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Zumba classes are held at the Lyman Library. From left, Lisa Young, Jodie Lyles, Kim Guerrette, Cathy Couture, Angela Madigan and Barbara Noone. PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

GETTING FIT LOCALLY

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Are you one of the 66 percent of Americans who set a fitness goal as one of their New Year's Resolutions? Are you afraid you might end up being the one in three Americans who can't make it through the end of January? Well, you don't have to do it alone. There are lots of local fitness classes and groups in the area to keep you motivated and help you reach your fitness goals. The Reporter will periodically feature these local fitness options.

Your local library

It's not too late to get into shape, and you don't have to do it alone. You also don't have to pay a lot of money for a gym membership – see what your local library might offer!

If you live in Lyman, or drive through Goodwins Mills on a Saturday morning, you may hear some 80s and 90s music (Footloose, for example), and some whooping, clapping and cheering coming from the Lyman Library. That's the Saturday morning Zumba class.

The class is in the Lyman Li-

brary's Activity Room from 8-9 a.m. "I love the space," said instructor Cathy Couture, "it's exactly what I needed!"

Couture started out seven years ago as a Zumba student, taking classes in Sanford. "I had just had my third baby, and I wanted to do something different," she said. She tried Zumba and loved it. Two years later, when that Zumba studio closed, she thought, "I can't stop doing Zumba!" She found a one-day instructor class and became an instructor herself and began by inviting friends to come workout with her in the workout room above her garage, but she could only fit a couple of friends at a time. She was looking for a bigger audience. She then taught at Sanford Adult Ed, and Massabesic Adult Ed. Andrea Myers, Co-Director of Lyman Parks and Rec, Couture's neighbor, approached her and asked her to do a session of Zumba and she agreed. Though the

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Voters will decide marijuana issues

By BRIGIT MCCALLUM

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Voters will find five questions on how Waterboro will deal with the commercial aspects of marijuana use when they come to the polls on June 13. Following a number of discussions, selectmen decided at their April 3 meeting to give voters their say on the matter, through non-binding referendum questions.

A statewide moratorium on commercial marijuana uses will expire in February of 2018 and while the legislature figures out how to deal with the new law, municipalities are working to make decisions as to which uses will be allowed locally.

Town Administrator Gary Lamb's recommendation to the Board, for what he termed legal and law enforcement/public safety reasons, was to consider being a "dry town," and prohibit these activities. In a March 27 memo to the selectmen, Lamb cautioned that unless commercial uses are

prohibited, in less than a year, the Planning Board, Selectmen, Fire Chief, Town Planner or CEO may be asked to review and approve some or all of the five marijuana license classes, including cultivation, manufacturing, testing, retail sales and social clubs, that were approved statewide last November.

According to the memo, 29 states have approved medical marijuana use and 8 states have approved recreational marijuana use, but according to Lamb, marijuana is still a Schedule 1 substance under the Federal U.S. Controlled Substance Act making the production, processing and retail sale of marijuana illegal and a federal felony, even in Maine and other states where it is approved for medical or recreational use.

In their deliberations at a workshop Tuesday evening, town leaders debated four options. Lamb supported creating an ordinance to prohibit all of these uses, which would constitute a

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Community upgrades

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Lake Arrowhead Community (LAC) trustees announced plans for upgrades and improvements in the Community infrastructure in its newly released Spring newsletter. Major improvements ahead include a three-phase upgrade to the extensive water system to enhance capacity and reliability as well as new roofing projects for Community Clubhouses.

One improvement nearing completion is the reframing of parts of the subfloor and the installation of new underlayment and vinyl plank flooring in the meeting room at Clubhouse 2 on Old Portland Road on the Waterboro side of LAC. According to Public Works Director Scott Davis, the work will improve both the integrity and the looks of the large meeting and activity space.

After a rough winter, with the current challenges of plowing new snow from already thawing roads, Davis wryly anticipates that, "When the glacier recedes," crews will be out fixing roads and water mains, concentrating on the most needed areas. LAC Trustee President Dave Sanfason writes in the newsletter that Phase I of the water system improvements is the upgrading of the central water system

pumping station. "This phase is already underway, including upgrading the central water meter from four to six inches and upgrading the second well pump from 35 horsepower to 50 horsepower," said Sanfason. This work should be completed by the end of April.

Phase II will consist of running a new 12-inch water main from the wells to the intersection of Fairview Drive and Old Portland Road to increase the ability to fill the Caribou and Mayfair water tanks. "This will assure a more reliable water supply during dry periods and peak use times in summer," said Sanfason. He says Phase II may be completed in the next year, if neighboring land is purchased or accessed. Phase III involves running a second 12-inch main from the Phase II connection, across the lake to Leisure Lane. Sanfason anticipates the completion of these upgrades in 2019, and asks LAC members to continue to conserve water during high use peak times.

As work continues, Davis asks that members who experience problems notify the office at 247-5239 to inform staff of issues to be addressed, and members are advised to check the LAC website at www.lacinc.org for notices.

New floor for clubhouse



Lake Arrowhead Community upgrades its Clubhouse 2 on Old Portland Road with a new floor in the meeting room. Here Roy Estes and Sara Estes of Ralph D. Estes and Sons of Standish put finishing touches on the vinyl plank flooring. PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

ALFRED

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Alfred Festival needs volunteers

Alfred Festival now has a theme: "Alfred: A Vision of the Future." What is needed are people to make it happen. Any who have participated as a crafter or vendor, parade participant or runner in the race is asked to step forward and make this year's festival the success it has been in previous years.

Those who have already stepped forward are the co-chairs Bonnie Gagnon, (nenebonniex6@gmail.com) Missy McCarthy (missymooers@yahoo.com) and Susan Pierce (the_pierces@roadrunner.com) Secretary and advertising chair of the committee is Shana Therrien (shanatherrien7@gmail.com), Arlene Carroll is treasurer (celebratinglife2013@gmail.com), Chris and Rose Caswell (coach_caswell@yahoo.com) are in charge of the children's programs, Missy McCarthy is parade and talent show chairman; Bonnie Gagnon is in charge of crafters and vendors;

Susan Pierce is in charge of the demonstration tent and the race; liaisons with the Alfred Parish Church are Alix Golden and Eric Ducharme.

The contact person is Susan Pierce. The festival is planned for the weekend of July 14-16, the second weekend in July.

New pastor on Palm Sunday

Sara Bartlett, the new pastor for Alfred Parish Church will lead the service on Palm Sunday, when communion will be held. Fellowship and refreshments next door in Conant Chapel will follow the service.

Towels and toothbrushes, soap, toothpaste, wash cloths, combs, nail clippers, band aids and hand towels were among items being packed by the mission committee of the Parish Church for shipment this month. The committee will be collecting through the end of April to complete 25 kits and collect the \$50 processing fee.

These will be shipped to a distribution point administered by Church World Service, established in 1946 in the aftermath of WWII to feed the hungry and those in need both in the U.S. and overseas. CWS is a cooperative of 37 Christian denominations

Author to give library reading

Kingsley Gallup, Kennebunk therapist and author, will read from her book, "Project Personal Freedom" on Sunday, April 9, at 1 p.m. at Parsons Memorial Library and discuss personal change and growth.

Hers is a daily guidebook of inspirational and instructional tips to help those who feel trapped by circumstances, belief systems and/or emotions to access a stronger sense of personal freedom. The book was written for a wide audience, those dealing with occasional stress, those suffering chronic conditions such as depression, anxiety and PTSD.

Gallup, a licensed professional counselor and psychotherapist is nationally certified, a distance-credentialed counselor and certified mediator who has worked in the mental health field for 17 years. FMI contact www.alfredme.us/library.

New Century Club

The New Century Club will meet at the home of David and Torrey Joy on Monday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. Hal and Linda Macomber will co-host the meeting. Fred Boyle will speak on "Alfred/Lyman History."



Lisa Cook and Deedee Wenger pack items for the mission box at Alfred Parish Church. They will be sent to Church World Service.

PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

Benefit race

Plans are being made for the York County Shelter Programs (YCSP) annual race on the Alfred campus this year on 147 Shaker Hill Road. It will be on Saturday, May 20 with registration and check-in starting at 8 a.m. The race will begin at 9 a.m.

The York County Federal

Credit Union is partnering with YCSP for a family fun 5K Run and 2M Walk. Early bird specials are offered at \$20. They are looking for other community partners to help end hunger and homelessness in Maine.

To secure early bird pricing and registration email info@ycspi.org.

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COUPON EXPIRES MAY 30, 2017



Lucas Tree Experts crews at work on New Dam Road in North Waterboro this week as part of Central Maine Power's Tree Care Maintenance Program. Pruning and removing dead, diseased trees or limbs, or trees otherwise just in the way improves the reliability of power provision by the utility. Waterboro is one of about 30 communities being served this spring as part of the five-year-cycle that clears CMP's 25,000 miles of power lines.
PHOTO BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM

CMP trims trees to keep the power on

By BRIGIT MCCALLUM
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For some weeks residents have been detouring around one or more Lucas Tree Service utility trucks and crews along town roads in all parts of Waterboro, along with about 30 other communities in southern and coastal Maine.

This work is all part of a five-year cycle of Central Maine Power's Tree Care Maintenance Program, a \$20 million annual vegetation management program. According to CMP spokeswoman Gail Rice, the program started in 2009, and 2014 was the start of the second five-year cycle to prune trees along every mile of CMP's 25,000 miles of distribution lines. Rice wrote, "Trees and limbs that come in contact with lines are the most frequent cause of blinking clocks and power outages, so customers should see better reliability as the crews trim along the roadsides in their towns."

Licensed arborists coordinate with qualified tree crews as well as local towns to make sure the job is done right. Pruning eliminates vegetation that may be en-

croaching within 8 feet to the side and 15 feet above the power lines. Low growing saplings that may grow up to interfere with wires are also cut out. Crews also remove dead, dying, diseased, and leaning trees within 14 feet of the lines.

Once the tree work is completed, CMP moves to its Line Inspection and Maintenance program, which also runs on a five-year cycle. Line inspectors will patrol the same lines, checking the pole and all equipment for signs of age and/or damage. Rice says that routine maintenance is prioritized based on the line inspectors' findings, and it makes sense to do the line inspections right after the tree work, because there is less vegetation in the way and they can get a really good look at everything. CMP asks that motorists slow down and give workers room to work safely. CMP notifies customers about its vegetation management activities every year with inserts in its bills. Customers can sign up to receive a notice when tree trimming is happening in their area. For more information, call CMP Customer Service at 1-800-750-4000.

TOWN OF WATERBORO

NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination papers for the June 13, 2017
Municipal Elections:

Selectmen - 3 year term (2 positions)

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

WATERBORO

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MARIJUANA

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"dry town" ordinance. Then, if citizens wished to reverse that decision, they would need to create a petition drive to place referenda to reverse any aspect of the ordinance on a subsequent ballot. Such an ordinance, according to Lamb would have no effect on the law's provisions for possession or growing marijuana for personal use, but only affect the retail aspects.

The Board then considered three options by which citizens could make their views known instead of creating an ordinance up front. Chair Dennis Abbott provided a cautionary note, reminding others of the town's response when the Board unilaterally created the "Pay Per Bag" waste disposal ordinance in 2005. Board members Jon Gale, Tim Neill, Gordon Littlefield and Abbott (Dwayne Woodsome was not present at the meeting) all agreed that giving voters the decision was preferable to an ordinance.

One option would give voters one yes-or-no vote on all five items, a second would lump the first four retail elements in one vote and social clubs in a second, and the third would give voters a choice on each of the five "retail establishments." In any case, the referendum would be worded such that a "yes" vote would serve to prohibit that element.

At their business meeting following the workshop, the Board voted, 4 to 0, to give voters the option for residents to decide on each of the five retail establish-

ments. Each shall be worded, "Shall the town prohibit . . ." so that a yes vote will eliminate that retail element of marijuana use and a successful no vote will allow that element, then requiring the town to create and approve an ordinance to regulate the approved use. These non-binding questions will appear on the ballot for the June 13 election and guide town leaders in future actions on the issues.

Beds available at community garden

Waterboro Community Garden has two raised beds available for rent and is in search of new gardeners to join its "growing" community. The community garden is located behind the Town Hall parking lot on Townhouse Road in East Waterboro. WCG offers rentable 24'x4' garden beds for those seeking space to grow fresh vegetables and flowers. Gardeners follow organic practices and gardeners learn from one another. There is an onsite shed with basic tools for member use, wheelbarrows, compost, soil and seasonal water access May to September.

Two 24-foot beds are available, as well as 2 table height beds to accommodate anyone

with physical limitations. Bed availability is on a first-come first-served basis. Applications and more information can be at town hall. FMI email garden@waterboro-me.gov.

The WCG committee has changed its meeting day to the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. Meetings are open to the public and located, during cool months, in the upstairs meeting room of the old Waterboro Town Hall (the opposite side from the town hall annex). Meetings with potluck snacks will be outside in the gardens as weather permits.

WCG is also actively seeking committee members. Town committee applications can be found on the town website: www.waterboro-me.gov.

New photography class at the library

A digital photography class will be held on Saturday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. The class will be free but donations are invited. Participants should bring their camera and the manual if available, and any questions. The class will be held in the downstairs meeting room; enter by the door at the right of the building. RSVP at 247-3363 or email librarian@waterborolibrary.org.

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LOCAL LIBRARIES

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class runs in 6-week sessions, drop-ins are always welcome. Classes are \$8/class. The next 6-week session will begin on Saturday, April 8.

"Give it a try!" Couture said. You'll get a good workout – averaging 6,000 steps per class. There is no pressure. "You don't have to do it like I do," she said. "Don't think about what you're doing, just keep moving." She added, "You'll have fun and leave with a smile!"

For more information, contact Couture at ccouture570@gmail.com or give her a call at 318-2417. Lyman Librarian Leila Roy added, "Libraries make things possible."

Zumba is just one of three classes offered at the library through Lyman Parks and Rec. Tae Kwon Do is offered on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. "Given the rental costs of school facilities to use their gyms, I made the decision to use the library's activity room vs raising the costs for the students," said Jim Lajoie, Director. "One of my goals is to keep the costs as low as possible." And according to Lajoie, fees at Blue Dragon have not changed in over 10 years, and they are the lowest monthly dues in the area for a Martial Arts School.

"In terms of size of the activity room, I had trained many years ago in a dojo this size," said Lajoie. "This size keeps for a tight knit feel. Every student interacts and learns from each other." Lajoie continued, "I like the space. It's great to have all the windows to see outside, giving the room a bigger feel. During the nicer days of the year, we can open the windows to enjoy the outside are and sounds." In the summer months, Lajoie takes practice outside and the class uses the library's lawn, making use of the trees to stretch or as obstacles, the ground for tumbling, and the parameter of the building to run laps. Sometimes they use the trail to the side of the property. "I like using the library," said Lajoie, "as it provides exposure for the community." To learn more about Blue Dragon Tae Kwan Do,

contact Lajoie at jlajoietkd@gmail.com or call him at 468-4313.

Yoga has also been offered on Wednesday evenings in 6-week sessions like Zumba. Classes take place when the library is closed. Lyman Parks and Rec Co-Director Andrea Myers said that currently, Parks and Rec doesn't really have their own space, and that using the library has expanded participation in their programs. This may change with the renovation of the former Cousens School, as a section of the building may be designated for Parks and Rec. "We could do so much more if we had our own space," said Myers. If you are interested in joining any of these classes, contact Myers at 603-231-7178 or Holly Hart at 710-3021, the Co-Directors of Lyman Parks and Rec, email lpr04002@gmail.com or find Lyman Parks and Rec on Facebook.

In Limerick, yoga instructor Tasha Brodeur offered two sessions of beginning yoga at the Limerick Library in February and March. "I had attended her classes," said Limerick Librarian Cindy Smith, "and invited her to teach an introductory class at the library for people to try it." Classes were offered by donation in the library's meeting room, and mats and blocks were provided, or one could bring their own. "It was nice to see new faces from the area that were excited about trying yoga!" said Brodeur. "I specifically designed the class to be more instructional so that it was more accessible for the beginner," Brodeur explained. To that end, she worked on building in new moves each class. "We had a great turnout and people seemed to like it. Even people who expressed their concern about not being flexible or very mobile still surprised themselves at what they could accomplish." Brodeur is also a farmer, and now that spring is here, yoga classes are on hold until next winter.

In the past, Limerick library has also had chair yoga classes. But yoga isn't the only fitness class the library has offered. Last spring, Robin Hoose, now of Zen Fitness, taught her "Fountain of Youth" class in the library meeting room. What's

next for the library? "Things tend to get busy in the summer," said Smith, "but if the option came up, we would do it!" Check out the library's website at www.limerickme.org or their Facebook page to see what might be next, or call them at 793-8975.

Alfred's Parsons Memorial Library has also offered Yoga with Peggy Greer from Anam Cara Studio on Sundays for a 5-class session this winter for free. Will there be more yoga, or other fitness classes there? There will probably be some yoga events in the summer. Contact the library at 324-2001 to find out. Thinking of getting your kiddos to be more "mindful," too? The library has Story Hour Yoga with Christie Hall the last Tuesday of each month! No need to register, just show up! Hall is a certified Child Light Yoga instructor, and incorporates movement and reading. "Yoga and reading create healthy minds, do they not?!" Hall continued, "With the fast-paced lifestyles so many of us live, our little ones are forced to live in this hurry up world. Yoga gives us a wonderful opportunity to let their mind and bodies connect to become one." She added, "It allows their hamster wheel to rest and enjoy taking care of themselves (whether they know it or not)."

Cherise Feser, Library Director at the West Buxton Public Library on River Road in Buxton reported that there hasn't been a fitness class yet in West Buxton, but added, "I am hoping to organize a self defense class in the near future." If you are interested in joining this self defense class, or if you would like to see the library offer another fitness class, contact Feser at 727-5898 or email her at director@west-buxtonpubliclibrary.org.

While the Shapleigh Library doesn't currently offer any fitness classes, Library Director Rikki Foglio says they are "open to the idea!" Contact Foglio to let her know what might interest you. Call 636-3630, email shapleighlibrary@gmail.com or go to their Facebook page.

What kind of fitness class would you like to attend? You never know what you could start!

LYMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Joy Spencer

Read-a-thon

Lyman Elementary held its first read-a-thon to inspire children to practice good reading habits and at the same time raise money to support the school. Students collected pledges from March 17-26 and the reading took place March 27-31 both at home and at school. Pledges will be collected from April 1 to the 12 and are due by April 13. The goal of 2,500 minutes of reading for the whole school has been set. The classrooms in grades K-2 and 3-5 with the most minutes will receive

a basket of books. If the students reach the school goal, Principal Ginnie Drouin, has agreed to do one of the following things: be duct taped to the wall for 30 minutes while reading, wear a tu tu, feather boa and silly hat for the day, or get a pie in the face. Email Sandy Johnson at sandbar2763@roadrunner.com for more info.

Upcoming events

The BOGO Book Fair is April 10-13

TV Turn-Off Week is April 10-13 with PTC-sponsored activities offered in the evenings at LES to promote "Turn off the electronics and get moving."

OPINION

The art of the con

As every good grifter knows, there is a trio of ingredients one must provide for the pot. The first, though not necessarily the most important, is the bait. This is the golden scent provided to attract the mark. The second of course, is the hook, not really hidden from the mark,



by
Jon Simonds

or the fool who is being set up to believe 'this' is going to work out great. The third and perhaps the single most important portion of the pot is patience.

Men like Paul Ryan understand this. They have been brewing a stew meant to sucker a mass of people so completely, in the end they will be raped, robbed and lampooned all the way to the bank. They call this stew HR 610 and this pot of feces has begun its journey into the House. It will go on to the Senate and off to the President to be signed into Law.

Ryan and company are setting up their mark under the guise of a scheme called School Choice. This is a clever piece of bait as it gives one the impression they have no choice when it comes to attending school. They are reeling fools in with a hook called the Voucher. The Voucher in this plot magically allows you to send your kid to the school of your choice. Of course, there are only two types of schools to choose from. They are the same two types of schools you could choose from before they dreamed up this scheme. The first is the private school, a business enterprise designed to educate your children

for a substantial profit. Some of these schools are attached to religious institutions and thus exempt from paying taxes.

The second choice is Public Schools, like the High School Ryan attended in Janesville, WI. These are publicly funded, non-profit

institutions because 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. The expense we associate with educating our young are the dividends we reap in the future but there is no profit in public education. There is no visible financial return.

Men like Paul Ryan don't like this. So, they stand in the kitchen and cook up a brew of deep cuts for the institutions meant to prepare our young to compete in the future standing before us. School Choice is a con. Ask Mr. Ryan's parents. They chose to send their boy, Paul, to a private Elementary School, a private Middle School, but then chose a Public High School. Now, if their son has his way, there will be no public schools. There will only be the banks and the student loans and of course, the mark; the backbone of America, struggling even more in their effort to give their children the same opportunity at an education those grifters had.

Jon Simonds lives in North Waterboro and is the author of "Brooklyn Encounters," a collection of short stories available on Kindle.

BRIEFS

Limerick student Receives Rachel Carson Scholarship

Emily Scavoni, of Limerick, has been awarded the Rachel Carson Scholarship by Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vermont. The nation's leading college for environmental, social and economic sustainability based education, Green Mountain College grants this scholarship to selected students with an interest in the sciences who are preparing to lead communities and the world to a more sustainable future.

"We recognize students with a passion for science, law, journalism, advocacy, government, or business with the Rachel Carson Scholarship," said Green Mountain College University President Robert (Bob) Allen. "Emily will be able to take full advantage of this award and a Green Mountain College education to do well by doing good."

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Local child actors cast in upcoming film

Massachusetts-based independent filmmaker Jennifer Potts announces that eight-year-old Colbi Gannett of Waterboro, will be playing the lead role of Cecily Blinkstop in Potts' short film, *The Extraordinary World of Cecily Blinkstop*. Colbi's brother, six-year-old Emmett Gannett, also from Waterboro, will play the role of Cecily's younger brother, Bar-

ney. They are scheduled to film in Central Massachusetts in July 2017. Colbi Gannett, a second grader at Waterboro Elementary School, has been acting since she was four years old. She is best known for her roles in HBO's *Olive Kitteridge*, alongside Academy Award-winning actress Frances McDormand, and in the award-winning short

film *Camping Trip* by Director Audrey Larson. Colbi is represented by two top agencies in New York City and Los Angeles: Paradigm Talent Agency and Coast to Coast Talent Group. She is managed by Irene Dreayer, Disney Channel's executive producer of the popular 90's show *Sister Sister* and the *Suite Life of Zac and Cody*.

Emmett Gannett, a first grader at Waterboro Elementary School, is an actor and model who made his acting debut at just age one as Baby Kevin James in Adam Sandler's *Grown Ups 2*. Since then, he has modeled in dozens of catalogs and was featured in a national ad campaign for MasterCard in which his face adorned billboards throughout Boston.

Colbi and Emmett will be joined by six-year-old Molly McCarthy of South Easton, Mass., in the role of Amanda Jane, Cecily's magical friend, and Patricia Fitzgerald, a 13-year-old actress from South Yarmouth, Mass., playing the role



Colbi Gannett



Emmett Gannett

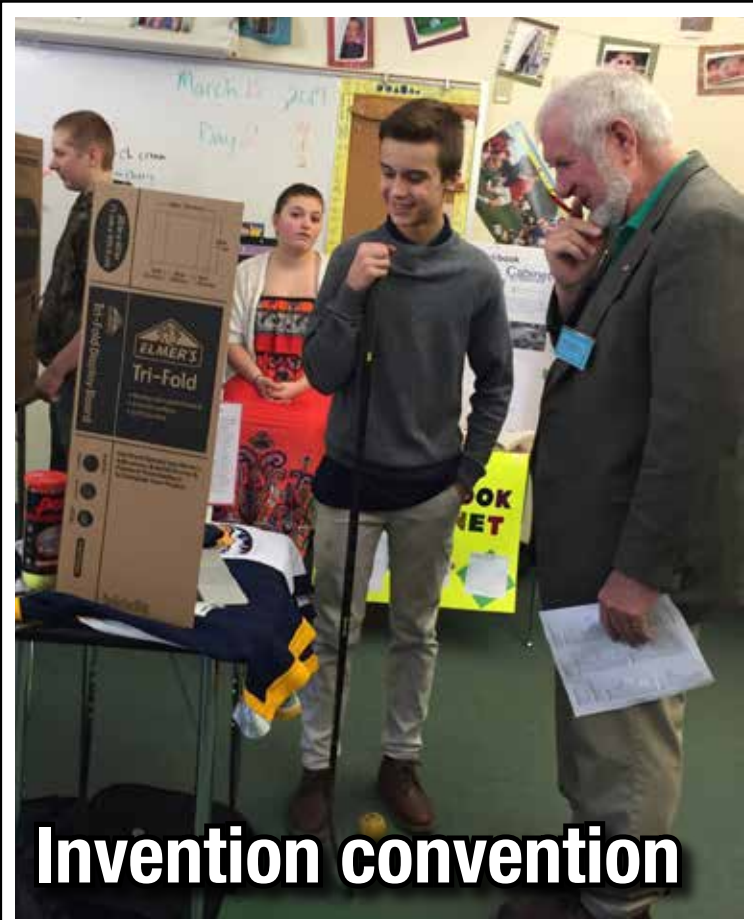
of Cecily's older sister, Kim.

In addition, Ava Gaudet of Providence, R.I., will play the role of Helen Blinkstop, Cecily's mother. Ava played the role of Maureen in both the National Tour and Broadway companies of *RENT* and had a memorable recurring role on the ABC series *Ugly Betty* as the scheming neighbor, Gina Gambarro. Other TV credits include *NCIS*, *Private Practice*, *Franklin & Bash*, *The Exes*, *Mike & Molly*, and *Love Bites*. Will Bouvier of Shirley, Mass., will play the role of Kevin Blinkstop, Cecily's father. Will is best known for his role in *Black Rock* (Katie

Aselton/Duplass Bros.) and can be seen in Kathryn Bigelow's upcoming film, *Untitled Detroit Project*, which is currently in post-production. Will also had lead roles in Potts' previous two short films, *Home* and *Charlie & Poppy*.

Jennifer Potts wrote the feature film *The Extraordinary World of Cecily Blinkstop* in 2014 and won the Grand Prize in the New England Spotlight category for the 2016 Rhode Island International Film Festival. Set in 1974 rural New England, this enchanting story moves through the days of Cecily, a seven-year-old girl who, after the death of her baby sister, lives in a world with no music, no color, no laughter, no love—that is, until a magical imaginary friend shows up and joins Cecily on the quest to save her family from the grief that is destroying them. Based on the first 15 pages of the feature film script, this short film will be produced as a proof of concept for the feature film. In addition to enlisting at least 80 percent of her cast and crew from the New England region, Potts is also committed to building a crew with at least 50 percent women.

Find *The Extraordinary World of Cecily Blinkstop* at www.cecilyblinkstop.com, Facebook page *Cecilyblinkstop*, and Twitter handle *@cecilyblinkstop*.



Invention convention

Brady Cormier explains his invention to Senator David Woodsome at the Massabesic Middle School Invention Convention held on March 17. The invention is called the EZ Shot, a new style street or pond hockey goal, that when you shoot the puck or ball into the tunnel it would come back out in front of the shooter again.

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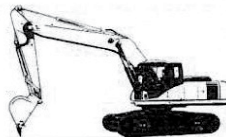
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Jonathan Linwood Raymond

Jonathan Linwood Raymond, 51, passed away peacefully at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House on March 29, 2017 after battling synovial sarcoma for more than a year. He was surrounded by love.



Jonathan Linwood Raymond

Jonathan was born in Presque Isle on March 17, 1966. He was the son of the late Linwood and Dolores Raymond of Presque Isle. Jonathan attended Presque Isle schools and graduated in 1984. He then pursued a degree in Music Education at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham. While attending USM, Jonathan met his wife, Trish Houy of Scarborough. They were married on Sept. 1, 1990 in Portland. They made their home in Saco for several years before having children. They later moved to Brewer for a few years before returning to southern Maine where they built a home in North Waterboro.

Jonathan's career was focused primarily on retail management. He worked for many years as a manager for Staples and then transitioned into a traveling computer technician for Staples' Easy Tech program. In between his job with Staples and his final employer, Jon had the opportunity for management with Cumberland Farms where he met many different people from different walks of life who enjoyed his enthusiasm for life. Jon's final career was with Music and Arts where he worked as a Music Educational Sales Representative. This job incorporated Jon's love for music, working with children, and meeting new people. Jon traveled throughout the state of Maine meeting many music teachers who became fast friends. Jon also had a private music studio where he taught students for many years. He was blessed to have former students stop into the Gosnell House during his last few weeks of life. This meant so much to Jon to know how he had touched their lives.

Anyone who came in contact with Jon would remember his vibrant spirit, positive attitude, cheerful countenance, generosity, and most importantly, his faith. Jon's faith in God is what gave him the strength to face the courageous battle he fought so hard.

Jonathan loved spending time with his wife of almost 27 years and their four children. He was so very proud of all their activities and accomplishments. He sacrificed much to work multiple jobs to provide opportunities for his family. They have fond memories of family traditions and special outings together. Jon was also passionate about the outdoors. He was an excellent brook fisherman from spending countless hours fishing in Aroostook county where he was so proud to say he was from. Jon always had a dream to build a log cabin in the woods away from the busyness of life. Jon also found countless hours of enjoyment watching sports with his family and friends. He was able to celebrate his 50th birthday by attending a Bruins game in Boston with his son and closest friends.

Jonathan enjoyed playing his trumpet for years in many different group settings as well as private engagements where he played for weddings and holidays. Jon enjoyed playing in the Alumni Band, Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra, Sacopee Valley Community Band, and the Casco Bay Band to name a few. One of his fondest musical memories was playing Mahler Symphony No. 3 with his children, Amanda and Carter, at Merrill Auditorium to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Portland Youth Symphony.

Jonathan and his family were long-time members of the South Waterboro Bible Chapel in Waterboro. For many years Jon was active in his church. During the last year, Jon was not able to attend church on a regular basis, yet was blessed to have love and support from his home church as well as several local churches. It was Jonathan's wish to be able to visit all the churches who came along side him during this time of trial and sickness. Jon wanted to share his journey and faith with every

single person he could. Although Jon was never able to physically attend the churches to share his message, they know it was in his heart to do so. He touched everyone he came in contact with in such a way that will not be forgotten.

Jonathan is survived by his beloved wife, Trish (Houy) Raymond; children Amanda Raymond, Carter Raymond, Amy Raymond, and Allison Raymond all of North Waterboro; brother David Raymond and his wife, Sara, of Presque Isle; sister Lynne Raymond Costello and husband, Bill, of Massachusetts, a niece, and several nephews and cousins.

A celebration of Jonathan's life was held on April 6 at the First Parish Congregational Church, 12 Beach Street in Saco. Calling hours were held on April 5 at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service Chapel located at 489 Long Plains Rd (Rt 22) in Buxton. Burial will be held at a future date. Online condolences can be submitted at www.maine-funeral.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to either the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough or the Center for Grieving Children in Portland. Both places offered wonderful care and support to Jon and his family over the last several months.

Gertrude Fletcher Valley

Gertrude Fletcher Valley, 94, of Alfred, passed away peacefully at home on March 30, 2017, surrounded by family after a period of declining health.



Gertrude Fletcher Valley

Gertrude had spent many years working at Pioneer Plastics of Sanford and then went on to work in the cafeteria at Nasson College in Springvale. She thoroughly enjoyed both jobs.

Gertrude was very active in the Springvale Free Baptist Church. She was not only a long-term Sunday School Teacher, a member of the Gleaners, but she made a huge step for women when she accepted the position of Deaconess, the first woman to ever hold that position.

Gertrude had many hobbies that made her happy. In her earlier years, she, along with her sister Evelyn were known as the "Sunshine Sisters," where they went to the local nursing homes doing crafts and bringing joy to the elderly. She took so much pride in her beautiful flower gardens at her home in Shapleigh. Her vegetable gardens were so plentiful that she would gladly share with everyone and took pleasure in canning and freezing the crops to have on a cold winter's day. She knit afghans for everyone and slippers galore, always a Christmas treat! During her later years, she took so much pleasure in her needlework and scrapbooking. This would keep her up till all hours of the night. She was always working

on gifts for someone.

Gertrude is predeceased by her husband, George Fletcher, her son, Richard Fletcher, her husband, Clayton Valley, and Son-In-Law Robert Allen.

Gertrude is survived by her daughters, Muriel Gile and her husband Keith of Alfred and Carole Allen also of Alfred; 15 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren; 14 great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends were invited to share stories and memories on April 5 at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak St., in Alfred. Committal prayers and burial will be later in the spring at Evergreen Cemetery in Alfred.

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

In Gertrude's memory, consider a donation to World Vision, P.O. Box 9716, Federal Way, WA 98063. This Christian group helps families with daily sustainable living such as: clean water, seeds for planting and receiving a variety of livestock and poultry. Another favorite group is the Smile Train, 41 Madison Ave., 28th Floor, New York, NY 10010. This group helps children obtain surgical care for a cleft palate.

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

William R. Hutchins Jr.

William R. Hutchins Jr., age 92, passed away on Friday, March 31, 2017 at his home in Shapleigh, from age-related complications leading to pneumonia. Bill was born in Farmington, New Hampshire on April 27, 1924 near Dick Dame Brook and the home of his maternal grandfather, Sam Vinton Arnold II. He was the son of Floretta (Arnold) Hutchins and Reed Hutchins of Springvale. He is predeceased by his younger brother, Charlie, who died at age 7 and his sister, Rosemary (Hutchins) Grue.



William R. Hutchins Jr.

Growing up in Springvale, Bill was an avid outdoorsman, hunter and fisherman. From an early age he went exploring with his dog, Tarzan, in the woods, streams and lakes around the Mousam River and Stump Pond behind his family's house on Ellsworth St. He played basketball at Sanford High School and graduated in 1942.

Bill entered the Army Air Force in 1943 and in August that year he was shipped out to North Africa on a large convoy of troopships and destroyers that landed at Oran, Algeria. He recently shared many memories of the War with his family, such as playing basketball against the rough and tumble French troops in North Africa. He then went to Corsica as part of the Signal Corps and Air-Sea Rescue. Just before VE Day in May 1945 he was moved to Florence, Italy where he was stationed through the end of the War.

Bill is survived by his much loved wife, Pat, his sons, Dana and Dana's wife, Bessie of Fal-mouth, and by John and his companion, Diane of Shapleigh, along with John's two daughters (Bill's granddaughters) Leanne and Emily with John's former wife, Gina Hutchins. Bill is also survived by Dana's step-son, Ren Moulton, his wife, Maura Woodward and their two children, Bill's step-great grandchildren, Renny and Ella of Brooklyn, New York.

When Bill returned home he went to work in the Portsmouth Navy Yard for several years and then into the Sanford textile mills, where he met his wife-to-be of 68 years, Patricia Farrin, originally of South Portland and a recent graduate of Nasson College in Springvale. Soon after Bill got a job in the Springvale Post Office where he worked for more than 30 years. Pat and Bill were married in June 1948.

Bill and Pat worked and saved to buy a piece of rural property, eventually securing an FHA loan in 1952 to purchase 140 acres of woodlands and fields in Shapleigh. This would be their home together for 54 years where they raised two sons, Dana Wade and John Winslow Hutchins. In 1959 Bill began building a house on the site of the old Sayward Farm homestead. Bill and his father, Reed Hutchins, did most of the construction themselves over the next three years. In the spring of 1963 the family moved from Roles St. in Springvale into their new home.

By the time the family moved in, Bill had already hand-planted over 10,000 white pine and Norway Spruce seedlings in the fields he had bush hogged. Over the years he and his family would improve and maintain the land as wildlife habitat for deer, wild turkeys, pheasant, partridge and other native species. This was one of Bill's major passions in life and he pursued it to the fullest up until his final days.

In the late 1960s a half acre wildlife pond was planned and dug behind the house and stocked with trout from the state hatchery. Then in 1970 he started maple sugar production, eventually building a rustic evaporator house from timber he cut on the property. Bill operated the sugar house for almost 30 years, one of the first such operations in Shapleigh in many years. He often hosted visiting students from Shapleigh Memorial School during maple sugar season.

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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the conservation trust Bill and Pat helped create, the Three Rivers Land Trust, at www.3rlt.org or to Three Rivers Land Trust, P.O. Box 295, Alfred, ME 04002.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, April 22 at 2 p.m. at the Springvale First Baptist Church, 429 Main St. Springvale.

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