

WALDOBORO DAY 2008

Writing Contest

Theme: *“If I was the mayor of Waldoboro, and had a million dollars to spend....”*

Middle School Winner

I close my eyes and breathe in the salty air of the Waldoboro estuary as the passersby go off to their next activity. A bicycle bell rings, and I think about how lucky I am to live in this beautiful town. I look up as a seagull fly's over my head and dives into the water after a fish. I smile to myself, and take out my homework.

As I lean over my homework, the sound of rushing water fills my ears. A truck arrives, and a man steps out wearing a pair of hip waders. I watch as he unloads his gear and launches a boat. Watching him, I consider all the different jobs available in Waldoboro. Running through a list in my head, I imagine myself as the mayor of Waldoboro. I am a very rich mayor, with a million dollars to spend on making Waldoboro a better place to live in. “Now,” I think, “what does Waldoboro need?” Well, judging from my own personal experience, I believe that if we had the money, we could do a lot more to help with issues within the school district. Right now, there are conflicts about not being able to pay for music teachers now that the two middle schools are becoming one. If we had more money, we could have more art supplies in the schools. We could go on more fieldtrips, which is always a good learning experience for children. Money in my opinion is one of a school's best friends.

Another thing I think Waldoboro would benefit from is a community center. When people in Waldoboro want to go to the YMCA, or want their kids to have swimming lessons, they have to drive all the way to Camden, Damariscotta, or Bath. It would be great to have one right here in Waldoboro.

I'm afraid my time as mayor of Waldoboro is over. The sky is beginning to turn gray, and a raindrop just fell on my nose. As I pack up my homework, I think again about how lucky I am to live in this town. “Though, I think as I run for shelter, “it would probably be fun to be the mayor.”

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Age 14