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Duck Derby fits the bill

BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

If you've been in Cornish in the last month or so, you may have seen signs with ducks on them, announcing the Daffodil Duck Derby. Or maybe you've seen duck shaped cut outs posted in the windows of local shops. Perhaps you've been wondering, "What is this all about?"

According to Duck MC, Rich Ruhlin, "It's the most competitive rural stream duck racing I've seen!" That's right, duck racing. But this isn't your ordinary duck race. These are little yellow rubber ducks.

The last Saturday in April, behind the shops on Main Street in Cornish, over 300 little yellow rubber ducks are "released" into the Little River. These little ducks "race" 250 yards down the river and the fastest paddler wins a \$100 cash prize. And the rest?

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Ducks floating down the Little River in Cornish.



First-place winner Marissa McLaughlin with "Count Quackula" organizer Cynthia Mason. PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

Schools coping with loss of state funding

BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM
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The RSU #57 School Board has approved an operating budget of \$40,451,936 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. This represents a 0.58% increase over the previous year's budget of \$40,220,615. The small amount of increase in the budget is due to a significant unexpected decrease in state subsidy of approximately \$920,000. To compensate for this decreased revenue, according to District Business Manager Colin Walsh, the Finance Committee of the School Board spent considerable time and was able to lower expenditures from the typical 2.5% - 3.0% annual increase down to 0.58%. As a result of these efforts the overall local tax impact came in at 4.79%. This budget will be presented to voters at the District Budget Meeting on May 16, and then again on June 13, in each of the District's six towns' elections.

The big challenge for the RSU

57 administration and Board of Directors this year was the sudden announcement in February, "out of the blue," according to Walsh, that the state subsidy to the district would be cut \$920,000, a 6% decrease over the last state budget subsidy. "At least that's what we know so far, as they are still working on the state's next two-year budget." Needing to create and seek approval of a budget in order to operate the District for the next fiscal year, Superintendent Larry Malone and the Finance Committee had to work with the figures they were given, whether or not they proved final.

According to Walsh, the two main sources of revenue for School districts are local real estate taxes and state subsidies. Smaller amounts of revenue derive from federal grants, mainly for Special Education and Title 1 programs, but these funds are also being cut at the federal level, essentially throwing more and more

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On May 7, at Gillette Stadium, Hope Saucier of Lyman received the Hood® Milk Sportsmanship Scholarship of \$5,000 from former Boston Bruins player Gord Kluzak, left, and Jeff Kaneb, executive vice president of HP Hood. Saucier was one of 18 seniors from New England honored by Hood for demonstrating good sportsmanship while participating in a varsity high school sport, excelling in the classroom (3.0 GPA or higher) and volunteering in the community. COURTESY PHOTO



Back row, from left, Zack Smith, Guin Cote, Hunter Piknick, Madi Martin and Katie Harper. Front row, from left, Madison Phillips, Morgan Beaulieu and Liz Nadeau. COURTESY PHOTO

Mustang Theatre presents thought-provoking drama

BY SHELLEY BURBANK

Massabesic High School's Mustang Theatre performers took to the boards this weekend May 5-7 to present "Anatomy of Gray," a play written by Jim Leonard whose inspiration was a hometown friend who died of AIDS in the 1990s. The three performances were directed by Mrs. Catherine Leavitt, who teaches the MHS Theatre Arts Class. After reading the play and watching a recorded performance on YouTube, Leavitt decided she wanted to see it on the MHS stage.

"We started this play back in September...but postponed due to the death in one of our cast

member's family," Leavitt shared in a program note explaining the performance was originally scheduled for December. Usually, Mustang Theatre presents a full-length play in the fall semester and concentrates on the one-act play competition in the spring, but this year, after the competition, the troupe came back to "Anatomy of Gray" with five new cast members and put on a well-produced, thought-provoking May show.

Set in 1880s in the fictional, small town of Gray, Indiana, "Anatomy of Gray" tells the story of 15-year-old Jane Muldoon (played by Guin Cote), her mother, Rebekah (Madi Martin), and

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Big ballot for Waterboro

BY BRIGIT MCCALLUM
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A series of public hearings were held in Waterboro on May 9 addressing the questions to be voted on at the June 13 municipal elections, including whether to continue town meeting, a proposed \$750,000 addition to the fire station and five questions on the retail aspects of marijuana.

About eighteen people attended the hearings, and three spoke. Wade Junkins and Richard Sevigny posed questions relating to Question 3, the vote whether or not to eliminate town meeting in favor of referendum voting on all the items that appear annually on the Town Meeting Warrant. Select Board Chair Dennis Abbott explained the process that is allowed in the Town Charter whereby if

15 percent of the registered voters sign a petition to put the question on the ballot, voters can make the decision. After around 1,000 signatures were collected at last November's election, the question is now being put before the voters. Wade Junkins questioned whether this change in the form of government, where voters would decide on each line item in the warrant,

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Students of the month



The following students were the Massabesic Middle School Students of the Month for April: Corrin Single, Samantha Stevens, Ella Barden, Xander Quattrucci, Katrina Lanoie, Abigail Cummings, Gina Morabito, Samantha Staples, Adelaide Brandt, Adam Reed, Olivia Adriance, Dana Rollins, Caleb Harriman, Cody Charette, Tyler Colby, Haley Babcock, Michael Leonard, Abigail Roy, Aleya Fogg, Bailey Holleran, Shane Thibodeau, Claire Irons, Emily DeSimone and Brady Day
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BUXTON GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Dennett, Craig & Pate Funeral Home parking lot at the corners of Routes 4A & 202 in Buxton. FMI call Linda at 929-5531 or email buxtongc@gmail.com

SOCIETY MEETING The next business meeting of the Historical Society of Newfield will

be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 15 at the Society building on Elm Street.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS May 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Southern Maine Healthcare, 10 Goodall Drive, East Waterboro. Celebrate the 10th anniversary of SMHC's Waterboro location. Attendees are asked to bring an item to benefit the Waterboro Community Pantry.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER AND GAMES Saturday, May 20, games start at 3 p.m., followed by dinner from 5-6:30. Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church on the Mill Pond, Route 35, Goodwins Mills.

RUN TO END HUNGER 5K Saturday, May 20 on Shaker Hill Road in Alfred. Check-in time is 8 a.m. race beings at 9 a.m. All of the proceeds benefit the York County Shelter Programs. Regis-

ter online at www.raceentry.com/race-reviews/run-to-end-hunger-5k by May 19 or register the day of the race. Cost is \$25, students \$10. Walkers are free of charge and should sign up the day of.

CALLING ALL QUILTERS The Evergreen Quilt Guild will meet on Monday, May 22 from 6-9 p.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church, Route One, Kennebunk. Evergreen Quilters usually meet the 4th Monday of each month

except July and December. New-comers are always welcome.

SHOPPING BAG FUND-RAISER Line School PTC has been selected as the May recipient of the Hannaford Cause Bag program. During the month of May, for each Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag with the good karma message sold at the Hannaford store located at 20 Sokokis Trail, East Waterboro, Line Elementary PTC will receive \$1.

SCHOOL BUDGET

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of the burden for the cost of public education onto local taxpayers. In the past there has been a trend of subsidy cuts with decreased enrollments, but the difference this year is that the cut was so dramatic and unforeseen, with nothing to foreshadow it.

Walsh says that the state is required to fund education at 55% of "essential programs and services," but the current administration is changing the formula by which this is done by redefining what constitutes essential programs and services. This allows the state to then reduce subsidies while still maintaining the 55% payment to districts.

This led to six weeks of meetings to decrease the budget, even though, according to Walsh, about 76% of the district expenditures have built-in increases such as salaries, insurance, fuel costs, the expenses that "drive the district," and only a small amount of the annual budget goes to discretionary expenses.

The work to decrease expenses resulted in cutting the usual increase of 2 1/2 to 3% down to 0.55. In order to keep the amount asked of taxpayers at a minimum, the Finance Committee cut \$800,000 from the proposed budget. Had they not succeeded in this, the tax burden would have been significantly higher. The priority was to decrease expenses that had the least impact on education in the classroom, and the maintenance of buildings and district infrastructure. Walsh names efficient streamlining of duties with staff retirements as one strategy for reduction. As an example, with the retirement of Alfred Principal Virginia Druin, duties are being moved around to reduce the full-

time equivalent. But, while attrition helped it was only a small part. There were cuts across the board, including transportation, maintenance, and many other non-staffing areas of District expenses.

Needing to have a budget ready for a first vote on May 16 after the work of the district budget workers, the proposed district budget contains an overall increase of 0.5% in spending. With 95% of the cost being paid by local tax base and state subsidies, the current budget will mean local tax increase of 4.79%.

Walsh says that many districts in southern Maine have lost money. He cites Bonney Eagle as having taken a loss of over a million dollars, mentioning that school officials there are strongly encouraging constituents to lobby their state government representatives not to support school fund cutting. Sacopec Valley, a smaller district has also taken a significant loss in state subsidies according to Walsh.

Walsh says the trend in education funding is in the direction of taxpayers' costs rising, and state costs lowering. The rising costs to taxpayers is not due to higher spending on the part of local school districts. The 0.55% increase being asked for this year cannot be sustained. "We can't continue to grow this little. It will mean a reduction in staffing, larger classes and the loss of programs."

The first vote on the proposed budget will take place May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Massabesic Middle School Cafeteria. Registration will begin at 6:15. Superintendent Larry Malone will present the budget; the moderator will then explain each article, followed by voting. The budget resulting from that initial vote will be presented in a Budget Validation Referendum Vote in each of the District towns on June 13.

2017-2018 RSU #57 Budget Votes - Meeting Guide

1st Vote
DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING
 Vote on May 16, 2017
 Registration Begins: 6:15 p.m.
 Meeting Begins: 7:00 p.m.
 Massabesic Middle School Cafeteria

MEETING AGENDA
 The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

- Swearing in of Moderator
- Swearing in of Ballot Clerks
- Presentation of Budget by Superintendent of Schools
- Vote on each Budget Article – explanation by the moderator, public questions and comments prior to voting
- Adjournment

REGISTRATION

- Registration will begin at 6:15 p.m.
- RSU #57 voters will register at tables located in the Visitors Lobby adjacent to the cafeteria at Massabesic Middle School

Voters must be present at the meeting to vote.

VOTING
 Voting on most warrant items will be by a show of hands. Some warrant articles will require voting by paper ballot. In that case, ballot boxes will be available in the cafeteria and the voting will be supervised by the ballot clerks.

2nd Vote
BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM
 Vote on June 13, 2017
 in each town.
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As part of the consolidation law, a Budget Validation Referendum to approve or disapprove the budget acted upon at the May 16, 2017 District Budget Meeting is required.

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would work if voters do not have proper information on how to vote on the articles. He expressed the opinion that a Town Manager and Council form of government would be preferable. Sevigny expressed regret at the possibility of losing the historic American democratic form of town Meeting government.

Abbott responded that at this time, about 50 voters make decisions on a \$5 million budget. He explained that what Junkins wants is not allowable in the current Charter, and would require a new Charter Commission, and then the new charter would be presented to voters who would make that decision. To Sevigny's point, Abbott replied that the lead-up process to voting would be similar to current practice, with more up-front work to educate people and more hearings to get citizen input before going to voters with fixed ballot questions.

Question 4 asks voters to authorize issuance of a bond of up to \$750,000 to renovate Central Fire Station. Town Administrator Gary Lamb reviewed the changes made in the design that removed about 60% of what was asked for in the

\$2 million bond that was defeated last year, saying "The project has been bared down to essentials." His estimation of the current request is that, "It is a valid request to keep everyone safe, including our staff."

Questions 5 through 9 relate to what the State of Maine has called, "The retail use of marijuana," including retail marijuana social clubs, retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana products manufacturing, retail marijuana stores and retail marijuana testing facilities. The question of legalizing marijuana personal growing and use passed in the Town of Waterboro by around 55% to 45%, by a little under 500 votes last November. Lamb said that while voters may have been addressing personal use, there is no way for town leaders to know the will of the public toward these other aspects of legalized marijuana that are separate from the law that was passed. They also have nothing to do with already legal process involving medical marijuana. Therefore the decision was made to bring each of the questions to voters on June 13.

Abbott reminded attendees that the vote will be a non-binding one, and votes either to prohibit or to allow such facilities or use

would then be addressed by ordinances created by the selectmen. Lamb mentioned that while fourteen states now allow recreational marijuana use, none allows social clubs. Sevigny framed it as "All an experiment; we don't know how it will fall out." Sue Dunlap asked if growing or selling on any scale would be legal under any of these measures, whether of seeds, seedlings or plants, and the consensus was that selling on any scale would not.

Lamb said that there are about fifty bills in the legislature relating to marijuana, and by December there may be many changes in the law, and Selectman Tim Neill reminded the group that all of these activities and uses are illegal under federal law.

The last item under discussion was the budget that will be voted on as individual articles at the annual town meeting to be held on Saturday, June 17 at 10 a.m. at the Massabesic Middle School.

Copies of both the budget and the warrant can be obtained at town hall or online at www.waterboro-me.net. Absentee ballots should be available May 16 at town hall. Polls will be open on tuesday, June 13 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Massabesic High School East Building.

THEATRE

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their religious, slightly-backward neighbors. The town has good people to do many worthwhile jobs, but it has no "healer." As the story opens, Jane speaks to the audience about her father's recent death which might have been prevented if there had been a doctor in the isolated town. She writes a letter to God, asking for a doctor to be sent. Her request is granted when a tornado hits Gray and literally drops Dr. Galen P. Gray (Zack Smith) into their midst. As the story progresses, a strange disease spreads through the population, marking its victims with a sore which indicates the presence of infection, and eventually leads to their deaths. Dr. Gray is blamed, but when he ends up performing surgery on and saving the town's minister, Pastor Phineas Wingfield (Ed Keane) with June's help, the townsfolk realize his "touching" them isn't what is causing the disease.

The play ends when June, caring for her baby sister, and young farmer Homer (Katie Harper) cast off together in a boat to cross the river to safety. They are unaffected by the mysterious disease. Dr. Gray, though also healthy, stays behind to care for the sick. At the last moment, he figures out that it was the drinking water which carried the germs causing the disease. June, who has been acting as Dr. Gray's assistant and now intends to become a physician herself, realizes that her request was granted in a way she had not foreseen: she has become the doctor she asked God to provide.

As June, Guin Cote brought an ethereal yet stubborn grace to her role. Zack Smith and Madi Martin, as Galen Gray and Rebekah Muldoon, projected convincing tension between two practical individuals in a town full of likeable fools. The choral pieces--traditional Protestant hymns--were sweetly sung. The simple and flexible set design allowed for many scene changes by using different elements for multiple purposes. The costumes, reminiscent of life on the prairie in the 1800s, added to the authenticity and mood of the production, and the sound elements--dogs barking, baby crying--were effective. The audience signalled their approval with enthusiastic applause, whoops, and "bravos" as cast members made their curtain calls.

Other roles were played by the following students: Liz Nadeau as Tiny Wingfield; Hunter Pickett as Crutch Collins; Morgan Beau-lieu as Belva Collins; Madison Phillips as Maggie; Rheana Roberts, Haley Griggs, and Jayesha Keane as Townspeople/Chorus. Stage manager was Eva Labbe. Arie Moore operated the light and sound boards. Sound and light design were done by Mrs. Leavitt, Noah Darling, and Arie Moore. Jackie Christie, Rose Wolfe, and Mrs. Leavitt painted the sets along with the MHS Theatre Arts Class which also worked on set design/construction and costuming.

In the program, special thanks went out to community members Heather Sawyer, Danae Secunde, Lori Pennel, Nancy Gross, Kayla Schutte, Laurie Littlefield-Bass and Erin O'Brien. Cast and crew also wanted to thank their parents/guardians, custodial staff, Bren-

dan Scully (activities director), Jim Hand (Principal), and Larry Malone (Superintendent) for support of the program.

"We hope it leaves you talking and discussing the little things, as we have had so much fun analyzing this play," wrote Leavitt in her program note. Following the play, Leavitt shared that nine incoming freshmen have signed up for the class next year, pointing to a rebuilding and growing theatre arts program at Massabesic High School.

SPORTS

TENNIS

Scots blank Mustangs

Bonny Eagle swept all three singles matches and both doubles matches to capture and important 5-0 win over host Massabesic on Wednesday, May 10. The victory put the Scots record at 2-4 and moved them ahead of Massabesic in the playoff race as the Mustangs (2-3) cling to the final spot in the early going. The two neighbors currently share just one foe, Maine Girls' Academy (MGA) who fell to the Mustangs, but beat the Scots. MGA (2-3) currently sits just out of the playoff picture.

The best match of the Scots-Mustangs contest was the one-seed doubles bout between Chastity Raymond/Klarka Petrova and Ashleigh Miller/Elizabeth Brown. The Scots squeezed out a narrow 7-6 win in the first set and they broke Massabesic once in the second set to snatch a 6-4 straight set victory. In the two-seed doubles match Cici Deakin and Julia Zampini topped Amy Burke and Zoey Nedzbala 6-3, 6-2.

Thyme Whitten fell to Katie Bearor in the top seeded singles match 6-4, 6-2 and Joanna LaFrance lost to Katie Blohm 6-1, 7-5. Nicole Sfeir took the final singles match, blanking Katie Dupuis 6-0, 6-0.

TRACK & FIELD

Track men host

Massabesic's men got their first chance to host a track and field event at their new complex as Thornton Academy (TA), South Portland and Windham visited on Wednesday, May 10. TA won the four-team meet with 115-points, South Portland was next with 85, the Mustangs had 52 and Windham finished with 40.

Aiden Galbraith won the 300-meter-hurdles for Massabesic with a 44.88 and he was third in the 110-hurdles, just ahead of Andrew Cloutier who was fourth. Cloutier was also runner-up to Galbraith in the 300-hurdles and he had the fourth longest triple-jump.

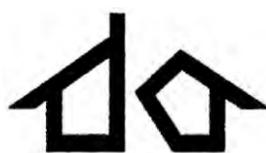
Donovan Duffy finished second in the 1600-meter-run and he was fourth in the 800. Alex Swett was runner-up in the 3200, with Jacob Aboud fourth and Jeffery Waters fifth.

Jarrod Hooper was second in the 400, Xavier Lundrigan was second in the 1600-meter race walk and Massabesic turned in a 9:40.08 in the 4 x 800 relay, good for first place.

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Sports Editor*

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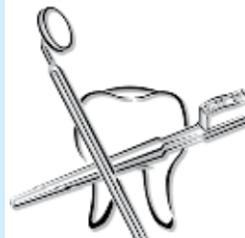
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SPORTS

SOFTBALL

Diamond girls roll to 8-1

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
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The lady Mustangs plated 16 runs on 16 hits and moved their record to 8-1 with a 16-6 win over visiting Sanford on Wednesday, May 10. Julia Gregoire (3-0) went the distance for her third win of the season and the freshman knocked in four more runs to help herself and keep Massabesic's prolific offense firing on all cylinders.

The Spartans (1-8) got off to a quick start, putting two runs on the board in the top of the first on a walk and a pair of singles. Massabesic responded with a three-run bottom half of the first, all with two outs: Lacey Bean singled, Gregoire drove her in with a double and she was chased home by Kyra-Mei Cartwright's double. Morgan Houk put the Mustangs ahead to stay with an RBI single.

Massabesic added three in the third and two in the fourth before Sanford cut into the lead with a three-run top of the fifth, making the score a respectable 8-5, but the Mustangs put the game away with a two-run fifth and sixth-run sixth.

In the sixth, Cartwright (3-4, 2R, RBI) led with a single, Houk reached on an error and Meghan Goodwin walked to load the bases. Janelle Spurdakos' grounder forced Cartwright out at home, but the bases remained loaded. Houk raced home on a passed ball with Goodwin and Spurdakos moving up and Isabella Lucier delivered Goodwin with a sac-fly. Grace Tutt reached on the second error of the inning and Olivia Ducharme (3-5, R, RBI) moved Tutt over to third with a single. Bean worked a walk to reload the bases and Gregoire rifled a gap double between left and center, clearing the bases. She



Massabesic's Lacey Bean.



Massabesic's Grace Tutt.

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LACROSSE

LAX ladies perfect

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
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Massabesic's varsity girls' lacrosse team remained unbeaten at 5-0 after back-to-back wins last week. On Thursday, May 4 the Mustangs got five goals and two assists from Madi Drain to pace a 9-4 win over host Thornton Academy (TA). Drain scored all three Massabesic goals in the first half, but the game was deadlocked 3-3 at the break.

The Mustangs must have gotten a wake-up call from head coach Brooks Bowen during the intermission because they came out flying right from the start of the second half. Morgan Pike collected a pass from Drain for a score and Drain buried her fourth unassisted before one-minute had elapsed with what ended up being the winning goal.

TA cut the lead to one at 5-4 at the five-minute mark, but Cailin

Forrester gave them a two-goal cushion two-minutes later. Taylor Manning, Pike and Drain closed out the scoring and Lydia Wasina made some key saves late to preserve the 9-4 margin.

On Tuesday, May 9 the Mustangs raced out to a 10-1 lead at the half on their way to an easy 15-4 win over visiting Deering. Morgan Pike had four goals, Logan Champlin had three and Massabesic got a pair of scores from Madi Drain and Skylar Renaud.

The Mustangs got single goals from Josie Ring, Emma Desrochers, Hallie Benton and Cailin Forrester.

was cut down trying to stretch the hit into a triple, ending the six-run sixth.

One-day prior, Massabesic hammered visiting Westbrook 14-2 thanks to a seven-run second and a five-run fifth. Like the Sanford game, they pounded out 16 hits in that contest as well. Mass-

abesic slipped past host MGA 8-7 on Friday, May 5.

NOTABLE: At the halfway point of the season, Massabesic can equal last seasons wins total (9) with just one more victory. They've scored 117 runs over their first nine games (13/game), their team batting average is an

eye-popping .429 and their slugging percentage is a not too shabby .660. They've got five players hitting at least .500 (Bean, Cartwright, Ducharme, Gregoire and Tutt). Bean, Gregoire and Tutt each have 11 extra base hits and the trio is hitting a combined .549 with 49 runs and 60 RBI.

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OPINION

Bobby-Jo

I'm not sure her name matters. She is 35 and, both a mother and a daughter. She's a wife, as well as a student and a worker. An attractive woman whom would quickly draw your smile with her own, leaving not a hint of the fact she is an addict caught in a heroin-laced web spreading farther than any of us could ever imagine. She wants you to know this. She wants you to see that many heroin addicts are like functional alcoholics, chugging booze and going off to work in the grocery stores you shop in or the restaurants you dine in. It may be a family member you visit, friends you enjoy or the co-workers you share a good laugh with. It could be the person you sit beside at the PTA meeting or those caring for the elderly because she is one of these people surrounded by individuals who haven't a clue.

"Not every addict," she says, "is a useless junkie who lies, cheats and steals. It's important to understand most of us 'junkies' are members of society, spending chunks of our

checks to maintain our habit, satisfy our hunger; feed our addiction."

She talks about her life of listening and caring for others. "I have worked as a waitress, bartender, baker, and a cook putting myself through school to become a CNA, CRMA. My children are happy, healthy and humble teenage boys. I have passed on to them the respect, morals, and manners my parents gave to me. They can do laundry and dishes, lug groceries and hang out at the local library. They know the meaning of respect and responsibility taught to

them by myself and my husband, also an addict. We love them and support them and are active parents partaking in their lives. I am an active parent in the lives of my children who are clueless their parents suffer from heroin addiction. No one knew I had a drug problem. I've never visually exposed anyone to it. I managed to conceal it for a very long time."

Life is stressful. We work too much and make too little. We struggle to balance budgets like circus jugglers playing with live grenades, and sometimes, when explosives drop in your direction, you look for a way out.

"How many people go out drinking, or have a cocktail and a belly full of beer?" She asks. "And worst of all, how many are killed or maimed by the good neighbor who maybe had just one too many before deciding to go home to his wife and kids? Heroin is my alcohol. I take my drink through the eye of a needle. I puncture stress with a dose of comfortably numb. I'm not seeking sympathy from those who do not have a drug problem. You don't need a drug problem to have a problem with drugs. It's time for a solution. Communities who put their heads together solve problems, but the community is bigger than just your neighbors. It extends to the politicians and the pharmaceutical companies; law enforcement and the healthcare industry, I can no longer work in, because I am no longer Bobby-Jo; mother, CRMA or student looking to further my career. I am now just an inmate sitting in jail for the first time in my life. I am a number, with a court date, hoping to get into a treatment center and earn the right to continue to raise my teenage boys. I don't own my Heroin addiction. It owns me. In many ways, with its cost to society, it owns us all."

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



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Wednesday, Jan. 18

Stacy Ann Foley, 45, of Washington Street, Limerick was issued a warrant and charged with unlawful possession of scheduled drugs after a suspicious activity call on Washington Street at 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 20

Nicholle M. Babb, 24, of Ossipee Hill Road, Waterboro was charged with violating conditions of release after a bail/probation conditions check on Ossipee Hill Road at 8:04 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21

Darian Andrew Usher, 22, of Old Portland Road, North Water-

boro was charged with domestic violence assault and domestic violence criminal threatening after a domestic disturbance call on Old Portland Road at 3:19 p.m.

Karri N. Chute, 38, of Washington Street, Limerick was charged with theft by unauthorized taking after a shoplifting call on Central Avenue, Limerick at 8:10 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 22

A 17-year-old was charged with illegal possession of liquor by a minor after a suspicious activity call on Goodwin's Mills Road, Waterboro at 5:43 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Joshua T. Dupuis, 27, of Gore Road, Alfred was charged with having an accident involving property damage after a suspicious activity call on Alfred Road, Arundel at 7:02 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 27

Jose Reyes, 24, of Woodside

New York, was charged with unlawful possession of scheduled drugs after a suspicious activity call on Old Alfred Road, Waterboro at 7:38 a.m.

James M. Henaire, 52, of Nowell Street, Sanford was charged with trafficking in prison contraband after a drug incident call on Layman Way, Alfred at 4:53 p.m.

Kevin Hinchman, 34, of Main Street, Springvale was charged with refusing to submit to arrest or detention after a disturbance call on Rosemont Avenue, North Waterboro at 11:59 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 30

Jacob Michael Higgins, 20, of Van Way, Waterboro was charged with criminal mischief and violating conditions of release after a domestic disturbance call on Van Way at 3:25 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

A 16-year-old was charged with assault after an assault call on West Road, Waterboro at 11:23 a.m.

A 17-year-old was charged with criminal mischief and assault and another 17-year-old was charged with assault after a domestic disturbance call on Minkey Way, Cornish at 10:37 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 2

Bert Justin Stroud, 29, of Elm Street, Saco was issued a warrant after a suspicious activity call on Kennebunk Pond Road, Limington at 8:51 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

A 12-year-old was charged with terrorizing after a terrorizing/threatening call on Old Alfred Road, Waterboro at 11:44 a.m.

A 17-year-old was charged with criminal mischief after a domestic disturbance call on New Dam Road, North Waterboro at 4:42 p.m.

A 17-year-old was charged with assault after a domestic disturbance call on New Dam Road, North Waterboro at 6:13 p.m.

Cassie A. Hamel, 30, of Hooper Road, Shapleigh was charged with operating without a license after a suspicious activity call on Back Road, Shapleigh at 8:08 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 10

Riley Thibodeau, 18, of Teds Lane, Parsonsfield was charged with criminal mischief and terrorizing after a disturbance call on Center Court, Waterboro at 9:16 a.m.

Charles L. Corliss III, 37, of Swartwout Drive, Parsonsfield was charged with obstructing the reporting of a crime after a domestic disturbance call on Swartwout Drive at 4:27 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Mary C. Warming

Mary C. Warming, age 68, of Hollis, passed away on May 10, 2017 at her home, surrounded by her loving family.



Mary C. Warming

She was born on May 8, 1949, a daughter of the late William and Carolyn (Sherman) Carter.

After graduating from Deering High School, she went on to work for companies such as Sylvania, Shape, National Semiconductor, Idexx, Deer Pond Daycare and Saunders. Mary will always be remembered for the joy she had in doing crafts (especially knitting), roller-skating, and was a lifelong racing fan. She enjoyed going to Beech Ridge, watching NASCAR programs and was involved in drag racing in her earlier years.

She is predeceased by her husband John Warming, who passed away in 2014.

Mary is survived by her chil-

dren Christopher John Warming and his wife Betty Jo of Limington, and Carrie Schmader and her husband Mike of Hollis; brothers-Wayne Carter and Mark Carter both of South Portland; sisters-Sue Daniels of Hollis, Melanie Ouellette of Townsend, Massachusetts, and Cindy Laughlin of Gray; grandchildren John Michael Warming, Jacob Schmader and Alexis Schmader; and a great grandchild Baleigh Randall Schmader.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 5 p.m. at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service Chapel, 498 Long Plains Road (Rt. 22) in Buxton. Online condolences can be submitted at www.maineFuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Mary's memory to the American Cancer Society, 1 Bowdoin Mill Island, Suite 300, Topsham, ME 04086.

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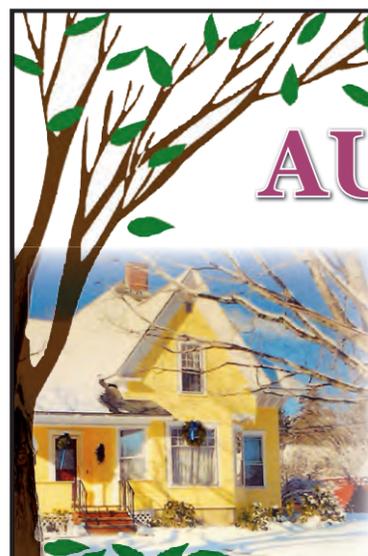
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Public hearing

At the public hearing held May 2 the ordinance changes proposed by the planning board on marijuana were explained and discussed. Immediately following the Selectmen's Public Hearing the Planning Board held a public hearing on proposed ordinance changes that will prohibit the cultivation, manufacturing, testing, retail sales and social clubs in the Town of Alfred. Caregiver operations would have to conform to home occupations with only two caregivers per parcel (per site) in the Route 4 Commercial District only.

A second public hearing will be held on May 23 at the Town Hall on the Selectmen's proposed moratorium only. The Planning Board article will be the first on the June 17th Town Meeting warrant and if this does not get approved by the Town Meeting then the Selectmen's Moratorium article will be voted on.

All documents are available for your review at Town Hall.

Sun damage analysis

The York County Cancer Care Center in Sanford is offering a free sun damage analysis event on Thursday, May 16 from 11 to 12 a.m. at Parsons Memorial Library. Their blue light machine measures sun damage on your face. Also, information will be given on sun safety and preventing skin cancer.

Town hall

Codes Enforcement Officer Jim Allaire gave only two permits in April.

Town Clerk Andy Bors reported April totals were three births, five deaths, seven burial permits issued, one marriage, thirty dogs altered and six unaltered dogs, and fifteen hunting and fishing licenses issued.

Potluck at historical society

The Alfred Historical Society will hold its spring potluck supper in the North Alfred Schoolhouse on Tuesday, May 16 at 6 p.m. Bill and Donna Simmons will speak on their recent tour of the Mediterranean. All interested persons are invited to attend.

ALFRED

New books

Among new adult fiction at Parsons Library are the best seller "The Orphan's Tale" by Pam Jenoff; "Anything is Possible" by Elizabeth Strout; "The 16th Seduction" by James Patterson; "Beartown" by Fredrik Backman; "Golden Prey" by John Sandford; "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See and "Women In the Castle" by Jessica Shattuck.

Non-fiction includes "The Age of the Horse: An Equine Journey Through Human History" by Suzanna Forrest; "Blitzed: Drugs in the Third Reich" by Norman Ohler; "True Stories of the Maine Warden Service" by Daren Worcester and "Talking to Animals" by Jon Katz.

Following a very successful mother-daughter yoga retreat fundraiser a check was present to Children's Librarian Karen Spiliopoulos.

Village notes

The Alfred Elementary School "Spring Fling" will be Friday, May 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.. It will have a Wild West Theme (cowboy boots okay) and students may invite friends to the dance. Refreshments will be available.



Local children's yoga instructor, Christie Hall, left, presents Parsons Memorial Children's librarian Karen Spiliopoulos with a check after conducting a very successful Mother-Daughter Yoga retreat fundraiser at the library last Saturday. COURTESY PHOTO

The Parish Church clean-up day will be Saturday, May 19, starting at 8 a.m.

The Master Gardener Plant Sale is Saturday, May 20 from

8:30 a.m. to noon. Gardeners wanting plants must get there early and join the line at the Cooperative Extension Office in Springvale.

DUCK DERBY

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All swimmers have a chance to win a prize.

The Daffodil Duck Derby is sponsored by the Cornish Historical Society, and began in 2011, the brainchild of Meredith Harding and Diann Perkins, longtime Cornish residents and active members of the Historical Society. The Society had been trying to find an interesting way to raise funds for expanding the society's plans. Harding had heard of some cities, like Boston, raising thousands of dollars for their cause, and Perkins' family owned some property behind Main Street known as "Intervale" with the Little River running through it. The Duck Derby was born. That first year, Harding also envisioned a Daffodil Festival, and the society teamed up with Metcalf's Trading Post and sold bulbs. Though Daffodils are no longer sold, that is how the Daffodil Duck Derby got its name.

On Saturday morning, April 29, members of the community gathered at Intervale for this event. Cornish Historical members were easy to find with their yellow shirts and duck visers. To participate in the derby, tickets were sold for each little rubber duck, numbered from 1 to 380. Ducks were \$5 each or \$20 for a "Quack Pack" of five. Bonney Memorial Library had a table selling goodies, and the historical society sold duck bill duck caller necklaces to kids.

Duck MC Rich Ruhlin, of Cornish, provided pre-game information, and counted down to race time. This is the 4th year Ruhlin has MCed the event. "I love it," he said. "This is the premier springtime event, kicking off the new baseball season and showing off the supreme liveability of the town of Cornish." Ruhlin, a long-time public speaker, got involved



Rich Ruhlin

with announcing or MCing several years ago when he served as an auctioneer for an event at Cornish Elementary School. Since then, his voice has been heard at Sacopee sporting events, as well as other local happenings.

As folks gathered for the race, Ruhlin provided a "count down" and explained a bit of the history of the area known as "Intervale." "This hill in front of you used to be a ski jump," said Ruhlin. He later explained that in the 1930s, Winter Carnival was held in this area, and that once, the world's largest toboggan run went down this hill all the way to the bride (on River Road).

On the other side of the small bridge, Quack Master Aaron Parker, in his waders, entered the water of the Little River with a tote full of little yellow numbered rubber ducks. At precisely 11 a.m., when Ruhlin announced the official start of the "Running of the Water Fowl," also known as the Duck Derby, Parker tipped the tote over and released 380 little rubber ducks into the water. Ruhlin gave commentary as the ducks went under the bridge, through the "tunnel of terror" and came out the other side, racing down the river.

The finish line was marked by a fishing net drawn out across the river, ready to "catch" the ducks when they reached it, assisted by two volunteers, who collected and returned them to the tote. Parker

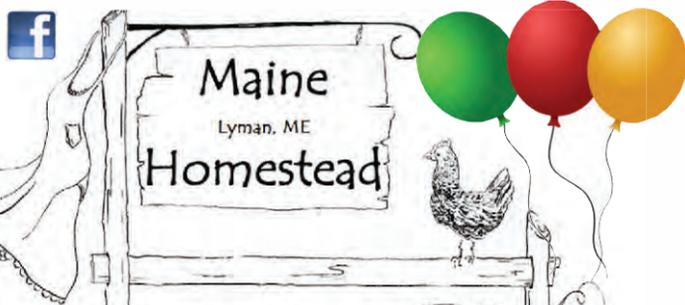
followed the ducks through the tunnel, dislodging those that got stuck in whirlpools or weeds, ensuring that they all finish the race.

Marissa McLaughlin, age nine from Windham, finished first with Duck #271, setting a course record of 12.1 seconds, "a State, New England and World Record!" announced Ruhlin. The previous record was 14.3 seconds. This was McLaughlin's first time at the Duck Derby, assisted by her aunt who was helping at the event. From there, Ruhlin selected children from the awaiting audience to chose a duck from the tote. The number was announced and the person with that number ticket was able to choose a prize from the prize table.

"This is the first year it hasn't rained," said Quack Master Parker, which all agreed was a blessing. "The water was higher, which means it ran faster," he added, but "risking life and limb for the community" was worth it!

The Duck Derby was everything it was 'quacked' up to be - a good time was had by all, and the Cornish Historical Society raised over \$1,000.

The historical society meets at 6 p.m. at their new building at 40 Main St., Cornish on the third Thursday of each month. If you are interested in joining, their next meeting is May 18. For more information, visit www.cornish-maine.org/cornish_historical_society.html, or call President Sandra Howe at 625-4813, or stop by the building this summer. Beginning in July, the Historical Society Building will be open on Saturdays from 1-3 p.m. or by appointment. They will have a Vintage Clothing and Baseball exhibit, and again this summer will be hosting a Vintage Baseball weekend, June 25 and 26, with nine teams from around New England playing.



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