound up as the Assistant Superintendent of the quality section for all of Kodak's color film products.

In 1951, Bruce married Louise (Teddy) Powers, from South Portland, who he met in college. After living in the town of Greece, New York for several years, they moved to Honeoye Falls, New York, where Bruce was active in the local Presbyterian Church, Boy Scouts of America and Rotary Club.

Teddy passed away in 1981, and Bruce took an early retirement from Kodak in 1985. Upon his retirement, he returned to Maine and, in 1986, married Mary Dumas, another friend from college. Bruce volunteered his time to the Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, and was active in the Acton Congregational Church.

Bruce loved snow and water skiing, and he and Mary owned a condominium at Sugarloaf for many years. They both skied until

they were 80 years old. Bruce also owned a camp on Mousam Lake in Shapleigh, where he and Mary entertained family and friends every summer.

Bruce is survived by his wife Mary; sons, Steve and Dave; Mary's sons, Art (Celina), Steve and Greg (Janice); his grandchildren, Sara and Christie Folsom; Lance, John, and Marce, and Cameron and Carolyn Dumas; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. A special thanks to his caregivers, Nicole and Brian and close family friend, Jen.

A celebration of Bruce's life will take place on April 30 at noon at the Acton Congregational Church followed by a reception. Interment will be on Monday, May 1 at 10 a.m. in the Riverside Cemetery in Springvale.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Helen Wentworth Fund, Acton Congregational Church; P.O. Box 28, Acton, ME 04001 or Hospice of Southern Maine, 180 US Route One, Suite 1, Scarborough, ME 04074.

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BRIEFS

Earth Day picnic

The Sanford Springvale Mousam Way Land Trust is holding a free Trek & Picnic on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the land it is purchasing on Blanchard Road in Springvale, rain or shine. Signs will direct you from Hanson Ridge Road in Springvale or Smith Road in Lebanon. The trek, a leisurely tour, will take about two hours. Afterwards hot dogs, bottled water and cookies will be available. You may bring your lunch if you prefer.

The 79 acres of this property have ecologically diverse habitats and uncommon species not found on the other land trust reserves. Kevin McKeon, Dr. Bud Johnston and others will point out some of these features and talk about planned projects. This land also is valuable to the land trust because it will provide access to and from the western leg of the Sanford Rail Trail now blocked by a new house at its end. In addition the two and one quarter miles of logging roads have significant potential for recreation and education.

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