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On Jan. 8, Laurie Sidelinger (shown in red), Chairperson of Honor Flight Maine visited the Fairgrounds Pub in Cornish to discuss with local veterans how the program works. It is a three-day trip to Washington D.C., free for all veterans. The board is currently looking for World War II vets who have not gone, as there are around 600 in Maine. Other branches are going as well, but they are trying to get the WWII vets first. For more information, or if you are an interested veteran, visit www.honorflightmaine.org or call 370-7210. PHOTO BY CALISTA CROSS

Ocean leases raise concern

Protect Maine's Fishing Heritage (PMFH) has released a video involving fishermen who believe that the rules and regulations around aquaculture leases need to be changed. Currently, a bill supported by PMFH, LR 2718, has been tabled in legislative council. The proposal calls for lessening the size of aquaculture leases in Maine.

Currently, a single person, business or corporation can lease up to 1,000 acres of the ocean. Those leases can be transferred to an out of state corporation, individual or business without the benefit of a public hearing. The terms of the lease have grown from 10 to 20 years.

Protect Maine's Fishing Heritage Spokesperson Crystal Canney said, "We believe the stage is being set right now for Maine's inshore fishery to be owned by big companies. Large aquaculture leases limit the ability of those who want to recreate on the water and those who have traditionally been part of the lobstering and fishing business. The Department of Marine Resources approves in-water marine applications 99 percent of the time. As we have consistently said - we are not anti-aquaculture, but we are about a fair playing field for all who use the ocean. We also don't want to see Maine's Ocean be purchased up by large corporations in the future."

The video can be found at www.ProtectMaine.com.



SMHC's First baby

Ushering in 2020 and a new decade, Travis and Jillian Belleard of Springvale welcomed Atleigh Belleard on Jan. 1, 2020 at 9:37 p.m. at Southern Maine Health Care. In addition to the distinction of being one of the first babies born in 2020, Atleigh will be awarded a \$500 Alford Grant and could also be one of the first Alford Grant recipients to benefit from a NextGen 529 \$100 Initial Matching Grant. In 2020, the NextGen 529 \$100 Initial Matching Grant will be available to Maine accounts - including accounts for beneficiaries who are also Alford Grant recipients - when a NextGen 529 account is opened and just \$25 is contributed. Atleigh and her parents received a gift cart filled with items donated by SMHC, volunteers and community members including diapers, clothing, books and gift cards. COURTESY PHOTO

State's ATV task force submits recommendations

Report focuses on landowners, growth, economics, trail funds

Maine's ATV Task force, created by Governor Mills to address opportunities and issues associated with increasing ATV registrations, submitted their report and recommendations to the governor this week, which include limits on ATV sizes and weights, and recognizes the importance of private landowners who allow public use of their land.

"I thank the task force for its work and look forward to reviewing its recommendations," said Governor Janet Mills. "The rising popularity of ATVs provides many economic benefits to towns and business throughout the state, particularly in rural Maine, which is why it is critical that we implement a collaborative strategy that supports that growth, assists landowners in managing it, and continues to foster Maine's tradition as a premier outdoor recreation destination."

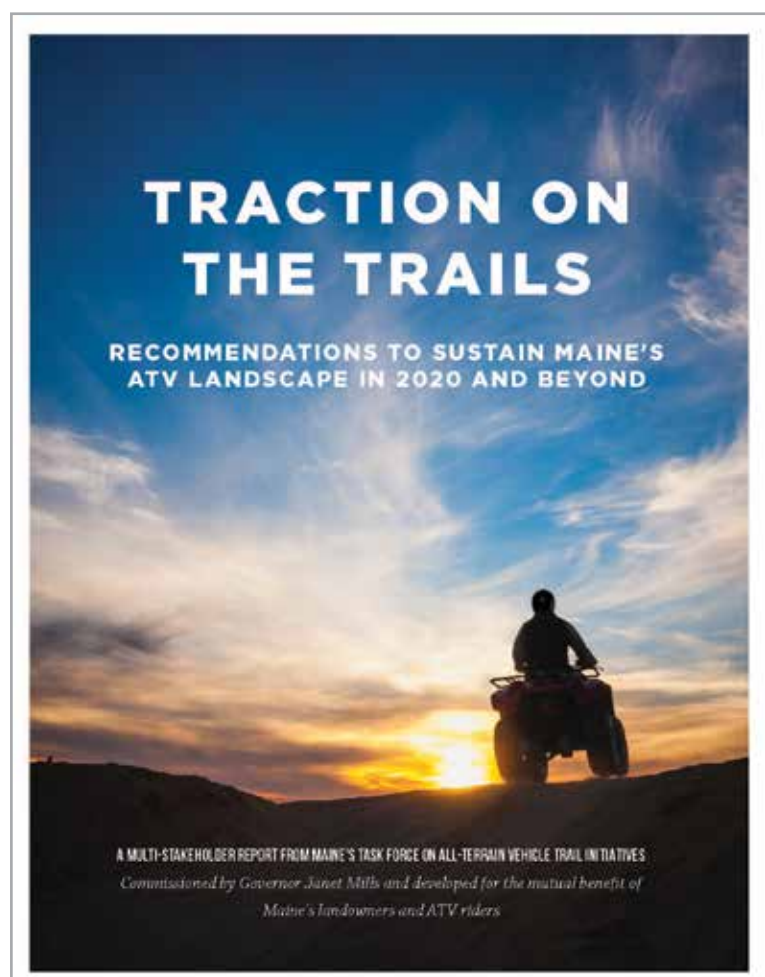
The task force met first on Sept. 5, and over the course of seven day-

long meetings from September to December came up with recommendations designed to manage the growth of ATV use, foster the economic benefits of the outdoor recreation economy associated with ATVs, and protect landowners and the environment. The report is available to view and download on the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife website.

"In a relatively short period of time, this task force examined a number of complex issues and provided reasonable and practical solutions that foster the economic growth of ATVs, assists and protects private landowners who allow public use of their lands, and protect and preserve Maine's outdoors," said MDIFW Commissioner Judy Camuso.

"The Governor's ATV task is presenting comprehensive recommendations and communications strategies that support ATV owners

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A 33-page report title "Traction on the Trails" from Maine's ATV task force is now available at: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/docs/ATV-Task-Force-Report-2020-1-6%20FINAL.pdf>. COURTESY IMAGE

Community Calendar

EMAIL NON-PROFIT EVENT LISTINGS TO: NEWS@WATERBOROREPORTER.COM

UPCOMING EVENTS

CALLING ALL QUILTERS! The Evergreen Quilt Guild will meet on Monday, January 20th, from 6-9 PM, at St. David's Episcopal Church, Route 1, two miles south of Kennebunk Village. Evergreen Quilters usually meet the 4th Monday of each month except July and December, and the 3rd Monday of May. Newcomers are always welcome. More information is available on the web site: <http://evergreenquiltersmaine.org/>

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER Saturday, Jan. 18, from 5-6:30 p.m. at Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church, on the Mill Pond, Rt 35, Goodwins Mills. Shepherd's Pie, baked beans, applesauce, rolls, green salad and brownies.

MAINE WILDLIFE AND ESTUARIES Monday, Jan. 27, 3 to 4 p.m. at the Dyer Library and Saco Museum, 371 Main Street, Saco. High Touch High Tech of Maine presents a school age science series on Maine's wildlife. We will explore how different Maine animals survive and thrive in different environments. We will also learn about coastal science and the food web of Maine's ecosystem. This is a running education program which meets once a month.

SENIOR THEATRE will hold its first meeting on 2020 at the Nason Theatre's green room in Springvale. Scheduled for Thursday, January 30th from 10:30 AM-12 Noon. Details regarding our upcoming "Something Irish" musical variety show on March 14, 15 will be discussed as well as rehearsal

dates. Also other upcoming shows planned for the season. If you are interested in senior theatre in any capacity (acting, backstage, selling concessions, lights, costumes, sets, etc) please feel free to attend. You do not have to be a "senior" to become part of the group! We love having "new" people become involved with our talented, fun-loving thespians. F.M.I. Our FACEBOOK page...Sanford Maine Stage or maria.troopstair@gmail.com.

CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands Campground Reservations open on Feb. 3. Reserve your summertime campsite and get in on a Maine tradition. Campground Reservations call center opens for ONLY Sebago Lake State Park on Monday, Feb. 3 at 9 a.m. All Others open Friday, Feb. 7 at 9 a.m. Online Campground Registration and information is at www.Camp-WithME.com.

on Tuesday, Jan. 21 - 5:30-6:30. FMI or to register, contact Beth at volunteer@cgmaine.org or call 775-5216.

SANFORD MAINE STAGE is seeking volunteers to help the theatre in various capacities. We are looking for volunteers to help in selling concessions, to work backstage during shows, help with costumes, sets, lights & sound, raffle table, etc. We have 5 shows scheduled for this year starting with "When Irish eyes are smiling" on March 14 at 7pm and March 15 at 2 pm. Other shows, dates, times will be posted on our facebook page next week. If you are interested please let us know via our facebook page or maria.troopstair@gmail.com. This is a good way to get credit hours for those of you in high school.

SUNDAY SERVICES of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is from 9 to 11 a.m. at 25 Westview Drive, Sanford or from 10 a.m. to noon at 15 Smith Lane, Saco.

LYMAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY WEEKLY PROGRAMS Tuesdays drop-in knitting and fiber optics group; Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. children's and family movies in the activity room; Fridays at 10 a.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. is preschool storytime. The library is located at 10 John Street. Call 499-7114 FMI.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP Free and open to anyone that has a loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's or any form of dementia. Understand the process of the disease and allows for sharing and questions. Third Wednesday of each month 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Southern Maine Health Care Pavilion Conference Room, 35 July Street, Sanford. FMI 490-7600 Kathy or Jeri.

TOPS is a weight loss support group that meets every Wednesday from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. in the lower level of the Springvale Public Library. Meetings are open to all. For more information, contact group leader Linda Rose at lrose4180@yahoo.com or 676-9063.

ONGOING EVENTS

SCRABBLE with FRIENDS meets every Wed. at 1 p.m. at Soldiers Memorial Library, 85 Main Street, Hiram. New members welcome. Library Hours: Tues. 2-5 p.m., Wed and Thurs 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 625-4650 www.soldiers.lib.me.us.

MONDAY WRITERS at the Waterboro Public Library, first Monday of every month (when the library is open) 6-8 p.m. All writers are welcome. Bring a short piece to read and discuss.

POETRY WORKSHOP, Limerick Public Library, 2nd Thurs. of every month at 6:30-8 p.m. All poets from beginners to advanced are invited to bring an original poem to discuss.

The Center for Grieving Children is currently seeking volunteers for our Spring 2020 Sanford facilitator training. Those interested in learning more about supporting grieving children and families are invited to attend a one hour Orientations in Sanford

International Snowmobile Safety Week:



JANUARY 18-26

Snowmobiling is a fun and exciting family activity enjoyed by over 4 million people across the United States and Canada. The sport is a safe and enjoyable form of recreation if done properly and with respect.

International Snowmobile Safety Week is a good time to refresh your skills, learn from more experienced riders, and reach out to the snowmobile clubs where you ride.

Safe snowmobiling means...

1. Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during snowmobiling.
2. Become familiar with the snowmobile you ride.
3. Operate at safe and reasonable speeds.
4. Stay on trails and areas where snowmobiling is permitted.
5. Avoid travel on unfamiliar frozen bodies of water.
6. Use extra caution at night.
7. Keep your snowmobile properly maintained.
8. Become familiar with the terrain you travel on.
9. Listen to the weather forecast before you leave.
10. Always wear a helmet and proper clothing.
11. Never ride alone; let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.
12. Carry emergency supplies and learn survival skills.

NOTICE

TOWN OF ALFRED

You are invited to a retirement reception for **JOYCE WOOD**, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen for 22 years!

Stop by and see Joyce on **Sunday, January 19**, at the Oak Street Bistro, 3 Oak Street, Alfred from 1 to 4 p.m. and wish her a **Happy Retirement!**



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Waterboro Public Library activities

FIBER ARTS GROUP Do you love to knit, crochet, sew, or spin? Waterboro Public Library invites you to join us every Thursday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for an afternoon of crafting and conversation with fellow artists. Sharing is encouraged. Bring your own tools, materials and current project with you. Assistance with knitting will usually be available. We welcome crafters of all skill levels. Registration not required.

LEGO®CLUB Waterboro Public Library is offering a LEGO® Club for children in grades K and up. The next meeting is on Monday, Jan. 27 from 4-5 p.m. All LEGO® bricks will be provided, just bring your imagination and creativity. Registration is required. E-mail librarian@waterborolib.org or call the library at 247-3363.

EMBRACING HYGGE FOR SIMPLE, JOY-FILLED LIVING Have you heard the term "hygge" and wondered what it is? Do you need a fresh perspective on how to enjoy and savor the winter season? If so, join us at the Waterboro Public Library on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. for "Embracing Hygge for Simple, Joy-Filled Living." Lisa Luken will illustrate what Hygge is and where it's from, she'll share why it's important for happiness and she'll teach how to create and embrace it in your life this winter and beyond. Walk away with new insights and ideas that will help you create a simpler, more joy-filled life. Registration not required. Snow date Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Waterboro Public Library is located at 187 Main St., East Waterboro. For more information, call 247-3363 or visit the Calendar of Events page at waterborolib.org. Programs are free and open to the public.



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NEWFIELD

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Rec department adds activities

The Recreation Department of Newfield met last week to discuss reviving the department and tossed around some ideas for fun things to do in town, and according to Selectman Kenney Gates, they came up with some good ones.

The first thing will be a Community Game Night, at the Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road in West Newfield, right across from the post office. The group will meet Thursday, Jan. 16, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for the first one. Others are planned for Jan. 30, Feb. 13 and 27. This is a BY-OFSR, bring your own food, snacks and refreshments, evening with board games, card games and more. Some of the suggestions were cribbage, backgammon, and a variety of other board games, and card games. This is for all ages from children to seniors, so come over and bring a friend.

There will also be an Open Mic night, starting on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Singers and musicians are welcome to come out to show us your stuff; let's see how you rock! All genres of music are welcome from folk to rock, so don't be shy. There are also a couple of other nights that are scheduled for February 22 and March 28. This is an alcohol free event.

A Paint Night is also scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and it is also at the town hall. At this time, there are two classes scheduled, but if there is enough interest, she will hold more classes. The second class is on Feb. 20. Sandy Ouellette is the instructor and it is just \$20 for the evening. It is cash only and payable at the door.

Other suggestions for fun things to do were: Coffee House nights, open acoustic jam sessions, Paint Nights, (doing signs and scenes, etc.) and a Leap Year Dance. If you are interested in participating, just show up, no pre registration is needed.

As for me, I think that I'd like to listen to some country music and maybe do a little Texas Two Stepping. Anyone else interested in learning some new dance steps?

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go to Gloria Godin, Ken Ritchie, Paul Colwell, and Joyce Bond.

Town news and volunteers needed

The town is currently looking for volunteers to fill the following positions: the Property Appeals Board is looking for two members to serve as alternates; and Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) is looking for a representative to serve. Check in at the town office during regular business hours to inquire about serving on these boards.

Volunteers are needed on the fire department and the rescue squad. Please contact the town office at 793-4348 for the contact person and phone number for each department.

The selectmen will be meeting every week on Tuesday at the town hall during the budget process at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to stop by.

Feel like having a party? Town hall rentals are \$50 for locals and \$200 for non-residents. Check in with the town office at 793-4348 to get the rental information.

Meetings

Newfield Rescue Squad will have their monthly meeting tonight Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Newfield Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Dick or Hazel McGlincey at 793-2045 or any rescue member.

Cub Scout Pack #329 will meet on Monday, Jan. 20, at Line School at 818 Water Street at 6 p.m. Anastasia Ferguson is the Cubmaster.

Newfield Selectmen will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 23 So. Effingham Road at the West Newfield Town Hall at 6 p.m.

Newfield Firefighters will have a training session on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Tea Time will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the Newfield Village Library at 637 Water Street at 3 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop #329 will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the Brick Town Hall at 11 Main Street in Limerick at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome. Jim Dion is the Scoutmaster. Call Joe Iannazzo at 850-6237



Waterboro Elementary School was recently chosen as a school to be featured on Channel 8 News for their participation in the "WinterKids" program which promotes outside activity, nutrition, and family engagement. Schools earn points for doing various challenges/activities. On hand for the activities were, from left, York County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer Jason Solomon, Chief Deputy Tom Baran, the Red Claws Mascot, Waterboro Fire Chief Matthew Bors, Deputy Chief Lisa Benton and Firefighter Michael Fraser. COURTESY PHOTO

ATV TASK FORCE

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and private landowners, and maybe most importantly, funds for trail maintenance." Amanda Beal, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

The task force, comprised, comprised of 15 members that represent landowners, farmers, land trusts, utility corridor owners, large forest landowners, ATV owners, ATV retailers, and snowmobile organizations, were charged with examining a variety of issues associated with ATVs and came up with the following six recommendations:

- Limit the size and weight of ATVs that can be utilized on state-maintained trails in Maine to 65 inches wide and 2,000 lbs.
- Adopt Best Management Practices (BMPs) for construction and maintenance of state-funded ATV trails.
- Create a standardized annual trail inspection process.
- Develop a collaborative communications campaign for landowners and ATV riders.
- Maintain a simple user-pay registration system with one sticker type and price.
- Increase fees across all ATVs equally, having a differential for residents and non-residents and directing the entire increase to trail funding.

These recommendations came as a result of the regular meetings, which were open to the public, an online questionnaire that elicited over 1,000 responses, as well as emails and phone calls from the public to members of the task force.

The 33-page report contains recommendations that were based upon the objectives Governor Mills set in establishing the task force, along with the background surrounding the issue, the discussions centered around the issue, a selection of public comments regarding each issue, and the next steps in implementing the recommendation.

Representatives on the committee include Co-Chair Timothy Peabody of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; Co-Chair John Bryant of American Forest Management; Matt Stedman of Irving Woodlands, Kyle Burdick of the Maine Forest Products Council, Tom Doak of Maine Woodland Owners, Julie Ann Smith of the Maine Farm Bureau, Brian Berube of Central Maine Power, David

Montague of the Downeast Land Trust, Jim Sinclair of R.T. Allen and Sons, Dick Howlett of ATV Maine, David Jones of the Jackman Borders Riders Club, Ian Bourgoin of Fort Kent Powersports, Bob Meyers of the Maine Snowmobile Association, Brian Bronson of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, and Dave Chabot of the Maine Warden Service.

Maine has over 6,000 miles of trails of ATV trails, and registers over 70,000 ATVs annually. For more information on the ATV task force, please visit the ATV task force page; and for more information on ATVing in Maine, please visiting the websites of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

A PDF copy of the report can be found at <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/docs/ATV-Task-Force-Report-2020-1-6%20FINAL.pdf>.



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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Public Hearing

The Town of Waterboro Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **January 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Town Hall. The purpose of this hearing is to review the variance request of Daniel Richard (Tax Map 13 Lot 62). The applicant is requesting a hardship variance to construct a residential structure within the Town of Waterboro Shoreland Zone.

The application can be viewed at the code enforcement office during regular business hours.

Shawn Shoemaker, Chair

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MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

Biologists and helicopter crews plan to capture and collar 130 moose

This week, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife biologists will be capturing and collaring 130 moose as Maine's moose survival study enters its sixth year and focuses on a new study area.

Maine's moose population fluctuates in response to many factors, including calf birth and adult survival rates. MDIFW, in cooperation and collaboration with the University of New Hampshire, New Hampshire Fish and Game, Vermont Fish and Game, and the University of Maine-Animal Health Lab has been conducting a study that monitors calf and adult survival rates and closely examines causes of death for moose.

The study, which began in the winter of 2014, started in western Maine (WMD 8), and, in 2016, a second study area in northern Maine (WMD 2) was added. In those five years, 475 moose were captured by helicopter-launched nets and fitted with a GPS collar. These collars enable staff to remotely track moose locations and movements over time, and to be notified via text/email message if a moose dies. Adult cows are monitored each spring and summer to determine birth rates and survival rates of calves. For each collared moose, biologists collect detailed health information, including a blood sample, parasite loads, body condition, and winter tick loads. This information is providing our researchers with an unprecedented, in-depth look at moose health, including the impact of parasites on survival and reproduction.

In the coming weeks, Maine's moose biologist Lee Kantar, several other MDIFW staff members and Native Range Wildlife Capture Services will first be collaring 35 calves in northern Aroostook county (WMD 2), and collaring 35 calves in western Maine (WMD 8) and another 60 calves will be collared in WMD 4, which is located north of Moosehead Lake (northern Somerset and Piscataquis counties).

Expanding the study to WMD 4 will provide vital information documenting the impact of winter tick on Maine's moose. Winter tick

significantly impacts the survival of calves and may be impacting pregnant cows during the end of their pregnancy, causing extra stress on body condition due to blood loss. This increase in winter tick is partially a consequence of the changing climate, resulting in milder winters and creating a greater opportunity for tick survival. With parasites and disease, a larger moose population leads to greater chance of transfer, ultimately causing higher mortality rates. It is a high priority for MDIFW to find ways to diminish the impacts of parasites and disease. For this reason, the agency is considering methods of selectively lowering the moose population in certain parts of the state to decrease the chance for parasite and disease transfer, eventually leading to a healthier population.

MDIFW also conducts aerial surveys to estimate moose abundance and the composition (bull, cow, and calf) across Maine's core range of moose. This aerial survey data, combined with reproductive data from female moose (ovaries) and age data from moose teeth (removed at registration stations), is providing biologists with a more complete picture of Maine's moose population size and composition than ever before.

Maine's moose hunters also contribute to Maine's moose study. Successful hunters with a cow permit must provide the ovaries from their harvested cow moose so biologists can continue to evaluate ovulation and reproductive rates; two critical pieces of information to monitor population growth and decline.

MDIFW contracts with Native Range Capture Services out of Elko, Nevada to capture and collar the moose. The crew specializes in capturing and collaring large animals by helicopter and using net guns to capture and collar female moose and calves. Funding for the study comes from a federal Pittman-Robertson grant (funded by the sale of hunting equipment) and the state's dedicated moose fund (funded through sale of non-resident moose applications and permits).

ALFRED

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Computer Buddy program

Our younger generation grew up with technology like smartphones, tablets, laptops and computers. To some adults this is new technology because it was not available during their adult lifetime.

To tap into the younger generation's knowledge the Computer Buddy Program was created. It offers interested individuals the choice of learning from younger patrons. Those wishing to participate in a one-on-one private lesson with a student volunteer should please complete a request form with Parsons Memorial Library. The form will ask 'what you want to learn' and 'day and time you are available.' Times and dates will depend on the students' school schedules and how well they match your request information. The computer program is free because of student volunteers.



at the Library

These long winter days are an opportunity to do some reading. Librarian Isobel Turk has lined up an interesting array of new books for Alfred readers. For the youngest readers – or those wishing to be read to – there is "Captain Underpants" by Dave Pilkey and "Dog Man Fetch -22" by the same author. For young adults there is

"How Many Nows as I Can Get" by Shana Youngdahl. There is also John LeCarre's "Agent Running in the Field" and "Beating About the Bush" by M.C. Beaton. Others available are "Steel Crowe Saga" by Paul Krueger, "Before the Devil Fell" by Neil Olson, "Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid and "The Wicked Redhead" by Beatriz Williams. "Dragon Fly" by Leila Meacham and "The Revisioners" by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton. These are all fiction novels.

In nonfiction there is "The American Story" by David Rubenstein and "American Women" by the Smithsonian Institute. Audio books include "Before We were Yours" by Lisa Wingate and "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

Library news

Pre-K yoga with Clarisa at Parsons Memorial Library has been rescheduled and will be held Saturday Jan. 29. This free program is scheduled for 10 a.m. All ages welcome.

Parsons Memorial Library now has Twitter and Instagram! Follow them on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/alfredlibrary> and Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/parsonsmemoriallib/>.

Meditation in Maine

Peggy Greer of Anam Cara Studio will lead a 1 hr. meditation workshop Wednesday evenings in the library for 8 weeks in January and February. It is free and open to the public. Twenty persons is a maximum for a class, 6 to 7 p.m. Preregistration is required.

Parish Church

Morning worship will be held in Conant Chapel for the remainder of the winter, at 10 a.m. to save on fuel. The Sunday School sched-

ule will be posted on the bulletin Board. It will be on the first and third of the month, Jan. 5 and 19 and Feb. 2 and 16. The next Bible Study will be on Jan. 22 in Conant Chapel.

Last Sunday's Parish Church service was led by Janet Tucker in Conant Chapel. Pastor Sara Bartlett found she was unable to come because of icy roads.

The next free supper, on Monday, Jan. 27, will feature soups and chowders., 5 to 6p.m. All are welcome!

New Century Club

An enjoyable social hour was held by the New Century Club during the December meeting at the home of Marjorie Anderson. There will be no meetings in January and February; the March meeting on the 8th will be in the Oak Street Bistro at 1 p.m. with the topic "The New Government of the 23rd State" with Jim Boyle as the speaker.

Bits and Pieces

Louisa (Leddy) Kirk, a former Alfred resident, has been visiting her daughter Christina, and family, in Alfred. She now lives in Nova Scotia, has taken up rug hooking and has become a Canadian citizen.

Looking for a way to pass time these long winter days? The Alfred Transfer Station has lots of puzzles, free for the taking. If you finish a puzzle but a piece is missing, it would be courteous to mark it on the box or even circle the missing spot on the picture.

Lost my glasses

If anyone finds a pair of tinted glasses in the parking area in front of Conant Chapel, they are mine. I would love to get them back. I will reward you with delicious raspberry squares.

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SPORTS

SWIMMING

Lady Mustangs edge Falmouth in pool

Maia Alling won the 100 breaststroke, the 200 freestyle, and she was a part of two relay unit wins, helping the lady Mustangs varsity swim squad to a narrow 85-82 win over Falmouth on Friday, Jan. 10.

Massabesic won the first event, the 200-yard-medley-relay with a 2:09.67. Emma Hartigan was first off the blocks. Kiley Semo followed and Evelyn Soule-Parent swam third. Alling was the anchor.

The same unit won the

400-freestyle-relay, the final event, which provided the margin of victory and gave the Mustangs a 6-5 edge in events won. Massabesic's 4:16.22 just edged Falmouth's 4:17.33 in the 400 and provided eight points for the Mustangs and just four for the Yachtsmen.

In between the two relay race wins the Mustangs' got the two wins from Alling and wins from Soule-Parent in the 50 (29.61) and Hartigan in the 100 (1:05.88).



ICE HOCKEY

BOOM halts 'Hawks

BOOM (Biddeford, Old Orchard, Massabesic) got goals from four different players and Gavin Sperlich made 13 saves to help pace a solid 4-0 win over the Knighthawks (Marshwood, Traip, Noble, Sanford) on Saturday, Jan. 11 at Dover Ice Arena.

Trevor Ouellette had the opening goal and Jamie Sperlich also had a first period goal to put BOOM up 2-0. James Monson boosted the score to 3-0 with a goal in the second period and Aiden Russell closed out the scoring with a goal in the third.

BOOM (2-3-2) fell to undefeated Lewiston (7-0) by a 5-1 count on Jan. 8.

— By Michael DeAngelis
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BASKETBALL

Six straight Lady Mustangs roll on

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Marissa Holt had 20 points and Massabesic turned a three point halftime deficit into an eight point lead with a superb third quarter to help lift them to a tight 54-52 win over visiting Falmouth (6-5) on Saturday, Jan. 11 in varsity girls' basketball.

Holt had a dominant first half with 15 points, but the Mustangs (8-3) shifted their focus to defense after the break, which benefited their offense: they got points from seven different players in the third (none from Holt) to push the lead to eight.



Massabesic held off the Yachtsmen with enough scoring in the fourth (five from Holt and four of Hannah Samson's eight) to close out the two-point win, their sixth in a row.

The Mustangs topped Thornton Academy two days prior by a 64-51 count behind the strength of scoring from nine different players.

Micaela Jacobs led with 17-points while sister Emily and Grace Frechette each chipped in with nine. Holt finished with eight and Satyra Duong had seven.

Host Massabesic built a 14-point lead into halftime (32-18) and cruised to their fifth consecutive win.

WRESTLING

Mat men 6th at Sanford

Noah Hernandez won the 160-pound weight division and Matthew Pooler was runner-up at 152, helping Massabesic's wrestling team to a sixth place finish overall at the annual Spartan Wrestling Invitational held Jan. 5 at Sanford High School.

Hernandez was a perfect 4-0 at the event and advanced to the final after a tight 3-1 decision over

Chris Matarese from North Providence (RI) High School.

Hernandez handed Anthony Mazza of Mt. Valley High an 8-1 defeat in the final to grab the gold.

Garret Francoeur had a solid tourney finishing with four wins and two losses--good for fifth place--in what was a stacked 132 lb. division. Pooler lost in the final after three consecutive wins.

BRIEFS

Maine art teachers to show their work at the Saco Museum

Works by members of the Maine Art Education Association (MAEA) will be on display at the Saco Museum from Jan. 31 until March 27, with an opening reception taking place on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 1 to 3 pm.

It's Natural: Art by Art Teachers includes paintings, prints, sculpture, photographs, and fiber arts created by visual art teachers from throughout the state. MAEA members are committed to excellence in art education and passionate about their own work.

The Maine Art Education Asso-

ciation is a statewide professional organization whose members are committed to excellence in visual arts education. MAEA welcomes Visual Art educators from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12, higher education, art education students, museum educators and retired art educators. For more information, visit www.aeforme.org.

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Youth volunteers can be ‘Holiday Helpers’

The Animal Welfare Society (AWS) is launching a new volunteer-based youth program for elementary school students. The program, called Holiday Helpers, will take place on select days off from school, which coincide with major holidays such as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Veterans Day and the day before Thanksgiving.

During each session of Holiday Helpers, students will spend three hours at AWS exploring relevant holiday traditions and learning how they relate to or impact animals. Students will work together to make a holiday-themed treat, toy or activity for the pets in the Adoption Center. Finally, students will complete volunteer tasks in the Adoption Center to positively and directly help the animals. Tasks could include brushing cats, preparing snacks for dogs, or visiting with rabbits and birds, depending on the needs of the Adoption Center that day.

Brie Roche, AWS’ Humane Educator, explains, “Holiday

Helpers was created to give our youngest community members a chance to help at AWS. By participating directly with the animals, children see firsthand how they make a difference. It fosters compassion and empathy at a young age and prepares students to love volunteering.”

The first two Holiday Helper sessions will be held Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 20. Session I, for students aged 5-7 takes place from 9 a.m. – noon. Session II, for students aged 8-11, takes place from 1 – 4 p.m. Lessons and projects will focus on social justice and Dr. King’s messages of kindness and compassion to all. Roche adds, “Dr. King once said, ‘Life’s most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others.’ Our students will be putting the teaching of Dr. King into action by learning and practicing compassion, kindness, and acceptance while lending a hand to our (animal) friends in need.”

Enrollment is \$35. Parents can

register their children online at <https://animalwelfare.org/>. For more information, contact Brie Roche, Humane Educator, 985-3244 ext. 109 or Stephanie Kelley, Marketing Communications Manager, 985-3244 ext. 130

About the Animal Welfare Society’s Youth Programs: Teaching compassion is an important part of AWS’ mission. AWS Youth Programs, led by state certified educator, Brie Roche, provide fun and engaging humane education curriculums, for children of all ages. Lessons and programs creatively and interactively share the importance of spaying and neutering, long-term commitment to a pet, kind animal treatment, proper pet care and more.

Local writings



LETTERS

Thank you to Poland Spring

The Massabesic Middle School Student Council in East Waterboro, would like to publicly say thank you to Poland Spring and its employees for their recent donation to the council for our Annual Veterans Dinner, Dec. 12, 2019. The dinner provides an opportunity for us to say, “Thank you” to our Veterans that are so deserving of our gratitude for their service and sacrifices. As in years past, this an excellent opportunity for Veterans and the RSU57 School Community to come to-

gether in celebration.

Poland Spring continues to support its local communities in supporting important causes. We are proud to share your excellent work in our community with others. You are definitely committed to giving back and helping make Maine a better and healthier place to live and work.

Again, thank you for your generous donation. It means a great deal to us that we can count on our local businesses to support our school and the community.

– Ruth A.S. Miller
Student Council Advisor
Massabesic Middle School
RSU57 School District

THE SNOWMAN

*He started out as a snowball
Packed tight as tight could be,
Rolled round and round and round
By some other boys and me.
Three spheres different sizes
Each larger than the other,
Perfectly shaped and patted down
And hoisted a top another.
Sticks for arms, coal for eyes,
A carrot for his nose,
A scarf round his neck,
(A hat for his head’s Delight)
No need for fingers or toes.
He stands outside my window,
Under the moonlit night,
Gleaming like an earthly star
That twinkles with the light.
It’s nice to have a secret friend;
A bit of magic like a dream,
Somethings are not forever,
However it may seem.
If ever you have a snowman,
Hug him every day.
Tell him that you love him,
Before he melts away!*

– BY R.A. BURNS
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TOWN OF LIMERICK REQUEST FOR BID Snow Removal, Salting and Sanding of all Town Roads

Limerick Board of Selectmen seeks bids for snow removal, salting and sanding of all Town Roads for the 2020/2021 2021/2022 2022/2023 snow seasons. Copies of the three-year contract containing terms and scope of work are available in the Selectmen's Office, 55 Washington Street, Limerick, ME from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Limerick Board of Selectmen
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