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Town budget on the rise

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The proposed 2017-2018 municipal budget for the Town of Waterboro, without the education portion yet figured in, is \$5.98 million, a 3.6 percent increase over last year, and includes new staff at the fire department, public works department and the library, as well as proposed increases to the town's employee health insurance benefits. Figures were announced at a public hearing last week with only two members of the public present. Another hearing is scheduled for May 9.

In terms of the proposed budget, the selectmen recommend a total of \$5,984,595 for municipal-only operations, which is a rise of \$212,000. With an estimated revenue increase of \$152,000,

the estimated new increase to taxpayers on the municipal side is \$60,000, or just under \$.08 on the mil rate.

The increased revenues come from several areas, including one that Selectman Chair Dennis Abbott has been encouraging Town Administrator Gary Lamb to pursue; as a result, Lamb is acknowledging that the town collects more in excise tax and fees than he has figured into revenues in the past, and this time these higher revenues are being applied in lieu of taxes. In addition, they are applying more "unappropriated surplus" this year.

Abbott hopes there will be more citizens at the May 9 hearing, when a number of ballot items will also be discussed, including a referendum question
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Team heads to World Finals

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Five Waterboro Elementary School fourth-graders are excited to be headed to the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Michigan State University from May 24 to 27. The team, composed of Calvin Akom, Marissa Nelson, Danny Cartwright, Bennett Gibson, and Matthew Gowen won first place at the Regional competition, held at Wells High School on March 18. They advanced to the State competition at Biddeford High School on April 1, where they tied for second place in the over-

all competition, although they won the Long Term Problem category, and earned an invitation to the World Finals. Calvin and Marissa have been on an OM team together since first grade, and this is the first year of participation for the other three team members. The team competes in Division I, which includes 3rd to 5th graders.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that began in New Jersey in 1978 and provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members learn
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The fourth grade Odyssey of the Mind team from Waterboro Elementary School is headed to the World Finals Competition at Michigan State University May 24. They won the regional competition this year and placed second at States to win the invitation to compete at Worlds. Front row, from left, Marissa Nelson, Danny Cartwright and Matthew Gowen. Back row from left, Bennett Gibson and Calvin Akom. COURTESY PHOTO



Kids planting seeds at Dragonfly Meadow Farm in Limerick.

COURTESY PHOTO

Growing up on the farm

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

If you haven't heard about Dragonfly Meadow Farm, in Limerick, you can come see what they are all about this Saturday, May 6 at their open house.

The farm itself started about 12 years ago, when owner Mary Graham's oldest daughter became interested in horses. "The land has been in the family for 40 years," said Graham, "my father always commented on the number of dragonflies on the land." And that is how the farm got its name! Now, there are no horses, but they have cows and pigs which they raise for grass-fed beef and pork, goats for milk and cheese, and chickens and ducks for eggs and meat. They also have organic gardens.

Graham has three children and originally homeschooled until a few years ago, when she was inspired to become a licensed in-home daycare, and open an early childhood program. That program



Gavin Curry of Waterboro holding a chicken

has now become The Little Farm School, a nature-based childcare that has 17 children enrolled, ages 2-6. Children attend Tuesday through Friday, some full-time and some part-time, never more than twelve at a time.

Graham explained that the school follows a LifeWays model, "a family-style approach that is relationship-based and uses home

as the model and life as the curriculum." It is part of the Waldorf Movement, "where the emphasis is on play, with meaningful, practical work." Work on the farm couldn't be any more practical. "Children feed the pigs, collect eggs, and experience the seasonal aspects of living on a farm," Graham explained.

Dragonfly has organic farms, and children grow seedlings indoors, plant them in the garden, tend to the plants while they grow, the pick and preserve the produce, as well as saving seeds to grow again the following year. "The idea is to preserve the beauty and simplicity of childhood," Graham continued, "and to give them the space to do that, to live life."

In July, Graham also offers a farm camp for children to experience life on the farm, a week at a time in the summer. Her farm camp teaches kids to live sustainably, picking their morning snack from the garden, milking the

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Back on track

Massabesic High School hosted its first track meeting since 2006 at their newly renovated complex on May 2. See page 5 for more. PHOTO BY JASON GENDRON PHOTOGRAPHY

Playground project in the works

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The big news at Waterboro Elementary School is the new playground, which after ten years of dreaming and fundraisers, will finally be built by the community on Saturday, June 3. But, many volunteers are needed for this "Community Build."

The WES Parent-teacher Organization treasurer Karen Turgeon says that prep work for Phase 1 of the overall school grounds renovation will start on Friday, May 26. If all goes as planned, the playground will open for use on June 12, giving students two weeks on the new playground before the end of school. Alternative activities will be planned for the month the playground will be closed, and safety fencing will keep students out of the work area.

Phase 2 will consist of refurbishing the fields in the back to be used as practice fields for Shaker Valley Little League teams and Massabesic United Soccer use. Local sports teams have made a commitment to assist with the Phase 2 work.

It was ten years ago that Heather Silva, parent, later School Board member and president of what eventually became the WES PTO, birthed a dream of a new playground for the school. "There was a lot of resistance at first, and Mark Peterson, who was principal then, felt it was too much money to ask for." But Silva persisted, and began brainstorming, asking students what they wanted, planning and fundraising. As a School Board member, Silva made the case that part of the district's responsibility is to provide safe and effective facilities for physical activity and recreation for its students. The current playground is thirty years old, and significant parts of it that used to give kids pleasure are no longer fully functional. Typically, there are close to 200 students on the playground at a time and more play options are needed. At this point, in addition to some climbing structures they have only the use of swings and one slide. School officials and PTO members came to agree that the school needed a new playground.

So, by last year the PTO had amassed around \$60,000, but

needed more. Principal Christine Bertinet added a \$50,000 request for playground renovation to the school budget for the 2016-2017 year and received it from the District, to be spent before June 30 of this year. This allowed the construction to become a reality. The original PTO plan started at \$120,000, which they knew was too high, so they removed some elements. Still, the equipment alone cost almost \$90,000, plus \$7,000 for playground grade mulch to cover the ground to a depth of 14" and an additional \$1,400 for concrete.

Bertinet remembers well when the existing playground was built, since she was a student at WES at the time. "It's 30 years ago now! I remember it fondly; my parents came together with many others and it was a whole family affair, a community-build to create the playground." She says, "Heather Silva gave her heart and soul to the playground effort. We owe her a lot, and miss her dearly here at WES! We need that to make that community effort happen again. We need lots of families to come together to build the new playground!"

To that end, organizers are planning the big Community Build day for Saturday, June 3. Childcare will be provided for workers' children who are potty trained. An online link has been created for volunteers of any experience level to sign up, or to donate items for lunch and water for all involved.

Joe Johnson, who works facilities at the school and has a property maintenance business, is the project manager. He will oversee



The proposed plan for the new playground to be installed at Waterboro Elementary School. COURTESY PHOTO

the removal of the old and installation of the new playground. Removal will begin on May 13, and the work area will be off-limits due to liability concerns. Ryan Chambers will work with a tractor to dismantle the old structures and rip them out and Todd Abbott has promised the use of the ATV club tractor and dump truck as well as his labor. Art Caron, a WES parent has come forth to lend the use of a skid steer, auger and a 16" bit for as long as needed. D & E Rubbish Removal is donating the dumpsters that will be used to transport and dispose of the pressure treated wood and tires that have made up the old playground.

The week of May 21, the elements of the new playground will be arriving, and planners are seeking the use of a forklift that can lift up to 1,000 pounds and a driver for this essential job. Anyone who knows of one that is available is asked to contact the PTO. The next step will be to mark where the structure-supporting post holes will be on May 26, and then Johnson will oversee the drilling of 81 holes where Sonotubes will be installed, later to be filled with concrete to support all of the new apparatus. This support foundation will be necessary as the playground soil is essentially sand. Volunteers will be

needed May 30 through June 2, to do this work, as well as the use of a small excavator and posthole diggers.

Saturday June 3 is the big community work day, however, where organizers are hoping to have 40 to 50 volunteer workers from 7 a.m. until they are done, with childcare and food available. Organizers want to emphasize that all who are interested should come, regardless of experience, as everyone has something to contribute. There will be workers there with the skills needed to show others how to help and the playground company rep will oversee the work. Others will also be needed to organize and serve food for all involved. Then, on June 5 and 6 the concrete will be poured, and finally tractors will be needed for the spreading of the final mulch on June 10.

The goal of the PTO is to provide the school with a playground that students can play on and be safe. PTO Officers include April Farrenkopf, Jess Landry, Colleen Gerry and Karen Turgeon. They ask that anyone with access to the items needed for the project contact the WES school office at 247-6126 or email the Parent Teacher Organization at wespto@rsu57.org or go to <https://sites.google.com/a/rsu57.org/wesptc/home>.

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York County Shelter annual awards

Following a well-attended dinner at York County Shelter on April 27 a message from Senator Angus King was read and then a presentation of awards was given. The Community Advocate Awards went to Pratt and Whitney and Adam Ezra, a musical artist; Community Partner Awards were given to Bangor Savings Bank and York County Federal Credit Union; the Board of Directors Recognition Award was presented by Bob Dawber; the York County Shelter Program Team award to the Fiscal Department at YCSP; the Outstanding Employee Award was given to Jennifer Ouellette and the Claude Forest Volunteer Award to Books Revisited in Sanford.

This was presented by Joan Sylvester who explained this isn't a dusty used book store but a bright and beautifully decorated store done largely by volunteer Monique Clough, decorated according to the seasons. Painting and cleaning were done by volunteer Arlene Jackson and loyal volunteers do weekly cleaning. It is completely staffed by 23 volunteers including co-managers Marie Barnes and Rachel Bannister; the volunteers work 4,716 hours per year. All proceeds benefit YCSP, which during the past 12 months totaled \$16,849.39.

Also recognized for years of service to York County Shelter Programs were Jennifer Ouellette for 25 plus years; Steve Mazza, Russ King, Anita Bergeron and Scott Vreeland for 20 plus years; Sue Cass, Sandy Ryan, Lori Theriault, Joan Sylvester, David Beseda and Lisa Breault for 15 plus years; Michael Rodrique, Patty Theriault, Bob Dawber, Lucas Labbe and Michael Rodriguez for 10 plus years and Charles Blow, Mary Beth Ontkush, Scott Cejka, Roy Scott, Diane Gerry, Lisa Pendergast and Marcus Giordano for 5 plus years.

Girl Scouts visit Augusta

It was a special event for the Alfred Girl Scouts of Troop 1099 when they traveled to Augusta to be honorary pages in the Maine State House on April 27. Transportation was provided by the four leaders. They enjoyed meeting Representative Heidi Sampson of Alfred and taking notes from one representative to another. When they finished in the State House they visited the Maine State Museum where they most enjoyed the "Made in Maine" displays.

The girls meet every other week and are presently working on their detective badges.

Maine Pottery Tour

The Gallery on the Green (situated in "The Beehive" next to the Oak Street Bistro) will be participating in the Maine Pottery

Tour on May 6 and 7 when there will be demonstrations by several Southern Maine potters throughout the week-end. Additionally on Friday, May 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. the first Artists Reception of the season will be held. The Gallery is an artists' cooperative exhibiting the work of four Maine artists, Annaclette and Susan Mesick of Alfred, Sheila O'Neil Clough of Waterboro and Kathleen King of Lebanon.

The scheduled gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday 12 to 5 p.m. but during the Pottery Tour the extended hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Parish church

Sara Elizabeth Bartlett, pastor of the Alfred Parish Church, will be ordained on Sunday, May 7, in the North Yarmouth Congregational Church on Gray Road at 2:30. A reception will follow the ordination.

The Rev. Darren Morgan will assist in the service in the Alfred Parish Church that morning.

There were 25 health kits completed after the morning service this past Sunday, which will be delivered to Woodford's Congregational Church for shipment.

The Parish Paddlers met at the home of Joyce Kraehling this past Sunday and began making the schedule for the year. On May 21 the group will meet at George and Ann Dugovic's camp and on June 6 at Joyce Kraehling's camp.

Pat Vertefeuille is chairing a June yard sale in Conant Chapel. Donations may be left in the large downstairs room in the chapel.

Mother-daughter tea

This Saturday, May 6, a Mother-Daughter Tea will be held in Conant Chapel from 1 to 3 p.m. It is being hosted by the Parks and Recreation Committee. The new chairperson of Parks and Rec. is Beth Day.

Parsons library

A Mother-Daughter Yoga Retreat with yoga moves, music and a craft, will be held Saturday, May 6 from 10 a.m. to noon at the library hosted by Christie Hall for children 4 to 8 years old. All proceeds, \$20 per family, benefit the library.

Local artist Linda Migneault continues her mural painting tradition in the Children's Room with a fairyland mural complete with castle and dragon. Her past creations included wild animals in an exotic landscape and ocean scene with all manner of creatures above and below the water. Linda's art can be viewed during regular library hours.

Village notes

The New Century Club will meet next in the Shaker Museum on Monday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m.. Jim Boyle will speak on Malaga Island. Co-host will be Helen Naylor.

The next Country Western Jam at Legion Hall will be Saturday, May 13 from 12 to 3:30 p.m. Donations are \$1.



Alfred Girl Scout Troop 1099 went to Augusta to be Honorary Page's for the day on Thursday, April 27. Pictured are Girl Scouts with Representative Heidi Sampson of Alfred. COURTESY PHOTO

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.

(Absentee voters: contact your town offices for ballots.)

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.

TOWN BUDGET

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that could abolish town meeting. "We did garner a fair amount of interest last July when we held the discussions at several selectmen's meetings about moving from town meetings to referendum budget voting. Certainly there was some passion then about not eliminating town meeting and looking at other alternatives."

The five-person Budget Committee: Donna Berardi, Megan Verlander, James Southworth, Richard Briganti and Lisa Crocker, met nine times to work on the budget, beginning Jan. 5. Their advisory recommendations are listed in the budget document that can be picked up at town hall, or downloaded from the town website at www.waterboro-me.net.

Changes to note in the budget include a reduction of over \$30,000 in department budgets in the salary and benefits line. Lamb explained that he took the health insurance costs out of this line in all the town departments, and organized them into one Health and Dental Insurance line, that is on budget page 3. There is a \$20,000 increase in this line to provide a 50 percent reimbursement for employees enrolling in a family health insurance plan.

Other proposed increases span multiple departments. There is an increase of the Town Clerk allotment for election expenses, from

\$8,500 to \$13,000 in case town meeting is replaced with referendum voting. This will require a multi-page machine-readable ballot for June 2018 in place of the current Town Meeting warrant.

The Fire Department budget includes a new Captain position, at \$36,333 for ten months, to reduce the number of shifts with only per diem coverage and no full-time town employee working. Another increase is in the Transfer Station budget, up \$11,000 from last year, to cover higher costs in ecomaine tipping fees and the hauling costs for increased amounts of waste brought to the transfer station.

The Public Works Department budget increased from \$133,100 to \$173,750, based on the proposed change in the director position from part to full-time, the addition of a seasonal part-time laborer to cover both public works projects and other work formerly done by the recreation department, and hourly labor for a dump truck driver.

A more detailed account of the municipal budget can be viewed on the town's website at www.waterboro-me.net. The public hearing is May 9 at 6 p.m. at Waterboro town hall. Elections are Tuesday, June 13 with voting at the Massabesic High School East Building and the annual town meeting is Saturday, June 17 in the Massabesic Middle School cafeteria, which could be Waterboro's last town meeting.

CORRECTION: In the April 28 cover story titled "Local variety at Lyman Store" it was incorrectly reported that the building dated back to 1930 and survived the fire of

1948. The Fire was in 1947 and the store was burned to the ground and rebuilt, and originally dated back to the 1800s. See next week's Reporter for more information.

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LETTERS

Waterboro's town meeting is not working, what should we do?

BY GARY LAMB
Waterboro Town Administrator

As your Town Administrator since 2013, I want all to know that I love the open town meeting form of government. A typical New England town meeting is the purest form of open citizen government. I thoroughly enjoyed being an elected town meeting member for 20 years in my home town of Sanford. However as communities grow, we can outgrow our form of government.

For far too many years, Waterboro's annual Town Meeting in June has been poorly attended. With over 5,300 registered voters now in our town of 7,800 residents, a turnout of 25 to 50 voters at Town Meeting is indicative of a problem. We are not alone in this situation. Since the early 1900s, towns all across Maine have grown their way out of this form of government. Some have changed to referendum voting, while larger towns and cities have moved to a more business friendly and efficient council/ manager form of government. It is a natural process

of change as a community grows.

For 100 years and more, small towns all across New England operated just fine with three selectmen sharing duties and daily operational decisions guided by their annual Town Meeting voters. As towns have grown since the mid 1900's, many have added more selectmen or an administrative assistant to share the workload as government and regulations became more complex. Waterboro did this and the most recent charter change approved in 2012 moved daily operations, financial decisions and responsibilities from the Board of Selectmen to a professional Town Administrator. However, checks and balances on the Town Administrator are built-in as he/she is required to follow policy decisions of Selectmen and budgetary decisions of annual Town Meeting.

Waterboro is at another growth crossroad now and the millions of

dollars approved at annual Town Meeting should have more citizen input than a few dozen voters. That is the main reason why Waterboro Selectmen have placed a question on the June 13, 2017 ballot to change our annual Town Meeting to referendum voting.

What does this do? Such a change eliminates our annual Town Meeting on a Saturday in June. Instead, all budgetary and other questions normally voted on Town Meeting floor will be decided by voters at the statewide Election Day in June. That means the citizen input on our budgetary decisions will grow from a few dozen voters at Town Meeting to hundreds or thousands of voters at the polls. This is a change we should make as our single town municipal budget of around \$6 million and our six town RSU 57 budget of \$40 million will both grow as Waterboro grows.

What do YOU think we should do? Waterboro Selectmen have scheduled a second public hearing on this question and others in the Town Meeting warrant document. The public hearing will be Tuesday May 9 at 6 p.m. at Waterboro Town Hall. If you cannot attend that night, you can attend any future Selectmen's meeting and speak during the public comment period. You can also provide comments to the Town Administrator or Selectmen via email to administrator@waterboro-me.gov or call 247-6166, ext 100.

Please get informed on these and other ballot questions and don't forget to vote on Tuesday June 13, 2017 at Massabesic East next to Massabesic High School.

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LACROSSE



Massabesic's Madi Drain, Skylar Renaud in back. PHOTO BY JASON GENDRON PHOTOGRAPHY

LAX ladies unbeaten

Massabesic's varsity girls' lacrosse team remains undefeated three games into the season. On Monday, May 1, the Mustangs scored five goals in the first three minutes on their way to a 15-1 rout of visiting Portland. They led 9-0 at the halftime break.

Cailin Forrester had a five-point night with two goals and three assists. Logan Champlin had a hat trick and added an assist and Massabesic got two goal games from Skylar Renaud, Taylor Manning and Madi Drain.

Alexis Kidder scored her first varsity goal and Hallie Benton and Josie Ring each scored a goal.

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On Saturday, April 29 at Greeley, the lady Mustangs got 11 saves from Lydia Wasina, several of them of the spectacular variety, to help post a 10-4 win. Hallie Benton got Massabesic on the board eight minutes into the game and Madi Drain (2G,A) made it 2-0 two minutes later. Greely cut the lead in half at the 11:50 mark but Skylar Renaud found the back of the net to make the score 3-1 halfway through the opening half.

Cailin Forrester (2G,A), Drain and Logan Champlin put goals in before the break, but Greely hung tough with a pair of scores of their own and the contest hung at 6-3 with a full 25-minutes to play.

The Mustangs allowed just one second half goal with Wasina at her best when the game still hung in the balance. Josie Ring had a second half goal and Taylor Manning had two.

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Massabesic jumped out to a 6-2 lead at halftime and they closed with a 3-1 second half advantage to post a 9-3 win over host Marshwood on opening day April 27.

Morgan Pike got the Mustangs on the board 2:22 into the game, but Hannah Costin quickly tied it for the Hawks. The Mustangs got their offense going after that, scoring three quick goals to bump the lead to an insurmountable 4-1.

Skylar Renaud started it, off a nice feed from Morgan Pike, who tossed in a goal of her own just 90

seconds later. Madi Drain made it 4-1, with what turned into the game winner, at 13:19 and the two squads traded goals, Costin for Marshwood and Taylor Manning for the Mus-

tangs, before the break kicked in.

Josie Ring, Logan Champlin and Pike each had a second half score with Mackenzie Ouellette assisting twice.

SOFTBALL

Diamond girls take five of first six

Julia Gregoire and Kyra-Mei Cartwright each drove in four runs, leading Massabesic to an easy 13-1 win over winless host Cheverus/North Yarmouth on Wednesday, May 3. The win pushed the Mustangs record to a sparkling 5-1.

Lacey Bean and Cartwright each drove in runs with RBI singles in the first inning, after Grace Tutt and Isabella Lucier opened the contest with back-to-back walks, giving Massabesic a 2-0 lead.

In the top of the second they added three more runs on an error, an RBI single from Gregoire and an RBI double from Cartwright.

A five run third put the game out of reach at 10-0 and the mercy rule was enforced after five innings.

Gregoire went five innings for the win, giving up three hits and an earned run, one walk and eight strikeouts. Lucier was 1-1 with three runs scored and three walks.

On a cold and wet Monday, May 1, Windham (6-0) handed the host Mustangs their only loss

of the season winning an 11-10 extra inning thriller. Massabesic forced extra frames with a clutch run in the bottom of the seventh as Julia Gregoire led off with a double and she crossed home to tie the score at 7-7 after a pair of passed balls.

Windham pushed two runs across in the top of the eighth to go ahead 9-7, but the Mustangs evened it with two runs of their own in the bottom of the inning. With one out Grace Tutt tripled and Janelle Sperdakos drove her in with a clutch single to make it 9-8. Lacy Bean flew out deep to left for the second out, but Gregoire singled to advance Sperdakos into scoring position and she scored on hard single by Cartwright.

The Eagles added two more runs in the top of the ninth to go ahead 11-9 and with Massabesic managing just one run in the bottom of the inning, the thriller ended at 11-10.

Cayleigh Morris took the tough-luck loss for Massabesic despite tossing 154 pitches and going the distance. She fanned four and threw first pitch strikes to 29 of the 48 hitters she faced.

SPORTS

TRACK & FIELD

Mustangs host first track meet since 2006

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Massabesic hadn't hosted a track and field event since May of 2006, but the wait may have been worth it, as they welcomed visiting girls' teams from Portland, Scarborough and Maine Girls' Academy to their newly renovated complex for a four-team meet on Tuesday, May 2.

Athletic Director Brendan Scully said that the reaction from both residents and visitors was 100 percent positive. "Everyone was amazed and impressed, right away we were asked to host the youth track and field state championships coming up in August, the kids are all saying they love running here, it's really a feel good story for the school and the district."

Massabesic is already scheduled to host the high school State Championships on June 3.

Once the competition began, the meet turned into a two-school contest with Scarborough squeaking past the Mustangs by just three

points. Massabesic finished with 110 points, Scarborough had 113 while Portland finished with 46 and MGA had 16.

Syeira New had an excellent day for the Mustangs. She won the long jump, soaring past 14 feet and she was runner-up in both the 200-meter-dash and the 100-hurdles.

Kylie Johnson won the 800 with a 2:25.66 and she was second in the 1600. Johnson was also the anchor on the 4 x 800 relay unit that won the opening event of the day (a piece of data that will make for good trivia at some distant date) with an 11:14.26. Sara Cloutier, Anna Lane and Hope Saucier (first in the 3200 with a 13:28.35) joined Johnson on the 4 x 800 unit.

Krystina Hendrix had the longest discuss throw at over 82 feet (Maddie Brassard had a personal best throw of 74 feet good for fourth place) and Hendrix was runner-up in the shot put.

Ivalani Callahan won the 1600-meter race walk with a 12:00.57.

Track men visit Scarborough

Massabesic managed wins in five events, but it wasn't enough to top a stacked Scarborough men's track and field team who posted 131 points at a three team meet on Wednesday, May 3 at Scarborough.

Massabesic finished with 62 points and Portland had just 6.

Xavier Lundrigan won the 1600-meter race walk with a dazzling 8:32.10 and the Mustangs won the 4 x 800 with a 9:58.60. Alex Swett won the 1600-meter-run with a 4:45.03 and Jacob About was runner-up. Swett also won the 3200, with Donovan Duffy second.

Jarrod Hooper won the 400 with a 55.47.

TENNIS

Ladies edged by SoPo

Massabesic won two of three singles matches, but visiting South Portland swept the two doubles matches to help lift them to a narrow 3-2 win on Wednesday, May 3.

Thyme Whitten won her singles match 6-3, 6-3 and Katie Dupuis overcame a first set loss

to grab the Mustangs a point with a 2-6, 6-2, 6-1 win. Joanna LaFrance was edged in her singles match 6-3, 6-4. South Portland won the two doubles matches 6-1, 6-0 and 7-5, 6-2.

Massabesic fell to Biddeford by the same score, 3-2, back on Friday, April 28. Their early season record sits at 1-2.



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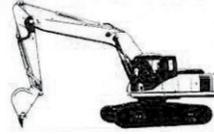
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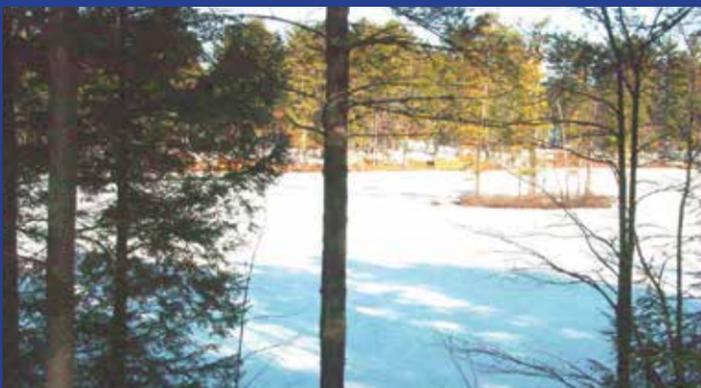
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OBITUARIES

Rose A. Stephenson

Rose A. Stephenson, 89, of Hickory Lane, Waterboro passed way Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the Evergreen Manor, with her husband and family by her side. She was born in Lewiston, on July 9, 1927 to Michael and Marjorie Ham Harkins. Rose left the local school system at a young age to work so she could help support her family. She did it all: waitressed, cooked, cleaned, supervised and was a receptionist until she retired to spend more time with her son and grandsons.

In the early 1970s, Rose and her husband Dewey Stephenson moved to Waterboro to be near their son, David Stephenson, and his young sons, David Jr. and Shawn. For many years, Rose and Dewey were regular dancers at local events. Rose also enjoyed being outside and spent her summers camping and hiking in Maine and New Hampshire with Dewey and her grandsons.

Everyone who knew Rose knew of her passion for animals. Not one to sit still, she always had a dog leash in hand, and would be up for hours before the sun to walk her huskies, and to feed the wild foxes around her house. Not even ice storms or subzero temperatures could keep her inside. And when she could, she volunteered at local animal shelters. Finally able to rest, Rose is now relaxing in heaven with her predeceased parents, her sisters Barbie, Pinky, Arlene, Sissy and brother Danny, and friends, as well as the many dogs she cared for over the years.

Rose is survived by her husband of over 62 years, Dewey Stephenson of Waterboro, son David Stephenson and his predeceased wife Bert of Waterboro, a brother Michael Harkins and wife June who recently moved from Waterboro to North Carolina, her grandsons David Jr. and wife Jami, and Shawn and wife Marianne of Waterboro, step-grandsons James Heath and Joseph McNally and his wife Mindy, and five great grandchildren Isabelle, Brianna, Samuel, Paige and Luke.

A graveside service will be held at a later date at a Maine Veterans Cemetery.

Dennett, Craig & Pate Funeral Home and Cremation 13 Portland Road, Buxton, (Bar Mills) Maine has been entrusted with her arrangements. Condolences maybe posted to www.dcpate.com.

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Rose A. Stephenson

Dewey Stephenson

Dewey W. Stephenson, 93, of Hickory Lane Waterboro passed away Monday, May 1, 2017 at Evergreen Manor, four days after his wife passed by his side. He was born in Auburn on Sept. 17, 1923, the son of Dewey and Alice Healey Stephenson. Dewey attended local schools and graduated from Edward Little High School. He played local AAA baseball before serving in the US Navy in the Asiatic and European Theaters during WW2. After his service in the Navy, he enlisted in the US Army and served in the 11th Airborne Unit in Korea and participated in the events at Chosin Reservoir.

After Korea, he returned to Maine and worked in trucking for Honeywell Industries and then as a machinist for WH Nichols, from which he retired. Mr. Stephenson was a member of the American Legion.

In 1954 he married Rose Harkins and they moved to Waterboro in 1974, to be closer to their family. Dewey enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking and camping with his family.

He is predeceased by his wife Rose of 62 years, brothers Robert, Earl and Ray Stephenson, and threesisters, Louise Sullivan, Cecile Roys and Mary Jane Surrell.

Survivors include brother Leo Paul Stephenson of North Carolina, two sisters Barbara Furkbeiner and Nancy Prindell, son David Stephenson and his predeceased wife Bert of Waterboro, grandsons David Jr. and wife Jami, and Shawn and wife Marianne of Waterboro, step-grandsons James Heath and Joseph McNally and his wife Mindy, and five great grandchildren Isabelle, Brianna, Samuel, Paige and Luke.

A graveside service will be held at the Maine Veterans Cemetery in Augusta on Wednesday, May 10 at 2 p.m. for both Rose and Dewey. Military honors will conclude the service, Dennett, Craig & Pate Funeral Home and Cremation 13 Portland Road, Buxton have been entrusted with the services. Serving our Veterans with honor.

Zoe M. Brow (Sweatt)

Zoe M. Brow (Sweatt), 81, beloved wife of the late Rudolph L. Brow, passed away on Saturday, April 30, 2017, after a short illness. She was with family. It is impossible to write of an amazing and strong woman in so few words. Born March 31, 1936, she lived a life full of happiness and compassion; some



Dewey Stephenson

of the fondest memories her family holds are picking apples, blueberries and strawberries in the fields, her donuts and pie, and her ability to always know the right words. Formerly of Craftsbury, Vermont, she resided in Waterboro with her daughter, son, and granddaughter for the past 10 years, and touched many lives in Maine. She will be remembered and greatly missed. All our memories we hold dear to our hearts and they will never go away.

Zoe is survived by her sisters, Virginia Hagen, Carolyn Zamora and Nita Potter, her brothers, Roger and Sonny Sweatt, her sister-in-law, Beryl Sweatt and her cousin, Marion Gray of Errol, New Hampshire; her daughters, Linda Johnson and Cathie Melvin, her sons, Douglas and Steven; her grandchildren, Esther and Earl, Jemiah, Amanda, Mike and Mikaila and nine great-grandchildren.

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

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

Jean Elizabeth Spaulding

Jean Elizabeth Spaulding, 76, of Sanford died on April 18, 2017 at her home after a courageous battle with cancer. Daughter of Leonard Arkerson (step-father) and the late Dorothy (Muchmore) Arkerson. She was born in Springvale on Jan. 2, 1941. She attended local schools and graduated from Sanford High School.



Jean Elizabeth Spaulding

Jean worked for Sprague Electric in Sanford for many years, then Visiting Nurses, and lastly at Fairchild Semiconductor in South Portland. She was a member of the Rebekah's in Waterboro and the Sew Crazy Quilters in Shapleigh. She enjoyed candlepin bowling at Bowl-A-Rama in Sanford, and served on a bowling league in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She liked doing crafts in her spare time and loved to travel this country and abroad.

Above all, Jean was always a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and sister. Jean is survived by her beloved husband, Donald Scouler of Sanford; daughters, Joy Martel and husband Scott of Shapleigh and Cindy Phinney and husband Brian of Waterboro; step-daughters, Allison Scouler of North Carolina and Andrea Scouler and husband Lee Flinders of Cheshire, England; her twin sister, Joan Demell of Springvale, and sister, Nancy Spaulding of Dover, New Hampshire; ten grandchildren, four great grandchildren, four nieces and one nephew.

At her request, services will be private. Arrangements are by Watson, Neal & York Funeral and Cremation Service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jean's name to the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance, PO Box 32141, New York, NY. 10087-2141 (ocrfa.org). Online condolences may be expressed at www.wnyfuneral-home.com.

LIMERICK FARM

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goats, feeding the chickens and visiting with the cows and pigs. "We teach kids simple ways to garden, how to use your harvest and about the animals," said Graham. "It's a way for families to save money and to feed their family. Really, it's a way of life."

Graham added that along with farm camp, she has had many requests for an adult farm camp this year, she is offering one the weekend of July 15 and 16. Adults will have the opportunity to participate in daily farm chores: milking the goats, checking the cows, and collecting eggs from the chickens and ducks. "Some skills are starter skills," said Graham, such as poultry care. Chickens are used for both meat and eggs, "and lots of people are intimidated at first."

In addition to working with the animals, participants will also get an introduction to organic gardening, and will then learn ways to preserve the harvest. Graham explained that participants will also learn how to use and make things from the farm, such as making cheese, and herbal products. "There will be lots of make and take items!" But Graham also explained that there will be time for discussion, and relaxation around the campfire as well. Participants will also have the option to spend the night at the farm, under the stars, in their own tent or in their new platform tent. "You can wake up with the rooster!" Graham added. The number of participants is limited, so if you would like to "pitch in" and learn more, call and register.

"Living sustainably is important for us," commented Graham. "We would like to live humanely,

organically, and provide for our family."

Farming is not all that the Grahams do at the farm, however. There is also music. Last Saturday, April 30, was the first Homestead House Concert of the season. The Grahams invited the band Red Tail Ring from Michigan to come and play at their home, and share a potluck meal with family and friends. Red Tail Ring is a duo that bills themselves as "Old-Time Roots with New-Time Sounds" and plays original folk music and old-time ballads, mixing old-time country and blues. "It was a full house," Graham reported. Graham attended a house concert in Arundel a few years ago and "fell in love with the intimate experience." And having it at your own house means no travelling. "The night ends early – good news for a farmer." Graham reports that they hope to offer one house concert every other month or so.

"We would love to become an educational center," said Graham, "to share different practices and grow." She added, "My husband, Josh Graham, would love to be a full-time farmer." But, she continued, "it can be unpredictable." Even so, come January every year, they dream about the farm. "We add a little something each year," she said. "Last year we added solar panels, this year turkeys."

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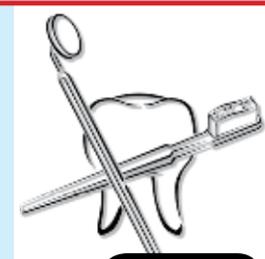
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ODYSSEY TEAM

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teamwork as they apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the Regional, State, and World level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.

According to Julie Grosvenor, District Coordinator of the OM

program and coach of the WES team, there were three RSU 57 teams that competed this year. The Massabesic Middle School team did the Performance Problem, "Superhero Cliffhanger," came in fourth at Regional and just missed advancing to State competition. Grosvenor reports that their performance was hilarious! There was another WES team that took on the classics problem, "It's Time OMER," and that team made it to State competition and got third place.

There are a variety of challeng-

es for teams to choose from each year, and the WES fourth grade team chose the vehicle problem, "Catch Us if You Can." They had to solve a problem involving creating a "parking garage" and three vehicles. Each of the vehicles had to travel to a particular area called the "meeting place," had to travel a different direction and had to engage in some action to prevent it from being followed. The team also had to create a humorous performance to explain why the vehicles were traveling to begin with. As the team explained it,

their performance included a bad guy known as the "Giant Floating Baby Head" who wanted his henchman to come to the abandoned "Almond State Building." Their nefarious plan was to use a laser to melt Greenland, to get water, with which to grow poison Mind-Control almonds. Their ultimate goal was to take over the world. The plot also contained an unfortunate Fish who gets caught up in the plan and two Hobos who ultimately foil the bad guys' plot.

This story was the WES team's solution to the first of the two components of the competition, called "The Long Term Problem," and the WES team scored first among the ten teams that chose that problem at both the Regional and the State levels. The second component is the "Spontaneous Problem," which is sprung without preparation on each team, and the WES team came in second in that challenge.

Grosvenor says that the team members had to learn several new skills to solve their problem this year, including working with electronic circuits and soldering wires, as well as using a sewing machine, saws, drills, and screwdrivers. The process required six months of close teamwork, cooperation, and communication. Danielle Cartwright's, Danny's Mom, says the experience has been positive, as "Danny is a smart boy but sometimes lets

self-doubt get in his way. OM has given him a place to try new things and not worry about right and wrong. He is already talking about next year." While the whole team is excited, Calvin Akom is particularly looking forward to going as a competitor this year, as he attended Worlds as a visitor when his brother, Max Akom was on a fourth-grade team in 2014.

Organizationally, this is Grosvenor's first year as the District Coordinator of the OM program. She was hired by Brendan Scully for the position last fall, replacing Merrill Long, who had been coordinator for many years while his daughter was in the program. She is also the head coach of the team that is headed to Michigan, and her son Calvin is on the team. Mike Akom and Kathy Grosvenor are assistant coaches.

The WES team is fundraising to help cover expenses for the trip. They have a GoFundMe page: gofundme.com/Waterboro-om-worldstrip where they have posted an entertaining video of their performance at the State competition. They will also be trying something new, a Nerf style battle, on Sunday May 7 at Friendship Park from 2 to 4 p.m. Participants are asked to bring \$5 and their favorite Nerf-style gun and goggles. Direct contributions can be made by calling Julie at 651-8527.



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MHS MUSTANG THEATRE PRESENTS Anatomy of Gray by Tim Leonard Jr. Performance times are Friday, May 5 at 6 p.m., Saturday, May 6 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, May 7 at 2 p.m. Massabesic High School Auditorium. Doors open 30 minutes before the curtain. Admission is \$8 for Adults, \$5 for Students/Seniors and children under 10 are free. Bake sale and drinks available at intermission.

MMS DRAMA PRESENTS Shrek the Musical. Performance times are Friday, May 5 at 7 p.m.,

Saturday, May 6 at 2 p.m. in the Massabesic Middle School Cafeteria. Admission is \$8 for Adults, \$5 for Students and children under 5 are free.

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