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A vision for the future of Newfield

By C.J. PIKE

The Comprehensive Planning Committee has worked tirelessly to document the opinions from the survey that was sent out by the town in our 2019 tax bills this past October.

They asked for everyone's input, but only 209 residents took the time to respond.

Some of the top priorities were on the real estate taxes, whether to keep them low or not, and there were 200 responses. For the majority of those people responding 137 were in favor of keeping them low, and 22 said to improve the taxes.

For housing growth, there were a total of 196 responses, the majority of them, 130, said 'no' to that, and 51 answered 'yes'

On Question #5, whether local tax support should go to the fire or rescue departments, road maintenance, snow plowing, and other areas in the town, etc.

Answers to that were: Fire, 188 answered or which 139 said keep it the same;

Rescue had 189 responses and 137 said keep it the same. Road maintenance had 188 responses and 124 said keep it the same, 62 said to increase; for snowplowing 185 responses, 142 want to keep it the same and 39 want increases.

Water quality concerns were close, 182 responded; 88 thought that the quality would be impacted by development; and 87 said 'no' they were not concerned.

Would natural areas be lost to development? 202 responses of which 141 said 'yes; and 57 said 'no.'

There were 19 questions in all, and the complete survey is available at the town office, during regular business hours.

Newfield does have a plan for the future and goals are in place. The Planning Board would like to protect the legacy of the town and the historic structures, support

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Great Maine Outdoor Weekend

Kids climbing the Globe Hill at the Three Rivers Land Trust Office in Alfred where a sledding event will be held on Feb. 15. as part of the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend activities. COURTESY PHOTO

Sledding 'The Globe' in Alfred

As part of the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend Feb. 15-16, the Three Rivers Land Trust will host a fun family event at their office at 235 Swetts Bridge Road, Alfred on Feb. 15, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

There will be sledding on "The Globe" hill next to the office (snow dependent) and a guided walk/snowshoe along the Littlefield River. At the "River House" office, indoor activities will include potluck soups; cocoa, tea, and coffee; coloring and crafts for kids (and adults!) and enriching conversations with land trust members, staff and directors. The event is open to the public, and all ages welcome.

The event is free, although donations and memberships to support the land trust's community conservation work are always appreciated. For more information about this event or the Three Rivers Land Trust and their work, contact Executive Director Cheri Brunault at 358-9695 (call/text) or cheri@3rlt.org.

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

Hemp applications open to growers

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) hemp program is now accepting applications. DACF Indoor and Outdoor Hemp License applications are available on the Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources website, and are due at least 30 days before the anticipated date of planting.

Two proposed rule changes not implemented were an increase in the outdoor license acreage fee from \$50 to \$100 per acre and using 0.3 percent total THC content instead of delta9-THC only as the defining line between hemp and marijuana.

The Department listened to growers and others during the public comment period of the rulemaking process. The message was clear; 2020 is not the year to increase fees. The outdoor license

acreage fee will remain at \$50 per acre.

Public feedback was also overwhelmingly in favor of keeping the definition of hemp as a Cannabis sativa L. plant that contains not more than 0.3 percent delta-9-THC only. Maine will continue to use the 0.3 percent delta-9-THC only measurement at least through Oct. 31, 2020, when a USDA-approved program will have to begin.

Three other proposed changes were included in the final rule. The first is unlimited licenses for indoor hemp. The fee for an indoor license will be \$500 plus \$0.25 per square foot of growing area. Being able to grow hemp crops in greenhouses and other indoor structures year-round is an option many Maine farmers have wanted since hemp growing became legal in Maine in 2016.

Another change that did get implemented was a rolling application process. Instead of only being able to apply during the January 1 – April 1 window, applications will be accepted year-round. No longer will all licenses expire at the end of the calendar year; hemp licenses will expire 365 days after the date of issue. When to apply is up to the grower but should be at least 30 days before their anticipated planting date.

The third change that remains in the final rule is the \$20,000 cap on licensing agreement fees for either indoor or outdoor licenses separately.

For more information on Maine's hemp licensing program, including the revised Chapter 274, Rules for Growing Hemp, visit <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/hemp/>.

Free fishing weekends

Free Fishing Weekends in Maine are this weekend, Feb. 15 and 16 and again on May 30 and 31. This means anyone can fish without a license, unless your license has been suspended or revoked. Normally, to fish in, or transport fish from inland waters, a valid Maine fishing license is required for anyone 16 years of age or older. To fish on other days, you can purchase a fishing license online at https://moses.informe.org/cgi-bin/online/moses_v3/index.

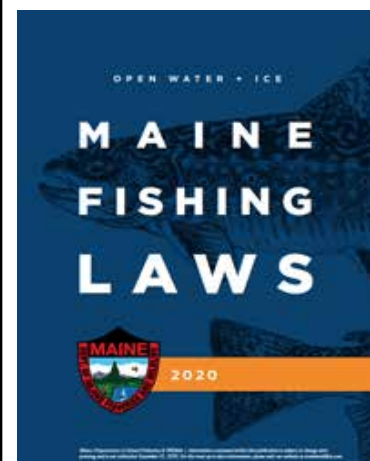
General Fishing Laws apply on these free fishing days and can be found at <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fishing-boating/fishing/laws-rules/laws-definitions.html#laws>.

For a complete list of fishing derbies visit <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fishing-boating/fishing/fishing-derbies.html>.

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Community Calendar

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UPCOMING EVENTS

GIRL SCOUT SIGN-UPS Girl Scouts of Maine (GSME) announces that it will host new member sign-up events for potential members and volunteers on Feb. 13 at Line Elementary School, West Newfield at 6 p.m.; and Feb. 25 at Carl J. Lamb School, Springvale at 6 p.m. For more information about Girl Scouts visit girlscoutsofmaine.org or call 888-922-4763.

REGISTER TO VOTE, CHOOSE PARTY BY FEB. 14 Mainers can register to vote or enroll in a party on Election Day. Those already enrolled in a party and decide they would like to make a change cannot do so after Feb. 14. Those not enrolled in a party may enroll on Election Day.

FOOD DRIVE Massabesic Middle School is holding a food drive through Feb. 14 to benefit the York County Shelter and Pantry in Alfred. The shelter is need of food items, along with socks and underwear this year. If you would like to donate to the drive, please drop off your items to the school Monday-Friday between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m.

WRITERS' ANNUAL FEBRUARY WRITER'S GROUP hosted by Maine author, Carolyn Chute on Saturdays, Feb. 15 and 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Limerick Brick Town Building. Bring an original piece to read and discuss. Potluck lunch. Presented by Limerick Parks and Recreation.

BAKED BEAN SUPPER Saturday, Feb. 15 from 4:30 to



SQUARE POND FISHING DERBY Sunday, Feb. 16 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration fees \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids 15 and under. No fishing license required on this free fishing weekend. Registration and fish check-in will be on West Shore Drive in Acton. Sponsored by the Sanford Elks Lodge #1470 and benefits the Maine Children's Cancer Program. Prizes, raffles and more! FMI Troy Graffam 608-3488. COURTESY PHOTO FROM LAST YEAR'S DERBY

6 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick. Menu: baked beans, ham, hot dogs, chop suey, casseroles, desserts and beverage. Door prize. Adult \$8, children 6-12 are \$3, under 5 is free. Everyone is welcome.

LITTLE OSSISPEE LAKE FISHING DERBY Saturday, Feb. 15 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gobeil Park Boat Launch on Route 5 in Waterboro. Register the day of the event from 6 to 9 a.m. at the boat launch or purchase tickets in advance at Lakeside Market in Eat Waterboro or Giles Family Farm store in Alfred. Entry Fee is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children. Sponsored

by outfopelham.org and benefits K-12 special education students and adults in need.

SONGWRITING CIRCLE CONCERT & POTLUCK Sunday, Feb. 23 at 4 p.m. at the Denmark Arts Center at 8 Hancock St. in Hiram. Event is free, bring food for potluck supper

ABENAKI DRAFT HORSE ASSOCIATION WINTERFEST 2020 on Feb. 23 (March 1 alternate date) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 117 Duke Lane, Lyman. Horse drawn sleigh rides/Wagon rides, Food and Music. Free Admission. Sleigh ride prices -- Adults \$5, 15-18 years old \$3, Children under 14 free if accompanied on ride by an adult. Ques-

tions? Call Tom Bragg at 651 5282.

CALLING ALL QUILTERS! The Evergreen Quilt Guild will meet on Monday, Feb. 24, from 6-9 p.m., at St. David's Episcopal Church, Route 1, two miles south of Kennebunk Village. Evergreen Quilters usually meet the 4th Monday of each month except July and December, and the 3rd Monday of May. Newcomers are always welcome.

BINGO NIGHT at Massabesic High School Thursday, Feb. 27 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. Cost is \$5 to play all night. All ages welcome. There will be baked goods and prizes. Organized by the MHS Student Council with proceeds going back into school events.

BOSTON FLOWER SHOW The Springvale Public Library is hosting a trip to the Boston Flower Show at the Seaport World Trade Center on Thursday, March 12th from 8:00am to 5:30pm. This year's theme is "Garden Party: Celebrating Friends And Family." The ticket price is \$65 and includes travel and the flower show admission. Food is not included. Food and drinks may be brought in a cooler, or purchased in Boston. Tickets will be given out as you exit the bus in Boston. The bus will depart from Springvale Library, 443 Main St, at 8:00am. Please arrive 20 minutes prior to departure. Parking is available at the church parking lot across from the library. For more information or to purchase tickets please call Springvale Library at 207-324-4624 or go online at www.springvalelibrary.org.

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 or visit www.soldiers.lib.me.us.

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.

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.

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.

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 marya.troopstair@gmail.com. This is a good way to get credit hours for those of you in high school.

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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.

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.

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.



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Assistant Librarian Honored

It will be 17 years in March that Karen Spiliopolis has been working as the assistant librarian/children's librarian at Parsons Memorial Library. Her emphasis has been on the youth program, leading the storyhour and programs for the teenagers, particularly the summer reading program in which Author Emily Cook read to them from her book, plus others. Among the new programs were the yoga program and the boxed gardens planted by the children. She was instrumental in seeing that the beautiful murals were painted in the children's room, says it has been a privilege meeting and knowing the people of Alfred. Libraries are changing she says but feels they will be around for many years.

She has enjoyed seeing the children she first met during Storyhour graduate from high school and college. Her cheerful nature has been an asset in the children's room. This past week the Friends of the Library feted her at a dinner at The Bistro and during the dinner she was presented with a gift certificate to thank her for all her work with the youngsters.

How to Sell a Cottage

It does not have to be large (ours wasn't) or waterfront (ours was) but if you want to sell a cottage (especially in Canada) it must have an inside bathroom. Americans do NOT LIKE OUTSIDE TOILET FACILITIES. I am not talking about the dependable two holer in the barn. I am talking about a real bathroom with shower and sink and toilet.

Our cottage in Canada had been for sale for several years. My cousin sometimes dabbles in real estate and I thought perhaps she would have better luck than we had. But no. Everyone wanted an inside bathroom. One prospective customer was very impressed with the barn behind the house. She suggested that we give the house (a traditional fisherman's cottage) to the Roosevelt Park who would probably move it and then she could renovate the barn to her liking. I thought "Why don't you do that?" but that did not appeal to her. We finally put a "For Sale" sign on the house (this is difficult if you live in another country) and some interest was shown. But not really serious interest.



The Friends of the Library are responsible for many library activities, like the recent dinner for retiring assistant librarian Karen Spiliopoulos. Members present were, back row from left, Susan Pierce, Janet Tucker, Carol Skowronski and Susan Dean. Front row from left, Allison Brewster, Karen Spiliopoulos, Beth DeWolf and Buffy Bullard. PHOTO BY ALISON WILLIAMS

All agreed that it was very charming. The kitchen had been papered with old nautical charts. Posters on the walls depicted themes related to fishing. My favorite was "Sunday at Sea", a lithograph in which the captain is reading the Bible to his crew on what we suppose is Sunday morning. I found it on the floor of the old schoolhouse we owned on our farm in Alfred. My husband had made a frame for it, we took it to Campobello Island and I had no intention of leaving it behind if we sold the cottage.

There were also numerous lobster buoys (at least 100) which we had picked up on the beaches and a "lifter" which is the thing you use to pick up your anchor. I would have taken it with us - the new owners probably have no idea what it is - but what would we have done with it? The sleeping porch had once been former owner Mellie's barber shop. Here there was also an old (workable) sewing machine and a couch. Upstairs there were twin beds in the spare room. The real antiques I had given to the local museum - the butter churn, butter paddle etc. I did not plan on making butter.

But all these attractions did not impress buyers. They wanted a cottage with a real bathroom.

I had been promised by my spouse that when we sold our farm we would put in a septic field at our cottage and have a bathroom. Our daughter married a plumber

and you know the rest. My husband moved the milk house to the end of the deck and we were in business. Or so we thought.

We soon learned that a milk house at the end of the deck was NOT a real bathroom. Never mind that we now had a shower and sink and toilet. plus the hot water tank and storage. So we continued to look for a real buyer and this past summer we found one. It didn't matter that they had to go out the kitchen door and walk down the short deck to what I now call a Wash House. I pointed out that in some Scandinavian countries this is commonplace and for some reason it had appeal. If the Scandinavians can do it, so can we. The wash house has sold the cottage.

Shaker movie

Parsons Memorial Library will be showing "The Shakers" from the Ken Burns America collection on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. This movie is 58 minutes long and is not rated.

Patrons attending the event will be eligible to be submitted for this month's Bicentennial Giveaway. This event is free and open to the public.

They call themselves the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing but because of their ecstatic dancing the world called them Shakers. Ken Burns creates a moving portrait of this

particular American movement, and in the process, offers us a new and unusually moving way to understand the Shakers.

Annual potluck and trivia

On Saturday, Feb. 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. Parsons Memorial Library will hold its annual potluck supper. Patrons are asked to bring a dish to share, bring a friend and be ready to play fun games of trivia for funny prizes. You may leave the affair realizing how much you do NOT know, but everyone else will be in the same boat.

CORRECTION:

In last week's front-page story about DeWolf and Wood, Antiquarians, I had mentioned Marnie Roberts, who was a great cook when luncheons were sold in that building. Her name was not Marnie. It was Maudie Roberts. She was a jolly person who could really cook but did not share her recipes. And she wasn't John Roberts sister. She was another Roberts, of which Alfred has many. (If you happen to have her recipe for Indian Pudding, I know someone who would like it.)

SHAPLEIGH

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Emery Mills Dam project update

Water in Mousam Lake was lowered on Oct. 1, 2019 to initiate repairs to the Emery Mills Dam. According to Alex Hammerle, Facilities Director in Sanford, the repair work on the Emery Mills Dam was essentially completed on Dec. 11 and the water has been restored to the normal winter level. In total about 2,150 gallons of grout were pumped into 26 bore locations. With the large amount of grout that has been pumped into the Dam, major voids have been filled and the Dam is much more solid than before the work was done. The leaks should be minimal when the water level is raised in the spring. After the grouting process was completed the remainder of the rip rap work (man-placed rock or rubble), capping of the Dam and road work was completed. The project should end up below budget. The Engineering firm is working to finalize the as-built drawings in February.

Movie night at the community library

The Shapleigh Community Library, 607 Shapleigh Corner Road, is holding a movie night on Sunday Feb. 16 from 3 to 6 p.m. Toy Story 4 will be presented on the Big screen. Popcorn and drinks are provided.

Meetings

Capital Improvement Committee will meet on Feb. 20 at 6:30 pm on the second floor of the Town Hall, 22 Back Rd. The public is welcome to attend.

Rescue Squad will be holding a regular business meeting Thursday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 pm at the Public Safety Building, 506 Shapleigh Corner Road.

Board of Selectmen will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall.

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OPINION



Governor urges Mainers to vote No on Question 1

A little more than a month ago, the residents of a city in central China began getting terribly sick with a virus that no one had seen before. As that virus spread, one of the first things that public health officials did was begin to work on a vaccine because vaccines save lives.

They are one of the best tools to safeguard our health, protect the health of those around us, friends and loved ones and children.

You know a century ago, as Maine celebrated its 100th birthday, influenza – the flu – posed a serious threat to our people and took thousands of lives. Globally, between 50 million and 100 million people (3 percent to 5 percent of the entire population) died from the flu between 1918 and 1920.

I don't want that to happen again.

A hundred years later, the flu is still a public health concern, but thanks to vaccines, we are much safer than we used to be – if you get vaccinated.

Decades of scientific research prove that vaccines not only work but that they are safe.

Unfortunately, our state has had a vaccination opt-out rate that is three times higher than the

national average for kids entering kindergarten. Our state ranks seventh in the country for the rate of non-medical opt-outs among school age children.

So last year alone, schools in Lincoln, York, and Cumberland counties experienced dangerous whooping cough outbreaks.

I supported Maine's vaccination laws and, like every other Mainer, I also highly value personal choice. But, as your Governor, I am charged with protecting the health and safety of all Maine people, and amidst these outbreaks it has become painfully clear that Maine laws have not adequately protected the health of Maine people.

Last year I signed a bill to remove the non-medical exemptions from vaccination laws in order to better protect the health and welfare of people, especially young children, across our state – and this is something that four other states, including Mississippi, have done. People opposed to this new law, however, have succeed in putting a referendum question on the ballot in March in the hopes of overturning the law.

Their campaign is masquerading itself as opposition to "Big

Pharma," but, really, pharmaceutical companies hardly benefit at all from producing vaccines, as the Bangor Daily News recently reported. And in trying to target so-called Big Pharma, whom nobody really likes, their campaign is purposefully trying to conflate vaccinations with other issues like the opioid epidemic when these issues are distinctly different.

Don't buy it.

Vaccines work, but to make them more effective, people need to be vaccinated, especially children.

As the American Academy of Pediatrics notes, ensuring that everyone who can get vaccinated does get vaccinated "is important because it uniquely protects the most vulnerable members of our communities, including infants, pregnant women and other individuals whose immune systems cannot combat certain harmful or deadly infections or who aren't eligible to receive certain vaccines."

Let's not go back to a time when viruses like pertussis, the measles, mumps, or rubella were commonplace.

Let's protect our children. Let's protect the future.

I urge Maine people to vote No on 1 March 3rd.



Representative Heidi Sampson (R-Alfred) COURTESY PHOTO

Sampson announces re-election bid

Representative Heidi Sampson (R-Alfred) has announced her intentions to seek a third term in the Maine House. Sampson is the top House Republican on the Education and Cultural Affairs committee. She tirelessly advocates for expanding educational opportunities for Maine students and their families.

"With all the money we are putting into our schools today, we need to do a much better job getting it into the classroom," Sampson said. "We must improve career and technical education opportunities for not just high school students but offer exposure to the various trades at the middle school level as well. Students need to understand all the options available to them from the trades to college. We must get back to the basics and increasingly direct our funds into the classroom."

Sampson has been a strong voice opposing what she sees as untested and unproven state edu-

cational mandates.

"Maine should not be the guinea pig for the latest education experiments," she said. "Since 2010, the many education mandates have done nothing to improve student outcomes. However, they have everything to do with the senseless increase in the cost of education."

With support of most of the legislature, Sampson led the effort to repeal the 2012 Proficiency Based Diploma law.

"The controversial grading system which lacked transparency for parents angered both parents and teachers. We received overwhelming evidence this was a bad idea," she said. "Furthermore, it doesn't help students when we add layers of complexity to a system. It only creates confusion and costs more money."

Prior to joining the Legislature four years ago, Sampson served on the State Board of Education where she chaired the Career and Technical Ed Committee. She's also a tireless proponent of parent's rights.

"Parents need to be involved with their children's education and schools need to embrace and encourage their involvement."

Sampson, who operates a farm when she is not in the Legislature, believes education is the foundation of Maine's long-term economic growth.

"I've hired hundreds of young people of the years," she said. "Opportunities to develop a strong work ethic is critical and it starts when they are young. We must expand opportunities, so our youngsters have a firm footing to be successful in life. They are the future of this state."

Sampson has represented Alfred, Newfield and parts of Limerick, Parsonsfield and Shapleigh since joining the Legislature in 2016. She and her husband Bob have three children and several grandchildren.

For more information or to get involved with Sampson's campaign, contact her at 590-1909 or by email at hsampson512@gmail.com.



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SPORTS



Massabesic swimmers warming up at the Class A Southwestern swim championships on Feb. 8. COURTESY PHOTO

SWIMMING

Ladies fifth at regionals

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
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Massabesic got superb performances up and down their roster, boosting them to a solid fifth-place finish overall with 146 points at the annual Class A Southwestern swim championships held Saturday, Feb. 8 in Portland.

Kennebunk was first with 256 points. Gorham was runner-up with 199 and Yarmouth took third at 197. Thornton Academy finished fourth with 173. Thirteen schools competed.

The Mustangs scooped up 62 of their 146 points thanks to tremendous performances from their three relay units, beginning with the 200-medley relay unit that got things going in the right direction with a second-place finish and a quick 26 points, when they posted their personal best time of 2:02.03.

Aleena Beneszewski swam first; Evelyn Soule-Parent and Kiley Semo next followed by Maia Alling on anchor.

Coach Kerry Chamberlain was thrilled with the performance; "Our girls went into beast mode with our relay unit setting the tone in the first event. This is the hardest working team I've ever seen here and it's a privilege to coach them."

Later, the 200-freestyle relay unit with Kaitlyne Chenard off the blocks first, Isabella Lamontagne swimming second, Semo third and Cassidy Lang on anchor picked up 14 team points with a seventh-place finish.

The 400-freestyle relay gave the Mustangs 22 more points thanks to a fourth-place finish and another personal best (4:15.56). That unit had Emma Hartigan off the blocks first with Evelyn Dal-Pra swimming second. Soule-Parent swam third and Mikayla Staples was the anchor.

Individually, Massabesic had plenty to cheer about: Hartigan, a freshman, posted a personal best 2:10.79 in the 200-freestyle giving her a fourth-place finish. She sparkled later with another personal best, this time in the 500-freestyle where she took bronze with a 5:46.40.

Alling, a sophomore, was her usual reliable self. She blew the field away in the 50 with a blistering 25.69 (just two other swimmers managed times under 27 seconds; and only six managed times under 28) and she posted a solid 1:04.52 in the 100-backstroke, which was good for third place.

Soule-Parent, another freshman, put up a personal best time of 1:06.16 in the 100-butterfly that gave her a third-place finish. Massabesic got additional points from Lang (10th place in the 50); Staples (9th place in the 500); and Beneszewski (8th place in the backstroke).



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Massabesic's Noah Beal Hernandez stands atop the 160 lb. weight class podium at the Class A Southwest Regional Wrestling Championships. Noble's Chris Pilcher was runner-up, Ethan Penney of Sanford was third and Spencer Hutchinson of Kennebunk was fourth.

WRESTLING

Mustangs' wrestle second at regionals

By MICHAEL DEANGELIS
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Massabesic wrestlers made the podium in nine different weight classes, giving them a second place overall finish with 160.5 points at the annual Class A Southwest Regional Wrestling Championships held Feb. 8-9 at Massabesic High School.

Noah Beal Hernandez was a perfect 4-0, winning the 160 lb. weight class. He pinned Sawyer Merrill of Cheverus in his first match and followed with a pin of Portland's Patience Tshinanzambi. Hernandez, who last year won the 152-lb. division, advanced to

the final with a pin of Sanford's Ethan Penney and he finished up his gold medal run with a pin of Chris Pilcher of Noble.

Massabesic got runner-up finishes from three wrestlers: Sean Wakefield took silver at 182; Matthew Pooler was second at 152 and Garrett Francouer was second at 132.

Jack Carroll (126) and Jack Trask (120) both brought home bronze medals and Jacob Bretton (220), Jake Langevin (145) and Micah Fitzgerald (138) all made the fourth place podium.

Noble finished first with 225.5 points. Marshwood was third with 103.

Scots place fourth

Bonny Eagle got first-place finishes in three different weight classes; good for fourth place overall at the annual Class A Southwest Regional Wrestling Championships.

Caden Frost won at 106 and Colby Frost won at 126. Chris Rankin brought home gold at 120.

Noble finished first with 225.5 points. Massabesic was second with 160.5 and Marshwood was third with 103.

Cam Frost was second best, wrestling at 113 and the Scots got a fourth-place finish from Trevor Perkins.



Jacob Bretton works to pin Cam Bennett of Kennebunk at the Class A South Wrestling Championships held at Massabesic High School. Bretton finished fourth in the 220 lb. division.

PHOTOS BY MARK WAKEFIELD

Obituaries

Harold E. Sprague

Harold E. Sprague, 81, of Alfred, passed away on Jan. 30, 2020 at St. Andre Health Care in Biddford, Maine, surrounded by family.



Harold E. Sprague

He was born on the family farm in Parsonsfield, Maine on Feb. 9, 1938, son of Norman and Elizabeth Sprague.

He joined the Army when he left school and served in Germany. After the Army he became a woodsman, worked at the Alfred Transfer Station, and worked as a Welder at George Robert's Concrete until his retirement.

Harold enjoyed gardening, metal detecting, tinkering on small engines and his nightly flu shots!

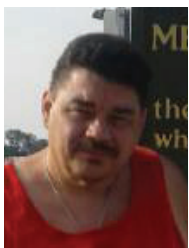
Harold is predeceased by his sister, Anita Sanborn, brother Henry Sprague, daughter Brenda Sprague, and step son Timothy Brackett.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria; daughters Diana Sprague and April Sias; step daughters Cindy Sanborn and Jayme Page; brother Russell Sprague of West Baldwin; sisters Irene Hagins of Parsonsfield and Mary Eastman of Cheyenne, Wyoming; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Graveside service to be announced in the Spring.

Russell Earl Lunt

Russell Earl Lunt died unexpectedly at his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico on Jan. 29, 2020. He was born in Portland, at the Osteopathic Hospital on Aug. 23, 1968. He was 51 years old.



Russell Earl Lunt

Russell was a Jack of all Trades working in such jobs as construction, being a cook and working on a dragger. He was willing to try just about anything and whatever he did he put his whole soul into it.

Russell attended both South Portland High School and Boney Eagle High School. He was in track and was a natural runner. He loved to fish, play cribbage, walking with his dog, Roxie, and reading. He was passionate about football, especially the Redskins and the Patriots. His passion for Nascar was even greater, Dale Earnhart Sr. and Jr. being his fa-

vorites. He had a heart as big as all out doors and would do anything for you. He was loved by everyone who got to know him and he was very loyal to his family and friends.

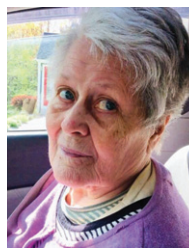
He is survived by his wife, Charlene Rideout Lunt of New Mexico formerly of Portland; his father, Robert E. Lunt of South Portland; his mother, Elaine (Ellie) Lancaster Lunt Collomy and her husband Daniel T. Collomy II of North Waterboro; two brothers, Edward Lunt, his wife Mary Lee Frederick Lunt and their sons Nicholas and Gabriel Lunt of Naples; Peter Lunt, his wife Deb Bernard Lunt and their son Andrew Lunt; a step-brother Gabriel Collomy and a step-sister J.C. Collomy of Waterboro and step-grandparents Dan and Olive Collomy of Buxton. Also left behind were uncles, aunts, nephews and nieces. He is pre-deceased by his paternal grand-parents Earl and Rita Lunt, his Uncle John Lunt, his maternal grandparents, an uncle and aunt and a step-aunt.

He is and will be missed by those that loved him and one day we will be with him again in eternity. We love you Russell.

A memorial service will be held at the Free Baptist Church in Waterboro, by Pastor Charles Storey on Feb. 15, 2020 at 11 a.m.

Anna S. Tebbetts

Anna Sigrídur Tebbetts, 82, of Waterboro, passed away with her loving family by her side at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough on Feb. 2, 2020.



Anna S. Tebbetts

Anna was born on Aug. 5, 1937 in Olafsfjörður, Iceland, the daughter of Bergþor and Sigrun (Sigtryggdóttir) Gudmundsson.

Anna was raised in Iceland and attended the universities there. She also attended the University of New Hampshire for her degree in Hotel Management and Hospitality.

In the early 1960's Anna began working for a hotel in Akureyri, Iceland. During this time she met her future husband David, who was stationed there while in the Navy. It was 'love at first sight' for David as Anna walked through the hotel for a night of dancing. Anna and David were married in 1962 and have been happily together ever since.

Anna and David shared an amazing marriage; they had so much fun together as a couple through the years which included: parties in their home, dancing the night away, going camping or traveling to visit with friends and family. David is inconsolable with

the loss of his dear Anna by his side.

For most of her life, Anna was the consummate homemaker caring for her husband and children. She held various positions over the years, but her family received her unconditional love and attention.

Anna was a voracious book reader, loved to grow flowers and was an amazing seamstress and cook. She respected nature and taught her daughter Terry so much about Maine's native birds and plants.

Quoting her daughter Terry, "She was a very beautiful person both inside out with a quiet nature about her; my mother had the biggest heart and warmest smile. Mom had a certain style and grace about her; she was a pleasure to all that she met over the years. On numerous occasions people have shared how she touched their lives, in one way or another. Mom had many friends whom she kept in touch with; she was one of those few that still liked to write long letters. She was often admired for her beautiful handwriting. Mom was loved and adored by so many."

"Her granddaughters loved her and at times she was almost like their second mom in addition to being such a loving grandmother. Mom spent a great deal of time with her granddaughters and gave each of them so many sweet memories to cherish. She will be missed and will always be in our hearts forever; mom was truly an angel on earth."

Anna is survived by her husband David Tebbetts of Waterboro; two daughters Terry Anna Bouchard and partner Jason Hyde of Waterboro and Becka Sinclair; four granddaughters, Nealey Rae McNinch and Maggie McNinch, both of Maine; Gully Omarsdóttir of Iceland; Fanny Anna Omarsdóttir of London; three great grandsons with one on the way and one great granddaughter.

Anna was predeceased by her son Omar Adalbjornsson and her son-in-law Peter Leavitt.

As a couple, Anna and David wanted this to be a quiet, private time. Anna's family will hold a celebration of her life in the late spring early summer when "mother nature" replenishes the gardens and earth with color and beauty.

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

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling the arrangements.

NEWFIELD

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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Newfield businesses, and market the town "as a recreational hub." Some of the other goals, according to the board, are to maintain the rural character of the town, provide safe travel, protect the natural resources and protect the zoning and land use

The Comprehensive Plan was first created in 1981 setting up the goals and growth for the town. They would like to see the use of public funds and work together with the town's boards and committees on issues that affect local government, "to stimulate economic growth, and conserve large rural territories as working landscapes and natural gems."

Dance the night away

There will be a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, Feb. 15, at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So, Effingham Road, from 7 pm. - midnight. This is BYOB, over 21, and is \$10 per person. DJ Reggie will be spinning the tunes, and proceeds will benefit the local food pantry. Bring non-perishable food items for chance in raffle. Reggie plays a mix of oldies, country and more.

On Saturday, Feb. 29, there will be a Leap Year's dance with DJ Reggie again same times, \$10 per person and BYOB. for anyone over the age of 21.

Rod and Gun Club hosts fishing derby

Northern York County Rod and Gun Club will hold their annual Ice fishing Derby on Rock Haven Lake on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 7a.m. to 3 p.m. Kids 16 and under fish for free and adults pay \$10. Kids receive trophies for the biggest fish for 1st. 2nd. and 3rd. places; and adults receive 1/2 of the fees. Food is available.

Recreation news

Game Night will be held, Feb. 13, at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The next Paint Night will be held on Feb. 20 at the Town Hall, at 23 So. Effingham Road, from

6:30-8:30 p.m. It is \$20 per person; Sign up now by contacting Karyn at Shapleighville@Met-rocast.net or text: 749-9457. Pre registration is required.

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go to Kali Goodfield, Mason David Bonhert, and Sean Iannazzo.

Meetings

Cub Scout Pack #329 will meet on Monday, Feb. 17, at Line School at 818 Water Street at 6 p.m. Anastasia Ferguson is the Cubmaster.

Newfield Selectmen will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 23 So. Effingham Road at the West Newfield Town Hall at 6 p.m.

Newfield Firefighters will have a training session on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 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, Feb. 19, at the Newfield Village Library at 637 Water Street at 3 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop #329 will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Brick Town all 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.

Newfield Rescue Squad will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 20, 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

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