

## Mowing awarded to Winslow firm

by Mary Grow

Vassalboro selectmen added two more members to the new energy committee, and praised the group's work, at their April 1 meeting.

Board members unanimously appointed Barry Bernier and Frederick Denico, bringing the committee to eight members. Both men attended the committee's organizational meeting, Town Manager Mary Sabins said.

The committee has evaluated the town garage and had the water analyzed as part of its study of the energy system there. Committee members audited the town office building April 1. Selectman Lauchlin Titus said Clough Toppan is the energy committee chairman.

In other business, selectmen reviewed 13 bids for summer mowing and awarded the 2010 contract to Lucas Jones, of Winslow, doing business as Lawns by Lucas. He will be responsible for mowing the ball fields, lawns around municipal buildings and cemeteries. Because of the early spring, selectmen decided before advertising the job that ball field mowing might start in April, if needed. Sabins said Jones intends to work alone. Selectmen questioned whether one man can keep up with the job, especially if there is a rainy spell or his equipment breaks down, but agreed to give Jones a try. Sabins said three people gave Jones good references. The town's contract has a clause that allows cancellation if his work is not satisfactory.

Budget committee member Michael Vashon stopped briefly at the selectmen's meeting to ask if board members would consider an item for the town meeting warrant. Budget committee members are interested in an article saying that no one can incur indebtedness in the town's name without voters' approval.

Sabins said the reference is to 2007, when the school committee authorized School Union 52 Superintendent Elaine B. Miller to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for energy upgrades at Vassalboro Community School. Under state law, no town meeting vote was required. Vassalboro has 10 years remaining of the 12-year obligation. The total to be paid, with interest, is more than \$774,000.

Selectmen were not sure a warrant article would be useful. They made no commitment to consider one.

Sabins said Cynthia Ferland resigned as alternate animal control officer earlier this spring.

Board Chairman Robert Browne commented that after the recent heavy rain, there was water over the Bog Road in one place - the first time he's ever seen that stretch flooded.

The next regular Vassalboro selectmen's meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, April 15.

## Good Steward Shop reopens

The Good Steward Shop reopened on April 3, and celebrated the addition of the new wing called the Jackie Berry Annex in honor of Jackie Berry, a long time dedicated steward to the whole community. Jackie passed away in December and the members of the Unity Union Church (United Methodist) wanted to honor her by naming the new section of the building in her memory.

On hand were members of the Good Steward Shop who had worked tirelessly to get the shop cleaned and organized. The ribbon cutting took place with a cake, made and decorated by Nancy Henry, one of Jackie's friends and a member of the church.

The Good Steward Shop is located on the corner of Depot and Main Street in Unity and is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Bargains can be found in the newly refurbished women's section; there is a reading room with books; a children's area with children's clothes and toys; a selection of linens, curtains, placemats and tablecloths; as well as a men's department. In addition there is a nice table in the center of the room with a few board games for the men or children who come in and would like to sit and talk rather than browse.

The Good Steward Shop accepts donations every week on Thursday and Saturday between 10 a.m. and noon.

## Carneys honored on 70th anniversary

Rep. Patsy Crockett, D-Augusta, presents a legislative sentiment to Marjorie and Calvin Carney, of South China, in honor of their 70th wedding anniversary. The couple lived in Augusta for 20 years before moving to South China, and their only child, Jean Gallant, attended Williams Grammar School and Cony High School with Crockett. Jean also was a bridesmaid at Crockett's wedding 51 years ago.

"This was truly an honor for me to be part of this very special



occasion for a wonderful family. Seventy years of marriage is a great example for our young people," Crockett said.

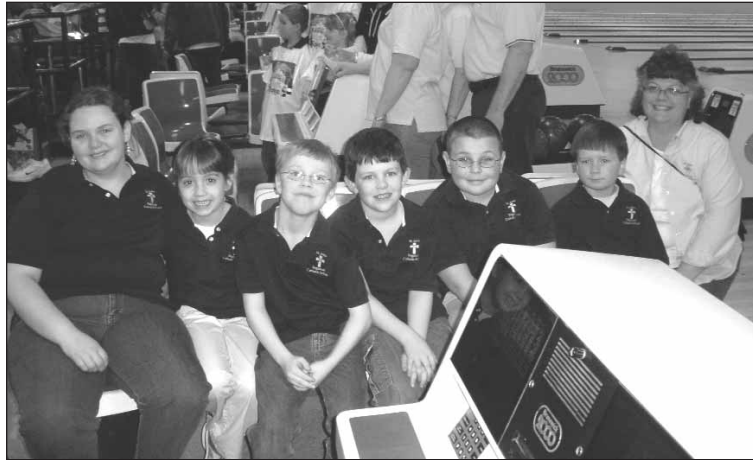
## Stuff the truck



A soldier collects donations during Kennebec Valley Community College's "Stuff the Truck" event April 3 at the Buker Community Center in Augusta. The KVCC Buker student activities board organized the event with partners including the Augusta Recreation Department and the Maine Military Community Support Network to benefit Maine soldiers deployed overseas.

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## Bowl for kids' sake



On March 27, representatives from each grade at St. John Regional Catholic School participated in the Bowl for Kids' Sake at Sparetime Recreation in Waterville. The students' team was sponsored and all proceeds for the bowl-a-thon go to support Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Pictured here are Catherine Campbell-York, Emma Farnham, Ethan Hammond, Nate Kinney, Andrew Bolduc, Sam Wrigley and administrator Valerie Wheeler.

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## New local foods co-op to begin in Vassalboro

Have you wanted to order your Maine grown fruits, vegetables, flour, cheese, milk or flour and be able to pick it up in one convenient location? If you live in the Vassalboro area you are in luck. The Vassalboro Grange will be starting up a food co-op, in May. A distributor of Maine grown foods, Crown of Maine Organic Coop, has moved its central distributing center to the old mill in North Vassalboro making pick up easily accessible for the local coop.

A food coop or buyer's club is an informal group of 10 - 30 households that get a list of available products via email attachments every week. Individuals can order whatever they want from the list which can be 30 pages long. The list is compiled and the coop submits its list to the distributor (COMOC) who gets the order ready for the pick

up date.

Because this is a distributor, many of the products are in larger quantities but some are sold in more family sized units. It is ideal for picking up farm produce at wholesale prices for eating what you need for the week and freezing or canning the rest. But the advantage of a coop is that you can join with other households to buy produce in bulk and split it up to a smaller quantity.

If you are interested in joining the Vassalboro coop or just have questions to see if it might meet your needs, contact Rosie Feihel at [livewell@fairpoint.net](mailto:livewell@fairpoint.net) <mailto:livewell@fairpoint.net>. For more information about what a buyers club is, check out the website at [crownofmainecoop.com](http://crownofmainecoop.com) and check out the products available now under "Our products."

## Windsor food bank plans walk-a-thon

The Windsor Food Bank will hold a walk-a-thon at the Windsor Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 17. They are looking for people to help raise money for the food bank. This will be a two-mile walk that will

start at 9 a.m.

This past year, the food bank served out 15,000 meals. The food bank is sponsored by the Windsor Memorial and North Windsor Baptist churches.

Pledge sheets are available at the churches and the town office, as well as the Windsor Elementary School, or by calling Brenda Bonsant at 445-2737.

Refreshments will be served and prizes awarded following the walk.

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