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Young chicken farmer learning important civics lesson

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Currently the Dover-Foxcroft Land Use Ordinance permits the keeping of domesticated, non-commercial chickens in the residential and village zones, with a maximum of six female chickens allowed in these sections of town regardless of how many dwelling units are on the lot. A 9-year-old resident of Pleasant Street would like to increase the size of his flock, meeting with the planning board to propose that the maximum be doubled from six to 12 birds per property.

“The first thing is you can only have six chickens at a time,” said Owen Sherman, who is a fourth-grader at the SeDoMoCha Elementary School, the week after he addressed the planning board at its Jan. 7 meeting. “The more chickens you have the warmer the hens are in the winter,” he said, saying the hens flock together for warmth “and one lonely chicken isn’t going to last long.”

Sherman’s mother Barbara Estabrook Sherman said per state law chickens can only be purchased in multiples of six. Her son currently has a flock of four hens, so an addition to the group would be a violation of the town’s ordi-

nance of the half dozen limit. “I think it’s been great for Owen, he’s a learned a lot,” she said. “It’s such a great civics lesson for him. We are going through the proper channels and being responsible.” Estabrook Sherman said her son prepared notes for the planning board meeting and he was nervous about speaking to the group about his request “but he really wants some more chickens.”

The planning board looked favorably upon Sherman’s request to double the number of allowable chickens, and the item was brought to the selectmen who also did not object to the request. A public hearing on the matter is scheduled for the planning board’s next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Morton Avenue Municipal Building.

Estabrook Sherman said her son asked if he could start making posters for his cause that night to let the public know his position. Sherman said he may attach these posters to his chicken stroller as he walks his pets around town.

“I have had them since I was 4 years old, which is almost six years,” Sherman said. “It’s not the eggs I like best, it’s the personalities. The chickens can actually



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

CHICKEN AMENDMENT — Nine-year-old Owen Sherman recently spoke to the Dover-Foxcroft Planning Board about his desire to have the town’s land use ordinance amended to increase the maximum number of chickens allowed in the residential and village zones from six to 12 hens. Sherman would like to add his flock of four birds, but state law allows for chickens to only be purchased in multiples of six. Sherman has been tending to chickens since the age of 4.

help me calm down sometimes, if I have had a bad day I can go in the chicken compound and snuggle.”

Behind his home Sherman has a fenced-in area for the

chickens around the coop. His flock is comprised of three Rhode Island Reds,

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Selectmen review pavement assessment management plan

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — In August the board of selectmen accepted a proposal from Gorrill Palmer of Gray for a pavement assessment management plan on the town’s travelways, and a draft of the study was presented for feedback to then go into a final document during a meeting on Jan. 11.

“As everybody’s been aware we have been working with Gorrill Palmer since early fall,” Town Manager Jack Clukey said. He said the firm is helping determine “what we might do over the next 10 years, primarily to preserve hot top.”

The plan objectives are to update local road evaluations conducted in 2010, provide a list of treatment options, review the current paving budget and provide a spending plan recommendation and prepare a paving improvement plan for the next decade. Gorrill Palmer staff conducted their fieldwork in mid-October.

“Basically it boils down to coming in and evaluating your road networks,” said Will Haskell of Gorrill Palmer as he began his slideshow. He mentioned how pavement drops 40 percent in quality over the first

75 percent of the life of the asphalt and then in the next 12.5 percent the quality drops an additional 40 percent. Haskell said small incremental treatments are needed before a road falls off the 75 percent of life/40 percent drop cliff.

“The data collection consists of driving every single road and observing seven pavement distresses,” he said. “We tend to stop to get a better look at the road at various spots.” Haskell said the distresses, which were photographed, are alligator cracking, transverse/longitudinal cracking, edge cracking, patching and potholes, roughness, rutting and drainage.

Dover-Foxcroft has 34 miles of local roads and in town are another 12 miles of state aid roads. Clukey said the town conducts winter maintenance on the dozen miles of state aid roads, with the state maintaining these travelways in the summer, but knowing the condition if the roads are turned over to the town would be advantageous.

Haskell said the road surface management system (RSMS) software does not rank the roads but the report classifies roads

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Student artists’ work will be displayed throughout the year on Guilford Bicentennial calendars

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

GUILFORD — Five Piscataquis Community Elementary School students have their artwork featured as part of the 2016 Guilford Bicentennial calendars, with the names of the honored young artists revealed during a surprise presentation as part of an assembly to start the school day on Jan. 15.

The PCES students chosen for the calendars are first-graders Emma Folsom, Shelby Grant and Karrigan Wilson and grade 4 pupils Jacob Duncan and Hunter Viles.

“We have 10 winners from the two schools,” said Janie Lander of the Guilford Bicentennial Committee before the presentation at PCES, with the five artists from Piscataquis

Community Secondary School to be recognized at a later date.

“The calendar is for the bicentennial and it has pictures of town-related things and there are facts about the town,” Lander said. “These are on sale at the town office in Guilford.”

“The old places in town, we did not label them on purpose so people would have to do some research such as visiting the historical society or online,” Lander said about some black and white photographs depicting buildings and scenes from the past two centuries in Guilford.

She said more student artwork will be used on T-shirts, hats, banners and more celebrating the bicentennial as, “We have got something going on every month,” Lander said.

Speaking to the entire school

assembled in the gym, Lander said she is a retired teacher and a Bookworm reading volunteer at the school. “I’m also part of the Guilford Bicentennial Committee because the town of Guilford is 200 years old on Feb. 8.”

Lander was joined by art teacher Jane Daniels to call down the five winning artists, who each were given a certificate as well as their own 2016 bicentennial calendar.

PCES students all created pinwheels and Lander told the audience these works of art will be the centerpiece at a bicentennial birthday bash on Valentine’s Day at the Valley Grange. The Feb. 14 event includes a social time beginning at 11 a.m., noon potluck luncheon and then a brief birthday presentation at 1 p.m.



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GUILFORD BICENTENNIAL CALENDAR ARTISTS — Five PCES students, along with another five from PCSS, have their artwork included in the 2016 Guilford Bicentennial calendars. The younger artists featured in the calendars were revealed during a presentation on Jan. 16 and are, from left, first-grader Shelby Grant, fourth-grader Jacob Duncan, first-graders Karrigan Wilson and Emma Folsom and fourth-grader Hunter Viles.

Kiwanis salutes SeDoMoCha Builders Club for Miracle Tree Event

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — In November over a dozen decorated trees and accompanying goods were on display for a weekend in the banquet rooms at Pat’s Pizza. The trees served as more than just decorations as the items were also a fundraiser organized by the SeDoMoCha Middle School Builders Club. The club’s Miracle Tree Event, inspired by the Anah Temple Shriners’ Festival of Trees, raised \$3,200 through raffle tickets to benefit local charities, with an emphasis on helping area families through the winter months.

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Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

KIWANIS SALUTE — SeDoMoCha Middle School Builders Club Adviser Heather Whitten, right, is presented with a certificate of appreciation from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis President-Elect Deb Somers during the Kiwanis’ Jan. 12 morning meeting at Foxcroft Academy. Leading up to the holidays Whitten and the Builders Club organized a Miracle Tree Event, with the \$3,200 raised benefitting several local charities with an emphasis on helping area families through the winter months.

Consistency, adaptability help Luis Ayala achieve 300 coaching wins

DOVER-FOXCROFT — There’s a certain amount of consistency involved in coaching any high school team to continued success.

The Sports OBSERVER

By Ernie Clark



But also required is a certain willingness to adapt to changing times, which has been part of Luis Ayala’s winning formula during 15 years as the varsity wrestling coach at Foxcroft Academy.

“One of the big changes is that you can’t be old school anymore,” said Ayala, who was honored for reaching the 300-victory milestone at Foxcroft before a pre-match ceremony Thursday night. “I remember [other coaches] who came with that intensity

in your face, but you can no longer do that.”

“Now it’s like as a coach you have to have a psychology degree just to know everybody individually, who you can motivate and who you have to hold back with. The biggest difference today is that you have to rationalize things with the kids. They want to know why we’re doing something, you just can’t say, ‘Do it because I want you to do it’ anymore. You have to explain things, but that’s OK.”

Ayala, who wrestled during his high school days in Virginia, became Foxcroft’s head wrestling coach in 2001, and save for a one-year break during the 2008-09 season has been instrumental in building and maintaining the Ponies as one of the state’s top small-school wrestling programs.

Foxcroft has won five Class C state championships under his watch, back-to-back titles in 2004 and 2005 and three in a row from 2011 through 2013.

“It’s a reflection of where



Luis Ayala

we were, where we came from and where we are now,” said Ayala. “It doesn’t seem like 15 years. I’ve enjoyed every moment of every season.”

Ayala’s Ponies also have won eight Eastern Maine crowns and seven Penobscot Valley Conference championships while producing 33 individual state champions, 64 individual titlists, 37 individual PVC weight-class winners and one New England champion in Josh Pelletier, the 2006 winner at 275 pounds.

“I’ve been very fortunate first of all to have the athletes,” said Ayala, also a teacher and boys varsity soccer coach at Foxcroft. “You have to have the athletes, and

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Two Florida men charged with credit card fraud in Maine

By Nok Noi Ricker
BDN Staff

BANGOR — A detective with the Saco Police Department noticed that there were four unauthorized purchases on his debit card and the subsequent investigation led to two Florida men originally from Cuba being charged with credit card fraud, Penobscot County District Attorney R. Christopher Almy said Friday.



Perez-Calvo



Lueje Rodriguez

Ariel Perez-Calvo, 27, of Miami, and Roberto David Lueje Rodriguez, 29,

of Hialeah, were caught on Wednesday as the two prepared to travel by plane back to Florida. Perez-Calvo was arrested at Portland International Jetport and Rodriguez was arrested at a Portland motel by Maine State Police troopers Matt Grant and Jarod Stedman, who investigated the fraud along with local police agencies.

Perez-Calvo was charged with Class B theft by deception and Rodriguez, who was released on \$50,000 cash bail on Thursday, was charged with Class C theft by unauthorized taking and Class C theft by deception, a Penobscot County Jail official said. Perez-Calvo was held on \$100,000 bail at Penobscot County Jail.

The co-defendants are accused of taking "more than \$10,000 as a result of deception and with intent to deprive Town and County Credit Union," District Court Judge John Lucy said during Perez-Calvo's first appearance Friday at the Penobscot Judicial Center.

He was not asked to enter a plea because the case is expected to be presented to the Penobscot County grand jury later this month, Lucy said.

Saco Detective Daryen Granada "reported that his debit card information had been used to make purchases at Rite Aid stores in Guilford, Milo, Dexter and Millinocket on [Jan. 8]," states the affidavit filed in court by Grant, who investigated the case. "The purchases totalled \$1,679, which were debited to his bank account at the Town and County Federal Credit Union."

Each of the individual purchases on Granada's debit card were for \$400 Visa gift cards and a greeting card, but the investigation quickly determined that his bank card was just one of many from Town and County Federal Credit Union and Gorham Savings Bank customers that has similar charges, the affidavit states. Purchases were also made at Hannaford grocery stores and Walgreens. The gift

cards also were purchased at stores in Hampden, Ellsworth, Bucksport, Belfast, Camden and others, the affidavit states.

"The suspects used the stolen bank information to create fictitious debit cards and make purchases throughout Maine at Rite Aid, Walgreens, and Hannaford stores, among others," Stephen McCausland, State Police spokesman, said in a Friday night statement. "The purchases generally were prepaid Visa cards."

One bank manager told police that in a recent, similar scam, criminals used a "card skimmer at a local merchant" to get the credit card information, and then the stolen bank data was sold on the Internet.

"In tracking this down, [Maine State Police investigators] were able to obtain video from various stores," Brendan O'Brien, assistant district attorney for Penobscot County, told the court. "The defendant and co-defendant were using stolen credit cards."

One store clerk became suspicious and wrote down the license plate of the rental car driven by the two Florida men, which was traced back to Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Almy said.

The two men rented the vehicle and used the fraudulent credit cards using various alias, according to the affidavit. They arrived at Bangor International Airport on Jan. 7.

O'Brien expressed "very serious concerns" about the defendants showing up for future court dates because they have no connections to Maine, and requested a \$50,000 cash bail.

"They really were only here ripping off everyone including Rite Aid and Hannaford and [the Saco detective]," the prosecutor said.

Lucy said given the "substantial risk of flight" he set Perez-Calvo's bail at \$100,000 cash, and he also added conditions not to use or possess any credit or debit cards, not to go to Rite Aid or Hannaford stores, not to have any contact with his

co-defendant, and he also set a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew, if he is released on bail.

"That bail will be reviewable once Mr. Perez receives counsel," Lucy said.

His next court date is a dispositional conference on March 8.

The investigation continues, McCausland said. "State Police urge account holders to check their banking statements for any fraudulent transactions involving purchases of \$300-\$450 at Rite Aid, Hannaford, or Walgreen retailers between [Jan. 7] and [Jan. 13]," he said. "If suspect charges are found on your account contact your financial institution to report the theft."

State Police worked with Portland Police Department, Brewer Police Department, Dover Police Department and Immigration Customs Enforcement on the credit card scam.

Those with information related to the case can contact troopers Matt Grant or Jarod Stedman at the State Police barracks in Bangor at 207-973-3700.

Pavement

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under five categories — no maintenance or excellent condition, routine or good condition, preventative or fair condition, rehabilitation or requiring significant repairs or reconstruction or having reached the end of useful life. Among some of the roads in the worse condition are Harvey, Depot and Spring streets, per a slide of Haskell's.

"You really want to focus in on the preventative category and not let them get any worse," Haskell said. He said these roads will deteriorate at a faster rate than those in the no maintenance or good condition categories. Nearly 14.5 of the 34 miles of local roads fall under the preventative classification, with the other 19-plus miles being divided evenly among the other four categories including 10.5 miles in no maintenance or routine and nine miles of rehabilitate or reconstruct.

"It's going to be difficult to make any significant progress with a \$100,000 budget," Haskell said. "We are kind of looking at a \$400,000 budget to make minimum progress on preventative maintenance, even before the other roads."

A number of options are available specific for each maintenance status such as patching and crack seal for routine, various seals and overlays for preventative, reclaiming and reverting to gravel or repaving for rehabilitation and reclaiming and reverting to gravel or full re-

construction for the reconstruction category.

"I think the town has the ability to mix and match here," Haskell said about the 10 year paving improvement plan. A slide summary said the aims are to focus on the 14.4 miles of preventative roads in the first few years to prevent further decline, also address routine roads and began work on the rehabilitate and reconstruct category roads toward the middle and end of the plan. The \$100,000 annual paving budget is inadequate to make progress with \$400,000 a year enough to treat preventative roads in three years and a bond or other funding source is needed to adequately address rehabilitate or reconstruct roads.

When asked, Haskell said Dover-Foxcroft falls right in the middle of the 17 Maine communities Gorrill Palmer has worked for. "The majority of them are not borrowing I would say, they have a consistent amount each year but that's not to say they are not fighting for it," he said. "Again, it all comes down to money and what the reality is."

"One of the things we wanted to come out of this is what's a meaningful plan for 10 years," Clukey said. "How do we go from something that's not making any progress be something that's making progress?"

"This is something that's going to be talked about in March and we need to sell this," resident Chris Maas said about the work of the budget committee. "That \$400,000 all that does is

keep those roads from going off the cliff."

In other business, the selectmen approved a fee schedule for billing for traffic incidents involving non-residents which was adopted via an ordinance approved at the June town meeting. Billing is calculated on a per incident basis using current costs for personnel and equipment at the scene.

Fire Chief Joe Guyotte said, "As public servant, which is what we are, we don't want to bill our neighbors. It's the major haulers that cause major delays, that's what we are looking at. We are looking to recoup a portion of what we spend day in and day out."

Code Enforcement Officer Connie Sands told the selectmen that during the previous week's planning board meeting, a 9-year resident of Pleasant Street spoke to the board about how he would like to have the land use ordinance amended so the maximum number of chickens allowed in the residential and village zones be increased from six to 12 birds per lot.

"His reasons are solid," Sands said about Owen Sherman, who currently has a flock of four hens but per state law chickens can only be purchased in multiples of six which would put him over the six-chicken limit. "This is just for chickens in town and he would still have to abide by all the rules for having chickens in town," Sands said about Sherman's request. "He did his research."

Guyotte, who also is the animal control officer, said he had no issue with doubling the chicken count to 12 "as long as they keep the roosters out of town."

In his report, Clukey men-

tioned Piscataquis County Economic Development Council Executive Director Chris Winstead is working on a pair of grant applications. The first is for a new washer and dryer at the fire department for turnout gear as well as for an exhaust removal system for the station. The second application is to USDA for hydro and solar projects at the Mill.

Clukey also wrote that the PUC has approved the application for the riverside development to participate in the renewable energy pilot program that will provide a subsidy to the price paid for the electricity generated from the hydro and solar projects at the facility.

Milo woman dies in I-95 crash

Staff Report

MEDWAY — Maine State Police say a Milo woman was killed on the evening of Jan. 12 in a one-car crash on Interstate I-95 in the Penobscot County town of Medway.

According to a statement from Maine Department of Public Safety Spokesman Stephen McCausland, 42-year-old Stephanie Nason was traveling in the southbound lane and her car drifted into the median at mile marker 244 and overturned several times before coming to rest on its roof.

The crash was reported at 6:45 p.m. and Nason was wearing her seat belt. McCausland said the crash was not weather related. No other vehicles were involved in the crash.

Charlotte White Center receives K of C donation

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The Knights of Columbus Father Patrick Hayes #3172 Council raised funds from donations made throughout the community during the council's Tootsie Roll Drive and recently donated a check to the Charlotte White Center.

For more than 25 years, Knights of Columbus in the state have given over \$1,000,000 in funds raised to various organizations in the state who provide services to the handicapped. Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus

Father Patrick Hayes #3172 Council Ed Conroy, said he is, "proud of the community, even if they tell us they cannot eat the Tootsie, they give from the heart."

The mission of the Charlotte White Center is to provide quality community health and social services for adults, children and families affected by cognitive or developmental disabilities, behavioral or mental health challenges, domestic violence, or acquired brain injuries. For more information visit www.charlottewhitecenter.org.



Photo courtesy of Charlotte White Center

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE — Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus Father Patrick Hayes #3172 Council Ed Conroy, left, and Treasurer David Michaud, right, recently presented Charlotte White Center CEO Richard Brown with a check from monies raised during the council's Tootsie Roll Drive.

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Henderson makes Champlain dean's list

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Evelyn Henderson of Dover-Foxcroft has been named to the Champlain College dean's list for the fall of 2015. Henderson is majoring in graphic design and digital media.

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Application Counselors: Megan Day and Cindee Perkins

Certified Application Counselors are also available to answer your Affordable Care Act questions Monday through Friday at **1-866-366-5842 extension 325.**

TOWN OF DOVER-FOXCROFT Public Hearing Land Use Ordinance Amendment

The Town of Dover-Foxcroft Planning Board will hold a public hearing to receive public comment regarding a proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance, Section 5.10 Keeping of Domesticated Chickens (Residential and Village Zones) to amend the maximum number allowed from six (6) to twelve (12) per lot. This hearing will take place during the Planning Board Meeting on **Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:30 pm** at the Dover-Foxcroft Municipal Building meeting room located at 48 Morton Avenue.

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Maine Office of Tourism awards \$5,000 grant to Whoopie Pie Festival

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The Maine Office of Tourism has awarded over \$110,000 in Enterprise Marketing Grants and Special Event Marketing Grants to 12 applicants through the office's Maine Tourism Marketing Partner Program.

Among the projects supported in the fall 2015 grant cycle is the Maine Whoopie Pie Festival, which was awarded a \$5,000 grant. Celebrating Maine's official snack, this Dover-Foxcroft-based festival will promote a Whoopie Pie Trail through bakeries and the surrounding community with printed materials, radio ads and social media.

The Tourism Enterprise Marketing Grants program was established in 2014 to support the tourism-related projects of smaller organizations with funding that can help them grow or launch new initiatives. Grants are reviewed and awarded biannually, and range from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

"These grants will help connect visitors to some of Maine's distinctive experiences, and expand awareness of the diversity of these adventure, culinary, cultural and retail experiences throughout the state," said Carolann Ouellette, director of the Maine Office of Tourism.

SSO Father Daughter Dance

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The SeDoMoCha School Organization (SSO) is gearing up for the annual Father Daughter Dance. This year's Candy Land theme is sure to be a colorful and sweet night to enjoy. The dance will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6 at the SeDoMoCha School. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the dance beginning at 7.

The entrance will be through the middle school doors. Tickets are available at the SeDoMoCha School offices, the PRYMCA, Center Theater and Will's Shop n' Save until end of day on Feb. 5. All tickets should be pre-purchased. Tickets are for one daughter or for mul-

multiple daughters. Included in the ticket price is a fun night of dancing, refreshments, a favor for each daughter and a commemorative photo. DJ services will be provided by Bobby Hartford.

This event is open to all girls from pre-K through grade 12 as well as home-schoolers and their father figures. Any important male figure will make a great date if Dad is not available. This event is meant to be a special evening for the girls and their father figures, so all moms and other family members are asked to be respectful of this and take any photos in the designated area before the attendees enter the cafeteria.

For more information, please go to the SSO Facebook page by searching SeDoMoCha School Organization or go to the 2016 Father Daughter Dance event page. Emailed questions can be sent to SSO@Sedomocha.org.



Photo courtesy of Shannen Rhoda
DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY — Emily and Jason Greenlaw pose for a photo at the 2014 SeDoMoCha School Father Daughter Dance. This year's dance will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

Kiwanis

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The Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis recognized the Builders Club by presenting a certificate of appreciation to Adviser Heather Whitten during the organization's meeting on the morning of Jan. 12 at Foxcroft Academy, as well as recognizing the first two corporate members for the Kiwanis and the newest individual member.

Kiwanis President-Elect Deb Somers presented Whitten with the certificate, telling Kiwanians and guests that "she did a project over the Christmas holiday called the Miracle Tree." Somers explained tickets could be purchased for the trees — each was sponsored by an area business or organization — with a winner drawn to receive that particular Miracle Tree and all of the accompanying items.

"She did it basically on her own and she donated the money to different food programs in the area," Somers said. "You will have support next year for it," she said, as Whitten mentioned a committee for the 2016 Miracle Tree Event has already been started.

The funds from the Miracle Tree Event went toward the Kiwanis' backpack program for RSU 68 and another \$1,000 was given to a similar initiative in SAD 4. A \$400 contribution was made to the Dover-Foxcroft Area Food Cupboard. The remaining \$700-plus was earmarked for the Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis Christmas program, to provide gifts and needed items such as winter clothing to area families in need as well as helping members of the SeDoMoCha School community.

"There were a few families at SeDoMoCha that needed things," Whitten said, such as gas cards. She said if she noticed a child coming to school repeatedly without sneakers for gym class then this needed footwear was purchased for the student.

Whitten said students taking part in some music program groups need certain attire and articles of clothing including black pants, skirts, white shirts

and dress shoes were funded through Miracle Tree Event monies to ensure participants in need to not go without.

"Next year's going to be bigger and better and I don't know how that's going to be possible because this year was so amazing," Whitten said.

Somers said the Backpack Program "is serving around 50-60 students twice a month." Whitten said she wishes members of the Kiwanis were able to see what she is able to view working at the school as the recipients "run to see the backpacks and they are so excited."

"It is something wonderful to partner up with the Kiwanis," RSU 68 Superintendent Robert Lucy said, saying he is proud of Whitten and the Builders Club. "As a school system it means a lot to us to have this collaboration with the community."

"There is two full months of food because of Heather's team," Will's Shop 'n Save owner and Kiwanis member Will Wedge said.

The meeting began with board member Tom Gerrish explaining that community businesses and organizations are now eligible to join the Kiwanis as corporate members. "The company is represented at meetings and events by a designated employee," Gerrish said. "Our first corporate member is the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church and Pastor Chad Poland will receive a certificate of membership."

Gerrish said the Kiwanis and Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church have worked in partnership for many years, such as the club assisting the food cupboard and the church providing space for the Christmas program, "which has been a great help."

The Piscataquis Regional YMCA is the Kiwanis' second corporate member and "the Kiwanis and the Y have been partners for many, many years," Gerrish said. The club has made yearly financial contributions to the PRYMCA, has an adjacent park with youth fishing pond and supported youth swimming programs among other endeavors.



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom
INAUGURAL CORPORATE MEMBER — The Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church was formally inducted as the first corporate member of the Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis during a Jan. 12 meeting at Foxcroft Academy. Kiwanis board member Tom Gerrish, left, presents the corporate membership certificate to Pastor Chad Poland and the church's Director of Children's Ministries and Youth and Kiwanis member Jerrod Oltmann, right.



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom
WELCOMING THE PRYMCA — The Piscataquis Regional YMCA is now a corporate member of the Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis Club. Pictured are, from left, Kiwanis board member Tom Gerrish, PRYMCA Executive Director Rod Willey and Director of Marketing and Fund Development Patrick Myers.

PRYMCA Executive Director Rod Willey will serve as the designated member and he had his individual membership pin placed on his shirt by his sister Cindy Woodworth, who sponsored Willey along with Willey's brother-in-law Brian Woodworth.

"I had heard about Kiwanis

and it had always been part of the fabric of the community, but I didn't realize how large the fabric was," Willey said. "Personally it's a great opportunity but professionally it's also a great opportunity. It's an honor to be here and I look forward to service."

Campers line up for Baxter State Park reservations

By Nick Sambides Jr.

BDN Staff
MILLINOCKET — Duffy Akerley didn't get reservations at his favorite campgrounds in Baxter State Park on Thursday, but you can't say he didn't try.

A loyal park camper since 1961, the 67-year-old left his Bar Harbor home early enough to arrive at the park's Balsam Drive headquarters at 4:20 a.m. Thursday, Opening Day for the park's campground reservation system. He was 22nd in line but already too late to snag his favorite camping spots, he said.

"People in front of me in line got them," Akerley said Thursday. "It's how it goes sometimes."

Forty-five people were at the headquarters' back door at 6:45 a.m., despite the cold weather, part of the 85 who eventually made reservations — an average number for the park, which had about 65,000 visitors last year, park Director Jensen Bissell said. Many of the reservation-seekers sat around waiting to make reservations at park headquarters well into the afternoon.

Thursday's reservations produced about \$26,000, he said. The park is an economic engine for the struggling Katahdin region, which since 2008 has lost its two paper mills, in East Millinocket and Millinocket, leaving hundreds jobless.

The Opening Day crowd, park officials said, is a mixture of diehard campers, plus families and representatives from businesses and educational institutions who all have a great need or desire to secure specific days, such as the Fourth of July, in specific spots.

And while reservation-seekers began camping out at the headquarters on Tuesday, the quest for the perfectly timed and placed reservation is more fun than competition, said 40-year-old camper Ryan Linehan, one of the 85 people in

line. Many of the reservation-seekers know each other from previous years in line or as members of the state's camping community, Linehan said.

"You got it? Did you just steal my Chimney Pond reservation?" Linehan called out playfully to another camper. "No," the woman said, with a devilish grin.

"Nice job!" he replied. "I have had a 100 percent success rate, so I don't think it's all that competitive," said Linehan, who made the journey Thursday from Westport Island in Lincoln County. "It's more cordial and friendly and fun. You get to see everybody who comes here every year. It's more about community than competitiveness."

That's partly because the park has a rolling reservation system in which reservations for no more than 20 percent of a given campground are filled on a given day in the park's four-month camping season, which is set to begin May 15 with the opening of Kidney Pond Campground, weather permitting.

No one should assume they cannot get a camping spot because they failed to file an Opening Day reservation, park naturalist Jean Hoekwater said. The only way to be sure is to check the park's website, baxterstateparkauthority.com, or to call the park at 723-5140.

Its rolling reservation system was installed 10 years ago, but people still think they won't get the reservations they seek if they're not in line on Opening Day, Hoekwater said.

The system "works for most situations," she said.

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FAMILY AFFAIR — Rod Willey, the newest member of the Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis, is pinned by his sister Cindy Woodworth as his brother-in-law Brian Woodworth looks on.

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The importance of the 2016 presidential caucus

To the Editor:
In this year of a presidential election, it is good to remind ourselves that our democratic political system is not just about big name players, but also about individual citizens who take time from their busy lives to make their voices heard. This year, Maine voters have a say in the choice of nominees for the presidency of the United States, so it is a good time to review the key features of the presidential nomination process.

Maine holds caucuses, rather than primaries, to determine the people's support for potential presidential nominees. This is your chance to vote for the candidate you want to be your party's nominee. At a local municipal caucus, registered

voters meet in person to debate the merits of candidates and vote for the nominee of their choice. Candidates win support based on the percentage of votes they garner from those attending the caucus or from absentee ballots filed with state party organizations. The percentage of votes for a particular candidate at the municipal caucuses determines that candidate's representation by delegates at state party conventions. Using party rules, state party conventions then determine a candidate's support by delegates to the national party conventions, where the formal nomination of a presidential candidate occurs. Your vote at a local caucus is directly linked to the nominating process at the national level.

You must be registered with your political party in order to vote in caucuses. You may register and vote in a caucus if you will have turned 18 by the Nov. 8, 2016 presidential election. If you are an unenrolled (independent) voter, you may enroll in a party to vote in their caucuses any time up to the very day of the caucus. Town clerks will be available at the start of the caucuses to register voters. If you want to switch party affiliation in order to vote in one of the party caucuses, you must do so at your town office at least 15 days before the caucus date.

The municipal caucuses for the Maine Democratic Party are scheduled for Sunday, March 6. If you want to vote for a candidate, but are

unable to attend, you can request an absentee ballot at mainedems.org 2016 Caucus and Convention. The completed absentee ballot must be received by the Maine Democratic Party by March 2.

The municipal caucuses for the Maine Republican Party are scheduled for Saturday, March 5. For information about GOP absentee voting, go to mainegop.com 2016 Presidential Caucus. Completed absentee ballots must be received by the Maine Republican Party no later than 5 p.m. on March 5.

The municipal caucuses for the Green Independent Party are still being scheduled. Check their website at mainegreens.org for updates.

**Carole Boothroyd
Dover-Foxcroft**

Unleashing the power of the immune system



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

The people of Maine, and of this country, expect the President and Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle to work together to improve the lives of hardworking Americans.

The problems, both at home and abroad, are too important to be stymied by incivility, extremism, or hyper-partisanship.

In his 2016 State of the Union address, President Obama called for our country to come together to tackle the challenges we face. I hope that the President will follow through on his call for cooperation and work in a bipartisan fashion, rather than resorting to executive orders that exacerbate political tensions and circumvent Congress.

I was especially pleased by the President's support for increasing investment in biomedical research. This initiative has broad, bipartisan appeal and is an example of where we can work together to advance more effective treatments and even cures or a means of prevention for

diseases that affect so many American families.

Specifically, the President announced his support for a new national effort to find innovative treatments and, eventually, a cure for cancer. This builds upon Vice President Biden's call last year for a "new moonshot" to defeat the disease following the tragic loss of his son, Beau, to brain cancer. In addition, President Obama urged Congress to fund an expanded effort to wipe out malaria, which remains a scourge throughout much of Africa.

The "moonshot" analogy is appropriate. On May 25, 1961, with our nation reeling from the Soviet Union's successes in space, President Kennedy gave a historic speech to a joint session of Congress in which he pledged that there would be Americans on the moon before the end of the decade. On July 20, 1969, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin made good on that pledge.

Apollo 11 did more than plant the American flag on the moon and win the space race. The space program launched an era of technological advancements that is evident in everything from the weather satellites in orbit to the powerful smart-

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Hearing tonight on Greenville airport project

To the Editor:
A Public Hearing for the proposed Parallel Taxiway Project for the Greenville Municipal Airport will be held at 6 p.m. tonight at the Municipal Building Meeting Hall.

Our Airport Engineer from Stantec - Shane MacDougal - will present details on this proposed project, which entails the construction of a 4,000-foot taxiway parallel to the main runway (14-32) of our airport. The FAA is concerned that due to line-of-sight limitations, it is possible to have a plane on one end preparing to take off and another plane taxi-ing in the opposite direction and have neither plane see the other until it is too late. While it is clear this has never happened since the airport was constructed in the 1940s, unprecedented and catastrophic accidents do occur at general aviation airports (such as the multiple-fatality collision at the Knox County Airport several years ago).

This is an expensive project — approximately \$3 million — which has been part of Greenville Muni-

pal Airport's Master Plan since 2000 and has been part of our scheduled Capital Improvement Plan since 2011. The FAA is prepared to fund 90 percent of the cost for this work, and the State of Maine is prepared to fund another 5 percent. The Town of Greenville will be responsible for the last 5 percent, or approximately \$150,000.

Town officials have been working with our engineer and various other partners to find ways to reduce the cost of this project to the property taxpayer. Plum Creek has donated some sand and gravel toward this project, which will reduce our costs. We are working with Piscataquis County to see if they will cost-share the Town's portion of this project, as they did when the main runway was reconstructed in 2005 and 2006. If these efforts are successful, we believe we will be able to reduce our actual share for this project down to 1 to 2 percent.

All of these details will be pre-

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Togue Derby requires changes

To the Editor:
As of Jan. 14, 2016, two weeks before the ninth annual Moosehead Lake Togue Derby with Rick Craven, there are still areas of open water on the lake. It is uncertain what the ice conditions will be for the derby which is scheduled for the weekend of Jan. 29th and we do not want anyone to get hurt because they are fishing in the

derby. Therefore, the Natural Resource Center at Moosehead will be modifying this year's events.

We will add three days to the derby on the weekend of February 19-21. The banquet, silent auction, and door prize drawings will occur on Saturday, Feb. 20th

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Gen. Earl Adams, one of Maine's finest



By U.S. Sen. Angus King (I-Maine)

General Earl Adams, who led the Maine Department of Defense, Vet-

erans and Emergency Management during much of my tenure as Governor, joined me as my State of the Union guest on Jan. 12. Gen. Adams has done so much for Maine, and I thought this would be a fitting way to honor his service to our state.

In his speech, President Obama emphasized the importance of having leaders who are willing to listen and work together with others even when they disagree. And as anyone who has been fortunate enough to work with Earl over the years knows, those are the very qualities that define him. Earl commanded the respect of his troops, returned that respect with fierce loyalty, and

sought common-sense solutions to tough problems facing our state. He was one of my closest advisors during my administration, and he remains a close friend today.

A lifelong Mainer, Earl has served the state and the country for decades. After graduating from Presque Isle High School, he went on to the University of Maine where he enrolled in the advanced ROTC program. Upon graduation from UMaine in 1957, he was commissioned in the Army as a Second Lieutenant.

Though his service took him out of the state for a few years, Aroostook County eventually called him

home and he settled back in Presque Isle. There he joined the Maine Army National Guard and became battalion commander for the 1st Battalion, 152nd Field Artillery. In 1971, he was selected as the first Recruiting and Retention Manager for the Maine Army National Guard, and under his forward-thinking leadership, the Maine Guard enlisted its first female servicemember. He went on to become the Maine Guard's Chief of Staff, and brought that same bold, common-sense approach — which was a big reason

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Two companies are headed for a showdown over your trash

**By Matt Stone
BDN Staff**

There's a competition going on for your trash.

Some 187 Maine towns and cities will have to decide this year where they'll send their municipal solid waste starting in 2018.

One facility wants it so it can stay in business. Another wants it so it can get off the ground, advancing from concept to reality.

But the chances are slim that the 187 northern and central Maine towns and the 180,000 tons of trash they produce each year — with a strong possibility of generating less long term — can support the operation of two major waste-processing facilities in a single, geographically large and sparsely populated region.

That leaves the towns and cities that make up the Municipal Review Committee, the organization that represents their waste-disposal interests, with the challenge of choosing the most viable path forward since there can likely only be one.

Continued incineration
The facility that wants to stay in business?

That's the Penobscot Energy Recovery Co., whose Orrington plant has incinerated waste and produced electricity for nearly three decades. PERC, Maine's largest waste-to-energy facility, takes in waste from the

Bangor and Waterville areas and from towns as far north as Mars Hill and as far south as Wiscasset. The combustion reduces the volume of waste passed to the Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town by 85 percent, and it produced enough electricity in 2013 to power 25,000 homes.

But PERC's financial underpinnings change significantly in 2018. That's when a power purchase agreement with Emera Maine that guarantees PERC a favorable, above-market rate for its electricity expires. (Under the contract, PERC collects 14 to 15 cents per kilowatt-hour for its power. By comparison, Emera's current standard offer for residential customers is 6.6 cents per kilowatt-hour, more in line with current market rates.)

In 2011, the Minnesota firm that manages PERC operations and is the facility's majority owner recommended preparing the facility for closure, stating it would no longer be "economically feasible" to operate after 2018.

But the managing partners now argue PERC, which employs 74 people, can remain viable, even if it loses a portion of its waste supply to the facility that wants to start up.

Waste-to-energy is "still the best commercial-scale technology for municipal solid waste," said Bob Knudsen, vice president of opera-

tions for USA Energy Group, which has a 52 percent stake in PERC.

In 2018, Knudsen said, PERC could scale down and process 200,000 tons of waste annually instead of its current 300,000-ton load. The facility at that point would no longer have to pay out a third of its profits to Emera Maine as a 1990s profit-sharing agreement lapses, and PERC would be debt-free within a decade. On the operations side, an engineering study done for PERC suggested the facility can run efficiently at least until 2035.

PERC would charge towns and cities \$89.57 per ton of waste over a 10-year commitment and \$84.36 per ton over 15 years — rates that would change annually with the Consumer Price Index. The towns currently pay \$79 per ton before earning rebates, based on PERC's financial performance, which can lower the net rate.

With the new tipping fees applied, a financial projection PERC prepared shows the facility coming out in the black. But its net income would fall to \$376,000 in 2018 from \$4.87 million in 2014 before rising to \$786,000 in 2027. Specifically, PERC projects revenue from selling electricity would fall to \$5.3 million in 2018 from \$25.7 million in 2014, meaning the electricity side

of the operation would lose money.

PERC developed those projections assuming it will continue to take in 200,000 tons of waste, but there's only so much waste to go around. In 2013, PERC took in 106,000 tons of waste from commercial sources — more than Maine's two other incinerators combined — in addition to residential waste, according to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

Knudsen said PERC will try to expand its commercial load, but its viability depends on its ability to retain a significant portion of the 187 towns' 180,000 tons of waste, which easily could fall as more towns implement waste-reduction strategies, such as pay-as-you-throw.

Dirigo on waste?

In 2014, the Municipal Review Committee started pitching a yet-to-be-built facility in Hampden as the region's solid waste future. The \$67 million facility would use technology to extract recyclables from unsorted municipal solid waste and, through fermentation, process what remains into "Trashanol." Fiberight, the Maryland company that would own the plant, would sell the trash-derived — instead of com-derived — ethanol as a fuel additive.

Today, Trashanol is no longer part of the plans. Instead, Fiberight

plans to use organic materials in the waste stream, such as food scraps, paper and yard waste, to produce biogas — a renewable fuel with a similar composition to natural gas.

Fiberight founder and CEO Craig Stuart-Paul said his company's process is capable of producing ethanol — through a University of Maine review of the technology in late 2014 estimated the process was three to five years from commercial deployment. Fiberight produced and sold small amounts of it at a closed-down ethanol plant it bought in Blairstown, Iowa, he said.

"What is more difficult is the market conditions and price volatility of ethanol, which make financing the industrial systems required to make it very difficult," Stuart-Paul said. "Given the demand for natural gas in Maine, converting our sugars to renewable biogas makes the most commercial sense."

Fiberight would clean its biogas on site to remove contaminants and pipe it into the Loring Pipeline operated by Bangor Natural Gas, which runs through the proposed Hampden site on Coldbrook Road. Stuart-Paul said Fiberight also would make some of the compressed natural gas available as a fuel for trucks that haul large amounts of garbage to the plant. The process also would generate enough power to run the

facility, he said.

The process would reduce the total garbage volume by 75 percent, compared with PERC's 85 percent. The remaining waste would end up in Crossroads Landfill in Norridgewock.

"This is all going to evolve over the years and decades, but what we're installing is new, state-of-the-art infrastructure that Maine can essentially be a leader in the waste management industry rather than a follower," Stuart-Paul said.

The business plan

Fiberight's plan is to find industrial customers in the region for its biogas. Bangor Natural Gas, as the pipeline operator, would ship the gas and collect a standard transportation tariff, according to Andrew Barrowman, the gas company's sales and marketing manager. Barrowman said Bangor Gas serves 1,500 commercial and industrial users; 63 of them purchase gas from a third party under the arrangement Fiberight would use.

"We have to compete on commodity value, but there are certain customers in the region who do appreciate the renewable attributes [of the biogas], and that has value to them," Stuart-Paul said. "We know

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GFWC/Miosac Club welcomes 2016 with a potluck

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The GFWC/Miosac Club met at Thayer Parkway on Jan. 5. Members were welcomed by Elaine Larson and Suzanne Raymond.

The tables were decorated with blue table cloths, white dinnerware and several snowmen, it looked like a New Year's party. Members brought casseroles, salads and meats. Larson and Raymond provided the desserts.

President Vicki Moschella called the meeting to order. Betsey Ryan led the Club Collect, American's Creed and Pledge of

Allegiance. Minnie McCormick took the roll call with 12 members present. She then read the secretary's report with one error and one omission.

Carol Kilpatrick gave the treasurer's reports. She later noted that the scholarship applications were available. She also noted that she had sent scholarship money for Aaron Goodine's further schooling.

Roxy McGlauffin read correspondence. She also gave reports of two members who are ill.

McCormick noted that she

had sent the news and it appeared in both papers. She announced that the next meeting was scheduled for Jan. 19 with Dover-Foxcroft Fire Chief Joe Guyotte speaking on "Safety in the Home". Kilpatrick and Pat Jones will be hosting.

Under old business, the yard sale to take place this summer was discussed. Moschella, Anne Cress and Rheba Michaud volunteered to be chairmen. Athalie Burke said she has an afghan to raffle at the yard sale.

Under new business, Moschella noted the club needs

a nominating committee as officers change in the summer. She will announce it at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned to record volunteer hours. The hours are necessary for GFWC International. Reports of all the programs and projects the club did last year will be written and sent to state chais and later to General Federation. Clubs may receive awards with some monetary values. These awards will be presented in the summer at the General Federation Convention.



Photo courtesy of Maine Highland FCU

CARING FOR PAWS — Sandy Smart, left, of the Penquis Animal Welfare Sanctuary (PAWS) received a donation from Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union-Brownville employee Amanda Heath. PAWS, located in Milo, was chosen as a recipient of the credit union's Caring for Community donation. Employees from all branches pay \$3 each to dress casual twice a week, and proceeds benefit a local nonprofit.

Duplicate bridge results

GUILFORD — The Mid-Maine Duplicate Bridge Club played on Jan. 11 with the following results: first place (tie) Jane Armstrong of Sangerville and Norman Bridge of Parkman and Ron Lyford of Hartland and Harry Bridge of St. Albans; and third place Joyce Cross and Phylis Moore of Dover-Foxcroft.

The next meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. More teams are always welcome, if interested in playing please call 938-2675 for more information.

'The Minstrel Show' plans singalong Saturday evening

DOVER-FOXCROFT — On Saturday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. the Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church will host a singalong program led by Lew Dow and the YesterYear Music Makers called "The Minstrel Show". This program will include music and narration, illustrating the importance of the minstrel show in the evolution of popular music and its significance to the music we know today.

Refreshments will be served, and donations appreciated. The church is located

at 156 East Main Street. For more information, call 876-8013 or email lld@myfairpoint.net.

Nutrition Program

Wednesday, Jan. 20 — Spaghetti with Italian turkey sausage, sliced zucchini, wheat bread and dessert.

Thursday, Jan. 21 — Orange glazed chicken, fried rice, peas and baby carrots, wheat bread and dessert.

Friday, Jan. 22 — Chicken, potato and cheese bake, broccoli, wheat bread and dessert.

Monday, Jan. 25 — Creamy chicken and wild rice casserole, Caribbean blend vegetables, wheat bread and dessert.

Tuesday, Jan. 26 — Pork with red onion marmalade sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans and baby carrots,

wheat bread and dessert.

Wednesday, Jan. 27 — Honey mustard chicken, herb roasted potatoes, baby peas, wheat bread and dessert.

Eastern Area Agency on Aging's nutrition program delivers noontime meals through Meals on Wheels to those who qualify and serves at Community Cafes where all are welcome. Cost is \$4 (under age 60). Suggested donation of \$4 for seniors age 60 and older. Additional donations are greatly appreciated. For a reservation or more information, call 943-2488 or (800) 432-7812.

Births

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

ARCARO — A daughter, Lillian Shirley Arcaro, born on Dec. 21, 2015, to Courtney Wright Arcaro and John Arcaro of Sebec; joining siblings Brody and Alexis. Maternal grandparents are Peter and Shirley Wright of Dover-Foxcroft. Paternal grandparents are John and Mary Arcaro of Grand Lake Stream. Great-grandmother is Ruth Nason.

CHAMBERS — A son, Nathan James Chambers, born on Dec. 25, 2015, to Shannon Marle (Priest) and Nicholas James Chambers of Sangerville; joining big sisters Hailey and Allie. Maternal grandparents are Peter and Michelle Priest of Sangerville. Paternal grandparents are Garry Chambers of Sangerville and Deb Soulmier Caswell of Dover-Foxcroft. Great-grandmother is Frieda Chambers of Dover-Foxcroft.

CHISHOLM — A son, Noah Mikel Chisholm, born on Dec. 4, 2015, to Jade Brett Morrill and Brandon Mikel Chisholm of Abbot; joining siblings Trae and Reagan Rollins. Maternal grandmother is Helen Morrill of Guilford. Paternal grandparents are Laurie Chisholm and Bryan Kelsey of Abbot. Great-grandparents are Steve and Melissa Morrill of Greenville; Larry and Judy Chisholm of Ludlow, Mass.

GERRISH — A son, David Patrick-Edwin Gerrish, born on Dec. 12, 2015, to Hope Marie Cole of Milo and Keith Joseph Gerrish of Lincoln; joining big brothers Keith Jr. and Richard. Maternal grandparents are Dana Leeman of Milo and Chad Cole of Old Town. Paternal grandparents are Chuck Gerrish of Howland and Beth Gerry of West Enfield. Great-grandparents are Donna Leeman of Milo, Chuck Gerrish Sr. of Lincoln, Beverly Gerrish of Lincoln and Connie Cyr of Enfield.

HUNT — A son, Tracker Charles Hunt, born on Dec. 20, 2015, to Jessica Lea Carpenter and Adam Robinson Hunt; joining siblings Austin, Alivia, Jorja, Eva and Brookelynn. Maternal grandparents are Carl and Cheryl Carpenter of Greenville Jct. Paternal grandparents are Lloyd Hunt of Greenville and Jill Robinson Ward of Monson.

LARSON — A daughter, Sharlena Korine Larson, born on Dec. 15, 2015, to Amber Louise (Ware) and Jakob Michael Larson of Milo; joining big brother Maddox. Maternal grandparents are Melissa and Steven Shapleigh of Do-

ver-Foxcroft and John Ware of Milo. Paternal grandparents are Michael and Diane Larson of Milo. Great-grandparents are David and Madline McGrath of Marshfield, Mass., Carol Noll of Dover-Foxcroft, Louise Wheeler of Milo, the late Ron and Ann Larson of Brownville Jct. and Calvin Herbs of Orville.

MARTHUR — A daughter, Reese Elizabeth McArthur, born on Dec. 30, 2015, to Alison Ryder and Joseph McArthur of Dover-Foxcroft; joining big brother Riley McArthur. Maternal grandparents are Darrell and Kathy Erickson of Willimantic. Paternal grandmother is Tracey McGill of Dover-Foxcroft.

PERKINS — A son, Dakoda Gene Perkins, born on Dec. 8, 2015, to Kimberly Marie Joslyn and Cody Gene Perkins of Dover-Foxcroft; joining big sisters Jayde and Jenna Davis. Maternal grandparents are Shane and Lisa Joslyn of Dover-Foxcroft. Paternal grandparents are Terry Perkins of Canaan and Lucinda Town of Bangor. Great-grandparents are Frank and Patty Howard of Dover-Foxcroft.

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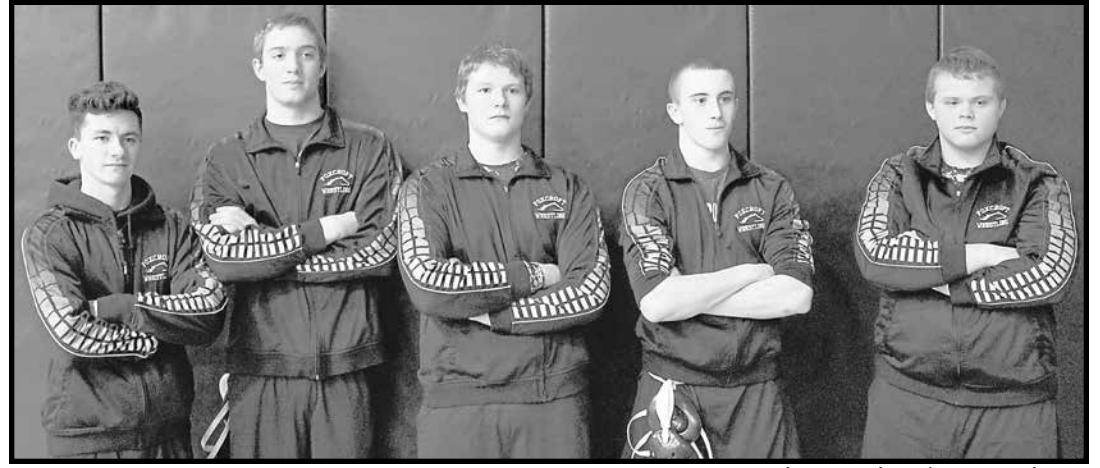
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FA wrestlers mark Senior Night, coach's milestone



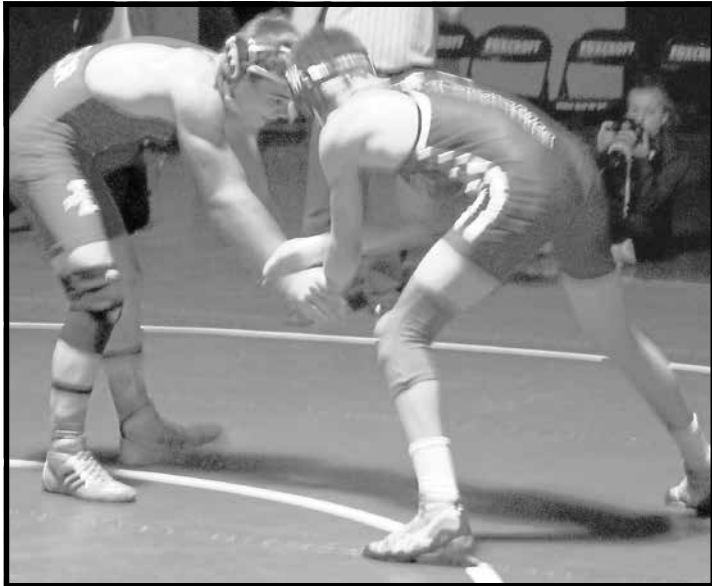
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FILL THE GYM — Current and past Foxcroft Academy wrestlers gathered for a pre-match ceremony on Jan. 14 to honor Head Coach Luis Ayala for reaching the 300-victory milestone. During his decade and a half leading the Ponies, Ayala's teams have won five Class C state championships, eight Eastern Maine crowns and seven Penobscot Valley titles with 33 individual state champions, 64 regional winners and 37 conference champs as well as 2006 New England 275-pound champion Josh Pelletier.



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SENIOR NIGHT — The five members of the Class of 2016 on the Foxcroft Academy wrestling team grappled at home for the last time during a match vs. regional rivals Dexter and PCHS on Jan. 14. From left are Antonio Ayala, Brandon Brock, Michael Pendriss, Zach Caron and Connor Holmes.



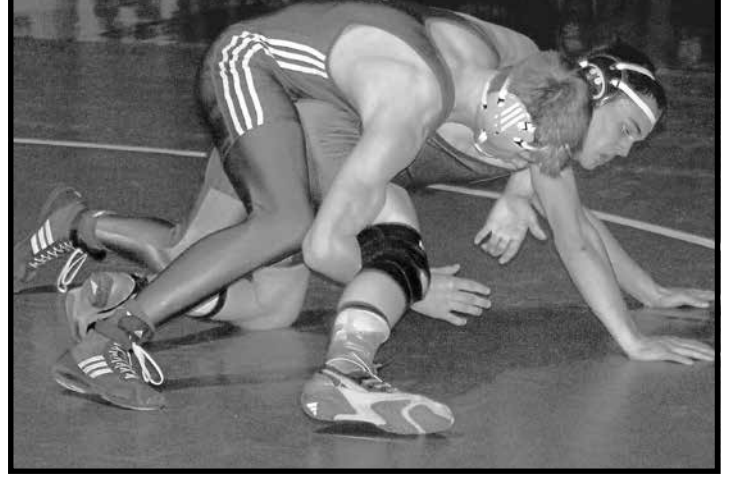
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DIAMOND SHINED A TAD BRIGHTER — Jacob Diamond, right, earned a 6-2 victory vs. Isiah Hesseltine of Dexter during their match at 138 pounds.



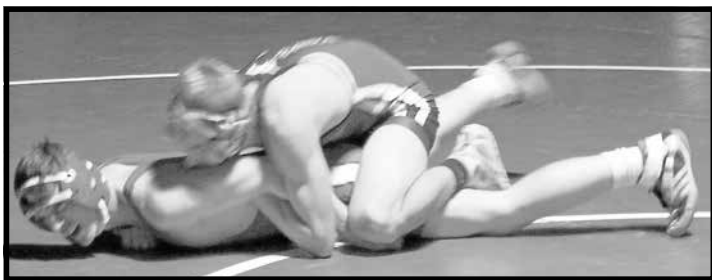
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BOTH ARE ARMED — Otis Robinson of Dexter and PCHS' Jeffery Whitney tie up during their 132-pound division match at Foxcroft Academy on Jan. 14.



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145-POUND MATCH — Representing their schools at 145 pounds are Zach Wilson of PCHS, on top, and Isiah Hesseltine of Dexter.



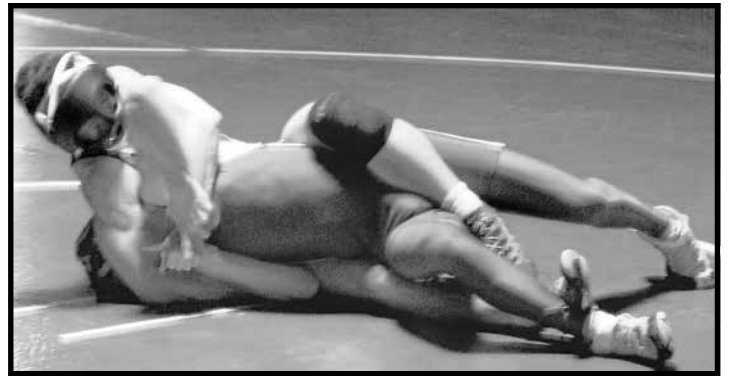
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LOOKING FOR THE PIN — RJ Nelson of Foxcroft scored a pinfall victory over Otis Robinson of Dexter at the 2:08-mark during a Jan. 14 match at 132 pounds in Dover-Foxcroft. The Ponies finished with a 63-16 victory vs. the Tigers.

Wrestling results

Foxcroft 54, Piscataquis 22
106-Brandon Weston (FA) pinned Ethan Moulton 1:07; 113-Breyer Manchester (FA) pinned Catherine Rocha 1:45; 120: Cahery Harris (PCHS) by forfeit; 126: double forfeit; 132: Antonio Ayala (FA) pinned Jeffery Whitney 2:30; 138: R.J. Nelson (FA) by forfeit; 145-Zach Wilson (PCHS) maj. dec. Jacob Diamond 15-7; 152: Zach Caron (FA) pinned Ethan Cooley 1:20; 160- double forfeit; 170-double forfeit; 182-Billy Brock (FA) by forfeit; 195-Brandon Brock (FA) by forfeit; 220-Michael Pendriss (FA) by forfeit; 285-Connor Holmes (FA) by forfeit.

Foxcroft 63, Dexter 16
106-Brandon Weston (FA) pinned Caleb Weeks 2:13; 113-Breyer Manchester (FA) by forfeit; 120-double forfeit; 126-Antonio Ayala (FA) by forfeit; 132-R.J. Nelson (FA) pinned Otis Robinson 2:08; 138-Isiah Hesseltine (Dex) def. Jacob Diamond 6-2; 145-Tyler Beem (Dex) pinned Harry Ma 1:27; 152: Zach Caron (FA) tech. fall Jacob Hesseltine 27-10; 160-Bryce Sweet (Dex) by forfeit; 170-double forfeit; 182-Billy Brock (FA) by forfeit; 195-Brandon Brock (FA) by forfeit; 220-Michael Pendriss (FA) def. David Kirshkain 8-3; 285-Connor Holmes (FA) by forfeit.



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150TH CAREER VICTORY — Foxcroft Academy senior Antonio Ayala earned his 150th victory as a Pony during a Jan. 14 132-pound match vs. PCHS. Ayala reached the milestone with a pinfall win vs. Jeffery Whitney at the 2:30-mark. Ayala would earn his 151th victory later in the evening, by forfeit at 126 pounds in the Ponies' match vs. Dexter.

Ayala

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then the administration's support and belief in what you're doing.

"Then you have to surround yourself with great people, people like coach [Terry] Whittemore who's been here from the beginning and [former assistant] coach [Maynard] Pelletier and now

coaches Mark Smith and Josh Pelletier. You need those people that give you that energy and help you to be the best person you can be. They push you and drive you, and it's been great."

Maintaining strength in numbers is one of Ayala's biggest challenges these days, as is the case wrestling programs around the state that

have fallen victim to reduced participation — so much so that the Maine Principals' Association reduced the field from three classes to two this winter.

Foxcroft — considered one of the top contenders for the Class B state championship this winter — suited up 15 wrestlers for its meet Thursday night but in recent tournaments often filled just eight of the 14 weight classes.

Ayala strives to overcome that obstacle simply by working harder, including serving as head coach of the local

middle-school wrestling team after the high school campaign concludes.

"The big thing is the enrollment, there are fewer and fewer kids," he said. "I have a smaller pool of kids to work with and that's been a struggle, but the kids I get here work hard, they push themselves, they know what we're about and want to be part of it."

"Success breeds success, and that's helped us out."

Ayala does voice concern about the future of high school wrestling in Maine.

"It's a tough sport," said Ayala. "You see schools dropping it, and we go to coaches' meetings and we always talk about what we can do to promote the sport."

"Going to two classes this year was something the coaches felt would help out, that maybe more kids would come out and we'd have more full brackets. But what's going to happen down the road five years, I don't know. At this point we want to enjoy the moment and what we have and go with it."

Ayala's most enjoyable moment Thursday night wasn't his own recognition, which included a video presentation before a crowd that included his wife Angela and other family members, friends and a contingent of former Foxcroft wrestlers and assistant coaches.

Early in the match his older

son Antonio scored his 150th career victory on the mat, a considerable achievement for the Foxcroft senior who was born with a congenital heart defect that required multiple surgeries as an infant.

"Yes, it's great that I'm being recognized," said Luis, "but to have Tino be recognized, too, as a dad and a coach you know all the individual work he's put in, the commitment and sacrifice he's made to get to this point, and it's special."

Ayala, now 302-39 in dual-meet competition, has no plans to stop coaching. His younger son Rico will be a freshman at Foxcroft next year and figures to extend the family's wrestling legacy.

"At this point I don't see anything changing," said Ayala. "I'm the coach, but it takes more than one person. It involves the whole family."

SPORTS ON TAP

schedule subject to change

Thursday, Jan. 21—BOYS BASKETBALL: Foxcroft vs. Old Town 7 p.m.; PCHS at Stearns (Millinocket) 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 22—BOYS BASKETBALL: Dexter at Orono 7 p.m.; Greenville at Bangor Christian 6:30 p.m.; Penquis at Lee 6:30 p.m. **GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Foxcroft vs. Old Town 7 p.m.; Greenville at Bangor Christian 5 p.m.; PCHS vs. Dexter 7 p.m.; Penquis vs. Stearns 7 p.m. **SWIMMING:** Foxcroft at Ellsworth 5 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23—BOYS BASKETBALL: PCHS at Greenville 3:30 p.m.; Penquis at Lee 12:30 p.m. **CHEERING:** Foxcroft at Class B North Championship (Cross Insurance Center-Bangor); Dexter and Penquis at Class C North Championship (Cross Insurance Center-Bangor). Greenville vs. PCHS 2 p.m. **INDOOR TRACK:** Foxcroft at UMaine (Orono) with Bangor, Brewer, Central, Hampden, Mattanawcook and MDI 4 p.m. **WRESTLING:** Dexter and Foxcroft at Caribou with Bucksport, Ellsworth, Mattanawcook, Penobscot and Washington 1 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 25—BOYS BASKETBALL: Penquis at Penobscot (Howland) 6:30 p.m. **GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Dexter at Schenck (East Millinocket) 7 p.m.; Greenville vs. Valley 5 p.m.; PCHS vs. Stearns 7 p.m.; Penquis vs. Lee 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 26—BOYS BASKETBALL: Dexter at Bucksport 7 p.m.; Greenville vs. Forest Hills 6:30 p.m.; Penquis vs. PCHS 7 p.m. **GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Foxcroft vs. Orono 7 p.m.; Greenville vs. Forest Hills 5 p.m. **WRESTLING:** PCHS vs. Dexter, Foxcroft, Buck-

sport and Penobscot 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 27—BOYS BASKETBALL: Dexter vs. Foxcroft 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 28—GIRLS BASKETBALL: Dexter vs. Foxcroft 7 p.m.; PCHS vs. Penquis 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 29—BOYS BASKETBALL: Dexter vs. Stearns 7 p.m.; Foxcroft at MDI 7 p.m.; Greenville at Katahdin (Stacyville) 6:30 p.m.; PCHS vs. Penobscot 7 p.m. **GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Greenville at Katahdin (Stacyville) 5 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 30—BOYS BASKETBALL: Penquis vs. George Stevens 2:30 p.m. **DOG SLED RACES:** Brownville -KI and Beyond Sled Dog Race 30 miles 10 a.m. and 20 miles 10:30 a.m. **GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Foxcroft at MDI 7 p.m. **INDOOR TRACK:** Foxcroft at UMaine (Orono) with Bangor, Bucksport, Mattanawcook, MDI, Old Town and Sumner noon. **SWIMMING:** Foxcroft at Presque Isle 1 p.m. **WRESTLING:** Dexter, Foxcroft and PCHS at PVC Championship (Ellsworth) 9:30 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 1—BOYS BASKETBALL: Greenville at Highview Christian (EMCC-Bangor) 6:30 p.m. **GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Dexter vs. Bucksport 7 p.m.; Greenville at Highview Christian (EMCC-Bangor) 5 p.m.; PCHS at Penobscot (Howland) 6:30 p.m.; Penquis at George Stevens (Blue Hill) 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 2—BOYS BASKETBALL: Dexter at Penobscot (Howland) 6:30 p.m.; Foxcroft vs. Hermon 7 p.m.; Penquis at Schenck (East Millinocket) 7 p.m.

Cunningham concludes collegiate field hockey career



Cunningham

field hockey team at Thomas College.

A midfielder, Cunningham started all 17 games for the Terriers. She picked up one goal

and one assist, with 12 shots and six shots on goal. In her four years at Thomas, Cunningham appeared in 64 games with 55 starts and she tallied two goals and three assists with 41 shots (25 on goal).

Thomas finished the 2015 season with an overall record of 8-9. The Terriers had a 4-1 mark in North Atlantic Conference play and reached the conference semifinals.

Cunningham is the daughter of Laura Rand and she is an Elementary Education major.

Speed debuts as freshman for Husson soccer squad



Speed

team during the 2015 season. Speed, who finished as the Pirates' career leader in goals, appeared in all 19 games for Husson, making 12 starts for the Eagles. Speed picked up one assist, and she recorded eight shots with two on goal.

BANGOR — Alex Speed, a resident of Guilford and graduate of Piscataquis Community High School, continued her soccer career as a freshman on the Husson University women's soccer

team during the 2015 season. Speed, who finished as the Pirates' career leader in goals, appeared in all 19 games for Husson, making 12 starts for the Eagles. Speed picked up one assist, and she recorded eight shots with two on goal.

Husson finished 2015 with an overall record of 8-10-1, going 4-5 in North Atlantic Conference play. The Eagles reached the NAC quarterfinals.

High school roundup

Jan. 11: Dexter boys basketball won at Penquis 47-26. William Strauch scored 12 points. Charles Artus had eight for Penquis.

Foxcroft girls basketball lost vs. Hermon 47-39. Abby Simpson led with 18 points.

Jan. 12: Foxcroft boys basketball lost at Central 59-56. Drew Dankert scored 20 points.

Jan. 13: Foxcroft girls basketball won at Central 46-43. Abby Simpson scored 13 points.

Jan. 14: Penquis boys basketball won vs. Katahdin 52-40. Devon Cuthbertson scored 14 points.

Jan. 15: Dexter girls basketball won vs. Penquis 39-20. Megan Peach scored 18 points. Jordan Durant had nine points for Penquis.

PCHS girls basketball won at Central 46-34. Delanie Bennett recorded 13 points.

BASKETBALL

HEAL POINT STANDINGS through Jan. 18

Class B North boys
16. Foxcroft 2-10
Top 12 teams qualify for playoffs

Class C North boys
4. Dexter 9-3
13. Penquis 3-9
14. PCHS 2-9
Top 12 teams qualify for playoffs

Class D South boys
6. Greenville 7-2
Top nine teams qualify for playoffs

Class B North girls
5. Foxcroft 7-5
Top 12 teams qualify for playoffs

Class C North girls
4. PCHS 7-3
5. Dexter 9-3
17. Penquis 3-9
Top 12 teams qualify for playoffs

Class D South girls
11. Greenville 1-7
Top nine teams qualify for playoffs

Dexter boys basketball team gaining experience, victories

By Ernie Clark
Staff Writer

DEXTER — The Dexter boys basketball season began the winter with perhaps more questions than definitive answers.

But the responses the Tigers have offered up during the first two-thirds of their regular-season schedule suggest a roster capable of playing with the best of Class C North.

Coach Peter Murray's club gained its most important win to date with a recent 58-48 victory over Schenck at Ed Guiski Gymnasium — a decision that not only ended the Wolverines' eight-game winning streak but avenged a 24-point loss at East Millinocket on Dec. 11.

“Coach Murray was telling us in the locker room afterward that we're a good team and that we can play with these types of teams,” said junior forward Zach White. “I think this win is going to prove it.”

The victory was the fourth straight for Dexter, which was 9-3 entering a home game Tuesday night against Piscataquis of Guilford.

The victory also moved the Tigers into fourth place in the Class C North standings, a position that would earn Dexter the final preliminary-round bye in the division if the season ended today.

That's a fairly lofty status for the Tigers, particularly given the

relative paucity of Heal points available on their schedule.

“There's only two teams that are in our division that are ahead of us that we play, and this was one of them,” said Murray of Schenck. “Bucksport's the other one, so those are the only shots you have for those points. All you can do other than that is just keep teams behind you.”

“Realistically we're looking at least five, six, seven or eighth place and we were teetering on eighth, so this helps to make that a little more solid. If we could beat a couple of those other teams and get to that fourth spot that would be a bonus, but at the very least we want a home pre-lim.”

What makes Dexter's strong start all the more impressive is the team's youth — there are no seniors, with eight of the 12 players juniors and the other four sophomores.

Only two players had participated in a varsity game before the start of this season, yet there is a composed approach to the game that defies any lack of experience.

It was on display against Schenck, which raced out to a 12-2 lead before the Tigers regrouped after three early timeouts called by Murray to control the tempo of the game's final three quarters.

“There's like a spark in us,” said Dexter junior forward

Brayden Miller, who worked inside for team-high totals of 20 points, 10 rebounds and four assists. “I don't know what it is but we've been playing together for a long time and once we get going we don't stop.”

It also was on display immediately after the Tigers' biggest win so far this winter.

“I was happy with our reaction, we basically just went to the handshake line — act like you've been there,” said Murray. “This group has played a lot of basketball together, not with a lot of varsity experience because they're just not old enough, but they have played a lot of basketball.”

“I think they know they're

capable, that when they play the way they're capable of playing they're a good team. We also know if we don't put it together we can look pretty bad at times, too. That's high school kids.”

Dexter follows its game against Piscataquis with two pointworthy road tests at Orono on Friday and at Bucksport on Jan. 26.

Much like the Schenck scenario, Dexter will seek to avenge its only other losses against 11-2 Orono and 11-3 Bucksport — which began this week as the No. 2 teams in Classes B North and C North, respectively.

“These types of wins,” said White, “are what is going to get us going.”

Ponies swim at Bangor

Bangor boys 134, Foxcroft Academy 19

200 Yard Medley Relay: 1, Bangor 'C' (Brendan Martin, Colby Prouty, Collin MacMillan, Sam Carlson), 1:48.81. 2, Bangor 'A' (Tom Gause, Victor Leong, Sam Theriault, Jacob Hopkins), 2:14.51. 3, Foxcroft 'A' (Nathaniel Skomars, Jae Park, Pedro Bastos, David Salley), 2:23.95.

200 Yard Freestyle: 1, Payton Campbell, BANG, 2:06.21. 2, Derek Irish, BANG, 2:07.41. 3, Ryan Watson, BANG, 2:17.04.

200 Yard IM: 1, Matt Smith, BANG, 2:35.33.

50 Yard Freestyle: 1, Brendan Martin, BANG, 27.20. 2, Takquan Parks, BANG, 27.23. 3, Sam Theriault, BANG, 28.66. 4, Pedro Bastos, FOX, 29.02. 5, David Salley, FOX, 29.67. 6, Hunter Giacomuzzi, FOX, 31.92.

1 mtr Diving: 1, Kyle Adams, BANG, 287.95.

100 Yard Butterfly: 1, Derek Irish, BANG, 1:02.88. 2, Matt Smith, BANG, 1:21.45.

100 Yard Freestyle: 1, Colby Prouty, BANG, 51.03. 2, Sam Carlson, BANG, 53.55. 3, Collin MacMillan, BANG, 57.37. 4, David Salley, FOX, 1:07.61. 5, Pedro Bastos, FOX, 1:08.65. 6, Tanner Strout, FOX, 1:18.27.

500 Yard Freestyle: 1, Takquan Parks, BANG, 6:02.99. 2, Jack Cutting, BANG, 6:13.15. 3, Conor

Thompson, BANG, 7:59.89.

200 Yard Freestyle Relay: 1, Bangor 'A' (Derek Irish, Payton Campbell, Collin MacMillan, Colby Prouty), 1:39.11. 2, Bangor 'B' (Matt Smith, Samuel Berry, Jon Badger, Jack Cutting), 2:08.10. 3, Bangor High School 'C' (Ryan Watson, Conor Thompson, Liam Dunn, Daniel Adam), x2:08.72. 4, Foxcroft 'A' (Hunter Giacomuzzi, Tanner Strout, Nathaniel Skomars, Buddy Sletterink), 2:12.45.

100 Yard Backstroke: 1, Colby Prouty, BANG, 57.25. 2, Ian Bernier, BANG, 1:21.96. 3, Nathaniel Skomars, FOX, 1:37.83. 4, Jon Badger, BANG, 1:48.65.

100 Yard Breaststroke: 1, Payton Campbell, BANG, 1:15.19. 2, Victor Leong, BANG, 1:19.09. 3, Jae Park, FOX, 1:31.89. 4, Samuel Berry, BANG, 1:32.05. 5, Hunter Giacomuzzi, FOX, 1:36.50.

400 Yard Freestyle Relay: 1, Bangor 'C' (Ryan Watson, Brandon Watson, Jacob Hopkins, Charles Fearon), 4:23.35. 2, Bangor 'B' (Takquan Parks, Elliot Tuttle, Daniel Adam, Ian Bernier), 4:29.93.

Bangor girls 102, Foxcroft Academy 76

200 Yard Medley Relay: 1, Bangor 'A' (Rachel Hand, Natalie Fournier, Hannah Wood, Lily Waddell), 2:01.47. 2, Foxcroft 'A' (Elena Russo, Gabie Johnson, Jenna Clukey,

Avery Carroll), 2:01.84. 3, Bangor 'B' (Gina Vo, Meredith Jones, Morgan Jones, Graci Wiseman), 2:13.26.

200 Yard Freestyle: 1, Jenna Clukey, FOX, 2:11.55. 2, Natalie Fournier, BANG, 2:15.41. 3, Graci Wiseman, BANG, 2:27.34. 4, Chloe Waugh, FOX, 2:27.49. 5, Katherine Clukey, BANG, 2:46.34.

200 Yard IM: 1, Hannah Wood, BANG, 2:19.24. 2, Rachel Hand, BANG, 2:23.45. 3, Gabie Johnson, FOX, 2:23.87. 4, Madison Fadley, FOX, 2:48.09.

50 Yard Freestyle: 1, Natalie Fournier, BANG, 27.39. 2, Elena Russo, FOX, 28.56. 3, Alice Russo, FOX, 28.80. 4, Haley Adams, BANG, 29.28. 5, Emily Curtis, FOX, 29.93. 6, Kalyn Sutherland, BANG, 33.90.

1 mtr Diving: 1, Sarah Danby, BANG, 181.80. 2, Ella Stone, BANG, 162.05.

100 Yard Butterfly: 1, Avery Carroll, FOX, 1:07.56. 2, Morgan Jones, BANG, 1:10.00. 3, Lily Waddell, BANG, 1:11.51. 4, Gina Vo, BANG, 1:19.26.

100 Yard Freestyle: 1, Elena Russo, FOX, 1:02.91. 2, Haley Adams, BANG, 1:07.57. 3, Emily Curtis, FOX, 1:08.83. 4, Abby Henderson, FOX, 1:11.01. 5, Kahia Maheux, BANG, 1:12.27. 6, Kalyn Sutherland, BANG, 1:13.46.

500 Yard Freestyle: 1, Jenna

Clukey, FOX, 5:56.68. 2, Morgan Jones, BANG, 6:06.95. 3, Meredith Jones, BANG, 6:30.13. 4, Madison Fadley, FOX, 6:53.67. 5, Katherine Clukey, BANG, 7:22.23.

200 Yard Freestyle Relay: 1, Foxcroft 'A' (Elena Russo, Avery Carroll, Gabie Johnson, Jenna Clukey), 1:50.33. 2, Bangor 'A' (Haley Adams, Michaela Anderson, Kaylah Dyer, Kahia Maheux), 2:10.32. 3, Bangor 'B' (Brianna Blanke, Claudia Dejardins, Katherine Clukey, Elyse Daub), 2:21.43.

100 Yard Backstroke: 1, Avery Carroll, FOX, 1:06.38. 2, Alice Russo, FOX, 1:07.38. 3, Lily Waddell, BANG, 1:11.63. 4, Gina Vo, BANG, 1:15.24. 5, Chloe Waugh, FOX, 1:17.13. 6, Meredith Jones, BANG, 1:18.88.

100 Yard Breaststroke: 1, Hannah Wood, BANG, 1:13.27. 2, Gabie Johnson, FOX, 1:14.35. 3, Graci Wiseman, BANG, 1:22.87. 4, Rachel Hand, BANG, 1:23.74. 5, Abby Henderson, FOX, 1:36.72. 6, Racquel Bozzelli, FOX, 1:40.76.

400 Yard Freestyle Relay: 1, Bangor 'A' (Rachel Hand, Lily Waddell, Morgan Jones, Hannah Wood), 4:07.09. 2, Bangor 'B' (Graci Wiseman, Meredith Jones, Gina Vo, Natalie Fournier), 4:20.18. 3, Foxcroft 'A' (Emily Curtis, Chloe Waugh, Abby Henderson, Alice Russo), 4:36.88.

Dexter Tiger boys shake off slow start to topple Schenck

By Ernie Clark
Staff Writer

DEXTER — Things were not looking good for the Dexter boys basketball team Thursday, Jan. 14.

Having already lost their earlier meeting with Schenck by 24 points at East Millinocket last month, the Tigers were again watching the Wolverines have their way early in the rematch at Ed Guiski Gymnasium.

But three timeouts by veteran Dexter coach Peter Murray during the game's first 9 minutes, 32 seconds finally settled his team down, and the Tigers went on to secure their most pointworthy victory of the season, a 58-48 win over Schenck in a battle of Class C North contenders.

“At the beginning of the game we were not playing at the tempo we wanted,” said Murray. “We had established coming into the game that that was not what we were going to do, but that's what we were doing, so we had to have a couple of reminders apparently to get back to playing the game the way it needed to be played for us to have a chance to win.”

That game plan featured offensive patience designed to generate high-quality shots, which in the first half included three 3-pointers — two by Joshua Simcock — as Dexter turned a 12-2 deficit into a 24-19 intermission lead.

After the break, the Tigers used crisp interior passing and strength in the post to outmuscle a Schenck team experiencing foul trouble by junior standout Justin Thompson and his brother, freshman Travis Thompson.

Dexter (9-3) made 10 of its 19 field-goal attempts during the second half and 10 of 15 free throws in the fourth quarter — including a 7-for-8 performance by junior Jason Campbell — to end Schenck's eight-game winning streak.

“There's like a spark in us,” said Dexter junior forward Brayden Miller, who worked inside for team-high totals of 20 points, 10 rebounds and four assists. “I don't know what it is but we've been playing together

for a long time and once we get going we don't stop.”

Miller and classmate Zach White combined for 25 of Dexter's 34 second-half points on nine of 16 shooting, with nearly all that offense coming from the lane.

“We decided to mix up what we were doing on the offensive end, and coach Murray made a good call, he saw something he thought we could take advantage of,” said White, one of just two players on Dexter's senior-less roster with any varsity experience before this season.

“We had stretched the court [with the early 3-pointers] so it was time to attack them differently, and partially because they were in foul trouble we wanted to take it right to them because they were less apt to block those shots and we got some easy buckets because of it.”

White finished with 13 points while Campbell scored 14 — nine in the fourth quarter.

Junior Christopher King led Schenck with 16 points.

Jason Thompson hit three of his first four shots of the night to help stake Schenck (9-2) to its 10-point lead late in the first quarter.

But the 6-foot-2 junior picked up his second foul with 5:16 left in the first half, then drew his third and fourth fouls within a 77-second span midway through the third period to limit his effectiveness, though he finished with 15 points, 18 rebounds and four assists.

Dexter used two 3-pointers — one from each corner — by Simcock and a third shot from distance by Chandler Perkins to carve into its early deficit during the second quarter, with the Tigers also holding Schenck without a field goal over the last 6:41 of the period to build a modest lead at the break.

A 3-pointer by Justin Thompson pulled Schenck within 24-22 to open the third quarter before the Tigers turned to their inside game — which produced an immediate 8-1 run good for a 32-23 cushion midway through the period.

Schenck got no closer than six the rest of the way.

Regional ice fishing reports

Moosehead region: There's not much ice, even in the Moosehead area. “The ice just caught up in Rockwood earlier this week, but it's not safe,” said IFW fisheries biologist Tim Obrey.

Obrey said he has heard of some anglers fishing close to shore, but has also heard that even on the smaller ponds such as Mountain View, there have been some people who went through the ice.

With ice conditions so poor, organizers for the ninth annual Moosehead Lake Togue Derby have modified the event. The event was originally scheduled for the weekend of Jan. 29, but organizers have added three more days to the event, the weekend of Feb. 19-21. The banquet, silent auction, and the door prize drawings will occur on Saturday, Feb. 20 at the Masonic Hall in Greenville.

Organizers will also operate the weigh-in stations during the originally planned dates of Jan. 29-31 since many anglers have already booked camp and hotel reservations a year in advance. They do caution anyone fishing that weekend to be extremely cautious and check ice conditions before heading out on the lake.

Penobscot Region — It's been on again off again in the Penobscot region.

Last Friday, Cold Stream Pond finally buttoned up. After all the rain and wind on Sunday, it was wide open again on Monday. On Tuesday, it had frozen once again.

“Schoodic Lake was the same

story, with it freezing, opening up again, then buttoning up in some places just enough to give some people some false confidence,” said Nels Kramer, IFW fisheries biologist. “The truth is, I have a longer list of what is not fishable than of what is fishable.”

Anglers have been having some success at the north end of Pleasant Lake in Island Falls where there is four to six inches of ice with reports that anglers are catching salmon. Kramer says do not attempt to go across the lake.

The upper basin of Mattawamkeag is producing with salmon, perch and pickerel. Anglers are also fishing the Shin Ponds, but watch out as this snow will hide some of the thin ice on the ponds.

Anglers are fishing East Grand and Spednik near to the shore as the main body of those waters remains iffy. Locals up at Matagammon say that lake was unfishable earlier this week, but that should change quickly.

Moltunkus Lake had seven inches of ice and was producing some “nice, fat brook trout.” On Mud (Perch) Pond in Old Town, anglers are catching 13-17 inches brook trout. Smaller water bodies generally are safer, and anglers have cautiously getting out on the ice to fish them.

On Pushaw Lake and Little Pushaw Lake, there are some anglers but they are staying near shore and are targeting perch and pickerel.

“This is the worst year for ice that I can remember,” Kramer said.

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Obituary Notices

CAMPBELL, Shirley V., 94, Sangerville, January 14, 2016. A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, January 21, 2016, at the Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft.

MOULTON, Evelyn Mildred, 90, Sangerville, January 17, 2016. At her request there will be no funeral services at this time. A graveside service will be held in the spring at the Sangerville Village Cemetery. Arrangements by Crosby & Neal, Guilford.

Evelyn Mildred Moulton

SANGERVILLE – Evelyn Mildred Moulton, 90, died at her home Sunday, January 17, 2016, with her daughter and caregiver, Carole, by her side. She was born in Dexter, September 13, 1925, the daughter of Leon L. and Lorina (Awalt) Pearl.

Evelyn was a homemaker and also worked at Hathaway Shirt in Dover-Foxcroft. She was called “Ninny” by many, and later “Nunu” after her grandson, Curtis was born.

Evelyn lost her husband very early in life and was forced to overcome many of life’s challenges by herself. Her meticulous nature with everything in life from her cooking to keeping her house was one of her great virtues.

“Nunu” enjoyed cooking breakfast for two of her grandsons, Curtis and Corey every morning before school. She believed a good breakfast was needed for them to do well in school. Her greatest achievement in her own words was raising her three children. She was proud to say that when she was no longer able to maintain her yard, her son-in-law, Jeffery, maintained it for her.

She was predeceased by her husband of 34 years, Clarence “Karky” Moulton; a brother, Leon Pearl Jr. of Georgia; three sisters, Geraldine “Gerry” Hughes of Phippsburg, Irene Nelson, and Madeline Anderson both of Dexter.

She is survived by a son, Chester “Skippy” Moulton of Eddington and his good friend, Pam Dunham; two daughters, Cynthia “Cindy” Troy and her husband, Martin of Waterville, and Carole Jean

Wharff and her husband, Ross Whitaker, Kelly Moulton, and Lisa Rennert and her husband, Matt, all of VA, Curtis Wharff and his girlfriend, Shaunna of NH, and Corey Wharff and his girlfriend, Alice of Sangerville; five great-grandchildren, Mykenzie Veilleux of Waterville, Miranda Troy of Benton, Caleb and Ava Rennert of VA, and Aiden James Wharff of Auburn; a sister, Phyllis Nelson of Dexter; a brother, Maurice “Randy” Pearl of GA; and many nieces and nephews. Evelyn also leaves behind her beloved toy poodle, “Gigi”, who was always by her side.

At her request there will be no funeral services at this time. A graveside service will be held in the spring at the Sangerville Village Cemetery.

Donations in Evelyn’s memory may be sent to the Sandra J. Littlefield Scholarship Fund, c/o the Maine Community Foundation, 245 Main Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605. Evelyn was very fond of Sandra, a young woman and close family friend that was taken too young.

Life is short, remember to pay it forward with an act of kindness.

Arrangements by Crosby & Neal, Guilford. For an online guest register, go to www.CrosbyNeal.com.

Shirley V. Campbell

SANGERVILLE – Shirley V. Campbell, 94, wife of the late Robert H. Campbell, passed away January 14, 2016, at Mayo Regional Hospital, surrounded by her loving family. She was born September 28, 1921, in Dexter, the daughter of Perry and Nellie (Thomas) Nelson.

Shirley married Robert Campbell in 1942 and lived in the Campbell Farm until her death. She enjoyed buying and selling furniture and antiques. She and Robert operated Campbell’s Furniture Store in Dexter for many years. In later years, she devoted all of her time to what she loved best: harness racing, raising Charolais beef cattle, and her family. She had a generous heart and was always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need.

She was predeceased by her niece, Elizabeth Campbell Hunt, and her nephew, Bruce Campbell.

She is survived by a son, Brian Campbell; a daughter, Betty Richardson and her husband, Earlon, all of Sangerville; three grandchildren, Scott Richardson and his wife, Lisa, Timothy Richardson and his wife, Lisa, all of Sangerville, and Katherine Dow and her husband, Troy, of Trenton. She also leaves seven great-grandchildren, Ryan, Michaela, Cassandra and Courtney

Richardson, and Gavin, Aidan and Willa Dow; as well as two great-grandchildren, Keagan and Parker Richardson. She was one of thirteen children and is survived by her brother, Perry D. Nelson of Dexter. She will be lovingly remembered by her special nieces, Susan Campbell, Janice Dore, Joyce Harvey and Sandra Hooper; and a family friend, Craig Ashford.

Shirley’s family extends a special thank you to Care and Comfort, Heather, Connie, Lee-Ann, Raquel, Sarah, Ruth-Ann and Barb for allowing us to keep her at home.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, January 21, 2016, at the Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church, with Pastor Mark Stevens officiating. In lieu of flowers, please carry on Shirley’s generous spirit by paying her kindness forward to others. Spring burial will be in the family lot in Knowlton’s Mills Cemetery. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home. Condolences and memories may be expressed at www.laryfuneralhome.com.

Thank You

I would like to give thanks to everyone who sent cards, money and food during this most difficult time. I would also like to give a huge thanks to the family of Wayne Dow for all the help and support before and after his passing. Also to the Reading Room in Sebec Village. A huge shout-out to Will of Will’s Shop n’ Save for the kindness shown towards Wayne during his illness, from the ice cream to the very generous donation of a sandwich platter for his memorial. I can’t thank everyone enough.

Thanks so much,
Karen Dow

In Memory of Mary Raymond

Can’t believe it’s been 10 years since you left, it seems like just yesterday. I want to pick up the phone and hear your voice one more time.

Love,
Jody, Amy, Alan, Chad,
Wendy, and Carol

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Recurring Events

Mondays

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

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

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

MILO: Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club at the town hall at 7 p.m. every fourth Monday. For more info. call 943-2849.

Tuesdays

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

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

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

DEXTER: Dexter Regional De-

velopment Corporation meets first Tuesday of the month. For more info. call 924-3064.

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

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

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

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

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

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The NAMI Family and Friends Support Group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Borestone Room at Mayo Regional Hospital. For more info. call Beth at 924-7903.

GUILFORD: Community Fitness, 31 High St., offers brunch socials the first Tuesday at 11 a.m. with a potluck and guest speakers. For more info. call 876-4813.

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

GUILFORD: The Guilford Historical Society meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the society museum, 10 North St., (the museum is also open by ap-

pointment). For more info. call 876-4501 or 217-0963.

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

SANGERVILLE: AA Women’s Discovery 12 Group at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Church Street, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Wednesdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GUILFORD: The Hands of Hope food cupboard at the Guilford United Methodist Church, 3 School St., is open from 1:30-3:30 p.m. FMI call 876-3373.

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

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

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fridays

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

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

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

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Alco-

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phones in our pockets and purses.

In much the same way, a concerted effort to defeat cancer would yield wide-ranging benefits. Cancer is not just one disease, but a broad category of disease with hundreds of manifestations requiring different treatments. New therapies that boost the immune system are giving some leading cancer researchers optimism about the potential for breakthroughs.

Biomedical research that unleashes the power of the immune system holds promise for many of the most costly and devastating diseases. As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, one of my top priorities is increasing investment in biomedical research in order to combat diseases that disproportionately affect older Americans like Alzheimer’s and diabetes.

It is encouraging that Congress already is working together to increase these investments. I advocated strongly for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health, the largest increase since 2003 and an investment that will pay dividends for patients and their families.

As the Senate Co-Chair of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer’s disease, I am all too aware of the tremendous personal and economic toll this devastating disease takes on more than five million Americans and their families. I co-authored the 2011 law creating the National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease and sponsored a resolution calling for Congress to devote at least \$2 billion per year to research as recommended by the expert federal advisory council established by this law.

Last year, Congress approved a \$350 million increase for Alzheimer’s disease research at the National Institute of Aging, bringing the total amount available for Alzheimer’s disease research to \$936 million. This is an increase of more than 50 percent and almost halfway to our \$2 billion a year goal.

As this vital research proceeds, it is essential that we support the family caregivers who meet the daily needs of those afflicted with disease. Early this year, I toured the Stewart Adult Day Center in Falmouth, a wonderful facility that is run by the Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging and serves individuals suffering from Alzheimer’s and other dementias.

The colorful and appealing building was made possible by private donations and particularly the generosity of the Stewart family. The Center benefits those afflicted by preventing isolation that exacerbates the illness, and it serves as a resource for caregivers by providing much-needed respite care.

Late last year, the Senate passed the bipartisan RAISE Family Caregivers Act I introduced to develop a national strategy to recognize and support the more than 40 million

family caregivers in the United States. The next step will be working hard to get RAISE through the House of Representatives in order to create that national strategy.

When Apollo 11 Commander Neil Armstrong first set foot on the moon 47 years ago, he famously said, “That’s one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.” With the unified support of the President and Congress for investments in biomedicine, the small steps taken in research laboratories throughout the country can produce a giant leap in mankind’s fight against such terrible diseases as cancer and Alzheimer’s.

Trash

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that there is sufficient demand in the market, that we will have no problem finding a home for our natural gas.”

But there are many developments that must fall into place before Fiberight can deliver gas, not even considering the financing and waste commitments Fiberight needs before facility construction begins.

To start, it needs customers. Michael Swartz, energy and utility manager at the University of Maine, one potential customer, said he has met with Stuart-Paul, but the university would have to solicit energy service through a competitive bid process.

“Our meeting with Fiberight was not unlike any other initial outreach and inquiry that we’ve had with other prospective vendors,” Swartz said.

The stretch of pipeline running through the Fiberight site also would have to start operating, Barrowman said. Currently, gas on the pipeline — which the federal government used to transport jet fuel from Searsport to the now-closed Loring Air Force Base in Limestone — flows only between Bangor and Mattawakeag.

Bangor Gas would have to repair any deteriorating portions on the Bangor-Hampden section of pipeline and change valves so they’re fit for natural gas rather than oil, Barrowman said.

The gas-cleaning operation on the Fiberight site would have to bring the biogas up to pipeline standards so it can mix with other gas in the pipe without detracting from its energy potential. Bangor Gas wouldn’t allow in gas that didn’t meet its standards.

Biogas and natural gas are primarily methane, but biogas can have components that detract from its energy potential, according to Marianne Mintz, an energy systems analyst at Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois.

Biogas can be commercially viable, especially in a market such as Maine with otherwise limited access to natural gas, Mintz said. But the viability can depend in large part on the gas’ ability to qualify for RINs — essentially, greenhouse gas reduction credits under the federal Renewable Fuels Standard that a fuel producer sells to fossil fuel importers and refineries as a separate product from the gas.

“There is a lot of money to be made in RINs,” Mintz said. “And that is the question, whether this pathway would qualify for RINs.” Stuart-Paul said it would, though

Mintz said fuel producers don’t know for sure until they apply to the Environmental Protection Agency for credits.

The choice for towns

In 2014, the Municipal Review Committee asked UMaine’s Forest Bioproducts Research Institute to evaluate the Fiberight technology — in use at a smaller, pilot facility in Lawrenceville, Virginia — to determine whether it could be deployed at a commercial scale.

Apart from reservations regarding the readiness of Fiberight’s ethanol production process, the team concluded Fiberight’s technology was “sound” and that its processes were similar to those used in other industries, such as papermaking.

“The question is, is it viable and feasible?” said Hermon Town Manager Roger Raymond, who was involved with setting up PERC in the 1980s as Bucksport’s former town manager. “I’m not sure how financially feasible it is. It costs a lot of money to do these things. That’s where a lot of the concern is. It’s not with the program that they’re proposing.”

There’s no similar, commercial-scale facility operating anywhere in the U.S. In recent years, there have been numerous stories of plans for solid waste-to-biofuel facilities, then indefinite delays — such as Fiberight’s planned facilities in Iowa — or halted production.

Towns that commit to sending their waste to Fiberight would pay a \$70 per ton tip fee for the first year; it would change each year based on Fiberight’s operating expenses and revenues. Towns would be eligible for rebates based on financial performance once they send more than 180,000 tons of waste to Fiberight, said Bangor City Manager Cathy Conlow, who serves on the Municipal Review Committee board.

Fiberight, by raising money through investors, would pay for the facility’s \$67 million construction costs. At least one company, Covanta, has publicly stated it’s interested in investing.

“We’ve already identified the majority of capital,” Stuart-Paul said.

The towns would not pay to build the facility, though \$5 million they have built up in a tip fee stabilization fund from their stake in PERC would go toward purchasing the property and preparing it for development, including road construction.

The Municipal Review Committee has pledged to secure commitments of at least 150,000 tons of solid waste per year by this summer. If it can’t, construction may not happen. Each year of operation,

the MRC towns would have to stick to their 150,000-ton commitment. If they fall short, the group — and, by extension, its member towns — would be liable for “delivery sufficiency payments” to Fiberight.

Meanwhile, participating towns would have limited flexibility to lower their tip fee bills through measures that reduce the amount of waste they produce. While they can continue operating recycling and pay-as-you-throw programs, Fiberight would have to sign off on any efforts to divert organics — which Fiberight’s process depends on — from the waste stream. Organics, after all, make up 40 percent of Maine’s waste, according to a 2011 UMaine study.

The unknowns

The Municipal Review Committee doesn’t plan a full market analysis to assess the commercial viability of producing and selling biogas. Conlow said the fact that Fiberight is attracting investment shows the facility can be viable.

“There are folks who are willing to invest without a guaranteed rate of return, I think, because they believe long term this technology offers opportunities going forward,” she said.

An MRC consultant last year prepared an economic analysis based on the facility taking in at least 180,000 tons of waste. Under that scenario, the tip fee revenues (at least \$12.6 million) would exceed annual operating costs (\$10.2 million to \$11.6 million).

“It follows that project revenues from tip fees alone are sufficient to generate positive cash flow from operations, before any return to capital, even if there are no revenues,” the consultant, George Aronson of Commonwealth Resource Management Corp. in Sharon, Massachusetts, wrote.

But the whole picture leaves several unknowns for towns deciding where to send their waste. For example, what happens with waste determined to be unacceptable to Fiberight, and how do towns cover those costs? What happens if Fiberight fails and PERC fails with it?

A group of towns including Hermon recently commissioned a legal review of all contracts involved with Fiberight, MRC and PERC so town officials would know their provisions and know if they sufficiently protect the towns’ interests. “There’s risk involved in this, and the degree of risk that someone can bear is what is going to determine whether they can commit to this or not,” Raymond said. “The more that the MRC can reduce that risk, it’s going to make it easier for them to sign up communities.”

Piscataquis Criminal Docket

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The following cases were heard under the Piscataquis Criminal Docket at the Piscataquis Judicial Center during December, 2015.

Justin Beane, 19, Sangerville: furnishing liquor to a minor, \$500 fine, 48 hours in jail; and possession of marijuana, up to 1.25 oz., \$350 fine.

James A. Bond, 42, Carmel: driving deer, \$200 fine; and entering or causing a projectile to enter a place illegal, \$100 fine.

David B. Bragdon, 61, Millinocket: hunting from stand or blind overlooking deer bait, \$200 fine.

Justin W. Case, 22, Damariscotta: failing to display ATV registration numbers, \$100 fine.

Elden H. Chase, 56, Milo: loaded firearm or crossbow in motor vehicle, \$200 fine.

Tyler Creighton, 22, Medway: operating ATV to endanger, \$500 fine; and failure to appear in court on criminal summons, \$200 fine and \$200 suspension.

Dakota L. Curtis, 22, Bangor: violating protective order, 48 hours in jail; failure to appear after bailed, 48 hours in jail and failure to appear in court on criminal summons, 48 hours in jail.

Michael G. Davis, 67, Abbot: domestic violence assault (three counts), 35 days in jail (each).

Tom Davis, 58, Hob Sound, Fla.: operating ATV on land of another without permission, \$100 fine.

Maureen L. Demers, 61, Milo: refusing to submit to arrest or detention, physical force, 48 hours in jail and misuse of E-9-1-1 system, \$100 fine, 48 hours in jail.

Dolinda J. Doble, 56, Milo: unlawful possession of scheduled drug, \$400 fine, two years in prison, all but 60 days suspended, two years' probation, \$390 restitution; illegal possession of firearm, 60 days in jail; violating condition of release, 30 days in jail; assault, \$300 fine, 45 days in jail; violating conditions of release, \$400 fine, 30 days in jail; and obstructing report of crime, 30 days in jail.

Daniel J. Dube, 59, Monson: operating ATV on land of another without permission, \$100 fine.

Benjamin M. Dunfee, 33, Waldwick, N.J.: operating unregistered ATV, \$200 fine.

Tonya J. Durant, 43, Dover-Foxcroft: assault, \$300 fine and \$14.99 restitution.

Scott Estes, 59, LaGrange: operating ATV on public way, \$100 fine.

Roland D. Frost, 40, Milo: OUI

(drugs or combo), \$750 fine, 10 days in jail, and 150-day license suspension.

Rodney Goguen, 34, Fitchburg, Mass.: operating unregistered ATV, \$200 fine.

Dale G. Hachey, 55, Sangerville: criminal mischief, 30 days in jail and \$119 restitution.

Brian Matthew Hanson, 27, Dover-Foxcroft: driving to endanger, \$575 fine and 30-day license suspension; failing to stop for officer, 72 hours in jail; OUI (alcohol), \$600 fine, 72 hours in jail and 150-day license suspension; and motor vehicle speeding: 30-plus mph over speed limit, 48 hours in jail.

Christopher J. Kessler, 44, Sebec: illegal placing of bear bait (two counts), \$100 fine (each).

Paul A. King, 46, Winthrop: possession of marijuana, up to 1.25 oz., \$350 fine.

Jason D. Kishbaugh, 39, Dover-Foxcroft: closed season on trapping violation, \$200 fine.

Peter William Knight, 49, Monson: placing bait to entice deer, \$200 fine.

Anthony V. Landi, 68, Union: operating ATV on land of another without permission, \$100 fine.

Kevin R. Lemieux, 47, Exeter: driving deer, \$200 fine; and entering or causing a projectile to enter a place illegal, \$100 fine.

Darian Lever, 20, Charlestown: assault, \$300 fine; and operating while license suspended or revoked, \$250 fine.

Timothy P. McQuarrie, Jr., 23, Milo: failing to report accident or remove carcass, \$200 fine; illegal transportation of animal or bird, \$100 fine; and unlawful possession wild animal or bird, \$500 fine.

Shawna Miller, 33, Dover-Foxcroft: assault, \$300 fine.

Earl W. Mills, 54, Brownville: hunting from stand or blind overlooking deer bait, \$200 fine.

Robert E. Miniutti, 76, Arundel: discharging firearm or crossbow near dwelling, \$400 fine.

Walter S. Morris, 47, Livermore Falls: operating ATV on land of another without permission, \$100 fine.

Tamara Lynne Morton, 48, Brownville: operating vehicle without license, \$150 fine.

Michael Moulton, 21, Milo: criminal mischief, 48 hours in jail, \$200 restitution; and criminal threatening, 48 hours in jail.

Frank A. Nelson, 60, Guilford: placing bait to entice deer, \$200 fine; and hunting from stand or blind overlooking deer bait, \$200 fine.

Heidi Nicholas, 35, Dover-Fox-

croft: theft of lost, mislaid, or misdelivered property, \$500 fine.

Glenn Ouellette, 41, Brownville: allowing minor to operate ATV in violation, \$100 fine.

Antoine W. Pratt, 22, Dover-Foxcroft: possession or distribution of dangerous knives, 30 days in jail; criminal threatening, four months in jail; theft by unauthorized taking or transfer, 30 days in jail; assault, \$300 fine, 30 days in jail; OUI (alcohol), \$500 fine, 30 days in jail, 150-day license suspension; theft by unauthorized use of property, 60 days in jail; criminal mischief, 60 days in jail, \$1,229.56 restitution; failing to make oral or written accident report, 30 days in jail; and operating while license suspended or revoked, \$250 fine.

George M. Ressler, 49, Edinburg: theft by unauthorized taking or transfer, 30 days in jail, \$800 restitution.

Christopher R. Roulean, 21, Fort Drum, N.Y.: hunting without valid license, \$100 fine.

Michael A. Santangelo, 51, Brilliant, Ohio: loaded firearm or crossbow in motor vehicle, \$100 fine; unauthorized subpermittee hunting moose, \$500 fine; and operating unregistered ATV, \$100 fine.

Marissa Sargent, 27, Greenville Jct.: theft by unauthorized taking or transfer, \$300 fine and \$15.78 restitution.

Jeffrey C. Severance, 58, Richmond: unlawfully hunting wild birds, \$125 fine.

Joshua J. Shuman, 24, Dover-Foxcroft: assault, \$300 fine.

Brent Smith, 27, Milo: placing bait to entice deer, \$200 fine.

Philip M. Smith III, 31, Brownville Jct.: failing to display ATV registration numbers, \$100 fine.

Mandy Lynn Southard, 27, Medford: theft by unauthorized taking or transfer, 30 days in jail, \$800 restitution.

Donald D. Stevens, 59, Winthrop: loaded firearm or crossbow in motor vehicle, \$200 fine; and possession of marijuana, up to 1.25 oz., \$350 fine.

William F. Tash III, 57, LaGrange: possession of marijuana, up to 1.25 oz., \$350 fine; and unsecured firearm, \$150 fine.

Michael J. Thomas, 69, Ansonia, Conn.: illegal placing of bear bait, \$100 fine.

Samuel J. Welteroth, 28, Hughesville, Pa.: operating ATV on public way, \$100 fine.

Christopher J. Witt, 41, Riverhead, N.Y.: operating ATV on land of another without permission, \$100 fine.

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MAJOR PRICE REDUCTION

Saint Albans: Homesteaders Dream! Solar Salt Box with solar panels and passive solar heat on 16.2 acres is built for simplicity and low maintenance costs. Beautiful land sloping to the south, 3 BR 2 baths, kitchen, LR, loft office, workshop, 2 garages. Lovely lawns, with fruit trees, plantings, berries. Idyllic setting in quiet country location. **\$125,000**

PRICE REDUCED

Dover Foxcroft: Lovely home all on one floor with large formal living room and dining room with fireplace. Three bedrooms, one bath, large front and back glassed-in porches, deck, beautiful private backyard. Huge, dry, concrete basement with walkout. There is even an unfinished upstairs. Beautiful neighborhood. **\$90,000**

PRICE REDUCED

Dover Foxcroft: Perfection plus in this tidy home with 3 bedrooms, two baths, lovely kitchen, dining room, living room, large master bedroom on the first floor, mudroom. Attached two-car garage, open porch, dead-end street. **\$134,500**

PRICE REDUCED

Dover Foxcroft: Landmark Victorian on corner lot features 2 fireplaces, beautiful hardwood floors and natural woodwork. Large spacious rooms, including kitchen, dining room, living room, parlor, drawing room, 5 bedrooms, 1 3/4 baths. Unique Property. **\$269,000**

PRICE REDUCED

Blanchard: Breathtaking views! Three bedroom farmhouse with enclosed porch, large barn, detached 2 car garage, located in a beautiful, private setting surrounded by trees and hills. **\$99,500**

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Dover Foxcroft: Absolutely beautiful setting comes with nice old farmhouse on approximately 12 acres. House has kitchen, living room, dining room, 3 bedrooms bath. Sits way back from the road with beautiful fields, apple trees, large barn with horse stalls, just a step out of town. **\$89,900**

PRICE REDUCED

Dover Foxcroft: Adorable two to three bedroom ranch with attached one-car garage. Bright and cheery kitchen, living room, family room. Excellent neighborhood, nice elevated lot, very well-kept. Priced at **\$119,500**

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Sebec Lake at Greeleys Landing: Large shorefront home on Sebec Lake includes 86 feet of frontage, spacious 4 bedroom home right on the water. House has 2 full baths, 1 half bath, nice lawns to the water's edge, breathtaking views across a wide expanse of lake. Also, separate bunkhouse with own bath on rear of the lot. Ideal for large family with lots of space. Convenient location. **\$249,000**

PRICE REDUCED

Guilford: Lovely, immaculate double wide home has kitchen, dining area, three bedrooms, two baths, 1 1/2 car garage, high spacious corner lot. Excellent home for **\$60,000**

PRICE REDUCED

Sebec: Elegant home on 24 acres offers absolute privacy. Lovely kitchen, formal dining room, family room, living room, 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Well-designed, flawlessly built and exquisitely maintained. Landscaped lot, 2-car garage, brook on property, a "must see!" **\$239,900**

PRICE REDUCED

Dover Foxcroft: Gorgeous recently built home in the country on 3.43 acres with three bedrooms, two full baths, hardwood floors, 2-car heated garage, full basement with workshop, beautiful views, nice deck off kitchen, immaculate. Beautiful views, lots of privacy. **\$229,900**

PRICE REDUCED

Sebec Lake at Greeleys Landing: Nice, clean, cabin is situated very close to Sebec Lake, marina, public beach, and a step from Peakes Kenney State Park. Enjoy all that Sebec Lake offers for an affordable price. Camp has a drilled well, septic system, garage, kitchen, living room, two bedrooms, bath, porch and is very well maintained. This is an exceptional buy. **\$49,000**

PRICE REDUCED

Guilford: This well-maintained ranch has everything you need. Vinyl siding, metal roof, recent 3-car garage, large 3-acre lot. House has kitchen, living room, two bedrooms, bath, laundry, and enclosed porch. Town water, private septic system, much more. **\$79,000**

NEW LISTING

Abbot: Comfortable log home on 9.2 acres on Richards Lane close to Piper Pond. Log home has open concept living room, kitchen, dining area with cathedral ceilings, one downstairs bedroom, bath, two loft bedrooms, multipurpose room, plus large garage with in-law or guest apartment with living room-kitchen, bedroom, full bath, and enclosed porch. House has full basement, beautiful setting with lots of tall pines, many extras in the middle of a sportsman's paradise. **\$169,900**

NEW LISTING

Dover Foxcroft: Nice, well-maintained home on double lot in an excellent neighborhood has lovely kitchen, dining area, living room, master bedroom with master bath downstairs and three bedrooms and 2nd bath up. Full basement, wrap-around porch, 2-car garage and nice sized yard. MOTIVATED SELLER! **\$135,000**

NEW LISTING

Sangerville: Custom built 2 story home on 84.5 acres, including large maple sap grove. Uniquely designed with lots of room up and down including 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, two kitchens (one used for in-law apt), study, den and multi-purpose room. House has primary living space up, in-law apt down. Elevator, hot water baseboard and radiant heat, exterior wood boiler, outbuildings, large farm pond, much more all situated on peaceful, private, country road. **\$169,000**

King

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why I later asked him to work in my administration.

It's impossible to reflect on Earl's impact in Maine without mentioning the Ice Storm of 1998, which happened 18 years ago this month. When our state faced a natural disaster greater than any in recent memory, he was the first person I called.

Nearly 500,000 people in our state were without electricity and running water. Tree limbs and downed power lines were scattered across the roads, and thousands of people were displaced after their roofs collapsed, their pipes froze and burst, or they were unable to

heat and power their homes. So we mobilized the Maine National Guard for a statewide effort to ensure the safety of all those who needed help and to get the state back on its feet.

Earl organized the establishment of countless shelters throughout the state for those who needed them, directed the 133rd Engineer Battalion to assist utilities to clear the roads and help with repairs, and oversaw flight operations to search for Maine families isolated without power and food. This tireless work by the Maine National Guard in the weeks and months following the Ice Storm was truly heroic, and throughout the disaster relief effort, Earl had his steady hand on the helm.

Now retired, Earl lives in Pittston with his wife, Sheila — who was also in Washington for the State of the Union. In retirement, he has become a champion of early childhood education, continuing his sense of duty for the people of Maine. His long service record is recognized by several medals, commendations, and other distinctions of merit, but his true legacy can be found in the lives he has improved across Maine. As we move forward into 2016, I hope we can all reflect on Earl's character and his resolve to do what is right for our communities, our state, and our country. As we say in Maine, he's finest kind — and I'm proud to count him as a friend.

Project

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sented at the Public Hearing. Please come and learn more about this project, and ask questions. It is important that the members of our community understand what we're trying to do at our airport, and how we are attempting to fund the cost for these improvements.

A week following the Public

Hearing, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 27, the Board of Selectmen will hold a special town meeting to seek permission to borrow the necessary funds for the local share for this project. Permission to borrow is necessary to satisfy FAA requirements. The Board of Selectmen's intention, if permission to borrow is granted, is to wait to actually borrow the necessary funds until it is

known exactly how much is needed. I estimate the earliest any bond would close to fund this project would be July 1, 2016.

There are a lot of moving parts with this project, please come to the Public Hearing to learn more, or email me your questions and I'll attempt to answer them for you.

John Simko, Town Manager Greenville

Calendar

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holics Anonymous, 7 p.m. at the Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church, 156 East Main St.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monson area home.

Saturdays

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

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

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

Sundays

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

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

Friday, Jan. 22

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Foxcroft Academy Rock Band performs at the Center Theatre at 7 p.m. FMI call 564-8943.

Saturday, Jan. 23

DEXTER: Sebasticook Family Doctors serve a free spaghetti dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall

on Rt. 23 from 4-6 p.m.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Piscataquis County Democratic Party committee meeting and election of officers starts at 10 a.m. in the Community Room at the Morton Avenue Municipal Building. FMI call 564-0139 or 564-8687.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Dover-Foxcroft UMC hosts "The Minstrel Show" singalong with Lew Dyer and the YesterYear Music Makers at 7 p.m. FMI contact 876-8013 or lld@myfairpoint.net.

GREENVILLE: The Moosehead Riders Snowmobile Club annual B-52 memorial ride starts by the clubhouse at 1 p.m., with a spaghetti dinner at noon. FMI go to www.mooseheadriders.com.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The SeDoMoCha Elementary K-1 concert starts at 6 p.m.

GREENVILLE: A special town meeting, concerning an airport taxiway project, starts at 6 p.m. at the municipal building.

Friday, Jan. 29

GREENVILLE: The ninth annual Moosehead Lake Togue Derby

with Ricky Craven will be held today through Sunday, Jan. 31. There will be many prizes, including door prizes and cash prizes for biggest toge.

Saturday, Jan. 30 BROWNVILLE JCT: The seventh annual Brownville-Dog Days and Winter and Brownville-Ki and

Beyond Sled Dog Race features a day of events off of Railroad Ave. FMI go to www.trcmaine.org/dog-days.



BALONEY WORMS – Owen Sherman of Dover-Foxcroft gives one of his Rhode Island Reds a “baloney worm” or cut-up strip of the meat. Sherman currently has four hens in the coop located behind his Pleasant Street home in Dover-Foxcroft.

Chicken

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named Buttercup, Henryetta and Ruby, and an Orpington named Snowy for the color of its feathers.

“I’m going to get Bantams and Silkies if this goes right,” Sherman said about his plans for his additions. He keeps up to date on the species by reading Chickens Magazine. Sherman’s love for his birds is shown with pictures of himself and his pets and chicken figurines decorating his home, as well having his “Chickmas Tree” on display for the holidays.

Sherman fed his hens baloney worms, “Basically it’s baloney that’s cut up and they also like cheese, especially

provolute.” He then put petroleum jelly on the birds’ feet and combs. “This is the hardest part about having chickens in the wintertime,” Sherman said.

He said his hens “lay one egg per day unless they’re molting,” and Sherman picked up a batch of four eggs from the coop egg room after feeding and tending to the hens.

“I think it is important to know where your food comes from,” said Estabrook Sherman. Knowing the livestock is being treated humanely is also vital. “I really think people should have the right to raise their own food.”

She added that she is thankful to live in a small town such as Dover-Foxcroft where a concern such as increasing the number of chickens allowed can be brought directly to the municipal government.



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

SEEKING TO LENGTHEN THE PECKING ORDER – Owen Sherman is hoping to have the Dover-Foxcroft Land Use Ordinance amended so residential and village zone residents can keep up to a maximum of 12 chickens instead of the current figure of six. Sherman, who is the fourth grade at SeDoMoCha Elementary, currently has three Rhode Island Reds and one Orpington in his flock of four birds.



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