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QUEEN OF THE MAT - PCHS senior Cahrey Harris concluded her Pirate wrestling career by finishing in third place at 125 pounds at the Queen of the Mat competition last month in Biddeford. Queen of the Mat was made up of female wrestlers from across Maine and New England. Harris' four years at PCHS has included helping out the next generation of Pirates by assisting with the middle school and youth teams.

## PCHS' 'Queen of the Mat' gives back to younger Pirates

By Stuart Hedstrom

Staff Writer
GUILFORD — Last month Piscataquis Community High School senior Cahrey Harris had the opportunity to wrestle for her school one ed to do it and it was somemore time by joining some of the top female grapplers from across Maine and New England at the Queen of the Mat competition held at Biddeford High School. Harris' involvement in wrestling in her community is ongoing as she has been assisting with the middle school and youth

Before a recent middle school/youth practice in the Piscataquis Community Elementary School gym, Harris explained she learned about the Queen of the Mat match through the parents of a fel-

Feb. 27 at Biddeford.

"Coach (Tom) Cyr came to us and asked if we wantthing different," Harris said. "I usually just wrestle boys."

She said the Queen of the Mat had female wrestlers from across Maine's Class A and B schools and some grapplers from other New England states. Harris competed in the 125-pound bracket and she finished in third place.

In Biddeford Harris won her opening two matches, was defeated in competition No. 3 but then won her fourth contest of the day to earn

third-place honors.
"I got a trophy," she said for coming in third at 125 pounds.

overpower you," Harris said.

The Queen of the Mat competition concluded Harris' four-year wrestling career at PCHS, where she also plays soccer and is a member of the Pirate outdoor track and field

"I started wrestling in eighth grade," she said. In high school she represented the Pirates at the Penobscot Valley Conference championships as well as the regional finals, competing in both the 113- and 120-pound brackets across the four years.

next level could be possible, encouraging some who were but she would likely have to compete at the club level.

"I just got accepted at the

low female wrestler at Penobscot Valley High School nice to wrestle someone your who was going to compete on with strength — boys usually — who is a member of the PCHS chapter of the National Honor Society — said she is looking to study business/ economics.

"This is my fourth year helping out with the middle school," Harris said. "My three brothers do it and you get to show the younger kids what you have heard and help them. We show them and walk around to correct them if they are doing it wrong and make suggestions on what

they can do. During a practice last week Harris ran the warm-up laps Harris said wrestling at the with the younger wrestlers,

> Please see Page 7, **HARRIS**

## SAD 41 fifth grade moving to Penquis Valley

6-8 in the middle school portion of the Penquis Valley School complex. During March 9, the directors approved a motion to pro-

at Milo Elementary. When content level teams.' asked Milo Elementary Prin-MILO — Starting in the cipal Julie Royal said an esfall, all grade 5 students in timated 36 fewer students next year's planned classes,

Stacy Shorey said last month administrators met with mida school board meeting on dle school and current fifth- He added, "Basically it's a grade staff. She said next five-schedule day over five year's grade 5 classrooms days and it will fall down" as ceed with the plan to move would be housed on the first the week progresses. fifth-graders from the Milo and Brownville elementary schools.

Would be incused on the Milo Bousquet said class times will vary throughout the tweaking we will definitely week, and all sessions will

tendent Michael Wright said, riculum, Shorey said, "One with the grade 5 move also of the advantages is we are helping to alleviate crowding going to have grade level and

Penquis Valley Princi-pal Jeremey Bousquet said fall, all grade 5 students in timated 50 lewer students mean planning states and students would be at the school next developed by a scheduling classes with number of grades and states are students developed by a scheduling committee, would follow "a Assistant Superintendent massive waterfall schedule, which is very complicated to hear but little easier to see.'

"It will help better utilize have enough space," she said. be 60 minutes instead of the the space up here," Superin- Speaking on grade 5 cur- current 80-minute time frame

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Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

STUDENT'S REVENGE - SeDoMoCha Middle School fifth-grader Donnie Poole earned the honor of throwing a pie at Assistant Principal Nathan Dyer after being able to recite the most digits of Pi among his grade level – 112 digits of the nonterminating ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. The Dover-Foxcroft school celebrated its fourth annual Pi Day on March 14 with the pie throwing, pie baking competitions and pie eating, hula hoop and jump rope contests. For more pictures, please see page 10.

## Dexter opts to remain with MRC for solid waste disposal beyond 2018

**By Stuart Hedstrom** Staff Writer

several months, nearly 200 communities across eastern Maine will be making decisions on the long-term future of solid waste disposal. The Dexter Town Council made its choice during a March 10 meeting by authorizing the execution of a municipal joinder agreement with the Municipal Review Committee (MRC).

The MRC — made up of 187 communities — contract with the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) in Orrington will end in 2018 and the organization intends for its members' solid waste to go to a future facility in Hampden, operated by the Maryland-based Fiberight for recycling and biofuels processing.

"I have read all the things and this seems like the best solution," Councilor Mark Robichaud said.

"If other towns are feeling this is the best way to go, I'm good," Councilor Sharon Grant added, as both Bangor and Brewer have opted to stay with the MRC on the Fiberight option.

MRC Board President Chip Reeves, who is the public



and Bangor City Manager director for a recommenda-Catherine Conlow were both tion and he told her, "Finanpresent to answer questions cially it didn't make sense for for the Dexter Town Council.

"Bangor signed on for a variety of seasons," Conlow

works director for Bar Harbor and MRC board member said. She said she asked the city manager's public works

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## Chasse named Union 60 superintendent

School Committee is pleased job. to announce Jim Chasse as the new superintendent for the 2016-17 school year. Chasse has 19 years of experience as an educational leader, most recently serving as principal of Orono High School and **DISPOSAL** | director as part of the variety

Chasse received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Maine. In addition, he attended the Executive Leadership Program at the University of Connecticut. Success- Mr. Jim Chasse on board," having also been a technology ful initiatives at his previous said Union 60 School Comschool include fine arts pro-

GREENVILLE — Union 60 of experience he brings to the gramming across disciplines, a school-supporting foundation and a foreign student tuition program.

The new superintendent will serve in a part-time capacity beginning July 1.

We are very excited to have mittee Chair Leslie Bilodeau.

## Nelson's presence fuels magical basketball times at Foxcroft, UMaine

The Sports



Penquis-area been named members of Maine Basketball Hall of Fame 2016, among them the late

sports

Dexter, former Penquis Valley of Milo player and coach Tony Hamlin, and former Foxcroft Academy stars Kevin Nelson and Dean Smith. The Observer will profile each of the honorees during the next few weeks. DOVER-FOXCROFT — Kev-

in Nelson arrived at Dover Grammar School for his first day as an

eighth-grader a bit intimidated. The lanky youngster had attended classes in his native Monson, but with school consolidation the rage of the late 1960s and early University of Maine where he led

Editor's 1970s, Dover-Foxcroft, Monson, Sebec and Charleston had combined to form SAD 68 — and Monson middle-schoolers began taking the 25-mile bus ride to school in Dover-Foxcroft beginning in the fall of 1970.

"I thought I was going to the big city," recalled Nelson, now 59 and living in Falmouth. "I'll never forget the first day of going to school in Dover. I remember stepping off the bus with all the other Monson kids and my knees were shaking. But one thing led to another, and Ed Guiski of then along came basketball sea-

Once basketball season arrived, it was Nelson who did the intimidating.

Dover won the grammar-school league championship that year, setting the stage for a memorable high school career capped off when as a 6-foot-8-inch senior Nelson led Foxcroft Academy to the 1975 Class B state championship — the only gold ball ever won by the school in that sport.

Then came four years at the

the Black Bears in rebounding for two years and also ranked among

its top scorers Nelson will be recognized for his contributions at both levels when he is inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame during an Aug. 21 ceremony at the Cross In-

surance Center in Bangor. 'It's certainly well deserved,' said Skip Hanson, Nelson's high school coach. "He was a delight to

#### The road to a championship

Nelson immediately became a local basketball sensation after joining the Dover 'A' squad coached by Gary Larson.

'I had heard stories about this kid, I think he was 6-5 at the time," said Hanson. "I remember going down to three or four of the games to watch him, and I remember telling (Foxcroft assistant coaches) Dave Clement and Dennis Kiah that by the time he's a sophomore

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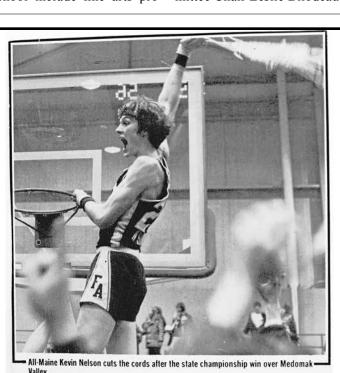


Photo courtesy of Foxcroft Academy

MAINE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE - Kevin Nelson, a 1975 graduate of Foxcroft Academy, is among the members of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 20156 The 6-foot-8 Nelson led the Ponies to the 1975 Class B state championship, pictured, for the only basketball Gold Ball in school history, and he followed his high school career by starring at the University of Maine. Nelson and the other Maine Basketball Hall of Fame inductees will be enshrined on Aug. 21 at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor.

## Sens. Collins and King announce awarding of nearly \$300,000 in grants for Dexter and Caribou airports

U.S. Sens. Susan Collins and and Dexter Regional Airport. Angus King announced that the

"Maine's airports are import- Dexter Regional Airport and U.S. Department of Transporta- ant hubs for commerce, tourism Caribou tion (DOT) has awarded a total and economic development in make critical improvements

Municipal Airport

support the construction of a will outline objectives for its fu- Administration, of \$296,260 in grant funding to our state," Sens. Collins and and ensure the facilities can 200-foot taxilane to provide acture development. This updated within the DOT.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — the Caribou Municipal Airport King said in a joint statement. adequately support the regions cess to aircraft hangars. Dexter plan will also include a wildlife Regional Airport will receive hazard assessment study. The Caribou Municipal Airport will receive \$217,935 to support an updated master plan for the airport that

The funding is awarded through the Federal Aviation



Photo courtesy of Sarah Elizabeth Palmer Tent #23 Press Agency Nancy Battick

**HONORING THE PAST PRESIDENT** — Past President Carmen Smith, right, of Sara Elizabeth Palmer Tent #23, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War recently was honored with a Past President badge and pin. Current President Jennifer Sylvain presented the pin in recognition of Smith's years of service to the Tent.

## Kiwanis cribbage tourney set

Kiwanis' next cribbage tour- vided between the first- and ney is scheduled for Saturday, second-place winners and March 19 at 1 p.m. All crib- the other half will go toward bage lovers are invited to the worthwhile Kiwanis projects. Kiwanis Headquarters in the So bring a favorite cribbage Milo Business Park at 24 Gerboard and cards and join an rish Road. The play of cards afternoon of fun. For further will commence at 1 p.m. sharp. information, contact Tom Har-

MILO — The Three Rivers \$10, half of which will be di-The entrance donation is rigan at 943-3675.



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at the high school and 40 minutes a class at the middle school level. "One of the advantages is it puts all of our kids, 5-12, on the same bell schedule," he said. Bousquet said there will also be time during the day for extra help, clubs to meet, science classed to have longer labs and more.

'We're fitting it in the same time we have now, starting at 8 o'clock and ending at 2:30," he said.

Shorey said a few items still to be addressed with the grade 5 move are room assignments, another resource storage and lockers.

Wright was asked about the portables at Milo Elementary. He said a decision on these structures will be made in the future "as part of that bigger plan and we don't know yet."
The superintendent said

last month the district administrators met to discuss a larger realignment plan. "There was a general consensus the direction we ought to move forward is the big picture and the big picture is a pre-K to grade 12 facility here on campus," Wright said.

to the regular meeting gave the school the opportunity to capital improvement committee will be meeting on Thurs- year," Wright said. day, March 17 at 6 p.m. at the

Arthur Herbest said.

budget process and have asked principals to identify needs for next year."

He said news reports ear-lier in the day informed of a bill to provide \$15 million more for education and how this would affect SAD 41 remains to be determined. "On the preliminary information, we received \$89,000 more than last year," Wright said. He said this additional funding is for the district room teacher and student as a whole "and there are so many factors that come into the budget," as district offi-cials will develop the spending plan over the ensuing few

> Wright said later on the agenda would be four retirements at Penquis Valley. "All of these positions we have put out advertisements for and all of them we have folders of applications for some more than others," he

The school board later OKed the retirements of history teacher Russ Car-A board workshop prior ey, Spanish teacher Geoff Gilette, English teacher Chris Hamlin and Athletic learn more about long-term Director Tony Hamlin. "We options for the district. The have plaques for all people who retire at the end of the

With spring sports starting

ery will be the baseball head In other business, Wright coach, Erin Allen will lead said, "We have started the the softball team, Carey will serve as the tennis coach and Mike Orcut will be the track head coach with Sasha Bladen serving as the assistant. Jeremy Durost was appointed as the middle school baseball coach and Crystal Cail will be the middle school softball coach.

In his report to the school board, Bousquet said he wanted to address the status of a Penquis Valley student. "As many of you know we had a student who got in a pretty bad auto accident on Saturday," Bousquet said.

The principal said staff met and decided to not have an all-school assembly, in part because there is still a great deal of unknown information. 'At the end of the day there's a student 47 miles away in the ICU and that's how we should react," he said.

On the morning of March 9, Bousquet made a post on the Penquis Valley Facebook page about the student using the pupils' initials D.P. The principal wrote, "I wanted to take a second and update everyone and provide some points of clarity on the known status of D.P. This is not an easy situation and (there are) a lot of unknowns with D.P. and the current situation. To date we know that D.P. had a serious car accident, he has sustained multiple injuries. He is currently on the 8th floor ICU unit at EMMC. He is stable, he is neither improving or declining. Some tough roads are ahead for family and friends of D.P., and Penquis will be here to support in any way we can.

In the constant battle to provide correct and accurate information I want to take a moment to clarify some things. An in-house crisis team has been available for our staff and students as they process through this event. We have staff on call if the needs present themselves for further help. We have been ready and communicating with the family everyday and many key staff have spent countless hours with the family and friends of D.P. This is

Husqvarna VIKING

Marion C. Cook School in in several weeks, the board not an easy situation and we LaGrange "to continue with the process," Board Chair For the high school Nick Emwhat we need to with getting through this situation. Let's not lose sight with what this is about, and instead of dividing a school and community, come together to support this student and our school community in this time of need."

Bousquet wrote that students who have questions or needs, wants or would like someone to talk to, to please contact him or the guidance department. Bousquet asked that they not resort to social media to perpetuate the cycle of misinformation or falsifications and untruths.

The principal also said the second annual Coaches vs. Cancer benefit basketball game will be taking place at Piscataquis Community High School in Guilford on Saturday, March 19 at 5 p.m. 'There was such a great success with that last year, they are doing it again," Bousquet

The game raises funds for the Aliza Jean Family Cancer Foundation, "and they were the first ones to reach out to the Mills family," Bousquet said. The 2015 Coaches vs. Cancer event took place at Penquis Valley with proceeds benefitting the family — through the Aliza Jean Family Cancer Foundation — of then sixth-grader Zak Mills.

'If you want to make a donation you can drop it off at the school or go to the game on the 19th," Bousquet said.

## Marine **Maritime** dean's list

CASTINE — A half dozen students from the region were named to the first semester dean's list at Maine Maritime Academy. The honorees are Eli Olson of Charleston, who is majoring in marine transportation operations; Luke Olson of Charleston, marine transportation operations; Cody Coiley of Dover-Foxcroft, international business & logistics; Tristan Richards of Greenville, marine engineering technology; Henry Hersey of Greenville Jct, marine engineering technology; and Clayton Carroll of Sebec, marine engineering operations.







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## Smith named to dean's list at

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# Northwestern Ohio

LIMA, Ohio — The Uni- dean's list for the January versity of Northwestern Ohio sproud to acknowledge of Applied Technologies. That Drew A. Smith of Do-Smith is a 2015 graduate of ver-Foxcroft has made the Foxcroft Academy.

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2016 – 6:30 PM** 

The Town of Dover-Foxcroft Board of Selectmen will hold a public

hearing on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Municipal

Building Meeting Room located at 48 Morton Avenue to hear public

comment on the Proposed Dover-Foxcroft Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Municipal

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#### TOWN OF DOVER-FOXCROFT **MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016 – 6:30 PM**

The Town of Dover-Foxcroft Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing during their regular meeting on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Municipal Building located at 48 Morton Avenue, Dover-Foxcroft to hear public comment on Proposed Amendments to the Town of Dover-Foxcroft Ordinance Pertaining to the Operation of Vehicles on Town Ways. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Copies of the proposed amendments are available at the town office.

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**BEING READY IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY** – Disaster plans researched by SeDoMoCha Middle School eighth-graders were on display at an evening presentation at the Thompson Free Library in Dover-Foxcroft on March 10. In Kassaundra Foster's, pictured far right, English/Language Arts class the students wrote essays on how to be prepared for an emergency situation and the pupils created informative posters based on their writings. On hand March 10 was Piscataquis County Emergency Management Agency Director Tom Capraro and Administrative Assistant Brenda Clawson.



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

 Information on how to survive being lost in the woods, coping with a blizzard and getting through a flood were some of the poster subjects of SeDoMoCha Middle School eighth-graders on display at the Thompson Free Library in Dover-Foxcroft on the evening of March 10. The night's presentation included survival books talks with Michelle Fagan of the library.

## Moosehead Lake Brand Leadership Team to hold community update meeting March 23

Moosehead Lake Brand Leadership Team (BLT) will hold a

Moosehead Lake region.

Starting in October of meeting on Wednesday, March 2014, the Moosehead Lake 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Cen-ter for Moosehead History to ment Council (MLREDC) update community members sponsored a branding initia-

The Branding Initiative produced 42 recommendations team in partnership with the

the final report.

The goals of this effort are including the formation of a to increase the number of Brand Leadership Team. The visitors to the region and improve their experience by ac-MLREDC is working dili- cessing previously hidden or on the progress in implement- tive under the guidance of gently to fundraise and imple- unknown natural environment to healthier households; and www.mooseheadlakeedc.com.

The ing the branding effort for the Roger Brooks International, ment the recommendations of features; increasing employ- increasing access, awareness ment opportunities and increasing household incomes natural environment. through greater economic activity and realizing the related benefit of increasing

and appreciation of pristine

The public is encouraged to attend the meeting. Refreshments will be served. For household incomes that leads more information, please go to

# Creative Options open house on Thursday

DOVER-FOXCROFT Creative Options will host a coaching. grand opening/open house on Thursday, March 17 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the second floor location at 164 East Main Street.

agency owned and operated by Lynn Reed-Augustine. Reed-Augustine and her staff will provide services and supports to adults with intellectual disabilities throughout Piscataquis and Penobscot counties from the Dover-Foxcroft office. Services offered will include shared living or adult foster care, home support or two-person supported living, communi- on Thursday.

ty support and work support/job

Reed-Augustine has been providing these supports for the past 20 years and is excited to be starting her own agency. Creative Options is a new Her company is based on the premise that people should have choices and options in terms of who will provide their support. She plans to be responsive, supportive and focus on providing quality services.

Those interested in learning more should feel free to stop by. Creative Options is also looking for DSP's and shared living providers. Lunch will be provided

## Library book sale marks the arrival of spring

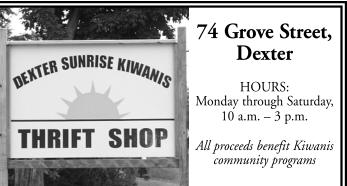
DOVER-FOXCROFT — A from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Included in 'Spring IS Coming" 10-cent book the sale are weeded and donated sale will take place at the Thompson Free Library, 186 East Main March 17 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; on Friday, March 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, March 19

pre-read hardcovers and paperback books, children's and young Street. The sale runs on Thursday, adult books, audiobooks, videos and DVDs, cookbooks and jigsaw puzzles. Please call the library at 564-3350 for more information.

#### Stevens named to RPI dean's list

vens of Dover-Foxcroft has been the fall 2015 semester. Stevens is named to the dean's list at Rens- a graduate of Foxcroft Academy.

TROY, N.Y. — Alexander Ste-selaer Polytechnic Institute for



## Riitano earned highest honors at UMPI

PRESQUE ISLE — Abi- ceived highest honors at the gail Mae Riitano, of Abbot University of Maine at Prand a graduate of Piscataquis esque Isle for the fall 2015 Community High School, re- semester.









**Annual Town** Meeting March 21 at 7pm **Atkinson Town Hall** 



for kids

Dover-Foxcroft Subway 1010 W. Main St.

Saturday, March 19th • Noon - 3pm.





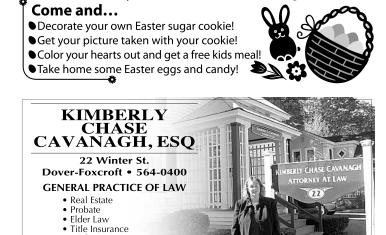
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## Landowners invited to participate in natural resource assessment survey

ter Conservation Districts sources. (SWCDs), in cooperation ment (NRA) across the state. The goal is to determine natthat districts and the NRCS can assist landowners, pro-

DOVER-FOXCROFT

Linus Blanket Day will be

held on April 30 at the Pen-

quis Higher Education Center

from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Do-

group will be serving coffee,

To gather this informawith the USDA-Natural Re- tion, SWCDs have distribsources Conservation Ser- uted a statewide survey and vice (NRCS), are conducting are holding local meetings a natural resources assess- to document natural resource conservation concerns and to build on the data collected ural resource priorities so in the first assessment, completed in 2011. The priorities articulated in the survey and fessionals and municipali- meetings will inform state ties with best management and local natural resource practices that protect and programs and funding oppor-

Plans being made

for 2016 Project

Linus Day

The 2016 Community Project hoo.com or Piscataquis Coun-

ver-Foxcroft Congregational security, warmth and comfort

Church Women's Fellowship to children who are seriously

snacks and lunch. For more need through the gifts of new,

information please contact handmade, washable blankets Piscataquis County Co-Coorand afghans, lovingly crafted

dinator Judy at 564-2246 or by volunteer blanketeers.

year cycle.

Preliminary survey results be available at a meeting at the Abbot Town Office on March 31 from 2-4 p.m. Join trict-locations. friends and neighbors at this meeting for a discussion about protecting Maine's natural resources. SWCDs encourage farmers, woodland owners, resource professionals and members of the general public to take advantage of this opportunity to make your voice heard.

Surveys may also be completed by March 31 to be eli- March 21.

Maine's Soil and Wa- improve land and water re- tunities in the coming five gible for a prize. The survey may be accessed at https:// www.surveymonkey.com/r/ for Piscataquis County will JQ5GPL5, and paper copies are available at maineconservationdistricts.com/dis-

information For more and to RSVP for the meeting, please contact the Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District (PCSWCD) at info@ piscataquisswcd.org or 564-2321, extension 3. For an accommodation, please notify Joanna Tarrazi at the PCSWCD office by Monday,

## PCSS to host Coaches vs. Cancer basketball game

coaches from around centhe Piscataquis Community Secondary School gymnasi-um Saturday, March 19, for the second annual Coaches vs. Cancer benefit basketball

The game, scheduled for a 5 p.m. tipoff, will raise funds for the Aliza Jean Family Cancer Foundation.

That foundation was created in the aftermath of the January 2013 death of 13-year-old Aliza Jean Stutzman of Harmony after an eight-month battle with brain cancer. Aliza was an eighth-grader who was an avid basketball player and fan, and she was set to attend Dexter Regional High School and play basketball for the Tigers until her diagnosis.

The foundation, which has raised approximately \$50,000

GUILFORD — Basketball since its inception, was created by Aliza's parents, Craig tral Maine will converge on and Karen Stutzman, to benefit Maine families coping with cancer. Craig Stutzman works for SAD 4 in Guilford as a speech therapist.

The inaugural Coaches vs. Cancer game was held last year at Penquis Valley High School in Milo and raised funds to benefit Zak Mills of LaGrange — the son of Penquis boys basketball coach Jason Mills — as he battled bone cancer throughout 2015.

Approximately \$11,000 was generated from the game and surrounding activities, with about \$6,000 raised at the game.

The Aliza Jean Family Cancer Foundation was one of the first groups to donate a sizable check to the Mills family when Zak began his fight against cancer.

## Disposal -

us to do anything different,"" as Fiberight has been quoting towns \$20 less per ton than

"We ended up \$4.2 million ahead with the MRC-Fiberight deal," she said. Conlow added that the Bangor City Council was concerned that the proposed Fiberight facility has not yet been built, but decided there is risk with either option and the MRC is stronger with its member

towns staying together. Reeves said Bar Harbor took a different approach as town officials focused on the technology of Fiberight's solid waste recycling and biofuels processing. Reeves said that in addition to the financial advantages of the Fiberight proposal, the Bar Harbor Town Council felt the option was "the right thing to do" with waste being reused and not shipped to a landfill and the councilors thought it best to remain the other MRC members

In other business, the council accepted the low bid of a little more than \$478,000 from B and B Paving of Hermon for the paving contracts for the Silvers Mills Road, Zions Hill Road and the Airport Road. The motion also included an expenditure of up to \$12,000 for a project consultant.

Town Manager Shelley Watson said a consultant is being sought because "when you are spending half a million dollars you want to be fire. sure you are getting the quality work you bid out." She Dexter had a half dozen dairy mate she got was \$88 an hour of an era.'

for 10 12-hour days, which equals \$10,560 or a little less than the up to \$12,000 ap-

In her report, Watson mentioned several items. "First I would like to congratulate Russ Titus for being the oldest citizen," she said. The 97-year-old resident had recently been presented with the Boston Post Cane to mark the distinction as Dexter's most senior citizen.

The Maine Red Hot Dog Festival is going along real well, it's looking like it's going to be huge day for Dexter," Watson said about the inaugural event being planned by the Dexter Revitalization Committee for Saturday, Aug. 13. Watson added that she wanted to thank the festival volunteers for the countless hours they are put-

The town manager said meetings have been taking place with the various department heads "to go over their needs, wants and wishes" as the next fiscal year's budget is being developed.

During the meeting's ending open session, Councilor Fred Sherburne said he wanted the public to be aware that the last dairy farm in town was destroyed in a fire earlier in the week. The blaze destroyed the two-story farmhouse and attached barn and all the milking equipment and farm machinery at Kenny Trafton's 80-cow farm on the Upper Garland Road — several dozen cows died in the

Sherburne said in the 1930s explained a consulting esti- farms and now "it's the end

#### Metzger earns nursing degree

SALT LAKE CITY — Sally its 30th semi-annual commence-Metzger of Milo has received ment ceremony in Orlando, Fla. her bachelor of science in nurs- on Feb. 6 and celebrated the ing from Western Governors graduation of more than 7,300 University. The university held

## Morrison named to Bucknell dean's list

LEWISBURG, Pa. — Elizabeth Morrison of Dover-Foxcroft was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University during the fall semester. Morrison is in the Bucknell Class of 2019, and she is a 2015 graduate of Foxcroft Academy.

### **UMF** dean's list

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FARMINGTON — Seven students from the region were named to the fall dean's list at the University of Maine-Farmington. The honorees are Ashley Goodine of Atkinson, Darci Perkins of Dexter, Anna Hanof Guilford, Paige Northup of

sen and Hailey Wellington of Dover-Foxcroft, Abby Burdin Parkman and Courtney Richardson of Sangerville.

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# Beware of IRS scam during tax filing season

rings. The caller ID displays "Internal Revenue Service, "U.S. Department of Trea-



ton, D.Č., recipient of the call picks up the phone and is told that he or she owes back taxes to the IRS and must pay up immedian authentic IRS employee and may even recite a badge number. Confused and frightened by the callers' threats of arrest, foreclosure, or other adverse legal action, the call recipient is coerced into paying thousands of dollars that he or she does not owe.

Too often, this is the situation faced by the numerous victims of the IRS impersonation scam, many of whom Nation's Seniors. The guide are seniors. The Treasury Inis tasked with preventing

scam "the largest, most pervasive impersonation scam in the history of the IRS." Between October 2013 and February 2016, TIGTA received more than 950,000 complaints regarding this scam. In addition, TIGTA is aware of more than 5,300 victims who have collectively paid over \$28 million to these con

Putting a stop to aggresarea code. Concerned, the sive and ruthless scams such as the IRS impersonation scam is among my highest priorities as chairman of the Senate Aging Committee. ately. The caller sounds like The Committee maintains a Fraud Hotline (1-855-303-9470) that serves as a resource for scam victims and documents reports of fraud. Based on the data collected by the Fraud Hotline, the Aging Committee recently unveiled a comprehensive anti-fraud resource guide titled, Fighting Fraud: U.S. Senate Aging Committee Identifies Top 10 Scams Targeting Our linquent on their taxes, they contains tips on ways to personation scam, which was of whether or not they owe ensure that our seniors and

IRS impersonation scam phone calls often involve a disguised, or "spoofed," caller ID to make the victim believe that the call is coming from the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the IRS. Scammers' phone calls often appear to originate from the "202" area code, or Washington, D.C., where the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the IRS are headquartered. These scammers then threaten retaliation, such as home foreclosure and even arrest, if payment of "back taxes" is not made. Seniors and others should remain vigilant about this scam, particularly in the midst of tax season when it is

particularly prevalent. With this scam reaching epidemic proportions across the country, the IRS has released several tips to help taxpayers identify suspicious calls that may be part of a scam. Although the IRS may call individuals who are dewill only do so after contacting a taxpayer by mail first.

rectly at 1-800-829-1040. In tect themselves against these addition, the IRS will never cruel crimes. Efforts to inask for a credit or debit card number over the phone, or threaten to send local police or other law enforcement to have a taxpayer arrested. The of 400 calls, up from 50 calls, IRS will also never request any personal or financial information by e-mail, text, or any social media. Moreover, it is important to note that the IRS will never demand that a taxpayer pay without giving the opportunity to question or appeal the amount claimed to be owed.

An important part of combating these scams is ensuring that our law enforcement officials pursue these criminals. Since some of these scams originate overseas, that can require an international effort. Last April, I chaired an Aging Committee hearing that examined IRS impersonation scams and efforts by law enforcement to find and prosecute all those involved. Education also plays a vital role in protecting seniors from being spector General for Tax Ad- identify and avoid common Individuals who receive one scammed in the first place. ministration (TIGTA), which scams, including the IRS im- of these calls and are unsure I am working with AARP to

crease awareness of the IRS impersonation scam are having a positive effect: it now takes con artists an average to find a victim, but obviously that still translates into far too many people scammed of their savings.

fraud, waste, and abuse with- listed as the most prevalent taxes should hang up imme- their caregivers have the in- expected call from someone diately and call the IRS di- formation they need to pro- claiming to be from the IRS should report it to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484 or www. TIGTA.gov, the Aging Committee's Fraud Hotline, and local law enforcement. To request a copy of the Aging Committee's Fighting Fraud book, please call the Aging neir savings.

Committee's Fraud Hotline at 1-855-303-9470.

# Learning about Maine

To the editor:

Good morning! My name is Kaiden M. I am a fifth-grade student in Mrs. Newlin's social studies class at Harlan Intermediate School in Harlan, Iowa. My class is studying the geography and history of the United States. I am excited to learn more about your beautiful state of Maine.

I would really appreciate it if you would send me pictures,

postcards, information, or souvenirs on your wonderful state. My teacher would like a car license plate, if possible, for a school project. I really appreciate your time and look forward to learning more about your amazing state!

Thank you!

Kaiden M. Mrs. Newlin's Class 1401 19th St. Harlan, Iowa 51537

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# Senior Companion Program: a win-win for givers and receivers

The loss of independence due to the inability to drive anymore is a serious concern of many seniors. There are few alternatives available to them due to the lack of public transportation in many areas. Family members often live too far away to help. If you are an elderly person in a rural area, this situation can result in isolation and loneliness, which, studies have shown, can seriously affect mental and physical health. The need for socialization, recreation and friendship is very important as we age.

So, it is good to know that the Senior Companion Program, a part of the University of Maine's Center on Aging, is available to help homebound elders and other isolated adults improve social and recreational contact, form new friendships, help with minor transportation needs, and assist with small tasks. Volunteer companions making new friends, and helping are the friendly faces needed in such situations. Fortunately, this service is free for people of all income levels.



speak with Watson me recently about the requirements to become a companion volunteer. A senior companion must be 55 years of age or older, in good health, drive his or her own car, and be considered as having a low income. Most often, volunteers receive Social Security,

SSI and are retired. 'Our volunteers are interested in helping others and enjoy the friendships that come as a result of their work," Watson commented. The interest in volunteering arises following retirement when fulfilling a purpose, others become important. Being out with people and helping others has been found to foster good mental and physical health.

panion, said, "Being a volunteer with the Senior Companion Program has helped to enrich my life. I have made new friends, and I look forward to spending time with them." Senior companions visit several homebound individuals for a total of 15 or more hours per week helping others as they help themselves.

"There are many practical benefits for a volunteer," Watson explained. Senior companions receive a tax-free "volunteer" stipend that does not affect eligibility for government benefits such as, food stamps, SSI and subsidized housing. There is mileage reimbursement to help with volunteer transportation expenses. A senior companion earns paid vacation, sick and holiday time and receives supplemental accident members of elders receiving

Each month, senior companion volunteers participate in a paid monthly training at a centralized location. The four-hour event allows volunteers time to meet other volunteers, socialize and acquire as well as share information and techniques to help their clients.

Senior companions and their clients can go shopping, out for lunch or to other community activities together. They can play cards, games, reminisce or take a walk. A client may need assistance from a volunteer with writing letters, reading mail, filling out forms or planning a home budget. Activities can be as varied as the activities of life itself. It's about fun, friendship, and, sometimes education.
Watson reported, "Family

**Births** 

senior companion services have you can call Watson toll-free reported the companionship as at 1-800-287-1495 to make an a life- changing experience for their loved ones." Mrs. King, a recipient of the program, reported, "The Senior Companion Program has given me an opportunity to enjoy my community more and a feeling of freedom. Just having someone to talk to breaks up the monotony of being alone all the time."

On Wednesday, March 23 at p.m. at the Abbott Memorial Library in Dexter, Gail Watson will present more information for those wanting to become a senior companion volunteer and for family members and friends of folks in need of a companion. Experienced senior companion Ed Morrissey will be there to speak of his experience as a vol-

If you are unable to attend,

appointment to meet with her. If you are a Penobscot County resident, she can also inform you about the Senior Companion Program as it exists in that county either at the March 23 meeting or on the telephone. To pre-register for this presentation on March 23, call Liz Breault at the Abbott Memorial Library at 924-7292. Walk-ins are also welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

## Spring program to help caregivers

GREENVILLE — The Savvy Caregiver Program is designed to train caregivers in the basic knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to handle the challenges of caring for a family member with memory loss, dementia or Alzheimer's disease to be an effective caregiver.

This is a 12-hour training program/course that is delivered in two hour sessions over a period of six weeks.. The program focuses on helping caregivers think about their situation objectively and providing them with the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to manage stress and carry out the caregiving role effectively. Research has demonstrated significant positive outcomes for caregivers who par-

ticipated in the program.

The Savvy Caregiver Program training is being offered on Tuesdays May 3, 10, 17 and 24 and June 7 and 14 at C. A. Dean Memorial Hospital from 1-3 p.m. Please contact Eastern Area Agency on Aging at 941-2865 to register.

## **GFWC/Miosac** Club news

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The GFWC/Miosac Club met at Thayer Parkway March 1. Elaine Larson introduced Trish Smith from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service. Smith is a master gardener and works at the Cooperative Extension Office.

She explained how she became interested in gardening. As a child, her parents planted and harvested and the children were expected to help out. Smith worked at a flower shop until it closed and then she was hired at Cooperative Extension. She explained the many services Cooperative Extensions offers, as well as planting and when to start seedlings.

President Vicki Moschella called the meeting to order, welcoming members and thanking hostesses Diane Leighton and RoxyMc-Glauflin. Anne Cress led the Club Collect, American's Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minnie McCormick took roll call with 12 members present and read the minutes of the last meeting. Roxy McGlauflin read a thank you note from Dot Finnemore.

Elaine Larson announced the local art show to be April 3 at the Congregational Church from 1:30-3:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend, refreshments will be served. Schools from Greenville, Guilford, Milo and Dover-Foxcroft will be displaying their artworks. Suzette East will again be the judge. Local Kiwanis clubs provide money for prizes. The District 3 Art Show will be held at Jeff's Catering in Brewer on April 9.

Cress, who is chairman of the ice out committee, accepted money and tickets from those who had sold theirs. Ticket s will be sold until March 31, and the person who

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Thursday, March 17 — Fish burger, potato wedges, coleslaw

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Wednesday, March 23 -

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toes, green beans, roll and mo-

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**GETTING READY TO GARDEN** - Trisha Smith, left and a master gardener who works for University of Maine Cooperative Extension, spoke to the Club GFWC/Miosac on March 1. Smith was introduced Larson, right.

guesses the correct time and date will win \$100. The contest is a big fundraiser for the club to carry on its many activities.

Moschella announced Maud McKenzie Scholarship and interest free loan forms are available and students are encouraged to speak with their guidance counselors.

Toys for Mayo Regional Hospital were on display. Members sewed some at home and will continue to do so.

The meeting was adjourned and delicious refreshments were served by Leighton and McGlauflin on a seacoast decorated table.

Moschella reminded members of the GFWC state photography contest and encouraged members to participate.

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#### Among recent births recorded at Mayo Regional Hospital in Do-Addalyn Dimeo, born on Feb. 6, 2016, to Jessica Nicole Shepherd

ver-Foxcroft were: **AKERSON** — A daughter, BethanyLin Marie Akerson, born A daughter,

on Feb. 24, 2016, to JaymeLynn Ashley and Harlan James Akerson of Dover-Foxcroft; joining siblings RihonnaLyn and Bryson. Maternal grandparents are Keith Smith and Linda Oakes of Dexter. Paternal grandparents are Harland and Rita Akerson of Dexter.

**BURNES** — Twin sons, Alan Jeffrey III and Jack George Burnes, born on Jan. 30, 2016, to Kristina P. and Alan J. Jr. Burnes of Dover-Foxcroft; joining siblings Mary and Lois. Maternal grandparent is Natalia Petrova of Russia. Paternal grandparents are Karen Burnes and

and Nathan Eric Dimeo of Dexter. Maternal grandparents are Brian and Tina Shepherd of New Hampton, NH. Paternal grandparents are Brenda and Daniel Dimeo of Dixmont, ME. Great-grandparents are Lee and Judy Manning of Yuma, AZ; Arthur and Rita Shepherd of Hudson, NH; and Emma Dimeo of Providence, RI. MACIAS — A son, Daniel Macias born, on Feb. 10, 2016, to

Makayla Jo Leathers and Erick Macias of Harmony; joining sibling Layla. Maternal grandparent is julie Leathers of Harmony. Great-grandparent is Shirley White of Sanger-

McKUSICK — A daughter, Iris Ron Lister of Westport, MA. Elizabeth Scott McKusick, born DIMEO — A daughter, Dakota on Feb. 25, 2016, to Kathrine E.

Scott of Sangerville and Matthew R. McKusick of Guilford. Maternal grandparents are Brooke E. Scott of Guilford, and Terry L. Thompson of Waterville. Paternal grandparents are Christine and Sean McMillen of Parkman; and Kenneth McKusick of Guilford. Great-grandparents are Sandra Scott of Sangerville; John and Sharon McKusick of Abbot; David Fairbanks and Chyral Jonas of Wellington; and Cathy Fairbanks of Norton, MA.

VARNUM — A daughter, Em-

ber Beth Varnum, born on Feb. 2, 2016, to Katie Ruth Varnum of Bowerbank; joining older brother, Owen Chance Varnum. Maternal grandparent is Ruth Varnum of Bowerbank. Paternal grandparent is Helen Hetzel Burney of Masaryktown, FL. Great-grandparent is Ruth Nason of Dover-Foxcroft.

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March 16, 2016

# Former UMaine football players remain teammates in motivation for students

By Ernie Clark

Staff Writer DEXTER — Their profession-Mike DeVito and Matt Mulligan in different directions for much of the last decade.

But the former teammates at the University of Maine and with the NFL's New York Jets have remained best friends and teammates in the truest sense.

They train together during the offseason, swapping off workout sessions at DeVito's home in Hampden and Mulligan's home in Lincoln to the point that both are considered among the NFL's strongest players.

They also share a calling as motivational speakers to middle school and high school students around the region, offering a message blending DeVito's focus on discipline and determination with Mulligan's exhortation for the youth of Maine not to let a small-town upbringing be anything other than an asset in pur-

suing big-time dreams.
"The thing that has always impressed me with Matt is that he can come in with no preparation and bring that message across every time, whereas I have to sit down and form it out," said De-Vito, who was born in New York but graduated from Nauset Regional High School in Eastham, Massachusetts

'This has kind of come together organically just because of the different speaking styles we have, but they complement each other really well and we've done it so many times that now we have it down."

Mulligan estimates he and De-Vito have visited 20 to 30 schools since making their first joint appearance before a group of mid-dle-school students in Hampden several years ago.

"We just loved it so much it snowballed from there," he said. When students arrived at Guiski Gymnasium on March 10 to

hear the 30-minute presentation class at Dexter Regional High seasons before spending the last affect someone's life to take that

work and hope resonated.

One thing I took out of this al football careers have taken was Matt describing how he grew up in a small town," said Dexter junior Zach White. "I live in Exeter, which is probably even smaller, and I've been told my entire life — not specifically by family members but by the public — that it's too small, Maine's too small, you can't go where you want to go. I bought into that

"It's just been recently that I've been trying to realize I might be able to make a career in sports broadcasting if I put my mind to it and the message they had today just gives me so much more confidence. The confidence they've given me to keep going because you can do it and it's not where you come from but it's what you have inside you, that's the big message I got.

Profiles in perseverance

That DeVito is approaching his 10th season as an NFL defensive lineman while Mulligan is pursuing his ninth season at tight end is the professional foundation on which their presentations are

Neither was drafted after completing his college career at the University of Maine, though De-Vito was a two-time all-conference honoree.

Mulligan, meanwhile, grew up in West Enfield and graduated from Penobscot Valley High School in Howland, where he starred in basketball during the winter and played soccer in the — the school has no football

Mulligan then went to Husson University in Bangor with an eye toward basketball, but he also played football for the first time before transferring to the University of Maine, where he made 23 pass receptions for 268 yards in two seasons.

The 6-foot-3, 305-pound De-Vito signed a free agent contract with the New York Jets in set up by the sports management 2007 and played there for six

School, the message of hard three years with the Kansas City Chiefs. The 2015 campaign was one of his best, with 19 tackles and three quarterback sacks after DeVito missed nearly the entire 2014 season due to a torn Achilles tendon.

Mulligan's NFL resume, like his introduction to the sport, has been more circuitous. Since signing his first contract with the Miami Dolphins in 2008, he also has spent time with the Tennessee Titans (twice), New York Jets, St. Louis Rams, Green Bay Packers, New England Patriots, Chicago Bears, Arizona Cardinals and last season the Buffalo Bills.

Known as a blocking tight end, the 6-foot-4, 270-pound tight end has 17 catches — two for touchdowns — during his career to

Both now are free agents in their early 30s, their immediate football futures unclear until they sign their next contracts. They are using some of the same principles they share with their student audiences to cope with their uncertain job status.

'The most important thing is creating certainty in your life," said DeVito. "My faith, my wife, my son, they're always going to be there, that's the certainty I focus on, and then you let football play itself out. Football is secondary to those other things, so my priorities and intentions are set on those other three things and whatever happens with football is obviously important but it's not the ultimate thing.'

Mulligan is even more accustomed to the uncertainty, but has displayed considerable staying power while amassing one of the NFL's larger jersey collections.

He finds the opportunity to use his own professional perseverance as encouragement for the next generation to be a productive and satisfying way to ameliorate any job-related stress as well as a chance to give back.

'There is a responsibility, I think, when you're in the limelight and have an opportunity to



THE NFL COMES TO DEXTER – Former University of Maine football standouts Mike DeVito and Matt Mulligan took time out to pose for a photo with members of Dexter Regional High School's Sports Management class on March 10 following a lunch after the players addressed the Dexter student body. From left are David Kirshkaln, Brayden Miller, Nate Bourdeau, David McKenney, Devito, Mulligan, Zach White, Kolby Kain, Skyler Theodore, Chandler Perkins, Mulligan's wife, Stephanie Mulligan and Kamden Bell.

very seriously," said Mulligan. "I was brought up here and the state of Maine formed and shaped me, and now for me to give back in whatever capacity I can is extremely important. It's something you should want to do, but at the same time I'm indebted and it's something I should be doing.'

The audiences in Dexter appreciated the message within the

"It's great to know that they go way back and know each other from college and still stay friends and that you can have somebody like that in your entire life," said Dexter senior Kolby Kain. "I really liked how they didn't talk just about football but about applying this with all of your life and family and your career and not just sports.

Right now I'm hearing it from my parents that you're going on to college and your life is starting, and I kind of blow it off because it's from my parents and I hear it all the time. To hear it from somebody else really hits



Photo courtesy of Teresa Brzustowicz

**HARD WORK PAYS OFF** – Junior Tyler White addresses the student body at Dexter Regional High School while University of Maine football standouts Mike DeVito, left, and Matt Mulligan look on last week. The two players shared their stories of perseverance in making it to the National Football League.

# Clark honored by MABC with Media Award

Coaches (MABC) present-Clark of Dover-Foxcroft. The award for outstanding coverage of Maine high school basketball was presented at dio station in Bangor. the 2016 Maine McDonald's High School Senior All-Star Basketball Games awards banquet on March 11.

Clark has covered Maine high school sports as a reporter and broadcaster for three decades. He has worked as

a sports reporter and editor at Morning Sentinel Waterville, editor Maine Round-Ball Magazine, host



of a sports talk show for WZON radio

BANGOR — The Maine mentator and interviewer for tional high school basketball Association of Basketball Maine Public Broadcasting reporting." Network's coverage of the ed its Media Award to Ernie high school basketball tournaments and more recently tion, the Maine Association has been a contributor to the 92.9 The Ticket all-sports ra-

Now a sports reporter for the Bangor Daily News and Piscataquis Observer, covering primarily high school sports, Clark is a four-time recipient of the Maine Sportswriter of the Year award as presented by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. He was a 2015 inductee into the New England Basketball Hall of

'The MABC would like to thank Ernie Clark for his coverage of Maine high school riches. Graduating from the basketball for more than 30 University of Maine with years," said Peter Murray, bachelor's degrees in history MABC president. "We are and journalism, he has spent honoring Ernie this weekend with MABC's Media Award in Bangor and color com- for his commitment to excep-

Clark has been recognized by the Maine Press Associaof Broadcasters and the New England Associated Press News Executives Association. He has been honored by the New England Intercollegiate Soccer League, USA Track and Field Racewalking and the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

A graduate of Foxcroft Academy, Clark likes to say his impact as a guard on Pony varsity basketball teams that compiled a 10-26 record during his twoyear career helped lead him to seek another pathway to more than three decades as a sportswriter and broadcaster in central and eastern Maine.

The area was well represent- nett and Littlefield were Senior ed on the 2015-16 Penobscot All-Star Game selections, and Valley Conference (PVC) Class one of the two coaches for the C/D All-Conference Team.

Megan Peach of Dexter Regional High School and Pis-Community High School's Jordynne Littlefield were both named to the Girls' First Team

Delanie Bennett of PCHS was chosen for the Second Team, and Katie Batron of Dexter was a Third Team selection.

The PVC defensive picks include Abbey Webber of Dexter, Amy Carrier of Greenville High School, Lexi Harris of PCHS and Jordan Durant of Penquis Valley High School.

Named to the All-Academic team was Shelby Ward of Greenville, Littlefield and Lauren Worcester of Penquis.
Katie Batron and Skyler The-

contest was Dawn McLaughlin of Penquis. Zach White of Dexter, Nick

Foley of Greenville and Bryce Gilbert of PCHS were named to the Boys' Third Team. Both Brayden Miller of Dex-

ter and Ben Morrill of PCHS earned Honorable Mention rec-

Tim White of Greenville, Morrill and Claytie Preble of Penquis were each honored by the PVC for their defensive play.

Penquis' Josh Martin was named to the All-Academic

Senior all-stars included Mor-rill and White, with Penquis seventh-grader Zak Mills (the son of the Patriots' head coach Jason Mills) serving as one of odore of Dexter as well as Ben- the game's coaches.

### Former Dexter High standout wrestler to make MMA pro debut

By Ernie Clark Staff Writer

One of the top amateur fighters in Maine will make his professional mixed martial arts debut in April.

Josh Harvey, the New England Fights amateur lightweight champion, is scheduled to step up to the pro ranks in a bout against Matt Denning of Lewiston on the NEF 22 boxing-MMA card set for April 23 in Lewiston.

The fight will be contested at a catchweight of 150 pounds.

Harvey, the top-ranked amateur lightweight in New England according to mass-mma.com, is riding a three-fight winning streak, including a second-round knockout of Ryan DiBartolomeo last Sept. 12 that was named 2015's "amateur KO of the year" at the New England MMA Awards.

Harvey compiled a 5-1 amateur

"I'm feeling blessed to be a signed professional cage fighter," said Harvey, a former two-time 152-pound wrestling state champion at Dexter Regional High School on April 23 the cork comes out."

who now trains at Young's MMA in Bangor.

"I'm one step closer to my goal and April 23 I'll take another. I've wanted a chance to fight [Denning] ever since I met him — he is just one of those guys. I'm thankful for the opportunity.

Denning (2-1) is coming off a loss last November to Jon Lemke, who recently lost a controversial split decision to NEF lightweight champion Bruce Boyington. That loss ended a four-fight win

streak — all by submission — that dated back to Denning's amateur

There is some apparent bad blood between the fighters that stems, according to NEF officials,

from a cageside confrontation at NEF 14 in late 2014. "One thing is very clear in this

matchup - Josh and Matt don't like each other," said NEF matchmaker and co-owner Matt Peterson. "There is some deep, pent-up frustration that has been percolating between these two for a long time and

## **SPORTS ON TAP**

schedule subject to change

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

Saturday, March 19— BASKETBALL: Coaches vs. Cancer game — to benefit Aliza Jean Family Cancer Foundation — 5 p.m. at PCHS. 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 Warsaw (Pittsfield) 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 26— WRESTLING: Howland youth tournament.

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

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

Saturday, April 9– PRESEASON BASE BASE-BALL: Dexter at Searsport noon. PRESEASON SOFTBALL: Dexter at Searsport noon.

Wednesday, April 13 — P R Ĕ S E A S Ō N BASEBALL: Dexter vs. Penobscot 4:30 p.m. PRE-SEASON **SOFTBALL:** Dexter vs. Penobscot 4:30

Saturday, April 16– PRESEASON BASE BASE-**BALL:** Dexter vs. Nokomis 11 a.m. **PRESEASON SOFTBALL:** Dexter vs. Nokomis 11 a.m.

## Littlefield and Smith play in Maine McDonald's Senior All-Star Games

BANGOR — The Girls tlefield of Piscataquis Com- will be taking their talents to Class C/D North Senior All- munity High School was a the University of Maine, in South 65-63 on Saturday, March 12 at the Maine Mc-



squad with a game-high points, followed Kennedy Nar-

Star Team defeated the C/D member of the victorious three different sports. Flem-North squad.

other Three Donald's Senior All-Star high games, along with dunk and football team and Lawyerson school basketball games at foul-shooting competitions, is a Maine baseball recruit. Husson University's Newman were also held.

Net proceeds from the A

> of Foxcroft Academy led the Star Week-North squad with 19 points each, while Andrew Fleming of Oxford Hills and Nicholas Kelli DePatsy of Medomak Valley each added 17.

Fleming scored a perfect 30 raguagus in the final round of the dunk with eight contest to win over Smith and at points. Jor- Cody Lawyerson of Valley. rmhcmaine. dynne Lit- All three of the dunk finalists org.

ing will play basketball, Smith all-star will be joining the Black Bear Net proceeds from the All-

Gym.

In AA/AB boys play, the Star Games benefit Ronald Samantha Ireland of Penobscot Valley led the North of Portland and Hunter Smith of Maine. Last year's All-

end raised more than \$32,000.00 for the charities. More information is available



Smith

## Foxcroft Youth and SeDoMoCha MS wrestling news

wrestling season is in full swing. Dexter Youth Wrestling hosted its annual tournament at the Ridge View Community School on March 12. Over 230 wrestlers participated from nine different teams representing Dexter, Dover-Foxcroft, Pittsfield, Guilford, Howland, Lincoln, Madison, Hermon and Ban-

Congratulations to the individuals for placing at this tournament:

First place: Kell Cooley, Kaleb Weymouth, Thomas Day, Aiden Bryant, Tanyon Gibbs, Robert Weymouth, Parker Weymouth, Philip Bagley and Garret Chase.

Second place: William Whalen, TJ Allen, Garrett Rogers, Kain Niland, Kaleb Worthing, Andrew Majewski, Malcome Stone, Isaac Pearl, Gabe Leighton, Kael son.

DEXTER — The youth Niland, Wiott Seavey, Ateon Whitney, Matthew Fillmore, Noah Cavanaugh and Skylar

> Third place: Alex Hanson, Eugene Gould, Lucien Pearl, Maddelynne Stone, Amayah Blanchard, Owen Weymouth, Colby Gilbert, Brooklyn Black, Nathan Durgin, Jaxson Zimmerman, Sadie Farmer, Karson Tibbetts, Carter Blanchard and Craig Farmer.

Fourth place: Emma Crossman, Lydia Gustin, Corey Goodwin, Landon Ladd, Hayden Hanson, Cody Bagley and Gabriel Carey.

For SeDoMocha wrestling finishing in first place was Garrett Cooley.

Second place: Rico Ayala, AJ Atkinson and Emily Leighton. Third place: Adam Dulac

and Josh Tibbetts. Fourth place: Austin Jack-

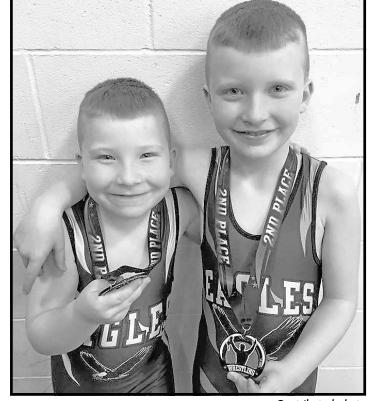
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ALL SMILES Alex Hanson celebrates after finishing in third place at the Dexter Youth Wrestling Tournament.



MEDAL AROUND HIS

**NECK** – Hayden Hanson finished in fourth place in his weight class on Saturday at Dexter.



#### TWO SECOND-PLACE MEDALS FOR TWO BROTHERS

Brothers Kain and Kael Niland of the Foxcroft Youth Wrestling team both finished in second place at the Dexter Youth Wrestling Tournament on March 12 at the Ridge View Community School.

### Nelson

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or a junior he's going to be really something.' That projection proved conser-

vative, as Nelson made an immediate impact at Foxcroft. "I'll never forget it," said Han-

son. "The first practice his freshman year we had a pickup scrimmage just to get things started, and after I saw him play I remember saying to Dennis and Dave, 'He's never coming off the court again unless he's in foul trouble'

Foxcroft fell to Schenck of East Millinocket in both the 1972 Eastern Maine Class B quarterfinals and the 1973 semifinals, but the next year offered considerable promise with a solid senior class joined by a talented junior contingent featuring the big man from

The 1974 season evolved into a battle of wills between Foxcroft and an Orono team that included center Tom Philbrick and current Boston Red Sox third-base coach Brian Butterfield, a future teammate of Nelson at the University of Maine

Orono won their first meeting 64-63, and the rematch became one of the more memorable regular-season games in Foxcroft his-

A jam-packed crowd turned FA's gymnasium into a sauna for both teams responded with a tournament-like performance. For his ly, we had a very good defensive part, Nelson overcame a poke in team, and we also had a very highthe eye to help the Ponies earn a IQ team as far as basketball. 58-56 victory

crowd at a game, even my senior rarely tested while winning all 18 year," he said. "I can't believe regular-season games.

Roland Zwicker (the academy's longtime superintendent of buildings and grounds) let people stand under the baskets. The place was mobbed.'

That set up an inevitable third clash at the Bangor Auditorium, where Orono escaped with the 64-63 victory and the Eastern Maine

In their three meetings that winter, Orono outscored Foxcroft

'Those were all great games," said Nelson, a Bangor Daily News All-Maine first-team selection after that season.

#### A dream realized

Foxcroft's 1974-75 basketball season arrived with great anticipation as Nelson was back to front a veteran squad.

"I think going into my senior season we knew we would be a good team but we didn't know how good we would be because you can't lose a Kevin Saunders, a Junior Bradbury or an Eric Annis to graduation and it not make a difference," said Nelson.

Hanson settled on a roster with nine seniors in Nelson, Jeff Dunn, Dick Hatt, David Ingraham, Tim King, Scott Mountford, Jeff Brown, Roger Hewitt and Mark Joyce and juniors Kenny Burtchell and Peter Snow.

With the people Skip picked that January 1974 contest, and it just clicked," said Nelson. "We were very underrated defensive-

The Ponies scored an early 81-"I swear I never saw a larger 63 victory over Orono and were

"I think there was a lot of pres- we began to think we could run sure on us," said Hanson. "We were the odds-on favorite to win, but all the kids on that team were quite poised and wanted to win as much as any team I'd ever coached and Kevin was definitely the leader.'

A 60-52 victory in the rematch at Orono reassured the team about its potential.

We didn't say it out loud," said

the table in terms of the regular season.

Foxcroft defeated Limestone in the Eastern B quarterfinals and Van Buren in the semis, leading to one more meeting with Orono for the regional crown.

"It was still close at halftime," recalled Hanson, "I remember going into the locker room and saving to Kevin, 'You've got step it Nelson, "but I think at that point up." We went out for the second

half and he got the ball at the foul tle of the unbeatens for the state lane and laid it in — you couldn't dunk back then.

"I don't remember how many points he had in the third quarter but he dominated on the glass and everywhere else and we crushed them after that.

#### Going for gold

That 73-49 victory over Orono advanced the 21-0 Ponies to a bat-

line and just thundered down the championship against 21-0 Medomak Valley of Waldoboro, which averaged 94 points per game in

winning the Western B tourney. We just had to stop listening to what the prognosticators were saying about how they had just blitzed their opponents coming into this, said Nelson.

> Please see Page 9, **NELSON**

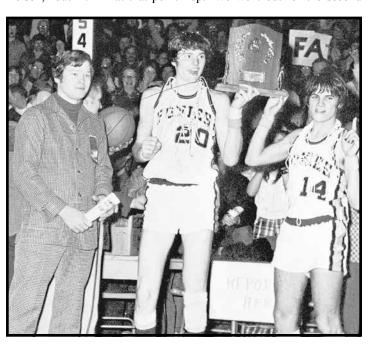


Photo courtesy of Foxcroft Academy 1975 STATE CHAMPS - Kevin Nelson, center pictured

with his head coach Skip Hanson and teammate Jeff Dunn after the 1975 regional final, helped the Ponies capture that season's Class B Gold Ball to finish his high school career. Nelson's play on the court for both Foxcroft and the University of Maine earned him enshrinement in this year's class of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame.

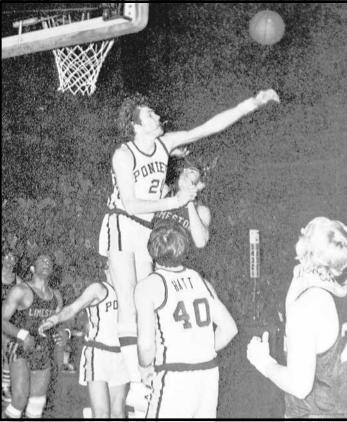


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## Harris -

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starting to slow with the words "keep running." She

drills as well as providing If the numbers in the feeder asked, she said these younger

struction. Is Harris having an impact

some hands-on technique in- levels is any indication, the wrestlers look up to her. She answer is a solid "yes."

said the daughter of a coach "Between middle school down at Queen of the Mat then helped lead the stretches on the future of female grade and pee wee there are 10 to told her this as well "and it 12 girls," Harris said. When was a nice feeling.



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

**HANDS-ON INSTRUCTION** — For four years senior Cahrey Harris of PCHS has assisted with the middle school and youth wrestling teams. Harris runs warm-up laps with the younger grapplers, helps lead stretches and is another resource for teaching technique and helping to improve on the mat.

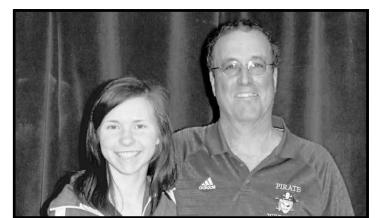


Photo courtesy of PCHS Yearbook Adviser Beth MacNeil WRESTLER AND COACH - Cahrey Harris is pictured with her head wrestling coach Tom Cyr.

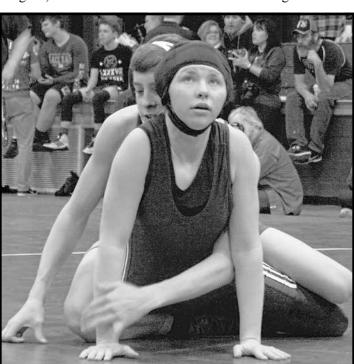


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**READY TO GO AT THE WHISTLE** - Cahrey Harris of PCHS concluded her high school wrestling career with a third-place finish at the Queen of the Mat competition last month at Biddeford High School, grappling with some of the top girls from Maine and beyond. Harris was a fouryear wrestler for the Pirates, and she also plays soccer and runs track in the spring.



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# New program to help Maine woods tourism businesses

ern Forest Center and partners have launched a new program to help tourism providers implement innovations that will strengthen their businesses, expand job opportunities and attract visitors to the Maine

Over five years, the Tourism Innovation Program expects to support approximately 15 qualified businesses with assistance ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 each to hire top consultants to develop and implement business innovations ranging from software and facility improvements to new product development.

During the initial phase of the financial assistance is available for lodging businesses, guide services and outfitters that help visitors enjoy the Maine Woods in the Moosehead Lake and Katahdin Iron Works regions.

"We want to help business owners transform their operations by tapping into specialized skills and expertise from across the state or across the country — ultimately bringing their business to the fore-

GREENVILLE — The North- front of the highly competitive des- capital and tax credit authority that strengthen the business. If a rn Forest Center and partners have tination travel market," said Mike for the federal New Markets Tax consultant recommends a capital Wilson, senior program director for the Northern Forest Center.

> Preference for financial assistance will be given to businesses located in towns near Moosehead Lake and the gateways to the Katahdin Iron Works area. Target communities include Beaver Cove, Greenville, Rockwood, Shirley, Monson, Abbot, Bowerbank, Willimantic, Sebec, Milo and Brownville. Preference also will be given to businesses in unorganized territories near the Appalachian Mountain Club's (AMC's) conservation and recreation land in the 100-Mile Wilderness region. As the project evolves, eligibility may be expanded to other types of tourism businesses, such as restaurants and

> Funding for the Tourism Innovation Program is made possible through financing secured by AMC and facilitated by the Center to support AMC's Maine Woods Initiative. The Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation (MHIC) and JP Morgan Chase provided

Credit financing, which enables AMC and the Center to invest in a range of projects and programs that support the Maine Woods economy and provide other community benefits. A grant from Plum Creek Foundation provided further sup-

'Through our Maine Woods Initiative, AMC continues to seek ways in which our conservation and recreation lands, trails, lodges and programs can help build stronger and healthier communities. We are pleased to be working with the Center on this new program that benefits the region's nature-based tourism businesses," said AMC Senior Vice President Walter Graff. "These businesses are key to attracting new and returning visitors to the area by providing new opportunities for outdoor recreation and connecting people to this iconic landscape.'

The primary purpose of the financial support is to enable businesses to work with consultants to develop innovative strategies

investment, the financial assistance can also be used toward that expense. All financial assistance must be matched by each business's own investment in their project. The Center, AMC, the Moosehead Lake Region Economic Development Corporation, the Piscataquis County Economic Development Council and MHIC are working together to implement the Tourism Innovation Program.

Pairing support for local businesses with AMC's expansion made this investment compelling for MHIC," said MHIC President and CEO Joseph Flatley. "Our goal is to help create better economic opportunities for area residents while respecting local priorities. We are grateful for the chance to work with such outstanding local partners.

The project partners encourage creative initiatives and expect many of the investments to fall into three high-priority opportunities for improvement: market development and customer management, new

product development and facility improvements. Projects could include website and social media marketing and online reservation systems; new product development such as lodging and experiential packages; and upgrades such as renewable energy systems, including high-efficiency wood pellet boilers and other improvements.

We want to work with local businesses to develop strategic projects that bring them real benefits and contribute to the quality of experience available to visitors," Wilson said. "We'll also need to make sure that the businesses we invest in have the financial and management capacity needed for successful innovation.

Full program information can be found at https://northernforest.org/ programs/tourism/tourism-innova-

'This is a terrific opportunity for tourism providers in the Moosehead Lake and Katahdin Iron Works regions to implement recommendations to improve local visitor experiences," said Luke Muzzy, president of the Moosehead Lake Regional Economic Development Corporation (MLREDC). MLREDC recently concluded a branding initiative led by Roger Brooks International that included recommendations for supporting local businesses and improving visitor access to outdoor recreational resources.

Funding decisions will be based on factors including readiness and the potential of the innovation to improve business performance and create, stabilize or upgrade jobs. Other considerations will include the businesses' commitment to innovation, the scope of the project and how closely the business is linked to the region's forests, lakes and rivers. Funding decisions are at the discretion of the Center and MHIC with advisory input from

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Central Maine Power (CMP) will perform tree-trimming work in 17 communities in Penobscot and Piscataquis counties during the coming weeks. The work along utility lines is part of CMP's \$20 million annual vegetation management program to maintain the reliability of its transmission and distribution lines.

"We maintain nearly 25,000 miles of roadside distribution lines on a five-year cycle of vegetation clearing, inspection, and repair," said CMP Spokesperson Gail Rice. "Trees contacting lines is the most frequent cause of blinking clocks and power outages, so customers should see better reliability as the crews trim along the roadsides in their towns.

CMP's arborists and contractors are working in Abbot, Beaver Cove, Big Moose Township, Blanchard, Dexter, Frenchtown, Greenville, Guilford, Lily Bay, Monson, Moosehead Junction Township, Parkman, Sangerville, Shirley and Wellington.

CMP urges motorists to use caution when they encounter tree crews working alongside Maine roads. "These crews play a key role in helping CMP provide the safe, reliable service that our customers depend on," Rice said. "The work can be difficult, so we urge motorists who pass these crews to proceed slowly and at a safe distance.

CMP contracts with professional arborists who are required to follow practices established by the International Society of Arboriculture. These include consideration for the health, shape, strength, growth rate, and appearance of trees before and after pruning. CMP notifies customers about its vegetation management activities every year with inserts in its bills. Customers can sign up to receive a notice when tree trimming is happening in their area. For more information, call CMP Customer Service at 1-800-

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#### every fourth Monday. For more info. call 943-2849. **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-founda-

**DEXTER:** North Country Riding Club, last Tuesday at the Wassookeag Snowmobile Club house on the Number 10 Rd.

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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.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The NAMI Family and Friends Support Group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Borestone Room at Mayo Regional Hospital. For more info. call Beth at

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. services, legal referrals and support at the outreach office at the town hall from 9 a.m.-noon. For more info. call

564-8166. **SANGERVILLE:** AA Women's Discovery 12 Group at the Unitarian

Universalist Church, Church Street, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. SANGERVILLE: The Sanger-

ville 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

#### 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

from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the lobby of and Sundays to learn about life and in Maine From Foe to Friend" at 5 served at the Shirley Community 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

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** 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:** 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

**GUILFORD:** The Hands of Hope food cupboard at the Guilford United Methodist Church, 3 School St., is open from 1:30-3:30 p.m. FMI call

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

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.

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

**DOVER-FÓXCROFT:** The Dover-Foxcroft Historical Society Observer Building will be open from 11

**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: "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-

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

**HARMONÝ:** 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.

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

#### **Fridays**

**DEXTER:** Spruce Run/Woman-**MILO:** Spruce Run/Womancare a.m.-12 p.m. at upstairs at the Mor-Alliance provides domestic violence rison 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 Morton Ave. gym from 5-7 p.m. FMI call 564-3265.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. at the Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church, 156 East Main St.

**GREENVILLE:** Womancare offers outreach services several times per month. Call for the dates and location at 564-8165.

**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-

MONSON: The Monson & Appalachian Trail Information Center, on the main road, invites the public community Quigong class is offered from 1-5 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays

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.

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. Thursday, March 17

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The Thompson Free Library hosts a Spring IS Coming" book sale from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. FMI call 564-3350.

**DOVÉR-FOXCROFT:** An American Red Cross blood drive takes place at Foxcroft Academy from 1-6 p.m. FMI call 1-800-RED-

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** Foxcroft Academy holds parent/teacher conferences from 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: A session of Medicare 101 will be held at 6 p.m. in the Sebec Room at Mayo Regional Hospital. To register call 564-7376 or 1-800-432-7812.

#### Friday, March 18

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The Thompson Free Library hosts a Spring IS Coming" book sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FMI call 564-3350.

**GREENVILLE:** Greenville High School will present the spring musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at 6:30 p.m. in the school's Oakes Auditorium.

Saturday, March 19 **DOVER-FOXCROFT:** Thompson Free Library hosts a 'Spring IS Coming" book sale from

9 a.m.-1 p.m. FMI call 564-3350. **DOVER-FOXCROFT:** PCSWCD hosts a celebration to welcome spring at the Law Farm at 2 p.m. To RSVP contact 564-2321 ext.

3 or info@piscataquisswcd.org. GARLAND: A benefit potluck dinner and silent auction for a Dexter farmer who lost his home and farm in a recent fire starts at 11:30 a.m. at the Garland Grange on the Oliver Hill

Rd. FMI call 717-6495. **GREENVILLE:** Greenville High School will present the spring musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at 6:30 p.m. in the school's

Oakes Auditorium. **GUILFORD:** The second annual Coaches vs. Cancer basketball game starts at 5 p.m. at PCHS, to benefit the Aliza Jean Family Cancer Foundation. FMI go to the Foundation's

Facebook page **HARMONY:** A dance featuring Shilo Creek will be held at the Harcare offers outreach hours from 8:30 mony Community Center from 7-11

p.m., to benefit building repairs. **MILO:** A Three Rivers Kiwanis cribbage tourney starts at 1 p.m. at Kiwanis Headquarters. FMI call 943-

**RIPLEY:** The Ripley UMC serves a corned beef and cabbage supper starting at 5 p.m.

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

#### 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.

MILO: A spaghetti supper to benefit a student seriously injured in a car accident will be served at the Penquis Valley School from 3-6 p.m.

#### Monday, March 21

GUILFORD: The annual town meeting takes place at 7 p.m. at PCES, with a potluck supper at 5:30

MILO: An American Red Cross blood drive takes place at the Penquis Valley School from 2-7 p.m. FMI call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

#### Tuesday, March 22

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The Jim Brown Lecture Series and Foxcroft Academy will present Hank Lunn, author of "German Prisoners of War

p.m. at the Thompson Free Library. Church from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. FMI call 564-3350.

#### Wednesday, March 23

**DEXTER:** An information session on the University of Maine Center on Aging's Senior Companion Program will be held at 2 p.m. at the Abbott Memorial Library. FMI call 924-7292 or 1-800-287-1495.

Thursday, March 24

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.

#### Friday, March 25 MILO: The Penquis Valley Variety Show starts at 7 p.m. at the school.

Saturday, March 26 BROWNVILLE: The Brownville Free Public Library holds an outdoor Easter egg hunt at 3:30 p.m., with springtime snacks.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The Dover-Foxcroft UMC's Easter dessert pie sale starts at 9 a.m. FMI contact 564-8013 or lld@myfairpoint.net.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: A fourweek middle science club starts today at 10 a.m. at the Thompson Free Library. FMI call 563-3350.

American Red Cross blood drive

An

#### Monday, March 28 DOVER-FOXCROFT:

takes place at the PRYMCA from noon-4 p.m. FMI call 1-800-RED-Saturday, April 2

SANGERVILLE: The annual town meeting starts at 9 a.m. at the

SHIRLEY: A Maine Maple brunch, with Baker's Syrup, will be

#### **NOTICE OF SECURED PARTY DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY**

TITLE 11 M.R.S.A. § 9-1610 et seq.

Notice is hereby given that the premises, all and singular, escribed in a Security Agreement etween NWTP Corp. (Debtor) and Frwin J. Bacon and Maureen S. Bacon (secured party) shall be sold at public sale. Said Property is located in Township 1 Range 9 WELS, Piscataquis County, State of Maine and is commonly known as North Woods Trading Post. The public sale shall be held at the Law Offices of Tanous, Snow & Lufkin 143 Penobscot Avenue, Millinocket ME on March 24, 2016, at 2:00 p.m.

DESCRIPTION:

PROPERTY

One certain frame dwelling together with any outbuildings appurtenant thereto, including 3 dock sections, inventory, furniture furnishings, equipment including gas tanks and pumps, and other personal property contained therein, said property being situated on a parcel of land on the easterly side of the County Road in Township 1 Range 9 WELS, Piscataguis County, State of Maine together with any and all leasehold rights, if any, in and to Lease No. renewals thereof, issued by Katahdin Timberlands LLC, or its predecessor(s), or its successors and assigns. Also, any and all interest and rights in and to the business name North Woods

Trading Post. Further information regarding this Property may be obtained by contacting Nolan H. Tanous, Esq. aw Offices of Tanous, Snow & Lufkin, 143 Penobscot Avenue, P.O. Box 789, Millinocket, Maine (207) 723-8144.

TÉRMS OF SALE: The Property shall be sold by public sale to the highest bidder who shall pay a deposit of Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) in U.S. funds, in cash or by bank draft or certified check made payable to Tanous, Snow & Lufkin Trust Account. The deposit shall be nonrefundable and will be credited to the purchase price. The successful bidder for the Property shall be required to sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the said Erwin J. Bacon and Maureen S. Bacon at the conclusion of the sale. The balance of the purchase price shall be due and payable in U.S. funds in cash, or in a bank draft or certified check made payable to Tanous, Snow & Lufkin Trust Account, no later than 30 days after the sale. The Property shall be conveyed by Release Bill of Sale Covenant, Without Warranties.

The property shall be sold "ASS, WHERE IS" without any warranty whatsoever, expressed implied or otherwise. Erwin J. Bacon and Maureen S. Bacon and their agents make no representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of any statement as to the description or as to any other matters contained in any descrip tion of the Property, or to the continued existence of any lease hold rights or as to the fitness of the Property for any particular purpose, merchantability, habitability or as to any other matter including but not limited to the condition of the gas tanks located on said Property. The sale shall be subject to any condition which a title search would reveal and any unpaid taxes or assessments due to Maine Revenue Services.

Additional terms or conditions ertaining to the sale of the roperty may be announced at the time of the public sale. Dated: March 11, 2016

> Tanous, Snow & Lufkin, LLC P.O. Box 789 Millinocket, ME 04462 (207) 723-8144 Attorney for Erwin J. Bacon and Maureen S. Bacon

Nolan H. Tanous, Esq.

Sunday, April 3 DOVER-FOXCROFT: The annual Maple Sunday Breakfast will be served at Foxcroft Academy from 7-10 a.m.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** GFWC/Miosac Club's annual high school art show takes place at the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church on West Main St. from 1:30-3:30

### **OBITUARIES**

### **Obituary Notices**

HADESTY, Luceill M., 96, Effort, PA, March 5, 2016. Interment will be in the Pleasantdale Cemetery in West Orange, NJ, at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are in the care of Gower Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc, Gilbert, PA.

LEE, Jean G., 82, Milo, at Dover-Foxcroft, March 9, 2016. The family will hold a memorial service at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Milo, on March 19, at 2 p.m. Arrangements are in the care of Lary Funeral Home, Milo.

**PACKARD, Walter J.,** 62, Sangerville, March 12, 2016. Burial services will be held in the Spring. Arrangements are in the care of Lary Funeral Home, Guilford.

'**ESTON, Barbara Lee Allen,** 79, Dade City, FL, March 7, 2016. Spring burial will be in the family lot in Lawn Cemetery, Guilford. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft.

#### Barbara Lee Allen Weston

DADE CITY, FL - Barbara and their Lee Allen Weston, 79, died unexpectedly in Zephyrhills, FL, on March 7, 2016. In her life, she embraced family, multiple careers, and artistic and intellectual pursuits. Born Barbara Lee Allen, the first of five daughters and the daughter of a coal miner, she was raised in David, Kentucky.

A graduate of Prestonsburg College, she married Air Force Sergeant, Donald L. Weston in 1954, her husband of sixty-one years. accompánied Dónald as he was assigned to various posts throughout the country. After their fourth child, they retired to Dexter, ME, in 1976. Soon thereafter, Barbara began working as a bank teller for Key Bank. Barbara's work was recognized, and she was quickly promoted to a managerial position. She was able to strike a balance between her duties at the bank and her first job, raising her children.

She was an expert in rare coins and focused on Franklin Mint coins. Barbara loved crossword puzzles and playing cards. She also enjoyed the watercolor flower paintings by Maine artist, Lynn Snow, and Kentucky painter, Russell May.

Donald and Barbara spent may their winters in Dade City, FL, www.laryfuneralhome.com.

summers on Sebec Lake. ME. Both houses were often full of visit-

ing fami-

ly and friends. Generous, loving, and warmhearted, she will be dearly missed by those she left behind.

She was predeceased by her parents, Cynthia Prater Allen and Tilden Allen

She leaves behind her husband, Donald Weston; her four younger sisters, Vonnie Ousley, Shelby Stapleton, Lois Griffith, and Joyce Ousley; her four children, David Weston, Kathryn and Garrett Miller, Karen and John Baldacci, and Steven Weston; her grandchildren, Chelsea Weston, Laura Miller, Jack and Leah Baldacci, Anne Miller, Nicole

Weston, and Ian Weston. Friends and family were invited to call on Sunday, March 13, 2016, at the Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft, with a funeral service conducted that day. Spring burial will be in the family lot in Lawn Cemetery, Guilford. Condolences and memories be expressed

#### Luceill M. Hadesty

Hadesty, 96, passed away and Emilee Gearl of Effort. Saturday, March Brookmont Health Care Center in Effort. She was born in West Orange, NJ, on February 25, 1920, daughter of the late Harry and Johanna

(Bodfish) Merrill. Luceill was the wife of the late James H. Hadesty who passed away on December 4, 2012. She had worked as an Information Operator for Verizon in East Orange, NJ, and was a member of the Telephone

Pioneers of America. We have been blessed with the presence of Luceill in our lives. She will be deeply missed by her son, Leroy Gearl and wife, Elaine of Effort; two grandchildren, James Gearl and wife, Krysta of Florida, and Christopher Gearl and great-grandchildren,

EFFORT, PA - Luceill M. Alexandra Gearl of Florida,

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 10, at Gower Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., Route 209, Gilbert, with Rev. Sharon Ladd officiating. Family and friends were welcomed to offer their condolences on Thursday, March 10, from 1 p.m. until the time of service

at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Pleasantdale Cemetery in West Orange, NJ, at the con-

venience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made In Loving Memory of Luceill M. Hadesty to: Meals on Wheels, 9 PA Route 611, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. Gower Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc, Rt. 209, Gilbert, PA, in charge of wife, Valerie of Effort; two arrangements. www.gowerfuneralhome.com.

#### Walter J. Packard

SANGERVILLE – Walter J. Packard, 62, husband of Rebecca J. (Bemis) Packard, passed away March 12, 2016, at his home. He was born February 15, 1954, the son of Verd and Ann (Montefusco) Packard. Walter worked for Pike Industries for many years as a roller operator.

Rebecca, Walter is survived by a son, Albert Packard; a daughter, Tanya Cookson and her may

Robert Dennison and his wife, Julie; five sisters, Marion Dube, Alice Grover, Marie Eastman, Barbara Hinkley and her husband, Kendall, and Carol Easler and her husband, Jim; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and a sister, Gail Tripp.

Burial services will be held In addition to his wife, in the Spring. Arrangements are in the care of Lary Funeral Home, Guilford. Condolences be expressed husband, Bruce; a brother, www.laryfuneralhome.com.

#### Jean G. Lee

Dover-Foxcroft.

She was born April 28, 1933, the daughter of Vernie W. and Mary E. (Erskin) Mayo. She was the youngest of 12 children, born and raised in Milo. As one of Jehovah's Witnesses, she had the hope of benefiting from the resurrection Jesus spoke

of at John 5:28, 29.

MILO - Jean G. Lee, 82, sons, Danny Lee and his wife, passed away March 9, 2016, Jonna, and Timmy Lee; and at Hibbard Nursing Home, one brother, Murray Mayo; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The family will hold a

memorial service at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 472 West Main Street, Milo, on March 19, at 2 p.m. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home, Milo. Condolences be expressed at may Jean is survived by two www.laryfuneralhome.com.

#### Nelson **Continued from Page 7**

The Ponies responded to the call of a sold-out crowd of 6,000 at the Augusta Civic Center by establishing a tenacious defensive tempo that contained the explo-

sive Panthers. Nelson, meanwhile, won his individual battle with 6-foot-6 Medomak center Alan Baran by scoring 28 points as Foxcroft scored a 56-53 victory.

The gold was coming home.

"We were the first team from Foxcroft to get to this point, so we just laid it out there, executed Skip's game plan and everybody responded," said Nelson, who was named first-team BDN All-Maine for the second straight year and

finished his high school career with

1,468 points. "Look at the score,

56-53. If that wasn't a defensive

game I don't know what is.'

#### Off to college

Nelson offered a unique skill set for the many college basketball programs that recruited him.

First was his height, combined with an offensive game that extended to 15 feet from the basket and the agility to dominate the lane at both ends of the court.

"He had such a good jump shot around the foul line and foul line extended that he could start to take that step toward the basket and pull up and bang it home, and he was so dominant on the boards he could go get the rebound if he did said Hanson. "He always had a good sense of where he was

and where the ball was.' Nelson's inside play was enhanced by a tip he got from rival coach Ed Guiski of Dexter — another 2016 Maine Basketball Hall of Fame inductee — while attend-

ing a summer basketball camp.

"Ed gave me one of the best pieces of advice I've ever received, and here it was my junior year and I still had to play against him the next year," said Nelson, "But he took me aside and said, 'Instead of making yourself a tall big man, make yourself a wide big man.

'Years later I thought that was pretty good of him to give me that advice because it helped me become a better player — and it came from someone who knew what he was talking about although I didn't know what a good basketball player he was until later

Nelson also was left-handed, a fairly rare commodity among Maine big men. "It really helped him a lot

Please see Page 10, **NELSON** 



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

**PIE ATTACK** — Sixth-grader Miles Gadwah launches a pie at SeDoMoCha School Ed Tech Chris Clarke during the fourth annual Pi Day celebration on the afternoon of March 12. Gadwah and three other grade-level winners earned the right to throw a pie at a staff member by virtue of reciting the greatest number of Pi digits. Gadwah's total was 55 digits, and he also won the contest last year as a fifth-grader. Pie baking contest winners were most creative, Ben Johnston; best tasting, Diana Demers; and overall appearance, Brad Whitten. Sixteen of the desserts were prepared for the various contests.



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**SERVING PI(E)** — Eighth-grader Jacob Ireland creams his math teacher Laura Moors during the fourth annual SeDoMoCha Middle School Pi Day on March 14. Ireland won his grade level recitation contest with a school-high total of 144 digits. The four grade winners each got to pick a willing staff member to throw a pie at. Certificates were given to the top three finishers in each of the four grade levels.



**FACE PLATE** — SeDoMoCha Middle School seventh-grader Kaylee Durgin lobs a whipped cream pie at her math teacher Nichole Martin during Pi'Day on March 14. Durgin finished as the grade 7 Pi recitation champion by getting up to a digit count of 109. A year ago Durgin won the recitation contest as a sixth-grader, with a then total of 73 digits.

#### Nelson

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because there were so few lefthanders in high school," said Hanson. "In practice you'd get used to it but you get in a game when you're playing against somebody just twice a year, and even though you knew someone was a lefthander everyone thinks instinctively to guard the right hand."

Nelson drew recruiting interest from as far away as Hawaii but narrowed his options to Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Boston College and Dartmouth.

"I began to wonder," Nelson joked, "if some of the coaches that came to my house wanted to visit me in the woods of southeast Monson or if they wanted to come up here to get some of my mother's cream jelly rolls.'

University of Maine coach Skip Chappelle enjoyed his visits to Monson, partly to see Nelson's parents Hollis and Rose but also with the belief that this recruiting target could provide his program a mobile, poised center for the next four years.

'Kevin was a jewel," said Chappelle. "For one thing he was different in that he was lefthanded and it was a different look for teams to deal with. He probably could have been a little meaner playing

not to say he wasn't tough. He was tough, he more than held his own inside.

Nelson ultimately decided to attend Maine.

"I wanted my mom and dad and family and friends to be able to come to the games, it meant a lot to my folks," he said. "My dad bought a used four-wheel-drive Jeep Wagoneer just to make sure they could get to the games if the weather was inclement. They were not going to miss games.

Nelson was mentored as a freshman at Maine by legendary Black Bear forward Bob Warner.

"He was an icon if you ask me, the most explosive and powerful player I ever went up against," said Nelson. "I learned a lot from him and tried to take those things and use them as my career moved on.'

Nelson finished his college career with 1,089 points and 754 rebounds in 93 games.

'More than any numbers I put up in college, I got a chance to learn from Skip and (assistant coach Peter (Gavett) and all my teammates, people that were some of the best to ever play at Orono in my estimation," Nelson said.

#### **Memories remain**

Nelson played for an Au-

where he played inside, but that's gusta-based semi-pro team, Tangerine Limousine, after he graduated from UMaine as well as in several men's leagues including for the Dover-Foxcroft-based Village Outfitters in the Tri-County League.

He worked for the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for more than three decades until he retired, and today he's in business related to the family tree farm along with older brother Shawn — a vocation that includes the production and sale of wood-based cremation urns

But decades later, the chance to reminisce about his basketball career — particularly at Foxcroft Academy — remains a source of great joy for this Piscataquis County sports legend.

"It's something you don't fully appreciate until years pass," said Nelson. "But I think the word pride comes into play, you're proud of what you did. You think of the friends you made as teammates. I thought we had a very special chemistry as kids that started with Skip and went down through the coaches to the players and managers, Jimmy Herring, Keith Chadbourne and Joe Dean.

"It was a really special time."







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