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UMaine alumni in the NFL speak at DRHS



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

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 more 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 teams.

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-

low female wrestler at Penobscot Valley High School who was going to compete on Feb. 27 at Biddeford.

"Coach (Tom) Cyr came to us and asked if we wanted to do it and it was something 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.

"It was tough, but it was nice to wrestle someone your own strength — boys usually 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 team.

"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.

Harris said wrestling at the next level could be possible, but she would likely have to compete at the club level.

"I just got accepted at the

University of Maine-Farmington," she said. Harris — 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 with the younger wrestlers, encouraging some who were

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SAD 41 fifth grade moving to Penquis Valley

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

MILO — Starting in the fall, all grade 5 students in SAD 41 will be attending classes with pupils in grades 6-8 in the middle school portion of the Penquis Valley School complex. During a school board meeting on March 9, the directors approved a motion to proceed with the plan to move fifth-graders from the Milo and Brownville elementary schools.

"It will help better utilize the space up here," Superintendent Michael Wright said, with the grade 5 move also helping to alleviate crowding

at Milo Elementary. When asked Milo Elementary Principal Julie Royal said an estimated 36 fewer students would be at the school next year.

Assistant Superintendent Stacy Shorey said last month administrators met with middle school and current fifth-grade staff. She said next year's grade 5 classrooms would be housed on the first floor of the present middle school wing. "With a little tweaking we will definitely have enough space," she said.

Speaking on grade 5 curriculum, Shorey said, "One of the advantages is we are going to have grade level and

content level teams."

Penquis Valley Principal Jeremy Bousquet said next year's planned classes, developed by a scheduling committee, would follow "a massive waterfall schedule, which is very complicated to hear but little easier to see." He added, "Basically it's a five-schedule day over five days and it will fall down" as the week progresses.

Bousquet said class times will vary throughout the week, and all sessions will be 60 minutes instead of the 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 non-terminating 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

DEXTER — Over the next 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

works director for Bar Harbor and MRC board member and Bangor City Manager Catherine Conlow were both present to answer questions for the Dexter Town Council.

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

said. She said she asked the city manager's public works director for a recommendation and he told her, "Financially it didn't make sense for

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Chasse named Union 60 superintendent

GREENVILLE — Union 60 School Committee is pleased 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 having also been a technology director as part of the variety

of experience he brings to the job.

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. Successful initiatives at his previous school include fine arts pro-

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 Mr. Jim Chasse on board," said Union 60 School Committee Chair Leslie Bilodeau.

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

The Sports OBSERVER

By Ernie Clark



Editor's note: Several sports personalities with Penquis-area ties have been named members of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2016, among them the late Ed Guiski of 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 — Kevin 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

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 then along came basketball season."

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 University of Maine where he led

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 Insurance Center in Bangor.

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

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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All-Maine Kevin Nelson cuts the cords after the state championship win over Medomak Valley.

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 2016. 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

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Sens. Susan Collins and Angus King announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has awarded a total of \$296,260 in grant funding to

the Caribou Municipal Airport and Dexter Regional Airport. “Maine’s airports are important hubs for commerce, tourism and economic development in our state,” Sens. Collins and

King said in a joint statement. “This grant funding will help Dexter Regional Airport and Caribou Municipal Airport make critical improvements and ensure the facilities can

adequately support the regions they serve.” The Caribou Municipal Airport will receive \$217,935 to support the construction of a 200-foot taxiway to provide ac-

cess to aircraft hangars. Dexter Regional Airport will receive \$78,325 to support an updated master plan for the airport that will outline objectives for its future development. This updated

plan will also include a wildlife hazard assessment study. The funding is awarded through the Federal Aviation Administration, an agency within the DOT.



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

MILO — The Three Rivers Kiwanis’ next cribbage tourney is scheduled for Saturday, March 19 at 1 p.m. All cribbage lovers are invited to the Kiwanis Headquarters in the Milo Business Park at 24 Gerish Road. The play of cards will commence at 1 p.m. sharp. The entrance donation is

\$10, half of which will be divided between the first- and second-place winners and the other half will go toward worthwhile Kiwanis projects. So bring a favorite cribbage board and cards and join an afternoon of fun. For further information, contact Tom Harigan 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 room teacher and student 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.

A board workshop prior to the regular meeting gave the school the opportunity to learn more about long-term options for the district. The capital improvement committee will be meeting on Thursday, March 17 at 6 p.m. at the

Marion C. Cook School in LaGrange “to continue with the process,” Board Chair Arthur Herbst said.

In other business, Wright said, “We have started the budget process and have asked principals to identify needs for next year.”

He said news reports earlier 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 as a whole “and there are so many factors that come into the budget,” as district officials will develop the spending plan over the ensuing few months.

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 said.

The school board later OKed the retirements of history teacher Russ Carey, Spanish teacher Geoff Gillette, English teacher Chris Hamlin and Athletic Director Tony Hamlin. “We have plaques for all people who retire at the end of the year,” Wright said.

With spring sports starting

in several weeks, the board made seven appointments. For the high school Nick Emery will be the baseball head coach, Erin Allen will lead 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

Smith named to dean’s list at Northwestern Ohio

LIMA, Ohio — The University of Northwestern Ohio is proud to acknowledge that Drew A. Smith of Dover-Foxcroft has made the

dean’s list for the January 2016 session in the College of Applied Technologies. Smith is a 2015 graduate of Foxcroft Academy.

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 Cooley of Dover-Foxcroft, international business & logistics; Tristan Richards of Greenville, marine engineering technology; Henry Hersey of Greenville Jet, marine engineering technology; and Clayton Carroll of Sebec, marine engineering operations.

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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 & Wastewater Budget. *All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.*

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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 Kassandra 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

STUDENT INFOGRAPHICS — 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

GREENVILLE — The Moosehead Lake Brand Leadership Team (BLT) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Center for Moosehead History to update community members on the progress in implement-

ing the branding effort for the Moosehead Lake region.

Starting in October of 2014, the Moosehead Lake Region Economic Development Council (MLREDC) sponsored a branding initiative under the guidance of

Roger Brooks International. The Branding Initiative produced 42 recommendations including the formation of a Brand Leadership Team. The team in partnership with the MLREDC is working diligently to fundraise and imple-

ment the recommendations of the final report. The goals of this effort are to increase the number of visitors to the region and improve their experience by accessing previously hidden or unknown natural environment

features; increasing employment opportunities and increasing household incomes through greater economic activity and realizing the related benefit of increasing household incomes that leads to healthier households; and

increasing access, awareness and appreciation of pristine natural environment. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please go to www.mooseheadlakeedc.com.

received highest honors at the University of Maine at Presque Isle for the fall 2015 semester.

Abigail Mae Riitano, of Abbot and a graduate of Piscataquis Community High School, re-

Creative Options open house on Thursday

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Creative Options will host a 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. Creative Options is a new 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-

ty support and work support/job coaching. Reed-Augustine has been providing these supports for the past 20 years and is excited to be starting her own agency. 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 on Thursday.

Library book sale marks the arrival of spring

DOVER-FOXCROFT — A "Spring IS Coming" 10-cent book sale will take place at the Thompson Free Library, 186 East Main Street. The sale runs on Thursday, 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

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Included in the sale are weeded and donated pre-read hardcovers and paperback books, children's and young 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

TROY, N.Y. — Alexander Stevens of Dover-Foxcroft has been named to the dean's list at Rens-

selaer Polytechnic Institute for the fall 2015 semester. Stevens is a graduate of Foxcroft Academy.

Riitano earned highest honors at UMPI

Abigail Mae Riitano, of Abbot and a graduate of Piscataquis Community High School, re-

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Maine’s Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), in cooperation with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), are conducting a natural resources assessment (NRA) across the state. The goal is to determine natural resource priorities so that districts and the NRCS can assist landowners, professionals and municipalities with best management practices that protect and

improve land and water resources. To gather this information, SWCDs have distributed a statewide survey and are holding local meetings to document natural resource conservation concerns and to build on the data collected in the first assessment, completed in 2011. The priorities articulated in the survey and meetings will inform state and local natural resource programs and funding oppor-

tunities in the coming five year cycle. Preliminary survey results for Piscataquis County will be available at a meeting at the Abbot Town Office on March 31 from 2-4 p.m. Join 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 eligible for a prize. The survey may be accessed at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JQ5GPL5, and paper copies are available at maineconservationdistricts.com/district-locations. For more information 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, March 21.

Disposal

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

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

“We ended up \$4.2 million ahead with the MRC-Fiberight deal,” she said. Conlon 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.

“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 putting in.

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.

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.

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.

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 fire.

Town Manager Shelley Watson said a consultant is being sought because “when you are spending half a million dollars you want to be sure you are getting the quality work you bid out.” She explained a consulting estimate she got was \$88 an hour

Sherburne said in the 1930s Dexter had a half dozen dairy farms and now “it’s the end of an era.”

Plans being made for 2016 Project Linus Day

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The 2016 Community Project Linus Blanket Day will be held on April 30 at the Penquis Higher Education Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church Women’s Fellowship group will be serving coffee, snacks and lunch. For more information please contact Piscataquis County Co-ordinator Judy at 564-2246 or

email projectlinusforme@yahoo.com or Piscataquis County Co-ordinator Barbara at 564-2281. The mission of Project Linus is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade, washable blankets and afghans, lovingly crafted by volunteer blanketeers.

PCSS to host Coaches vs. Cancer basketball game

GUILFORD — Basketball coaches from around central Maine will converge on the Piscataquis Community Secondary School gymnasium Saturday, March 19, for the second annual Coaches vs. Cancer benefit basketball game.

since its inception, was created by Aliza’s parents, Craig and Karen Stutzman, to benefit Maine families coping with cancer. Craig Stutzman works for SAD 4 in Guilford as a speech therapist.

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 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.

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

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

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 Hansen and Hailey Wellington of Dover-Foxcroft, Abby Burdin of Guilford, Paige Northup of Parkman and Courtney Richardson of Sangerville.

Metzger earns nursing degree

SALT LAKE CITY — Sally Metzger of Milo has received her bachelor of science in nursing from Western Governors University. The university held

its 30th semi-annual commencement ceremony in Orlando, Fla. on Feb. 6 and celebrated the graduation of more than 7,300 graduates.

OPINION The Piscataquis Observer

Serving the interests of Piscataquis County

Beware of IRS scam during tax filing season

Th e phone rings. The caller ID displays “Internal Revenue Service,” “U.S. Department of the Treasury,” or the 202 Washington, D.C., area code. Concerned, the 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 immediately. The caller sounds like an 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.



By U.S. Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine)

fraud, waste, and abuse within the IRS, has called this 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 artists. Putting a stop to aggressive and ruthless scams such as the IRS impersonation scam is among my highest priorities as chairman of the Senate Aging Committee. 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 Nation’s Seniors. The guide contains tips on ways to identify and avoid common scams, including the IRS impersonation scam, which was

listed as the most prevalent fraud. 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 delinquent on their taxes, they will only do so after contacting a taxpayer by mail first. Individuals who receive one of these calls and are unsure of whether or not they owe

taxes should hang up immediately and call the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040. In addition, the IRS will never ask 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 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 scammed in the first place. I am working with AARP to ensure that our seniors and

their caregivers have the information they need to protect themselves against these cruel crimes. Efforts to increase awareness of the IRS impersonation scam are having a positive effect: it now takes an average of 400 calls, up from 50 calls, to find a victim, but obviously that still translates into far too many people scammed of their savings. Seniors who receive an un-

expected call from someone 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 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.

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!

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

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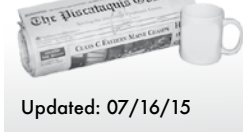
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Health & Senior Living



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

By Beth Ranagan

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 are the friendly faces needed in such situations. Fortunately, this service is free for people of all income levels.



Watson

Gail Watson, senior companion program coordinator for Piscataquis and Somerset counties, sat down to speak with 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, making new friends, and helping others become important. Being out with people and helping others has been found to foster good mental and physical health.

Jane Neptune, a senior companion, 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

and liability insurance.

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 members of elders receiving

senior companion services have reported the companionship as 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 2 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 volunteer.

If you are unable to attend,

you can call Watson toll-free at 1-800-287-1495 to make an 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 participated 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.

Births

Among recent births recorded at Mayo Regional Hospital in Dover-Foxcroft were:

AKERSON — A daughter, BethanyLin Marie Akerson, born 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 Ron Lister of Westport, MA.

DIMEO — A daughter, Dakota

Addalyn Dimeo, born on Feb. 6, 2016, to Jessica Nicole Shepherd 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 Sangerville.

McKUSICK — A daughter, Iris Elizabeth Scott McKusick, born 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, Ember 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 Masaryk-town, FL. Great-grandparent is Ruth Nason of Dover-Foxcroft.

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 RoxyMcGlauffin. 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 McGlauffin 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. Tickets will be sold until March 31, and the person who



Photo courtesy of GFWC Miosac Club
GETTING READY TO GARDEN — Trisha Smith, left and a master gardener who works for University of Maine Cooperative Extension, spoke to the GFWC/Miosac Club on March 1. Smith was introduced by Elaine 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 McGlauffin on a seacoast decorated table.

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

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Foxcroft Youth and SeDoMoCha MS wrestling news

DEXTER — The youth 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 Bangor.

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

Niland, Wiott Seavey, Ateon Whitney, Matthew Fillmore, Noah Cavanaugh and Skylar Gibbs.

Third place: Alex Hanson, Eugene Gould, Lucien Pearl, Maddelynn Stone, Amayah Blanchard, Owen Weymouth, Colby Gilbert, Brooklyn Black, Nathan Durgin, Jaxson Zimmermann, 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.

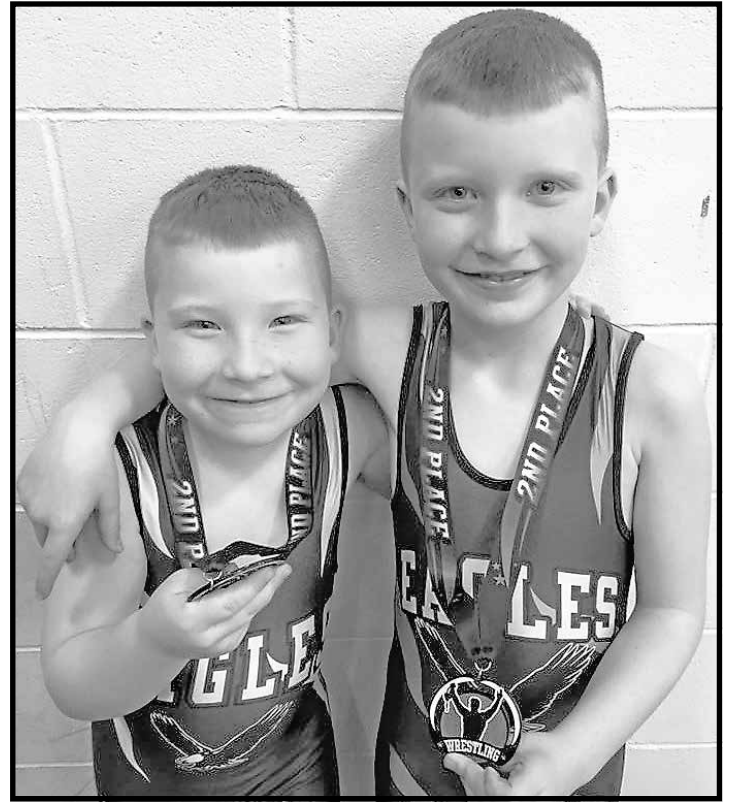
Fourth place: Austin Jackson.



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



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MEDAL AROUND HIS NECK — Hayden Hanson finished in fourth place in his weight class on Saturday at Dexter.



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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 conservative, as Nelson made an immediate impact at Foxcroft.

"I'll never forget it," said Hanson. "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 Monson.

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 history.

A jam-packed crowd turned FA's gymnasium into a sauna for that January 1974 contest, and both teams responded with a tournament-like performance. For his part, Nelson overcame a poke in the eye to help the Ponies earn a 58-56 victory.

"I swear I never saw a larger crowd at a game, even my senior year," he said. "I can't believe

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 title.

In their three meetings that winter, Orono outscored Foxcroft 174-173.

"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 it just clicked," said Nelson. "We were very underrated defensively, we had a very good defensive team, and we also had a very high-IQ team as far as basketball."

The Ponies scored an early 81-63 victory over Orono and were rarely tested while winning all 18 regular-season games.

"I think there was a lot of pressure 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 Nelson, "but I think at that point

we began to think we could run 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 saying to Kevin, 'You've got step it up.' We went out for the second

half and he got the ball at the foul line and just thundered down the 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-

tle of the unbeaten for the state 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.

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Harris

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starting to slow with the words "keep running." She then helped lead the stretches and took part in the ensuing

drills as well as providing some hands-on technique instruction.

Is Harris having an impact on the future of female grade school wrestling at PCHS?

If the numbers in the feeder levels is any indication, the answer is a solid "yes."

"Between middle school and pee wee there are 10 to 12 girls," Harris said. When

asked, she said these younger wrestlers look up to her. She said the daughter of a coach down at Queen of the Mat told her this as well "and it 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
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 four-year wrestler for the Pirates, and she also plays soccer and runs track in the spring.

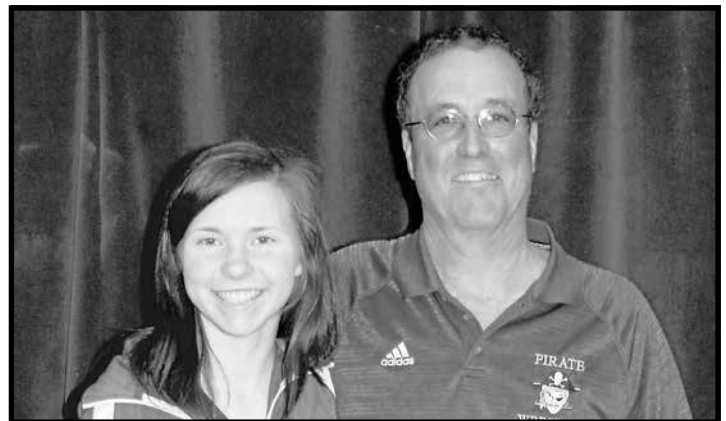



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WRESTLER AND COACH — Cahrey Harris is pictured with her head wrestling coach Tom Cyr.



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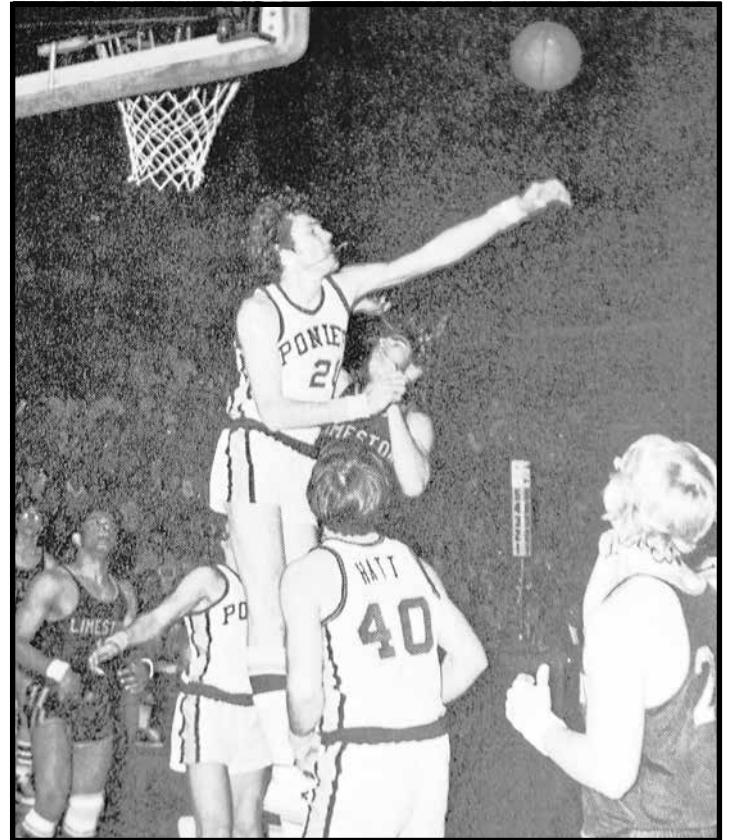


Photo courtesy of Foxcroft Academy
QUITE THE PRESENCE IN THE PAINT — 1975 Foxcroft Academy graduate Kevin Nelson is among the members of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2016. The 6-foot-8 Nelson, who grew up in Monson and today lives in Falmouth, helped the Ponies win the Class B state championship as a senior before playing four years of Div. I basketball at the University of Maine where he scored over 1,000 points and grabbed over 750 rebounds in 93 games for the Black Bears.

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New program to help Maine woods tourism businesses

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GREENVILLE — The Northern 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 Woods.

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 project, 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-

front of the highly competitive destination travel market," said Mike 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, Wilimantic, 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 retailers.

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

capital and tax credit authority for the federal New Markets Tax 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 support.

"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

that strengthen the business. If a consultant recommends a capital 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-innovation>.

"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 local partners.

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 1-800-750-4000.

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The Katahdin Valley Health Center Casey White Memorial scholarship was established in 2012 in memory of V. Casey White. Casey had returned to college after many years in the workforce to pursue a career in Health Care and ultimately obtain his licensure as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Once Casey became an FNP, he practiced for over 30 years providing health care to the people in the Houlton area region. After his untimely passing in February of 2012, Katahdin Valley Health center chose to honor Casey's memory by creating a scholarship.

The scholarship is for individuals with a commitment like Casey's to pursue higher education while being a member of the workforce, a non-traditional student and well after high school.

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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.



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FACE PLATE – SeDoMoCha Middle School seventh-grader Kaylee Durgin lobbs 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 left-handers 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 left-hander 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

where he played inside, but that's 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-

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.

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