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Town meeting, Tues., May 4, 6:30 p.m.
at Messalonskee High School
Performing Arts Center

Fairfield

Town meeting, Mon., May 10, 7 p.m.
at Williamson Center

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Many accomplishments by central Maine residents

Grinnell receives Spirit of America award



During the annual Washington Town Meeting on March 27, the 2010 Washington Spirit of America Unsung Hero Award for outstanding volunteerism was presented to Don Grinnell for his 50-plus years of dedicated service to the Washington Fire Department. Pictured are Selectman Don Grinnell Jr., recipient Don Grinnell, Selectman Kathleen Ocean, and Selectman Wesley Daniel. Photo by Peter Taylor

Girls hockey team third in nation



The Central Maine 14-U girls hockey team finished third in the national championships held in Michigan. The central Maine team lost to Wisconsin, the eventual national champion, 2-1, in triple overtime during the semifinals. Teams competing came from New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey and Wisconsin. Vassalboro native Jessica Cain, front, received accolades as one of the top goalies by posting a 1.47 goals against average, with two shutouts, during the tourney. Submitted by Mark Huard

Homeschoolers raise funds for Haiti



The CBC Homeschoolers, of Madison, recently held a fundraising drive to benefit the country of Haiti. In two weeks they gathered \$320.46. The children learned about the country of Haiti and how the earthquake affected them. Any area homeschoolers who are interested in finding out more about the co-op should contact Amanda Bolduc at bsbolduc@yahoo.com or Lisa Berry at lisananne29@hotmail.com. Contributed photo

President Obama names Albion native White House Fellow

An Army Major from Albion, currently serving as a White House Fellow in the Obama Administration, recently met with U.S. Senator Susan Collins on Capitol Hill. Major Ken Robbins is one of 15 White House Fellows recently appointed by the president, and is currently serving as a Special Assistant to the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). He is advising OPM on the Veterans



Major Ken Robbins (left) speaks with U.S. Senator Susan Collins prior to a Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee hearing on March 24, on Capitol Hill. Contributed photo

Hiring Initiative, reservist pay guidance, and legislation on benefits for civilians serving in combat zones.

Major Robbins has served in Iraq and Bosnia and taught government courses at West Point during his fifteen year career. Robbins accompanied OPM Director John Berry to a recent Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee hearing. Senator Collins is Ranking Member of the subcommittee.

"The prestigious White House Fellowship program provides our country's very best and brightest with valuable first-hand experience of the inner workings of our government," said Senator Collins in a statement. "Major Robbins' exceptional leadership and expertise will help provide valuable insights at OPM, and I commend him for his dedicated service to our country both in the Army and through this fellowship."

According to the White House, the White House Fellows Program was created in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson to give promising American leaders "first hand, high-level experience with the workings of the Federal government, and to increase their sense of participation in national affairs." This unique position in our nation's government encourages active citizenship and service to the nation. The Fellows also take part in an education program designed to broaden their knowledge of leadership, policy formulation, military operations, and current affairs. Community service is another important component of the program, and Fellows participate in service projects throughout the year in the Washington, DC area. Since 1964, over 600 outstanding American men and women have participated in the White House Fellows program, each chosen because of their extraordinary leadership ability and service to others.