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Photo courtesy of Foxcroft Academy

FAST STABLE OF PONIES – The Foxcroft Academy boys 4x800 relay team finished in 15th place at the New England indoor track championship on Feb. 28 outside of Boston. Team members, from left, Tobias Hogfeldt, Chandler Rockwell, Gabe Piquette and Cooper Nelson ran the race in 8:24.46 to place 15th out of 31 teams from the six New England states, with the Pony squad having the best time of the five teams from Maine.

FA boys 4x800 relay finishes 15th at New **England championship**

By Staff Report

ROXBURY Mass. — The Foxcroft Academy boys 4x800 relay team ran to a 15th place finish at the 29th annual New England Interscholastic Indoor Track & Field Championships on Feb. 28 at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College.

Relay team members — in order — sophomore Tobias Hog-Cooper Nelson and junior Chan- croft squad finish as the meet's

CROSSING, of 31 4x800 squads. The four the Feb. 28 race, and Hogfeldt, Ponies had the highest placement among five teams from the state of Maine, as Foxcroft edged Class A Westbrook High School by less than half a second.

The Pony boys 4x800 relay earned a trip to the New England meet by finishing as the runner-up at the Class B championship earlier in the month — and feldt, seniors Gabe Piquette and in the process helping the Foxdler Rockwell combined for a runner-up. The team's time of school-record time of 8 minutes, 8:37.17 at the state finals gave

24.46 seconds to finish 15th out the foursome a 26th seeding for Piquette, Nelson and Rockwell improved the seeding by 11 places by taking nearly 13 seconds off their previous time.

During the season, the four set a high school facility record at the University of Maine's New Balance Field House. On Jan. 30 , in the last meet before the conference championship, Hogfeldt, Piquette, Rockwell and Nelson

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Martin's Cleaning hopes to expand with \$50,000 grant

By Stuart Hedstrom Staff Writer

SANGERVĨLLE — Residents, via a special town meeting vote in late January, approved a \$50,000 application from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Micro-Enterprise Program for the family-owned Martin's Cleaning Service. The grant application is earmarked to help the business expand, as awarded funds would provide for the purchase of additional commercial cleaning equipment and to acquire a van to transport the new equipment.

We started this business with \$87 and equipment that was really old," said Sherri Martin, who along with her husband Phil and son Deven has owned and operated the family business since the three started in 2014. "This is something that we really wanted to do, we made money to buy newer equipment but it's still really old.

Some of the original equipment was borrowed and other items were purchased used — the carpet extractor is 30 years old - and

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and operated Martin's Cleaning Service is hoping to expand its capabilities through a \$50,000 grant application from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Micro-Enterprise Program. If awarded, the funding would provide for the purchase of additional cleaning equipment for larger jobs as well as a van with ramp to transport the equipment to the job site. Pictured are father and son Phil and Deven Martin.

Bikes for Books helps Masons

Dexter's Guiski a coaching fit for milltown's basketball

personalities with Penquis-area ties have been named members of the Maine Basketball I had seen as a kid growing Hall of Fame Class of 2016, among them the late Ed Guiski of Dexter, former Penquis Val-ley of Milo player and coach Tony Hamlin, and former Foxcroft Academy stars Kevin Nel-son and Dean Smith. The Observer will profile each of the honorees during the next few weeks.

DEXTER — As Peter Murray considered his first meet- three subsequent years as the

ing with Ed Guiski after landing a job as a teacher and freshman basketball coach at Dexter Regional High School during the early 1980's, his expectations already had been forged.

"As a kid growing up in East Millinocket I knew of Ed because of the rivalry between Schenck and Dexter at the time," said Murray, who played high school basketball

almost personal rivalry as the two coaches, so I kind of already knew of him.'

What he knew of Guiski, a towering presence at 6-foot-5 with an intense on-court demeanor, left Murray a bit intimidated.

"I was nervous," he admitted. "Frankly I was a little afraid of him.

"Then when I came to Dexter in the fall of 1983 that's the



Editor's note: Several sports first time I actually met him didn't know how to react, but and he was not what I expected, let's put it that way. What or down in a game and he'd be up and watching him with his fiery sideline personality, he turned out to be really quite the opposite. He was really a big teddy bear."

> Murray went on to serve as an assistant coach under Guiski for a decade before taking the varsity post when Guiski retired after 26 seasons — a stint that combined with

school's girls varsity The Sports coach produced 329 wins and helped land the Winslow native a OBSERVER spot on the third in-By Ernie Clark duction class of the Maine Basketball Hall

of Fame. Guiski, who died in 2013, will be inducted posthumously during ceremonies Aug. 21 at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor.

"He always had calming influence over us," said Steve Bell, who played for

at Schenck of East Bell, who played for Millinocket. "He and (Schenck Guiski at Dexter during the coach) Ronnie Marks had an mid-1980's and now is the school's principal, during a 2012 interview in advance of his coach's induction into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame.

we'd be one or two points up so calm. He always had that confidence in us and it made a big difference."

Guiski's coaching career

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encourage young readers

Program coordinator, and

Maine Masonic District No. 5

Ritual Instructor, Herb Libby

explained this year's Bikes for

Books began the first of February

and for each selection students

read they can have an entry put

into the drawing for a new bicy-

cle. "Girls and boys, each grade

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MASONS

By Stuart Hedstrom Staff Writer

 $GUILFOR\tilde{D}$ — For the second consecutive year students at the Piscataquis Community Elementary School have an even greater incentive to read with the Bikes for Books program, this year being sponsored by the Mount Kineo #109 Masonic Lodge of Guilford and Abner Wade #207 **GUISKI** of Sangerville.



Photo courtesy of Carole DuMonthier **SUNSET IN SEBEC VILLAGE** – Carole DuMonthier captured this recent image of the "We were just kids, we sunset over Sebec Lake, taken from the dam in Sebec Village.

meeting

Milo

town

set

By Stuart Hedstrom Staff Writer

MILO — With the annual town meeting taking place on Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in the Ed Wingler Auditorium upstairs at the town hall, the warrant for the evening was formally approved

by the selectmen on Feb. 23. Town Clerk Betty Gormley said Milo's attorney has reviewed the document and a vote on the warrant was needed in order for the articles to be posted by Friday, Feb. 26.

During the day on March 14, Milo voters will also head to the polls to vote on several municipal positions. Current Select Chair Lee McMannus and Paula Copeland are both listed on the ballot for the selectmen, in which residents will elect candidates for a pair of seats at three-year terms apiece. A pair of positions on the SAD 41 school board, also for three-year terms each, will also be decided, with incumbents Sheila Ellis and Darlene Venable both listed on the ballot.

In other business, during the ending public comment portion of the meeting a question was asked about the status of the Derby shops property and if the town has done anything with the parcel on B&A Avenue yet. Last year a special town meeting vote authorized the selectmen to express an interest in the property to investi-

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Martin's grant

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constant maintenance is required. Since starting in 2014, Martin's Cleaning Service has worked at locations such as the town offices in Sangerville, Parkman and Greenville, apartment complexes in Dover-Foxcroft, Monson and Lincoln, the Greenville fire department and library and at laundromats. Services have included in-depth cleanings of both flooring and carpets, to get the hard surfaces to resemble the original color and to get the imbedded dirt and grime out of the rugs.

"We are very picky, we are perfectionists," Sherri Martin said. "We could do something a lot cheaper but we don't because we want people to be happy with what we do.'

The family said they are very appreciative of all the work they have, but they would like to expand their operations.

"What ended up happening is we got calls from bigger companies," Martin said, but for some of these jobs at larger establishments Martin's Cleaning Service lacks the required specialized equipment. Larger floor spaces need one," Sherri Martin said.

to be cleaned with propane and battery-operated buffers and auto scrubbers.

As a way to keep up with the growth of their business, the Martin family learned that state funding is available to help small businesses expand. "That's when I said to my husband, 'I wonder how hard it would be to look into a grant," Martin said, thinking a grant total may be in the \$500 range.

Phil Martin said he talked with Sangerville Town Manager Dr. Ken Woodbury Jr., first to see if Martin's Cleaning Service was eligible and then to learn more about what programs the business could apply for. The three members of the Martin family said they have been very appreciative of Dr. Woodbury's efforts throughout the entire grant application process.

Martin said should grant fund-ing be awarded "that will help us get a van to haul the equipment and get some chemicals and equipment to do those larger jobs." He added, "Right now we are using a Jeep and a car."

'We have to go with two vehicles because we can't go with

Deven Martin said they use several hundred pounds of equipment and the van they hope to acquire if the application is successful would include a ramp for easier loading and unloading in addition to the more effective and efficient movement of personnel so more time is spent on the job rather than getting to the site.

The micro-enterprise program benefits low to moderate income citizens who either own their own businesses or have employment opportunities through jobs created. Sherri Martin said down the road, Martin's Cleaning Service could be able to hire additional employees if the business continues to be able to grow.

'We started this because of our son, he's going to take over it and make a living," she said. "He will be able to make enough money to support himself easily.'

At the January special town meeting, Dr. Woodbury said the grant process is competitive. Should the Martin's Cleaning Service application be successful a notification of intent to award would be made around July, with the bids for the equipment and van going out and being awarded over the ensuing few months.



Photo courtesy of Dexter Regional High School

CARNIVAL ROYALTY – Dexter Regional High School recently concluded its Winter Carnival Week with the events including competitions, games, a pasta drive, skits and wall murals. The Key Club also sponsored a Dime Drive for the March of Dimes. The Winter Carnival Court was crowned at the dance on Feb. 12. The student body voted and selected the following for the court - grade 9 Lord and Lady: David Kirshkaln and Isabella Adam; grade 10 Duke and Duchess: Jonathan Lane and Kaitlyn Webber; grade 11 Princes and Princess: Brandon Allen, Zachary White and Hannah Farrar; grade 12: King and Queen: Emmitt Ross and Katherine Batron. Pictured are front, from left, Batron and Ross. Back, Kirshkaln, Adam, Lane, Webber, White, Farrar and Allen.

Milo meeting

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gate the land condition and potential for the future, and then come back to the town with its findings for possible future action.

McMannus said town officials are still working on the Derby shops. "There will be a public hearing scheduled here in the near future to have a discussion on that," he said, saying the railroad company, Department of Environmental Protection and county would all hopefully be participating. McMannus said the hearing is likely to be scheduled for a time after the March 14 town meeting.

While the meeting was held two days before the Maine Center for Disease Control (CDC) an-

of the Zika virus in the state, Milo Health Officer Dr. Ben Kittredge said the center has reported that the virus is not carried by mosqui-to species native to Maine. "So we should be good so far," Dr. Kittredge said.

The Maine CDC reported that a senior citizen from Hancock County tested positive for the Zinka virus, having traveled to a Zika-affected country and experienced symptoms after returning home. The center said hospitalization was not required and the patient continues to recover at home

"It's important for the public to understand that the aedes mosqui-

nounced the first confirmed case to that transmits the Zika virus is not found in Maine and that your neighbor who has come home from a trip to South America cannot transmit the virus to you," Dr. Siiri Bennett, Maine's state epidemiologist, said in a statement.

Dr. Kittredge said that to be cautious, the Maine CDC is recommending that pregnant women who have traveled to a Zika-affected area be tested and have a fetal ultrasound.

The World Health Organization and U.S. CDC are currently investigating a potential link between the Zika virus and an increase in microcephaly, a birth defect in which the size of a baby's head is smaller than expected.

Piscataquis County Democrats to hold regional caucuses

ocratic Committee announced cratic Party at 622-6233.At the Parkman, Sangerville and Sebec plans to hold a series of three three regional caucuses, each regional presidential caucuses in Piscataquis County at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, as part of the statewide Democratic Caucus.The alternate storm date is March 13. People who are eligible to vote in Maine and are 18 years old by Nov. 8 can participate in their town caucus. Registrars from each town will be available to register new or unenrolled voters 12:30-1:30 p.m. Absentee ballots are

The Piscataquis County Dem- by calling the Maine Demo- bank, Dover-Foxcroft, Guilford, community attending will elect town committee officers, representatives to the Piscataquis County Committee and delegates to the State Democratic Convention to be held May 6-7, in PortlandThe towns of Abbot, Beaver Cove, Blanchard, Elliotsville, Greenville, Greenville Junction, Kingsbury Plantation, Monson, Shirley, Wellington and Willimantic will caucus at the Greenville Town Office. available at mainedems.org or The towns of Atkinson, Bower-

will caucus at the Morton Avenue Municipal Building in Dover-Foxcroft. The towns of Milo, Orneville Township, Brownville, Brownville Junction, Williamsburg Township, Barnard Township, Ebeeme Township, Wels T1R9, Wels Township T10R15, Medford and Lake View Plantation will caucus at Milo Town Hall.For information, contact Piscataquis County Democratic Committee Chair Carole Boothroyd at 564-0139.

Free

tourism

marketing

seminar

Eighth-graders can help with disaster preparedness

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Se-DoMoCha Middle School grade 8 students will present their re-Library — with free admission Free Library. and snacks.

The night will consist of student infographics, an Emergency Management Agency presen-

Nutrition Program

GREENVILLE — The free education seminar "Increase Your Tourism Marketing' will be offered on Wednesday, March 9 from 6-8 p.m. in the town office meeting room for hospitality businesses in the Moosehead region.

County Republicans to caucus on Saturday

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Piscataquis County will caucus and conduct a primary election for president on Saturday, March 5 from noon to 3 p.m. at the SeDo-MoCha School.

son, Sen. Ted Cruz, Gov. John Kasich, Sen. Marco Rubio and Donald Trump.

All Republicans are welcome and those who are unenrolled may switch their registration to Congressman Bruce Poliquin the party in order to cast a ballot. will be speaking at the event Town clerks will be available to along with representatives of the make such changes from 11 a.m. five candidates — Dr Ben Car- to noon — a photo ID is required.

Get a taste of 'Raw Milk in Maine'

DEXTER — Dexter Dover Area Towns in Transition will host a free screening of "Raw Milk in Maine" on Friday,

searched disaster plans during tation from Brenda Clawson of a night of disaster preparedness the Piscataquis County EMA on Thursday, March 10 from and survival book talks with Mi-6-7 p.m. at the Thompson Free chelle Fagan of the Thompson



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combined for a time of 8:28.51. over 15 seconds faster than the previous top mark of 8:43.83 set by Orono High School in December of 2015.

A week later Foxcroft finished in first place in the 4x800 relay standings at the Penobscot Vallev Conference/Eastern Maine Indoor Track League Championship. Hogfeldt, senior Paul Birtwistle, Piquette and Rockwell together ran a time of 8:47.22.

Davis presents resolution making March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

(R-Piscataquis) presented a joint Feb. 25 recognizing March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Davis' wife Patty was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2014, and he has become a strong advocate for screening and early detection. The survival rate of people who have early-stage colorectal cancer is 90 percent, but that drops to 10 percent for those diagnosed after the cancer has spread. Out of the 300 Mainers' deaths of colon cancer each year, 270 could be prevented with proper screening.

"Over the last year, my family and I number among the thousands of Maine families whose lives are affected by cancer. We have been

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AUGUSTA - Sen. Paul Davis one of the fortunate families, however, as after surgery and months resolution to the Maine Senate on of treatment my wife has been declared cancer free," Davis said. "I cannot stress enough how important it is for people to be screened, and am hopeful this resolution will raise awareness and encourage



March 4 from 6-8 p.m. at the Abbott Memorial Library. The evening will feature "Raw Milk in Maine", a few short videos about this perennially controversial subject, and then a public

discussion. Come join neighbors for an interesting evening looking at the ins and outs of growing, selling, regulating and consuming raw milk. Who knows, maybe some raw milk will be part of the usual refreshments. For more information, please contact 277-4221 or info@ddatt.org.

Wednesday, March 2 — Sweet and sour pork, rice with Oriental vegetables, egg roll and Mandarin cake.

Thursday, March 3 — Hot hamburger sandwich, fries and coleslaw and date bar.

Monday, March 7 — Spanish rice, marinated vegetables, green

salad and sugar cookie. Tuesday, March 8 -Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans and strawberry shortcake.

Wednesday, March 9 - Lemon pepper haddock, rice, brocco-

li, roll and peanut cookie.

Thursday, March 10 - Turkey, mashed potato and gravy, roll and pumpkin pie.

Eastern Area Agency on Aging's nutrition program delivers noontime meals through Meals on Wheels to those who qualify and serves at Community Cafes where all are welcome. Cost is \$4 (under age 60). Suggested donation of \$4 for seniors age 60 and older. Additional donations are greatly appreciated. For a reservation or more information,

The Piscataquis Coun Economic Development ty Council and Moosehead Lake Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the seminar with Nancy Marshall Communications presenting on the value of public relations and earned media, attracting media attention and incorporating social media into PR plans. The seminar will include food provided by DKB Catering.

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Proud of MRC proposal

By Chip Reeves and Greg Lounder In Bob Knudsen's recent OpEd ("Don't trash PERC until you compare proposals"), he states, "the MRC is now trying to steer the towns it represents into a speculative venture in which it has a vested interest." Nothing could be further from the truth.

Formed by communities in 1991 to oversee the performance of the Penobscot Energy Recovery Co. facility in Orrington, the Municipal Review Committee has spent 25 years watching out for the interests of communities that take waste to PERC. The MRC, governed by a volunteer board of directors elected by its membership, consists entirely of municipalities and municipal regional associations. Our "vested interest" in the Fiberight project is the interest of our members. MRC

the most affordable, long-term and environmentally sound solution for waste disposal for the 187 communities it serves.

In 2018, the power purchase agreement (PPA) between PERC and Emera will expire, as will the PERC partnership agreement. The PPA, under which Emera ratepayers subsidize PERC operations by buying electricity at above-market rates, will not be renewed or extended. PERC's revenues will plunge.

In 2010, seeing these financial realities, the MRC board of directors began working on post-2018 trash disposal options in earnest. At first, the board attempted to extend the existing arrangements in ways that would allow members to continue to utilize PERC. It became clear that PERC could not support continued operations as usual without itself has no financial stake in the the PPA. Along with the loss of 40

outcome. Its sole mission is to seek percent of its revenue when the PPA the membership's needs, and would expires, PERC also faces the reality that communities are reducing the amount of waste needing disposal to the point where the plant cannot operate effectively. PERC now imports approximately 60,000 tons of out-of-state waste annually to provide adequate tonnage to feed the plant. These arrangements are not sustainable.

In 2011, after the PERC private partners informed MRC that PERC operations post-2018 could not continue at tonnage levels and tip fees that would meet MRC membership needs, MRC stepped up its search for alternatives to provide long-term, affordable waste disposal for its membership. MRC solicited and vetted 15 proposals. MRC selected Fiberight because it offered the highest and best use of incoming waste, combined several proven technologies, was sized for

not take waste generated outside Maine

Simply stated, Fiberight would provide more recycling and waste conversion at less cost than any other option.

Fiberight's technology was ex-amined by MRC's independent consultant, peer reviewed by the University of Maine and further scrutinized by Covanta, one of the nation's largest waste-to-energy companies. Covanta has endorsed the project by agreeing to operate and provide upwards of \$80 million in financing for the construction of the proposed Fiberight facility in Hampden. To mitigate risks, the MRC executed a contract with Waste Management for bridge landfill capacity (if Fiberight opens late)

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Atkinson making new memorial

To the Editor; The Atkinson Cemetery Corpo-

and wish to have their names add-

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than March 15, 2016.

Due to time constraints all

Please note that those names

ed to the new Honor Roll.

will automatically be transferred ration is pleased to announce that to the new one. The Honor Roll will be the we are in the process of rebuilding our Honor Roll. We are currently centerpiece of the newly expandaccepting names of Atkinson veted Atkinson Veterans Memorial. erans who served our country in There will be a dedication ceretimes of war and times of peace,

What's behind

the drug

headlines?

mony open to all veterans as well as to the public. The date and time will be published in the Observer prior to the event. Due to the high cost of building

that are on the current Honor Roll

materials, monetary donations toward the project would be greatly appreciated. All labor will be done free of charge by volunteers. If you would like to help support this noble endeavor, please send donations to the above address, payable to The Atkinson Cemetery Corporation.

Thank you! Atkinson Veterans are not forgotten!

Donald White

A renewed interest in sewing

By Marilyn Goodwin

Look up sewing resurgence on the Internet and you will find articles indicating there is a renewed interest in sewing all over the U.S. and Canada. The reasons vary from switching from one medium of art to another to the advancement in technology that has transitioned the perhaps intimidating sewing machine of years past to the computerized ones of today.

Jayne Sullivan, costume coordinator for the Greenville School musicals, has gathered several students to help her make the costumes for this year's musical, "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown." With the need for sewing machines for the kids to use, she put out a plea which netted 10 sewing machines for the students to use and they have been put to good use. The students seem to be enjoying their newfound craft/sewing experience as well as being proud of their accomplishments.

great time, an interest from many adults was expressed. And just like that, an adult education course put on by Greenville's Adult Education program had five women enrolled. For some, there was little experience with the use of a sewing machine. For others, it was a refresher course met with much enthusiasm. Just like the students, these women had a great time and are proud of their finished projects.

So what brings the renewed interest all of a sudden? For older people who may have just retired, they are looking to fill their time with projects they can do for their children and grandchildren. They are also looking for feel good projects like making blankets for Proj-ect Linus, 1,000,000 Pillowcase Challenge and quilts for Quilts of Valor for our veterans.

For teens and young adults, reality television shows such as Project Runway and Project Runway

With photos of the kids having a Junior and YouTube videos make sewing cool and fun again. They are seeing lots of projects that look doable from the start as well as repurposing crafts that look fun. And along with these projects, they find that they enjoy the camaraderie of others while they learn together or refresh their skills.

> With this renewed interest comes the need for the proper tools. While one could do all of their sewing by hand, most will find the use of a sewing machine expedites the process. Some may have a machine in their possession while others may be looking for a basic machine to facilitate their new creative journey.

The machines from the past, which are treasured by many, can be intimidating for many who want to just sit down and get to work. With the new computerized sewing machines, some of the intimidating factors are gone as teens and young adults move quickly between one smart appliance to another.

On March 6, Crazy Moose Fabrics is hosting a sewing machine expo where Bernina, Janome and Necchi sewing machines will be demonstrated at Leisure Life Resort in Greenville from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. This will be a good time to check out the different lines of sewing machines ranging from machines with few options to possibly embroidery machines.

Representatives from The Cotton Cupboard, Bangor, and The Fabric Garden, Madison, will be here to answer your questions on what may fit your needs best. The Moosehead Quilters will be present to show you examples of what you can make that isn't a quilt. Crazy Moose Fabrics will have some books and patterns related to sewing projects, and some kits for some simple projects to get you started on your way to a new hobby.

Marilyn Goodwin of owns and operates Crazy Moose Fabrics in Greenville.

To the Editor: Ciudad Juarez is the murder capital of Mexico. Credit the Pope for his recent visit there. He is a courageous man, however he misplaces blame for the violence and kidnapping there. Resident priests must also fear for their lives should they speak out against the drug cartels. The indirect blame is the need Americans have for illegal drugs.

Throughout the course of history, businessmen have been the informal diplomats between nations. Between us and Mexico the exchange rate is two pesos to the dollar. This means that our

drug dealers have flooded Mexico's cartels with monies exceeding the coffers of the government. So we indirectly are subverting entire governments in central and south America. A "diplomacy" which sows weeds of sorrow; resentment and hate.

This is what the Pope sorely needs to target with his public statements; our drug epidemic and the dealers and mules who gain enormous profits therefrom

The finger needs to be point-

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No to minimum wage hike

Rebuild the bulwark

By Andy Torbett

fortifications around the outskirts of the cities, sometimes far beyond the city walls themselves, labyrinths meant to create confusing impenetrable barriers that could weaken the enemy's onslaught before they reached the city. Similarly, we have built jetties or breakwaters along our coastlines designed to protect our vulnerable beaches and shorefronts from the fury of oncoming storms. The long mass of land protrudes out into the water splitting and breaking waves, dissipating their energy before they hit the weaker beaches behind it.

If these bulwarks are not maintained they began to fall into decay and the pieces of the construction, once meant to protect, are tossed by the storm's waves accelerating the erosive power of the storm. When marauding armies would lay siege, they often would take pieces of ruinous walls and place them in their catapults to launch at the same city those ruins once protected. A dark irony to be sure when destruction comes in the remnants of your own design.

In a time long since past, conservatives relied upon the Republican Party to be that bulwark that stood against the onslaught of liberalism. But the Republican Party has tired and grown weary in recent years of the constant battery against its ramparts. It has slowly but steadily succumbed to the steady relentless waves of media and popular disdain crumbling until the bulwark now gmail.com.

has become a mere ripple beneath Ancient cities often built rings of the flowing current, with only a few pieces protruding stubbornly out of the water here and there. The storm moves past now unencumbered and unrelenting dragging the debris of the old bulwark along to hurl at the beaches of Liberty and the Constitution, eroding them away

Now, the passage of time has offered the Republican Party an opportunity to rebuild the bulwark and stay the decay of it. One of the mighty immovable timbers of that bulwark has passed on. His passing is a bright clarion call to rebuild as his memory arrests us to our calling, our convictions. What now will we do?

Justice Antonin Scalia was that great bulwark. The Republican Party has this one opportunity to prove its mettle to the American people, where it has failed so much in the past. Prove to us that you will truly stand in the face of the storm and not relent. Do not allow this President to pick the replacement of so great a man and this could be the moment that turns the tide. The bulwark rebuilt again and trust restored again in The Grand Old Party.

The harbingers wait to see what these Republican leaders will do standing at this travois in the pathways of our time. Liberty does truly hang in the balance, a trembling, precarious balance indeed.

Andy Torbett of Atkinson writes a regular column entitled The Maine Conservative Voice. He can reached at meconservativevoice@

de-clutter

Family

Think twice

before you

Maureen Taylor "the photo detective." Maureen is an internationally known genealogist whose specialty is identifying and preserving photos. She posted her alarm at the de-cluttering rage sweeping the country.

It's not that she doesn't favor de-cluttering your DISCOVERER home (I wish someone would do that for me!) By Nancy Battick but she's alarmed at the advice some of the expert de-clutterers are recommending regarding family photos. It seems some so-called experts advise people to look at the photos once then discard them! For a genealogist this is heresy.

Even If you don't know who is in an old photo please reconsider discarding the picture. Once a photo is destroyed it can never be retrieved. The lady in the magnificent bonnet may someday be identified as your great-grandmother and the man in the World War I uniform your great-uncle.

Tossing out family photos is never a good idea. If you must discard photos try to find a relative who would like them or an archive or historical society that will preserve them. I recently identified four photos from my Mother's collection of

I recently read an online post by unidentified photos. By uncovering an unknown line I now know who the photos portray and I am so glad I have these images which may be the only ones in the family.

If you de-clutter please don't throw out the baby with the bathwater. Treasure the images of your family's history even if you've yet to identify just who the lady in the magnificent hat is.

Update on the online front

There have been developments on the Family Tree Maker (FTM) front since my recent column on Ancestry's decision to suspend updates and new editions as of January 1, 2017. Ancestry just announced that they have sold their FTM software to MacK-

iev. MacKiev has been producing the Mac version of FTM for seven years and will now take on the Windows version. They'll be issuing updates, providing tech support, linking with Ancestry, and issuing new editions.

Some have expressed reservations about trusting a software com-pany based in the Ukraine because of the political situation. As far as

To the Editor;

Back when oil prices were rising rapidly, all commodities went up in price accordingly. Higher production and greater transportation cost were the reason. I wasn't happy but I could live with that.

Now oil prices are down, but other prices still are high and people want a raise in the minimum wage. People who refused higher education or dropped out of

school, or got pregnant "by mistake" now want as much pay, if not more, for flipping hamburgers as the EMT who may save someone's life from choking on that same hamburger.

All the while, because of a minimum wage increase, prices will go up. Time for a reset folks. I'm getting dizzy.

Joe Dionne Abbot

Senior housing at a crisis point

To the Editor;

Despite passage months ago, the Housing Bond funds earmarked for older Mainers in need of affordable housing have yet to be released. Maine State Housing Authority awaits word from Governor LePage. Meanwhile, older, vulnerable Mainers, many of whom have been kept in limbo for years, continue to wait for a home they can afford.

Maine's senior housing shortage is at a crisis point. Nearly 9,000 older Mainers are waiting for affordable housing options in their communities. Some are being told it will be at least five years before they will have a

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DE-CLUTTERhome. Without action, the short-
fall of affordable housing will

Department at 564-8355.

grow to more than 15,000 by 2022.

Surveys consistently show that Mainers want to remain in their own homes and communities as they grow older. The Housing Bond will begin to enable more Mainers to do just that by building new, affordable homes for older Mainers and dedicating funds to home repair and weatherization of existing homes, some of the oldest in the country.

Last year, a broad coalition of more than 150 organizations including aging and housing advocates, developers and construction workers, came together

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The power of friendship at Maine's STRIVE

sang about it, and we all rely on it each and every day. I'm talking, of course, about friendship. The power of friendship can make all the difference as we navigate life, and just last week, I was lucky enough to witness a wonderful example of friendship between two young Mainers at STRIVE in South Portland.

STRIVE is an impressive and inspiring organization that helps young adults with disabilities here in our state to develop the skills they need to live independent lives. On February 18th, I attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony at STRIVE's new facility in South Portland. Now, I knew

By U.S. Sen. Angus King Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin shared it, the Beatles going into the event about the helped her overcome her fears. STRIVE students have interned in my Scarborough office and done a fantastic job - but I still wasn't prepared for the touching scene that awaited.

During the event, STRIVE Associate Director Peter Brown turned the microphone over to student Suzy Cloutier so that she could share her experiences at the organization, share what she has learned, and help welcome everyone to the new facility. But when Suzy got up in front of the large crowd, she experienced a very understandable bout of stage fright. For a moment, it seemed that she might be unable to go on -- that is, until a friend came and

Fellow STRIVE student Chandler Hawkes walked up to the podium, put his arm around his friend, and asked her, "You all right, Suze?" In that moment, Suzy seemed transformed by her friend's support. She exclaimed, "Okay, I can do it now!" And then she really hit her stride.

Suzy went on to speak passionately about why she likes going to STRIVE. She went through the skills she learns there -- such as cooking, managing money, and taking care of animals. And above all, she emphasized the strong friendships she has made through the program. Her speech, which almost didn't happen, was met with thunderous and deserving applause. Those of us in the audience knew we had witnessed something special, and there was hardly a dry eye in the room.

With a little help from her friend Chandler, Suzy was able to find strength within herself and do something remarkable. On that day, everyone at STRIVE had a front row seat to the true power of friendship. Given my experience with the organization, I'm sure there will be many more friendships forged in the new South Portland facility.

I want to thank Suzy, Chandler, and everyone at STRIVE for reminding us that with a little help, we all are capable of great things. (If you would like to see the special moment for yourself, you can watch it on WGME's website.)

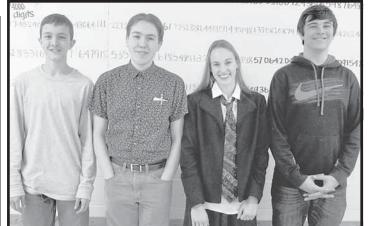


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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH – Dexter Regional High School is proud to announce that the following students have been selected by the faculty as Students of the Month for January. From left are grade 9: Christopher Roderka; grade 10: Alex Gould; grade 11: Abigail Webber; and grade 12: Dustin Belanger.

March events at Thompson Free Library

day).

By Kim Brawn DOVER-FOXCROFT

Got the winter blahs? Looking for something different to ries, in partnership with Foxdo? While we can't predict the weather, March is forecast to be a busy, event-filled month at the Thompson Free Library, with informative and fun programs focusing on different topics and activities for all ages.

On Thursday, March 10, we ence club for middle school stukick off our Brown Bag Lunch dents will be held on Saturday, Series with yoga instructor Becky Feaser of the Color of ular ongoing programs hosted by Librarian Michelle Fagan: Life Studio. She will discuss the benefits of yoga and classes Legos from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on available. This ongoing series will feature a guest speaker on the second Thursday of each the second and fourth Tuesday of the month and storytime evmonth from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at ery Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Finally, tax time is upon us and we have 1040A, 1040, 1040EZ the library.

Maine author Tim Caverly ("Allagash Tails") will screen the movie "Blizzards to Blossoms" set in Skowhegan during 1948-49 and filmed and narrated by photographer Henry W. Biggs at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15.

It's book sale time again: thompson.lib.me.us.

Protecting seniors from a new international drug smuggling scam ing money that has been won in a local woman in Maine, and oin, all believed to be related to

By U.S. Sen. Susan Collins

(R-Maine) J. Bryon Martin is a 77-year-olJ. Bryon Martin is a 77-year-old retired pastor who, until last July, lived in Dresden, Maine, and had a spotless criminal record - not even a parking ticket. Today, he sits in a European prison as a convicted drug smuggler, another victim of a new and especially cruel scam being perpetrated against our nation's seniors.

As the Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, I recently led a hearing to unveil this scam publicly for the first time. This scam was brought to the Committee's attention by federal law enforcement officials and Pastor Martin's son, Andy. This horrific new scheme involves global drug traffickers who deceive seniors to unknowingly smuggle drugs across international borders. The scam is particularly pernicious as it preys not only upon the trusting nature of seniors, but also upon the loneliness some of them experience later in life.

The scam begins when a criminal organization draws an unsuspecting senior into a web of deceit by first forming a personal, often online relationship with the victim. The criminals then trick the individual into traveling overseas under a pretense, such as collect-

documents in person, or meeting their online "friend." The criminals cover the cost of international travel for their victim and create a complicated itinerary that requires the senior to travel to at least one other country and pick up a package or suitcase en route. Unbeknownst to the senior, these packages have drugs carefully hidden inside.

Andy Martin was among our witnesses, and the story he told was heartbreaking. Upon retirement, his father resided with a daughter in Dresden. Bored and lonely, Mr. Martin visited Internet chat sites and struck up a friendship with someone who appeared to be a young women from the United Kingdom named "Joy."

"Joy" claimed that she was from a large wealthy family and that her father had been murdered by a business partner. The fam-ily supposedly had vast financial holdings all over the world, but Joy was unable to access anything out of fear for her life and thus lived in poverty. Mr. Martin sent Joy a few hundred dollars each month out of his Social Security check even though it meant he could not help out with household expenses in Dresden.

Early last year, Mr. Martin met

a "lottery," recovering important they married. When Mr. Martin informed "Joy" that he would no longer be able to support her, she convinced him to do one last favor – travel to South America, pick up documents that would enable her to sell a large estate, and deliver them to her in Europe.

In South America, Mr. Martin was met by a man claiming to be Joy's lawyer who handed him two sealed packages he said were the needed real-estate documents. Upon his landing in Europe, authorities opened the packages and discovered approximately four pounds of cocaine worth some \$450,000. Although Mr. Martin was not aware that the packages contained an illegal substance, he was arrested, convicted, and sentenced to six years and one day in prison for drug smuggling. Tragi-cally, due to his age and ill health, he may remain in prison for the rest of his life, alone and thousands of miles from his family.

This scam, as bizarre and convoluted as it seems, is increasingly common. At least 145 victims, the majority of whom are seniors, have been arrested by foreign governments for unknowingly carrying a total of 272 kilograms of methamphetamine, 209 kilograms of cocaine, 4 kilograms of ecstasy, and 11 kilograms of her-

transnational criminal organizations. Based on current estimates, more than 30 Americans remain incarcerated overseas as a result of this scam.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Patrol have created a joint operation they have dubbed Operation Cocoon" to work with U.S. and international law enforcement agencies to combat this scam. They discussed this operation for the first time at our Aging Committee hearing. ICE agents have prevented at least 16 seniors from becoming victims. Foreign authorities have arrested 15 subjects affiliated with international criminal organizations as a result of Operation Cocoon.

The criminals, global drug traffickers, who set this chain of events into motion are cruel, but also very, very clever. Federal law enforcement needs to continue to mount a vigorous and determined effort, which is not an easy task given the challenges posed by international boundaries. In addition, it is essential that seniors and their families become aware of these criminals' techniques and take action to protect themselves and their loved ones from these heartless criminals.

Drug headlines

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ed at those who fail to seek out (research) the causes of drug addictions to eradicate them. Sci- thousands hack at the leaves of ence calls a hunch an hypothe- vices to one who strikes at the sis. Here are some of them: 1) root." Vices can now infiltrate the analysis of farm soils treated the home at electronic speeds. chemically, artificial fertilizers, Expressways connect city cenpesticides and herbicides. Hormone treated livestock feeds... samples from organic farm soils alive with microorganisms which naturally form a symbiosis with plants. 2) the health of laboratory grown mice fed on corporate commercial foods compared to those fed foods organically grown. A comparative study of their affinity to drugs. 3) a statistical analysis of families with working mothers as compared to those unbroken with a woman homemaker. The

addiction rates.

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forms.

Thoreau and Lincoln were ahead of their time. "Countless

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and bypass (if Fiberight operations are interrupted after they start). Neither the Fiberight project nor the MRC's contingency plans are 'speculative ventures."

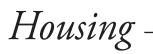
MRC proposal -

The MRC has spent thousands of hours working to develop and understand Fiberight, PERC and other options and communicating with our members. We welcomed feedback from membership and an independent legal review of the draft contracts. We consulted the membership to ensure the MRC's agreements are well written and protect the members.

MRC is offering its membership a tip fee that is \$15 per ton less than what PERC has offered and claims it can sustain. MRC's contract limits rate increases to annual adjustments for inflation and includes a rebate structure to share revenue with the communities.

MRC has examined the financial and operational assumptions underlying PERC's proposal. From the data we have, which are substantial, PERC's analysis does not hold up to review.

The MRC board understands that change is difficult and towns avoid



Continued from Page 4 to pass bipartisan legislation and then took the issue to the voters. The people of Maine strongly supported the measure with close to 70 percent voting in support of the Housing Bond.

High housing costs force millions of low-income older adults to sacrifice spending on other necessities including food, undermining their health and well-being. In fact, 37 percent of those aged 80 and over pay more than 30 percent of income for housing.

The Governor must take action on behalf of the people of Maine. From Ft. Kent to Kennebunk, people are looking for housing they can afford so they can remain in their own communities as they age. AARP Maine calls upon Governor LePage to release the Housing Bond funds immediately.

Rich Livingston AARP State President Auburn

risks. The 187 municipalities that send waste to PERC face the reality that business as usual cannot continue. MRC has worked tirelessly, with its membership's interest in mind, to craft a solution that fully embraces the state's solid waste hierarchy of reduce, reuse, recycle, utilize, and then landfill, and maintains municipal oversight to ensure contract and regulatory compliance as well as that the collective membership's needs are being met.

We are proud of our proposal. We seek your support.

Chip Reeves is president of the MRC Board of Directors and director of public works for the town of Bar Harbor. Greg Lounder is the MRC's executive director. They wrote this piece on behalf of the MRC Executive Committee.



Heat Pump Sales & Service

to host free dinner

FA Key Club

DOVER-FOXCROFT - The All of the proceeds (Reindeer Foxcroft Academy Key Club will be hosting a free community dinner at the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church on Monday, March 7 starting at 6:15 p.m.

The members of the Key Club feel this is a good way to give back to the community for all of its support over the past few years with the Key Club's children's charities. The community has supported the Bargain Barn at the fairgrounds in July and the Reindeer Run held each December in conjunction with the Hometown Holidays celebration, to name a couple of events.

Run) have gone to helping families provide a Merry Christmas for their children. This past December race ensured eight children had a Christmas.

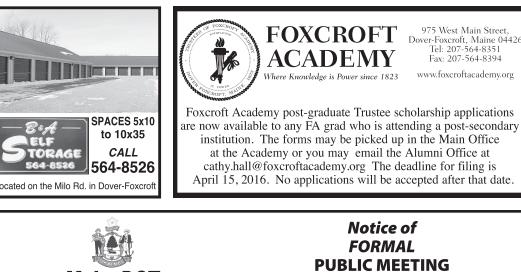
The menu that is tentatively planned is a pasta dinner, including a salad, garlic bread and a dessert. Also, there will be water, coffee and other drinks. So come and enjoy a delicious meal with friends.

MaineDOT

ters across the nation with every town road and street.

A free nation presupposes the ability to govern ourselves; the need to pass measures and laws to win the failing war on drugs. Perhaps Lincoln said it all. "No one is poor who had a godly mother." His was a step-mother who deserves as much a place in American history.

Russell Vesecky, homesteader Harmony



TO DISCUSS FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BROWNVILLE JUNCTION BRIDGE

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016 (PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 24TH) AT 6:00 P.M. **AT THE AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING** LOCATED ON 67 RAILROAD AVENUE **IN BROWNVILLE**

Please join MaineDOT for a formal public meeting to discuss the future improvements of the Brownville Junction Bridge, which carries Route 11 over the Pleasant River in Brownville, Maine.

Representatives of the Maine Department of Transportation will be present on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to listen to concerns, receive comments, and answer questions from anyone with an interest in the project. The Department is particularly interested in learning local views relative to project consistency with local omprehensive plans, discovering local resources, and identifying local concerns and issues. Anyone with an interest is invited to attend and participate in the meeting.

Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Auxiliary aids will be provided upon advance request.

Any inquiries regarding this project may be directed to the attention of Michael Wight, Project Manager, Maine Department of Transportation, Bridge Program, 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016. Telephone: (207) 624-3435. Email: michael.wight@maine.gov.

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Area players and coaches among this year's inductees

into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame

prestigious players, coaches the Husky Hall of Fame in 1988. and officials were announced as the Maine Basketball Hall Janet, moved their young family of Fame's third induction class to Dexter where he coached for during a news conference on Feb. 24 at the Hall's site, the Cross Insurance Center's concourse.

Those with ties to the region scheduled for induction on Aug. 21 in Bangor are Ed Guiski (posthumously), Tony Hamlin, Ron Marks, Kevin Nelson and Dean Smith.

Guiski, a Winslow native, was a dominating player in high school and at Gorham State College (University of Southern Maine). Graduating from Winslow High in 1955, he was a standout athlete earning 16 varsity letters in football, bas- mission for six years. He is the ketball, track and baseball. After high school, he continued his education at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield before attending Boston University for two years on a basketball and football scholarship. He completed Hall of Honors. He was awardhis education at Gorham State ed the Bob Brown Contributor's Maine). He played basketball at of Coaches in 2015.

BANGOR — Twenty-three Gorham State was inducted into In 1967, Guiski and his wife, the next 38 years, winning over 300 games and a state title.

Hamlin, a Milo native, was an outstanding high school player who went on to become a threeyear starter at the University of Maine. He coached at MCI, Morse in Bath, South Portland and Penquis Valley high schools and in the process won 400 games, which included three state championships and five regional titles. He has served as chairman of the Maine Principals' Association's Basketball Commission and was the coaches' representative to the comonly coach to have won a tournament game at the Bangor Auditorium in each of five decades. He is a member of the New England Basketball Hall of Fame and the Maine Sports Legends College (University of Southern Award by the Maine Association



Dean Smith



Tony Hamlin

Marks coached for 20 years in eastern Maine at Sherman, Katahdin, Schenck and Foxcroft Academy. His teams won 312 games including 36 tournament games, and he had a winning the region are Ron Marks, Kevin Nelson and the late Ed Guiski. percentage of 78 percent. He teammates Roger Lapham, Ru-won three state championships, fus Harris and Wally Russell. six Eastern Maine championships and was named coach of

graduate who went on to play at UMaine where he was a threetime Academic All-American. He captained the Black Bears his senior season and led the conference in scoring. He received the prestigious Walter Byers Award as the nation's top scholar athlete. UMaine has established the Dean Smith Award given annually to the top male and female athlete who combines academic and athletic excellence.

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAMERS – Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2016 inductees, from left, Mike McGee, Tony Hamlin, Charlie Wooton and Dean Smith listen

as Steve Pound, executive director of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame, introduces the

rest of the Class of 2016 inductees during a press conference on Feb. 24 at the Cross

Insurance Center in Bangor. Joining Hamlin and Smith as players and/or coaches from

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UMaine and was a key mem- Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Connellan, Dick Doyle and Edber during his tenure along with Class of 2016 are Joey DeR- die Griffin also will be added.

oche, Chris Jerome, Meaghan Lane Kolyszko, Mike McGee, Smith is a Foxcroft Academy John Jordan, Kevin Whitmore, Matt Rossignol, Gregg Frame, Raymond Alley, Fern Masse, Charlie Wootton, Julie Bradstreet, I.J. Pinkham, Len MacPhee, Bob McAllister, Don Sturgeon and Harland Storey.

BDN photo/Ashley L. Conti

The Hall also will induct several new members to its Legends of the Game. Dewey Dewitt, Terry Healey, the 1995 Cony of Augusta girls basketball team and the 1947 Patten Academy boys basketball team The other members of the will be added, and the late Jim

All-conference selections

A number of wrestlers from at 195 pounds; and Michael the region were selected to the Pendriss of Foxcroft at 220 Penobscot Valley Conference pounds. (PVC) All-Conference Team Secon for the 2015-16 season.

First Team grapples include Antonio Ayala of Foxcroft Academy at 126 pounds; R.J. Nelson of Foxcroft at 132 pounds; Zach Caron of Foxcroft at 145 pounds; Jacob Bryce Sweet of Dexter at 170 Hesseltine of Dexter Regional High School at 160 pounds; Brandon Brock of Foxcroft Hall of Dexter at 285 pounds.

Second Team honorees include Brandon Weston of Foxcroft at 106 pounds; Tyler Beem of Dexter at 132 pounds; Isaiah Hesseltine of Dexter at 138 pounds; Dustin Simmons of Foxcroft at 152 pounds; pounds; Billy Brock of Foxcroft at 182 pounds; and Tanner

PVC honorable mention wrestlers include Caleb Weeks of Dexter at 106 pounds; Ethan Moulton of Piscataquis Community High School at 113 pounds; Cameron Cookson of Foxcroft at 120 pounds; Conner Johnson of Foxcroft at 138 pounds; Zach Wilson of PCHS at 145 pounds; Ethan Cooley of PCHS at 160 pounds; Matthew Griffith of PCHS at 170 pounds; and Daniel Wallace of Dexter at 182 pound.

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Guiski

was an official for 40 years, of-

Nelson led his Foxcroft Acad-

emy Ponies to a state champion-

ship in 1975 as a two-time first

team All-State selection became

a household name in Maine bas-ketball folklore. The 6-8 left-

hander graduated as the career

scoring leader at Foxcroft. He

became a three-year starter at

seasons.

was part of a sporting life of considerable accomplishment. He earned 16 letters in football, basketball, baseball and track at Winslow High School before graduating in 1955, then spent a postgrad year at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield where he, played on the Huskies' undefeated football team as well as center and forward on a basketball team that qualified for the New England championships.

practices were very, very intense, and that's not always that easy to do, but then when you got to a game it was almost relaxing and a little easier because you just went out there and they're automatically going to play at the intensity level they practiced at. He was really, really good and what I'd call generating game intensity in a practice situation.'

But it wasn't all serious with "Big Ed." "My first year here when I

got hired as the freshman bas-



PVC swimming honors

DOVER-FOXCROFT

Members of the Foxcroft Academy girls swimming team were the conference in both the 100 among those honored by the freestyle and 100 breaststroke. Penobscot Valley Conference (PVC) for their performances were both all-conference selecthis past season in the pool.

the All-PVC team in the 200 200 IM.

freestyle and 100 butterfly and Gabie Johnson was honored by Avery Carroll and Alice Russo tions in the 100 backstroke, and Jenna Clukey was named to Carroll was also chosen in the

Named PVC All-Conference in the 400 freestyle relay was the Ponies' team, comprised of Carroll, Russo, Johnson and Clukey

PVC All-Academic selections from Foxcroft are Racquel Bozzelli, Carroll, Madison Fadley, Johnson and Estella Mei.

[football] teams and all the prep schools back then, and nobody could take Ed down," said John Carroll, a former teammate of Guiski's in prep school and college during a 2012 interview.

Guiski and Carroll earned athletic scholarships to Boston University, where Guiski played football and basketball for two years before joining the Army. While in the Army from 1960 to 1962, Guiski made the final cut of 10 Army candidates for the 1960 Olympic Basketball Team.

"Ed just loved the game of basketball," said Carroll. "He played football and liked it, but not as much as basketball.'

After leaving the military Guiski enrolled at what is now known as the University of Southern Maine, where he still holds the school record for his career average of 15.2 rebounds per game. Guiski took his first coach-

ing and teaching jobs at Windham High School, then moved in 1967 with his young family to Dexter where he developed a basketball program known for its defensive intensity.

"He had every kid working his tail off in every practice, and obviously defense was his forte and man-to-man defense in particular," said Murray. "When he had the players he'd press a little bit, but generally he'd play man-to-man halfcourt defense and make it very difficult for you to score."

The milltown native also found a comfort zone coaching milltown kids along with longtime assistant Lloyd Conners and Murray.

"When they say that a team takes on the personality of its coach, I think Ed was a perfect match for this town and this community," said Murray. "It's really a blue-collar community with hard-working kids, not always the most talented kids but they were going to give every ounce they had.

The serious side of Guiski's coaching style also revealed itself in meticulous practice planning.

"He's probably the best practice coach I've ever been

"We played all the college ketball coach I immediately became connected with the basketball team and between he and Lloyd Conners, those were the two people I spent a lot of time with with regards to basketball for the next 10 years," said Murray.

"He took me under his wing and was very friendly, very helpful and a little bit of a practical joker. He'd try to play practical jokes on me because I was the new kid on the block, but it was all in good fun and it wasn't what I expected."

Dexter's halcyon days under Guiski came during the mid-1980s when he led the Tigers to back-to-back Eastern Maine Class B titles and the 1986 state crown, the only gold ball won to date by the school's boys basketball program.

"During the 80's his two sons (John and Alex) were involved and he was closely related with all those kids," said Murray. "Any coach who's coached his own kids knows when you have your own kid on the team it almost feels like all of the kids are your kids because you probably coached them in rec league, opened the gym and let them in when they were little, and followed them up through middle school so by the time those kids hit high school they knew he was all in with them."

Dexter won the 1985 EM crown only to drop a last-second battle in the state final to Lake Region of Naples.

"In '85 when we lost to Lake Region at the buzzer basically, that was tough," said Murray. "That summer was a rough summer, but to follow it up the very next year and get back to the state game and win it, I think that was the culmination for him."

It wasn't easy. The Tigers reached the state final against Gorham only after outlasting Rockland in an epic five-overtime Eastern Maine final.

"Our coaches felt sure we would win and that rubbed off on us," said Bell. "Rockland kept hitting incredible shots to tie it up, but they felt the way we were playing that eventually we'd catch a break and we'd win the game."

A three-time coach of the around," said Murray. "The year honoree by the Maine

BDN file photo ED GUISKI - Dexter boys basketball coach.

Association of Basketball Coaches, Guiski retired from the Dexter bench in 1993 but returned four years later for a three-year stint as the Tigers' girls basketball coach in a gymnasium that by then was renamed in his honor.

"I was a little bit surprised with Janet to let him do it," said Murray, "but probably she sensed he was anxious for the gym and he was just what they needed for a couple of years to get them to that next place."

Guiski was 31-23 as the Dexter girls basketball coach, including 14-4 during his final season in 1999-2000.

"It was interesting to watch because our practices would overlap and I'd be able to sneak in and watch the last five minutes of his practice," said Murray. "I got to watch him interact with girls and really take on a different personality because I think he knew the intensity level he coached the boys with wasn't going to work with the girls.

"He was able to be just intense enough because the girls wanted that intensity to a certain level, but he knew where the line was. It was a strange evolution to watch but he was very effective at it.'

Guiski's teams made 19 tournament appearances over-all during his 29 years as a varsity basketball coach at Dexter, 18 on the boys' side.

"As an athlete he performed at all levels and had success at all levels," said Murray. "As a coach, it's the ultimate to be able to get the state championship and win it and to bring that gold ball home, and that was very, very important to him.

"I know he was very proud of it and very happy for the kids. It was kind of the cherry on top of his career for him. I'm glad he got it."

Carroll finishes freshman year on MMA football team

CASTINE — Clayton Carroll, a resident of Sebec and a 2015 graduate of Fox-croft Academy, was a freshman linebacker on the Maine Maritime Academy football team this past season. Carroll appeared in two games for the Mariners.

Carroll

Maine Maritime finished 2015 with a record of 3-6, going 2-5 in New England Football Conference play. One of the Mariners' victories came vs. Massachusetts Maritime Academy as Maine Maritime won the 43rd annual Admiral's Cup — the school's first such win since 2010.



Photo courtesy of Natural Resource Education Center **CATCH OF THE DAY** – Zach Smith of Milo earned the \$1,500 prize with his 10.74-pound togue during the ninth annual Moosehead Lake Togue Derby, which this year was split over three days in January and then another three days in February to allow anglers ample time to fish during the warm winter. Scott Harding came in second with his 7.57-pound catch and in third place was Randy Raymond of Benton with a fish weighing 6.98 pounds.

What a catch!



Photo courtesy of Natural Resource **Education Center**

A LIFETIME OF FISHING - Allie Kane of Monson won a lifetime fishing license during a drawing as part of the ninth annual Moosehead Lake Togue Derby on Feb. 20.

Come take a trip to Wonderland

Photo courtesy of Dexter Regional High School ALICE'S ADVENTURES - Hannah Wigham, left pictured with Dayle Iverson, has the title role in the upcoming Dexter Regional High School production of "Alice in Wonderland Jr." Attendees of the March 10-12 shows will get to meet Alice, the White Rabbit, the Cheshire Cat, the Queen of Hearts and others.



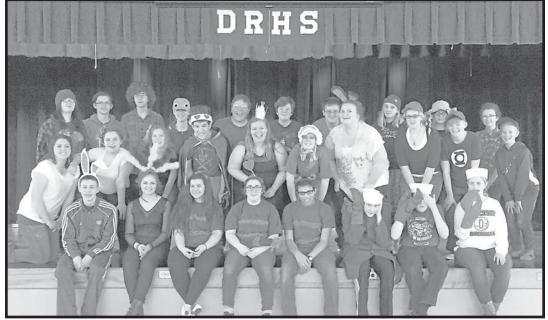


Photo courtesy of Dexter Regional High School

TAKE A TRIP TO WONDERLAND - Dexter Regional High School students will present three productions of the musical "Alice in Wonderland Jr." on March 10-12. in the school cafeteria with 6 p.m. shows on March 10-11 and then a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, March 12. Tickets are on sale in the high school office, with a discounted rate for seniors and students.

SPORTS ON TAP

schedule subject to change

Thursday, March 3— WRESTLING: Ridge View vs. PCMS 3:30 p.m.; SeDoMo-Cha vs. Hichborn and Warsaw 4 p.m.

Friday, March 4—WRES-TLING: New England Interscholastic Championship at Providence (R.I.) Career and Technical Center.

Saturday, March 5– WRESTLING: New England Interscholastic Championship at Providence (R.I.) Career and Technical Center; PCMS youth tournament TBA.

Tuesday, March 8– WRESTLING: PCMS vs. Hichborn and SeDoMoCha 4 p.m.; Ridge View at Warsaw (Pittsfield) 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 10-WRESTLING: SeDoMoCha

vs. Ridge View 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 11— WRESTLING: Independent Wrestling Entertainment show to benefit Foxcroft Academy Project Graduation 7:30 p.m. (Foxcroft Academy).

Saturday, March 12— BASKETBALL: Maine Maine McDonald's Senior All-Star Games at Husson (Bangor) Boys AA/A/B 10:45 a.m., Girls C/D 1 p.m. and Boys C/D 2:30 p.m. **WRESTLING:** Ridge View Youth Tournament TBA.

Tuesday, March 15-WRESTLING: PCMS vs. Hichborn and Ridge View 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 17— WRESTLING: Ridge View vs. SeDoMoCha and Warsaw 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 19-WRESTLING: SeDoMoCha youth tournament at Foxcroft Academy.

Monday, March 21— BASEBALL AND SOFT-BALL: High school pitchers

and catchers start practices. Wednesday, March 23-WRESTLING: Penquis championship at (Pittsfield) 4 p.m. Warsaw

Saturday, March 26– WRESTLING: Howland Howland youth tournament.

Monday, March 28— BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, TENNIS, TRACK: High school practices start.

April 2— Saturday, WRESTLING: New England youth championship at Cross Insurance Arena (Portland).

McLaughlin named to all-academic team

a sport management

major, and his fellow Eagles were named by having a GPA of

A tight end, Mc-

Laughlin played in

seven games for Hus-son in 2015. The Ea-

3.3 or higher.

BANGOR — Husson University junior A.J. McLaughlin, A.J. a resident of Dexter and Dexter Re-gional High School graduate, was one of a team-record 16 Universi-Husson ty football players named to the Eastern Collegiate Football **McLaughlin**

Duplicate bridge results

The Mid-Maine Duplicate Bridge Club played on Feb. 22 with the following results: first place, Ron Lyford of Hartland and Harry Bridge of St. Albans; Guilford and Priscilla Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft; and third

Class B North boys

Prelims 5. MDI 66 12. Hermon 38

6. Caribou 61 11. Foxcroft 53

Postseason basketball scoreboard

> 6. John Bapst 55 11. Orono 40 7. Hermon 54 10. Washington 33 8. Foxcroft 48 9. Central 46 Quarterfinals 1. Houlton 61 8. Foxcroft 52 7. Hermon 49 2. MDI 39 3. Presque Isle 51. 6. John Bapst 35 4. Winslow 51 5. Ellsworth 44 Semifinals 1. Houlton 49 4. Winslow 38 7. Hermon 59 3. Presque Isle 45 Final 1. Houlton 51 7. Hermon 35 **State championship** North 1. Houlton 48 South 2. Gray New Gloucester 35 Class C North girls Prelims 5. Schenck 39 12. Ft. Kent 27 6. PCHS 63 11. Woodland 35 7. Stearns 60 10. Madawaska 39 8. Calais 53 9. George Stevens 51 **Quarterfinals** 1. Ft. Fairfield 40 8. Calais 37 2. Dexter 39 7. Stearns 32 3. Narraguagus 61 6. PCHS 50 4. Penobscot 40 5. Schenck 37 Semifinals 4. Penobscot 47 1. Ft. Fairfield 34 3. Narraguagus 39 2. Dexter 24 Final 3. Narraguagus 45 4. Penobscot 18 State championship

North 3. Narraguagus 33 South 2. Boothbay 25

Conference All-Aca- gles finished with an overall demic Team this past record of 7-3, qualifying for season. McLaughlin, the ECAC Clayton Chapman Bowl Championship in New Britain, Conn. where the team was defeated, 42-39, by Salve Regina University of Rhode Island.

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PARTIES IN INTEREST

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED

On Motion of the Plaintiff for an Order for Service by Publication of the Complaint for Foreclosure on any and all other persons unascertained, not in being, or unknown, claiming by, through, or under the Decedent, Robert Knowlton a/k/a Robert H. Knowlton, or any of the above named Defendants as heirs, devises, appointees or in any other way, pursuant to M.R. Div.P. 4(g), it appearing that this is an action to foreclose a mortgage from Robert H. Knowlton and Dorothy M. Knowlton to Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union dated May 23, 2006 and recorded in the Piscataquis County Registry of Deeds in Book 1748 Page 052 on premises located at 445 Tenney Hill . Road in Monson, Maine.

It further appears, and the Court so finds, that personal service of the Complaint cannot be made upon any and all other persons unascertained, not in being, or unknown, claiming by, through, or under the Decedent, Robert Knowlton a/k/a Robert H. Knowlton, or any of the above named Defendants as heirs, devises appointees or in any other way, inasmuch as their present whereabouts is unknown and cannot with reasonable diligence be established, it is hereby ORDERED that service be made upon any and all other persons unascertained, not in being, or unknown, claiming by, through, or under the Decedent, Robert Knowlton a/k/a Robert H. Knowlton, or any of the above named Defendants as heirs, devises, appointees or in any other way, by publishing this Order once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Piscataguis Observer, a newspaper of general circulation in Piscataguis County. The first publication shall be made within twenty (20) days after the Order is granted. Service by publication shall be complete on the twenty-first day after the first publication. Within twenty (20) days after service is completed by the foregoing method, any and all other persons unascertained, not in being, or unknown, claiming by, through, or under the Decedent, Robert Knowlton a/k/a Robert H. Knowlton, or any of the above named Defendants as heirs, devises, appointees or in any other way, shall appear and defend this action by filing an answer with the Clerk of the Maine District Court at 159 E Main Street, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426, and also by serving a copy of the answer on Plaintiff's attorney, Richard H. Broderick, Jr., Esq., at P.O. Box 5, Lincoln, Maine 04457. If they fail to do so a judgment by default will be rendered against them for the relief demanded in the Complaint. IMPORTANT WARNING: IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN ANSWER WITHIN THE TIME STATED ABOVE, OR IF AFTER YOU FILE YOUR ANSWER YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT ANY TIME THE COURT NOTIFIES YOU TO DO SO, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU IN YOUR ABSENCE FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME. IF YOU INTEND TO OPPOSE THIS LAWSUIT, DO NOT FAIL TO ANSWER WITHIN THE REQUIR-ED TIME. If you believe the Plaintiff is not entitled to all or part of the claim set forth in the Complaint or if you believe you have a claim of your own against the Plaintiff, you should talk to a lawyer. You may ask the office of the Clerk of the Maine District Court for information as to places where you may seek legal assistance. Dated: 2/12/16

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place: Joyce Cross and Phylsis Moore of Dover-Foxcroft.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 14 at 1 p.m.

More teams are always welsecond place: Norma White of come, if interested in playing call 938-2675 for more information.

Masons



Observer file photo/Mike Lange

READING IS FUN(DAMENTAL) - For the second year in a row, students at Piscataquis Community Elementary School in Guilford have the opportunity to win new bicycles thanks to the Mount Kineo and Abner Wade Masonic Lodges' Bikes for Books progam. Pictured are the boys winners last year are front, from left, Trey Rodgers, Matthew Chadbourne, Gabriel Soctomah, Jacob Duncan, Quenton Blanchard, Bradon Reed and Blaze Moody. Back, Herb Libby, program coordinator from the Mount Kineo Masonic Lodge, Val Kand of the Mount Kineo Lodge, Anah Temple Shrine Clown Gizmo and Scott Hoyle, master of ceremonies from the Pleasant River Lodge of Brownville.

Continued from Page 1

kindergarten through sixth grade, will be drawn," he said. "The more books they read, the better the chance.

Libby said new bicycles will be given to PCES students, along with a new helmet to wear when the students are riding in the spring. He said funds for the bikes and accessories have come from area Granges as well as local businesses.

"There is a matching fund from the Grand Lodge of Maine Youth Activities Committee," Libby said. "They will give us \$2 for every dollar we raise, so the Grand Lodge is very much behind us.

The bike presentation is scheduled for Friday, April 15 at 8 a.m., and Libby said a pair of Anah Shrine clowns will be present to entertain the student body. "This year we will have 28 bikes at the Guilford assembly to give away," Libby said, with the total thanks to Columbia-Doric #149.

doubled from 2015.

He said students who may not need or want a new bike still have an incentive to read as many books as they can. These youngsters can list a friend's name on the card, and Libby said should this entry be drawn both students will be recognized with the bike going to the designated recipient. "It will still encourage students to read even if they don't want a bike," he said.

"Nearly every Lodge in the Fifth Masonic Lodge District is doing this program to help the kids get reading," Libby said. He said Piscataquis #44 of Milo and Pleasant River #163 in Brownville been conducting Bikes for Books in SAD 41 for about a half dozen years. Libby said Mosaic #52 in Dover-Foxcroft is encouraging pupils at the SeDoMoCha School to get reading, and later in the school year students in Greenville will have the opportunity to have their names drawn for bikes



State championship North 1. George Stevens 59 South 4. Waynflete 46 **Class D** South boys Prelims 8. Rangeley 69. 9. Forest Hills 59 Quarterfinals 1. Valley 62 8. Rangeley 33 7. Islesboro 66 2. Pine Tree 50 3. Seacoast 52 6. Vinalhaven 51 4. Greenville 70. 5. AR Gould 28 Semifinals 1. Valley 60 4. Greenville 45 3. Seacoast 63 7. Islesboro 53 Final 1. Valley 52 3. Seacoast 45 State championship South 1. Valley 55 North 1. Easton 44 **Class B North girls** Prelims 5. Ellsworth 57 12. Mattanawcook 44



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The property is located at 28 Beech Street, Greenville Jct., Piscataquis County, Maine, reference as described in said mortgage.

The sale will be by public auction. All bidders for the property will be required to make a deposit of \$5,000.00 in cash, certified or bank check at the time of the public sale made payable to Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP, which deposit is non-refundable as to the highest bidder. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the public sale. In the event a representative of Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT5, Asset-Back Certificates, Series 2006-OPT5 is not present at the time and place stated in this notice, no sale shall be deemed to have occurred and all rights to reschedule a subsequent sale are reserved.

Additional terms will be announced at the public sale.

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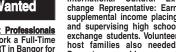
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"Last year we collected over 10,000 jars of peanut butter and jelly. Our goal is to increase this

The U.S. Department of Agri-ilture estimates that 16.2 percent amount in 2016 so that more fam-ilies will have access to a protein-rich, nonperishable food that will make a big difference in their daily lives," said Lisa Bird, assistant vice president and community relations officer at Bangor Savings Bank.

> Bangor Savings is encouraging those dropping off donations to take a "selfless selfie" while at the bank branch and email it to socialmedia@bangor.com. For each selfie received, Bangor Savings will donate an additional two jars to the food drive. The photos will also be shared on the Bangor Savings Bank Facebook page.

80 years of giving and friendship

A small local club celebrates more than 80 years of friendship and giving back to their neighbors and extended community. The club was started in the 1930s as the J. B. F. (Just Busy Folks) Club by the ladies of the Bear Hill district in Dover.

Founding members were Inez Merrill, Fannie Hurd, Elvie Merrill, Lilla Bell, Sadie Perkins, Eva Oakes, Clarice Judkins, Cora Leathers, Calla Chase, Grace Cochran, Harriet Ladd and Betty Berry. The club was renamed the Pine Needle Christmas Club in the early 1950s to honor Maine being the Pine Tree State with the original purpose of making Christmas gifts throughout the year.

Over the years the Pine Tree Christmas Club has contributed to Kiwanis projects, Womancare's Hannah House, hospice, the Red Cross, Heartwise and the food cupboard, along with many other worthwhile local causes. In addition, the club continues to help individual neighbors in need.

Present members include founding member Grace Cochran's daughters, Eleanor Godreau and Priscilla Tucker, and founding member Lilla Bell's granddaughter, Louise Dulac. Several present members are second generation participants. The club is looking forward to many more years of friendship and giving.



Harriet Ladd



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I know there have been no issues with the Mac version of FTM despite the turmoil in that part of Europe over the last several years. For those of you who love FTM this means you will be able to keep your favorite software operational. I wish Ancestry had made this arrangement before they announced they were ending support of FTM since many users have already switched genealogical software.

If you decide to remain with FTM be sure to keep your software current and have several backups in case the day comes when you need to move your files.

Also, Roots Magic (RM) software has arranged to offer direct links to Ancestry sometime later this year. RM, a popular genealogical software, will allow users to search, download and upload to Ancestry's online trees, exactly as FTM users can do now. RM is an American company if that makes you feel more secure.

Nancy Battick is a Dover-Foxcroft native who has researched genealogy for over 30 years. She is past president of the Maine Genealogical Society, author of several genealogical articles and co-transcribed the Vital Records of Dover-Foxcroft. Nancy holds a MA in History from UM and lives in DF with her husband, Jack, another avid genealogist. You can contact Nancy at nbattick@roadrunner. com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

List your event in the Community Events Calendar. Mail to Calendar, The Piscataquis Observer, PO Box 30, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426 or email to observer@nepublish.com with event name, date, place, time and telephone number. Deadline for submissions is Friday at 4 p.m. For full calendar, please go to www.observer-me.com

Recurring Events Mondays

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Senior Network meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the Morton Avenue Municipal Building — except for holidays - with the Community Cafe for lunch. For meal reservations call 943-2488.

GREENVILLE: The Partnership Food Pantry is open the first and third Mondays from 11 a.m.noon behind the fire station on Minden St. FMI call 518-8833.

MILO: Al-Anon, 7 p.m., Park St. United Methodist Church, 15 Park St.

Tuesdays

DEXTER: American Legion Post 53, on Church St., is open for veterans to gather from noon-3 p.m.

DEXTER: The HJ Crosby Community Band of Dexter practices at 6 p.m. at the Ridge View Community School. For more info. call 207-924-6235 or go to www.cuthbert-foundation.org.

DEXTER: Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at 7 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church, 130 Spring St.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Thompson Free Library Knitting Group 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Please call 564-3350 for more info.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Spruce Run/Womancare drop-in support group, 1 to 2:30 p.m., 8 Mechanic St. For more info. call 564-8166

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Weight Watchers meets at the United Methodist Church at 38 East Main St. from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Pine Tree Hospice offers an adult bereavement support group on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. FMI contact 564-4346 or wecare@pinetreehospice.org.

GUILFORD: A quilters group meets on the first and third Tuesday each month at the Guilford United Methodist Church from 9 -11:30 a.m.

GUILFORD: The Guilford Historical Society meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the society museum, 10 North St., (the museum is also open by appointment). For more info. call 876-4501 or 217-0963.

MILO: Spruce Run/Womancare Alliance provides domestic violence services, legal referrals and support at the outreach office at the town hall from 9 a.m.-noon. For more info. call 564-8166.

ford United Methodist Church, 3 and location at 564-8165. School St., is open from 1:30-3:30 p.m. FMI call 876-3373.

MILO: American Legion Post 41 is open from 7:30 a.m.-noon for veterans and members to meet.

MILO: American Legion Post 41 and Post Auxiliary will meet the first Wednesday at 7 p.m. with supper beforehand at 6 p.m.

SANGERVILLE: The ongoing food cupboard at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Sangerville and Dover-Foxcroft is open the first Wednesday and third Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. FMI call 876-4926.

Thursdays

ABBOT: Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m. at the Abbot Town Hall.

DEXTER: The Shirley B. Carter VFW Post 4298 holds monthly meetings every first Thursday at 7 p.m. at the post home on Cedar St. For more info. call 924-5481.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Children's story hour, 10:30 a.m., Thompson Free Library.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Dover-Foxcroft Historical Society Observer Building will be open from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Bingo at the American Legion, 112 Park Street. \$400 jackpot. Kitchen opens at 5 p.m., games start at 5:45 p.m. Must be 16 and older to play. Smoke free. 564-8550.

GUILFORD: Community Fitness, 31 High St., offers a free potluck bruncheon the first Thursday of the month at 11:15 a.m., often with guest speakers. For more info. call 876-4813.

GUILFORD: "Covenant: Creating Living & Trust" Bible study Thursdays 10 a.m. at Guilford UMC and "Paul's Letter to the Phillipians" Bible study at 1 p.m. FMI call 876-3372.

GUILFORD: Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Guilford UMC, 3 School St., at 7 p.m.

HARMONY: Cribbage starts at 6 p.m. at the Harmony Community Center, to benefit building repairs, with signups at 5:30 p.m. and a draw for partners. MONŜON: The Lakeshore

House has an open mic night from 6-9 p.m. For more info. call 997-7069.

Fridays

DEXTER: Spruce Run/Womancare offers outreach hours from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at upstairs at the Morrison Building on Main St. For more info. call 564-8166.

DEXTER: The Abbott Memorial Library will hold storytime for preschoolers at 3:30 p.m. For more info. call 924-7292

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Adult volleyball takes place at the Mor-ton Ave. gym from 5-7 p.m. FMI call 564-3265.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. at the Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist **GREENVILLE:** Womancare offers outreach services several times per month. Call for the dates

GREENVILLE: Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. at the church by the light downtown.

GUILFORD: The Partnership Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Fridays from noon-3 p.m. at 84 Elm St. FMI call 518-8833

GUILFORD: Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the Guilford UMC, 3 School St., at noon.

MILO: Three Rivers Senior Citizens meeting, first and third Fridays at noon for cards, Milo Town Hall, 6 Pleasant St. For more info. call 943-5185.

MONSON: The Monson & Appalachian Trail Information Center, on the main road, invites the public from 1-5 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays to learn about life and culture of the wilderness for hikers, visitors, and those who call the Monson area home.

Saturdays

DEXTER: The New Hope Baptist Church's food pantry distribution takes place from 8:15-9:15 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month. FMI call 924-7419. **GUILFORD:** Alcoholics

Anonymous meets at the Guilford UMC, 3 School St., at 7 p.m. SANGERVILLE: The South

Sangerville Grange meets the first Saturday of the month, with a potluck at noon and meeting at 1 p.m. Sundays

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Alcoholics Anonymous, 11 a.m. at the Thompson Free Library.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Adult volleyball takes place at the SeDo-MoCha School gym from 4-7 p.m. FMI call 564-3265.

Friday, March 4

DEXTER: The Skeleton Crew meets at noon at the Abbott Memorial Library, with a presentation on aromatherapy. FMI call 924-7292.

DEXTER: DDATT hosts a free screening of "Raw Milk in Maine" at 6 p.m. at the Abbott Memorial Library, with discussion to follow.

FMI contact 277-4221 or info@ ddatt.org.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Dover Low Vision Group meets at the Thayer Parkway Community Room from 10-11:30 a.m. with Patrick Myers of the Center Theatre speaking on going to the movies with low vision and blindness. FMI contact 270-2730 or nancy. matulis@yahoo.com.

MILO: An indoor yard sale takes place at the Three Rivers Kiwanis Headquarters, on the Gerrish Rd., from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, March 5

CHARLESTON: A baked bean and chop suey supper, to benefit a family experiencing health issues, will be served at the Charleston Community Center from 4-6:30 p.m. FMI call 285-3414 or 285-7041

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Dover-Foxcroft Fire Department's fifth annual Ice Fishing Derby takes place on Sebec Lake, with the weigh-in station at Greeley's Landing.

MILO: An indoor yard sale takes place at the Three Rivers Kiwanis Headquarters, on the Gerrish Rd., from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

PARKMAN: The PCSWCD hosts a "Trees in Transition" workshop at the town office from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. To register contact 564-2321 ext. 3 or info@piscataquisswcd.org

Tricky **SANGERVILLE:** Britches perform at the East Sangerville Grange Coffee House at 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 6

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Dover-Foxcroft Fire Department's fifth annual Ice Fishing Derby takes place on Sebec Lake, with the weigh-in station at Greeley's Landing.

Monday, March 7

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Foxcroft Academy Key Club serves a free community dinner, starting at 6:15 p.m., at the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational 924-3925 or 277-3961. Church.

Tuesday, March 8

DEXTER: The Penquis Beekeepers meet at the VFW at 7 p.m., with the month's topic being spring management. FMI call 924-3342.

MILO: The Milo Garden Club meets at the town hall at 1 p.m. with a program on dandelions bring a donation for P.A.W.S.

Wednesday, March 9 GREENVILLE: The free educational seminar "Increase Your Tourism Marketing" will be held at the town office from 6-8 p.m. To register contact Georgia.Underwood@pcedc.org or 564-3638. Thursday, March 10

CORINTH: The Widows and Widowers Group meets for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Countryside Restaurant. FMI call 924-5351

DEXTER: Dexter Regional High School will present the student production "Alice in Wonderland Jr." at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The

Thompson Free Library kicks off its Brown Bag Lunch Series with yoga instructor Becky Feaser of the Color of Life Studio at 12:30 p.m. FMI call 564-3350.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Maine Educational Opportunity Center offers a free session of the Essentials of College Planning at 1 p.m. at PHEC. To register contact call 1-800-281-3703 or go to http://meoc.maine.edu.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The SeDoMoCha Middle School eighth-graders will present a night of disaster plan activities at 6 p.m. at the Thompson Free Library.

Friday, March 11 DEXTER: Dexter Regional High School will present the student production "Alice in Wonderland Jr." at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

DEXTER: The First Universalist Church of Dexter hosts a contra dance from 7-10 p.m. FMI call

DOVER-FOXCROFT: An Independent Wrestling Entertainment show to benefit Foxcroft Academy Project Graduation starts at 7:30 p.m. at the school, with doors at 7. FMI call 717-5297.

Saturday, March 12

DEXTER: Dexter Regional High School will present the student production "Alice in Wonderland Jr." at 2 p.m. in the cafeteria. MILO: The American Legion

serves a baked bean and BBQ chicken supper from 4:30-6:30 p.m. For takeout or home delivery, call any Legion member.

Sunday, March 13

DOVER-FÖXCROFT: The Piscataquis Public Health Council and others will present a screening of the documentary "Paper Tigers" at 2 p.m. at the Center Theatre, with a discussion to follow.

Monday, March 14

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The PCSWCD Board of Supervisors meet at 6 p.m. FMI call 564-2321 ext. 3

MILO: The annual town meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the town hall. Tuesday, March 15

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Maine author Tim Caverly will screen the late 1940s Maine film "Blizzard to Blossoms" at 5 p.m. at the Thompson Free Library. FMI go to www. allagashtails.com.

Saturday, March 19

HARMONY: A dance featuring Shilo Creek will be held at the Harmony Community Center, to benefit building repairs.

SANGERVILLE: The 14th District — Piscataquis County of the American Legion holds its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Stott-Flanders Post 165 home with lunch at noon.

Sunday, March 20

GUILFORD: A concert with the Opus One Big Band and PCSS Jazz Marauders starts at 4 p.m. in the PCSS gym, to benefit the SAD 4 Music Boosters

OBITUARIES

Rev. James E. Knox

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SCARBOROUGH – Rev. James E. Knox died peacefully at St. Joseph Rehabilitation and Residence in Portland on February 23, 2016. The beloved only child of William and Bertha (Pinette) Knox, he was born in Parkman, ME, September 21, 1925, and was part of the large, extended Pinette family who lived nearby. His education began in a life to the Church, he delightone-room schoolhouse in ed in his extended family with Parkman, and continued at regular visits, often accompa-Guilford High School, Boston nied by his dog and with a

alike because of wisdom, experience and Christ-like treatment of others." While Fr. Кпох devoted his

SANGERVILLE: AA Women's Discovery 12 Group at the Church, 156 East Main St. Unitarian Universalist Church, Church Street, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

SANGERVILLE: The Sangerville Historical Society House is open from 1-3 p.m.

SANGERVILLE: The Sangerville Historical Society meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the town hall community room.

Wednesdays

DEXTER: Kids Bible Club, for grades K-5, meets at the New Hope Baptist Church from 5-7:30 p.m. FMI call 924-7419.

DEXTER: The New Hope Baptist Church hosts a prayer meeting at 6 p.m. FMI call 924-7419.

DEXTER: Dexter Grange 155 -Dexter SCOUTS Home meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday at the hall at 2 Church Street. 6 p.m. supper for members and guests.

DEXTER: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets from 5:30-7 p.m. For more info, call Stephanie Bridges at 278-2307 or Mary Tuttle at 924-3881.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: A free community Quigong class is offered from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Center Theatre.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Congregational church.. For more info. call 564-7276.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church will hold a "Pay It Forward" clothing pickup of children's and maternity clothing and other items from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. the second and third Wednesdays of the month.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Anchor Holds Church of God, 57 High St., holds Bible study at 6 p.m.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Pine Tree Hospice holds Nights of Service for children and adults from 7-8 p.m. For more info. call 564-4346.

GREENVILLE: Spruce Run/ Womancare offers domestic violence services, legal referrals and support the second and last Wednesday of the month at the outreach office at C.A. Dean Hospital from noon-4 p.m. or by appointment. For more info. call 564-8166

GUILFORD: The Hands of Hope food cupboard at the Guil-

LEGAL **ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING** Docket No. BR14D1036DR Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Gajewski, David Eric VS.

Gajewski, Sharon Ann Bristol Probate and Family Court Office of Register Suite 240 40 Broadway Street Taunton, MA 02780 (508) 977-6040

Upon motion of plaintiff for an order directing the defendant, to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./ Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P.Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Divorce 1B.

Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against above named parties. the Defendant cannot be found withing the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and the defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.

It is Ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint herein on or before April 29, 2016. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter.

It is further Ordered that accompanying summons the be published once in the Piscataquis Observer, no later than the week of March 14, 2016, a newspaper published in Piscataquis Observer, PO Box 30, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426, the publication to be 60 days at least before said return day. It is further Ordered that a copy of the summons be mailed to the defendant at his/her last known address by registered or certified mail.

Date: February 24, 2016 Signed, Katherine A. Field. First Justice Justice of Probate and Family Court

College, and St. John's camera in hand. He had an Seminary. His service to the excellent memory of family Church began early in his childhood as an altar boy for Rev. Boland at Holy Family Church in Sangerville. He was ordained into the priesthood Catholic at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland on April 11, 1951, and celebrated his first Mass at Holy Family Church

During his 45 years of fulltime parish ministry, Fr. Knox served as Parochial Vicar at Immaculate Conception Church, Calais, St. Joseph's Church, Portland, and Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Portland. He was Founding Pastor at St. Gregory's Church, Gray, and Pastor at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Brunswick, and at Holy Cross Church, South Portland. He also served as Chaplain at Father Carey Camp and as Director of Camp Gregory.

Following his retirement in 1996, he accepted temporary assignments at St. Mary's Church in Westbrook and St. Philip's Church in Lyman. For many years, he celebrated Mass regularly at several other churches, including St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Scarborough, which hosted a 90th birthday celebration for him last year. In addition to at St. Maximilian Kolbe his parish ministry, he had a long record of service in the Diocese, including Diocesan Commission, Liturgical Diocesan Board of Education, Vicar Forane of Sagadahoc/Lincoln Deanery and Southern Cumberland Deanery, Diocesan Personnel Board, Board of Trustees of the Clergy Benefit Plan, and Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Cheverus Čouncil #2344, South Portland.

He also ministered to the Sisters of Mercy in Portland with weekly Masses and visits.

On the occasion of his 40th jubilee as a priest, Fr. Knox 172 State Street, Portland. To was recognized by Bishop view Fr. Knox's memorial Gerry as a priest whose "counsel is sought by parishioners, fellow priests and bish- www.ctcrawford.com.

members and history, and was the source of family news for all. Known by his family as Fr. Jim, he rarely missed holiday gatherings and birthday parties, and he officiated at many family baptisms, weddings and funerals. Fr. Jim knew every soul in his large family and cared for them all. He will be greatly missed.

Fr. Knox is survived by first cousins: Ruth Mills of Yarmouth, Gloria Gallant of Portland, Thomas Wyman of Guilford, Maurice Wyman of Derby, CT, Robert Wyman of CT, Katherine Danbury, Spencer of Pittsfield, Lucille Chambers of Sangerville, Andrea Pinette of Dover-Foxcroft, Joseph Pinette of Abbot, and David Pinette of Houston, TX; their families; many other members of the extended Pinette family; friends in the religious community; and many parishioners.

The family wishes to thank dear friend, Joel Anderson and the staff at St. Joseph's Rehabilitation and Residence for their loving care of Fr. Jim in his final days.

Relatives and Friends are invited to attend a Reception of the Body and Liturgy of the Hours at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, Church, 150 Black Point Road, Scarborough. Fr. Knox will lie in State at St. Maximillian Kolbe from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday. A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at St. Maximilian Kolbe with The Most Rev. Robert P. Deeley, J.C.D., as principle celebrant. Rev. Stephen F. Concannon will be the homilist. Burial will be held at a later date at Lawn Cemetery, Guilford. Arrangements are under the direction of Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Home, page or to share an online condolence, please visit

Elaine G. Hartley

Obituary Notices

HARTLEY, Elaine G., 81, Bowerbank, ME, at Holden,

KNOX, Rev. James E., 90, Scarborough, at Portland, February 23, 2016. A concelebrated Mass of Christian

held in the summer at Sebec Lake.

Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft.

February 21, 2016. A memorial celebration will be

Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thursday,

March 3, 2016, at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church,

Scarborough. Arrangements are under the direction of

Grove Cemetery, Dover-Foxcroft, will be announced

in the spring. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary

Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Home, Portland.

SMITH, Virginia B., 87, Dover-Foxcroft, February 25, 2016. A graveside service at the family lot in Rural

BOWERBANK, ME - After a Maine to home school her chilbrief illness, Elaine G. Hartley dren during their early elemenpassed peacefully from this tary years. She also was active world on February 21 at the home of her son, surrounded by her family. Born in 1934 to Roy and Grace Jacobsen, Elaine spent her early years in Queens, NY. She graduated from the New York State Teachers' College at Oswego and later received a Master's in Education from Columbia Teachers' College.

In 1960, she married Richard Hartley because with him she knew "life would always be an adventure." They continued to live on Long Island, NY, where she taught elementary school for more than a decade. In 1972, now with two young children, she embarked with her husband on the grand adventure of moving from the city to a remote spot in Bowerbank on the shore of Sebec Lake.

For many years, Elaine devoted herself to the family summer rental business, "Hartley's Sebec Lake Cottages," creating lifelong friendships and precious memories for generations of guests, who returned to the Lake each summer.

An avid seamstress, she was never without a project and had a talent for creating beauty from the most humble scraps. Her deep interest in education continued, and she became one of the first persons in South, Glenburn, ME 04401.

DOVER-FOXCROFT Virginia B. Smith, 87, wife of Karen; a daughter, Juanita the late Winifred C. Smith, passed away February 25, 2016, at Mayo Regional Hospital. She was born August 28, 1928, in 28, August Sangerville, the daughter of Jeptha P. and Bessie B. (Ladd) Lowell.

Mrs. Smith had worked as a cook at Hilltop Manor in Dover-Foxcroft and at Green Acres Store in Sebec.

in the Sunday school and played piano for the children's choir of the United Methodist Church in Dover-Foxcroft.

In her later years, she developed an innovative early childhood education program was implemented that through the Piscataquis County Extension Office. For the past three years Elaine resided at Sunbury Village in Bangor but continued to spend summers at Sebec Lake, which always remained her home. She will be remembered as the kindest of women, who could make the most out of any circumstance.

She was devoted to her family, unfailingly thoughtful of the needs of others, and an always gracious hostess.

Elaine is deeply missed by her daughter, Jennifer Hartley of Portland, OR; and her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren; Richard, Nina, Tessa and Jed Hartley of Holden.

A memorial celebration will be held in the summer at Sebec Lake. Anyone wishing to honor Elaine's memory, may make donations to: Stand With Me, supporting children with orthopedic disabilities around the world. www.standwithme.org Mailing Address: Scott Mitchell, 160-7 Cedar Breeze

Virginia B. Smith

- Linwood Smith and his wife, Smith; and two granddaughters, Michelle and Lisa.

She was predeceased by a son, Maurice.

A graveside service at the family lot in Rural Grove Cemetery, Dover-Foxcroft, will be announced in the spring. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home. Condolences and memories may be expressed at She is survived by a son, www.laryfuneralhome.com.

Trees in Transition' workshop on Saturday

setting up a smooth transition beof your woodland or forest. While planning is an important part of the process of passing the land on to the next owner, this alone will not ensure that the property will be owned

PARKMAN — Woodland suc- next landowner with clear visions know the value of your woodlands? lands" at the Parkman Town Office cession planning is the process of about how it is to be managed and Do you know your options for conwhy, the land is more likely to be tween you and the future owners kept intact and managed as a legacy. This can establish a pattern for future generations.

think about the future of your land? Is it important for you to know and managed in the future as you what your woods will look like in workshop "Trees in Transition: Sucintend. When land is passed to the 10 years, or even 50 years? Do you cession Planning for Your Wood-

serving or selling your land? These questions are essential ones to consider for any landowner.

On Saturday, March 5 the Pisca-Have you taken a moment to taquis County and Somerset County Soil and Water Conservation Districts will present an engaging

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from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Trees workshop will provide detailed, useful information for landowners who have started a plan, finished a plan or haven't started a plan; for folks with a few acres to several hundred acres; and for folks who have detailed land management plans to those who are working with raw, over-rown or poorly managed land. No matter what stage you are at with your woodlands or forest, there will be something valuable for you offered at this workshop.

Workshop participants will learn about succession planning (start to finish), conservation easements for succession planning, state resources available to landowners, assessing timber value, land transfer options and much more from this fantastic lineup of expert presenters. All participants will also receive SWOAM's succession planning handbook "Creating a Legacy" and hands-on, step-by-step instructions on how to use the handbook to create a succession plan for their land.



Erica Kaufmann of the Forest So-

ciety of Maine and Gordon Moore

and Patty Cormier, district foresters

tions from all the knowledgeable

presenters and receiving the "Creat-

In addition to hearing presenta-

for the Maine Forest Service.

participants will also enjoy a delicious, hearty lunch provided by Billi Barker of the Enchanted Kitchen out of Saint Albans. Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, please contact the Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District at 564-2321 ext. 3 or info@piscataquisswcd.org.



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