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## Board mulls Penquis school

By Stuart Hedstrom  
Staff Writer

MILO — A week after SAD 41 officials met with selectmen from the four district communities to discuss a potential \$10 million project that would convert the Penquis Valley School into a pre-kindergarten through grade 12 facility, the board discussed the next steps during an Oct. 5 meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Meredith Higgins said the capital improvement committee would be meeting on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Marion C. Cook School in LaGrange. “We have lots of factors in play and after the meeting last week we need to get together and focus on that and decide as a group where we are going,” Higgins said.

In addition to the construction costs for the SAD 41 towns, one factor to be looked at further is how the Atkinson deorganization would impact the school project. Under the deorganization plan Atkinson would negotiate a withdrawal from the district, with students heading

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Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

**A NEED TO CONSERVE WATER** — A low Piscataquis River flows by Browns Mill Park in Dover-Foxcroft. With drought conditions impacting the region, the Dover & Foxcroft Water District has issued a water conservation request to its customers in the hopes of preventing or holding off a mandatory conservation order.

## Water district urges customers to save water

By Stuart Hedstrom  
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — A quick glance at the Piscataquis River or other body of water will reveal an unusually low water level.

The Dover & Foxcroft Water District’s water source Salmon Stream Pond has not been immune to the effects of the current drought conditions with the shoreline extending further than normal. As a result, several weeks ago the district issued

a water conservation request in the hopes of reducing future problems while district officials work to address the issue.

Dover & Foxcroft Water District Superintendent Matthew Demers said he does not believe the district has ever issued a water conservation request before. Salmon Stream Pond has plenty of water for the short term, but he is concerned that a lack of significant rain during the fall may drop the pond to critical levels during the winter months

due to a slowed recharge from streams and ponds icing over.

“Rain that’s what we need right now,” Demers said. “Six inches of rain would help a lot, as long as it gets to the pond and is not soaked into the ground leading to the pond.”

He said the best scenario would have the half dozen inches of rainfall over a week or two, and not lead to a large amount

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## Atkinson explores SAD 41 withdrawal

### Students would attend Foxcroft

By Stuart Hedstrom  
Staff Writer

CHARLESTON — Under the community’s deorganization plan, students residing in Atkinson would no longer attend SAD 41 but would instead go to RSU 68/Foxcroft Academy. The deorganization plan may be brought before the Legislature next year, but should the proposal fail Atkinson pupils may still be heading west as a petition requesting a withdrawal from the Milo-based SAD 41 was recently presented to town officials.

During an Oct. 4 meeting of the RSU 68 school board at the Charleston Community Center, Atkinson Select Chair Mark Kinney said about two years prior a petition was submitted to explore deorganization with Atkinson ceasing to be a municipality and falling under the auspices of Piscataquis County.

“Within the last five weeks we have completed the deorganization plan,” Kinney said. He said during a special town meeting in August over 80 of 90 voters favored proceeding.

Shelley Lane, director of state schools for education in the unorganized territories, made the determination that RSU 68/Foxcroft Academy would be best for Atkinson students post-deorganization, Kinney said. Atkinson currently has 31 students in

pre-kindergarten through grade 12 with 13 in elementary school, seven in grades 5-8 and 11 in high school

“I think in these negotiations we will work out something for those students at Penquis Valley who want to stay,” Kinney said.

He said should the Legislature give its approval to the plan, residents could take a final vote in November 2017.

“Last week we were presented with a petition to withdraw from SAD 41,” Kinney said. “They are feeling if deorganization fails that withdrawal from 41 is off the table and that’s accurate.”

He said a public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. at the town office to discuss the petition to withdraw from SAD 41. “Then we will hold a special referendum for them to vote on whether to proceed with withdrawing,” Kinney said, with this question potentially being a part of the Nov. 8 ballot.

Board Chair Rick Johnston wondered should Atkinson not deorganize but withdraw from SAD 41, would its students attend RSU 68/Foxcroft Academy on a tuition-basis or would the community look to join the school district. Johnston said Atkinson would need to talk separately

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## Chamber lauds Mill, Dave’s World

### Two earn Businesses of the Year honors

By Stuart Hedstrom  
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — A new business in the region and another that has been established in the community for over half a century were both honored with Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year recognition during the annual meeting on Oct. 6 at the Mill Event Space. The Mill Inn & Cafe was honored as the Chamber’s first New Business of the Year and Dave’s World of Dover-Foxcroft is the 2016 Business of the Year.

Nominees for the Business of the Year need to be in operation and members of the Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce for at least two years, but the Chamber’s board of directors felt the time had come to introduce a second award for

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Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

**NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** — The Mill Inn & Cafe is the recipient of the Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce’s New Business of the Year. From left are State Sen. Paul Davis (R-Sangerville), State Rep. Paul Stearns (R-Guilford), Cafe Manager Lydia Spencer, Inn Manager Jade Harmon and State Rep. Norm Higgins (R-Dover-Foxcroft).



Observer photo/Jeanette Hughes

**FUN AT THE COLOR RUN** — Clouds of color linger in the air after the color cannons were shot off during the finale of the Milo Event Committee’s Color Milo 2016 on Saturday morning. For more pictures, please see page 10.



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

**CHAMBER BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** — Dave’s World of Dover-Foxcroft was honored as the Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce’s 2016 Business of the Year during the Chamber’s annual meeting on Oct. 6 at the Mill Event Space. The business ownership group was also presented with a Legislative Sentiment from the area’s delegation to Augusta. From from are Robert Jankunas, State Rep. Paul Stearns (R-Guilford), Matthew Scott, Dan Sharrow, State Sen. Paul Davis (R-Sangerville) and State Rep. Norm Higgins (R-Dover-Foxcroft).

## County budget committee begins work

By Stuart Hedstrom  
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — A day before the first meeting of the budget advisory committee, Interim County Manager Tom Lizotte provided the commissioners with a brief overview of the current spending plan during the Oct. 4 session.

“The budget committee has their first meeting tomorrow night here at

6 o’clock,” Lizotte said. “The bottom line is coming into focus.”

Lizotte said the early projections have the county portion of the budget up by about \$25,000 from 2016. He said this is equal to .5 percent, and the amount could be reduced more over the next few weeks.

The interim county manager said the largest request made is a switch in the district attorney of-

face’s investigator position from part-time to full-time. Lizotte said the Piscataquis County Emergency Management Agency has asked for a storage building and this structure could be combined with the sheriff’s office to be built on the site of the impound lot.

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## Wild Meat: You need to cool it down fast

Whether it’s hunting deer, bear, moose or elk, a meat hunter I have always been. And I have learned over the years that, once an animal is down, taking proper care of the meat pays off at the dinner table.

Early and proper cooling of wild meat is the key. Depending on the critter and the air temperature, the spoilage time really varies.

One of the saddest, most exasperating outcomes of a big game hunt that I have ever experienced happened to me a few years ago during a Colorado elk hunt. I shot a cow elk. I scattered with some others into an aspen grove and, despite a half-day search, the elk was nowhere to be found. There was no blood or hair, but it was an easy shot and a miss seemed improbable to me. By late afternoon a mountain snow storm moved in and kept us hunkered down at camp all the next day.

On day three, after the snow subsided, my elusive elk was located.

**No dice**

The 350-pound animal is upside down wedged between the crib-work of dead aspens piled upon each other. I am heartsick. The elk’s hindquarters are gone, presumably eaten by a wolf. The viscera stinks. In a futile, desperate act, I skin back the hide and hack out a backstrap. Rolling the backstrap in cleansing snow, I give it the sniff test. No dice. The meat is sour, gone bad.



Outdoors  
in Maine

By V. Paul  
Reynolds

I leave it all to the wolves and who-knows-what critters, and walk away. Glancing back, I realize with a shake of my head that I had walked within a few feet of my elk on the first search. It had departed in the opposite direction of the other fleeing elk. I never saw it go, so fixated was I on the other elk. Except for a protruding rear hoof and a few inches of rear leg, the animal was all but invisible.

**Short window**

By rights the elk should not have spoiled. The mountains remained snow covered with a low cloud cover. Elk, however - like a bear or moose - have thick hides that just don’t dissipate body heat well after the kill. This, coupled with the fact that my elk carcass was jammed down in between two large aspen deadfalls, conspired to prevent natural cooling that would have taken place if air had been able to circulate around the meat.

Lesson learned. Get the hide off as soon as you can and, at the very least, get large volumes of ice into the critter’s field-dressed body cav-

ity as soon as it is practical. The idea, again, is to get the air moving around the meat, even if you think it is too cool to worry about.

If you are going to be transporting large cuts of deboned wild meat in a cooler, here are some tips you may not have considered. They are excerpted from a useful article titled “Science of Cool” by Bugle Magazine’s hunting editor, PJ Delhomme. “Most people don’t realize that you have to start with a cool cooler.” That is to say for best, long-lasting cool downs of your wild meat, pre-cool the cooler, no matter how good a cooler it is. If you can ice down or pre-cool the meat before placing it in a pre-cooled cooler, that’s even better.

For extended periods of time

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**VISIBLE PIPE** — People can see water main running across the Piscataquis River for the Dover & Foxcroft Water District near the Essex Street bridge as a result of the low water level.

## Water

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of runoff that could make treatment more difficult. "A mere six inches would make me breath a bit easier."

"We can do a mandatory conservation order but we hope not to," Demers said. He said under such an order those with excessive water use could be fined - the financial penalty for violations is determined by the Maine Public Utilities Commission - or have service disconnected.

"At no point do we ever want to shut people off," Demers said. "But also water isn't free, it costs money to treat it and get it sent right to your door."

In order to help prevent a water conservation order, the Dover & Foxcroft Water District has asked customers to refrain from using water for non-essential purposes. These activities include watering lawns and gardens, washing vehicles, driveways and siding and those using garden hoses are

asked to not let the water run. "The good thing is gardens are done now and people are done watering their lawns," Demers said. He said businesses want to have their company vehicles look nice and clean but these establishments are being asked to refrain from washing until the conservation request has been rescinded.

Demers said specific requests have not been made to the car washes in town as the district does not want to hurt business, but should the drought continue then a request to reduce hours of operation, or more, could be made.

In the meantime, district customers can help by not letting water run when brushing their teeth and shaving. Dishes can be scraped instead of rinsed before being placed in the dishwasher, which should only be run when full. Washing machines should be set at the correct load size, and the district has requested customers take quick showers and only

fill tubs enough to get clean. "There is only so much people really can do to hold back," Demers said. He said the district is monitoring water usage to identify and fix leaks in the system.

"With our monitoring system we get reports of leaks or intermittent leaks," Demers said. "Normally we try to get as many we can to help those people and now we are really taking that list and working on it." He said correcting a leak will also help reduce the customer's bill.

Demers said the district is working with several state agencies and engineers on a potential project to extend the line deeper into Salmon Stream Pond. "That would be one of the quickest fixes to get us through," he said if the extension is feasible. Another possibility being looked into are alternate sources to supplement or replace the pond.

"We are not doing hydrant flushing this year," Demers said about a task normally done in the fall. He said flushing is done more for esthetic than health reasons as "anything with health concerns we will take care of."

The water conservation request was posted on the district Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DFWaterDistrict/>, which includes more information and updates moving forward. The district can also be reached at 564-2310.

"It's truly a serious thing going on, everybody needs to work together to slow down their water use," Demers said.

## Penquis

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to RSU 68/Foxcroft Academy in Dover-Foxcroft.

"At this point we have not been contacted about withdrawing but I am sure that will be coming," Higgins said. "I would be surprised if we are going to get started with that this year."

In other business, appointments are in place for the winter sports season. Jason Mills will be the boys varsity basketball head coach with Tyler Pelletier leading the junior varsity, Dawn McLaughlin is the girls varsity basketball head coach with Erin Weston the junior varsity coach and Tammy Murano will be the cheering coach. At the middle school level the coaches are Crystal Cail for boys basketball, Wally Russell for girls basketball and Amanda Martin for cheering.

Penquis Valley School Principal Jeremy Bousquet introduced the two new student representatives to the school board, with freshman Aiden Pardue and sophomore Alexa Urbaniak joining junior Alex Kearns and senior Krista Dearborn.

"I just saw the opportunity to be on the school board," Pardue said about representing the freshman class. "I like being in the loop and knowing what's going on in the school and the community."

Urbaniak said she is new to Penquis Valley "and we didn't have this opportunity at my old school." Urbaniak said the four younger representatives to the board can give a student's perspective in the decision-making process.

Kearns, who is in her third year representing the Class of 2018, concurred with Urbaniak. "I like getting the students' perspective out there," Kearns said.

Bousquet said a combined Veteran's Day assembly is being planned for SAD 41, as he and the elementary principals are planning an event to be held at Penquis Valley to honor all who have served.

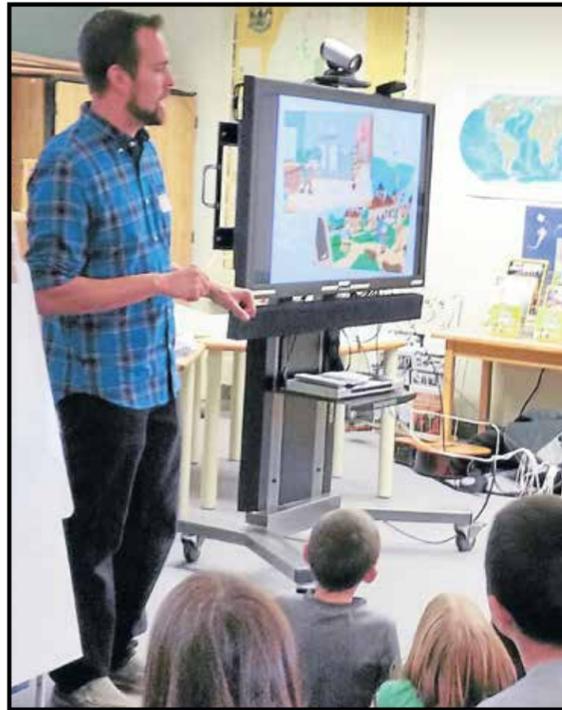


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**AUTHOR VISIT** — Josh Alves, a Maine author and cartoonist, came to the Piscataquis Elementary School Library in Guilford on Oct. 3 to give interactive presentations to all students about the creative writing process. He showcased his books to include "Lilly Bristol Dinosaur Wrangler" and the "Zeke the Meek" series for which he did the illustrations. More information about Alves is at [www.joshalves.com](http://www.joshalves.com). His visit was funded from the award that Librarian Charlotte E. Violette received from the Maine Association of School Libraries as the 2016 Support Staff of the Year.

## Wardens find bird hunters after a night in the woods

SHIRLEY — On Oct. 5 at 5 a.m. game wardens were notified of two overdue hunters. Carl Ponkala, 70, from Monson, and Nicholas Erickson, 25, from Shirley, had left Shirley in a grey Honda CRV the previous afternoon and had not returned home.

Information indicated the hunters may have taken the Clouse Allen Road toward Bald Mountain. Several game wardens responded to the area after receiving the call and at 7 a.m. the missing vehicle was located off the Clouse Allen Road with no one around it. While game wardens were at this location, Carrier Timberlands tractor trailer driver John Morrell stopped and dropped off the hunters after locating them along the road.

Ponkala and Erickson reported that they had gone in a section of woods to hunt for grouse and had gotten turned around. The pair

located another road through the woods and were able to build a fire to help them through the night. They were cold, but uninjured.

The Maine Warden Service asks hunters to remember the following safety tips. Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return. Stick to that plan or notify the responsible person if you change plans. Have a map of the area you are hunting and use in conjunction with a good compass or GPS.

Carry a survival kit to include matches or a lighter, survival blanket, some high energy snacks and any other packable items you feel are important.

Do not rely on cell phone coverage as an emergency plan. There are many areas of Maine that have poor to no cell phone coverage. Purchase a satellite communicator that can do email and track your position at the same time.

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# Walk highlights visual impairment

DOVER-FOXCROFT — To recognize “White Cane Safety Day” on Oct. 15, the Department of Labor’s Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired is promoting awareness of the white cane, a tool used by people with visual impairment to safely navigate foot travel. Several events open to the public will be held around the state on that day, including a walk at 10 a.m. starting at The Mill parking lot.

A person with blindness or low vision extends a white cane, sometimes with red markings, in front of the body — the cane signifies that the user cannot see well. Although long perceived as a tool of people with total blindness, in fact only a small number of people using the cane see nothing. Most people have some degree of vision, although they may not have enough to walk about safely.

“White Cane Awareness Day helps educate the public about how the cane is used,” said Commissioner of Labor Jeanne Paquette. “In addition to warning the visually impaired person about obstacles and changes in the level of the walking surface, the cane makes others, especially drivers, aware that the user may not see them. Using the cane enables a visually impaired person to be independent and self-reliant.”

The commissioner added, “Individuals or family members who have questions about services

available for a person of any age experiencing vision loss should call the department’s Bureau of Rehabilitation Services.” The bureau’s phone number is (623-6799 (TTY users dial Maine Relay 711). Additional information is available at <http://www.maine.gov/rehab/dbvi>

People who experience a vision loss receive specialized training in using a white cane and may spend many hours learning how to navigate their home town, including crossing streets safely and using public transit. However, as proficient as a user may be with independent travel skills, vehicles and traffic present significant concerns and risk.

Drivers who fail to yield to a person using a white cane may face fines. Maine’s white cane law states that “failure to yield the right of way to a visually impaired pedestrian commits a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,000.”

Paquette explained, “The ability to use the white cane and have the confidence to make good decisions requires constant effort, even for the most skilled traveler. Others can help promote their safety and independence by following a few simple and common-sense rules.”

These suggestions can help drivers take reasonable precautions when they see someone using a white cane to ensure the safety of all parties: Don’t stop your car

more than five feet from the cross-walk line (further distance only confuses visually impaired pedestrians and makes it harder for them to hear your car).

Don’t yell out, “It’s okay to cross.” You may not be aware of all the factors required to safely cross.

Don’t wait a long time for blind pedestrians to cross. If it appears they are not ready to cross, “creep” slowly forward through the crossing. If the cane traveler pulls in the cane or steps back, that is a sign to the motorist that it is okay to go.

Do make full stops at stop signs. Do stop completely and look for pedestrians before attempting to turn right on red.

Do stop for all pedestrians in crosswalks.

Don’t stop your car in the middle of the crosswalk.

Don’t block the sidewalk at driveways.

Don’t honk.

Here are a few other common sense suggestions to keep in mind when encountering a person using a white cane: Ask first if you think someone needs assistance.

When giving directions, be clear, use concrete terms (for example, left/right, approximate distances) and avoid pointing.

Allow space for a person with a white cane to pass; however, if that is too difficult or awkward and they are heading for you, speak up and let them know you are there.



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**OUTDOOR CLASSROOM** — Sixth-graders from Piscataquis Community Elementary School in Guilford took a field trip to the Piscataquis County and Soil Water Conservation District’s demonstration forest in Williamsburg on Sept. 30 for a day of natural resource discovery.

## PCES sixth-graders enjoy visit to demonstration forest

WILLIAMSBURG — On Sept. 30 the Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District (PCSWCD) hosted the grade 6 classes from Piscataquis Community Elementary School (PCES) at the demonstration forest for a day of natural resource discovery.

This field trip has become an annual tradition for the school and provides students with an excellent way to experience the demonstration forest and learn a few things about biology and ecology. The PCSWCD encourages all schools, organizations and clubs to contact the organization to set up one of these field trips at the demonstration forest or the Law Farm in Dover-Foxcroft.

This field trip is a great way to get students outdoors and learning about the natural world. For more information, please contact 564-2321 ext. 3 or [info@piscataquisswcd.org](mailto:info@piscataquisswcd.org).

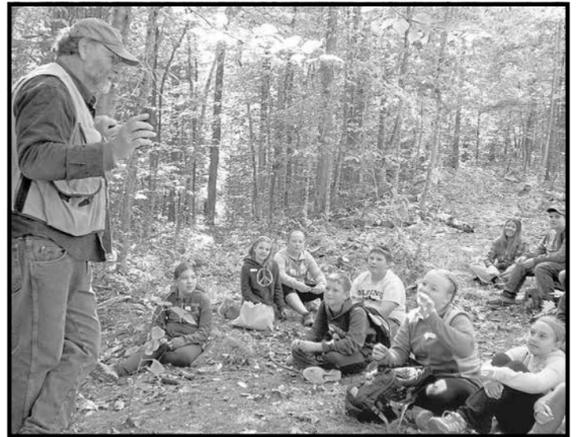


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**TOOLS OF THE TRADE** — PCES sixth-graders check out the tools Gordon Moore is showing that foresters use in the Maine woods.

The office is located in the Engdahl Drive in Dover-Foxcroft. Pine Crest Business Park at 42

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with Foxcroft Academy, which contracts with RSU 68 for grades 9-12.

“For us, as a smaller town with a limited value, I think to be part of the RSU as a member town would be better in the long run,” Kinney said. He said Atkinson could start by tuitioning its students and then look into joining RSU 68. Under a tuition agreement, which could be for 10 years, Atkinson would fund transportation to Dover-Foxcroft.

With the topic of Atkinson withdrawal on the meeting agenda as just a discussion item, the school board could not take a formal vote but Johnston said the directors could have a letter drafted saying they have no objections to accepting Atkinson pupils on a tuition-basis if the community decides to go in this direction.

Kinney said deorganization is being pursued because almost half of the community’s taxable acreage is in the Tree Growth Program and about 13,000 acres of these lands are in tax-exempt or reduced valuation conservation programs, leaving little tax base for the town to draw on.

“We believe we are good stewards of the tax base,” Johnston

said.

In other business, SeDoMoCha School Principal Julie Kimball said she met recently with Piscataquis Regional YMCA and Penquis leaders about the backpack project.

“We are going to be continuing with that program again this year,” she said. So far 57 permission slips have been returned, enabling elementary students to bring home backpacks filled with non-perishable foods. Kimball said Will’s Shop ‘n Save owner Will Wedge would be leading this year’s backpack program.

Kimball said backpack program organizers have tried to increase involvement at the middle school, as some of these students may feel self-conscious about taking part.

She said grade 7 science teacher Mary Kate Povak suggested having a closet of items such as toiletries and non-perishables

available for students to discreetly use. Kimball said this concept is being investigated and that PRYMCA Director of Marketing and Fund Development Patrick Myers is looking into related grant opportunities.

The directors also created an ad hoc committee - to be comprised of several board members and a few parents - to review the athletics program, with the findings set to be presented in March. “They are going to do a review of the athletic program, everything from A to Z and come back to us,” Johnston said.

“We are going to need updated equipment and more of it,” board member Blake Smith said, about an area of concern. He said the football equipment is the most glaring need.

“This is something we are going to have to take a real serious look at when we build this budget,” Smith said.

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**The Shop Local Tree was hiding in the Rowell’s Garage Car Wash ad. Thank you to all who entered. Look for the Shop Local Tree in this week’s edition for your chance to win!**

## Raising awareness about the dangers of falls



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

September 22, 2016, marked the first day of the fall season, a time to enjoy Maine's beautiful foliage and crisp weather. It also was National Falls Prevention Day, a time to better educate seniors, families, and caregivers — as well as government and civic organizations — about the practices, programs, and policies that can be taken to reduce the risk of falls.

As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, I introduced the Senate Resolution calling for this designation — along with the Committee's Ranking Member, Senator Claire McCaskill — to highlight the fact that falls are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries among older adults. Older adults are the fastest-growing segment of the United States' population, and the number is projected to increase from 46.2 million in 2014 to 82.3 million in 2040. As more Americans age, falls will become even more numerous and costly than they are now.

In 2014, approximately 2.8 million older Americans were treated in emergency rooms after falling, and more than 800,000 were subsequently hospitalized. Tragically, more than 27,000 of them died as a result of their injuries.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention puts these staggering statistics in a context that really brings the problem home: one out of every three seniors falls each year; every 13 seconds, a senior is treated in an emergency room for a fall; every 20 seconds, a senior dies from a fall.

In addition to the human toll, these falls generate enormous economic costs. The annual total direct medical cost of fall-related injuries for older adults is approximately \$34 billion. As more members of the Baby Boomer generation reach retirement age, these costs could nearly double within the next five years.

Beyond the pain, suffering, and expense, falls can affect a senior's ability to live independently and can lead to a compromised quality of life, and thus to isolation and depression. Many people who fall, even if they are not injured, can develop a fear of falling. This may cause them to limit their activities, resulting in reduced mobility and physical activity.

As a Senator representing the state with the oldest median age, I am especially concerned that Maine is eighth in the nation in the percentage of seniors who suffer falls. Seniors in Maine who fall experience an average medical cost of approximately \$16,000, according to the most recent statistics available. Fortunately, there are many organizations throughout Maine, including several Area Agencies on Aging, that provide important fall prevention programs.

Our resolution urges relevant federal, state, and local organizations to work to help educate seniors about ways they can reduce the risks that may result from a fall, including injury and even death. The resolution also recognizes that evidence-based programs reduce falls by using cost-effective strategies, such as exercise programs, medication management, vision improvement, reduction of home hazards, and fall prevention education. Family members and other caregivers can also help seniors evaluate their homes for fall-inducing hazards and modify their living space with adequate lighting and assistive devices, such as grab bars in the shower or tub, to help ensure a safe environment.

There are more steps we can take. The costs of even minor modifications like grab bars and handrails can add up quickly, while more expensive projects such as widening doorways or installing a ramp are financially unrealistic for far too many seniors. Several existing federal programs can help seniors make these needed modifications to their homes, but few seniors are aware of them. To address this issue, I have joined Sens. Angus King of Maine and Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire in sponsoring the Senior Home Modification Assistance Initiative Act, which would improve awareness and better coordinate existing federal programs.

Falling is not an inevitable consequence of aging. Practical lifestyle adjustments, evidence-based prevention programs, community partnerships, and continued research are among the tools available to reduce falls. Fall-related injuries have a devastating impact on the lives of our seniors, their families, and their communities. Our goal is to unite professionals, older adults, caregivers, and family members so that they might all play a part in raising awareness and preventing falls.

Behind neighbors like New Hampshire and Vermont, which hold the seventh and second best ranks with rates of 4.9 and 4.3.

Maine is the only state in the nation with a worse infant mortality rate this decade than in the previous one. We have to turn this around.

Members of the Appropriations Committee recently heard about the importance of the state's public health nurses from Dr. Lani Graham, a former state health director. She told us that the lack of public health nurses is likely contributing to Maine's worsening infant mortality rate.

Under the watch of Gov. Paul LePage and Health and Human Services Commissioner Mary Mayhew, the number of public health nurses working for the state Center for Disease Control and Prevention has been slashed in half, to about 25.

The Appropriations Committee as well as the Legislature as a whole continue to fund these vital positions, but the LePage administration simply won't fill the vacancies.

The public health nurses we have left have to handle everything from working with mothers of drug-affected babies to tuberculosis detection, treatment and prevention to outbreaks of communicable diseases like the H1N1 flu pandemic of 2009.

Dr. Graham says that in light of Maine's opioid epidemic, we should be increasing the presence of public health nurses in Maine — not cutting back. We need to follow up on the growing number of drug-affected babies and their mothers and provide them with the care they need.

Public health requires constant vigilance, a collaborative approach and boots on the ground. Public health nurses are key to that equation.

Maine was once a leader. How far we've fallen.

We need to reverse this devastating trend — not just with words, but with action and resources to make a difference to the next generation of Mainers and to the well-being of our entire state.

Rep. Peggy Rotundo, D-Lewiston, is the co-chair of the Legislature's Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee.

## LePage's good deeds

To the Editor; I agree many of the comments our governor has made should never have been made. That said I don't think we can forget about all the good this man has done for the state he loves.

I just finished reading a report about how Maine roads have improved from 18th in the nation to fifth. I served eight years on the Legislature's Transportation Committee, and I can remember the deplorable condition our roads were in when LePage took office. Roads were bad and on course to get worse with no money in the paving budget. LePage got us back on track and roads have improved every year since with no tax increase. In fact, we repealed the automatic gas tax increase.

We can thank LePage for paying off a hospital debt of \$700 million without raising taxes.

One of this governor's biggest accomplishments gets no notice at all. When he took office we owed the state retirement system \$4.5 billion. In 1996, we passed a referendum requiring that debt be paid off by 2026. Budget writers had been kicking the can down the road by reducing the current payment, and increasing it in the out years knowing we would never be able to make payments of \$600 million or \$700 million a year. LePage has reduced that debt to \$2.5 billion and got us on a plan to get it paid off by the constitutional deadline.

That's on top of reducing income tax rates and welfare rolls.

Doug Thomas Ripley

## Ranked Choice voting good for all parties

To the Editor;

I am writing to express my support of and invite others to consider supporting "Yes on 5" when we vote in November. This initiative is for Ranked Choice Voting, a simple, common sense reform to our voting system. If passed, Ranked Choice Voting will put power back in the hands of voters, will restore majority rule, and will give voters more voice in our democracy.

As a young Republican, I strongly believe this reform will benefit voters and encourage more policy-oriented campaigning.

With Ranked Choice Voting, candidates must reach out more broadly and build coalitions to win with a majority. Winners of elections should have the backing of broader coalitions of voters so that they can enact the people's will. The process works just like runoff elections, without requiring voters to return to the polls to vote in another expensive, drawn-out election.

In nine of the last 11 races for Maine's governor, candidates were elected by less than half of voters. In five of those races, candidates were elected by less than 40 percent of voters. In a representative democracy, our leaders should be elected by more than half of us, so they represent the people and are accountable to us, not narrow political factions.

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## Our students deserve much better

To the Editor;

Question 2 on the November ballot increases money for public education programs through raising, by a small amount, the taxes wealthy Mainers would pay.

It's time the schools get enough money so they can do the best job possible in educating our students. The education budget has been shortchanged by the legislature for over a decade.

Those higher income households would pay just an extra 3

percent on their income above \$200,000 to make up for this shortfall. Since many of those wealthy people get at least part of their income from capital gains, taxed at a lower rate, it's only proper for them to pay their fair share.

I hope all Mainers will vote "Yes" on Question 2 and support this win-win for our students and for the state.

Larry Dansinger Bangor

## The local road situation

To the Editor;

I do a fair amount of traveling each year. Just this week I took the scenic tour via U.S. Route 2 to New Hampshire to attend our great-grandson's football game. Twelve hours in my vehicle on decent roads.

Today I needed to do a few errands in Dover-Foxcroft. It's a toss up when leaving Abbot whether to bump along busy Route 15 or drive on the Back Road and endure the deep culvert holes on High Street in Guilford. Why haven't these holes been patched, or better yet, why wasn't this street paved recently when the pavers were doing other streets in town? It's definitely one

of the busiest streets in town.

Library Street is another street in Guilford that is barely passable.

I understand that it is the DOT's decision to wait another year to surface Route 15 south of Abbot Village. Not a wise decision on their part since this is a heavily traveled highway to many vacation destinations. High Street in Guilford should be smoother once snow arrives and the culvert holes fill in and freeze. Good luck to the plow driver those first few storms!

In the meantime, I'm turning into a "snowbird" and "leaving on a jet plane."

Joyce Lander Abbot

## Age-friendly activists gather

To the Editor;

Creating livable communities - great places for people of all ages to live, work, and play - was the theme of the recent Maine Age-Friendly conference sponsored by AARP Maine.

Twenty-two Maine communities have officially joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. The communities - from Kennebunk to Eastport - include 17 percent of Maine residents. Each city and town that joins the Network has a core group of age-friendly activists whose goal is to enable residents of all ages and abilities to remain healthy, active, and engaged in their communities for as long as possible. Age-friendly communities seek to increase social participation, access to community supports and health services, improve the accessibility of outdoor spaces and buildings, increase civic engagement and social participation, and more.

At the conference, 80 age-friendly activists gathered to share ideas and to learn from national experts on livability. More

than 150 ideas for making a community more age-friendly were shared by community representatives. For example, Bowdoinham installed heated stair treads on outdoor stairs leading to the library that make it safer to use the stairs during winter. Augusta has added strobe lights to make it safer for pedestrians to cross certain busier roads. Ellsworth has created a community center that is shared by the YMCA daycare program and the senior center.

It was encouraging to see all of the innovative ways that Maine towns and cities are addressing aging. Maine is the oldest state but it is also the state with the greatest number of age-friendly communities finding innovative ways to make themselves into great places for people to live, whatever their age. To learn more or to order a free copy of The Maine Guide: Building Livable, Age-Friendly Communities, contact me@aarp.org.

Patricia Oh AARP Maine Age-Friendly Team Consultant Bowoinham

## Water is a precious resource

To the Editor;

On behalf of water utilities throughout Maine, I remind the public during Fire Prevention Week (October 9-15) about the critical role of local water supplies in fighting fires and safeguarding public safety.

Sufficient, reliable water supplies provide the adequate pressure and ample amounts of water needed to suppress fires and to prevent a tiny spark from turning into a raging inferno.

This year, prolonged record-high temperatures and record-low precipitation continue to tax already dwindling and limited water supplies as drought conditions expand and worsen throughout New England, according to the latest update from the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Despite recent rainfall, double-digit participation deficits

remain in many areas, forcing some utilities to activate emergency supplies.

I urge all Maine residents and businesses to conserve water, especially at this time, so utilities can continue to provide essential water service including fire protection.

To further promote public safety, I join the National Fire Protection Association this week in stressing: "Don't Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years."

In addition, I speak for all of our 2,570 members in saluting and thanking our firefighters and other first-responders for their courageous, dedicated, and selfless service every day of the year.

Stephen J. Ryan, executive director New England Water Works Association

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# Meat

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don't overlook the advantages of combining a layer of dry ice with your conventional blocks of ice. As conventional ice melts the dry ice tends to refreeze it! Because of the warmer weather during Maine's bear and moose season, it's common knowledge that wild meat spoilage is highest during these seasons. So while you make plans to sight in your rifle and do some advance scouting you

might also want to have a critter cool-down plan. It can make all the difference when you put the meat on the table. *The author is editor of the Northwoods Sporting Journal. He is also a Maine Guide and host of a weekly radio program "Maine Outdoors" heard Sundays at 7 p.m. on The Voice of Maine News-Talk Network. He has three books. Online purchase information is available at www.maineoutdoorpublications.com.*

# Voting

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Over 73,000 Republicans, Democrats, Independents, Greens and Libertarians across Maine signed petitions circulated by 900 volunteers to place this nonpartisan initiative on our November ballot. I encourage readers to learn more about this movement at [www.YesOn5.me](http://www.YesOn5.me).  
**Lucy McDermott**  
Dover-Foxcroft

# DIY kokedama sessions next week

DIY kokedama will be presented on Monday, Oct. 17 from 6-8 p.m. at the Penquis Valley School in Milo and on Thursday, Oct. 20 from 6-8 p.m. at Piscataquis Community Secondary School in Guilford. This program is sponsored by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension and the Piscataquis Valley Adult Education Cooperative. Trisha Smith, home horticulture aid at Extension in Piscataquis County, will lead participants in a new

planting adventure. "I saw these balls of soil and moss with house plants in them hanging in a funky shop in Portland, Ore.," Smith said. "I thought, 'I could do that!'" Smith was a florist for many years before she began working for Extension, and she has always enjoyed trying out new design ideas and sharing them with people. Her research revealed that the funky plant technique is Japanese, and is called "kokedama" or "moss ball."

Participants will encase succulent plant roots in a special soil blend and cover the ball with living moss. Kokedama may be suspended or displayed in a decorative container on a bright windowsill. Learn the technique now and make kokedama for decorations and gifts this holiday season. The course fee includes materials for one baseball/softball-sized kokedama. Pre-registration is required through PVAEC at <http://pvaec.maineadulted.org/> or 564-6525.



## Simple steps to protect your family from fire, carbon monoxide and other threats

(StatePoint) While life can be complicated, sometimes the simple solutions are the best ones, particularly when it comes to protecting your family from household hazards. The "Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries" program espouses that philosophy. For the 29th consecutive year, the campaign led by the Energizer brand and the International Association of Fire Chiefs, has reminded families of the life-saving habit of changing and testing the batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when most of the country sets their clocks back at the end of Daylight Saving Time. This year, that is November 6. A whopping 50 percent of home smoke alarms and car-

bon monoxide detectors have non-working batteries, according to the National Fire Protection Association. "A home that contains smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors is only safer if these devices actually work," says Michelle Atkinson, chief consumer officer, Energizer. "Testing your devices and updating their batteries are simple and critical steps to keeping your family comfortable and secure." Atkinson also points out that these days, many families rely on more than these traditional safety devices to protect their family and home. Investigate new smart devices and apps offering security and peace-of-mind, such as lights, locks and security systems that are connected to the In-

ternet and your smartphone. "Smart connected home technologies are keeping families safer, when operational," says Atkinson. "Remember, these tools, along with flashlights and other home safety devices require reliable battery power as well." Take this opportunity to update batteries in all your devices that enhance home security and comfort. Safety advocates say preparing your family is crucial. Make sure everyone, especially children, knows what your alarms and detectors sound like and what to do if they go off. A critical yet simple safety practice is to keep flashlights with fresh batteries at your bedside for help in finding your way out of your house



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**SMOKE DETECTOR** – On Sunday, November 6, 2016 Mainer will set their clocks back one hour to mark the end of Daylight Saving Time. Fire safety officials also remind you to change your smoke/carbon monoxide detector batteries, too. It's easy, it's simple, and it might just save a life.

and signaling for help in the event of a fire or other emergency. Also, keep a stash of high-quality 9V, C, D and AA batteries to power vital safety devices whenever necessary. For long-term protection, opt for batteries designed to prevent damaging leaks, like Energizer Max and Ultimate Lithium batteries.

More safety tips and resources can be found at [energizer.com/homesafety](http://energizer.com/homesafety). Changing your clocks? En-

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## MCI tops Tigers in clash of unbeatens

By Stuart Hedstrom  
Staff Writer

DEXTER — Heading into Saturday's Class D North contest Dexter Regional High School and Maine Central Institute of Pittsfield were two of three teams (also Orono High School) tied atop the Class D North standings with 5-0 records. For most of opening half the Tigers and Huskies were even but several big plays on special teams led to MCI touchdowns as the team earned a 36-2 victory.

After a scoreless opening quarter, Dexter (5-1) scored the game's first points in quarter No. 2. A pair of false starts pushed MCI back 10 yards to the Husky 9-yard line, and in three plays the team's offense could only get seven yards back.

The team lined up to punt on fourth-and-13, but the snap was too high for Husky senior punter Josh Buker to handle. As Buker ran back to grab the loose football, Dexter junior Tyler Beem fought through the block and chased down Buker. Beem and junior Matt Simpson finished the tackle in the endzone for the safety, and the 2-0 advantage.

The Tigers were awarded the ball with the safety, but a three-and-out by MCI forced Dexter to punt. With two Huskies back deep, junior Pedro Matos caught the punt beyond the 20-yard line as he ran toward Buker. The handoff was made as Buker then ran down the left sideline 82 yards for the touchdown, which with the two-point conversion made the game 8-2.

The score remained at 8-2 early in the second half after MCI made an interception and Dexter then recovered a Husky fumble at the team's own 2. The Tigers could only gain five yards in three plays as the team was then forced to punt from the Dexter endzone.

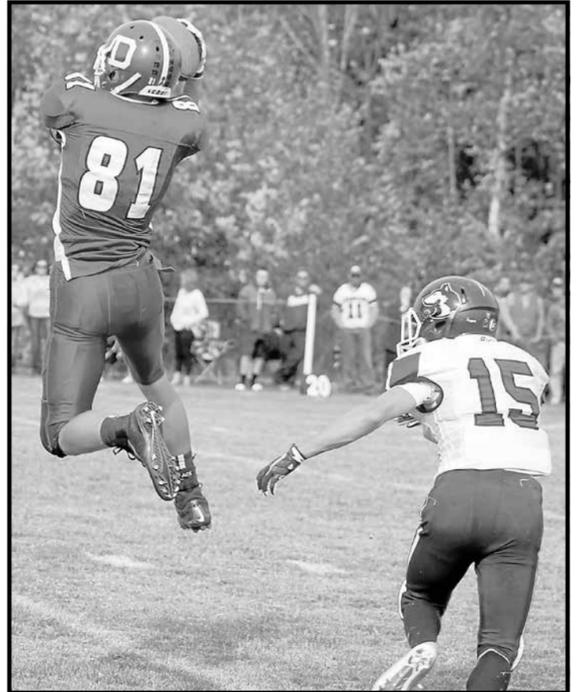
Matos let the punt bounce twice off the ground before he opted to scoop up the football at the Dexter-42. Matos ran behind a wall of blockers and he dove at the pylon to cross the goalline for the touchdown. MCI again went for two and senior Eli Bussell dove through the left side of the line to put his team ahead 16-2.

The Huskies tried a surprise on-sides kick and the team came up with the football at the Tiger-35. Two plays later the MCI offense was at the



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

**TIGERS ON THE PROWL** — Dexter junior Kyle Watson gets ready to tackle MCI senior Josh Buker during Saturday afternoon's contest — MCI left town with a 36-2 victory in the clash of 5-0 teams. Around the play is Tiger junior Tyler Beem (32), senior Jacob Hesseltine (66) and junior Jonathan Allen (78).



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**THROWN TO WHERE ONLY HE CAN GET IT** — Senior Jason Campbell leaps high into the air to make the reception over MCI senior Clark Morrison on Saturday. Campbell finished with a game-high three catches for 41 yards.

### FOOTBALL

MCI 36, Dexter 2

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**Second:** D — Safety; M — Buker 82-yd punt return (E. Bussell rush).

**Third:** M — Matos 42-yd punt return (E. Bussell rush); M — Buker 15 yds (Varney kick); M — Bertrand 7 yds (Varney kick);

**Fourth:** M — Frost 18 yds (kick blocked).

**Passing:** M — Buker 2-of-6 30 yds; Wilson 0-of-0. D — Miller 7-of-18 85 yds 2 Int.; Campbell 0-of-2.

**Receiving:** M — Young 1, 20 yds; E. Bussell 1, 10 yds. D — Campbell 3, 41 yds; B. Allen 2, 30 yds; Perkins 2, 14 yds.

**Rushing:** M — Buker 12, 102 yds TD; E. Bussell

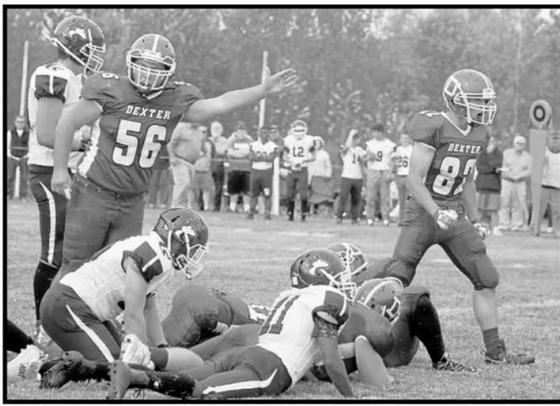
12, 65 yds; Boutwell 5, 31 yds; Matos 5, 22 yds; Sharples 5, 21 yds; Frost 1, 18 yds TD; Bertrand 6, 10 yds TD. D — B. Allen 7, 13 yds; Miller 4, 9 yds; Stone 1, 7 yds; Perkins 4, 5 yds; Campbell 2, 2 yds; D. Allen 2, -1 yd; Beem 12, -2 yds; White 1, -7 yds.

**Records:** M — 6-0; D — 5-1.

15-yard line. Buker scrambled to his right and then leapt by the pylon to break the plane for the touchdown. A PAT by junior Devon Varney made the score 23-2, and the Huskies would add two more touchdowns before play concluded.

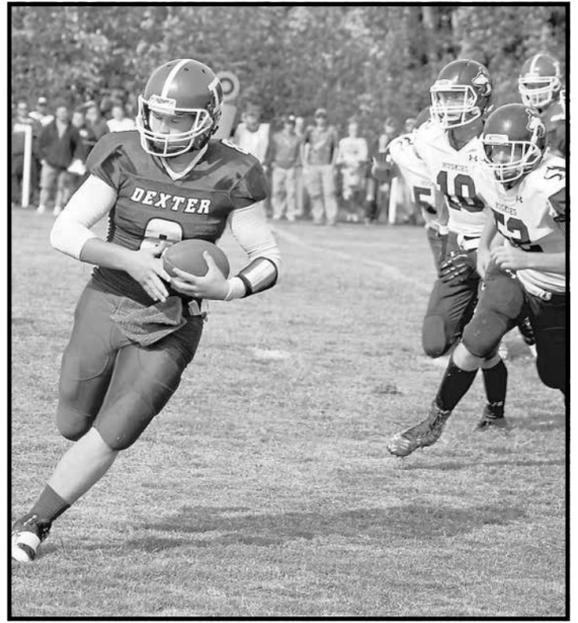
Dexter will be in action next on Saturday when the team travels to Thorndike for a game at Mount View High School (4-2). The visiting and host team will enter ranked third and fourth respectively in the Class D North Crabtree Point Standings - the top four teams qualify for the postseason.

MCI is scheduled to play at Orono on Friday, Oct. 14 in a battle of 6-0 teams. The following Friday evening (Oct. 21) Orono will host Dexter.



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**DEXTER BALL** — Sophomore David Kirshkalm has no doubt which team has the football after an MCI fumble in the first quarter (to the right is senior Chandler Perkins). The Tigers would take over at the Husky 49-yard line.



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**STOP THE CLOCK** — Senior quarterback Brayden Miller runs away from the defense to get to the sideline and stop the clock in the final minute of the first half on Saturday.



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**SMALLER HOVED RUNNERS** — Eight young runners and some accompanying adults take off in the annual Moose on the Run 1K children's fun run Sunday morning around the C.A. Dean Memorial Hospital campus in Greenville. The fun run and a 5K race and walk served as a fundraiser this year for the Piscataquis Regional YMCA's new child care center in Greenville.

## Over 30 take to the streets in 15th Moose on the Run 5K

GREENVILLE — Over 30 runners took part in the 15th annual Camden National Bank Moose on the Run 5K on the morning of Sunday, Oct. 9. Proceeds from the 2016 event will support scholarships for the Piscataquis Regional YMCA's new child care center in Greenville.

The race results are as follows: 1. Stuart Hedstrom 21 minutes, 53 seconds; 2. Marisa Carbone — women's winner — 22:37; 3. Pierre Poulin 24:28; 4. Benjamin Stern 25:26; 5. Eric Ward 25:28; 6. Philippe Poulin 25:31; 7. Emilee Poulin 26:10; 8. Ethan Pratt 26:27; 9. Jonathan Pratt 26:29; 10. Paula Eurich 26:51; 11. Sue Ellen Baron 26:59; 12. Gayle Peirce 27:19; 13. Katherine Fletcher 27:26; 14. Mary Madore 28:15; 15. Gina Carbone 28:24; 16. Amber Simmons 28:29; 17. Amanda Hunt 29:05; 18. Claude Bourque 29:05; 19. Debbie Ward 29:13; 20. Holly Johnsen 30:16;

21. Torra Casey 31:53; 22. William Stern 33:32; 23. Scott Arno 33:53; 24. Maria Walsh 34:47; 25. Linda Hunt 35:05; 26. Ron Dobra 35:47; 27. Arrow Collins 38:13; 28. Joanne Adkins 40:57; 29. Leah LaRoche 43:38; 30. Olivia Reed 43:38; 31. Samantha Coffin 43:38; and 32. Will Sherman 43:39.

The 5K race was preceded by a children's 1K fun run around the campus of C.A. Dean Memorial Hospital with the following results: 1. Grace Fletcher 3 minutes, 52 seconds; 2. Jagger Larrabee — boy's winner — 4:02; 3. Stella Goetz 4:04; 4. Clara



**FUN RUN GIRL'S WINNER**  
Grace Fletcher



**FUN RUN BOY'S WINNER**  
Jagger Larrabee

Hunt 4:06; 5. Les Young 4:08; 6. Gretchen Heon 4:39; 7. Ronan Goetz 4:45; and 8. Elsie Heon 5:19.

## High school roundup

**Oct. 3:** PCHS boys soccer tied vs. Penobscot 2-2. Goals came from Dillon Drew and Bryce Gilbert.

Penquis boys soccer lost vs. Bangor Christian 6-0. Justin Valvo made 19 saves.

Greenville girls soccer won at Bangor Christian 4-0.

Penquis girls soccer won at Dexter 5-1. Camryn Rolfe scored four goals. Addyson Herrick had the goal for Dexter.

**Oct. 4:** Greenville boys soccer lost vs. Bangor Christian 3-1. Noah Pratt had the goal.

PCHS girls soccer lost vs. Penobscot 4-2. Erin Speed scored a pair of goals.

**Oct. 5:** Foxcroft boys soccer tied PCHS 3-3 at home. Chandler Rockwell scored two goals for Foxcroft and Bryce Gilbert had two for PCHS.

Penquis girls soccer lost 4-0 vs. Central. Jordan Durant made 20 saves.

**Oct. 6:** Dexter boys soccer lost vs. Central 12-2. Matt Richards scored both goals.

Penquis boys soccer tied vs. Mattanawcook 0-0. Justin Valvo made 18 saves.

Foxcroft field hockey won at Dexter 2-0.

PCHS girls soccer won at Foxcroft 4-3. Erin Speed recorded a hat trick for PCHS. Jenna Clukey had two of the Foxcroft goals.

**Oct. 7:** Penquis girls soccer lost at Mattanawcook 2-1. Camryn Rolfe scored the goal.

**Oct. 8:** Foxcroft boys soccer lost at John Baptist 3-2. Goals came from Ryan Cary and Chandler Rockwell.

Penquis boys soccer lost at Central 8-0. Justin Valvo made 10 saves.

Dexter field hockey won at Mattanawcook 5-1.

Dexter girls soccer lost at Central 3-1. Hannah Dorman scored the goal.

Foxcroft girls soccer lost at John Baptist 2-0.

## SPORTS ON TAP

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**Wednesday, Oct. 12—FIELD HOCKEY:** Dexter vs. Mattanawcook 4 p.m.; Foxcroft vs. Old Town 4 p.m.

**GIRLS SOCCER:** Dexter vs. Orono 4 p.m.; Greenville vs. Bangor Christian 4 p.m.; Penquis vs. PCHS 4 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 13—BOYS SOCCER:** Dexter at George Stevens (Blue Hill) 4 p.m.; Greenville vs. Penquis 4 p.m.; PCHS at Lee 4 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 14—FOOTBALL:** Foxcroft at Belfast 7 p.m. **GIRLS SOCCER:** Dexter vs. George Stevens 4 p.m.; PCHS vs. Lee/Stearns 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 15—CROSS COUNTRY:** Foxcroft at PVC Championship (Old Town) noon. **BOYS SOCCER:** Foxcroft vs. Presque Isle 3 p.m.; Penquis vs. Greenville 1 p.m. **FOOTBALL:** Dexter at Mt. View (Thorndike) 1 p.m.

**GIRLS SOCCER:** Foxcroft vs. Presque Isle 1 p.m.; Penquis vs. Greenville 11 a.m. **GOLF:** State individual championships (Natanis GC-Vassalboro).

**Monday, Oct. 17—BOYS SOCCER:** Dexter at Searsport 4 p.m.; Foxcroft vs. Old Town 4 p.m.; PCHS at Orono 4 p.m.

**GIRLS SOCCER:** Greenville vs. Central 4 p.m.; PCHS at Orono 4 p.m.; Penquis vs. Penobscot 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 18—BOYS SOCCER:** Greenville vs. Central 4 p.m.; Penquis vs. Penobscot 4 p.m. **FIELD HOCKEY:** Class B and C North quarterfinals. **GIRLS SOCCER:** Dexter at Searsport 4 p.m.; Foxcroft vs. Old Town 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 19—FIELD HOCKEY:** Class B and C North quarterfinals.

**Friday, Oct. 21—BOYS SOCCER:** Class B and C North, D South prelims. **FIELD HOCKEY:** Class B and C North semifinals. **FOOTBALL:** Dexter at Orono 7 p.m.; Foxcroft vs. John Baptist 7 p.m. **GIRLS SOCCER:** Class B and C North, D South prelims.

**Saturday, Oct. 22—BOYS SOCCER:** Class B and C North, D South prelims. **CROSS COUNTRY:** Foxcroft at Class B North championships (Troy Howard MS—Belfast) boys 11 a.m. and girls 11:35 a.m. **GIRLS SOCCER:** Class B and C North, D South prelims.

## 20th annual Race to End Domestic Abuse results

GUILFORD — The Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance held its 20th annual Race to End Domestic Abuse on Oct. 2. The 5K race starts a month of events for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The race results are as follows: 1. Stuart Hedstrom 22 minutes, 53 seconds; 2. Cassidy G. Regan — women's winner — 26:24; 3. Erica Peterson 29:49; 4. Gary Larson 29:55; 5. Nicole Webber 30:42; 6. Hunter Clark 30:59; 7. Ashley Karr 32:21; 8. Donna Peterson 33:06; 9. Scott Arno 37:06; and 10. Kari Peterson 37:47.

# Winslow runs past the Ponies

By Stuart Hedstrom  
Staff Writer

**DOVER-FOXCROFT** — Six rushing touchdowns and a defensive effort limiting the opposition to only one first down and a total of 35 yards helped Winslow High School earn a 48-7 victory over Foxcroft Academy on the evening of Oct. 7 at Oakes Field. The Black Raiders improved to 5-1 with the win as the team ended the Ponies' three-game winning streak.

Winslow senior Nate St. Amand and junior Ryan Gagnon both scored on 15-yard runs in the opening quarter to put the team ahead 14-0. St. Amand would find the endzone twice more in the second quarter, running the ball 71 yards and bringing a Pony punt back 57 yards.

He would lead all players with 159 yards on the ground in 12 carries.

Later in the third quarter a seventh Winslow touchdown made the game 48-0.

Gagnon proceeded to curl the ensuing kickoff toward his left sideline where Foxcroft senior Evan Chadbourne scooped the pigskin up at his team's 15-yard line. The football briefly slipped out of Chadbourne's grasp but he quickly picked it up off the turf and turned upfield.

With a wall of blockers leading the way, Chadbourne crossed into Black Raider territory. He then outran the last members of the Winslow kickoff team on his way into the endzone for the 85-

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**KICKOFF RETURN TOUCHDOWN** — Foxcroft Academy senior Evan Chadbourne (pictured during a run play) would bring a third quarter kickoff back 85 yards for the touchdown during the Ponies' Oct. 7 game vs. Winslow High School. The visiting Black Raiders won the game, 48-7.



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**SPOT THE FAKE** — Sophomore quarterback Matthew Spooner, left, and classmate Michaleb use a bit of trickery in the backfield in attempt to fool the Winslow defense during the fourth quarter of the Friday night contest at Oakes Field.

## Historical society meeting Oct. 18

**BROWNVILLE** — The Brownville-Brownville Junction Historical Society will meet at the Brownville Elementary School on Tuesday,

Oct. 18 at 4 p.m. This is the last meeting for the 2016 season.

For more information, call 965-8070.

## Historical society meets Oct. 19

**ABBOT** — The Abbot Historical Society will be holding the last meeting of the year on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at the town hall. The evening will feature guest speakers Pam and Howard

Weymouth and Cindy and Reggie discussing their recent trip to Alaska. Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact the Bennetts at 876-3073.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Municipal Officers of the Town of Atkinson have called for a Public Hearing to discuss a citizens petition to withdraw from MSAD #41 school district.

**Date:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Atkinson Town Office  
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The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Dover-Foxcroft will hold a public hearing during their regular meeting on **Monday, October 24, 2016 at 6:30 PM** at the **Dover-Foxcroft Municipal Building** located at **48 Morton Avenue** to receive public comment on the Town of Dover-Foxcroft Special Town Meeting **Referendum Election Ballot for Tuesday, November 8, 2016** regarding an Article pertaining to proposed updates to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. This plan updates the Town's 2005 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the plan are available at the Town Office. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

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Screening and services are provided to eligible children/students who are:

- Ages 0-5 years not currently enrolled in school;
- Enrolling in kindergarten in the fall and will be screened in the spring;
- Transferring from another school district; and
- Enrolled in a private school or receive home schooling.

Legal Reference: 34CFR 300.128; 300.450-52

#### NONDISCRIMINATION:

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Legal Reference: 34CFR 104.7(b)

#### PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY:

All programs or activities offered by MSAD #4, MSAD #41, AOS #94 (MSAD #46, Harmony & Athens) MSAD #68, and Two Rivers Child Development of Piscataquis County when viewed in their entirety shall be readily accessible to individuals with disabilities. Information is available relating to the existence and location of services, activities, and facilities that are accessible to and useable by individuals with disabilities.

Legal Reference: 28CFR 35.107(b)

#### STUDENT RECORDS:

Parents or eligible students (age 18 years or older) are entitled to certain rights and protection under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

A complete copy of MSAD #4, MSAD #41, AOS #94/MSAD #46, MSAD #68, and Two Rivers Child Development, Piscataquis County student record policy may be obtained by contacting the Office of Student Services.

These rights include:

- Inspect and review the student's educational records;
- Request the amendment of the student's educational records;
- Consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent allowed in accordance with 34CFR, Section 99; and
- File a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education.

Student records maintained by the school include:

- Academic information such as grades, progress reports, student work samples, achievement test data, etc.;
- Statistical information including aptitude scores, mental ability, permanent school health records, etc.; and
- Directory information on students, such as names, ages, grade, field of study, participation in officially recognized activities, and sports and awards received.

Transfer of records from 1 school district to another may proceed without parental consent. All directory information may be made public without notice, unless the school is notified in writing by July 1 for the upcoming school year or within 30 days after enrollment, whichever is later, that such information not be released to persons other than authorized school personnel without prior written consent.

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Development, Piscataquis County forward educational records to other agencies or institutions that have requested the records and in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.

Legal Reference: 34CFR 99.6(a)(1); 99.7; 99.37

## NOTICE OF MEETING

### Regional Transit Workshop

A workshop to discuss current public transit services and receive feedback from interested citizens, including low-income individuals, seniors, individuals with disabilities, veterans, and the general public.

This workshop meets the requirements of 23 MRSA §4209 and complies with the federally required locally coordinated plan.

#### Topics:

- Evaluate current public transit services and mobility management efforts for:
  - o low-income individuals
  - o seniors
  - o individuals with disabilities
  - o veterans
  - o general public
- Report on future projects and priorities for public transit that were included in the current, 5-year Locally Coordinated Plan for transit.
- Development of recommended future projects and priorities for the upcoming 5-year plan.

Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 1:30 – 3:30 pm  
Penquis – The Lynx  
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Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Auxiliary aids will be provided upon advance request.

Interested parties who are not able to participate are encouraged to submit by e-mail at [Transit.MaineDOT@maine.gov](mailto:Transit.MaineDOT@maine.gov) or by mail,

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## Welcome Sarah Matulis, FNP



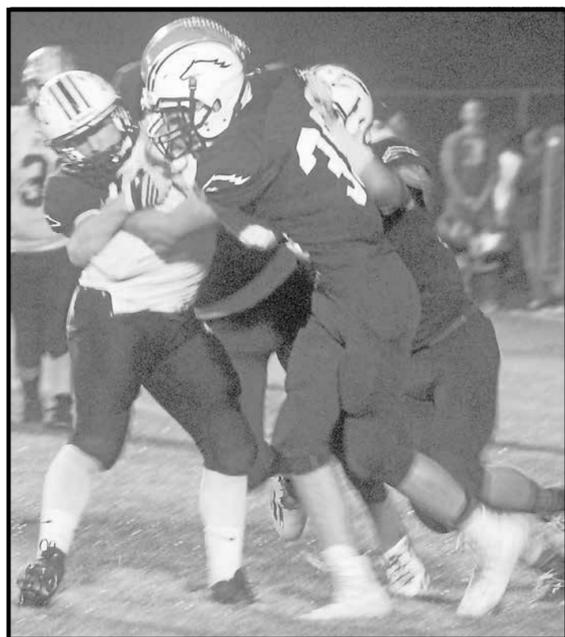
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**MAKING HIM PAY** — Sophomore R.J. Nelson leads the way in bringing down Winslow senior Patrick Hopkins.

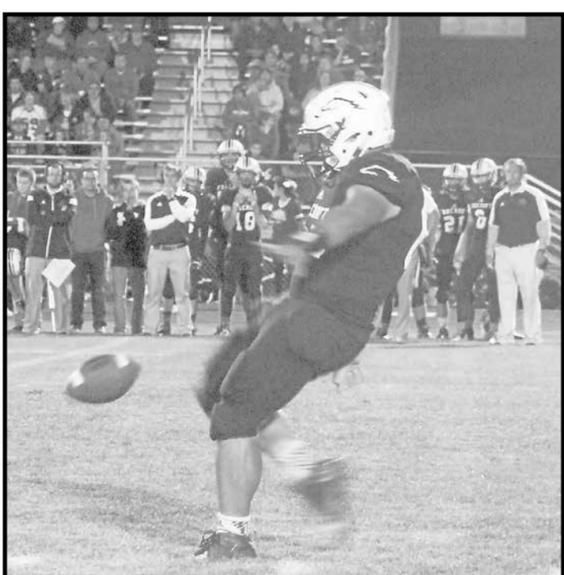
## Winslow

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yard touchdown. Junior Levi Stedman followed by kicking the PAT through the uprights.

In the fourth quarter both teams mixed in reserve players. Sophomore quarterback Matthew Spooner ran the ball twice in the last 12-minute session, picking up 13 yards to lead his team in rushing.

Foxcroft (3-3) will look to rebound on the evening of Friday, Oct. 14 when the team travels to Waldo County to face Belfast Area High School (2-4) in the Ponies' last road game of the regular season. The visiting and home teams will head into the contest in sixth and seventh place respectively in the Class C North Crabtree Point Standings — the top six teams qualify for the postseason.



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**LACES UP** — Senior Matt Storer punts the football during the Winslow game.

### FOOTBALL

Winslow 48, Foxcroft 7  
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**First:** W — St. Amand 15 yds (R. Gagnon kick); W — R. Gagnon 15 yds (R. Gagnon kick).  
**Second:** W — St. Amand 71 yds (R. Gagnon kick); W — Rickard 1 yd (kick wide); W — St. Amand 57-yd punt return (R. Gagnon kick);  
**Third:** W — Rickard 3 yds (R. Gagnon kick); W — Hopkins 5 yds (R. Gagnon kick); F — Chadbourne 85-yd kickoff return (Stedman kick)  
**Passing:** W — R. Gagnon 1-of-2 34 yds; Pomeroy 0-of-2; Hutchinson 0-of-0. F — Clawson 1-of-10 8 yds Int.; Spooner 0-of-1.  
**Receiving:** W — St. Amand 1, 34 yds. F — Richard 1, 8 yds.  
**Rushing:** W — St. Amand 12, 159 yds 2 TD; Rickard 7, 47 yds 2 TD; Hutchinson 5, 42 yds; R. Gagnon 3, 37 yds TD; Dorval 5, 21 yds; Hopkins 5, 19 yds TD; Demers 4, 12 yds; Pomeroy 1, 0 yds. F — Spooner 2, 13 yds; Clawson 7, 10 yds; Brock 8, 7 yds; Chadbourne 1, 3 yds; Niles 3, -6 yds.  
**Records:** W 5-1; F 3-3.

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# Golf team seventh at state championship

VASSALBORO — The Greenville High School golf team placed seventh out of 11 qualifying teams at the 2016 Class C championship on Oct. 8 at the Natanis Golf Course. The Lakers earned a score of 390 points, trailing sixth-place George Stevens Academy of Blue Hill (362) and ahead of the 400 points picked up by the eighth-place Forest Hills School of Jackman.

Junior Connor DiAngelo lead Greenville by shooting a score

of 90. Classmate Nick Foley followed at 97 and third for the Lakers was freshman Noah Bilodeau at 99. Sophomore Caleb Snell shot a 104 and rounding out the Greenville quintet was senior Keegan Cannell at 107.

Mattanawcook Academy repeated as the Class C champions, finishing with a score of 311 to best runner-up St. Dominic Academy of Auburn by 18 points. Winthrop High School finished third at 347.

## Class C North football standings through Oct. 8

1. MDI	5-1
2. Madison/Carrabec	5-1
3. Winslow	5-1
4. Oceanside	4-2
5. Old Town	4-2
6. Foxcroft	3-3
7. Belfast	2-4
8. Hermon	2-4
T-9. Waterville	0-6
John Bapst	0-6

Top six teams qualify for playoffs.

## Class D North football standings through Oct. 8

T-1. MCI	6-0
Orono	6-0
3. Dexter	5-1
4. Mt. View	4-2
5. Bucksport	3-3
6. Mattanawcook	2-4
7. Houlton	2-4
T-8. Ellsworth/Sumner	1-5
Stearns/Lee	1-5
10. Washington	0-6

Top four teams qualify for playoffs. Ellsworth/Sumner is ineligible.

## HEAL POINT STANDINGS through Oct. 8

### Class B North field hockey

3. Foxcroft 13-0  
Top 10 teams qualify for playoffs

### Class C North field hockey

2. Dexter 10-2  
9. PCHS 4-9  
Top eight teams qualify for playoffs

### Class B North boys soccer

9. Foxcroft 5-5-2  
Top 12 teams qualify for playoffs

### Class C North boys soccer

6. PCHS 3-6-2  
11. Penquis 3-6-1  
13. Dexter 1-10  
Top 11 teams qualify for playoffs

### Class D South boys soccer

6. Greenville 5-4-1  
Top 10 teams qualify for playoffs

### Class B North girls soccer

15. Foxcroft 4-7  
Top 13 teams qualify for playoffs

### Class C North girls soccer

4. Penquis 7-3-1  
9. PCHS 5-5-1  
12. Dexter 3-8  
Top 11 teams qualify for playoffs

### Class D South girls soccer

3. Greenville 5-5  
Top seven teams qualify for playoffs

## Budget

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Should a storage building be erected then a potential new sheriff's office space could be smaller, and therefore less costly if the structure is brought to the public in a referendum sometime in the future.

"The (unorganized territory) budget is a larger increase than the county budget because of paving

and the bridge work in Williamsburg," Lizotte said.

He said the current plans are for \$100,000 to be used from surplus, \$75,000 more than last year.

In other business, the commissioners signed documents granting permission for the Moosehead Lake Region Economic Development Corporation to install wayfinding signs within the county right of way. The corporation will maintain and repair the signs, which will be installed later in the month, as needed.

The commissioners also signed 2017 fire and solid waste contracts with the town of Monson to provide these services in Blanchard and Eliotville. Lizotte said these agreements are normally taken care of in February but are being done now before the departure of Monson Town Manager Lucas Butler.

The fire contracts will again be for \$9,000 apiece, and the solid waste agreements remain unchanged at \$9,950 each.

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Photo courtesy of GFWC/Miosac Club

**CLUB OFFICERS** — The GFWC/Miosac Club officers are, from left, Treasurer Pat Jones, Vice President Rheba Mlchaud, President Anne Cress and Recording Secretary Diane Leighton.

## GFWC/Miosac Club resumes

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The GFWC/Miosac Club met Oct. 4 at Thayer Parkway for a souper supper prepared by the advisory committee, Suzanne Raymond, Barb Austin and Minnie McCormick. Members enjoyed visiting while the table was being prepared. The tables were decorated with fall items.

Following the supper, President Anne Cress called the meeting to order. Roxy McGlauflin introduced her guest and prospective new member. The collect, creed and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Austin. Diane Leighton took roll with 14 members responding. She then gave a brief secretary's report, followed by treasurer's report by Pat Jones. Jones also spoke about the Marion Doore Park and that the trees planted in the summer were doing well.

Corresponding McGlauflin read the following thank you notes: from the Girl Scouts, Athalie Burke and a note from Ron McGlauflin about the yard sale. Carol Kilpatrick read a note from the scholarship winner Mackenzie Chase and Dot Finnemore for her birthday cake.

Minnie McCormick reported that she had sent the porch party meeting to the Pisca-

taquis Observer.

Raymond announced the next meeting on Oct. 18 will be at the new senior center complex at Central Hall. She also noted that GFWC Maine Past President Marge Goodwin has been invited. Godwin has many memories of the old Central Hall. Kilpatrick advised members to dress casual and warm. Vicki Moschella gave a final report on the yard sale.

Raymond gave a report on GFWC New England Region Conference. Five members were scheduled to attend.

Under unfinished business, the community directory was discussed and will be starting soon.

Members voted to continue with the traveling basket and voted to earmark that and the money "jar" to GFWC Maine President Mary Libby's project helping school children in South Sudan. Members will continue making prayer shawls, angel pockets, Linus quilts and toys for Mayo Hospital Regional.

Some chairs had numbers on them and decorated hats with corresponding numbers were on the table. Members found the numbers and got the little hats. The next meeting on Oct. 18 will be hosted by Kilpatrick and Raymond.

## Business

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businesses which do not meet the two-year mark but have made a substantial impact on the community in only a short amount of time.

Opening just over a year ago, and given the number of nominations that came in and from all the feedback Chamber officials have received, the Mill Inn & Cafe was chosen for the inaugural New Business of the Year honor. The establishment's place to eat and stay is part of a larger

project of the Arnold Development Group of Kansas City, Mo. that has transformed the former downtown manufacturing space into a destination for residents and visitors alike.

Mill Inn & Cafe Inn Manager Jade Harmon and Cafe Manager Lydia Spencer accepted the award on behalf of the Arnold Development Group. They also were presented with a Legislative Sentiment from State Sen. Paul Davis (R-Sangerville), State Rep. Norm Higgins (R-Dover-Foxcroft) and State Rep. Paul Stearns

(R-Guilford).

"Dave's World has been a staple business since the beginning here in the community," Chamber President Chris McGary said. Dave's World offers heat pumps, appliances, flooring, mattresses, cabinets and countertops. The store is also an authorized agent of U.S. Cellular and the only mobile service provider located in Piscataquis County. This mainstay of the Dover-Foxcroft business community has been in the appliance business since the 1950s, family-owned by mem-

bers of the Sharrow family since 1984 and has been under the current ownership team of Robert Jankunas, Matthew Scott and Dan Sharrow for the last decade. Dave's World employs nearly 50 people directly and uses another seven contractors on a consistent basis.

Jankunas, Scott and Sharrow, who were joined by several of their employees at the annual meeting, accepted the Business of the Year honor as well as a Legislative Sentiment from the region's Augusta delegation.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Wednesday, Oct. 12**  
DOVER-FOXCROFT: Speaker of the House Mark Eves' Senior Listening Tour will be at the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church from 5:30-7 p.m.

GREENVILLE: Speaker of the House Mark Eves' Senior Listening Tour will be at the town office from 10-11:30 a.m.

MILO: Speaker of the House Mark Eves' Senior Listening Tour will be at Pleasant Park from 1:30-3 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 13**  
DOVER-FOXCROFT: LMT Donna Kraft-Smith will speak at the Thompson Free Library's Brown Bag Lunch Series at 12:30 p.m. FMI call 564-3350.

GREENVILLE: A reading with Presidential Inauguration Poet Richard Blanco will be held at 6 p.m. at the Center for Moosehead History. To RSVP contact 280-2222 or Roxanne.cunningham@ghslakers.org.

NEWPORT: The widow and widowers group meets for lunch at Pizza Hut, 18 Main St., at 11:30 a.m. FMI call 924-6885.

**Friday, Oct. 14**  
DEXTER: VFW Post 4298 serves a spaghetti and meatball supper from 5-7 p.m. to benefit bringing The Moving Wall to town in 2017. FMI call 270-0286.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Center Coffee House second anniversary bash starts at 7 p.m. at the

Center Theatre, with Pete Witham & The Cozmik Zombies performing and proceeds benefiting a local resident battling cancer. FMI call 564-8943.

GARLAND: A family contra dance takes place at the Garland Grange from 7-9 p.m. FMI call 277-3961 or 924-3925.

**Saturday, Oct. 15**  
DOVER-FOXCROFT: The annual walk for White Cane Awareness Day starts at 10 a.m. at The Mill parking lot.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union's Harvest Festival takes place at the Piscataquis Valley Fairgrounds from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. FMI call 564-8644.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Comedian Krazy Jake performs at the Center Theatre at 8 p.m. FMI call 564-8943.

HARMONY: Shilo Creek performs at the Harmony Community Center from 7-10 p.m., to benefit building repairs.

MILO: The 14th District — Piscataquis County — of the American Legion meets at Post 41 at 1 p.m., with lunch at noon.

SEBEC: The Sebec Village Apple Festival will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Reading Room. FMI call 564-3232.

**Sunday, Oct. 16**  
DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Center Theatre hosts a Family Magic Matinee with Wes Booth at

2 p.m. FMI call 564-8943.

**Monday, Oct. 17**  
DOVER-FOXCROFT: The PCSWCD Board of Supervisors meet at 6 p.m. FMI call 564-2321 ext. 3.

**Tuesday, Oct. 18**  
BROWNVILLE: The Brownville-Brownville Junction Historical Society meets at 4 p.m. at Brownville Elementary. FMI call 965-8070.

DEXTER: The GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club meets at 1:30 p.m. at the town hall, with guest speaker Linda Lougee of Realty of Maine.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Pine Tree Hospice presents a free screening of "Still Alice" at 6 p.m. at the Center Theatre. FMI call 564-4346.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Thompson Free Library hosts the World in Your Library talk "Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria: Failed Intervention and the rise of ISIS" at 6 p.m. FMI call 564-3350.

**Wednesday, Oct. 19**  
ABBOT: The Abbot Historical Society's last meeting of the year takes place at 7 p.m. at the town hall, with a presentation on a trip to Alaska. FMI call 876-3073.

**Thursday, Oct. 20**  
DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Center Theatre screens a film on the national parks at 6 p.m. FMI call 564-8943.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The

Center Theatre presents a free watch party of "Rocky Horror 2016" at 8 p.m. FMI call 564-8943.

**Friday, Oct. 21**  
BLANCHARD: The Blanchard Preservation Society holds its final meeting of the year at the Meeting House at 10 a.m., with work day to close up the building.

GUILFORD: Valley Grange meets at 7 p.m., with a potluck at 6 p.m. FMI call 564-0820.

**Saturday, Oct. 22**  
DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Thompson Free Library's Star Party starts at 7 p.m. at the airport off of Pine St. FMI call 564-3350.

GUILFORD: The Guilford UMC church fair will be from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., with a soup and sandwich luncheon from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

MILO: The Milo Historical Society hosts "Planting Your Family Tree" from 1-3 p.m.

SEBEC: An open house for the Sebec Village Library will be from 10 a.m.-noon. FMI call 564-3232.

**Tuesday, Oct. 25**  
DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance holds a vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness Month at the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church from 6-8 p.m. FMI call 564-8166.

SANGERVILLE: The Sangerville Historical Society meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the town hall.



Photo courtesy of Tisbury Manor Chapter DAR

**THANKING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** — Tisbury Manor Chapter DAR awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to the Piscataquis County Sheriff's Department for the outstanding service the office provides the county. The certificate, along with a cake, was delivered on Oct 8. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated 126 years of service this month, and Tisbury Manor honored this anniversary by acknowledging the service provided all year by the sheriff's department. From left are Kathy Normandin, Jane Macomber, Sheriff John Goggin and Nancy Battick.



Photo courtesy of Tisbury Manor Chapter DAR

**TASTY TREAT** — Members of the Piscataquis County Sheriff's Department pictured with a cake presented to them by the Tisbury Manor Chapter DAR are Sheriff John Goggin, seated, and standing, from left, Jamie Kane, Maria Landry, Gary Grant, Bob Young and Ron Moulton.



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**TAKE A BREAK** — At the September NAMI Piscataquis County Speaker Night, NAMI Maine's Region 3 Manager for Penobscot and Piscataquis counties Katherine Perkins, right, gives Sandra Harmon of Dover-Foxcroft a break for up to 24 hours a month from caring for her son who has autism spectrum disorder. If you have a child with a diagnosed behavioral or emotional disorder anywhere in Maine, call NAMI Maine 1-800-464-5767 to find out about how to receive free respite services or how to become a paid respite provider.

## OBITUARIES

### Jeffrey J. Saulnier

 MONSON — Jeffrey J. Saulnier, 59, passed away October 8, 2016, at his home in Monson. He was born December 29, 1956, in Lynn, MA, the son of John and Carole (Teal) Saulnier. A proud Veteran of the United States Air Force, Jeff graduated from Plymouth Carver High School, Class of 1975.

He was a proud Eagle Scout and member of Troop 47 and was especially proud of the work he had done to complete his Eagle Scout project, which was planning, preparing, and taking blind scouts camping. Jeff cherished many scouting moments including a trip to Phimont, New Mexico, climbing Mt. Katahdin, and paddling the Allagash. He taught his daughters everything they know about camping, hunting, and fishing, and truly enjoyed photography. Jeff will be remembered as a kind and gentle soul that would do anything for other people.

Jeffrey will be deeply missed by his loving wife, Kimberley (Erickson) Saulnier, as she had found the love of her life; his mother, Carole Saulnier and her husband, Bob Zack, of Bangor; two daughters, Jessica Canaday and her husband, David, of Virginia, and Rebecca Saulnier and her wife, Jenn,

and their two sons, Evan and Jacob, of Bangor; two adopted sons, Hunter and Trapper Reed of Monson; four step-children, Sarah Austin and her fiancé, Chris Ham, of Winslow, Jesse Reed and his son, Jayden, of Dover-Foxcroft, Chelsea Reed and her children, Abigail, Madison, and Connor, of Bangor, and Kristyn Reed and her son, Lyric, of Monson; his sister, Nadene Saulnier of Bangor and her children, Ryan, Chelsea, and Victoria, of Massachusetts; his father-in-law, Laurance Erickson, Sr.; his brother-in-law, Laurance Erickson, Jr. and his children; his sister-in-law, Terri-Jo Clough and her husband, Al, and their children, all of Monson; and many friends.

A celebration of Jeff's life will be announced at a later date. Those who wish may make memorial donations to Camp Kieve, which benefits Veterans who are struggling, P.O. Box 169, Nobleboro, ME 04555. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home. Messages of Condolence may be expressed at [www.laryfuneralhome.com](http://www.laryfuneralhome.com).

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### Frederick N. Wilson

 DOVER-FOXCROFT — Frederick N. Wilson, 87, passed away October 10, 2016, at the Maine Veterans Home in Bangor. He was born June 30, 1929, in Cambridge, MA, the son of Richard and Daisy (Champlayess) Wilson.

Fred had served with the U.S. Army in Korea and had worked in construction for many years.

He is survived by a special friend, Ora Larrabee, with whom he had made his home for 23 years, and her family; a son, Frederick Wilson and his wife, Gia, and their two sons, Timothy and Andrew; two daughters, Cheryl Ann

Wilson, and Suzanne Raymond and her son, James; a sister-in-law, Helen Wilson; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Warner Wilson.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to either Alzheimer's Association, Maine Chapter, 383 US Rt 1, Suite 2C, Scarborough, ME 04074 or to Maine Veterans' Home Activity Fund, 44 Hogan Road, Bangor, ME 04401. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed at [www.laryfuneralhome.com](http://www.laryfuneralhome.com).

## Obituary Notices

**ANDERSON, Dorothy Mae Huntington**, 85, Dover-Foxcroft, October 6, 2016. Funeral service was conducted 1 p.m. Sunday, October 9, at the Funeral Home. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home.  
**SAULNIER, Jeffrey J.**, 59, Monson, October 8, 2016. A celebration of Jeff's life will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home.  
**WILSON, Frederick N.**, 87, Dover-Foxcroft, at Bangor, October 10, 2016. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home.

### Dorothy Mae Huntington Anderson

DOVER—FOXCROFT — Dorothy Mae Huntington Anderson, 85, died October 6, 2016 at Hibbard Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dover-Foxcroft. She was born July 25, 1931, in Dover-Foxcroft, the daughter of Kenneth and Ivy (Merrill) Huntington.

Dotty graduated from Foxcroft Academy, Class of 1950. She was an operator at the New England Telephone Company when she married Thomas K. Anderson, November 15, 1958. As newlyweds, they lived on the family farm in Sangerville. She continued to work for the phone company until the birth of their daughter, Nancy. In 1965, they moved to Dover-Foxcroft, where she lived the remainder of her life.

Motherhood is where she found her greatest joy. She gave everything she had to her three children. Before her own children were born, she helped her sister, Evelyn, raise her daughters, Tina and Cindy, who have always thought of Aunt Dot as their second mother.

When Tommy was injured in a trucking accident, she went back to work for the phone company, eventually traveling to the Bangor office, until her retirement. She also worked at Mayo Regional Hospital in the dietary department. Her final "job" was caring for her beloved grandchildren. They have many fond memories of the Enchanted Forest, Peaks-Kenny State Park, "Donut Day" at Mayo (by Judy Alexa), fun times at the Kiwanis Park, decorating holiday cookies, and playing games with Grammie Dot.

With much dignity, strength, and her never ending faith in God, she lived her life, always thinking of others

before herself.

She was preceded by her parents; her beloved husband, Tommy; step-father, Walter Steadman; brother, Howard Huntington; and sister, Sarah Severance.

She is survived by her son, Paul, of Etna, two daughters, Nancy Robinson and her husband, Mark, and Lisa Tenan and her husband, Larry, all of Dover-Foxcroft; her grandchildren, Kayla and Kelsie Anderson, Alyssa and husband, Cory Bloom, Amanda and husband, Lincoln Robinson, Jillian and Gunnar Tenan; and her great-grandson, Thomas Bloom. She is also survived by her sister, Evelyn Higgins and husband, Larry, and their daughter, Jenny Mae; brother-in-law, Everett Severance; sister-in-law, Larette Lynch; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to thank the staff at Hibbard Nursing Home, who have been a part of her family for the last eight and a half years.

Visiting hours were held 3-6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016, at the Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft. A funeral service was conducted 1 p.m. Monday, October 10, 2016, at the United Methodist Church, with Pastor Mark Stevens officiating. Burial was in the family lot in Gray Cemetery. Flowers are appreciated, or those who wish may make donations to the United Methodist Church, PO Box 62, Dover-Foxcroft 04426. Condolences may be expressed at [www.laryfuneralhome.com](http://www.laryfuneralhome.com).





Photo courtesy of East Sangerville Grange

**BUSY DAY** – The East Sangerville Grange’s 41st annual Holiday Craft Fair will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 and that evening Lou and Peter Berryman perform at the 7 p.m. coffee house.

## Grange hosts 41st Craft Fair

SANGERVILLE — Doors at the East Sangerville Grange open at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 for its renowned annual Holiday Craft Fair.

Crafters and artisans from all around the region will be on hand with beautiful, unique products and gifts. Between all the honeys and jams, wool sweaters, caps and gloves, handcrafted jewelry, soaps, rugs, paintings and pottery, it will be fun and easy to make a big dent in the holiday shopping list by attending this event.

Admission to the fair, which is celebrating its 41st year, is still only \$1. Shoppers are invited to take a break and enjoy lunch. A variety of fresh made soups, salads, grilled

sandwiches, baked goods and desserts will be on sale throughout the day. The fair closes at 3 p.m.

Those looking for a really full day can come back to the Grange later that evening for a live performance by Lou and Peter Berryman. The December Coffee House will feature local musicians in a “Homemade Jam” performance. Doors for the shows open at 5:30 p.m. and the music starts at 7. Tickets are available at the door or two weeks in advance at Bob’s Farm, Home and Garden in Dover-Foxcroft.

For more information about the coffee house call 564-8596, visit the East Sangerville Grange website at <http://www.grange.org/eastsangerville177/> or on Facebook.

# Milo Event Committee’s Color Milo 2016



Observer photo/Jeanette Hughes

**GOLD STAR BADGE** – Girl Scout Troop participated as a group in Color Milo 2016 to help the girls earn a Gold Star Badge.



Observer photo/Jeanette Hughes

**THEY WERE ALL YELLOW** – The Milo Event Committee’s Color Milo 2016 on Oct. 8 featured four color stations along the route through town, with the route starting and ending at the Milo Elementary School.



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**TRUE COLORS** – Deb Nagle and Allen Monroe pose at the conclusion of Color Milo 2016.



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**PURPLE IS HER COLOR** – Victoria Gray was a young participant in Color Milo 2016.



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**CANINE PARTICIPANT** – A dog had some color added to its life.

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